

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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April 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Business Meetings

The **March** business meeting will be on **Friday, March 26th** at the Walteria clubhouse, 3855 W. 242nd St, Torrance, CA. 7:30PM.

The **April** business meeting will be held on **Friday, April 30th** at the Walteria Clubhouse also. The Model A Safety meeting in April will be at Dick and Ursi's on April 10th. See Tech note..

Upcoming Tours

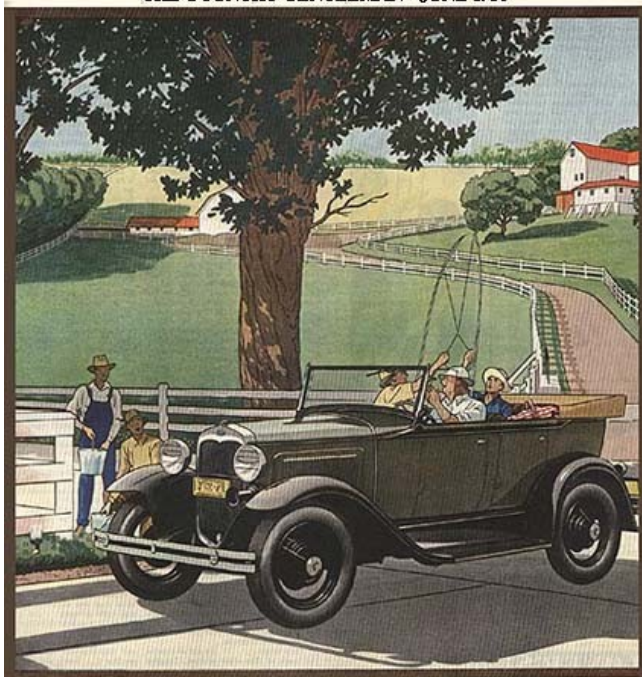
The big tour for April is the annual Orange County Model A Club Pancake Breakfast in Hart Park in Orange. The date is **Sunday, April 25th**. We meet at Mills at 7AM and leave at 7:30. It is a 35 minute drive at 45 MPH. A great time with friends, good food and a super raffle. Hope to see you there!

Technical Seminar

This months Technical Seminar is our annual Safety Inspection at the home of Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt. Address is 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City CA 90710. The date is **Saturday, April 10th** and the starting time is 9AM. Bring your Model A for a thorough once-over by the club's ace mechanics. Safety is most important.

This is a pot luck event so bring something for all of us to enjoy. Bobby D's Hubley track will be set up also. Give that model a spin!

THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN - JUNE 1930



The New Ford Phaeton

Next Board Meeting

- The **April** board meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 6th** at 7PM at the home of Dick and Jan Wyckoff. They are at 337 Lomita St., El Segundo CA 90245.
- Phone is 310-322-8863.

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Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!



Well, it that time of the month again. We need a note from the president, so I will start by saying HELLO. Did that wake you up?

By the time you get this newsletter the first quarter of the year will be behind us. Not much to talk about. We had a couple of fun garage tours. The weather and the poppies were not on our side, but now that we are on daylight savings time, things will get better. Soon there will be the Friday night Ruby's get together in Redondo Beach. Maybe we can plan on some driving of our cars to other restaurants in the area to show off what the Model A club is all about.

The Orange Country Pancake breakfast will be Sunday, April 25th. Plan for that one. In May, I am trying to set up a tour to go to Long beach with the Model T Club for a combined club event to show off our cars at a Company Appreciation Day outing. The company has a picnic and they plan some fun events that both clubs can join in on. It will be in the middle of the week from around 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Details to come. Right now, we are looking at Wednesday, May 05. The Model T people will be giving rides in their cars and I hope some of you will do the same.

Bob

March 10, 2010

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL MODEL A FORD MUSEUM by Sue Hankins

Bob has asked me, as Historian, if I would be the liaison between our club and MAFFI (Model A Ford Foundation, Inc). MAFFI has existed for over twenty years and their goal from the beginning has been to establish a National Model A Ford Museum. They are presently in negotiations with the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. See www.gilmorecarmuseum.org for the museum location. They will need to build a building and fill it with displays. They are asking for input, advice and assistance of Model A Clubs nationwide for the museum design, interior layout, car and display designs and fund raising. Donations of any kind are tax deductible. So far, MAFFI owns eight vehicles. They need more cars, parts, accessories, tools and fashions.

As a way of supporting the museum building fund, MAFFI is raffling a restored 1930 Model A Tudor, donated by one of the members. It has 500 miles on a 1990 restoration; always stored inside; LeBaron-Bonney interior; rebuilt engine; Andalusite Blue paint and is ready to drive. The drawing will be held July 1, 2011 at the MARC National Meet in San Diego.. Tickets are \$10 for 1; \$25 for 3; \$50 for 9. I will have tickets at the Business Meeting.

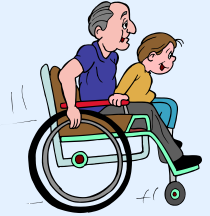
Also, Bob Trousil, who many of you know from the Downey club, is chairing a MAFFI project of restoring a 1929 Sedan. They have a running chassis but need some parts. I'll have a list of the parts at the meeting. You can also get a tax credit for your cash donation by getting the price of the part you wish to donate from Bob bobtrousil@aol.com and Bob can buy the part locally. I'll have more details at the meeting if you need it.

Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall



Paul Larquier is still working through problems with medications. Hang in there Paul. We are thinking of you.

Dan Fitzgerald has completed his Proton 'Radiation Vacation' therapy at Loma Linda and is home after nine weeks. All is well. Welcome home, Dan (and Liz).



April Birthdays

- 1 James Walker
- 3 John Hernandez
- 8 Bill Newell
- 9 Sylvia Craig
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 19 Kathy Valot

April Anniversaries

- 13 Bill and Gloria Younkin



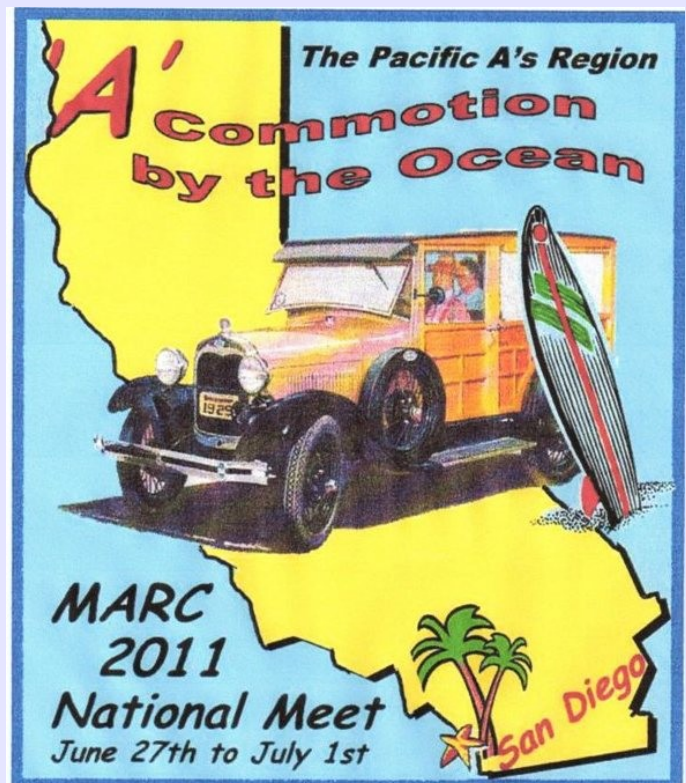
Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

I have had a couple interesting articles submitted to me for publication. I insert them as space permits. Keep them coming! 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 it's 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 other parts of the country.

Also, I encourage you to receive the Harbor-Light by email. Just let me know your current email address. The club saves one dollar each month per email subscriber. I have a distribution now of 30 people from the Harbor Club and 21 others. This is close to \$600 per year savings. **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'!

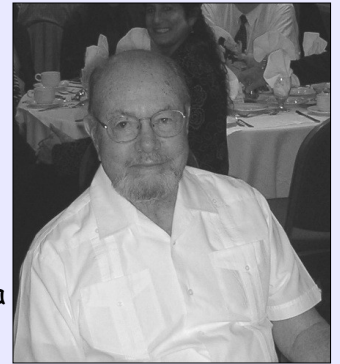
One other thing: The Pacific As Region of MARC is moving right along in it's preparation of hosting the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. There are many committees involved. Both Bob Speaks and Dick Lusk have agreed to head up the Swap Meet and the Event Parking committees. This is in addition to Dan Fitzgerald and Dick Wyckoff being on the board of directors for the event. If asked, please help out in any way possible. There are many jobs and, like the saying goes, "Many hands make light work". Thanks.

Just in.... Check out new website being developed:
www.2011MARCmeet.com



Jack Ripley's Life Celebrated by Sandy Ragon

Ron and I first met Jack in 1991, when we pulled up in front of his house to get a closer look at the 1928 roadster sitting on the lawn with a "For Sale" sign in the window. We got out of our car and Jack came out of his house. We liked the car and Jack instantly. He had an easy laugh and a friendly way. He looked like my Dad, who was the same age and had died shortly before. They both had served in WWII and both had years of stories to tell. We knew immediately that we'd made a friend for years to come. Jack said he'd throw in a Harbor A's membership with the sale and we shook hands.



This week we attended his funeral. It was a nice ceremony and well attended, considering that he was almost 95, and that most of his peers have gone ahead of him. All five of his and Cecelia's children were there with many grandchildren and long-time friends. There was a hand-made sign on the floor that said, "Life is a bowl of cherries." They played the song, one of Jack's favorites. I'd forgot that he'd told me a few years ago that he's chosen that song for his funeral. The thought made me smile. There was a nice slide show of Jack's life...a lot of pictures of him with cars and there was our roadster. Jack looked very spiffy wearing his neat Harbor A club jacket, complete with metals and pins. He was a great club booster and no event was complete without his attendance. It began to rain mid-way through the ceremony and by the time we made our way up the hill, it was pouring. At the grave, waiting for us, were 2 faithful sailors who were doing their part for Jack. Just as we got there, the rain stopped. Jack would have smiled.

If asked to describe our friend, Ron and I would say that he is "a stand-up kind of guy". The kind you could count on in a pinch. He had a good sense of humor and I can still hear his laugh. He and his wife Cecilia made a life together with the kids and when she died, he remarried pretty quickly. When he told me that he was getting married again, he told me he hated being alone. So he made another life with his new wife and moved south. We got to see him occasionally and enjoyed seeing him at a big party when he turned 90. Many members trekked down to pay homage to the guest of honor. When his new wife's health declined and she began to suffer from Alzheimer's, he moved again to live with his daughter in San Francisco. When we last saw him he was talking about getting another Model A and fixing it up. You had to work hard not to like Jack Ripley. It was a privilege knowing you, faithful friend and we'll miss you.

Friday Afternoon at Ruby's Diner:

As of March 19th, Ruby's Diner in Redondo Beach by the pier hosts a weekly gathering of fun cars. This event can bring as many as 150 cars of all types. Classics, Concours, hot rods, antiques, sports cars, motorcycles, and Model As! Many Harbor Club members show their cars and enjoy a great meal in the diner. Check it out. Times are about **4PM to 7:30PM every Friday**. Trophies are awarded each week. Parking is free to participating cars. This event will continue all spring and summer until sometime in October. See you there.

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 week-end 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. Editor.



Tool News: by Bob DeCrescenzo

Here is a list of Harbor-owned tools currently available from Bob. To check them out, contact Bob at 310-540-3690 and he will take care of the rest.

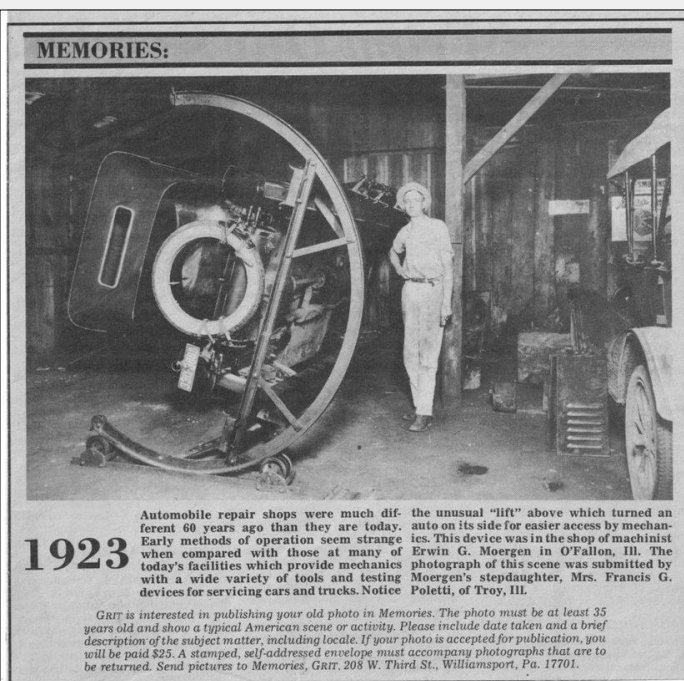
Ratchet Nut Wrench	Model A Frame Spreader	Front Spring Spreader
Rear Spring Spreader w/ Wrench	Wheel Balancer	Engine Lift Tool
Rear Axle Housing Seal Driver	Pinion Puller	Pair of Pinion Nut Wrenches
Steering Lever Spring Compressor	Steering Wheel Puller	Cam Nut Wrench
Rear Hub Puller	King Pin Reamer	Brake Shoe Riveting Tool
Brake Pedal Adjusting Tool	Clutch Alignment Tool	Gas Gauge Installation Tool
Bushing Tool for Steering Column	Venturi Removal Tool for Zenith Carb	
Inch/lb torque wrench	150 Ft/lb torque wrench	

MARC / MAFCA Judging Standards and Restoration Guidelines

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Our raffle took off to a good start at the last business meeting, thanks to the donations from the following: Jeanne and Kathy Webb, Doris and Drain Marshall, Frank Lusk, Ursi and Dick Lusk, Dick and Jan Wyckoff, Joe and Linda Freitag, Art and Daffy Wagner and Pat Tucker. At the next meeting we'll have some great raffle prizes. Be There!

Greetings from your VP
Dick Lusk



Early roll-over fixture to work underneath the car

2010 Membership and Roster info:

Welcome to our newest members: **John and Julie Hernandez**. They live at 24239 Park Street, Waleria, CA 90505. Young son 'John, Jr' visited us at the last meeting. Their phone is: 310-373-7913. Email: aero-aviation@yahoo.com.

John just purchased a '30 Coupe and, as a mechanic, is ready to go. Please add the Hernandez' to your rosters.

Guests at the last meeting:

Gary Guttormson brought his mom, Annie.

Chris Craig brought his brother with him.

Nathan Sherry had his girlfriend Linda with him. Welcome all!

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.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- New stone guard for 1930 Model A. Contact Joe at 310-871-2567. Very reasonable. Palos Verdes, CA.
- Left-over wood from '30 Cabriolet restoration. Check with Joe at above phone number.
- Health forces sale: **1929 Model A Roadster**, never restored, old brush paint job, straight body and very good mechanical condition. Price reduced to \$10K. Also: **1930 Coupe** 3/4 restored. Needs interior and top. Mechanically refreshed and good paint. Asking \$7500.
- Also: **1927 Model T Tudor** Sedan w/ 2-speed rearend and Laco OD. All the bells and whistles. Reduced to \$15K. Misc A & T parts... old and new... stock and hop-up. For info, call Jack Gordinier at 310-328-7333 or Steve Newton at 310-837-3026.

Wanted:

- Any year restored two or four door sedan Model A. Please call Ron at 626-279-6904.
- Used greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. **Ursi** (310) 539-5391 and **Doris** (310) 378-5061.



90 year old Dorothy Wood giving younger Jack Gordinier a ride at the last meeting.



First place trophy winners at the Palos Verdes Christmas parade. Six club members drove a Brownie troop in the parade and won!

TERRIFIC TOURS by Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

February and March have been a lot of fun. The rain stopped and the sun is finally coming out so the Model A's are back on the road.

So far this year we have had some fun tours:

- The Early Times 41st annual Poker Run (details in this months tour article)
- We saw Alan Mest's Garage and car collection.
- Took a stroll / tour around the grounds of The Terranea Resort in Palos Verdes.

Joined the South Bay Cruisin 50's and saw Parnelli Jones race car collection and Richard Tupper's Drive Inn Theatre reenactment with 30½ museum quality cars (next months article).

Every week, fun is available:

Friday's from 4-8 PM at Ruby's in Redondo Beach

Saturday from 7-10 AM join the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Hawthorne and Artesia

Monday evening, head to Hot & Tot in Lomita

If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to call me at (310) 793-1789 or email me at meapisu@aol.com.



Save the Dates:

April 15-18, 2010 Laughlin

April 25, 2010 is the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Hart Park, Orange, CA.

Nobody ever wants to miss this one. (Note date change)

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 4-6, 2010. Lompoc Antique Auto Club Shuttle Run.

September 20-26, 2010 Santa Cruz Hub Tour

Fabulous February Tour

The 41st Annual Early Times Mid Winter Poker Run & Garage Tour was **Fantastic**. I guess since it was advertised as a Poker Run I was supposed to figure out that there were 5 stops. Learn something every day.

We met at Mills and headed to our 1st stop Richard Graves in Long Beach just off of Anaheim and the 710 Fwy. As we came around the corner the streets were full of all types of beautiful cars. What a great sight. People were milling around and enjoying watching the cars arrive. Leonard had his camera out and was taking it all in. We got our first card and promptly at 9AM headed to our 2nd stop.

Stop number 2 was a short drive to Signal Hill Hobby Shop where we got our 2nd card and went into a warehouse with a great woody among other great cars. You won't want to miss Sue's DVD show at the next business meeting to see all the cars you missed.

Stop number 3 was in Long Beach off of Del Amo and the 710 Fwy. For those of you that went to CCRG in Clovis you may recall seeing a private collection owned by a trucker. Once again in Long Beach we were getting our 3rd card on our poker run, having coffee and donuts in a warehouse owned by a trucker. This gentleman has 6 full time employees that maintains his "hobby." The owner buys "projects" all over the country. One of the employees shared a story with us of them going to go look at a collection to see what they wanted to buy. There was so much there that they wanted that eventually they made a deal to buy everything which as I recall he said was about 26 cars and lots and lots of parts.

Stop #4 was in San Dimas at So Cal Speed. What a treat. The paint jobs were unbelievable. They had a T Bird owned by ZZ Top with a paint job and interior that was a perfect match of Black, Gold and with White lining. You'll see the pictures. Also there we saw the famous #2 car raced for many years by the Peterson Brothers and now kept in the Peterson Museum vault rarely does the public get close to this one a unique opportunity.

Last Card we picked up at the Early Times shop in San Dimas, looked at some model A's and headed for Downey to Bob's Grill. Bob's Grill on Firestone Blvd is a diner with the old fashioned drive in overhang for the car hops to serve the customers. When we got to Bob's the parking area was full of fabulous cars and we topped off a great tour looking at the cars and enjoying a Burger and Fries.

Great Day, Great Weather, Nice People and an overall Great Tour.

Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Notes:

February 19, 2010 Business meeting: President **Bob Speaks** called meeting to order at 7:30PM. Salute to the flag led by **Bill Newell**. Past presidents recognized: **Doris & Drain Marshall**, **Dick Wyckoff**, **Carla Hibbard**, **Leonard Funk**, and **Bill Younkin**. Minutes of previous meeting approved. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported treasury is healthy. HarborLight editor **Dick Wyckoff** mentioned we are now entering our 53rd year as a MARC club. A technical seminar to install a Mitchell Overdrive in Jan Wyckoff's Cabriolet is scheduled for Feb 20th. Membership chair **Ursi Schmidt** said we have 93 member families. Introduced new member **John Hernandez** and son **John, Jr.** 54 people in attendance. Drawings for attendance: **Georgette** won \$5 and **Jay** not present. Rollover to next month. Technical and Safety: **Dick Lusk** mentioned safety meeting at his house April 10th. Pot Luck affair and Hubley track. Details in HarborLight. Sunshine Chair **Doris Marshall** mentioned long time member, **Jack Ripley** passed away. Also, **Paul Larquier** is having good and bad days. **Dan Fitzgerald** is doing well with his proton radiation treatments. Will be completed soon. Lots of February birthdays and one wedding anniversary. Tool Coordinator **Bob DeCrescenzo** reminded us of the 24 club-owned tools available for member use. Tour Director **Elaine Pisu** reported on fun tour with Early Times car club. Poppy tour scheduled for March kinda 'iffy' because poppies are not in bloom yet. Working on alternate garage tour. Don't forget the Orange County club's pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 25th. Old Business: Next month we will have elections for vacant position of Technical Director. New Business: **Michelle Herrera** from the El Segundo Auto Driving Museum gave a talk on events at the museum. Mentioned a swap meet there on Sunday, Feb 28th. Raffle: **Dick Lusk** collected \$214 on this weeks raffle. Bigger prizes next month. **Gary Guttormson** shared his birthday cake with us all. Doris passed around sign-up sheet for the rest of the year. Next general meeting: Friday, March 26th. Next board meeting at Marshall's, March 2nd 7PM. Meeting Adjourned: 8:30PM. Submitted by **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

March 2nd, 2010 Board Meeting: Meeting called to order by president **Bob Speaks** at 7PM at home of **Doris and Drain Marshall**. Present: **Bob Speaks**, **Doris and Drain**, **Dick and Ursi**, **Dick and Jan**, **Daffy**, **Jay Mason**, **Joe Freitag**. Minutes of last meeting approved as emailed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported current balance. Approved as presented. Editor **Dick Wyckoff** puts the newsletter out a few days before each meeting. Have articles in this month by the March 15th for the April edition. Historian **Sue Hankins** not present. **Joe Freitag** donated a screen for the new DVD projector and **Dick Wyckoff** donated speakers. Membership Chair **Ursi Schmidt** working on last 5 families for annual dues. We have 93 paid families. Ursi will order new club denim hats with club logo. Will also print new rosters. Monies approved for both. Safety: Dick and Ursi will host Safety check for club cars on Saturday, April 10th. Webmaster: Bob to contact GoDaddy to change account info. **Jay Mason** agreed to take over as webmaster. Old Business: Election of Technical Director to take place at next general meeting. New Business: White elephant sale at May 28 meeting. Garage sale in October. Location TBD. Discussed swap meets and membership recruitments at such events. Jay mentioned getting a club banner. Also suggested inviting other car clubs to some of the car events, such as tours. Discussed purchasing muffler for donation to OC pancake breakfast. Drain to check price. Sec'y **Jan Wyckoff** to send out email to board members to submit budget estimates for the year to Bob. Meeting refreshments: **Doris Marshall**. Next general meeting: Friday, March 26th 7:30PM. Next Board meeting: April 6th at **Dick and Jan Wyckoff's** home at 7PM. Meeting adjourned: 8:25PM. Respectfully submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

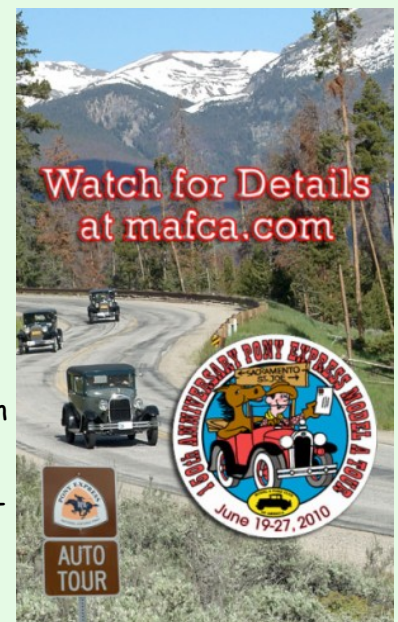
Future Local and Long Distance Events of Interest

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 805-549-0800. For additional information, contact Craig at 805-481-6951.

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.

Pony Express June 19-27. Watch for details in the 'Restorer'.



February and March Tour Pictures
The Poker Run and the Terranea Resort



Tech Seminar to install a Mitchell OD in Jan Wyckoff's Cabriolet



Dick Lusk and Jack Gordinier working under the Cabbie



Dick Wyckoff and Al Avoian taking the Cabbie for a test drive

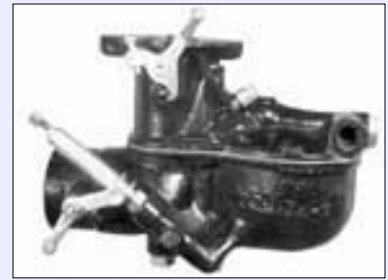
12 Harbor guys and 5 OC guys saw how to install a Mitchell overdrive in a Model A. Thanks to all who helped. It works great! Dick



Tom Endy checking shift linkage

2010 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

The So Cal Horseless Carriage **swap meet** is in Bakersfield **April 15-17**.
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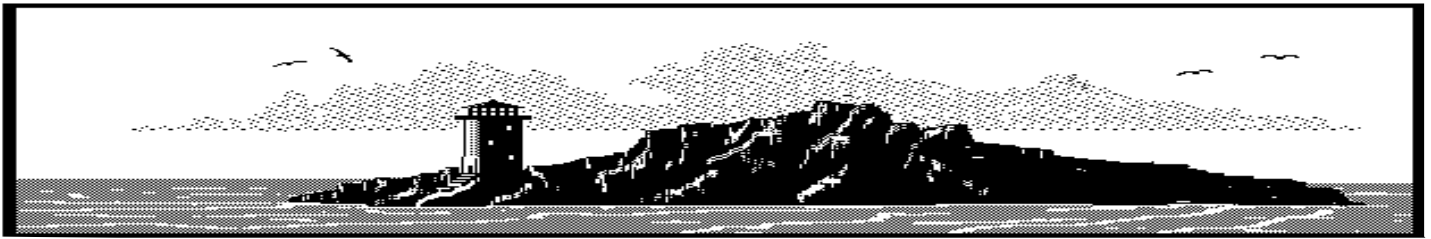


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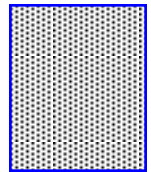
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