

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Torrance, California

June 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

- The next regular **June** club business meeting will be **Friday, June 26th** at the Waleria Clubhouse at 7:30PM. Come by a little early and socialize with your friends.
- Model A parts are traded and sold before and after the meeting at the Table Top swap meet on a table in the back of the room.

Next Board Meeting:

- The **June 9th** Board meeting will be held at the home of Bill and Gloria Younkin. Their address is 21233 Grant Ave., Torrance CA 90503. Ph: 310-316-8722. The time is 6PM. All are welcome.

Next Tours and Events:

- Two tours are available for **June**.
- The first is to Heritage Square in Pasadena on **Saturday, June 6th**. See page 7 for details.
- The second is a Drive, Putt and Dine on **Saturday, June 20th**. Details on Page 7.
- The **July** tour is to Wings and Wheels in Solvang, **July 10th**. See page 7.

Technical Seminars

- **Saturday, June 13th**. Sabotage and Troubleshoot seminar at Pisu's. Can you fix the problems with this car? How long will it take?
- **Saturday, July 25th**. Dick Lusk will lead a seminar on the Model A tool kit. Location TBD. How many tools in the original tool kit?



Nubble Light at Cape Neddick (York), ME

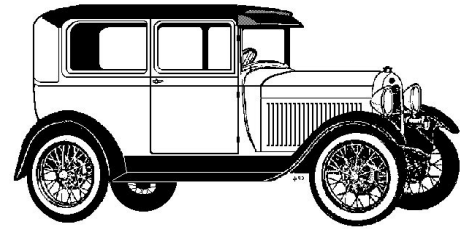
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Notes
from the
President
By Steve Preston



Is it 'Real' or What?

The other day the folks on the Fordbarn.com web site got into another debate about what is a "true" Model A, and at what point in modifications it stops being an "A" and becomes a "street rod." MAN, talk about people needing to get a life!! For one thing, who has time to get into arguments like that? And, besides, is a "real" A the only one with no modifications? If so, then adding cast iron drums makes the car a "street rod?" If some mods are OK, then who decides at what place a Model A becomes a street rod? Adding a Snyder head? Downdraft carb? 12v. and halogen head lights?

My take on all this is: Just get in your A and drive it. Baby it at 45 or push it at 55. Add an overdrive and a touring cam or drive it just like Henry's men made it. Just stop talking and drive it! Becky and I often take our Tudor on a drive down PCH through Orange County to enjoy the car and the drive. I sometimes try to drive it to a work meeting to enjoy it at to show off a bit. Work keeps me from doing the Hot 'n Tot meal most Mondays but when we go, we drive our A. We drove it to Pismo Beach last fall, and to Kingsburg a month ago. We are planning a trip to visit our kids in 'Vegas, and of course we intend to drive the A. And, you will probably see our Tudor at the monthly meetings through the balance of the year.

I know all about traffic on Friday evenings. But hey sports fans, we come from Long Beach. We face traffic and have to leave at 5 to get to the clubhouse by 6:30 to set up. We understand.



It's real! Some restoration required.

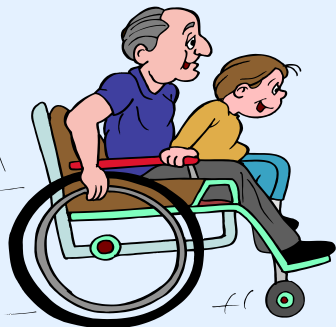
But, I'd like to challenge each of our members to drive our As to the May membership meeting. It would be great to see the parking lot full of As. Because, after all, this is a MODEL A club!!!

Sort of Related: Did you see the cool little trailer Drain and Doris had behind their Coupe at Dick and Ursi's? It inspired me to build one. Actually to cut down a trailer I already have. It will be handy when we head off to 'Vegas. And sort of fun to build, I think. Whadda ya think?

Blessings!!

Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall

- **Jeff Webb** needs our thoughts and prayers. He is limited in what he can do and is having a rough time. **Jeanne** is doing her best to keep healthy herself and also keep an eye on Jeff. We miss you both. I am sure Jeanne would appreciate a card or call.



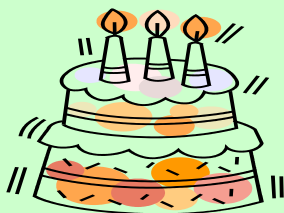
- Our thoughts are with **Gloria Younkin**. Her brother in Iowa is very sick and she has gone back to visit a couple times.
- **Doris Marshall** took a tumble on her front porch a while back. She bumped her head and broke her left wrist. Doris is improving all the time and never missed a meeting. Keep on getting well, girl!
- **Jan Wyckoff** and daughter, Diane, have made a couple trips back to Sioux Falls, SD. Jan's 87 year old sister is in poor health and welcomes the company of her West Coast sister and family. Thinking of you all.

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.

June Birthdays

- 10 Weeg Thompson
- 11 Beverly Migliazzo
- 13 Joan Gordinier
- 23 Barney Clayton
- 27 Becky Preston



June Anniversaries

- 4 Jeanne & Richard Parrish
- 7 Bill & JoAnn Moore
- 5 Diana & Marty Murphy
- 12 Helen & Floyd Carr
- 14 Kathy & Jim Valot

Friday Evening Summer Car Gathering: Each Friday afternoon during the Summer, about 5PM, local car enthusiasts gather at **Ruby's Diner** in Redondo Beach near the pier for an informal car show. Many of the Harbor Model A folks go there to display their cars and see what the other car folks are doing. Ruby's Diner is open for a great, folksy type dinner. Here is a chance to visit with your car friends. Lots of fun. Join us there!

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

I am always looking for interesting Model A related articles. How about an article on how you got your car, or what it looked like before and after it was restored? If you have an item for sale, let me know. I will put it in the 'Wheels and Deals' section. The newsletter is distributed to many other clubs locally and to other parts of the country.

Also, I encourage you to receive the HarborLight by email. Just let me know your current email address. The club saves one dollar each month per email subscriber. I have a distribution now of 30 people from the Harbor club and 14 other clubs. This is over \$350 per year savings. AND it is in color! You can print it out if you want, send it to your friends, or save it in your computer files. Again, just let me know your email address.

Thanks, and remember 'Keep the shiny side up!'



Annual April Safety / Business / Pot Luck Meeting



Since 2006, the April meeting had become one of the highlights of the year's fun activities. The club has combined an annual vehicle inspection at the home of **Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt**, with the April business meeting



and added a pot luck luncheon to the mix. Many of the members that we don't see that often join

in and make this a great, productive reunion. This year we had 19 cars show up and we inspection revealed only a few problems, such as light, reversed polarity on the coil, low air pres-



spect 10. The thorough in-dim tail lights, burned out head-
sure in the tires, inoperative
extinguisher and no spark arres-

horn, missing fire
tor in the gas tank. All of these could be corrected easily. Records indicate that the club had driven over 175K miles without any accidents. We intend to keep adding to that number.

The inspection crew consisted of **Bobby De Crescenzo, Ron Ragon, Dick Lusk, Mike Wright, and Dick Wyckoff**. Others contributed their expertise and the whole event went perfectly. Thanks guys!

Our own Tool Custodian and carpenter, **Bobby De Crescenzo**, revealed our new Hubley racetrack. 15 cars crashed the fast track to the glee of all



and burned on the members!

Of course, after three hours of checking cars, the crowd was ready to eat. The gals had heated all the treasures and the feeding frenzy began. A great collection of main dishes, salads, desserts were available. Thanks to **Dick and Ursi** for providing the perfect location for this event.



Thanks to President **Steve Preston** for the weather!





What's with this Backfiring?

A fellow club member contacted me and was wondering why his Model A backfires through the muffler and what would be causing this.

POSSIBLE CAUSES:

1. Fuel Mixture too lean
2. Spark retarded
3. Short or open circuit
4. Fuel supply failing
5. Valve or leaking valves



REMEDIES

1. Adjust Fuel mixture

A fuel mixture that is too lean will not permit complete combustion of the gasoline vapor in the combustion chamber. The unburned vapor will pass into the muffler, and the next stroke of the engine will send hot exhaust vapor into the muffler. This mixture of unburned vapor and hot exhaust gas may ignite in the muffler and backfire.

2. Advance the Spark:

A retarded ignition may not cause complete combustion, and again the unburned gases may be burned in the muffler.

3. Short or open circuit

A short or open circuit may keep a spark plug from firing, thus permitting unburned vapor to enter the muffler. Check the plugs by shorting them out until the one that is not firing, is found. The plug may be at fault or a spark may not be reaching the plug.

4. Fuel supply failing

If there is not enough gasoline in the vapor going to the cylinders, the mixture will be lean, and unburned vapor may enter the muffler.

5. Valve or valves leaking

A leaking exhaust valve will allow unburned vapor to be pushed out through the valve port into the muffler. If all the plugs are firing, and shorting out a plug does not slow down the engine, there is poor compression due to bad valves, worn rings or leaky gaskets.

Happy trails!

Your Tech- and Safety Director

Dick Lusk



28-29 Gas Tank Cut Open

Ursi's Uptown Lowdown



By Ursula Schmidt
Membership Chair



Importance of Walking

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7,000 per month..

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, she looks good doesn't she.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years, . . . just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

AND

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a Happy Hour and, by the time I leave, I look just fine.



How the Swine Flu really got started!

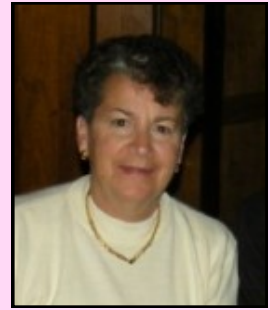
2009 Membership and Roster info:

Update your roster: **Joe Jankiewicz** has a new email address: PolkaJo@att.net.

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.

TERRIFIC TOURS by Pat Yacklon, Tour Director



We will not be able to go to the San Antonio Winery on June 20th. They are having two large groups that day and were unable to keep the reservation I made. So we will just switch the winery tour to August 22nd.

The June tour will be the Drive, Putt and Dine listed below. For the new members, we will drive to a local miniature golf course and challenge each other for the lowest score to win a fabulous prize. After our strenuous game of golf, we will dine at a local eatery.

JUNE TOUR:

SATURDAY, JUNE 6,

HERITAGE SQUARE, OFF THE PASADENA FRWY, IS CELEBRATING THEIR 40TH YEAR WITH A CAR SHOW. ED FIRTH OF SCREENLAND A'S HAS INVITED US TO JOIN THEM. IT WILL BE FROM 11 TO 4PM MEET THEM AT HERITAGE SQUARE OR CONTACT ED FIRTH.

BRING A PICNIC LUNCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH **NOTE TOUR CHANGE**

DRIVE, PUTT & DINE MEET AT MIL'S (190th & Western) AT 9:00 AM AND LEAVE AT 9:30 AM

JULY TOUR:

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 10-12

WINGS AND WHEELS IN SOLVANG. YOU SHOULD START CHECKING NOW ON GETTING YOUR MOTEL RESERVATIONS

AUGUST TOUR:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22:

SAN ANTONIO WINERY IN LOS ANGELES

Lunch at the winery: price range \$7.50 - \$23.50

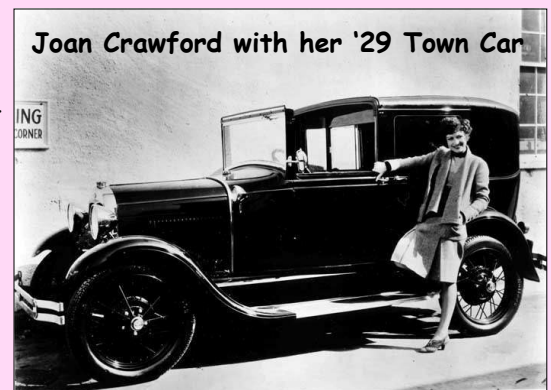
Here are some touring safety reminders.

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 and/or cell phone if you have one.

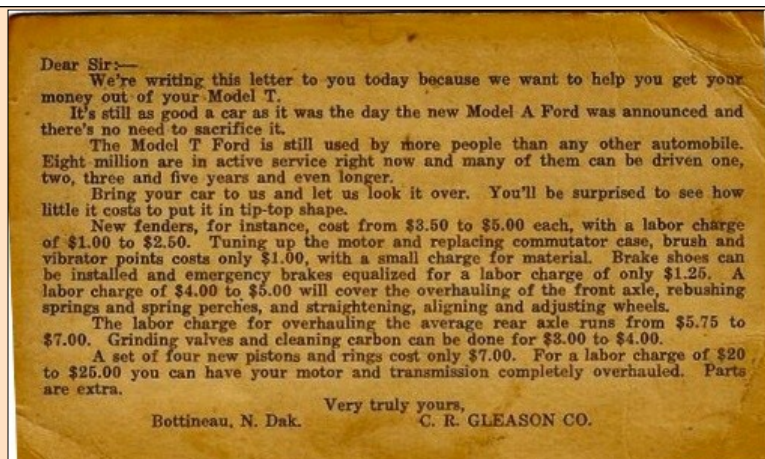
Our cell phone will be on one hour before each tour: **310-245-1996**



Joan Crawford with her '29 Town Car



1928 Advertisement to service the Model T after the Model A was introduced,



Excerpts from Harbor Board Meeting Notes:

April 25th, 2009 Business meeting: President **Steve Preston** opened the meeting at 12:30PM at the home of **Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt**. This was a combined safety check, business meeting, pot luck, and Hubley races. Whew! Previous minutes were approved. Treasurer, **Daffy Wagner**, reports the club is healthy. HarborLight editor sent copy of HarborLight to family of Bob Moser. 19 cars were present at the safety meeting and 10 were checked. Sunshine chair **Doris Marshall** reported on **Jeff and Jeanne Webb**. Keep them in your thoughts. **Jim and Judy Hamilton** were given 40 year club membership pins from **Ursi Schmidt**. Tool guy, **Bobby De Crescenzo**, displayed the new Hubley track he built. Great job, Bobby. Maybe an invitation to Orange County club for Hubley races needs to be investigated. Tour Director, **Pat Yacklon**, told us about the upcoming Huntington tour. **Doris Marshall** won \$51 in Pat's 50/50 drawing. Next meeting is Friday, May 29th. Next Board meeting is May 5th at the Marshall's. Meeting adjourned at 12:40PM. Submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

May 5th, 2009 Board meeting: President **Steve Preston** opened meeting a little late due to traffic, SO dessert was eaten first! Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reports all is well. Historian **Sue Hanks** will show a video of activities at the next regular meeting. Tech/Safety guy **Dick Lusk** reported on the 19 cars at the Safety meeting with a total of 12 being checked. Next 'sabotage' seminar will be at Pisu's June 13th. July 25th will be a tool seminar at De Crescenzo's. Sunshine Chair, **Doris Marshall**, reported on the health of several members. **Georgette Avoian** has bronchitis. **Pat Yacklon** is recovering from a respiratory concern, **Ursi Schmidt** had her heart zapped to get it back in rhythm. It is fine, now. **Becky Preston** is waiting for results from a tumor biopsy. **Pat Yacklon** gave us a list of tours planned for the next couple months. Board voiced displeasure with efforts of webmaster. Steve to discuss this with him. New Business: Board discussed joint fun and games with other clubs. Picnic/Hubley, joint tours were discussed. Refreshment by the Marshalls. Next Board meeting: Tuesday, June 9th at the Younkins. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM. Submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

Other Tours this Month

Several Harbor members made the trip to Porterville early May to the CCRG get together. Lots of old and new



friends enjoyed the weekend with a tour to the Sun-kist orange processing plant. Word has it that it was extremely interesting. Attending the meet were the



Younkins, the Marshalls, the Gordiniers, and the Ragons. A good time was had by all.



Later on in May, a group of four Harbor Model As and two modern visited 'The Huntington' in San Marino, CA. This is a beautiful mixture of museum, art collection, and botanical gardens. With our cars surviving a near miss from a falling tree branch in the parking lot, the gang dispersed to the grounds and did a walking tour for the next two hours.

A little background on The Huntington: It is a private nonprofit collection-based research and educational institution, founded in 1919 by Henry E. Huntington. Huntington was an exceptional businessman who built a financial empire that included railroad companies, utilities, and real estate holdings in Southern California.

At the Huntington, we were able to see the original 'The Blue Boy' by Thomas Gainsborough, an original copy of the Gutenberg Bible, and the Japanese Gardens.



Other Local and Long Distance Events 2009

June 7th, Sunday. Los Angeles Concours d' Elegance. 10AM to 4PM. Rose Bowl Stadium and Brookside Golf Course, Pasadena CA. General Admission: \$30 at the gate. Info: 323-469-1973.

June 14-19, 2009. Breckenridge, Colorado. The Colorado High Country Tour.
Hosts: Model A Ford Club of Colorado. A one week event in the beautiful Colorado Rockies.

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

July 10-12, 2009 Wings and Wheels in Solvang, CA. More info to follow. 140 miles each way, scenic overnight tour.

July 16th, 2009. Thursday. Free car show. Celebrating Torrance's 1950's. Torrance Historical Museum, 1345 Post Ave. Old Torrance, CA. Summer, Family-Fun Night. Contact: Dick @ 310-326-4678.

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

August 28-30, 2009. Quincy, California. 'Roundup at the Ranch'. In Northern California's gold country.
Hosts: Feather River As. Info: FeatherRiverAs@earthlink.net. A great event. 550 miles north in the California gold country.

October 4th, 2009. Southern California Region presents Ford Fun Day '09.
Hosted by the Santa Anita As. This is at the Santa Fe Dam, 15501 Arrow Hwy, Irwindale, CA.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

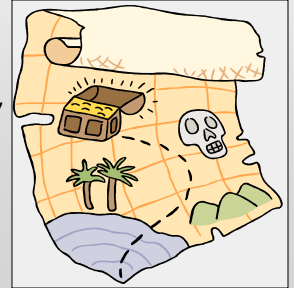
- **Model A Zenith Carbs** - For rebuilding. 2 complete carbs. \$20 each or \$35 for both. 562-428-3451.
- **Air Maze air filters** for Zenith and Tillotson carbs. Has paper and wire mesh filters. \$20 OBO. Steve at 562-428-3451. Located in Long Beach.
- **Two engine blocks.** No cranks or main caps. But have complete valve train. I bought them as is. No knowledge of condition. \$65 each, \$100 for both. Steve at 562-428-3451. Long Beach.
- **'28/29 AA Disc rims.** These are the split rims with lock rings, lug nuts and center cones. \$500 Contact Ted Dalton at 562-494-1648. Located in Long Beach CA.
- **'28/29 Light switch/horn rod 45 3/4".** Straight with a little pitting on switch chrome. \$20. Contact Ted Dalton at 562-494-1648.
- Aftermarket **Model A horns.** Look like original but are not. Cost is a fair and equitable donation to Harbor A club. Contact Ted in Long Beach at 562-494-1648.
- **'30/31 Victoria body.** Complete with original glass, cranks, window frames. All parts are disassembled. No seats, fenders or splash aprons. Rust free. \$7000. Contact Ted in Long Beach at 562- 494-1648.
- **1986 Chevy Pick-up tail gate.** NEW. \$100. Art at 310-374-6113. Redondo Beach.
- **1929 Model A Coupe.** 10 year old restoration. Death forces sale of family car. Solid car, new engine, tires, orig. paint, straight body. Needs interior. \$6000 OBO. Redondo Beach, CA. Stephanie at 310-540-7689

Wanted:

- Used greeting cards (complete cards please). We will recycle them.
Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.

2009 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

- **Sunday, June 14th, 2009.** 39th Annual Antique Nationals at Fontana. Nostalgia drag race and car show. Auto Club Raceway at Fontana, 9300 Cherry Ave, Fontana, CA 92335. Gate opens at 8AM. Admission: Adults \$25, Children under 12 free. INFO: Ron at 661/255-1931.
- **Saturday, June 27th, 2009.** 4th Annual Orange County A and T Club Parts Exchange and Car Show. El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia, CA. 6AM to 2PM. More info: Ron Eliot 714/542-0905.
- **Saturday-Sunday, July 11th & 12th.** 42nd Annual Riverside-Corona Model T Ford Club swap meet. Saturday 11AM to 6PM. Sunday 6AM to 2PM. Take 91 Fwy to 215 Fwy exit Columbia Ave. Go west to Main St. Turn right on Placentia Ln. Watch for sign on right.
- **Saturday-Sunday, August 1st & 2nd.** 55th Annual Long Beach Model T Club Vintage and Classic Parts Exchange. **New Location:** Los Alamitos Race Course, 4961 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. Opens at 7AM. \$5 admission. More info: Call 310-542-3315. Always a great event!
- **Sunday, August 23rd, 2009.** San Fernando Valley Model A and T Clubs Parts Exchange. San Antonio Boys Home, 21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth, CA. A good collection of original stuff.



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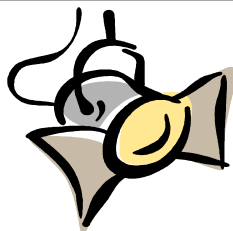
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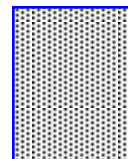
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