

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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October 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Business Meeting:

- The next regular October business meeting will be Friday, October 30th at the Walteria Clubhouse at 7:30PM.
- Prior to the business meeting is a **pot** luck dinner starting at 6PM. Bring your favorite dinner dish or dessert. M-Z bring main dish, A-L bring dessert.
- **Important:** Nominations for next year's officers will be taken at this meeting also. Please consider running for one of the open seats.



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Next Technical Event:

- Dick Lusk has arranged for a tour of H&H engine rebuilders in November. Many of us run H&H engines so here is a chance to see how they are built.
- More info in next issue of HarborLight

Next Tours and Events

• Sunday, September 27th. So Cal Region Fun Day at Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale. See page 7.

• Sunday, October 11th is Frazier Park picnic/gathering sponsored by the Bakersfield Model A Club. Pot Luck event.

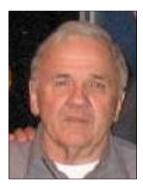
• Saturday October 24th we will have a progressive luncheon. Details still being worked on. Always a fun event!

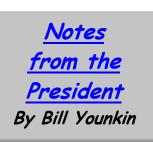
Next Board Meeting:

- The next Board meeting, Tuesday October 6th, will be at the Doris and Drain Marshalls, 5153 Willow Wood Rd., Rolling Hills Estates 90274. The time is 6PM
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<u>This and That</u>

This past month has been difficult for our membership. Three, and now four members or relatives have passed on. Gloria's brother in Iowa has passed away also. Our thoughts go out to all of their families.

On a lighter note, there were several small and not so small tours taken by our members. Dick has written about them in this issue. This just reinforces the fact that there are lots of activities involving Model As around. You just have to make the effort to attend and I guarantee you will have a great time. Don't forget the upcoming activities this month and next. Join in. It's a fun ride! 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

Just in....... My brother Bob's 1915 Model T Depot Hack won third place in his class at the Palos Verdes Concours d' Elegance this last month. Congratulations, Bob!

A Tour of the "Hill" by Dick Wyckoff

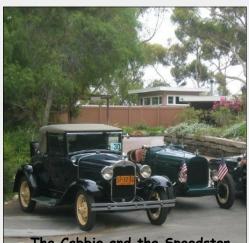


Joining in with a collection of fine automobiles , Dan and Liz Fitzgerald and Dick and Jan Wyckoff entered their Model As in the Palos Verdes Concours Rallye on Saturday, September 12th. Not to be out done by the likes of Masserati, Corvette, Packard, and Mercedes,

two fine

Model A Fords joined the 42 mile "Lighthouse Tour" around the Palos Verdes peninsula. The timed event started at the Trump National golf course, wound its way south to San Pedro, through the downtown area and then back up the hill. Liz and Dan's '29 lightweight speedster zoomed through the hills with no problems. Dick and Jan took things a little slower in their very stock, newly restored '30 Cabriolet.

There were stops along the way to visit the tour sponsors and also to have a bite to eat at private homes in the gated communities on top of the 'hill'. Everything was first class. Great people, wonderful scenery and all for charity. The end of the tour was back at the Trump golf course in time for a wonderful catered lunch.



The Cabbie and the Speedster

<u>Sunshine Secretary's Report</u> . . . By Doris Marshall

We are sad to report that Gloria Younkin's brother has passed away. He battled cancer for quite a while. Both Bill and Gloria were back in Iowa at the time of his passing. Our thoughts are with the Younkins at this time.

Many of us attended the services for Jeff Webb. It was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. Again, our thoughts go out to Jeanne and the Webb family.



While in Iowa, Bill Younkin had an episode with an inner ear infection that caused serious balance problems. He spent a couple days in the hospital. He's feeling better.



<u>October Birthdays</u>

27 Glenn Stonehocker



October Anniversaries

- 3 Bob & Lowane Younkin
- 8 Nita & Toad Stonehocker
- 20 Elyse & Jim Beardsley

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

item for sale, let me know. I will put it in the 'Wheel 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 Harbor-Light 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 21 others. This is close to \$600 per year savings. <u>AND</u> 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



Jan Wyckoff's '30 Cabriolet before restoration

Jeff Webb, as eulogized by the Reverend Dan Westerland

The following are excerpts from the eulogy given by the Reverend Don Westerland at the gravesite of Jeff Webb, Monday August 24, 2009. Our thanks to the Reverand for giving us his notes.

Jeff was born in Long Beach, California on October 11th, 1923 and departed this life on August 16, 2009. He is survived by his wife Jeanne, his wife of 66 years, and daughters Tina, Kathy, and Jann, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Jeff and Jeanne were married on October 31st, 1942. WWII had

started by then and Jeff joined the Coast Guard. He served the war pa-

trolling the west coast until Japan's surrender in August 1945 when he was honorably discharged.

After the war, in 1946, Jeff joined the Long Beach Fire Department. This seemed like a natural thing to Jeanne as her family members were fireman also. From 1946 to 1979, Jeff climbed the ladder to the rank of Captain. A total of 33 years with LBFD.

Jeff built or rebuilt the two Long Beach homes that he and his family lived in. They lived in the first for 17 years and after the second fixer-upper was rebuilt, they lived there for the last 43 years.

Jeff loved classic fire equipment and for 28 years, he devoted one day a week to the Long Beach Fire Museum. With his friend, Herb Brambley, they restored the red panel truck support vehicle displayed at Jeff's memorial services. Not only interested in fire equipment, Jeff spent five years restoring the beautiful 1931 Model A Ford Victoria they bought in Salt Lake City in boxes and also a very nice Roadster. The Model As led the Webbs to the Harbor Area Model A Club in Torrance where they made many lifelong friends. Jeff's cars were driven by both Jeff and Jeanne to places like Solvang, Laughlin, Canada, and Oregon.

Jeff assisted daughter Jann with her antique store in Westminster building cabinets and shelves. Around his neighborhood, he was 'Mr. Fixit'. Even in his last few months while wheelchair bound, he would want to help Jeanne with her domestic chores.

To quote the Reverend Don Westerland, "There are a few certainly appropriate words for Jeff. They are 'useful, eager to be of help, available to lighten the load of others. He did all this with a kind heart, a gentle temperament...... Surely, lifelong habits".

I am only one,

But still I am one. I cannot do everything, But still I can do something; And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something That I can do. Edward Hale, 1822-1909



Weekly Family Food Festivities:

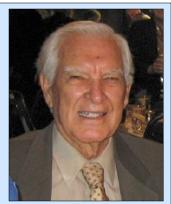
Many of the Harbor members meet at the **Hot 'n Tot** restaurant each <u>Monday</u> at about 5PM for dinner. Drain Marshall likes to call it 'Spaghetti Night' because the Monday night dinner special is all you can eat spaghetti with a salad at \$5.75. Join us for dinner. The Hot 'n Tot is located at 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!





<u>**Technical Talk**</u> with Dick Lusk



Addressing Brake Problems

Dear Tech Director Richard Lusk:

I own a 1931 Model A Ford Sedan. My car chatters when stopping. I have adjusted the brakes and all the brake rods to no avail. It still chatters. Do you know any remedy for this problem? Brian Turuta, Benton Harbor, MI

Dear Brian:

Here are some of the causes that could cause your Model A Ford to chatter:

Causes:

- #1: Backing plates could be loose
- #2: Brakes might be out of adjustment
- #3: Worn brake shoes or drums bent brake shoes or drums

Remedies:

#1: Backing plates are loose.

Loose backing plates may cause chatter, especially if the brakes are applied while the car is moving backwards. Jack up a wheel, have someone apply the brakes hard after you spin the wheel. The backing plate, which is in the back of the wheel, will move if it is loose.

#2: Brakes out of adjustment.

Poorly adjusted brakes may cause chatter when the brakes are applied. Check the adjustment.

#3: Worn or bent brake shoes or drums.

Worn brake shoes or drums may cause chatter when stopping. This is also true if brake shoes or drums are bent. Brake drums which have been turned down because of roughness on the brak-

ing surface may become too thin to stand the friction of applied brakes and will overheat and warp, and thus become out of round. If they are rough from wear and are not smoothed down, the brakes, when applied, will grab and slip alternately as in the case of out-of-round drums. This causes chatter.

Usually drums last the life of a car if brake shoes are renewed before the rivets wear through and make contact with the drums. Brake shoes become bent from accidents, or during re-lining of the shoes if the lining is not properly installed.

I suggest that you get a Model A Ford Handbook for service and maintenance. You can get these type books in many antique Ford parts supply stores. I recommend the "Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook", written by Les Andrews.

Happy trails, Your tech and safety director *Dick Lusk*

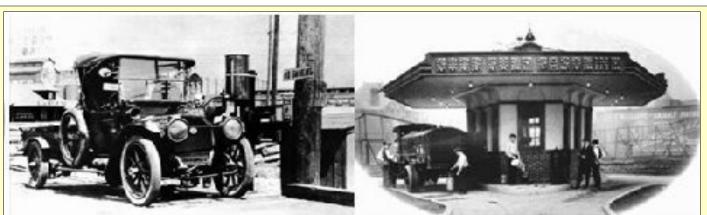


Ursi's Uptown Lowdown





By Ursula Schmidt Membership Chair



According to Chevron the first filling station was established in Seattle, WA by setting up a pump, wood driveway, a canvas canopy and a display of oil products. This first station in 1907 is shown in the first picture. According to Gulf the second picture is the first station designed to be a drive in station. The second picture of Gulf station was taken in 1913 in Pittsburg, PA.



Texaco bought the California Petroleum Company in 1928 making them the first company to market in all 48 states. Amelia Earhart getting her plane filled with Union gas.

2009 Membership and Roster info:

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.

TERRIFIC TOURS by Pat Yacklon, Tour Director

Here's what is planned for the near future:

<u>September 27th, Sunday</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 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."

<u>October 11th, Sunday</u> - 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. This is a pot luck event, so bring a main dish, a salad, or a dessert.

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

<u>A Trip to the San Antonio Winery</u>

14 eager members made the trip to the San Antonio winery this last month. Weather limited Model As to three, but by the end of tour, it didn't make any difference! Here are some pictures taken by Historian Sue Hankins.



The Pisus, Mirco and Elaine



The hardy gang of 14!



The Freitags, Linda and Joe



Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Notes:

<u>August 28th 2009 Business meeting:</u> Past President Doris Marshall called meeting to order at 7:30PM. Salute to the flag led by Monty Bates. Present were three past presidents, Doris and Drain Marshall and Pat Yacklon. Minutes of past meeting approved. Treasurer Daffy Wagner reported treasury healthy. HarborLight editor at Quincy meet. Historian Sue Hankins will show DVD of Jeff Webb at next meeting. Membership Ursi Schmidt has hats, rosters, and shirts for sale. Jeanne Webb won ladies drawing. No men winner. Monty won clock prize. Sunshine Doris Marshall reported the Younkins are still in Iowa with very sick brother. Jeanne Webb is with us tonight and we're happy to see her. Technical Dick Lusk has checked 31 cars and has planned a trip to H&H in November. Pat Yacklon reported on Fun Day on September 27th. Webmaster Mike Wright thanked all for their cards when his mother passed. New business: A progressive luncheon on October 24th. Dick and Ursi collected \$107 in opportunity drawing. Next meeting September 25th will be a White Elephant sale. Bring your treasures including Model A parts for sale. Proceeds go to the club's treasury. Next board meeting is prior to the business meeting, Sept. 25th. Adjourned 8:35PM. Submitted by Daffy Wagner in Jan Wyckoff's absence.

A Long Weekend at the 'OI Dude Ranch

It seems as the **Jack And Joan Gordinier** travel a lot and somehow there is a little red truck attached to the rear of the big white truck. If it isn't Breckenridge, Colorado, then it is Quincy, California or back in Lompoc again. And the fun part is, **Dick and Jan Wyckoff** don't seem to be that far behind.

After spending three days getting to Breckenridge, the foursome spent a week in the Rockies, came home, and a couple weeks later they ended up on a dude ranch in Quincy.





Both of these events were Model A events and a great time was had by all. The 550 mile trip to Northern California is beautiful if you take route 395 through the Sierra mountains. Quincy is at the beginning of California historic route 49 in the gold country.

Leaving on Thursday and stopping on the way in June Lake, the scenery is beautiful

and the weather perfect. Through Reno the next day, west to route 70



next day, west to route 70 then north to Quincy. Once there, the Feather River As treat everyone like family.

The Greenhorn ranch is a perfect setting for a fun weekend with your Model As. Altogether, there were 55 cars and about 125 guests from about 15 different clubs all enjoying the perfect weather and rustic accommodations.



There is a ranch house, a saloon, stocked fishing lake, and an outdoor fireplace. Friday night is perfect for singing around the campfire.

Dick even for the

years and played along. His fingers were sure sore! Fun The grand tour on Saturday took us on the back small towns nearby. A lunch stop for a burgers and order. Back at the ranch, the warm afternoon finds friendly conversation in the saloon. The evening ribs and all the fixin's. After dinner, there is a band in the saloon with dancing and a great raffle. Sunday morning at the ranch house is a western teed to fill you up. Packing up is in order and the



picked up a guitar first time in 40 time. roads to some dogs is always in many enjoying arrives with BBQ country western

breakfast guarantrip home starts.

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A Day with the "Queen" by Dick Wyckoff

One phone call is all it took for **Drain Marshall** to put together a display of Model As at the Queen Mary in Long Beach. It seems that two or three historical clubs were meeting on the "Queen" on Labor Day weekend. The event coordinator was looking for some era autos to put on display for the day. Being a holiday weekend, only six Model As were available that Sunday.



Answering the call were **Al** and **Geor**-



gette Avoian, Drain and Doris Marshall, Art and Daffy Wagner, Dick Lusk, Wilber Richardson, and Dick Wyckoff.

Leaving Mills restau-

rant and taking surface streets all the way to Long Beach gave the locals a mini parade. Lots of smiles and waves from the crowd on the way. Isn't this what Model A driving is about?





We got to the where the ship is located and parked the cars on a grassy area nearby. A fine display if I say so myself. We had six different body styles and the visitors loved them. Lots of questions, pictures, and memories were tossed around for the six hours we were there. We were given a nice box lunch for our efforts and free access to ship. The weather was perfect and a fine time was had by all.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale: 1931 Wide Bed pickup. Rare! New engine and fresh running gear. Great condition. All original parts. Asking \$17K. Call Jack at 310-328-7333 for more info. Located in Lakewood.

<u>Wanted:</u>

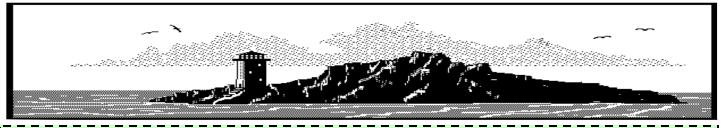
• Used greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. **Ursi** (310) 539-5391 and **Doris** (310) 378-5061.



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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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Have 'A' safe and sane Halloween.

