

HARBORLIGHT

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Torrance, California

August 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

- The next regular **August** meeting will be **Friday, August 28th** at the Waleria Clubhouse at 7:30PM. Come by a little early and socialize with your friends.
- If you have some small Model A parts you want to sell or trade, bring them early for a casual parts exchange before the meeting.
- You are welcome to donate items to the raffle, also.

Next Tours and Events:

- The **August** tour will be to the San Antonio Winery in Los Angeles. More to come. See page 7.




Nubble Light at Cape Neddick (York), ME

Technical Seminar

- **Saturday, July 25th.** Dick Lusk will lead a special seminar on troubleshooting electrical problems. Location will be at Wyckoff's garage (in the alley) in El Segundo. We will start at 10AM with coffee beforehand.

Next Board Meeting:

- The **August 11th** board meeting will be at the home of Pat and Sue, 821 W Clarion Dr., Torrance CA 90502. PH: 310-782-0082.
- Time: 6PM



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Notes
from the
President
By Bill Younkin



This and That

There was a great turnout at the Wings and Wheels tour in Sovang the weekend of July 10-12. It is always a fun tour.

We are looking forward to the August tour to the San Antonio Winery. I have been there several times and each time is a different experience. Please try to attend.

Dick Lusk is planning another informative seminar on July 25th. Hope to see you there.

Looking ahead to the end of the year, our annual Installation and Awards Banquet is set for Saturday, January 16th, 2010. It will be held at the San Pedro Elks Club again. Later this year we will have more info.

Thanks for your support.

Bill

Pictures from Wings and Wheels



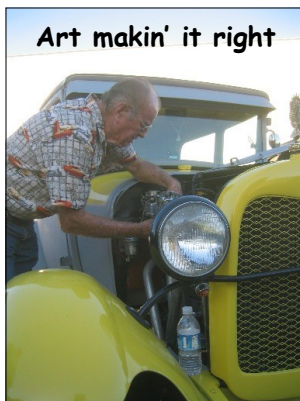
Flower fields in Lompoc



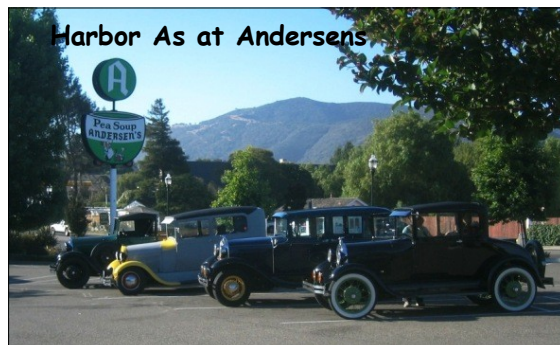
Jan and Joan and a weaving machine



Model T at the garage stop during the tour



Art makin' it right



Harbor As at Andersen's

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 after some setbacks and also keeping an eye on Jeff. We miss you both. I am sure Jeanne would appreciate a card or a call.

Al Avoian is still working on getting his replacement knee fully operational.

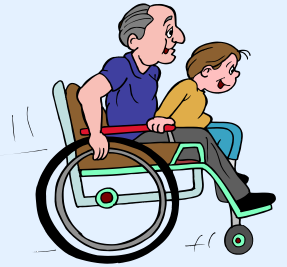
Walt Hibbard is recovering from colon surgery and is back in Wisconsin.

Ursi Schmidt is still resolving problems with heart rhythms.

Becky Preston is recovering from surgery to remove a growth from her thyroid. No cancer. All is progressing well things are looking up for Becky. We are thinking of you!

Thom Marshall had a scare with his heart rate and blood sugar levels. A quick ride to the emergency room and things are under control now.

Joy Pierson is doing better all the time after hip replacement surgery.



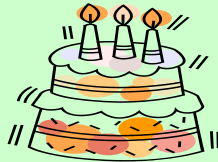
Weekly Family Food Festivities:

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.



August Birthdays

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Sandy Ragon | 21 Carla Hibbard |
| 1 Bob Pahls | 23 Jack Gordinier |
| 2 Jerry Strosnider | 24 Gwen Valot |
| 2 Janice Dalton | 25 Dick Valot |
| 4 Paul Larquier | 26 Monty Bates |
| 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo | 28 Rose Jamesson |
| 15 Marty Murphy | 31 Laynie Thompson |
| 16 Marion Lusk | |
| 20 Jeanne Webb | |



August Anniversaries

- | |
|------------------------------|
| 4 Steven and Weeg Thompson |
| 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard |
| 6 Dolores & Jerry Strosnider |
| 12 Doris & Drain Marshall |
| 17 Donna & Cliff Heise |
| 19 Mary & James Walker |
| 22 Linda & Ed Firth |
| 25 Rosa & Paul Jamesson |

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!'

'Wings and Wheels' Tour, 2009 by Dick Wyckoff

For those of you that have never been on a 'Wings and Wheels' tour to Solvang, CA, you missed a really nice one this year. A large Harbor contingent found their way north mostly along the coastal route past Malibu, Pt. Mugu, Ventura to Solvang.



The ride along the California coast is always beautiful and not hurried. We cruise about 45 MPH and enjoy the scenery. On Friday morning, Five As started from El Segundo after a breakfast at Mandy's. Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt led the way followed by Dick and Jan Wyckoff, Art and Daffy Wagner, Mirco and Elaine Pisu, and Drain and Doris Marshall. The 140 mile



trip took about 4 1/2 hours with a couple stops thrown in.

As always, when you get to the destination, you check in. This is at the Santa Ynez airport where the 'Wings' contingent congregates. Meeting old friends is what this is all about. Other antique car owners are there too, so it is a fun meeting. After check-in, we find our hotels in town. By the end of the day on Friday, there are lots of old cars in Solvang giving the tourists (and locals) a mini car show. Dinner is at a local BBQ and then a chance to look around. By now, all the Harbor gang are in town. By my count, we had 26 of us there. In addition to those mentioned above, there was Jack and Joan Gordinier, Bill and Gloria Younkin, Bobby and Lowane Younkin, Ron and Sandy Ragon (and grandson), Mike Wright, Paul and Rhoda Larquier, Jim and Kathy Valot, and Dick and Gwen Valot.



For the record, there were a total of 122 registered people at the event.



On Saturday morning, things get going. The cars line up at the airport and the lead car (a Model T) takes off. The tour took roads of Buellton and for coffee at Bob Alex-farm/garage. Lots of fun old farm equipment to which is unrestored and stop is lunch (of course) the grounds of the La State Historic Park in tered picnic lunch allowed us to cool off a bit before visiting the Mission. A tour of the grounds let us look back into history to the 1820's and visit the restored buildings and gardens. I found this to be very educational



and enlightening.

The day's tour was now ending as we make the 20 mile run back to Solvang and a bit of rest. The evening BBQ at the hanger at the airport is always a great event. Lots of food and friends to visit with. The pilots now get a chance to show their stuff with flights in their vintage aircraft. At about sunset, the activities slow down and we head back to our hotels after gassing up for the trip home in the AM.

About 8AM many of us start back to the South Bay. Sunday traffic is a bit heavier than Friday traffic so it takes a little longer to get through the beach cities. But we all make it safe and sound. A great weekend!



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!



Technical Talk
with Dick Lusk



Air Cleaner or Not?

Dear Tech Director Dick Lusk:

I live in Fort Mohave, Arizona where the wind blows profusely (lots of Sand and Dust).

Could you tell me if the "Air-Cleaner" that is sold in the Model A Parts Catalogs is good to have. I have the Zenith Carburetor on my 1930 Sedan.

Raymond West, 213 Eastwind Ave. Fort Mohave, AZ 80603



Dear Ray:

There is no question that much of the wear occurring in the various parts of the engine is due to the presence of road dust. Most of the dust is drawn into the engine through the carburetor during the intake strokes of the pistons. Recognizing this fact, most makes of automobile engines have been equipped with air cleaners that are attached to the carburetor intake. Without the use of this protecting device the dust tends to increase the accumulation of carbon in the combustion chambers. The dust burns and clings to the tops of the pistons. Also, the grit wedges itself between the pistons and the cylinder walls, forming an abrasive which causes rapid wear. Carbon and other foreign matter found in the crank-case is nothing more than road dust which has worked its way down past the pistons. Here it gets mixed with the oil and carried to the bearings where it soon destroys the smooth metal surfaces. The suction stroke of the piston draws the air through the directing veins within the air cleaner which gives it a rapid rotating motion. The centrifugal force separates the dust particles from the air, throwing the particles through an opening at the end of the cleaner. The clean air then moves in a spiral motion through the center of the cleaner and into the carburetor.

Due to climatic conditions in the desert I surely recommend using the "Air-Cleaner" on your vehicle. They also sell an "Air-Maze" for the Model A which is just an air filter.

Happy trails!

Your Tech and Safety Director
Dick Lusk

Ursi's Uptown Lowdown



By Ursula Schmidt
Membership Chair



Holy Smoke!

My grandmother's farmhouse in Bavaria - built in 1856 - stands surrounded by thick forest, only an unpaved dirt-road leads to it. There was no running water, only a well with a pump in the front yard. In case of a fire, one would have to reach the next village by bicycle to summon help from the volunteer fire department. Of course too much time would have been lost by then to save anything. There was a big fire 200 years ago, which burned down the entire village except a little chapel which still stands near the farmhouse. Every Easter Sunday people still bring twigs of pussy willow to the church to get them blessed. Then these twigs are kept throughout the year. If a bad thunderstorm was threatening, my grandmother would throw a few sprigs of the blessed pussy willows in the hearth fire in the kitchen. The powerful holy smoke was supposed to rise up through the chimney above the old farmhouse and disperse the threatening storm clouds and avert the lightening bolts. That was the only recourse they had in those days and it seems to have worked well!

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.

Ted Dalton has a new email address: TDalton32@aol.com. Please update your rosters.

Phonebooks/rosters are available and are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet I 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 and pins still available, too.

Please call **Ursula** at (310) 539-5391 to place the order.

Vendor Recommendation by Dick Wyckoff

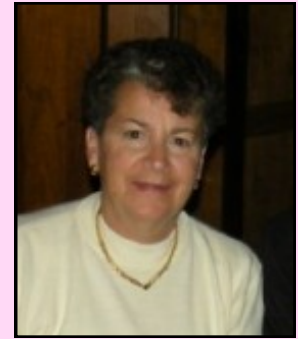
You might have seen the new top on Jan's Cabriolet recently. I want to pass on a recommendation to anyone looking for upholstery and top work on their Model A (or any car).

A little background: I purchased the entire interior and top from Le-Baron-Bonney in Massachusetts. I was able to install most of the interior seats and kick panels but I was not going to tackle the complicated top installation. Earlier this year, the president of LB, Paul Case, visited So Cal and approved Loyola Auto Interiors in El Segundo as an 'official' installer of LB interiors and tops. After several conversations with Luis Loyola at the top shop, I had him install the LB top on the Cabriolet. He tackled the tough job and I am very satisfied with his work.

If you have an upholstery job or need a new top on your Model A, please give Luis consideration. By the way, he has three As of his own! He is located at: 212 Eucalyptus Dr, El Segundo, CA. PH: 310-322-8789.



TERRIFIC TOURS by Pat Yacklon, Tour Director



Here's what is planned for the near future:

August 22nd, Saturday - 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.

September 27th, Saturday - 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 Mill'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 or ?

October 11th, Sunday - Frazier Park. A 90 mile trip each way to visit with other clubs. Sponsored by the Bakersfield Model A Club. Always a fun time. Great, clever prizes.

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**

Other Local and Long Distance Events 2009

Saturday, August 22, 2009. El Segundo Police Officers Association sponsors the 12th Annual Main Street Car Show. Location: Main Street, El Segundo CA. Show hours: 10AM-4PM. Open to all Pre-1975 Custom classic street rods, Cool Daily drivers, Antiques, Sports cars, Race cars, and Special interest cars. Free to public. Entry fee: \$25. For information, call Dick Wyckoff at 310-322-8863 or ESPD at 310-524-2262. Proceeds go to ESPOA.

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.



Excerpts from Harbor Board Meeting Notes:

June 26th, 2009 Business meeting: Meeting called to order by President **Bill Younkin** at 7:35PM. Flag salute led by **Monty Bates**. Past presidents recognized: **Pat Yacklon, Dick Wyckoff, Doris and Drain Marshall, Dick Valot**. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reports all is well. Deposit sent for Installation banquet. Membership Chair **Ursi Schmidt** introduced new members: **Phil Bonneau and LeOra Combs**. Guests **Greg and Fran Earhart** from OC club. Technical **Dick Lusk** said sabotage seminar went well. Next seminar on July 25th at Wyckoff's garage. Sunshine Chair **Doris Marshall** reported on **Jeff and Jeanne Webb**. Both are having health concerns. **Al Avoian** is recovering from knee surgery. **Becky Preston** will have a tumor removed on the 7th of July. Ursi still having A-Fib. More treatment needed. **Thom Marshall** needed ER care to correct heartbeat and blood sugar problems. OK now. Birthdays and Anniversaries recognized. Tool Guru **Bobby DeCrescenzo** mentioned that we have 24 tools in the club's collection. They are available for member use with \$20 deposit. **Pat Yacklon** discussed tours. Wings and Wheels is July 10-12. San Antonio winery in August. Club will not have swap meet this year. Long Beach Model T club has one. New Business: Installation banquet will be January 16th at San Pedro Elks. **Gloria Younkin** was approved as Vice President for remainder of the year. Refreshments by **Joe and Linda Freitag**. Next meeting July 24th. Meeting Adjourned: 8:22PM. Submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

July 7th, 2009 Board Meeting: Meeting called to order by President **Bill Younkin**. Those in attendance: **Bill and Gloria Younkin, Dick and Jan Wyckoff, Drain and Doris Marshall, Mike Wright, Daffy Wagner**. Minutes of previous meeting approved. Daffy reported treasury balance. Sunshine Chair: Doris reported that **Thom** doing well after heart event. **Becky Preston** had surgery. **Joy Pearson** recovering from hip replacement. **Al Avoian** still has knee pain after surgery. **Jeff and Jeanne Webb** recovering from setbacks. Tours: Pat not present. Wings and Wheels this weekend. Dates for progressive still being discussed. Will we still have one? Expensive for club. Ford fun day in Irwindale 9/27. Discussed another White Elephant sale fundraiser this year sometime. Next business meetings on July 24th and August 28th. Next Board meeting August 11 at Pat and Sue's, 6PM. Meeting adjourned 7:10PM. Submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

150th Anniversary Pony Express Model A Tour June 19-27, 2010 Sponsored by Model A Ford Club of America

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Lead cars from both ends will be equipped with live GPS sending units and the teams will be able to be tracked via a unique Web site. Visitors will know where the lead cars are within five minutes.

Watch *The Restorer* magazine and mafca.com for more details. Better yet, subscribe to *Pony Express Post* for the earliest and latest information.



[The Pep Boys](#)

Please join me in welcoming our newest advertiser, **Pep Boys** store, 3124 Sepulveda Blvd, Torrance. **Wesley Ni-shinaka** the store manager and his staff having been serving some of our Model A needs, as well as the needs of our "Moderns" for many years.

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In discussing the Model A Club, Wesley said, "*I offer to any subscriber of Harbor Light the \$9.99 Do it Yourself (DIY) oil change and/or a \$24.99 Do it for You (DIFY) oil change (Pep Boys Proline oil and filter.). I am also offering 10 percent off any transaction to subscribers. These discounts would need to take place at the Torrance Store only as this will be a "grass root" offer to our local community. To take advantage of these offers all a subscriber needs to do is show the customer service associate (cashier) a copy of the newsletter with our Pep Boy Ad*"

I've bought chrome nuts, a creeper, a trickle charger, a fuel can, fuel additives, and of course the wash and wax stuff. They carry all the brands - Mothers, Maguire's, Turtle, and other brands that are new to me. It is a great place for buying stuff for raffle prizes such as tools, fire extinguishers, towing accessories, fender covers, and of course oil and additives like Marvel Oil, solvents, etc.

For "Moderns" you can buy starters, alternators, carburetors, electrical stuff, and brake and exhaust parts and anything else that is available in the aftermarket chain. Pep Boys always offers "Buy three tires and you get the fourth free." For the big projects, they carry hoists, chassis stands, and engine stands.

You can earn points at **Pep Boys** too. There is no fee, (just like a grocery store,) and you get a point for each dollar spent. Spend \$200 and you get a \$10 reward. In addition, your membership entitles you to free tire rotation, flat repair, and engine light diagnostic and discount towing. Check it out! (PepBoysRewards.com)

The stores are open 7 days, 6 nights a week. So the next time, you need something for your Model A or your "Modern", call them at 310 326 3002 or stop in and introduce yourself to Wesley.

Written by Joe Freitag

[Wheels & Deals:](#)

For Sale:

- **1986 Chevy Pick-up tail gate**. NEW. \$100. Art at 310-374-6113. Redondo Beach.
- **Complete Original 1930 Cabriolet (68B) top assembly**. Everything from the front header (and cover), folding irons, triple hinges, upper and lower landau pivots, landau irons, #1 and #2 bows, quarter lock pillar faces, windlace supports. All parts are both left and right sides. The parts need to be restored, but they are all there. If you have ever tried to locate any of these parts, you know how difficult they are to find. \$1500 firm. Contact Dick at 310-322-8863. Located in El Segundo CA.
- **1929 Tudor**. Snyder head, 12v. alt., turn signals, halogen lights, cowl lights, '39 tranny. Runs 21" wheels cut down to 16" rims. New tires. Re-cored radiator, shortened pitman arm, all new brakes with new cast iron drums. Aires muffler, new exh. manifold. \$10,500 or make me an offer. Steve at: 310-701-5542. Located in Long 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-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.
- **Sunday, September 27th.** 48th Annual Car Swap Meet. 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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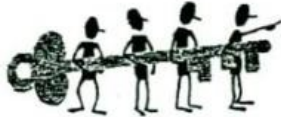
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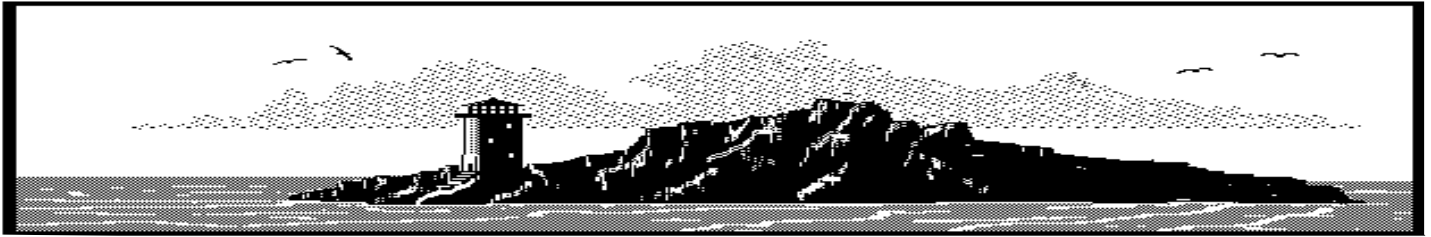
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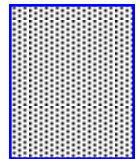
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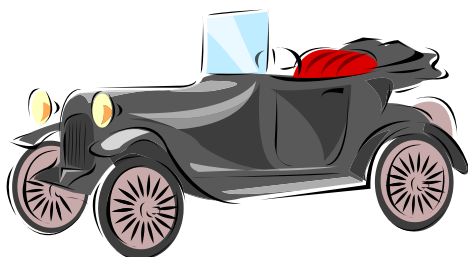
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