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## December 2009

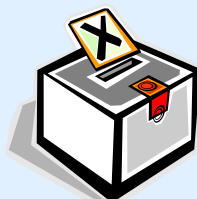
### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### November Business Meeting

The **November** business meeting will be held **Friday, November 20th**, a week early, due to Thanksgiving.

#### **Important:**

Nominations and election of officers for next year will take place at this meeting. You must be present to vote.



#### December Business Meeting

The December meeting will be early also. We will meet **Friday, December 11th at 6PM** for a quick meeting and then caravan locally to see the colorful Christmas lights. We have done this for many years. Decorate your Model A and join us for a fun drive.

Pt Vicente Lighthouse on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.



The 67 foot tower is perched on a cliff, resulting in a light source 197 feet above sea level, which can be seen twenty miles at sea.

#### 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.** See page 7. Dick Wyckoff has details.

#### Next Board Meeting

- The **December** board meeting will be held at 5PM before the regular business meeting on **December 11th**. This will be a short meeting.

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Notes  
from the  
President  
By Bill Younkin



This and That

The potluck dinner before the October business meeting was a big success. Lots of delicious food and good conversation. There were 30 people present.

Nominations began for officers for next term at the October meeting and continue at the November meeting. It was really great that several members have agreed to be nominated for next term. **President, Vice President, Tour Director, Technical Director, and Secretary** will be voted on at the November 20th meeting. Be there and cast your vote.

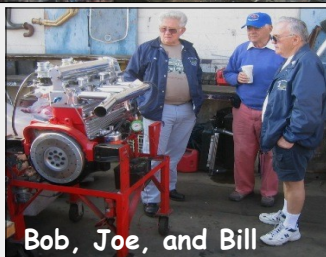
Remember the **Award and Installation Banquet** will be Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Elks Club in San Pedro. The choices for dinner are Roast Turkey, cranberry sauce and yams, or Beef Bourguignon with potatoes and veggies. The cost will be \$32 per person. Reservations will have to be made and paid for by January 7th, 2010. Send or give checks to treasurer, Daffy Wagner. Please make them out to **Harbor MARC**. Specify on the check your meal choice, Turkey or Beef.

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**

H&H Engine Builders Seminar

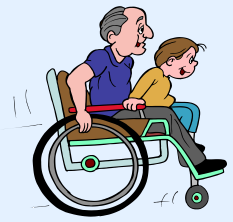
26 Members of the Screenland As and the Harbor Model A clubs toured the La Crescenta, CA engine rebuilding facilities of H&H this last Saturday. Max Jr. explained the very interesting procedures it takes to rebuild the 80 year old engines. Below are some pictures taken of the informative and fun tour.



## Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall



**Drain Marshall** took a spill at home, falling against his grandfather clock and cutting his arm. Eight stitches fixed Drain.  
PS: The clock is still broken!



### December Birthdays

- 1 Gary Guttormson
- 3 Dorothy Wood
- 8 Rob Flemmons
- 10 Dan Fitzgerald
- 10 Floyd Carr
- 11 Sue Hankins
- 13 Jim Beardsley
- 15 Mary Walker
- 17 Bob DeCrescenzo
- 23 Jeanne Parrish
- 25 Jim Valot
- 26 Georgette Avoian

### December Anniversaries

None



### 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 31 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 in B&W or color 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. As a 52 year member of MARC, the Harbor Region will be asked to participate in some ways in this fun event. There are many tasks to be done and I will be asking for help. Here is a great opportunity to show off our enthusiasm. Please consider lending a hand. More to come. D.



# INTRODUCING



## MAFCA's 2010 Million Mile Challenge

*By Dick Przywitowski*

This program is open to all MAFCA chapters and members. The basic premise is: can we accumulate 1,000,000 driven miles in our Model A in one year? The season for miles driven will be from January 1 to September 30, 2010. We ask that Chapters maintain running totals of miles driven for their members throughout the Challenge. This will make reporting easier. Individuals who are not chapter members will also be able to submit their miles directly. Reporting of miles will be via E-mail ([MillionMiles@MAFCA.com](mailto:MillionMiles@MAFCA.com)) and regular mail\*.

This is NOT a competition between chapters, clubs or individuals, but a total effort of MAFCA members. We will not report individual amounts, but only cumulative totals.

Since chapters vary greatly in size it would be unfair to compare. Participation is the primary goal of this event.

Our progress will be reported on the MAFCA Web Site ([www.MAFCA.com](http://www.MAFCA.com)) as well as in *The Restorer*.

Rewards: Chapters will keep track of individual MAFCA members who participated and their mileage. Each participant will be rewarded with a window decal noting that they were part of the MAFCA MILLION MILE CHALLENGE 2010.

### Monthly Miles Driven GOALS:

January .....	25,000
February .....	25,000
March .....	100,000
April .....	100,000
May .....	150,000
June .....	150,000
July .....	150,000
August .....	150,000
September .....	150,000

Our Goal – a Million Miles!

**Report your miles**  
either through your  
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E-mail mileage to:  
[MillionMiles@MAFCA.com](mailto:MillionMiles@MAFCA.com)

### 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.





## Technical Talk with Dick Lusk



### Checking the Alternator. What's Right?

Dear Tech. Director:

The other day I saw a mechanic disconnect the battery lead on his Model A engine while running it at a fast idling speed. The engine was equipped with an alternator in place of a generator. When I asked the mechanic why he was doing it that way he explained:

"If the engine is running while the battery is disconnected, the alternator is producing the current for the ignition circuit and is therefore working properly". Is this an accurate way to test an alternator?

Bill DeWitt, Yankton, IA

Dear Bill:

No, that procedure does not prove that the alternator is in perfect shape. Most alternator stators have three sets of windings and three sets of rectifier diodes. If one of the windings or diodes has gone bad, the alternator would still produce enough current for the ignition circuit, but won't produce enough current to keep the battery fully charged. The most accurate way to test an alternator is with an ammeter, voltmeter and ohmmeter.

There is more to this. Suppose the alternator is in good condition. Disconnecting the battery lead may damage it. Allowing an alternator to operate without a battery lead can cause a rise in voltage that can cause stress on the alternator windings. Also when the battery lead is disconnected a high voltage spike is induced in the electrical system. This spike, which can reach 150 volts, may damage the diodes as well as the regulator. When the battery lead is reconnected, another spike is produced. Therefore, disconnecting the battery lead with the engine running is not a good idea.

Good Luck and Happy Motoring!  
Your Technical Director,  
*Richard Lusk*



# Ursi's Uptown Lowdown



By Ursula Schmidt  
Membership Chair



## "Phae"

When I was born in 1928 in Dearborn, Michigan, I weighed in at about 2000 pounds. I am a March '28 Ford Phaeton, but you can call me "Phae" for short. That's what my younger cousin "Snuffy" calls me. (He is a 1929 Special Coupe). It wasn't exactly 'love at first sight', but now I am owned by Ursula Schmidt.

Until a few years ago Ursi referred to me respectfully as the "old rust bucket". I was sitting topless under a covered patio for a long time. Then my family remembered that I had been sitting there patiently waiting for attention all those years and they decided to sandblast my old body. I finally got some attention! I got my "French Grey" outfit with pinstriping, as was fashionable during 1928. I also wasn't topless any more, as a new top had been ordered for me from LeBaron-Bonney. My motor is still the original one and I also got a brand new round tube radiator installed so I can keep my cool.

I don't get to go out much nowadays. I guess I am not old enough yet! My cousin Snuffy always gets to stink up the garage and goes places. Remember, I have to share the garage with my cousin! Usually I have to sit there all covered with a cloth. Are they are trying to hide me? I am told that it is for my own good..... to keep the dust off.

I want to get out from under the cover and go on tours too!

**Phae**

## 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. Please pay Ursi by mid-January to avoid late fees and uninterrupted newsletter delivery. Make checks payable to **Harbor MARC**.

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 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!

## 2009 - 2010 Membership and Roster info:

Membership Update: The club welcomes new members #1028, **Tim and Pat Harrison**. They live at 81-17th St. Hermosa Beach, Ca 90254. Their phone # is 310-318-5920. A year ago they retired from working at El Segundo High School and have a 1928 AA truck.

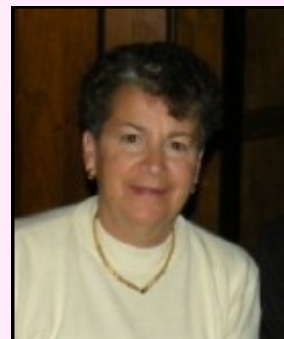
Phonebooks/rosters are available and are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free, additional copies are \$2. They are also available free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail.

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 your order.



## **TERRIFIC TOURS**

by Pat Yacklon, Tour Director



Here's what is coming up the near future:

**Saturday, December 5th**, a Christmas parade in Palos Verdes. More details coming from Drain Marshall. Meet at 5PM at Drain Marshall's home.

After the club business meeting on **Friday, December 11th**, we drive our A's in the local neighborhood for a Christmas light tour. The folks love our old cars!

El Segundo Christmas parade, **Sunday, December 13th**.

The parade starts at 1PM and goes to about 3PM. We stage at about noon on Imperial Ave, and Main St. at the North end of town. Exact location TBD. Dick Wyckoff (Cell: 310-292-1929) will coordinate this parade.

The Wilmington Christmas parade is also on **Sunday, December 13th**. Pat Yacklon is coordinating that parade. More to come.

**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**

## **Wheels & Deals:**

### **For Sale:**

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

### **Wanted:**

- Electric Windshield wiper for early '30 Cabriolet. Contact Joe Freitag at 310-871-2567. Palos Verdes.
- 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.

### **Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Notes:**

**October 30th, 2009 Business meeting:** President **Bill Younkin** opened the meeting at 7:34PM. In Monty Bates absence, **Bill Newell** led the salute to the flag. Past presidents were acknowledged. Minutes of previous meeting approved. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported finances. VP **Gloria Younkin** reminded members of January 16th installation banquet at San Pedro Elks. Cost is \$32. Mail checks payable to Harbor MARC to treasurer. Harbor-Light editor, **Dick Wyckoff** encouraged members to receive newsletter by email. He also reminded all about Veterans Day on November 11th. He also gave an update on the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. Historian **Sue Hankins** reported we are still working on purchase of DVD projector. We will use 50/50 money for purchase. Former member **Ken Cooley** and daughter **Pam** were introduced. Membership drawings: Woman's prize up to \$15, **Joe Jankiewicz** won men's prize of \$30, and 50/50 netted \$49. **Elyse Beardsley** won clock prize of \$5. Sunshine Sec'y **Doris Marshall** reported that **Paul Larquier** not feeling well. **Nita and Toad Stonehocker** under the weather. **Sheree Wright** broke her wrist. Technical **Dick Lusk** noted the next event is at H&H engine in La Cresenta. **Pat Yacklon**, Tours, mentioned the Santa Fe Dam Ford day event. **Sue Hankins** was the big winner. Frazier park tour had great weather, food, and friends. Thanks to the **Marshalls, the Wagners, Jeanne and Kathy Webb, and Pat Tucker** for hosting stops for the progressive. Fun time. Web Master: **Mike Wright** said all is up to date on web site. New Business: Nominations for next years board were started. The nominations will continue next meeting and elections will follow. A thank you from the Santa Anita A's about our participation in the Ford fun days. **Joe Freitag** reminded us of member discounts at the local Pep Boys. **Drain Marshall** mentioned the Dec 5th parade and **Dick W.** mentioned the El Segundo parade. Next meeting is November 20th, one week early due to Thanksgiving. The December meeting is on the 11th at 6PM followed by Christmas lights tour. Next board meeting at Wagner's at 6PM on Nov 10th. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM. Submitted by **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

**November 10th, 2009 Board meeting:** Meeting held at the home of **Art and Daffy Wagner**. Meeting called to order by President **Bill Younkin** at 6PM. Secretary's report approved as submitted. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported the treasury's balance. It was noted that we now have \$246 toward the purchase of a DVD projector. Approved as submitted. VP **Gloria Younkin** reminded us that the banquet is \$32 per person. Be sure to specify beef or turkey on the check. Technical Director **Dick Lusk** reports that all is a go for the technical tour at H&H this weekend. Tour Director **Pat Yacklon** reported two Christmas parades, one in Wilmington and one in El Segundo. Both on December 13th. Also, we have a Christmas lights tour after the December 11th meeting. HarborLight editor **Dick Wyckoff** says that this month is a short turn around time due to early meeting this month. Reports due right away. Membership chair **Ursi Schmidt** reported new members, **Tim and Pat Harrison**. They have an AA stake bed truck. Sunshine Sec'y **Doris Marshall** reports **Paul Larquier** is trying to build his energy back up. Web Master **Mike Wright** updated website before meeting. New Business: **Drain Marshall** has some cars for a quick Christmas parade in PV on December 5th at 5PM. Drain also mentioned that he moved all of his car insurance to AAA and saved \$800 a year. They now offer collector car insurance. Ursi mentioned that late payment of dues will cost you extra because it costs MARC extra to send Model A News late. If there is a written ballot, Past Presidents will count them at November elections. Next board meeting: 5PM before the December 11th meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM. Submitted by **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

### **Some Future Events of Interest**

The 2010 Central California Regional Group, CCRG, will be held in San Luis Obispo on **May 14th through 16th**. It is sponsored by the 'Cuesta Crankers' Model A Club. There will be tours to a local winery and to San Simeon. The headquarters hotel is the Embassy Suites. The phone number there is 805-547-6404. Talk to Leslie.

For additional information, contact Craig at 805-481-0951.

Another regional meet will be the Northern California Regional Group, NCRG, held in the gold country of California at Sutter Hill. This will be **May 21-23**. Lots of motels and B&Bs in the area. MAFCA sanctioned car and fashion judging, car games, and a welcome BBQ are planned. The Grand Tour will be through the beautiful wine country of the Shenandoah Valley. More info on the web site, [www.ncrgmafca.com](http://www.ncrgmafca.com).



## DID YOU KNOW THAT MARC OFFERS A DRIVING AWARDS PROGRAM?????

The following information describes the requirements if you would like to participate in the National MARC Driving Awards Program.

### MARC DRIVING AWARDS STANDARDS

#### 1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Driving Awards is to offer National recognition for all miles driven by Model "A's". There is no intent to supersede or cancel any Regional or local driving programs now in existence; rather it seeks to further them by offering a driven car recognition for all MARC vehicles.

#### 2. GENERAL:

All Model "A's" owned by MARC members, and registered in the Driving Awards Program, which meet the following standards are eligible.

- A. Or original manufacture from 1927 thru 1931.
- B. Titled or registered as a Model "A" in accordance with respective state requirements.
- C. Authentic in over-all appearance, with a minimum of following basic features:
  - 1. Of original manufacture from 1927 thru 1931.
  - 2. Original Ford four-cylinder engine produced from 1927 thru 1934.
  - 3. Original body style for year of manufacture.
  - 4. Titled or registered as a Model "A" in accordance state requirements.

#### 3. RULES FOR MILES DRIVEN:

- A. All ground mileage is credited, except non-emergency tow.
- B. All credited mileage is cumulative from year to year, and to each higher award level.
- C. Mileage to be credited must be attested.
- D. No mileage is credited for any period of time that the owner is not a member of the Model A Restorers Club.
- E. Mileage does not have to be updated every year to maintain eligibility.
- F. Mileage is accumulated through the reporting of the ODOMETER reading as of December 31st of each year.
- G. The MARC Driving Awards Committee is the final authority on mileage credit and awards.

#### 4. NATIONAL AWARDS:

- A. Award recognition begins at 2,000 miles; the second award level is 5,000 miles and subsequent levels are at each additional 5,000 miles thereafter.
- B. In the event more than one level is reached during the reporting year, only the higher will be given.
- C. A radiator plaque in the symbol of the Model A Restorers Club logo is awarded for the first mileage level of 2,000 miles, and a replacement mileage tab thereafter.

#### 5. CERTIFICATION:

- A. A one-time registration fee of \$1.00 per vehicle is required at time of vehicle registration.
- B. MARC will maintain the original registration card as a permanent record for each vehicle registered and receiving recognition.
- C. A vehicle transferred to a new MARC member, who re-registers the car, will maintain its mileage award level, and continues eligibility for further awards in accordance with the rules.

#### 6. PROCEDURES:

- A. The awards system is on an annual basis.
- B. Regions are responsible to distribute the MARC Mileage Registration cards to those members wanting to participate in the Driving Awards Program.
- C. Each Region establishes a screening process by which those members wanting to participate, are checked mileage information, authenticity of vehicle, and status of Regional and Nation membership.  
MARC members not belonging to a Region, may apply directly to the National Office or to MARC's Driving Awards Program Chairman.
- D. Regions should appoint an individual as local Driving Awards Chairman, who will consolidate and report members year end Odometer readings. These reading should be reported to the MARC Driving Awards Committee so as to arrive no later than February 28th of each year.
- E. Awards recognition and distribution may be made at either the Spring Membership Meeting, or through the mail to the local Region Chairman for presentation to the members.

If you are interested in participating in the MARC Driving Awards Program, please contact Jane Merry 678-560-0218.

I have the awards cards to be filled in and registered with the MARC Mileage Committee.



## 2010 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

• The **Turlock swap meet** always takes place during the last full weekend in January. In 2010, the Swap Meet will take place **January 30/31, 2010**. The hours of operation are Saturday, 7AM to 5PM and Sunday, 7AM to 3PM. Admission is \$5 at the gate, children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Info: [www.turlockswapmeet.com](http://www.turlockswapmeet.com)

• The 44th annual antique and collector car parts exchange and swap meet will be held at **Qualcomm (old Jack Murphy) Stadium San Diego** on the weekend of **February 26th, 27th & 28th, 2010**. The BIG 3 Auto Swap is held annually and has grown to be the largest old car event held in the San Diego area. This auto swap attracts participants from all over the country.



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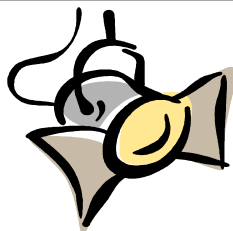
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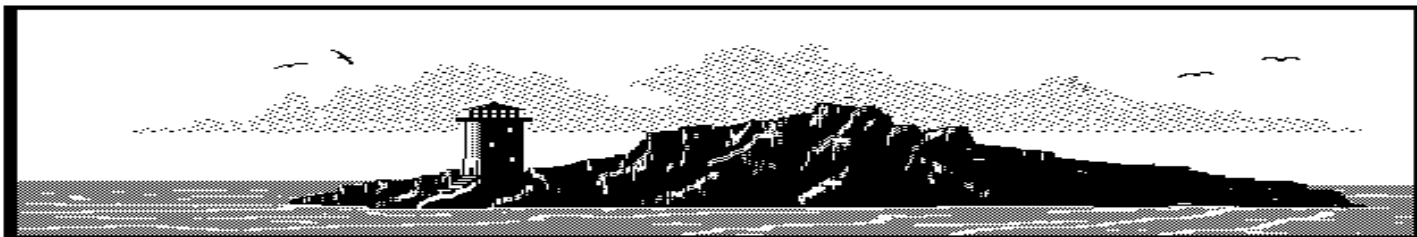
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and 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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