

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Torrance, California

September 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

- The next regular **September** meeting will be **Friday, September 25th** at the Waleria Clubhouse at 7:30PM. Come by a little early and socialize with your friends.
- There will be a **White Elephant auction** at this meeting. Save your treasures now! Model A related parts are encouraged also.

Trophy Winners



Dick Lusk and Dick Wyckoff display trophies won at Ruby's in Redondo Beach Friday night. Both were 'Ladie's' (sic) choice!

Next Tours and Events

Sunday, September 27th. So Cal Region Ford Fun Day at the Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale. This is a fun event open to all the local clubs. Games, food, seminars, raffle, and more food.
See page 7 for more details.

Next Board Meeting:

- The next Board meeting will be at 6PM at the clubhouse right before the business meeting on **Friday, September 25th**. This is due to conflicting vacation schedules of some board members. Please be prompt.



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*Notes
from the
President*
By Bill Younkin



This and That

At the September 25th business meeting, the club is going to have a White Elephant Sale. Start cleaning your closets and cupboards to find anything you think is appropriate for the sale. If you have items and are not going to be at the September meeting, give the items to me or another member to bring to the meeting. This is a fundraiser for the club.

Gloria and I will be in Iowa for most of September. There is a large swap meet in Greenfield, IA that we like to attend.

Remember the Award and Installation Banquet will be January 16, 2010 at the Elks Club in San Pedro. We'll have information on the food choices and costs next month. Thanks for your support.

Oh, Just a reminder. Nominations for officers for next term will begin at the October meeting. President, Vice President, Tour Director, Technical Director, and Secretary will be voted on at the November meeting.

Bill Younkin

An Informal Seminar

In mid July, **Dan Fitzgerald** called a couple members to give him a hand in installing a newly rebuilt engine in his beautiful '29 Panel Delivery. With a promise of coffee and donuts, six guys showed up at about 9AM to do the job. Dan had done the preliminary

clear all we was the en-

the car. With two people under the four people on top, we managed to get engine and all the other items by car started right up and, with a ering, Dan drove it around the Meanwhile, **Liz Fitzgerald** had prepared a tasty lunch of sandwiches and potato salad for all of us.

Dan was a happy camper and the rest of us savored the job well done.

This is what the club is all about! Many thanks to **Dick L, Jack G, Joe F, Stoney S, Art W, and Dick W.**

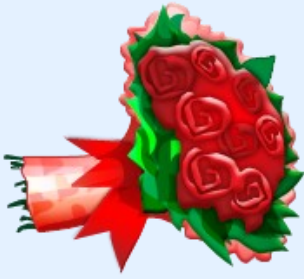


things to the way and had to do shoehorn engine into car and install the noon. The little tink-block.



Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall and Dick Wyckoff

This month has been the toughest month to report on the well being of our members.



• Our friend and wonderful member, **Jeff Webb**, passed away after a long illness. He has been with hospice care for just a short time. Jeanne wants to thank everyone for their love and support during Jeff's illness. Details of his life will be printed next month. His funeral was on Monday, August 24th with many of his Model A friends and his fire department 'family' in attendance. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

• Also passing away this month is **Mike Wright's mother, "Jo" Wright**.

Eva "Jo" Wright (Karr) of Torrance, CA formerly of Carroll County GA was taken into the arms of our Lord and Savior on Aug. 13, 2009 at the age of 81.

She was born in Carroll County GA Feb. 16, 1928 and was the only daughter of the late Ercell C. Karr and Rosa Muse Karr.

She was a business owner with her late husband Lowell Wright until they retired.

She is survived by her sons James M. Wright of Torrance CA, Jack W. Wright of Costa Mesa CA, daughter Mrs. Linda K. Rakestraw of Wildomar CA, brother Mr. Roy Karr of Temple GA, and her three grandchildren.

She will be deeply loved and missed by all that loved and knew her.

• Many of us knew that **Doris Marshall's sister** was not doing well. **Donna Ammerman** also passed away this last week. She was 81 years old and lived in Tustin CA. Doris and Drain have been visiting her for quite a while during her illness. Her services were on Saturday, August 22nd. Our thoughts are with you, Doris, in this time of sorrow.

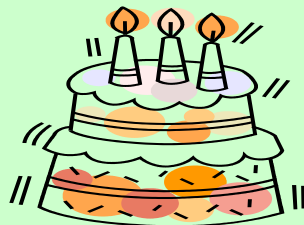
• Please take a moment and think good thoughts for the **families of Gloria Younkin and Bill Newell**. Family members of both Gloria and Bill are very ill at this time.

September Birthdays

- 1 Rhoda Larquier
- 6 Darlene Funk
- 6 Jim Beardsley
- 8 Bob Olsen
- 11 Ursula Schmidt
- 14 Terry Marshall
- 15 Joy Pierson
- 17 Art Wagner
- 19 Thom Marshall
- 20 Vince Migliazzo
- 28 Helen Carr

September Anniversaries

- 2 Bob & Laura Pahls
- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 6 Becky & Steve Preston
- 17 Gwen & Dick Valot
- 23 Acela & Conrad Garcia



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, enlarge it, 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'!



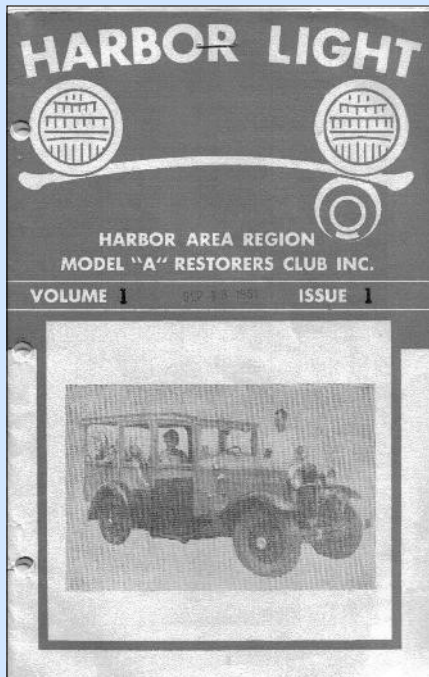
Some HarborLight Newsletter History by Dick Wyckoff, Editor

A couple month ago, **Dick Lusk** and I were visiting the El Segundo Driving Museum. Dick L was talking to the Archivist of the museum, **Gary Fisk**, about some of the many documents, newsletters, and literature in storage. As they were looking around, Dick happened upon a stack of papers that had a familiar name. After a little snooping, he realized he had come upon a stack of original HarborLights dating back to September 19th, 1961. As it turns out, that was the very first issue Volume 1, Issue 1! There were about eight years of newsletters, some from the early 60's and some from the late 70's. Dick Lusk called me to come and look at the find. Gary allowed us to look through the newsletters and actually take them home to review. They are very interesting reading. They were reproduced by mimeographing and a little hard to read, but still, it was an original document. The editor was **Bob Moser**.

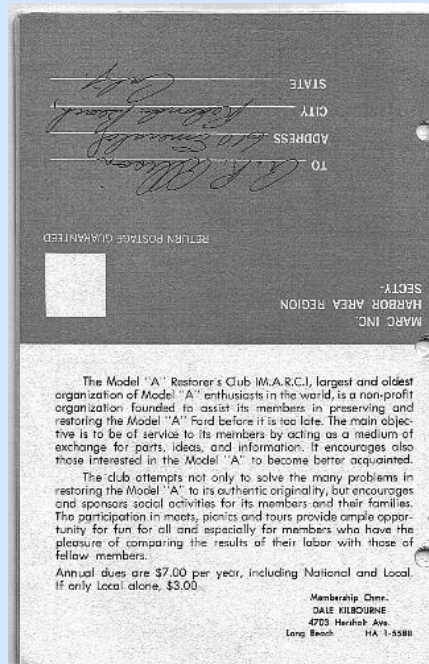
Here is the cover of the first newsletter. It is 48 years old. Also is an insert of a Harbor sponsored event for that time. Fun stuff, eh?

Editors comment: I know this will be hard to read in the published edition. If you were to get this as an emailed document, it would be in color and in a format that you can enlarge.

(Just a little plug for joining the email distribution of the Harborlight.) Dick



Original First edition cover
of the HarborLight
Dated Sep 19, 1961



First edition back page



Insert in the first HarborLight
about an event sponsored by the
Harbor Club

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.



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



Hot Exhaust Problems

Dear Tech. Director Richard Lusk,

The exhaust system in my 1931 Roadster seems to run extremely hot. I cannot locate the problem. Would you have any ideas what is the cause of this?

Warmly yours, Delbert Caniff, Comstock Park, MI.

Dear Delbert,

This overheating problem could be caused by

- #1 Late timing
- #2 Muffler clogged
- #3 Fuel mixture too rich or too lean

Here are some remedies:

#1 Late ignition timing and late valve timing do not permit full combustion. As a result the gas vapors are still burning when they enter the muffler, thus causing overheating of the muffler and exhaust pipes. Check the timing.

#2 A clogged muffler keeps the hot exhaust gases from escaping and the muffler may heat up. This seldom happens. Check if the muffler has become clogged.

#3 Fuel mixture rich or lean

An improper fuel mixture does not burn fully in the combustion chamber and is still burning in the muffler. In this way it causes overheating. A too rich mixture will make the engine roll and black smoke will issue from the exhaust pipe. A too lean mixture could also cause overheating and will cause the engine to miss. The latter seldom happens. Check the fuel mixture.

Keep your cool and Happy Trails
Your Tech and Safety Director, Dick Lusk

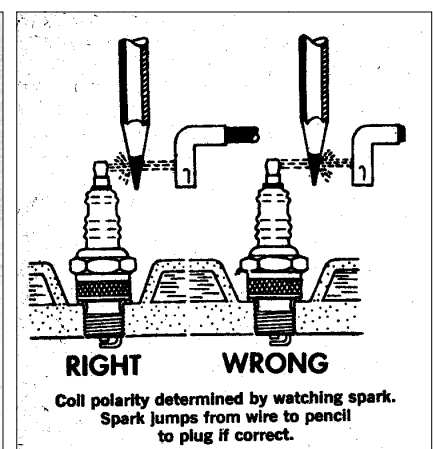
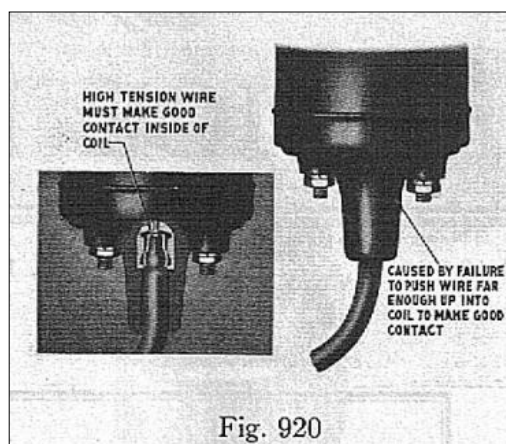
CONNECTING HIGH TENSION WIRE TO COIL

When connecting the high tension wire to the coil, extreme care must be taken to make certain that the wire goes all the way into the coil until it makes a good contact. (See view at left side of Fig. 920.)

If the high tension wire does not make a good contact in the coil, the high voltage may break down the insulation and crack through the bakelite neck of the coil. (See view at right side of Fig. 920.)

When this occurs it not only cuts down the voltage at the spark plug gaps but eventually ruins the coil.

Be sure to watch this point when connecting high tension wire to coil.



Ursi's Uptown Lowdown



By Ursula Schmidt
Membership Chair



"Drive-in" America

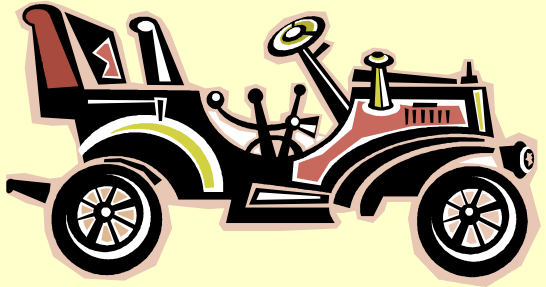
In our land of automobiles you can do your banking, visit a funeral parlor, order food or go see a movie and many other things without getting out of your car.

Not long ago a farmer drove his car right into a barbershop. It wasn't an accident, mind you. The shop offered hair cutting service with the promise to get the customer in and out within ten minutes. Now business is rolling along at a clip that is bumper to bumper. In another case the drive-in is a super-market. A mother with four children all under eight thinks

this is the greatest invention since popcorn. She simply loads her unruly brood into the station wagon. Then she motors through road isles while an attendant drops cans, fruits, meats and vegetables into baskets attached to the side of the car. A computer on the basket registers the running total of the items. Still other drive-ins such as dairies offer milk eggs, cheese, bacon and coffee. The trend today is more and more of the consumer dollar to go to progressive merchandisers who offer patrons greater speed and convenience.

Drive-in services eliminates the need to find a parking space or put coins into a meter and walk through inclement weather. In addition dad can do these errands in his house slippers and mom can get dolled up in hair curlers. Driving-in for services began in this country modestly in the 30 when a restaurant opened with curb-service and became a sensation. The idea spread quickly and during the 1930's when the idea of a drive-in theater was born and quickly grew in popularity.

But drive-in service may be much older than that. Archeologists who uncovered Pompei found what may well have been curb-stands that qualify as early drive-ins. The stands were marble, facing the roadway as hamburger stands do nowadays. Instead of soft drinks they probably sold wine. The counters at which chariot customers stopped held large vessels from which wine was dispensed.



2009 Membership and Roster info:

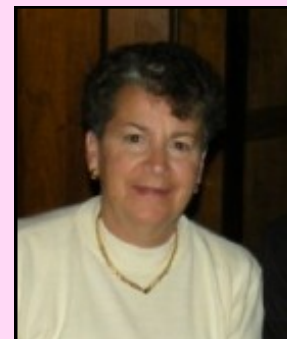
Phonebooks/rosters are available and are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free, additional copies are \$2. They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail.

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.

TERRIFIC TOURS by Pat Yacklon, Tour Director



Here's what is planned for the near future:.

September 27th, Sunday - 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 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

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.

September 12 -13, 2009. Palos Verdes Concours 'd Elegance at Trump National Golf Course. Saturday is a road rally and Sunday is the Concours. Italian cars are featured this year. Time is 10AM to 4PM.



Tool Reminder: Bob DeCrescenzo, Tool Custodian

The club has quite a tool inventory available to any member on a short term loan basis. Recent donations have increased the available tools.

Here is a list of the tools currently available from Bob:



Model A frame spreader, Front spring spreader, Rear spring spreader w/ wrench, Wheel balancer, Engine lift tool, Rear axle housing seal driver, Pinion puller, Pair of pinion nut wrenches, Steering lever spring compressor, Steering wheel puller, Cam nut wrench, Rear hub puller, King pin reamer, Brake shoe riveting tool, Brake pedal adjusting tool, Clutch alignment tool, Gas gauge installation tool, Bushing tool for steering column, Venturi removal tool for Zenith carb, MARC/MAFCA Judging standards and restoration guidelines.

Give Bob a call at 310-540-3690 for your tool needs.

Excerpts from Harbor Board Meeting Notes:

July 24th 2009 Business meeting: President **Bill Younkin** called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. Salute to the flag led by **Monty Bates**. Previous meeting minutes approved as distributed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported all is well. We need a fund raiser. HarborLight editor **Dick Wyckoff** looking for articles with pictures of restorations. Historian **Sue Hankins** to show DVD of Solvang trip. Clock prize won by Dick Lusk. Tech Director **Dick Lusk** mentioned upcoming seminar at Wyckoff garage about basic electrical class taught by **Joe Jankiewicz**. Monty collected \$2.90 for missing name badges. Sunshine Sec'y **Doris Marshall** reported **Bobby Younkin** recovering from wrist surgery. **Joy Pierson** doing fine after hip replacement. **Don Miller** needs to continue with oxygen due to bad lungs. **Drain Marshall** had rapid heartbeat that ER doctors fixed. He is being treated for celiac disease. Four birthdays were announced. **Jesse Dykes** got a 5year pin. The **Ragons** celebrate 45 years of marriage while the **Pisus** celebrate 22 years together. Tour Director **Pat Yacklon** reminded us of the San Antonio Winery tour August 22nd. Also, the International Ford Day at the Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale on Sunday, September 27th. Sign up with Pat so we can get a head count for food. Jan 10th, 2010 is Installation Banquet in San Pedro. New Business: White Elephant sale at club meeting on September 25th. Also, **Dick Wyckoff** announced that the San Diego MARC club will be hosting the 2011 National Convention and the Harbor Club will be asked to help. After all, we have been a MARC club for 52 years! More to come. Refreshments by **Donnis and Monty Bates**. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM. Submitted by **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary

August 11th, 2009 Board Meeting: President **Bill Younkin** opened the meeting at 6:05PM at Pat and Sue's home. Previous meeting notes approved as emailed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported bank balance. VP **Gloria Younkin** reported \$87 from last meeting raffle. Editor **Dick Wyckoff** requested someone take pictures and write article of the winery tour. Wyckoffs will be at Quincy Model A event. Membership **Ursi Schmidt** reports updated roster available. Technical **Dick Lusk** reports a tour to H&H in November. Sunshine **Doris Marshall** reports that **Paul Larquier** is having trouble with his eye again. **Jeff Webb** now has hospice care. **Jeanne** is not feeling well. **Art Wagner** got some stomach crud at a swap meet. **Becky Preston** continues to improve after surgery. Tour Director **Pat Yacklon** mentioned the winery tour and the Santa Fe Dam tours coming up. The club will donate a raffle item. New Business: White Elephant sale at September meeting. **Dick Wyckoff** told about National MARC Convention being planned for San Diego in June 2011. Harbor will be asked to help out. Doris moved that we have a Progressive on October 24th with just lunch and dessert, no breakfast. Dick Lusk to check local BBQ for prices. Cost about \$10 per person. Pat moved that we earmark 50/50 money to purchase a DVD projector. Motion passed. Next general meeting is August 28th. Doris to take notes for Jan (she will be at Quincy meet). Next board meeting will be at 6PM prior to business meeting at Walteria due to vacation schedules of members. Meeting adjourned 7:20PM. After meeting, Doris mentioned that she and Drain will be married 58 years on August 12th. WOW! Submitted : **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

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

MAFCA's exciting National Tour in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the famed Pony Express is well underway.

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- Historical tidbits about things to see and do along the way
- Be among the first to receive the registration packet.

The 150th Anniversary Pony Express Tour is a MAFCA-sponsored event.

Teams will leave St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California and will meet in Casper, Wyoming for a special celebration there. The Tour will be structured so you can go all the way, part of the way, or just for the day! Yes, we'll actually be carrying very special mail during the event.

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.



August Electrical Seminar



Dick's Garage

A fine crowd turned out for a fun seminar at the El Segundo garage of Dick and Jan Wyckoff on Saturday, August 15th. **Professor Joe "Sparky" Jankiewicz** gave a demonstration of the many uses of the common multimeter. Joe called upon his background of many years as an electrician at the Long Beach Naval

Shipyard.

After some coffee and rolls provided by the hosts, Joe was able to show all 21 of us the different ways a multimeter can be used on the Model A and in

Joe went through such as the horn, ignition are good or bad. Dick Lusk stand to check output of his make simple continuity a lot of time later on.



Joe "Sparky" Jankiewicz



everyday home use.

several of the electrical items of the Model A parts, lights and showed how to verify that they allowed us to use his '29 Special Coupe as a test battery charging circuit. Joe showed that if you checks before installation in the car, you can save



Also in Joe's talk, he explained different features of household items such as fluorescent bulbs, circuit breakers, and wall outlets. Simple as this may be, we all walked away with a little bit more knowledge of the workings of the Model A and the tools to keep it going. Thanks, Joe, for a great session!



Jack, Joe and Mirco

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale: 1998 Chevy S10 Pickup Short Bed. 68K miles, 2.2 liter 4cyl engine. Automatic, 2WD. PS, AM/FM, A/C, Tilt wheel, Cruise control, Cassette. Red in color. \$3500. 310-322-1708. Call for appt.

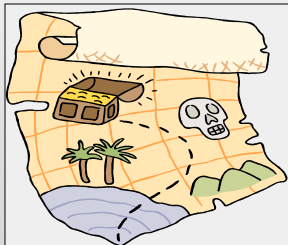
Wanted:

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

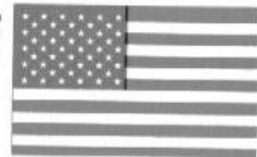
2009 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

• **Saturday, September 12th.** Santa Maria, CA. 7th Annual Santa Maria A's All Ford Car Show and Swap Meet. Located near the new Santa Maria library and Town Center mall. Admission is free. Swap meet is at 7AM.

• **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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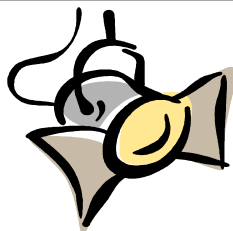
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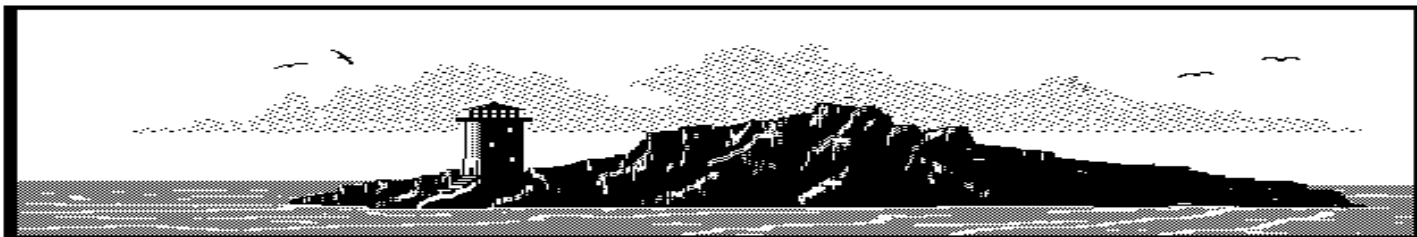


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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and 1 block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A's and have fun while doing it.

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