

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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November 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 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. **A-L** bring salad. **M-Z** bring main dish.
- **Important:** Nominations for next year's officers will be taken at this meeting also. Please consider running for one of the open seats.



November Business Meeting

The **November** business meeting will be held **Friday, November 20th**, a week early. **Important:** Nominations and election of officers will take place at this meeting.

Next Technical Event:

- Dick Lusk has arranged for a tour of H&H engine rebuilders for **Saturday, November 14th**. Many of us run H&H engines so here is a chance to see how they are built. Call Dick at 310-539-5391 and let him know you are going.
- Meet at Mills at 7:30AM and leave at 8:00AM. This is always a great tour!

Next Tours and Events

- **Saturday, December 5th.** Small Christmas parade in Palos Verdes. Drain Marshall has details.
- El Segundo Christmas parade on **Sunday, December 13th, 1-3PM.** More to come. Dick Wyckoff - details

Next Board Meeting:

- The next Board meeting, **Tuesday, November 10th**, will be at Art and Daffy Wagner's, 2705 Carnegie Ln., Redondo Beach CA 90278. PH: 310-374-6113. The time is 6PM.

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*Notes
from the
President*
By Bill Younkin



This and That

The White Elephant sale was fun and helped our treasury fund a bit. **Bill Newell** did a great job as auctioneer. The treasury fund has been gradually decreasing because we have not had any large money makers.

Thanks to **Doris Marshall** for standing in as President while Gloria and I were in Iowa.

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.

Remember the Award and Installation Banquet will be January 16, 2010 at the Elks Club in San Pedro. The choices for dinner are Roast Turkey and Yams, or Beef Bourguignon. The cost will be \$32 per person. Reservations will have to be made and paid for by January 5th, 2010.

Gloria and I are looking for contributions to the raffle at the banquet. This is a big affair and nice items are appreciated.

Bill Younkin

Talk about a Tour!

Two of our members have embarked on an epic journey to visit all 48 states in their '29 Model A Tudor. **Richard and Jeanne Parrish** have been on the road for about six weeks travelling north to Yellowstone and then to points east. As of this writing, they have visited about 40 states and are now heading west across the southern US. They will, I'm sure, document their trip but until then, they have been keeping us informed by email of their adventures. Below are some pictures taken along the way. **More on Page 7.**



Somewhere in beautiful Wyoming



Greg Earhart and Richard Parrish at Corn Palace in South Dakota

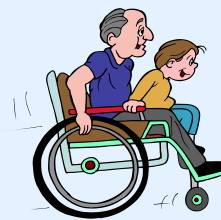
Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall



After a couple months of sad news, there is good news this month!

Bill Younkin is recovering from an episode of vertigo while in Iowa. He is doing much better now and not quite as dizzy!

Rhoda Larquier is thrilled with **Paul's** new hearing aids! A new problem Something about the TV being too noisy?



November Birthdays

- 5 Paul Jamesson
- 6 Bob Younkin
- 6 Bill Younkin
- 8 John Perruzza
- 10 Dick Lusk
- 12 Steve Newton
- 13 Linda Firth
- 17 Wilber Richardson
- 26 Pat Yacklon
- 28 Jan Wyckoff

November Anniversaries

- 6 Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 20 Blanca & Modesto Bolanos
- 21 Joe & Linda Freitag
- 25 Rhoda & Paul Larquier
- 28 Georgette & Al Avoian



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 21 others. This is close to \$600 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'!

One other thing: MARC has approved the formation of the Pacific A's Region to host the June 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. The Harbor Club will be asked to participate in some way in this fun event. There are many tasks to be done and I will be asking for help. Please consider lending a hand. More to come. D.



Linda and Joe Freitag with 'Best Original' award at Ruby's on Friday afternoon

So Cal Region Ford Fun Day '09



Some of the 100+ cars at the Santa Fe Dam

A fine contingent of Harbor A's left for Irwindale from Mills' restaurant Sunday, September 27th at about 8AM. Altogether, there were six Model As putting on a free-way show for the 35 mile trip. **Drain and Doris Marshall, Ron and Sandy Ragon, Elaine and Mirco Pisu, Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt, Sue Hankins and Pat Yacklon, Gary Guttormson, Art and Daffy Wagner, Monty and Donnis Bates, Mike Wright, Dick Wyckoff** all braved the 100 degree heat to attend.

The park at the Santa Fe Dam is a perfect place for an event such as this. Lots of room for the people and their cars. The

Santa Anita A's were the host and did a fantastic job. The event was well attended as it overlapped with International Model A Day the day before. All in all, there were 10



Sue Hankins, the Grand Champion

clubs, 220 people and 102 cars present.

There was a great raffle, wonderful sandwiches and drinks, fun prizes and lots of shade to escape the warm sun. Our own Sue

Hankins was the big winner for the day. She won five prizes for games and also won the 50-25-25 money. Way to go, girl!

At about 1:30PM, the festivities were over and people from as far away as Palomar headed home.

Again, thanks **Santa Anita A's**, for a great show and thanks to the **So Cal Region** for their support, also.



The Harbor As in line for chow

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 at Ruby's Comes to an End

All good things must come to an end. With the changing of the clocks on November 1st, the weekly car show at Ruby's is over until next year. We had a great time each week meeting with friends and looking at other cars of all kinds.

See you again next year.



Technical Talk with Dick Lusk



Addressing Gas Mileage Problems

Dear Mr. Technical Director:

I have a 1930 Model A Ford 2 Dr. Sedan. I get only about 10 miles per gallon of gas consumption. The car is a stocker, equipped with a Model B head at a 5: 1 compression ratio. My question is this: Is it possible to tune up my car for better fuel economy and still have some performance left?
Leon Dauchy, Coral Gables, FL.

Dear Leon:

It is not only possible but here is the best way to get good performance:
Your car should be tuned to the point where the engine gives the most revolutions for any given throttle setting in order to get the best gasoline mileage and performance. When you have tuned the engine to get the most RPMs, the motor will be running at a setting where you not only get the best mileage, but the best performance as well. Some grease monkeys will tell you this: If I give you economy, you won't get any performance and vice versa. My advice is to heave rocks at these characters as they are cheap charlatans trying to cover up their ignorance.

Some things to check: check the differential gear ratio. It should be the standard ratio of 3.78 to 1. Also check the tire inflation, the front end alignment and make sure that the brakes don't drag.

Good Luck and Happy motoring,
Your Tech. Dir.
Richard Lusk

What are People Doing to their Cars? By Joe Freitag

Every once in a while, we need an update on car projects within the club. Here are a couple that might be interesting.

- **Bill Younkin** is continuing with work on his '30 Cabriolet. He just got it back from the paint shop and is assembling the body. Can't wait to hear the new engine come to life!
- **Dan Fitzgerald and Joe Freitag** are rebuilding the rear-end in Dan's '29 Panel Delivery. Seems the previous owner didn't tighten things up properly inside and the gears destroyed themselves. See picture!
- **Art Wagner** finally got his '29 Sedan painted. Check out the nice blue 'Bud Light' paint job.
- **Joe Freitag** installed turn signals on his pretty '30 Cabriolet and had a new LeBaron-Bonney top cover installed by El Segundo Upholstery.
- **Mirco Pisu** finally got his overdrive repaired on the PU truck.



Drive pinion from Dan Fitzgerald's differential

Ursi's Uptown Lowdown



By Ursula Schmidt
Membership Chair



Dues are Due

Just a reminder that National MARC and Harbor A's Club dues are due. The National dues are \$38 and the Club dues are \$25, a total of \$63.

You can pay **Ursula Schmidt** directly at meetings or send the dues to her at: **26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City CA 90710**. Please send the total amount to Ursula and as usual she will forward the MARC dues. Pay early and avoid late fees. Starting this year, if you are late, MARC will not send the Jan-Feb Model A News unless you pay an extra \$5 for postage and handling!

Grandma's Shoes



When I was very little, all Grandmas that I knew
Were wearing the same kind of ugly Grandma shoes.
You know the kind I mean, clunky heeled, black, lace-up kind.
They just looked so very awful that it weighed on my mind.
For I knew when I grew old, I'd have to wear those shoes



I'd think from time to time, it seemed like such bad news.

I never was a rebel. I wore saddle shoes to school.

And next came ballerinas, then sandals, pretty cool.

And then came spikes with pointed toes, then platforms, very tall.

As each new fashion came along, I wore them one and all.

But always, in the distance, looming in my future there
Was that awful pair of ugly shoes, the kind that Grandmas wear.



I eventually got married, and then became a mom.

Our kids grew up and left, and then their children came along.

I knew I was a grandma and the time was drawing near

When those clunky, black, old lace-up shoes were what I'd have to wear.

How would I do my gardening, or take my morning hike?

I couldn't even think about how I would ride my bike!

But fashions kept on evolving and one day I realized

That the shape of things to come was changing, right before my eyes.

And now, when I go shopping, what I see fills me with glee

For, in my jeans and Reeboks, I'm as comfy as I can be.

And I look at all these little girls, and there, upon their feet

Are chunky, black, old Grandma shoes, and they really think that's neat.

Author Unknown



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.

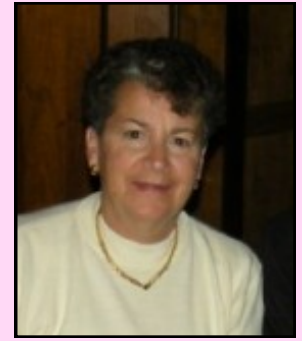
Also available are ball caps with the club's logo. Available in black, dark blue and denim. \$12.

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 coming up the near future:

December 5th Christmas parade in Palos Verdes. More details coming from Drain Marshall.

December El Segundo Christmas parade, **Sunday, December 13th.**
Dick Wyckoff will coordinate this parade.

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**

Talk about a Tour , (continued from page 2)

More pictures from the Richard and Jeanne Parrish adventure.



On the Continental Divide



At the Hershey PA swap meet



Visiting a beautiful
Connecticut light-
house



In Amish country in Pennsylvania



In historic Virginia

Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Notes:

September 25th 2009 Business meeting: Meeting called to order by President **Bill Younkin** at 7:30PM. Salute to the flag led by **Monty Bates**. Thanks to **Dick and Ursi** on the raffle last meeting as **Gloria and Bill** were in Iowa. Minutes of last meeting approved as distributed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported the current balance. Report approved. Historian **Sue Hankins** had a DVD of club functions but needs a DVD projector to show. Membership Chair **Ursi Schmidt** introduced five guests. Membership drawing: **Becky P.** absent. Prize up to \$10. **Bob Pauls** absent. Prize up to \$30. **Gary Guttormson** won the clock prize. Safety and Tech **Dick Lusk** told about being stopped by CHP for going too slow in the right lane on freeway. Actually he was going 46MPH. Officer stressed safety and Dick continued on surface streets. Maybe a Slow Moving Vehicle sign would have helped? H&H tour in November. Sunshine Secretary **Doris Marshall** reported **Bill Younkin's** bout with vertigo while in Iowa. **Paul Larquier** is recovering well from eye treatments. **Al Avoian** and **Joy Pierson** are both recovering from joint replacement surgeries. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. The **Knotts** are celebrating 51 years! Tool Guru **Bob DeCrescenzo** mentioned the club tools are available for loan from him. Tour Director **Pat Yacklon** mentioned the Ford Fun Day at Santa Fe Dam recreation park this weekend. Old business: Next meeting is pot luck on Oct 30th. A-L salads, M-Z main dish. Also, nominations for officers for next year start with elections in November. New business: Sue Hankins retired. Discussion about buying a DVD projector for the club. Refreshments: **Jeanne Webb**. Next business meeting: Oct 30th, next board meeting: Oct 6th at 6PM at the Marshalls. Meeting adjourned: 9:35PM. Submitted by **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

October 6th 2009 Board meeting: President **Bill Younkin** called meeting to order at 6PM at the Marshall's home. At pot luck October 30th, A-L salads, M-Z main dish. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported income of \$187.75 from white elephant sale and \$54 of 50/50 money toward DVD projector. VP **Gloria** asked for check of \$500 for banquet raffle. Membership: not present. Technical: not present. H&H tour will be Nov 14. Mills at 7:30AM LV at 8AM. Sunshine **Doris Marshall** reports everyone is doing better. Tours **Pat Yacklon**: Frazier Park Oct 11. Meet 7:30AM Mills. LV 8AM. Pot luck. Webmaster **Mike Wright**: All newsletters on line. **Dick W.** asked that event information be updated. Some changes since last update. Old Business: Progressive is October 24th. First stop at Marshall's. Gloria moved that hosts for progressive do not need to pay the \$10/person cost. MSP. Drain asked Sue to come to Hot 'n Tot to collect money for progressive. Dick Wyckoff went on line and got prices for DVD projectors. They run about \$350 - \$800. We may be able to rent one for the meetings. We need to do more homework, possibly buy one next year. Cost of installation banquet is \$32 / person with choices of beef or roast turkey. More to come. New Business: The board discussed raising club dues from \$20 to \$25 per year. Gloria moved that we increase dues starting this collection period. Motion carried. 'Man of the Year' award will be selected by past three winners, **Newell, Wyckoff, Ragon**. 'Woman of the Year' will be selected by past three winners, **Heise, Younkin, and Hankins**. The board retired the Vic Pashell trophy for most Model A mileage in the year and created a Founder's Trophy for most mileage. Next board meeting: Tuesday, Nov 10th, 6PM at the Wagner's. Adjourned 7PM. Submitted by: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

At Trip to the Park, Frazier Park, that is!

The weather was a bit iffy and only two cars from Harbor made the 90 mile trip north to Frazier Park Sunday, October 11th. **Drain and Doris Marshall with Jeanne Webb and Dick and Jan Wyckoff** took off in their Model As anyway. **Bob Speaks and his friend Ann** followed in their modern. Traffic was light and by the time we got to the other side of the San Fernando Valley, the weather was beautiful. At the usual stop in Castaic for coffee and a stretch, we met up with Frank Young and another couple from the SF valley. Soon we were on the road and took on the hills of the Grapevine, a hilly section of CA 5. The cars performed perfectly and we ended up at Frazier Park about 10:30AM. The weather must have scared others also as there were only about 20 cars compared to times past when there were 50 or so.

The Bakersfield Model A Club were the hosts and they do a great job. The 50-60 people in attendance enjoyed the weather, the company, the food and the raffle.

About 2:30PM, the crowd broke to make the journey home. After gassing up, the cars made the journey back over the pass through an altitude of 4100 ft and on to the South Bay and the Sunday LA traffic. Actually, the traffic wasn't so bad. A fun day was enjoyed by all.



Progressive Eating or 'Wheels to Meals!'



A nice contingent of Harbor A's made a day of eating this last weekend. As with most clubs, this is par for the course. Except, for the very first time, 12 cars made a stop at Snax restaurant for breakfast, a treat from **Art and Daffy Wagner and Drain and Doris Marshall**. Eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, all the fixins. About 40+ people were fed the



weekend special.

With the crowd of 40 not knowing where the next stop was, tour director Drain took the Model A parade for a trip all around the beautiful Palos Verdes peninsula with a stop at one of the ocean viewing spots along the way. The weather was clear and pleasant, perfect for a roadside seminar with **Al Avoian** providing the challenge. His car just stopped. Ignition? Carb? Fuel? After a half hour of basic troubleshooting, **Jack Gordinier, Pat Yacklon, and Al** were asked if they checked the fuse. That's it! A blown fuse. Off and running again, the gang finally ended up in



Long Beach

at **Jeanne Webb's** home.

Jeanne and daughter **Kathy** provided a BBQ luncheon with all the extras. Everyone was enjoying the tour now. Great did a 50/50 raffle and Jeanne won. Super!

With dessert a couple miles down the road at **Pat Tucker's** home, most of the crowd slowly found their way to Pat's fun garage and house. Pat has a couple garages with antiques and automotive memorabilia. Lot's to see and, of course, lots to eat. She restores antique dolls, you know.



BBQ luncheon with all the extras. food and great people. Pat Yacklon



A great day driving our cars and sharing our homes with our friends.



Maybe again next year?

Photos by Sue Hankins

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- Lots of extra Model A parts from previous restorations. Call Dan at 310-373-8060. Palos Verdes.

Wanted:

- AA truck in need of restoration (basket case). Call Sean at: 310-541-2563. Located in Palos Verdes.
 - 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, November 14.** 32nd Annual Albany indoor swap meet, Albany, Oregon. Doors open at 8AM. Held at the Linn County Exposition Center.
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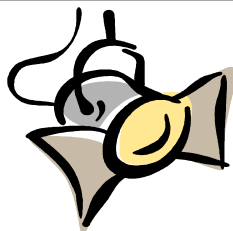
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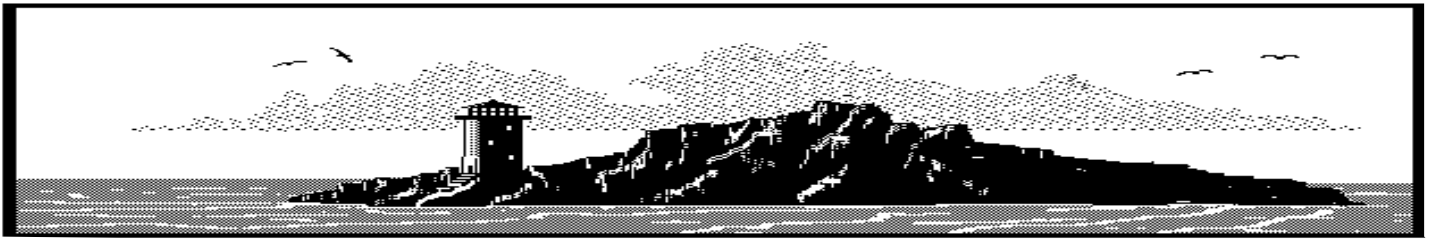


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