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Torrance, California **July 2009**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

- The next regular **July** club business meeting will be Friday, July 24th at the Walteria Clubhouse at 7:30PM. Come by a little early and socialize with your friends. Note date change.
- 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 Tours and Events:

· The **July** tour is to Wings and Wheels in Solvang, July 10th. - 12th, Friday to Sunday See page 7.

The **August** tour will be to the San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles. More to come.



Nubble Light at Cape Neddick (York), ME

Technical Seminar

- Saturday, July 25th. Dick Lusk will lead a seminar on the Model A tool kit. Location will be at the Wyckoff's garage in El Segundo. We will start at 10AM with coffee beforehand.
- How many tools in the original tool kit? Come by and find out!

Next Board Meeting:

· The July 7th Board meeting will be held at the home of Steve and Becky Preston in Long Beach. Call'ahead and let them know you are coming.

Ph: 562-428-3451. The time is 6PM. All are welcome.

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Moving Forward

As you probably know by now, I will be your president for the remaining of the 2009 year. Because of personal reasons, Steve Preston has decided to resign from the presidency.

I know with the support of the board members, officers and membership, we will get through the rest of the year in good shape.

The tour director has a lot of terrific tours planned. Many interesting and informative seminars have been planned by the technical director, also. Please attend as many of the events as possible. A lot of work is put into each one.

As you know, Pat's tour to the Huntington library in San Marino in May was exciting and very interesting. Lunch at the local Sizzler was a plus, also. Dick's seminar on sabotaged Model As was great, too.

More of these programs are planned in the future.

See you at the next business meeting.

Bill



Where was this picture taken?
Jack and Joan Gordinier and Dick and
Jan Wyckoff toured Colorado recently
and this photo was taken just west of
St George, Utah.

Read more about the trip on page 8.

Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall

Jeff Webb still 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 a call.



Al Avoian is recovering from a knee operation.

Paul Larquier is doing well after eye surgery.

Walt Hibbard is recovering from colon surgery.

Ursi Schmidt is waiting for word on heart rhythm problems.

Doris Marshall's arm and head are healing well.



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.

July Birthdays

- Doris Marshall
- Steven Thompson
- Bill Moore
- John Exline 8
- Loralyn Thompson
- Mike Wright 10
- Dave Pierson 11
- Mirco Pisu 13
- Donnis Bates 18
- Joe Freitag 20
- Cliff Heise 25

July Anniversaries

- Beverly & Vince Migliazzo** 2
- Elaine & Mirco Pisu
- Sandy & Ron Ragon
- Jack & Joan Gordinier 13
- Carol & Bob Olsen

**59 years for Migliazzo in 2009



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'!



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Why Won't my Car Run? or Who Sabotaged My Engine? By Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt

On Saturday, June 13th we had a technical Seminar on how to solve starting problems on a Model A. Elaine and Mirco Pisu were so nice to open their house, garage and driveway for the event. Lewis Dulin was trusting enough to supply his Model A Truck to be sabotaged. Obviously an optimist, he expected to have his truck running again after the event. We had three top teams that tried to make go of a sabotaged Model A.

The #1 winning team included Model A experts Fred Griffin, Bob DeCrescenzo and Gary Guttormson, who got the Model A truck running within 14 short minutes.

Team #2 with Bill Younkin, Joe Jankiewicz and Paul Jamesson solved the sabotage problems after about 20 minutes.

Team #3 which included Ron Ragon, Monty Bates and Jay Mason got the car running after approximately 25 minutes. All other teams disqualified due to exceeding the 30 minute time limit.

Thanks again to Elaine and Mirco for providing the libations. Mirco and his son **Angelo** had assembled the 500 or so parts of their brand new outdoor grill just in time to feed the hungry crew with freshly grilled cheeseburgers. Thanks to **Ursi** for baking a chocolate cake and bringing Danish Rolls.

Thanks to **Mike Wright** for showing the technical movie "Roadside Troubleshooting". Thanks to Lewis Dulin for the use of his Model A truck. Thanks to **Drain Marshall** for making all those phone calls and being chief judge and time keeper. Thanks to machinist **Toad Stonehocker** for providing the arsenal of sneaky sabotage items. The efforts of many made for a great funday!

Dick Lusk, Technical Director and Saboteur



<u>Friday Evening Summer Car Gathering:</u> 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!



Technical Talk
with Dick Lusk



June 5, 2009
A letter to the Tech Guy

Dear Tech Director:

I was delighted to read your tech article on octane ratio in the May 2009 issue of your Harbor Light News. I have the following question and wonder if you can answer.

Charles Witkoski, Pontiac, Mich.

Question: Dear Tech Director:

Are re-ground cylinders - with pistons ground to fit - better than new ones?

Answer:

When a statement is made that a re-ground engine which has been fitted with new pistons and rings is better than it was originally, few people can understand why. It is a well-known fact among those connected with the metal industry that castings change shape after they have been cast. This is caused by strain and stresses resulting from the heavier walls of metal cooling last and shrinking from the already cooled lighter walls.

These strains can be relieved if the castings are seasoned for a long time, or by retreating processes.

Castings that are immediately machined and put to work in a core can change more or less, owing to the heating and cooling of the engine, which acts as a heat-treating operation. Therefore an engine which has been run several hundred miles is thoroughly seasoned and is in ideal condition to be re-ground and fitted up.

After having gone through the seasoning process all the strains and stresses have been eliminated, the engine will retain its shape after grinding, if properly machined and fitted up.

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Of course an engine does not have any more power after re-grinding than for what it was originally designed.

It is quite possible that after the casting is seasoned and that each hole has had individual attention, it could give better results than before.

Happy trails!
Your Tech- and Safety Director
Dick Lusk



By Ursula Schmidt Membership Chair



A True Story

A several years ago, three Harbor club members went to Wings 'n Wheels and stayed at a cheap hotel in Solvang where the room cost \$30. In order to divide the cost evenly, each one paid \$10. Later on the clerk discovered that the room was only \$25, so he gave the bellboy \$5 to take up to the three men. On the way upstairs the bellboy decided that the three men would have a hard time dividing the \$5, so he took \$2 for himself and returned \$1 to each of the men.

So to sum it up, each of the three men paid \$9, making it a total of \$27 among them. The bellboy kept \$2.

What happened to the other dollar?

A few country remedies:

- If you hate grease under your fingernails from working on engines, scrape your fingernails on a bar of soap before beginning the greasy work.
- · Here's an Rx for rust in the garage or the toolshed. Apply iodine to nuts or bolts, wait a
- few minutes, then apply more if necessary. Wait 15 minutes longer before loosening.

 It's easy to read a rain gauge if you put a few drops of food coloring into the tube. Even if the color water dries up, there is enough residue to help read the next rainfall.
- Put a bit of petroleum jelly on the base of a light bulb before turning it into an outside light fixture. This will make it easier to remove when it burns out.

2009 Membership and Roster info:

The club welcomes new club members #1027 Phil Bonneau and LeOra Combs. They live on 1065 Lomita Blvd. #325 in Harbor City, CA 90710. Their phone number is 310-325-0656. Please update your rosters!

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.

Also available are ball caps with the club's logo. Available in black, dark blue and denim. \$12. There are a few 50th anniversary T-shirts still available, too,

TERRIFIC TOURS by Pat Yacklon, Tour Director

Here's what is planned for the near future:

<u>July 10, 11 & 12th Friday - Sunday -</u> Wings and Wheels in Solvang You should have already made your reservations. This is about a 150 mile drive each way. We make lots of stops along the way as necessary. A fun weekend.



<u>August 22nd</u>, <u>Saturday</u> - San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles

Meet at Mill's at 8:45 AM and leave at 9:15 AM.

Our scheduled tour of the winery and tasting is at 10:00 AM. The tour is approximately 30 minutes. After the winery tour, we will have lunch at their restaurant.

Price range for lunch is from \$7.50 to \$23.00.

<u>September 27th</u>, <u>Saturday</u> – International Ford Fun Day at Santa Fe Dam, Irwindale put on by the Southern California Region. \$8.00 park entrance fee.

We will meet at Mil's at 7:30 AM and leave at 8:00 AM.

Bring your chairs. It is a lovely park setting. There will be a gymkhana (car games), women's bingo, shade tree Seminar, raffle & 50-25-25, (bring your wallet) and a hosted lunch for club members. There will be a chance for each Model A present to win \$100 cash prize.

"ADVANCE REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR LUNCH AND PARK ENTRANCE."

October 3rd, Saturday - Progressive Luncheon

October 11th, Sunday - Frazier Park. A 90 mile trip each way to visit with other clubs. Sponsored by the Bakersfield Model A Club.

Get those Model A's out of the garage and come join us on some fun tours.



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

On July 8th of this year, at 5 minutes and 6 seconds after 4 a.m., the time and date will be

04:05:06 07/08/09

This is the only time this will ever happen



Excerpts from Harbor Board Meeting Notes:

May 29th, 2009 Business meeting: Meeting called to order at 7:30PM by Past President, Dick Wyckoff. Steve Preston had to leave. Flag salute led by Monty Bates. Treasurer's report: Daffy Wagner reports treasury is in good shape. Previous minutes approved. HarborLight editor Dick Wyckoff requested that any articles be submitted early. He and Jan will be at Model A event in Colorado. Historian Sue Hankins showed video of recent activities, Safety seminar, White Elephant sale, and Will Rogers Park. Safety Chair Dick Lusk mentioned that he had checked 22 Model As so far. A fun seminar of troubleshooting a sabotaged car is June 13th at the Pisu's. Tour Director Pat Yacklon announced a Putt, Drive and Dine (of course) June 20th. Meet at Mills at 9AM. Winery trip on August 22nd. Bob Speaks announced a swap meet at Los Alamitos racetrack Offered to pay half of a sellers spot. Deferred to the board. Membership Chair **Ursi Schmidt** introduced new member **Chris Craig**. She has hats and T-shirts for sale. VP **Bill Younkin** and wife **Gloria** conducted the raffle. Sunshine Chair **Doris Marshall** reported that Al Avoian is recovering from knee surgery, Paul Larquier has much improved vision after surgery, Becky Preston is waiting for her scheduled surgery, Walt Hibbard is recovering fro his colon surgery, Ursi needs additional treatment on her heart rhythm problem, and Doris Marshall is getting better all the time, and Jeff Webb is not doing well. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM. Submitted by Doris Marshall, acting Secretary.

May 31st, 2009 Emergency Board meeting: An emergency board meeting was held at the home of Doris and **Drain Marshall**. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the resignation of president, **Steve Preston**, and how to proceed. After reading the by-laws which state that the Vice President takes over for the President in this situation. Bill Younkin has agreed to complete the term vacated by Steve.

High Country Tour, 2009 by Dick Wyckoff

The Model A Club of Colorado sponsored a week long, regional tour in Breckenridge, Colorado, June 14-19, 2009. Jack and Joan Gordinier and Dick and Jan Wyckoff represented the Harbor Club at this spectacular event.

Gordinier's red truck in Utah

The three day, 1000 mile trip to get there was as beautiful as the tour itself. The deserts of Nevada and Arizona joined the mountains of Utah and Colorado to provide a spectacular background to a memorable journey. The weather was great as we only had a little rain on a couple of occasions.

Once in Breckenridge, Colorado it takes a couple days to get used to the 10,000 ft elevation. The 200 Model As needed a little tuning also with the rarified air. Each day was filled with events such as tours to local places of interest, mini-

swap meets, fashion events, technical seminars, car games, Hubley races, car judging, a MAFCA meeting, a 200 mile grand tour, and the final banquet. Lots of things to do. The repair tent was busy, too, as the grueling

mountains took a toll on some cars. A broken

rear end, a leaky head gasket, a rod bearing, a loose timing gear, are just a few of the problems encountered. Fortunately, Bert's Automotive from Denver had a parts trailer nearby to help get these cars back on the road. The tours through the local mountains were the most beautiful tours we have

ever taken. We took one tour over the Freemont pass at 11,320 feet, to the town

of Leadville, an old gold mining town at 10,430 feet dating to the 1860s. The Gordiniers and the Wyckoffs visited the historic Matchless Mine, shopped a couple antique shops, and watched the fun 'Gravity Drags'.

As far as tours go, the most picturesque drive we have ever taken in Model As was the event's 'Grand Tour'. This tour took us from Breckenridge through such

Granby for a box lunch. The tour continued through Sulphur Hot Springs, Parshall, Gremmling then south to Silverthorne, Frisco and back to Breckenridge. We crossed the Continental Divide twice during the trip. Lots of pictures from



Start of the 'Grand Tour'

this memorable trip.

The final night's banquet at the Beaver run Resort included a nice dinner, raffle prizes, and entertainment by the 'Queen City Jazz Band', with music from the jazz era of Louis Armstrong and Jelly Roll Morton. Very Entertaining!

Super job, Model A Club of Colorado. The best tour ever!



Judging the cars

Other Local and Long Distance Events 2009

July 10–12, 2009 Wings and Wheels in <u>Solvang, CA</u>. 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: Feather-RiverAs@earthlink.net. A great event. 550 miles north in the California gold country.

September 27th, 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.
- 1986 Chevy Pick-up tail gate. NEW. \$100. Art at 310-374 -6113. Redondo Beach.

Wanted:

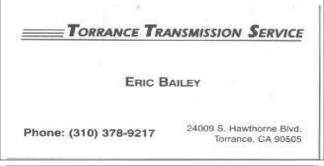
- Rear **Model A crossmember** (cheap). Please contact Bill at 310-328-5560.
- Used greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. **Ursi** (310) 539-5391 and **Doris** (310) 378-5061.



2009 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

- Saturday, June 27th, 2009. 4th Annual Orange County A and T Club <u>Parts Exchange and Car Show</u>. El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia, CA. 6AM to 2PM. More info: Ron Eliot 714/542-0905. Fun event.
- Saturday-Sunday, July 11th & 12th. 42nd Annual Riverside-Corona Model T Ford Club <u>swap meet</u>. 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. Lots of good stuff here!
- 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 <u>Parts Exchange</u>. San Antonio Boys Home, 21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth, CA. A good collection of original stuff.
- Sunday, September 27th. 48th Annual Car <u>Swap Meet.</u> Western Little League Headquarters. 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino, CA. 6AM to 3PM. Free admission. Pancake breakfast starts at 6:30AM. A fair amount of A stuff here.







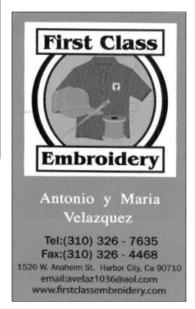
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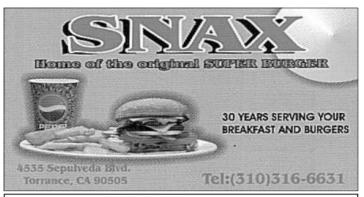








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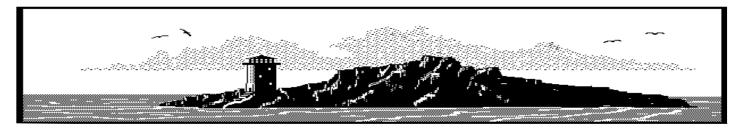


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Have a safe and happy 4th of July

