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Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Torrance, California

February 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

• 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).
A guest speaker from the LAX USO will make a presentation.

Next Board Meeting:

• The February board meeting will be at Pat and Sue's home, 821 W Clarion Dr., Torrance CA 90502. Ph: 310-533-8155. The date is **Tuesday, Feb 10th at 6PM**. Note the changes!

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Next Tours and Events:

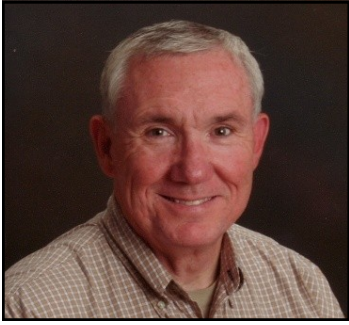
• **Saturday, February 7th**, Club tour to Griffith Observatory. Meet at Mills. See details page 7.
• **Thursday, March 12th**. Tech tour to Brassworks Radiator in Paso Robles. One day trip in mod-erns. See details page 7.
• At the **Friday, March 27th** meeting, we will have a **White Elephant Sale**. Save your treasures, Proceeds go to the club. Model A related items would be welcomed also.
• **Sunday, March 29th**. Orange County pancake breakfast. We leave from Mills at 7AM

Technical Seminar

• Safety seminar meeting at Dick and Ursi's **Saturday, April 25th**. Pot luck and business meeting event. More to come.



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Notes
from the
President
By Steve Preston



Was I proud! I am not sure how many HMARC members were there, but I know that we drove 17 Model As to Rod Gott's internment service (figures we would have counted cars and not people...). That means well over 30 of us were there to show our respects to a founding member and good friend. And then there was the stop for goodies and an interesting tour at the Skinner's home. **Linda** is a gracious host, and **Jay** is one of the most interesting collectors of mechanical stuff that we know. What a GREAT day, even though it was sparked by a sad event.

The news is on the TV as I write this, and they are doing a story on planning your summer vacation now. Makes me look forward to tours with our great club in 2009. I have no idea just where Pat plans to lead us, but I am anxious to get behind the wheel with As in front of us and As behind us and to hit the road together! It is always an adventure. And it is always a happy time of laughing around one table or another...because EVERY tour has a meal at it's heart!!!

We welcome new Board Members, **Jan Wyckoff, Daffy Wagner, Dick Lusk and Pat Yacklon**. Of course they have been active members of the club for years, but we are looking forward to working together with them on the Board this year. And, we say goodbye to **Cliff and Donna Heise, Drain Marshall and to Bill Newell** as outgoing Board Members. They are good friends and have served you well, please make it a point to say "thank you" when you see them next.

See you at the meeting...

Blessings!!

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

I, too, was proud of the turnout for the internment of **Rod Gott**. I counted 40 members and 17 cars. Thanks to all of you.

I received a nice card from **Margaret Gott** thanking everyone for the show of respect and appreciation.

On page 8, is a copy of the minutes of the very first Harbor MARC meeting. The minutes were written by Rod on August 25th, 1957. Thought you might find it interesting and appropriate.



!7 Model As at the services for Rod Gott

Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall



- **Jeff Webb** is still having a rough time of it. It was good to see **Jeanne** at the banquet. Keep Jeff in your prayers. Hope to see them both again soon.
- **Art Wagner** took a tumble at home that landed him in the hospital. Don't ask Art what happened, 'cuz he can't remember a thing. Good to see him at the banquet.
- **Paul Larquier** has circulation problems in his legs. Rhoda is keeping a close watch on him. We miss you at both the Hot 'n Tot and the banquet.

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 new 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.

February Birthdays

- 5 Ron Ragon
- 5 Noell Marshall
- 5 Laura Pahls
- 6 Sheree Wright
- 9 Gloria Younkin
- 12 Nita Stonehocker
- 15 Elaine Pisu
- 20 Frank Lusk
- 23 Liz Fitzgerald
- 24 Dick Wyckoff
- 25 Daffy Wagner
- 26 Acela Garcia
- 14 Steve Preston

February Anniversaries

- 20 Mike & Sheree Wright



Installation of Officers Banquet, January 10th 2009

In a beautiful setting at the San Pedro Elks Lodge overlooking the entire South Bay and San Pedro harbor, the Harbor Model A club installed its 2009 officers and recognized the outgoing officers. President **Steve Preston** was the master of ceremonies for the festive occasion.

A beautiful full moon greeted the crowd and contributed to the festive 'attitude adjustment hour'. After looking over plenty of raffle prizes provided by **Bill and Gloria Younkin**, we were ready for a pleasant dinner of beef or chicken. The evening was well under way.

First up with special awards for participation and membership was **Ursi Schmidt**. Several members received nice certificates for their efforts during the year. **Bill and Gloria** were kept busy all during the evening raffling off the many prizes. **Dick Lusk** presented safety awards for the many cars he and others have inspected during the year. **Drain and Doris Marshall** thanked the many drivers of their

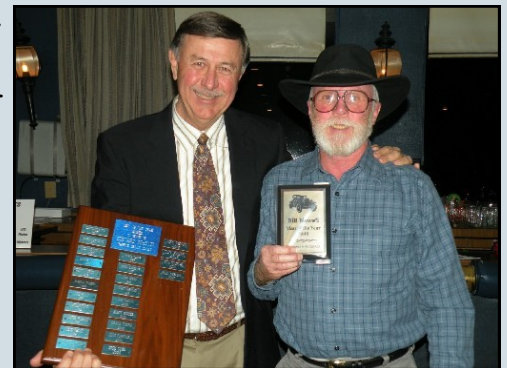


Bill and Gloria Younkin



Donna Heise accepts 2008 Woman of the Year from Gloria Younkin

As and presented tour and mileage awards to the participants. Next with a presentations was last year's Woman of the Year **Gloria Younkin**. She bestowed the honor on the 2008 winner, **Donna Heise**. Last year's Man of the Year, **Dick Wyckoff**, presented the 2008 winner, **Bill Newell**, with his award. Congratulations to both of you for all that you do!



Dick Wyckoff presents Bill Newell with 2008 Man of the Year



Incoming 2009 Harbor board

President Steve presented awards to the outgoing board members, **Cliff and Donna Heise**, **Bill Newell**, and **Drain Marshall**. They were thanked for their service on the board. Then the new board was introduced: Treasurer **Daffy Wagner**, Secretary **Jan Wyckoff**, Tour Director **Pat Yacklon** and Technical Director **Dick Lusk**. **Steve Preston** will continue on as President and **Bill Younkin** will continue on as Vice President. Congratulations to the new and returning Harbor board members!



Outgoing 2008 board members



Achievement award winners



Technical Talk with Dick Lusk



How to Approach a Restoration

So you want to restore a car, eh? Or are you already in the process of restoring your Model A?

Several reasons why a lot of incomplete restoration projects are coming up for sale lately:

After restoring two Model A Fords myself, I can tell you that you need a five-year attention span. The problem is that a proper restoration can take at least that long. It may take a year to research the vehicle, learn the technology and plan the attack before picking up a wrench.

Another reason for an unfinished restoration: lack of money. TV shows and videos, proposing to teach you to become a knowledgeable journeyman and tig-welder in two hours. Catalogs sell you equipment to do the most complex tasks for the high price of the right tools.

And to top it off, the highly publicized auctions that seem to show how much money the finished product can bring when it's all over.

When everything is hopelessly disassembled all over the garage floor - with patience, interest and budget depleted - the guy at the restoration shop will put it all together for you for \$100 per hour. And he is the only realistic one in the crowd. Anyone who starts removing things from the car without a plan will get nowhere beyond boxes with loose car parts and frustration and an e-bay ad for a partial basket case.

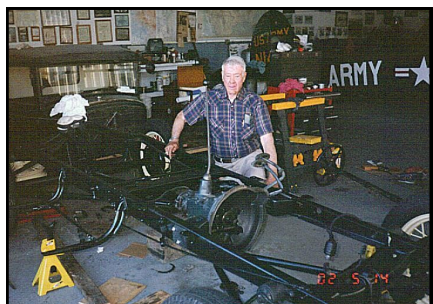
A plan to restore a Model A should include:

- A) a realistic appraisal of personal skills.
- B) a realistic appraisal of the cost of having work done by others because of a lack of one's skills .
- C) a realistic appraisal of the time involved, and finally
- D) a realistic appraisal of the value of the finished product.

Fully understanding that $A+B+C = D$, a restoration can take a decade in time and thousands of dollars, but it can be done.

We need to remind any beginner to set realistic restoration goals and be prepared to accept them. With the pressure off, this whole affair can become an enjoyable hobby, a relaxing pastime and a chance to join thousands of like-minded brothers and sisters in this most rewarding activity.

Your tech-brother and restorer, Dick Lusk



Dave Pierson in process of restoring his 1930 Std Pickup on left. Dave's finished restoration at the Torrance airport. (The Model A is on the right). Dave's skills as a machinist helped with his restoration(s).



Ursi's Uptown Lowdown



By Ursula Schmidt
Membership Chair



Antiques and Grandsons

Christmas came and went quickly. This time we didn't have the celebration with family at our house but I put up the tree anyway. I like to decorate it with my old German glass ornaments because most of them hold a special memory.

The oldest ornament is -or was, I should say, a fragile big red glass ball painted with green twigs and wedding bells. My mother gave it to me and said it was given to her on their first Christmas together in 1945. Of course it didn't survive my curious four-year old grandson Adam who has to touch everything. When I took the tree down I found four broken pieces of red glass and after holding the pieces together, I realized that it was the 63-year old ornament that he had been trying to hide between the branches. I carefully stuffed the biggest remainder of the broken ball with tissue paper and tried to glue the four delicate pieces to each other. I'll see next year if the glue holds and if I can still use it. For now it is put away until next Christmas.

Moral of the story: you can have antiques or grandsons, but not both. And that is why most households don't have things older than three or four generations.

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.

Shoppers Beware (Posted on Fordbarn.com)

Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out shopping at Home Depot. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be very traumatic for me. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends.

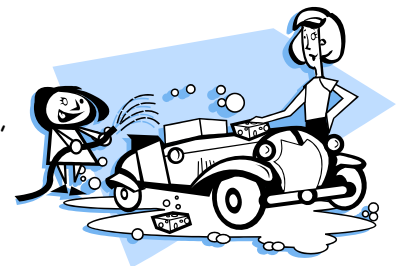
Here's how the scam works: Two seriously good-looking 20-21 year-old girls come over to your car as you are packing your shopping into the trunk. They both start wiping your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their tops almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. It is impossible not to look.

When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say 'No' and instead ask you for a ride to another Home Depot. You agree and they get in the backseat. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them climbs over into the front seat and starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet.

I had my wallet stolen November 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th. Also December 4th, twice on the 8th, 16th, 23rd, three times last Saturday and very likely again this upcoming weekend.

Please tell your friends to be careful.

P.S. Wal-Mart has wallets on sale for \$2.99.



TERRIFIC TOURS by Pat Yacklon, Tour Director

I look forward to being your Tour Director in the coming year. We are going to have a fun touring some of our local sites. Get ready for what I think will be a great 2009 in our Model As! We are looking forward to seeing you on the tours.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

On **Saturday, Feb 7th**, we'll start the year off with a trip to the Griffith Observatory. It was recently reopened after being renovated and expanded. We will meet at Mill's at 190th and Western at 8:15 AM and leave at 8:45 AM. It will be an easy 25 mile drive on the freeway. We will have lunch at a planned restaurant. We will go rain or shine. For new members or in case you don't know, you can join any tour and drive in your modern car and receive half the tour mileage. Sue and Pat will lead.

Sunday March 29th - Orange County Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 11th - Will Rogers State Park

Here are some touring safety reminders.

1. Please keep enough space between you and the "A" in front of you so that other cars can pass between you, especially at on and off ramps.
 2. If you have a problem, flash your headlights.
- Please bring your walkie-talkie if you have one.

Our cell phone will be on one hour before each tour: 310-245-1996

Tech-Tour by Dick Lusk

Dick Lusk has arranged a Tech-Tour of Brassworks radiator in Paso Robles CA on **Thursday, March 12th**. The 220 mile trip will be in moderns, car pool style. We want to be there by about 10:30AM so we need to leave Mills (190th and Western) at 6AM. Dick will work up a list of people that are interested and travel arrangements. We will return the same day.

Brassworks is one of the premier custom and antique radiator manufacturers. Several of our members use their radiators in our cars.



Excerpts from Harbor Board Meeting Notes:

January 7th, 2009 Board meeting: The board meeting was held at the home of Steve and Becky Preston. VP Bill Younkin reported that there are about 50 nice raffle items for the installation banquet. Historian Sue Hankins has a 32 minute DVD for the year 2008 with 610 photos on it to be shown at the banquet also. It will be available for \$5. Membership Chair Ursi Schmidt has about 2/3 of the membership paid up. Notices going out. The April meeting will be Saturday, the 25th at Dick and Ursi's home. This meeting will be a combined Safety Inspection, Pot luck and business meeting. This will be the fourth time we have done this and we have a great turnout. Technical Dick Lusk has several ideas for seminars and tech-tours this year. Tour Director Pat Yacklon is filling up the calendar for 2009. Sunday, March 29th is the Orange County pancake breakfast. If you had a Harbor club anniversary, contact Ursi Schmidt for a pin. 66 people have registered for the banquet. We will have a speaker from the LAX-USO at our February 20th meeting. Supporting our troops in different ways locally is the topic. The next board meeting will be at Pat and Sue's on Tuesday, February 10th at 6PM. Note update.

Copy of minutes from the first meeting of the Harbor Area MARC club, August 27th, 1957.

Thanks to Leonard Funk for the copy.

August 27, 1957

A meeting of MARC members and future members was held at home of Dale Kilbourne, with 12 persons in attendance. Dale was appointed chairman for this meeting. He read regulations and by-laws, and these were approved by group. Next point of business was naming of club, which after much discussion was decided was HARBOR AREA REGION MARC. After this new members submitted applications and dues were collected. An election of officers was held with following officers serving first and of special year 1957-1958. Officers were elected as follows:

President - Dale Kilbourne
Secretary - Rodney Gott
Treasurer - Rome Harris

Dues were turned over to treasurer. Meeting was established as second (2nd) Tuesday of each month, meetings being held in members home for present. Ed Montgomery volunteered to have next meeting at his home about September 10th. Meeting was adjourned and social hour followed.

Secretary,
Rodney Gott



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May 1-3, 2009. Central California Regional Group Jamboree. Porterville Holiday Inn Express.
Hosts: Happy Honkers.

May 22-25, 2009. Northern California Regional Group Roundup. Lake Tahoe CA.
Hosts: Spark 'N As.

June 14-19, 2009. Breckenridge, Colorado. The Colorado High Country Tour.
Hosts: Model A Ford Club of Colorado.

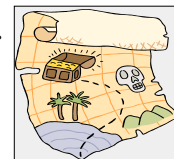
June 21-26, 2009. MARC National Meet, Merrillville, Indiana.

July 19-24, 2009. Northwest Regional Group Meet. Cottage Grove, Oregon.
Hosts: McKenzie A's of Eugene, OR.

September 11-13, 2009. Quincy, California. 'Roundup at the Ranch'.
Hosts: Feather River As.

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.



Copy of an original photo from **Jack Gordinier's** collection. It shows the 20 millionth Ford on tour in Leggetts Garage, Leggett CA. (near Fort Bragg) It is dated September 17th, 1931.

Drain Marshall has an educational video of the tour that showed this car all over the United States.

Wheels & Deals:

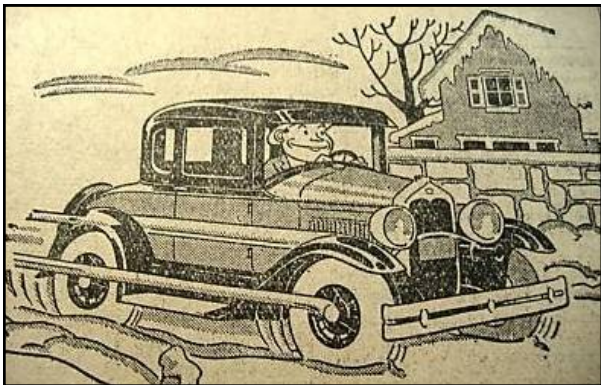
For Sale:

- **1913 Model T Touring.** New wood and metal. Original '13 engine. Good tires and wood wheels. Great project car. \$4000 or?
Location: Corona CA. Contact Bob Younkin at 951-735-5807.
- **1931 Deluxe Model A Roadster.** Less than 1000 miles on engine. Hydraulic brakes. Many extras. Very nice car. Health dictates sale. \$17K firm. Location: Long Beach CA. Contact: Jeanne Webb at 562-427-5793.
- **10" Craftsman Table Saw.** Near new. \$150. Location: Corona CA.
Contact: Bob Younkin at 951-735-5807.
- **Late 1930 Model A Coupe.** Owned since high school. 75 miles on \$2100 engine rebuild but has developed a knock. Stock except for 16" Kelsey wheels. Older restoration. Must sell. \$4000 OBO.
Contact Greg Tuttle 310-318-9739
- **Two new 19" Blackwall Firestone tires.** \$85 each. Contact Drain Marshall at 310-378-5061.



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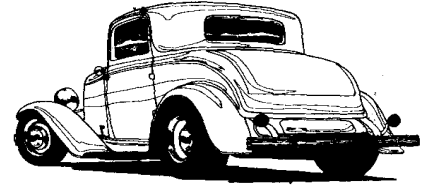
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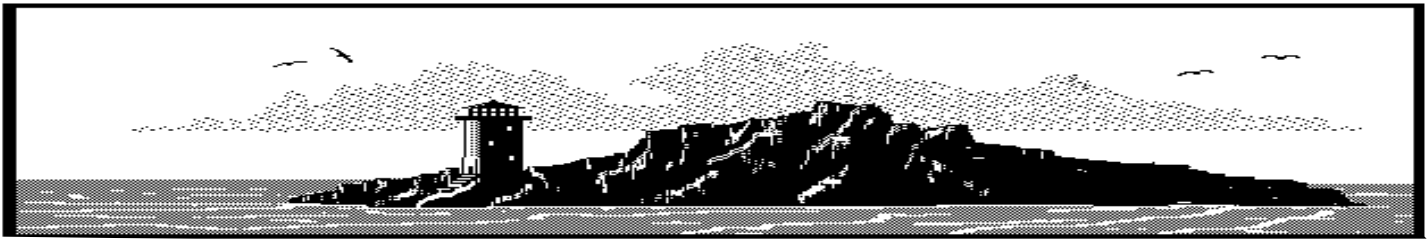


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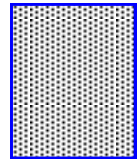
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2008 Woman of the Year—Donna Heise