

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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January 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Business Meeting

As always, the January business meeting is the Installation of Officers Banquet.

Make sure you have given a check to the Treasurer, **Daffy** Wagner, for the event.

Lots of great raffle prizes and good food.

See page 2 and 6 for details.



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 Board Meeting

The **January** 'In-Out' board meeting will be held at 7PM at the home of Bill and Gloria Younkin on Tuesday, January 12th. This is a traditional transition to new board gathering.

February Meeting info:

Just a little advanced notice that the February meeting will be a week early on February 19th, to allow our members to attend the huge San Diego swap meet on the 26th to the 28th.

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This and That

I want to thank the Harbor Model A Club members for their support since I became president in July.

These six months have gone by fast. The club has been very busy, as usual, with tours, seminars, white elephant sales, parades, and other activities.

On December 10th, Gloria and I attended Pat and Keith Tucker's open house. This was a Toys-for-Tots event. It was successful in spite of the weather. Their home and garage are always an interesting place to visit and its fun to see Keith's new projects. Thanks to the Tuckers.

Hope to see you at the Annual Awards and Installation Banquet.

Bill Younkin

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Did you mark your calendar and pay yet? The big night is Saturday, January 16th. You don't want to miss the banquet. We will present awards and certificates. You will have an opportunity to win great raffle prizes. Also, we will have a nice dinner and fun.

The banquet is at the San Pedro Elks Lodge. See map on page 6. The cost is \$32 per person. There are two dinner choices: turkey or beef and vegetarian is available. Reservation have to be made and paid for by <u>January 7th, 2010</u>. Please remember to write 'turkey' or 'beef' on the left corner of your check.

Make check payable to: <u>Harbor MARC</u> and send to: Daffy Wagner 2705 Carnegie Lane Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Any items you would like to donate to the banquet raffle would be appreciated. Please notify me by the 3rd of January if you have a donation.

Thanks for your help and support. Gloria Younkin 310-316-8722

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



Drain Marshall has had knee replacement surgery. All is well and is now going through the physical therapy recovery stage. A side note: He timed this so he could attend all the Model A events later on in the year! What a guy!



Long time member, **Pat Tucker**, is recovering nicely from a single bypass surgery. She is expected to be home in time for Christmas. Hope to see you at the Hot 'n Tot again real soon, Pat!

January Birthdays

- 5 Ted Dalton
- **11** Jerry Reine
- 21 Linda Freitag
- 25 Ed Firth
- 26 Conrad Garcia
- **31** Don Miller



<u>January Anniversaries</u>

None

Editor's note:

If there are some names I didn't note, please let me know so I can correct my files. New members? Thanks. Dick

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. <u>AND</u> 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'!

<u>One other thing</u>: 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.

Election of Officers Results

With 66 members and four guests in attendance at the November meeting, elections were held for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Tour Director, and Technical Director. All but Tour and Technical are two year terms.

The results are as follows:

2010-2011 President: Bob Speaks

2010-2011 Vice President: Dick Lusk

2010-2011 Secretary: Jan Wyckoff

2010 Tour Director: Elaine Pisu

2010 Technical Director: Open (New board to address this position)

Daffy Wagner continues on as 2010 Treasurer.

Congratulations to the new officers. Please give them your support in the new year.

Lots of fun things are planned for the future.

<u>El Segundo Christmas Parade</u>

Four Harbor Model A club cars participated in the El Segundo Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 13th. With bad weather all week, the parade success was in doubt until Sunday morning when Mother Nature gave us a beautiful, warm day. Bright sun, temps in the low 60s and a little





breeze made it perfect for the residents of El Segundo and their friends. Joe and Linda Freitag in their '30 Cabriolet, Jim Beardsley in his '31 slant window Fordor, Dick and Jan



Wyckoff in their '29 Roadster Pickup were in the main body of the parade. Floyd Carr's family in their '29 Std. Pickup were elsewhere. (Floyd is a past mayor of El Segundo, you know).



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.







What's all this Compression Ratio stuff about?

Dear Tech. Director Richard Lusk,

I am a "Model A" wife and not very techno savvy. Can you please explain what is meant when the guys talk about "compression ratio" and "displacement" in a Model A Ford engine? Mrs. Debbie Fisher

Dear Debbie:

If you want to impress the fellows with your knowledge, here it is:

Your husband's Model A is equipped with a 40-horsepower engine which is driven by a series of explosions inside the engine. The more powerful the explosions, and the closer together they occur, the faster your car can go and the better the acceleration. The smaller and less frequent the explosions, the slower and more fuel-efficient your car will run.

The total number of explosions required to move a Model A a given distance depends upon its transmission, rear-axle ratio and tire size. The strength of each explosion depends upon engine size and design. The stronger the explosion, the more power a given amount of fuel is able to deliver.

The **compression ratio** of an <u>internal-combustion engine</u> is a value that represents the ratio of the volume of its combustion chamber; from its largest capacity to its smallest capacity. It is a fundamental specification for many common combustion engines. In a piston engine it is the <u>ratio</u> between the volume of the <u>cylinder</u> and combustion chamber when the <u>piston</u> is at the bottom of its <u>stroke</u>, and the volume of the combustion chamber when the piston is at the top of its stroke.

Engine displacement is the <u>volume</u> swept by all the <u>pistons</u> inside the <u>cylinders</u> of an <u>internal</u> <u>combustion engine</u> in a single movement from *top <u>dead centre</u>* (TDC) to *bottom dead centre* (BDC). It is commonly specified in <u>cubic centimeters</u> (*cc*), <u>litres</u> (*I*), or (mainly in <u>North Amer-ica</u>) <u>cubic inches</u>. <u>Motive power</u> output of a combustion engine is directly proportional to the engine displacement. Engine displacement does not include the volume of the <u>combustion chamber</u>.

Your Model A engine is classified by valve position. The L-head engine equipped in your Model A has both intake and exhaust valves in the block. The overhead valve engine has both types of valves in the head above the cylinder. A combination of the two, the F-head, has one valve, usually the intake, in the head and the other. the exhaust valve, in the block.

Happy trails, Your Safety and Tech director *Richard Lusk*

Irsi's Uptown Lowdown





By Ursula Schmidt Membership Chair

<u>Dues are Due</u>

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, <u>a total of \$63</u>. 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.

<u>Important</u>: 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 back a former member Kathy Webb. She is the daughter of Jeanne Webb. Welcome back Kathy!

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.



Map to San Pedro Elks Lodge. 1748 Cumbre Drive San Pedro, CA 90732 310-831-0624

TERRIFIC TOURS by Pat Yacklon, Tour Director

Here are some touring safety reminders.

 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.
 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**.

Palos Verdes Christmas Parade

A nice showing of five Model As and a '26 Model T, helped give the Brownie Girl Scout Troop 705 a big boost in recognition in the Palos Verdes Christmas parade. The chilly evening parade was attended by **Drain Marshall**, **Al Avoian**, **Jim and Judith Hamilton**, **Dick Lusk**, **Bob Speaks and Ann**, **and Dick and Jan Wyckoff**. All the cars had Brownie passengers as we drove through the Palos Verdes shopping center and surrounding streets. Lots of fun for the club and the Brownies!



Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- Lots of extra Model A parts from previous restorations. What are you missing? Call Dan at 310-373-8060. Palos Verdes.
- '28-29 Deck Lid. Original. Can be used for rumble or trunk lid. Basically solid. Needs some work. \$300.
 Contact Dick at 310-322-8863. Located in El Segundo.

Wanted:

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

November 20th 2009 Business meeting: President Bill Younkin called the meeting to order at 7:32PM. Salute to the flag by new Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Newell. Bill thanked previous SAA, Monty Bates for four years of Sergeant duty. Previous presidents recognized. Secretary: Previous minutes approved. VP Gloria Younkin reminded us of the installation banquet January 16th. Cost: \$32 per person. Please pay Treasurer Daffy Wagner. Money due Jan 7th. Treasurer's report by Daffy Wagner Approved. Historian Sue Hankins reports we are still raising money for new DVD projector. We have \$450 so far. Membership chair Ursula Schmidt reports we have 70 people in attendance tonight. New member Danny Gallardo and also Tim and Pat Harrison. Welcome. Membership drawings won by Liz Fitzgerald (not present), Joe Freitag, and Joe Brun. Jack and Joan Gordinier won 50/50 prize and gave \$48.50 back to club toward DVD projector! Bill Newell collected \$2.60 badge money. Sunshine Secretary Doris Marshall reported Paul Larquier's eyes much better. Also Drain Marshall's fall not only cut his arm, it damaged his knee cap. The Jamessons' are feeling better. November birthdays by the Younkin twins Bill and Bob, Dick Lusk, Pat Yacklon, and Jan Wyckoff were noted and a <u>65th wedding anniversary</u> by the Larquier's, Paul and Rhoda. WOW! Christmas parade tours were discussed. Palos Verdes, Wilmington, and El Segundo. December newsletter posted on the website. New/Special business: Election of officers of 2010-2011. Immediate Past President officiated the election of officers for next term. The offices of President, Secretary, Tour Director, who ran unopposed and Technical Director (no candidate). Ballots were talled by Past President Drain Marshall. Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Newell, and Immediate Past President, Dick Lusk. Secretary, Jan Wyckoff; Tour Director, Elaine Pisu; Technical Director, (no candidate). Ballots were talled by Past President Drain Marshall. Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Newell, and Immediate Past President, Dick Lusk. Secretary, Jan Wyckoff;

<u>December 11th 2009 Board meeting</u>: Meeting called to order by President Bill Younkin at 5PM. Secretary's report approved as read. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported money coming in for membership and the banquet. Money must be received by year's end. Report approved as submitted. HarborLight editor **Dick Wyckoff** reported the newsletter will be out before Christmas. Membership **Ursi Schmidt** reported 96 total families, 37 have paid. Sunshine Secretary **Doris Marshall** reports **Drain** needs knee replacement surgery; **Pat Tucker** will have a single bypass surgery. Old Business: \$450 dedicated to DVD projector purchase so far. New Business: Board discussed displeasure with appearance and maintenance of web site. Future funding to be discussed by new board. Also, any access passwords shall be shared and held in confidence with the President. Next Board meeting: Tuesday, January 12th at 7PM. This will be an 'In and Out' Board meeting with new and old Boards. Location at the Younkins. Next February business meeting to be a week early, Friday February 19th. Meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Respectfully submitted , Jan Wyckoff, Secretary.

<u>December 11th 2009 Business Meeting</u>: Meeting called to order by President Bill Younkin at 6PM. Due to rain and a tour of local Christmas lights, this meeting will be a short one. Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Newell led the salute to the flag. Treasurer Daffy Wagner gave status of monies collected for membership and the banquet. VP Gloria Younkin reported \$140 collected in November raffle. Tours this month are the three Christmas parades in the area. There were six cars participating in the Palos Verdes parade with the PV Brownies. Thanks to all who participated. Sunshine Secretary Doris Marshall reported Drain will get knee replacement surgery. Next Board meeting will be 'In and Out' meeting at the Younkins on January 12th, 7PM. Meeting Adjourned 6:24PM. Respectfully submitted, Jan Wyckoff, Secretary.

Future Local and Long Distance Events of Interest

The 2010 Central California Regional Group meeting, **CCRG**, will be held in San Luis Obispo on **May 14th - 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 2010 Northern California Regional Group meeting, NCRG, to be held in the gold country of California in 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.

Hi! My name is Anabell.

I'm a 1930 Ford Model A Standard Coupe, Model 45-B. I'm pretty much original and have lived in Southern California all my life. I've never been restored or had my body lifted, just had this green paint over my original black paint job. I still have my original engine under the hood which was just rebuilt after 144,552 miles. Boy, I sure feel great. I also just had my World War II retread tires replaced so that I can do some traveling.

I've been a very lucky gal by belonging to only three families. I was built in June 1930. I was purchase for under \$485 new by the Fisher Family of Beverly Hills. Mr. Fisher worked for a telegraph company in downtown L.A. and was a train enthusiast. During my early years I was serviced by Indrelan and Stiles at 700 N. Highland Avenue and Beverly Hills Ford on Wilshire Boulevard. Their service records are still on my driver's side door post. In 1955 after 25 years of dedicated service, the Fisher's decided I was too old and put me up for sale. It didn't take long to find a new family, and at 25 years old, I was considered a Classic with a lot of life still in me. I was sold for \$400. Not bad for 25 years of wear and tear for \$85 less than the original price. My new owners were the Paul Bauer Family of Long Beach. Paul worked for Walt Disney. Paul bought me in hopes that his son would get interested in the Model A hobby because he already owned a restored Model A Cabriolet. Paul's son didn't take to me like Paul hoped, so I was used by Paul as his everyday driver to work and back and on errands. On weekends I would rest in the garage and the family would use the restored Cabriolet for Sunday drives and club events. We were members of the Harbor/MARC Model A Club. As I became older and worn just like my family, I was used less and less until my battery died. After 40 years with the Bauer Family, Paul, because of ill health, had to put me up for sale. He needed help to get me running again for the sale so he made a call to his Harbor Model A buddy's and they fired me up after a new head gasket, fresh gas and a new battery. They drove me over to the Long Beach Model T Swap Meet and threw a For Sale sign on my windshield. What a bunch of great guy's! Well, I remember wondering what I was worth; new 1930 \$485, at 25 years old \$400, now at age 65 years old and tired, \$4,000! What?? Is somebody crazy? I'll never be sold or wanted. ---- Wrong!

Well, my new family is the Steve Newton Family of Culver City, and yes Steve is crazy—crazy about Model A Fords. He refers to me as one of Henry's Ladies, a little old and worn, but not molested, whatever that means. In one year he's had my brakes improved, steering fixed, and my original engine rebuilt with secrets of speed somewhere. Take a look and guess what big secrets were used. Steve has no plans to restore me, just to fix my front seat so my springs won't stick to his butt. He says I look great for a 66 year old. Our plans are around town, and then short trips and then maybe a trip cross country.

Thanks for listening to a long-winded old lady.

Anabell

August 1995

PS: I hope all of you enjoyed Anabell's Story, Maybe some of you still remember the Bauer family and the car. They were members of the club in the early years. I learned one thing about giving your car a name. When your grandkids



come to visit and see that empty driveway ask: and "Grandpa, Where is Anabell?" and you've sold her, it makes feel like you ۵ TRAITOR".....Steve Newton, member # 1011.



..... 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 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 NEED A TOW 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. 3124 Sepulveda Boulevard Note: The Harbor club will meet a week early in Feb-Torrance, CA 90505 • (310) 326-3002 Fax: (310) 326-2007 • Store #658 ruary so we can go to this meet. e-mail: mngr0658@pepboys.com **Elliott Jones** President **TORRANCE TRANSMISSION SERVICE** Ray Cano Plant Manager •25 Years Experience Hand Blasting ERIC BAILEY • Automatic Shot Blasting 2473 E. Rancho Del Amo Place Automotive • Industrial Parts Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220 Metal Furniture • Architectural (310) 631-4931 24009 S. Hawthorne Blvd. Small and Large Parts - or Thousands Phone: (310) 378-9217 Fax (310) 631-4531 Torrance, CA 90505 Burn Off Service Available raydc@elliottsdesigns.com LIC # 843173 RYAN'S HARDWOOD **First Class** FLOORING CUSTOM INSTALLATIONS **REFINISHING & REPAIRS** PREFINISHED INLAYS UNFINISHED BORDERS ENGINEERED MEDALLIONS CUSTOM DYES & STAINING CUSTOM FURNITURE HAND DISTRESSING TRIM & BASE MOLDINGS (310) 722-3348 Embroidery Antonio y Maria Velazquez THE BEST Patricia Tucker FAST FOOD IN TOWN Tel:(310) 326 - 7635 formerly Patricia's Doll House Fax:(310) 326 - 4468 Stuffed Toy & Doll Repairs 1865 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. 1526 W. Anaheim St. Harbor City, Ca 90710 (310) 835-2687 email:avelaz1036@aol.com Lomita, CA (310) 326-6513 www.firstclassembroidery.com

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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 Happy and Safe New Year

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