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Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Torrance, California

January 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

- The January business meeting is the Annual Installation and Awards Banquet. This is January 10th, 2009 at the San Pedro Elks Lodge.
- Details are on page 9. Please attend this fun event.

Next Board Meeting:

- **Thursday**, January 8th at **6PM** at the new home of Steve and Becky Preston, 6055 Walnut Ave., Long Beach CA 90805. Their phone # is 562-428-3451. Note changes in **RED**.

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Next Tours and Events:

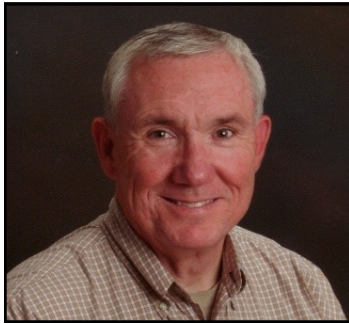
- January 10th, 2009. The Annual Installation and Awards Banquet. See page 9 for details.
- Next regular February club business meeting will be Friday, February **20th**, 2009 at the regular time 7:30PM in the Walteria Clubhouse. (Note the change).
- At the March meeting, we will have a White Elephant sale. Save your treasures, Proceeds go to the club.

Check out last year's tours and event pictures on pages 4 and 7. We had a great year and did some fun things! More to come in 2009. Join in the fun.



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*Notes
from the
President*
By Steve Preston



We all want to be unique. That's why we paint our A's differently, and why we decide to run them original or as drivers with our own combination of equipment and accessories. Shoot, that's why we drive them in the first place! Here is my claim to the "championship of unique" in our club: Our 29 Tudor and our new home were both built within 6 months of each other! The house was completed about the end of 1928, and the car was built the following Spring. Pretty unique, right?

It took us from Tax day to Thanksgiving to get the house deal done, what with the economic crisis the U.S. is in (sort of like it was a few months after my A rolled off the assembly line in '29) and the vagaries of home loans these days. Now, for about a month we will balance HMARC activities, work, holidays (my granddaughter's first) and remodeling the house and then moving in! And the doctor told me today that I am supposed to do NO WORK for 6-8 weeks to let my arm/elbow heal. Silly doctor!

Speaking of HMARC activities, on Jan 10 we will be having our annual banquet. You can find all the details in this newsletter, but you need to make sure to buy your tickets if you haven't yet. It is always a fun night of fun with your HMARC friends!

What are you planning for you're A(s) during our "tour-less" time between the Christmas activities and whatever tour our new Tour Director Pat Yacklon has for us in February? I am going to re-build my leaky "leakless" water pump and then try to clean up the mess it made in the engine bay! And, I want to take the bumpers off to clean the light rust on their backs and paint them (on the backs) and polish the shiny sides. Getting it ready for my daughter's wedding on Jan 31. I hope to keep refining my home-brew trunk, too. But the doctor DID specifically "no work on that old car of yours for 6 to 8 weeks." HA!! I really would be interested in what you are doing to your Model A...Send me an email if you think about it. Not a survey, just curious.

Please, take time to enjoy the holiday season and find the Peace in the middle of the rush.

Blessings!

A Note from the Vice President, *Bill Younkin*

Just a reminder that VP **Bill Younkin** is collecting nice raffle items for the Harbor MARC/MAFCA installation and awards banquet January 10th, 2009. Please contact him about donations to the fun event.

His phone number is 310-316-8722.

Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall



- **Jan Wyckoff** has had a total right knee replacement and is recovering nicely. Dr Sanders found a lot of worn parts and decided to replace them all! Keep up the good work, Jan!
- **Jeff, Jeanne and Kathy Webb** are showing signs of improvement. This is a good thing as they were all under the weather at the same time. Hope to see you all soon.

New Members and Member Update: By Ursi Schmidt

The Harbor Club welcomes new members #1024, **Rob and Julie Flemmons**. They live at 1321 W. 15th St. in San Pedro CA 90732. Their phone number is 310-831-2892. Their email address is RFlemmons@aol.com. They own a 1928 Model A Speedster. **Welcome!**

The Harbor Club also welcomes new members #1025 **William and Dorothy Knott**. They live at 9054 Lucerne Ave., Culver City CA 90232. Their phone number is 310-837-3422. **Welcome!**

Dick and Teresa Edwards are moving to Arizona. The new mailing address is PO Box 8828, Ft. Mohave AZ 86427. Their new phone number is 928-763-8582.

Update your roster for **Ted and Janice Dalton**. Their address is 322 Blue Cavern Point, Long Beach CA 90803.

Steve and Becky Preston have finally moved into their new 1928 home in Long Beach. Their new address is 6055 Walnut Ave., Long Beach CA 90805. Their phone # is 562-428-3451.

Weekly Family Food Festivities:

Many of the Harbor members meet at the **Hot 'n Tot** restaurant each Monday at about 5PM for dinner. Drain Marshall likes to call it 'Spaghetti Night' because the Monday night dinner special is all you can eat spaghetti with a salad at \$5.75. Join us for dinner. The Hot 'n Tot is located at 2347 Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita, CA. It's about a half mile east of Crenshaw Blvd., north side.

Harbor Model A Club Founder Passes

As the HarborLight was going to press, the editor was informed that one of the founders of the Harbor Area Model A Club, **Rodney Gott** had passed away. In a phone message from long time family friend, Jay Skinner, it was learned that Rod died about 11AM, December 21st 2008.

Rod was at the first meeting of the club August 27th 1957 where Dale Kilbourne was elected President and Rod was elected Secretary. He served for many years in that position and was elected President of the club in 1974 and 1975.

Rod and many of the early members were able to attend the Harbor club's 50th anniversary picnic in El Segundo in August 2007. He said to those in attendance that he was very pleased with the club and it's activities and enjoyed seeing his old friends once again.

Services are unknown at this time.

Thanks for all you have done, Rod. We will miss you.



Founder Rodney Gott with president Dick Wyckoff at 50th picnic 2007

Events to Remember in 2008



Safety Seminar April 08



Safety hosts: Sam, Dick and Ursi



Safety guys: Joe, Jeff and Drain



New editor's helpers:
Paisley and Patches



Head Gasket seminar May 08



Inspector Jack checking head gasket



Harbor guys at CCRG Clovis May 08



Clovis CCRG BBQ May 08



Elaine, Jan, Joan, Diana, and Marty in Dallas June 08



Passenger Elaine at Texas Motor Speedway



Technical Talk with Dick Lusk



A New Year, a New Technical Director

So here I sit in the far corner of my garage, trying to write my first message as Technical Director.

As I begin my term, I think back about why I started to get more involved with the club. Well, the reason is to give back to the club what it has given to me. So here I am, Technical Director for 2009.

Something I would like to see happen during my term is to get more members involved in the technical aspects of the Model A Ford. I hope to get the new club members involved, also.

I have an agenda scheduled for the coming year and hope that it will be of interest to all. I plan to use more of a hands-on approach to make it as interesting as possible.

Let me know if you have a problem with your Model A and need some technical help. Please give me a call. I'm eager to talk with all of you to discuss ideas, cars, car-problems, in short, anything related to a Model A Ford

Sincerely,
Your 2009 Technical Director
Dick Lusk

January Birthdays

- 3 Harriet Moine
- 5 Ted Dalton
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 21 Linda Freitag
- 25 Ed Firth
- 26 Conrad Garcia
- 31 Don Miller



Cars in need of repair in the '30s

Ursi's Uptown Lowdown



By Ursula Schmidt
Membership Chair



Antiques: Then and Now

38 years ago, back in Germany I owned a bright orange Fiat 500, a tiny car the size like the modern Easter-egg-on-wheels cars of today.

Every other year the car had to be brought in to the "technical supervisory association" for a strict technical check-up to get the two-year registration sticker. This was a very authoritarian check up, whereby the cars were test-driven by a state employee. Usually after a car was six to eight years old, it would not be allowed to pass, because the salt, ice and snow had done lots of damage to the body by then. If an inspector didn't pass the car, there was little the owner could do; they were just plain out of luck and had to junk the car.

On my little Fiat the bottom of the door jams and the floor on the passenger side had rusted away and one had to position the feet real carefully towards the middle of the car. By looking down through the hole in the floor, one could see the street whiz by underneath. I think the car body was only holding together by the roof. The car had no chance, all the Bondo and fiberglass didn't help, it was ready for the junk heap!

I remember how one determined driver tried to get his 18 year old VW to pass inspection. He commented on how dry the air was in the office and tried to lubricate the deal by pushing a good bottle of schnapps across the counter towards the inspector.

Back then I had never heard of antique cars, and only the museum in Munich had a few cars of famous people on display. I think it's great that especially here in California old cars last so many years and can be driven on the streets too!

Annual Dues Renewal Reminder

Please send your **\$58** dues for membership renewal for 2009 (\$20 for the Harbor MARC and \$38 for the National MARC) to:

Ursula Schmidt, 26419 Pineknoll Ave. Harbor City, CA 90710.

Note: MAFCA dues are payable directly to MAFCA.

2009 Membership Roster info:

• Phonebooks/rosters are available and are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free, additional copies are \$2. They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Please call **Ursula** at (310) 539-5391 to place the order.

More Events to Remember in 2008



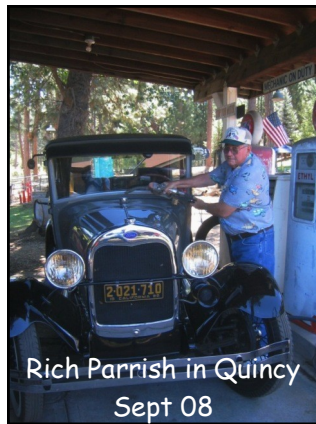
El Segundo
Picnic Aug 08



Quincy Roundup
Sep 08



Jan, Jack, Joan in Quincy



Rich Parrish in Quincy
Sept 08



Dave Pierson's T-34 trainer with Model As



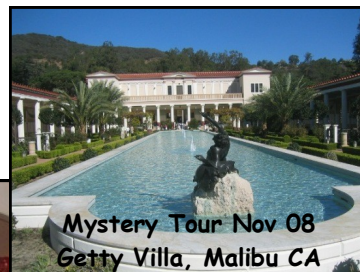
Dave and Dick Lusk Oct 08



Bill, Ellen, Monty, Donnis
Progressive Nov 08



Greg, Dick and Jack



Mystery Tour Nov 08
Getty Villa, Malibu CA



Progressive Tour Nov 08 at Pius



Xmas Tour Dec08 at Pius home



Barney's Phaeton Nov 08



Mirco and Elaine Xmas tour

Excerpts from Harbor Business and Board Meeting Minutes:

November 21st '08 Business meeting: Meeting called to order by President **Steve Preston**. Salute to the flag led by **Monty Bates**. Five past presidents were in attendance. WWII vet and club member **Wilber Richardson** was mentioned because his Purple Heart medal was stolen from a museum and a new one was presented to him at the museum. Thanks for your service, Wilber. Minutes from last meeting were approved. **Dick Wyckoff** still looking for people/ Model A related articles for the HarborLight. Historian **Sue Hankins** showed a DVD of club activities. New member **Rob Flemmons** was introduced. Attendance drawing won by **Georgette Avoian** and **Joe Freitag**. All safety checks for the year have been done per **Dick Lusk**. 38 cars total. Technical Director **Bill Newell** discussed different fasteners as mentioned in the HarborLight. Plans for the upcoming Xmas tours and activities were discussed by **Drain Marshall**. Nominations and elections for 2009 were held by past President **Dick Wyckoff**. New officers are: **Daffy Wagner**, Treasurer; **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary; **Dick Lusk**, Technical Director; and Tour Director, **Pat Yacklon**. Congratulations! New Business: **Bob DeCrescenzo** has volunteered to build a new Hubley car track. Monies for the project were approved. The club will have a White Elephant sale at the March meeting. **Bill Newell** will be the auctioneer. Meeting adjourned. Submitted: **Donna Heise**, Secretary.

December 2nd '08 Board meeting: Board meeting at the home of the **Wyckoffs** called to order by president **Steve Preston**. 11 members present. Minutes of last meeting approved. Treasurer **Cliff Heise** reports all is well. VP, **Bill Younkin** is looking for raffle prizes for banquet. **Doris Marshall** has notified advertisers in HarborLight of new year monies due. Membership **Ursi Schmidt** reports 97 household memberships, 43 paid up. Sunshine chair, **Doris Marshall** reports that the **Jeff and Jeanne Webb** have had some setbacks but are getting better. Tour Director **Drain Marshall** reports several Xmas tours in the works. Busy season! A tour to Ron Moser's place would be very interesting. Meet's Auto is out of business. Sold to new owner.

New Business: The USO at LAX had some projects that Harbor could support. **Mike Wright** to set up meeting perhaps in February. The February business meeting will be a week earlier to avoid conflict with San Diego swap meet. The new date is Feb 20th. The next board meeting will be at the new home of **Steve and Becky Preston**, Thursday, 6PM, January 8th, 2009. (Note time and day of week change.) Meeting adjourned. Holiday cheesecake refreshments served by **Jan Wyckoff**.

December 12th '08 Business meeting: The business meeting opened at 6PM by president **Steve Preston**. Salute to the flag led by **Monty Bates**. Treasurer **Cliff Heise** reports all is well. Editor asking for any new 'Wheels and Deals' sale items. Guests were introduced and will go on tour with us. Two Xmas parades on Sunday Dec 14th. We will have cars in both. **Cliff Heise** is collecting monies for banquet, January 10th at San Pedro Elks. See HarborLight for details. **Drain Marshall** needs Model A mileage for year-end tour awards. Meeting adjourned at 6:33PM. Eight Model As went on Xmas light tour in Torrance and then on to the **Mirco and Elaine Pisu** for refreshments. **Merry Christmas**. Submitted: **Donna Heise**, Secretary.



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Harbor Area Model A Club Annual Installation and Awards Banquet Saturday, January 10, 2009

Location: San Pedro Elks Lodge No. 966

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San Pedro, CA 90752

Time: 5:30—6:30 Cocktails and socializing

6:30—7:30 Dinner

7:30 Program / Installations

Dinner Choices: • Roast Turkey w/stuffing, cranberries, & mashed potatoes.

• Beef Bourguignon w/ twice baked potato & fresh veggies.

Both of the meal choices come with Sportsman's salad w/ Ranch & Italian dressing.

Fresh rolls and butter, coffee or iced tea.

Cost: \$30 per person.



Every year we celebrate the efforts of our members and Board with a great evening. This is the end of our 51st year and looking forward to more exciting events in our 52nd year. New and old members get to socialize and have a good time.

And... Ladies and Gents, please feel free to wear era fashions that night.

Come early and purchase your opportunity prize tickets!

Important banquet information!

You don't want to miss the fabulous installation banquet. Our Treasurer, Cliff Heise, is collecting money for the dinner. Again, it is \$30 per person. He needs to know how many people and what your preference is for dinner.

There are two dinner choices: turkey or beef. The deadline is January 5th, 2009.

Simply make the check payable to : Harbor MARC and send it to: Cliff Heise 18425 Patronella Ave., Torrance CA 90504. Remember to mark 'turkey' or 'beef' on the bottom left corner of the check.

Your President and Board members have been busy making plans, so you will have a good time. See you there!

2009 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

- **Saturday—Sunday, January 23–24.** Turlock Swap Meet at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock. Gates open at 7AM. See: Turlockswapmeet.com.
- **Friday—Sunday, 27, 28 February and 1 March** is the giant Swap Meet at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego. This is the largest swap meet in So Cal each year.



Congratulations to the New Officers for 2009



At the November business meeting, four new Board members were elected to serve in 2009. Taking over the money from out-going Treasurer **Cliff Heise** will be **Daffy Wagner**. Taking over the job of Tour Director from **Drain Marshall** will be **Pat Yacklon**. The spot held by our Secretary **Donna Heise** will be assumed by **Jan Wyckoff**. And the Technical Director will be **Dick Lusk**, relieving **Bill Newell**. Vice President **Bill Younkin** and President **Steve Preston** will continue.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

• Very nicely restored **June 1928 Phaeton**. Car has many original early parts and is ready to drive away. Owner has owned car for 30 years. Health forces sale. 2000 miles on great running engine. Selling price is \$21,500.

If interested, contact Barney at 310-329-4256 or Greg at 586-294-4908.

• Brand new **Brumfield 5.9 to 1 High Compression head**. Never used. \$225. Contact Jack Gordinier for details. 310-328-7333. Location: Torrance CA.

• **1955 Ford Customline**, Nice 2Dr Sedan. 3sp w/ OD. V8 engine, 88K miles. Original owner. Rust free. Always garaged. Located in Torrance CA. \$13K OBO. Contact Everett Squires 310-542-4078.



Wanted:

- Door pull-garnish moldings for 28-29 Tudor Sedan. Need for both front windows and left rear. Contact Art at 310-374-6113
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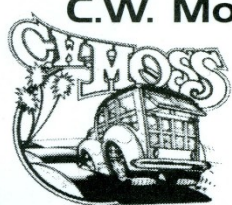
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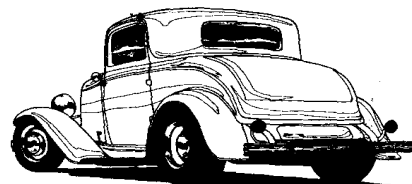
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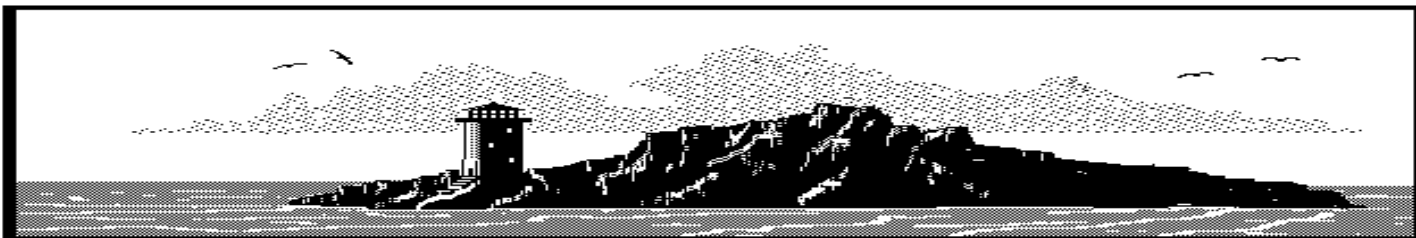


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