

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Founded in 1957. Torrance, California.

February 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Business Meeting

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.

The meeting starts at 7:30PM. Come a little early and socialize!

Upcoming Tours

- **Sunday, February 28th**, Poker Run and Garage Tour with the Early Times car club. This is their 41st annual mid-winter run. See some great garages. Meet at Mills at 8AM, leave at 8:30AM.
- Set aside **Saturday, March 13th** for a trip to the Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve. Bring your camera and picnic lunch. It's picnic time! More details to come.

Technical Seminar

Interested in how a Mitchell overdrive is installed? **Saturday, Feb 20th**, Dick Wyckoff will be doing just that at the garage of Tom Endy in Westminster. Jan's Cabriolet will be the subject car. More info on page 6.

Next Board Meeting

- The February board meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 2nd 2010** at the home of Ann Biesecker, 10504 Mackay Ln., Redondo Beach, Ca 90278. The time is 7PM.



The **Montauk Point Light** is a lighthouse, located in Montauk Point State Park at the easternmost point of Long Island, in the Town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York. The light house was the first to be built within the state of New York, and is currently the fourth oldest active lighthouse in the United States. It is the oldest lighthouse in New York.

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Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year from the President of the Harbor Area MARC.

Many of you know me, but for those who don't, I am **Audley** Robert Speaks, your new President. I go by the name of Bob Speaks.

Named after an English duke, and originally from Kansas, I embarked on a career in the Navy after high school, that lasted 32 years. I traveled the world over, achieved the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer [E-9], and retired to my home state of California in 1986.

Now, in the Navy if you have a problem and you could not solve it, the quote is "**Go ask the Chief**".

My first project as the 'Chief' or President of the Harbor Area MARC is to identify those of you who can participate as part of a type of steering committee to complete our very beneficial projects.

Great ideas come from our members and their participation. I propose each member ask themselves what he/she can do for **the Harbor Area MARC**, and write that down, share it with me, and when possible, I will help the membership connect to achieve ideas and goals with those who enjoy working together for the Club.

Events, meetings, gatherings, and producing our newsletter, benefit all members and we need new members to join in the production efforts. It's a little bit of time and a lot of fun.

As 'The Chief' I don't want 'Hail to the Chief', I want mail to the Chief with ideas and promises to help out.

Participation by all members is necessary on some level to enjoy our membership and work together on our goals in order for the Harbor Area MARC to survive.

Each member can feel that he is part of every activity, including his input and opinions, and not just another name in the roster.

Let me hear from you about participation at my email: audspeaks@earthlink.net or by submission at our meetings.

God Bless you and your family this New Year.

Your President,

Bob Speaks

Thank You

We want to thank the club members for their donations for the banquet raffle. It really helped to make the raffle a big success.

The banquet was a success with all the help we received from the club members.

Thanks to Daffy Wagner for the fun centerpieces.

Bob & Lowane Younkin were a big help with the raffle, thank you.

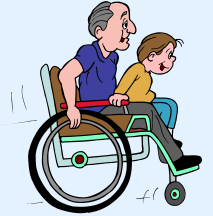
Thanks again,
Bill & Gloria Younkin





Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall

- **Paul Larquier** is still having problems with his eyes. He is continuing to work with his doctor to try and correct the problem.
- **Paul and Rose Jammeson** have lost a grandson. Our prayers go out to the family.
- **Pat Tucker** recovering nicely from by-pass surgery. Hope to see her soon at the Hot 'n Tot!
- **Drain Marshall's** knee replacement is healing well. He's driving his Model A already!
- **Dan Fitzgerald** is having proton radiation treatments at Loma Linda hospital. We're keeping our fingers crossed for you, Dan!



February Birthdays

5	Ron Ragon	14	Steve Preston
5	Noell Marshall	15	Elaine Pisu
5	Laura Pahls	20	Frank Lusk
6	Sheree Wright	23	Liz Fitzgerald
9	Gloria Younkin	24	Dick Wyckoff
12	Nita Stonehocker	25	Daffy Wagner
		26	Acela Garcia

February Anniversaries

20 Sheree & Mike Wright



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? Is it a family car? Tell us its story. 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. I am on the planning committee. As a 52 year member of MARC, the Harbor MARC club 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.

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 8301508—Navy blue.
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For Measuring Instructions Refer to Page 396. Write for Free Tape Measure.

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8301610—Maroon.
 8301612—Navy blue.
 8301613—Brown.
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Heavy All Wool
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Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering:

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on Saturday mornings between 7 and 9AM, check out the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Artesia Blvd and Hawthorne, in Torrance, CA. Several of the Harbor Model A club members and other car enthusiasts of all car types meet to talk cars. There are some very nice autos and some nice people there, too! The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA. Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.

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 \$6.25. 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

If you have a technical contribution that you would like published in the HarborLight, submit it to the editor. I am always looking for informative articles. Dick



Member's Helpful Hints

The following helpful hints constitute various ways in which you can affect emergency roadside repairs and also add comfort and safety to your automobile.

In some instances you need nothing more than a piece of soap, while in others a few tools will be sufficient. Several of these hints should be used only in cases in dire emergency, because they can harm your car. However they may get you out of a tight spot. Bear in mind that no temporary expedient can replace careful workmanship.

Helpful Hints:

Battery cable removal: Never pry under battery-cable clamps in trying to remove them from the battery terminals. Damage to the battery may result. If the cable clamps can not be spread with a screwdriver or a similar tool, and the cable can not be twisted off with a pair of pliers, use a regulation battery-clamp puller. It is cheaper to buy a new puller than a new battery.

Dead battery: If your battery is dead or if it fell from its case and was broken you may be able to start the engine by attaching the two battery cables firmly together so they make a good electrical contact. With the cables attached, shift into second gear and get a push or if you are on a hill, start rolling. As soon as the generator shows a charge the engine will start. Keep the engine running fast because it will stall if the hand on the amp meter falls below "charge".

Gas-tank leak: A small gasoline-tank leak that occurs on the road can often be stopped by putting soap to the hole in the tank. First clean away any dirt and grease from the area and then rub the soap firmly over the hole several times. Soap is not easily dissolved by gasoline. It keeps the hole sealed up for a long-enough period and allows you to get help before the gasoline tank runs dry.

License-plate protection: Before installing license plates, paint your address on the back. Most people will return the plate after they find one, if they know where to locate you.

More helpful hints in the next HarborLight.

Happy trails!

Dick Lusk, 2009 Technical Director

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.

Important: 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!

2010 Membership and Roster info:

Membership Update: The Harbor Club welcomes new members, #1030, **Don and Amy Knott**. Their address is: 16228 Wilton Pl., Torrance, CA 90504. Their phone number is: 310-721-8599. Don is the son of club members Bill and Dorothy Knott.

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.

Important Membership Information

The following information was taken from a letter dated December 2, 2009, to all MARC Region Directors/Presidents. It is from George Merry, MARC Vice President:

"As you are probably aware, MARC provides a multi-million liability insurance policy for all your Region activities. The only requirement is that your local Region members be members of the National MARC Club. If you have members of your local Region who do not belong to MARC, they are not covered by our insurance.

All normal Region activities are covered however; our national policy does not cover automobile related accidents. The individual automobile policies would be invoked in those instances....."

Upcoming Technical Seminar

Dick Wyckoff purchased a Mitchell overdrive for Jan's Cabriolet and has arranged a seminar/installation party at the garage of transmission/rear end guru Tom Endy in Westminster. The plan is to meet at Mill's (190th & Western) Saturday, February 20th at 7:30AM, leave at 8AM for a leisurely 40 min. drive (45mph) south to Tom's home. The idea is to pull the rear end, attach the Mitchell overdrive, reinstall the rear end and drive the Cabriolet home. Dick needs 4-5 people willing to help and to learn about the popular installation. It will take 4-5 hours. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Tom's address is: 5881 Iroquois Rd., Westminster, CA 92683. PH: 714-897-5861.

Any questions, call Dick at 310-322-8863 or cell at 310-292-1929. Maps provided at Mill's.

TERRIFIC TOURS

by Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



Okay fellow Model A lovers time to dry em off, dust em off and let's get back on the road.

My hope this year is to get us into some of the fantastic private car collections that are right here in Southern California. Our tours will include but not be limited to collections of Pat Aust, Larry Wood, and hopefully Richard Tupper. We have repeatedly enjoyed Pat Tuckers and Sam Fines wonderful collections so these should really be fun. If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to call me at (310) 793-1789 or email me at meapisu@aol.com.

Our first tour this season will be a Poker Run and Garage Tour on **Sunday February 28th 2010**. We are going to join the Early Times 41st Annual Mid Winter Rod Run and see some Great Garages. We will meet at Mills at 8:00 and leave at 8:30.

Saturday, March 13, 2010 Our tour which was requested by Paul Larquier will be the California Poppies at the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve. Make sure you bring your camera, all the rain should make this season spectacular. Plan on a picnic and a beautiful day.

Save the Dates:

April 18th is the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Nobody ever wants to miss this one.

April 15-18, 2010 Laughlin

May 14-16, 2010 CCRG San Luis Obispo, CA. See page 8.

May 21-23, 2010 NCRG Sutter Hill, CA. See page 8.

June 19-27, 2010 Pony Express Model A Tour. Sacramento To Casper, Wyoming or St Joseph, MO.

July 16-18, 2010 Wings & Wheels in Solvang

September 20-26, 2010 Santa Cruz Hub Tour

Bill Rose 7th Annual Crab/Steak Feast: Sunday, March 14, 2010 in Livermore, California. If you love to have fun with great "A" people and enjoy a wonderful meal and live band this is the event. Serving Chilled Prawns, BBQ fresh Oyster's, Veggie trays, Bill's Famous beans, Fresh Rolls, Salad, Steak, and Chilled Fresh Crab. No Host Bar. Home made ice cream made with Bill's Model "A" truck, served with Fresh Driscoll Strawberries and Chocolate. Overnight dry accommodations available or book a room at La Quinta Inn (925)373-9600. Bring your club banner for displaying at the event. Event fee \$47.50 p/p due by 3/1/10 more info. at WWW.SVMARC.COM or contact Bill Rose (925) 784-5977.

Santa Cruz California Hub Tour (Tons of Fun In The Sun): Sept. 20-25th, 2010. MARC & MAFCA members are invited to this fun filled event. Each day will be an adventure touring roads perfect for Model "A" tours. The weather in September is very nice. Meals have been planned and there will be time for you to explore and have time on your own. Special metal license plates and name tags will be made for each participant. We will visit Missions, Agriculture, Steinbeck museum, Roaring Camp train ride, Monterey "A" Day, and more. Hotels range from \$55.00-\$150.00 per night special pricing for the tour. The Wharf and Beach Boardwalk are one block from the hotels. Please consider joining us for a fun filled week with other "A" enthusiasts. Log on to WWW.SVMARC.COM for application and additional information or contact Bill Rose at (925) 784-5977.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- '28-29 Deck Lid. Original. Can be used as a rumble or trunk lid. Basically solid. Needs some work. \$250. Contact Dick at 310-322-8863. Located in El Segundo.
- '30-'31 Rear fenders. Claimed to be NOS. Both for \$900. Contact Pat at 310-835-2687 for details.
- '31 rear fenders in nice shape. Again, contact Pat at 310-835-2687 for details. Loc'n: Carson, CA.

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:

January 12 Board meeting: Outgoing President **Bill Younkin** called meeting to order at 7PM at the Younkin home. In attendance were President-elect **Bob Speaks**, **Dick and Ursi**, **Doris and Drain**, **Daffy and Art**, **Pat and Sue**, **Dick and Jan**, **Mike**, and **Elaine**. Previous minutes approved as emailed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported income for membership and the banquet. \$450 set aside for a DVD projector. 54 members have signed up for the banquet. VP **Gloria Younkin** reported \$140 handed to incoming VP **Dick Lusk** for Feb meeting raffle. Banquet times are 5:30PM, happy hour; dinner at 7PM. Waiters will serve drinks. HarborLight editor **Dick Wyckoff** requests articles soon. Will get the newsletter out after the banquet. Historian **Sue Hankins** will try to borrow a DVD projector for the banquet. Membership **Ursi Schmidt** said we have 95 families in the club, 73 have paid their memberships so far. Notice of last issue will go out with February issue of newsletter. They have 'till Feb 28 to pay. Technical/Safety: **Dick Wyckoff** has set up a technical seminar in Westminster with **Tom Endy** to install a Mitchell overdrive in Jan's Cabriolet on Saturday, February 20th. Sunshine Sec'y **Doris Marshall** reports that **Paul Larquier** continues to have eye problems. **Rose and Paul Jamesson** lost their grandson recently. Our hearts go out to the family. **Pat Tucker** recovering from heart surgery. **Drain Marshall** is doing fine after knee replacement. The 2010 Tour Director **Elaine Pisu** told of plans for the next few months: Garage tours, picnics, poppy fields, museums. She has it all! Web Master **Mike Wright** reports all up to date. Explained website access rules. We are paid up until Sep 2011. Old Business: Technical Director position will be discussed at the next meeting. New Business: Still collecting money for business cards in the newsletter. The board voted to have the board meetings on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7PM. Next meeting at the home of Bob Speak's friend **Ann Biesecker** at 10504 Mackay Ln., Redondo Beach, CA 90278. Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM. Respectfully submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

Future Local and Long Distance Events of Interest

The Pomona Valley and Paradise Valley Model A Clubs sponsor a joint meet in Laughlin on **April 15 - 18th**.

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.



2010 Harbor MARC Installation Banquet

Outgoing President, **Bill Younkin** under the watchful eye of VP **Gloria Younkin**, hosted a fine installation banquet at the San Pedro Elks Lodge. 56 members attended the affair to witness the transfer of the gavel to the new administration under the leadership of **Bob Speaks**. Lots of participation awards and driving awards were handed out. **Dick Lusk** was awarded the Norval Vorhis award, the highest participation award with 23 events. **Dick Wyckoff** won the Roadrunner award for the most miles for sanctioned tours with 1300 miles.

Past man and woman of the year recipients got to choose the newest members and **Bob DeCrescenzo** and **Ursula Schmidt** received the top honors this year.

All during the event, the Younkin team of **Gloria**, **Bob** and **Lowane**, kept the raffle items moving. Many fine items were donated by vendors and members alike.



Ursi presents Norval Vorhis Award to Dick Lusk



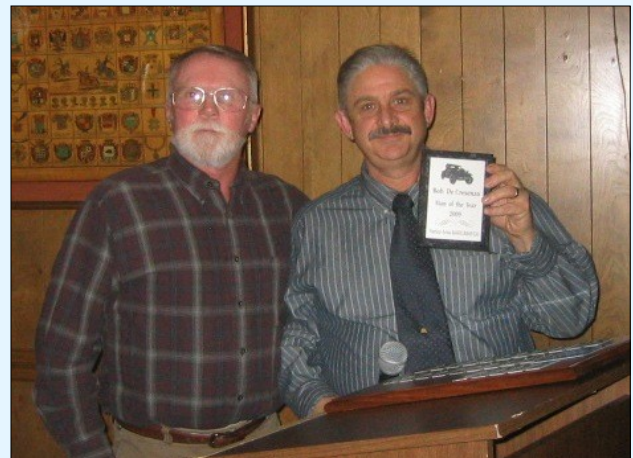
90 year old Dorothy Wood receives Roadrunner award



Sue Hankins presents Ursi Schmidt with Woman of the Year



Incoming President Bob Speaks with outgoing President Bill Younkin



Last year's Man of the Year Bill Newell and incoming Man of the Year Bob DeCrescenzo



2010 Board: Bob Speaks, Dick Lusk, Jan Wyckoff, Daffy Wagner (missing Elaine Pisu)



Raffle staff: Lowane, Gloria, and Bob Younkin

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 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. Note: The Harbor club will meet a week early in February so we can go to this meet.

The Automobile Driving Museum, ADM, is sponsoring a **Buy or Sell** opportunity on **Sunday, February 28th** at the ADM, 610 Lairport Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. Spaces are \$25 each. Information: Jeff Walker at 310-9091579 or Earl Rubenstein 310-446-0182.


The **SO Cal Horseless Carriage swap meet** is in Bakersfield **April 15-17**. Contact Gil Klecan 619-295-8000 for details.



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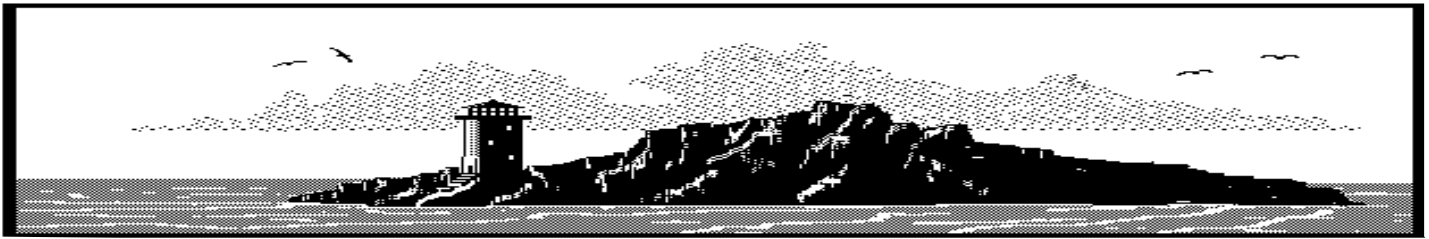


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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and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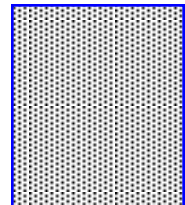
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