

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

Founded in 1957. Torrance, California.

May 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Business Meetings

The **April** business meeting will be held on **Friday, April 30th** at the Walteria Clubhouse. This is a pot luck meeting. A-L Main dish, M-Z Salad. Starts at 6PM. Main business meeting is at 7:30PM

The **May** business meeting will be **Friday, May 28th**, also at the Walteria Clubhouse.

The doors are open early for set-up. Come by and help and enjoy swapping adventure stories with others.

Upcoming Tours

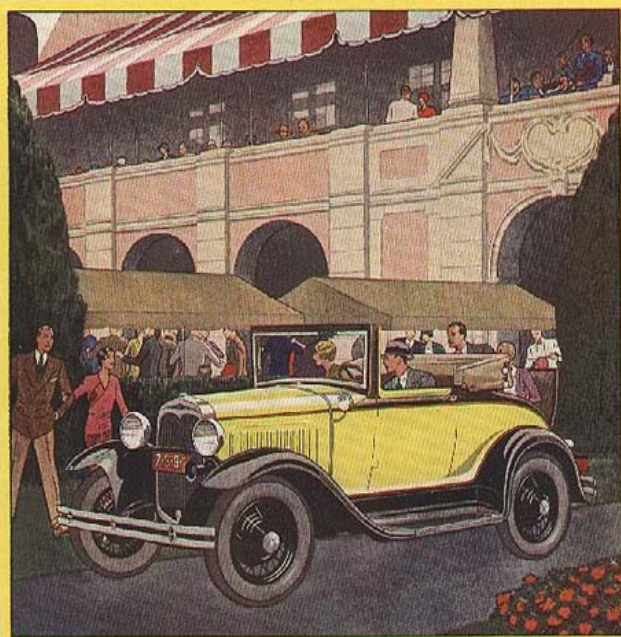
The club's tour for **May** is a trip to San Pedro to visit the fire museum, go aboard the harbor fire boat and do a pot luck with the firemen. We will meet at 9AM at Mills and leave at 9:30AM.

The date is **Saturday, May 22nd**. Hoping for a great turnout to this fun event. See page 7.

Technical Seminar

There is a possibility of a front end seminar in the near future. A couple members are working out the details. This will involve re-building the front end so it should be worth waiting for.

Thanks again to all who participated in the Safety Seminar at the home of Dick and Ursi. It is definitely one of the highlights of the year.



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Next Board Meeting

- The **May** board meeting will be held **Tuesday, May 4th** at 7PM at the home of Art and Daffy Wagner. Their address is 2705 Carnegie Ln, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.
- Phone is 310-374-6113

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Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

Well another month has gone by and it time to review the Club's activities. One in particular stands out. It represents our club's potential for coordination, teamwork, and a job well done.

We had our annual Safety Inspection at Dick and Ursi's home and it went smoothly and with great precision. Dick began preparation around 6AM prior to the club's arrival. The tools were laid out and the driveway was swept and ready for the members when they arrived. Ursi had the garage area arranged with tables and chairs for all the food. There was coffee and breakfast fixin's for the early birds.

The inspection team went into action and Dick's organization and foresight turned potential chaos into an organized experience for all. He anticipated the club's needs and everything was always on hand.

By lunch time everybody was hungry so we all helped ourselves to the pot luck lunch provide by the ladies of the club. [Thank to all the ladies who did their share]. What a great variety of good food.

Don't miss the next opportunity to connect with your fellow members. It's an experience only this unique type of club and membership can provide. See you then.

Your President
Bob Speaks

The April 10th Safety Inspection



An overall picture of the Annual Safety Inspection at Dick and Ursi's home.
Great day and great food! See pages 4 and 9.



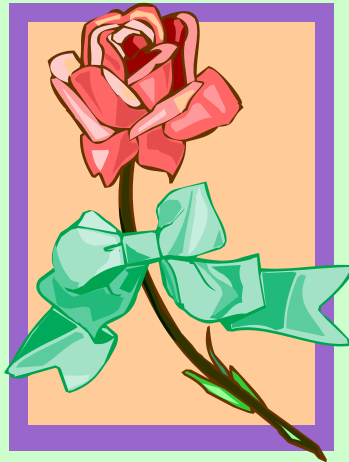
Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall

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

Lorna Squires, wife of our long time friend of the club, **Everett Squires**, has passed away. She died of natural causes. Our thoughts are with you, Everett.

May Birthdays


- 1 LeOra Combs
- 4 Leonard Funk
- 20 Dolores Strosnider
- 22 Jesse Dykes
- 26 Kathy Webb
- 29 Blanca Bolanos



May Anniversaries

- 5 Liz & Dan Fitzgerald
- 7 Noelle & Terry Marshall
- 20 Darlene & Leonard Funk
- 23 Ellen Peterson & Bill Newell

ANNIVERSARY




Happy 65th Anniversary!

David Richard Pierson married Joyce Gayle Baker on March 31, 1945, shortly before he was shipped out to the Pacific in World War II. The following 65 years of marriage have been a model of love and faithfulness to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, all who love them dearly. Dave served in the Army Air Corp throughout WW II and the Korean War. His love of flying has continued from the 40's to this day, and he still connects with other pilots at Torrance Airport.

Dave and Joy started Spacecraft Machine Products in the early 60's, providing manufactured parts to the aerospace industry for three decades. Being a full time mother and grandmother for over 60 years has been the focus of Joy's life. Dave and Joy have lived in Rolling Hills Estates for 45 years and have served faithfully at Torrance 1st Baptist Church their entire marriage. Their children Karen (Pierson) and Jerry Rakita of Torrance, Eric and (Mary) Pierson of Atascadero, Dan and (Terry) Pierson of Soquel and Lisa Pierson of Lomita celebrate this special occasion.

Their entire family feels blessed by their personal example of love and caring in our lives and look forward to the years to come.

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 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: 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



Our Annual Safety Inspection Hosts

For the last several **Schmidt** have hosted Safety Inspection. They sheet for all the many year, it seems, the event About four years ago, luck event also getting Dick and Ursi put a lot and it shows. Everything Model As arrive at about with tools and equipment some breakfast muffins up, more food is brought is filled with people and with cars. The event is in and 17 cars showed up.

is not a little 'kick the tires' inspection. Everything including tire pressure, spark arrestors, lights, horns, brakes, steering, window glass, and ignition is checked. The results are cataloged and check-off sheets are given to each owner.

Of course, all this requires many hands. Bob DeCrescenzo took on the bookkeeping chores, Stoney Stonehocker, Fred Griffin, Greg Earhart, Monty Bates, Dan Fitzgerald, Dick Wyckoff, Art Wagner, Gary Guttormson, Walt Hibbard, Drain Marshall, Nathan Sherry, and a host of others, all chipped in. Meanwhile Ursi is keeping the distaff crowd happy in the garage with lots of fun conversation.

By the time it was ready to eat, there was more than enough great pot-luck delights to feed all. Even some great desserts were enjoyed. A great event and, again, **THANKS to Dick and Ursi.**

(More pictures on page 9)



years, Dick Lusk and Ursi the Harbor Club's Model A developed a check-off items that we look at. Each gets better and better. the meeting became a pot the whole family involved. of effort into preparation is in order when the first 8:30AM. Dick is all set up and Ursi has the coffee and ready. As each car shows in. Pretty soon, the garage the entire street is filled full swing. 43 people We inspected 14 cars. This

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.



Monday 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

Outsmarting the Model A By Jim Beardsley



Several years ago I had a problem with my Model A. This problem went on for months and actually made me stop driving my car because it just wasn't fun. The car is fully restored, very pretty and gets a lot of attention when out on the road; it has a new engine (H and H touring motor) that really handles today's freeway speeds so it is fun to take anywhere.

The problem started out in San Bernardino at the Route 66 car show which is a three day event with a lot of car cruising. I drove the car out there with no problems, everything went great, but in one of the cruising tours the engine just died for no reason. I got it out of the way and opened the hood looking for something obvious, coil wire or distributor clip, but it looked ok. So I got back in to try it and it started right up? Weird, maybe some sort of vapor lock because of the heat and the slow driving? On Sunday the event was over so Elyse and I jumped in and started for home. We were on the 10 freeway in the slow lane running about 55 mph and after a few miles it did it again, just died; luckily there was a shoulder I could pull off. Jumped out again, opened the hood and everything looked good so I tried to start it, started right up. Took off again and in about 10 miles it did it again. Same routine, pull over, jump out look at nothing, and fiddle with the carburetor, starts right up. Now I am getting nervous because with all the freeway widening, often there is no shoulder but we keep going. I had been lucky so far but finally, after it did it again, I get off of the freeway and we go surface streets. Going surface streets from San Bernardino to Redondo Beach is not easy and you have to go through some very strange areas that Model A's are at best an unusual site but we finally get home.

After all of this I am convinced it is a gas problem and maybe a chunk of something floating around in the carburetor, gas line or tank. On the way home I started rocking the car when it died, sloshing the gas around in the tank thinking it was maybe a chunk of dirt or rust clogging the gas line.

I tore into it, pulled the carburetor and rebuilt it looking for something clogged. Nothing obvious but maybe I fixed it. Started driving it again and it seemed to be corrected. Then it happened again, same thing, same way, just died while running then would start up after I pulled over. Pulled the carburetor again, went through it, nothing. Start driving it again and after a while it would do it again.

I was getting frustrated and ended up not driving the car much because I couldn't depend on it. Sometimes it would run good and then, at what seemed as always the most inappropriate time, it would just die, usually in an intersection or in an area that you don't want to be out under the hood of your car. I must have had the carburetor apart ten times. Now I am thinking I am going to have to pull the gas tank because something is floating around in there and clogging the gas line outlet. I am dreading the thought of pulling the gas tank out of a fully restored car because I remember how hard it was to get it in the car without scratching it. Then once it is out of the car how do I clean it? Plus, naturally I have a full tank of gas so I have an additional problem of getting 10 gallons of gas out of the car and into something.

So I let the car sit, maybe a month or two, and I am thinking about how to solve my problem. I am convinced I have to pull the tank out of the car, put some cleaner in it, slosh it around and try to dislodge or dissolve whatever is in there without scratching it or staining the paint. Or maybe I just eat it, pull the tank, flush the tank out, put in sealer, repaint and hope the paint matches the car and then reinstall the tank. For those of you that have never installed a Model A gas tank it is not an easy or fun job. It takes ten hands, you have to hold everywhere and there is no good place to hold. The gas tank beading also has to be installed at the same time. The beading is also painted and is installed between the body and the tank and the beading has to be adjusted up and down with cloth strips stapled every inch or so because you can't see or feel the flange. All this has to happen at one time while not scratching the outside body paint, the beading paint or the dash board paint, plus adjusting the beading by pulling on the cloth strips, hence the ten hands.

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Outsmarting your Model A (continued)

After a few more months I decide I have obviously overlooked something, this can't be this hard, it is only a Model A and nothing is that hard on a Model A and I have been working on this one since I was a kid. So I start all over again, I fully re-read the carburetor book, borrow a Carburetor rebuild CD from Drain, watch it two or three times and rebuild the carburetor once again. This time I paying special attention to all the little passages, pushing very fine wire through all the passageways I can access, gauge the metering, re-bush the throttle shaft, and set the float using every precision tool I have. Then I run several gallons of gas through the gas line into a hose then into a bucket while I watch for any dirt or rust. This time I got it, whatever it was is gone so I take it out for a drive. I drive it all over South Bay and it works perfectly, must have done 25 or 30 miles, so I decide I will take Elyse out to dinner and then pick up her brother, arriving from Georgia, at LAX after dinner. We go to dinner in Play Del Rey and the car stumbles once going down Pershing Drive, just coughed then continued. No big deal, don't worry about it.....

During dinner I am looking out at the car, my car and it looks good, perfect. After dinner we headed for LAX up Manchester and half way up the hill from Pursing Drive it dies again same as before. I restart it and out of desperation I think "well maybe the gas is dead" and that is why it stumbled earlier so I pull a u-turn and go to the Mobil Station at the bottom of the hill, pull into the pump, jump out and pulled the gas cap. AND PHUFFFFFF. Air gets sucked into the tank. "SON OF A GUN, THAT'S MY PROBLEM" !!!! The gas cap, even though it had visible vent holes in it, had somehow clogged itself enough to cause a temporary vacuum when the gas went down which would stop the flow of gas, like holding your finger over one end of the straw full of liquid. By the time I would get the car pulled over it would leak enough air through it to make the vacuum go away and the gas would start flowing so the car would re-start.

So I loosened the gas cap, drove to LAX, picked up my brother-in-law, and had a smile on my face all the way home, thinking what's the chance of that ever happen again.

Later, I drilled more holes in the gas cap, this baby is getting lots of air now, and have been driving carefree every since.

TOLD YOU, NOTHING ON A MODEL A IS THAT DIFFICULT, YOU JUST HAVE TO BE SMARTER THAN YOUR GAS CAP.....

2010 Membership and Roster info:

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

Also available are ball caps with the club's logo. Available in black, dark blue and denim. \$12. There are a few 50th anniversary T-shirts and pins still available, too.

Please call **Ursula** at (310) 539-5391 to place your order.

Back by popular demand: Dick Wyckoff has had printed the popular 50th Anniversary Harbor Club cookbook. We have only 100 copies. They are \$10 each. Contact Doris Marshall or Dick for your copy now.

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.

Wanted:

- Used greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. **Ursi** (310) 539-5391 and **Doris** (310) 378-5061.

TERRIFIC TOURS

by Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



The May tour will be on Saturday, May 22nd.

Feed a Fireman, Visit a Fireman's Boat and checkout the Fire Museum.

Pot Luck for the Firemen. (Maybe he will look like David. Hmmm).

Meet at Mills at 9:00 leave at 9:30. We will Visit the Fire Museum in San Pedro and then go to the Fire Station at the Harbor. We will be taking a tour of the Fireboat and if the station is quiet enough we may get a ride on the Fireboat. Put it on your calendar. It should be a Great Day!

Save the Date:

Saturday, June 12. We will be going to the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum Aviation Day. Details to follow. (See flyer).

Ciao for now.

Elaine Pisu

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:

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

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

Sunday, June 6th Antique Nationals Drag Race and Car Show. Auto Club Raceway 9300 Cherry Ave., Fontana CA 92335. 8AM. Admission \$25.

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

July 23 & 24th: Long Beach Model T club swap meet. More to come.

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

September 20-26, 2010 Santa Cruz Hub Tour



'Our Gang' in Laughlin



Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Notes:

March 26th, 2010 Business meeting: President **Bob Speaks** opened the meeting at 7:30PM at the Walteria Clubhouse. **Bill Newell** led the flag salute. The clubs past presidents were recognized. Previous meeting minutes were approved with corrections to wording: 93 memberships, not 93 members. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported on bank balance. HarborLight editor said the newsletter was late due to printing press malfunction. Issue did arrive on Friday before meeting. Dick also told of rain at the San Diego swap meet on Saturday. Still had fun, as always. Historian **Sue Hankins** showed the new DVD projector. Still working on the sound. She reported on the MAFFI car raffle at the MARC National Convention in San Diego 2011. Membership chair **Ursi Schmidt** brought daughter **Sami** to sell more raffle tickets than last month. Ursi reported that we have 98 memberships with two not renewing. **Art Wagner** won clock prize. No winners for the men's and women's drawing. Tech and Safety: Safety Seminar at Dick and Ursi's on April 10th. Starts at 9AM. Pot Luck event. Sgt at Arms **Bill Newell** collected a whopping \$1 for badges. This is actually a good thing! Sunshine Secretary **Doris Marshall** mentioned **Margaret Gott** doing well. **Adeline Bates** doing well after the flu. **Paul Larquier** not doing well. A get well card would be appreciated. **Doris** doing this. Good to see **Dan and Liz Fitzgerald** at the meeting. Tool coordinator: List of club's tools in the April issue of the HarborLight. Tour Director **Elaine Pisu** passed around a list of upcoming tours and events in the area. Laughlin tour contact is **Drain Marshall**. Orange County Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, April 25th. We leave Mill's at 7:30AM. 30 miles, 40 minute drive. Super event. Don't miss it. President read off all the birthdays and anniversaries for April. Congratulations! Old Business: Nominations open for Technical Director. No takers. Board will select a three person committee to handle the task. New Business: **Pat Yacklon** handed out last years Roadrunner awards to those not at the banquet. **Bob Speaks** mentioned the need for old cars for a movie shoot in May and June. Sent around a sign-up sheet for those interested. Also, May 5th is an employees appreciation day in Long Beach. Goodmans's at 39th and Cherry, between 10AM and 3PM. Food and vendors. Also July 23 and 24th, Long Beach Model T club swap meet at Alameda race track. More to come. Refreshments hosted by **Daffy Wagner**. Next general meeting, April 30th. This is Pot Luck at 6PM. Next Board meeting at the Wyckoff's, 7PM. Meeting adjourned 9PM. Respectfully submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

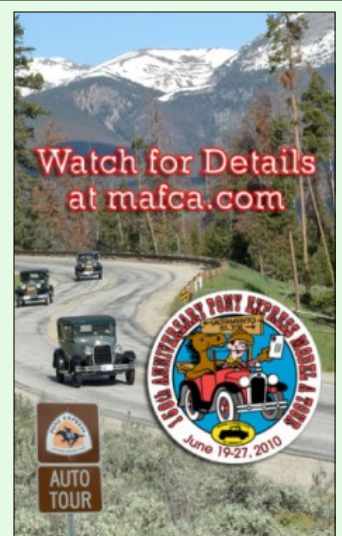
March 2nd, 2010 Board Meeting: **Bob Speaks** called meeting to order at 7PM at the Wyckoff home. Present were **Dick and Ursi**, **Jan and Dick**, **Daffy and Art**, **Doris and Drain**, and **Elaine**. Minutes approved with correction of 97 paid memberships and 170 members. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported on bank balance. **VP Dick Lusk** reported good balance for raffle prizes. Editor **Dick Wyckoff** gave deadline of April 15th for articles. Lots of submissions last issue. Historian not present. Membership Chair **Ursi Schmidt** reported 97 memberships. Sunshine **Doris Marshall** reported Paul Larquier not doing well. Tour Director **Elaine Pisu** mentioned April 10th Safety meeting, April 25th OC pancake breakfast. May is CCRG and NCRG. Details in the HarborLight. Possible tour to the San Pedro fire station on May 31st. Possible tour of Pat Aust's car collection in Redondo. Website: No response from previous webmaster. Contract expires Sep 2011 with Go Daddy. Old Business: President appointed **Art Wagner** to head Technical Committee with **Joe Jankiewicz** and new member, **John Hernandez**. Drain to assist. No action on budget presented by President Bob. Bob mentioned the movie project and the May 5th car show. Good events to promote membership in the club. New Business: **Dick Wyckoff** got a call from printer of anniversary cookbooks. Dick got a bid for reprint of 100 copies. We discussed buying 100 copies as a moneymaker for club. MSP to purchase 100 anniversary cookbooks at \$5.85 each. Dick to check on printing of club rosters, also. Discussion on use of club's new DVD projector by club members. Board voted to not loan out projector. Considered an instrument, not a tool. Secretary to prepare response to requestor. Advertising in the newsletter. Drain has 20 paid subscribers. Next club meeting April 30th Pot Luck. A-L main dish. M-Z salads. Next Board meeting May 4th at Wagner's home. 7PM. Meeting adjourned 8:10PM. 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 805-549-0800. 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'.



Safety Inspection Pictures by Sue Hankins and Dick Wyckoff



2010 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

- **Sunday, June 13th.** Swap Meet Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn CA. Open 5AM. Mother Lode Model T Club. Contact Ron Brown 530-889-0225.
- **Sat & Sun, July 17 & 18.** Riverside CA Swap Meet. Riverside Model T Club. 3700 Placentia Lane, Riverside CA.
- **Sunday, August 22.** Swap Meet. SFV Model T & A Clubs. Rancho San Antonio. 21000 Plummer, Chatsworth CA. 6AM.

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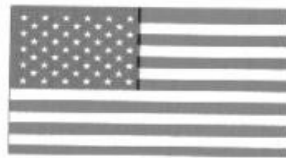
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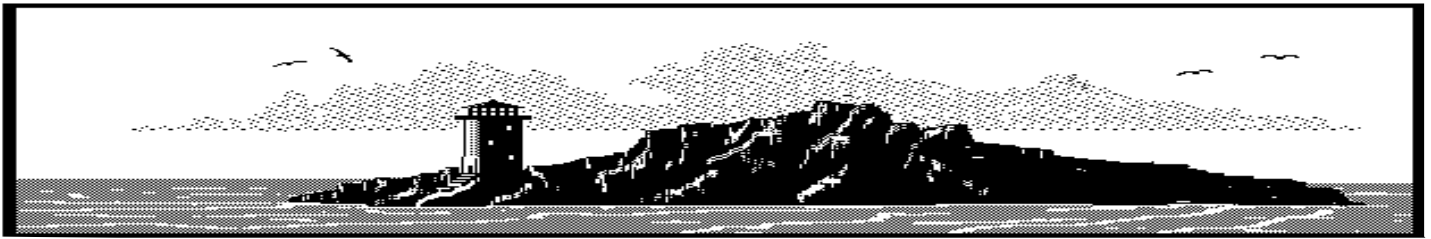


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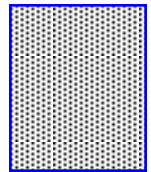
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