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June 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

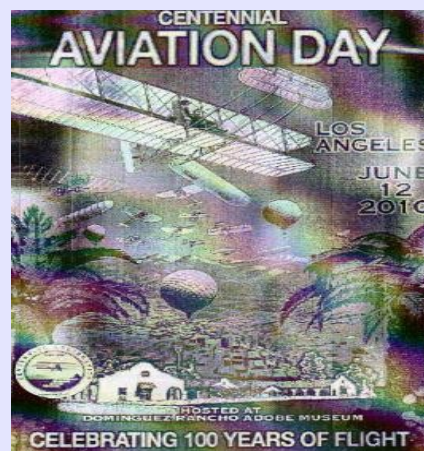
Upcoming Business Meetings

The **May** business meeting will be **Friday, May 28th**, at the Walteria Clubhouse at 7:30PM.

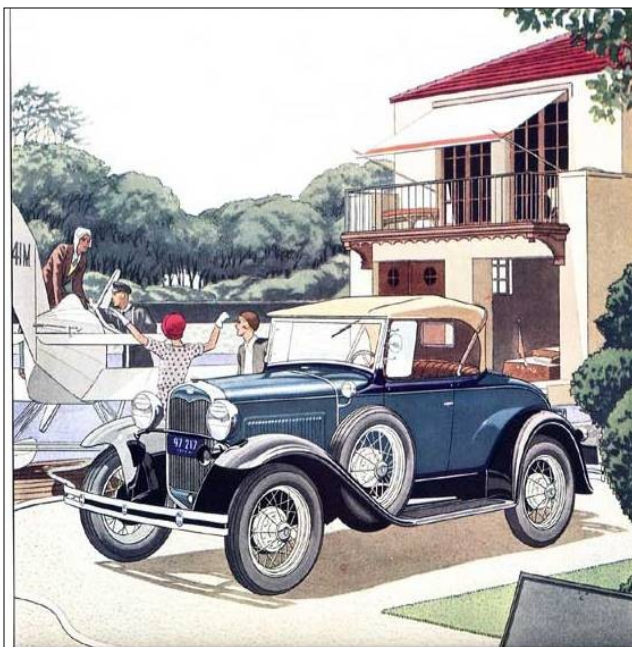
The big event at this meeting is a **White Elephant** sale. Anyone with such an item, bring it to the meeting. All proceeds go to the club. Model A items are also welcome! Come early and help with the set-up.

The **June** meeting is **Friday, June 25th**. See you there.

Upcoming Tours



June 12. See page 7 for details



A Dashing New Ford Roadster

Technical Seminar

With summer coming on, we should have a front end inspection seminar, don't you think? We would look at brakes, bearings and general suspension health.

Anyone want to host this?

Contact:

Art Wagner 310-374-6113

Next Board Meeting

- The **June** board meeting will be held **Tuesday, June 1st** at 7PM at the home of Doris and Drain Marshall. Their address is 5153 Willow Wood Rd., Rolling Hills Est, CA 90274.
- Their phone is 310-378-5061

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Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!



I would like to share this letter with all the members of the Harbor Area Model A Club.
We had fourteen Model A's and seven Model T's for a total of twenty one cars and thirty members from both clubs.
This is what I mean when I say "Have more fun by participation".

Your President
Bob Speaks [again]

Mr. Speaks,

I just wanted to drop you a note to express my heartfelt thanks to you and all of the members of both clubs who attended the "Hot Cars and Cool Customers" event we had here at Goodman. The turnout was fantastic both in cars and in customers and with your help, I will be making this a yearly event. I will be getting pictures from my boss Calvin Merideth and when I do I will pass them along to you. I only regret that I did not have more time to spend with you and your lovely Ann, getting to know one another a little better. My boys and I will be attending the Vintage and Classic Parts Exchange in July, so I will see you there.

I am working on an article about our event for our company newsletter as well as for an industry newspaper called "Indoor Comfort News" and I would love to include a quote or two from you in the article, if you would be so kind as to give me a few.

Once again, Thank You so much for everything you and both clubs did, ya'll were fantastic and a pleasure, and we truly enjoyed getting to spend the day with you all.

P. Taylor Hodges
Branch Manager
Goodman Distribution #726

Goodman Car Show Pics
By Sue Hankins





Sunshine Secretary's Report . . . By Doris Marshall

Paul Larquier is still having good and bad days. Hang in there Paul. We are thinking of you.

Bill Younkin is recovering from emergency gall bladder removal. He still made it to the last meeting three days after surgery!

June Birthdays

- 14 Daniel Gallardo
- 14 Frances Earhart
- 23 Barney Clayton



June Anniversaries

- 4 Jeanne & Richard Parrish
- 5 Diana & Marty Murphy
- 7 Tim & Pat Harrison
- 7 Bill & JoAnn Moore
- 12 Helen & Floyd Carr
- 14 Kathy & Jim Valot
- 22 Greg & Frances Earhart

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

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'!



HarborLight Editor
Dick Wyckoff displays MARC's
'Newsletter Award of Excellence'
for 2009.

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. At a Board meeting last week, we had a gathering of some of the committee chairman from San Diego area just to get acquainted and start exchanging info. Soon to be distributed are raffle tickets for the grand prize of a **long block, stock H&H engine**. Max Jr. had agreed to donate one of his rebuilt engines for the convention raffle. **Thanks, Max!** 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



Pictures from the Orange County Model A Club Pancake Breakfast

Starting at Mills Diner at 7:30AM for a 30 mile drive.



Some of the 300 cars at the breakfast.



Dan Fitzgerald and Bobby De Crescenzo won awards for best speedster and best 30-31 closed car. Congratulations!



Harbor's raffle crowd checking their tickets.



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 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.

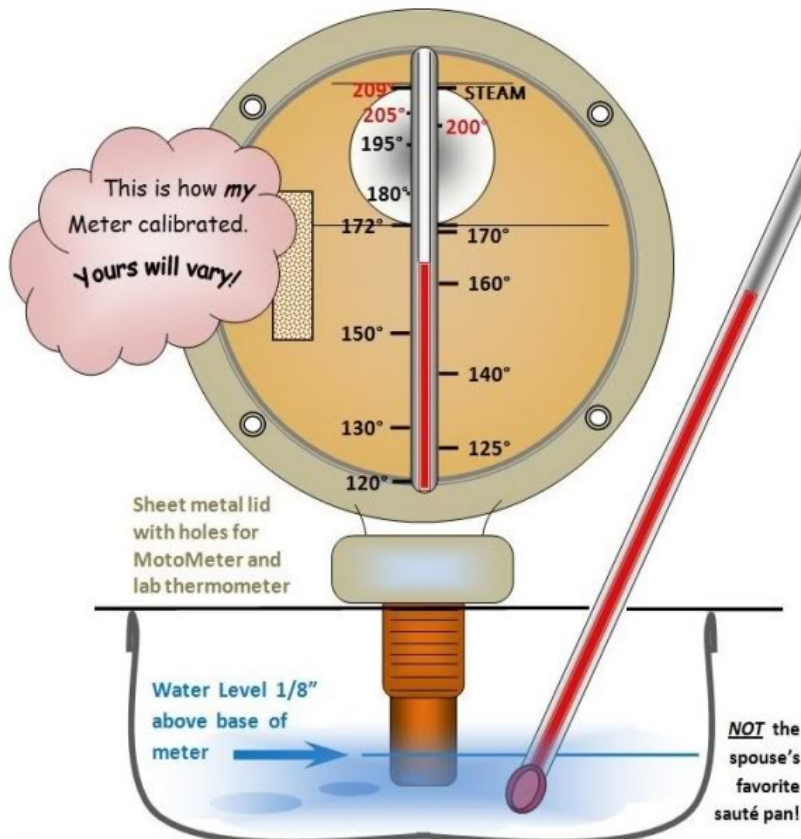




Technical Talk



MOTOMETER MISBEHAVIN'? ~ AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY- MAYBE !



Heat to a medium boil and wait for both thermometers to reach their highest point. Turn off the heat and calibrate your MotoMeter in relation to the known thermometer as they slowly cool. You cannot easily calibrate the MotoMeter to the thermometer during the temperature rise when heating the water because the mass and thermal transfer rate differences will cause a lag in the MotoMeter response.

Does your MotoMeter only work part-time?

Sad thing about MotoMeters. For many Model A's once the radiator "burps" and finds its own running water level the meter either reads nothing or inaccurately low because the water is below the sensor. Then when the water gets to a boil while you are going one mph in a parade, the water level rises in the radiator and the red line shoots sky high! Oops! Too late. Oh, well. It looks nice when parked.

The Fix. Original radiators will usually run with the water level high enough to constantly operate the MotoMeter, but most replacements will not. A durable 2" long wick made by tightly wrapping three or four layers of canvas or heavy fabric and brass screen around the threaded base, secured to the base threads with a small 1/4 wide stainless steel hose clamp *may* help make your MotoMeter work. You *must* include the brass screen in and around the wick wrappings to keep the fabric from slowly disintegrating into your radiator! Wrap a spiral of brass or S.S. wire like a spring around the length of the wick to keep it together. You will probably also need to extend the internal radiator overflow tube upwards, to a point about 1/4" from the top of the neck. A piece of tight fitting rubber fuel hose pushed down onto the existing overflow tube should work. The extension hose must be a snug press onto the tube or the overflow will constantly drip. If you have a twist and flip cap it will all be a tight fit! Check your cap gasket, too.

Once you get that MotoMeter behaving, it may be nice to know what the temperature actually is. Make a drawing of the face of your MotoMeter and pick some easy reference points like I did in the illustration. Then calibrate it. If yours needs a wick to work, calibrate it with the wick attached, adjusting the water level in your setup to approximate the water level in your radiator. Without a wick the sensor should be at least 1/8" in the water.

Mike Keating

From Bob DeCrescenzo

I would like to personally thank all my friends you supported me and my car at the Pancake Breakfast. I was very happy to win the trophy for the best 30-31 closed car and could not have accomplished that without the support of the club . Again **THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!**



2010 Membership, Roster and Club Items:

New 2010 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 phone-book/roster by mail.

At the April 30th business meeting we had 52 club members and six guests present. In case if you are wondering who the guests were: Everett Squires, Charlie Plessner, Jeanne Webb's granddaughter, Chris Craig's brother, Gary Guttormson's mom, Ann, and John Hernandez' son, John, jr.

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



Club friend, Everett Squires

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

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



A little fixin' and she'll be good as new



Dot and Bill Knott at the pot luck business meeting

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- Five 19" Goodyear diamond-tread tires. Older tires with lots of tread left. Would be great for getting your project on the road. \$50. Call Dick in El Segundo 310-292-1929.

- 1930 Victoria Coupe - Basket, but complete. It comes with a good CA title. Have too many projects, and not enough room. This one has to go. Body is good, fenders rough. All original. \$7500. If purchased by a club member, or a club member referral, a 5% donation goes to "Harbor Area Region Model A Club!" Contact Ted Dalton - (562) 494-1648 or tdalton32@aol.com

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

Save the Date:

Saturday, June 12. We will be going to the Rancho Dominguez Aviation Day. 11AM to 5PM
Details to follow. Bob Speaks to lead.
Ciao for now.

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



More Fun Dates:

Saturday, June 5th El Segundo Education Foundation car show at the El Segundo Driving Museum 610 Lairport St. ES 90245. 10AM to 4PM.

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

Saturday, June 12th. Rods & Hogs Poker Run. Benefit Ovarian Cancer. 9AM at Century Theater 1701 W. Katella, Orange CA. \$35

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

June 27th, 2010 Henry Ford Picnic. Hosted by the Diamond Tread Chapter, Downey. Meet at Mills at 7:45AM, leave at 8:15AM. Heritage Park 12100 Moro Dr., Santa Fe Springs CA 90670. \$10/person includes lunch / parking.

July 16-18, 2010 Wings & Wheels in Solvang. Always a fun event.

July 23 & 24th: (Friday & Saturday) 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

150th Anniversary Pony Express Model A Tour June 19-27, 2010 Sponsored by Model A Ford Club of America

MAFCA's exciting National Tour in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the famed Pony Express is well underway.

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The 150th Anniversary Pony Express Tour is a MAFCA-sponsored event.

Teams will leave St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California and will meet in Casper, Wyoming for a special celebration there. The Tour will be structured so you can go all the way, part of the way, or just for the day! Yes, we'll actually be carrying very special mail during the event.

Lead cars from both ends will be equipped with live GPS sending units and the teams will be able to be tracked via a unique Web site. Visitors will know where the lead cars are within five minutes.

Watch *The Restorer* magazine and mafca.com for more details. Better yet, subscribe to *Pony Express Post* for the earliest and latest information.



Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Minutes:

April 30th, 2010 Business meeting: President **Bob Speaks** opened the meeting at 7:35PM following a delicious pot luck dinner. **Bill Newell** led the flag salute. Past Presidents in attendance were recognized. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as distributed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** read the Treasurer's report. Approved as submitted. HarborLight editor **Dick Wyckoff** continues request for email distribution of newsletter. Articles due by May 15th. Historian **Sue Hankins** showed a DVD (on new projector) of recent safety seminar and Orange County pancake breakfast. Super job, Sue! She also had raffle tickets for Tudor sedan to be given away by MAFFI at 2011 MARC Meet. Membership Chair **Ursi Schmidt** reported membership of 98 club (family) memberships. We have new hats and new 2010 club rosters. First roster is free, extras are \$2 each. 52 members present at the meeting with six guests. Membership drawing: **Joe Freitag** won \$15. (He gave it back to the club). Woman's winner not present. VP **Dick Lusk** reported \$140 received in raffle. Thanks to those that donated prizes. Technical and Safety: **Art Wagner** was looking into seminar on rebuilding a front end. **Dick Lusk** reports that 15 cars checked at seminar with 21 total. Badge money was \$4.50. Sunshine Secretary, **Doris Marshall** reported that **Paul Larquier** is the same and appreciated the cards sent to him. **Bill Younkin** had gall bladder surgery Tuesday and was the meeting! He didn't want to miss the pot luck! **Bob Olsen** had the flu. Seven birthdays and one anniversary were mentioned. Tool Guru **Bobby D.** reported all the tools were available. Has \$100 to buy more tools. Needs ideas. Tour Director **Elaine Pisu** passed out a list of upcoming events and tours. Lots of things going on. Old Business: Don't forget the 'White Elephant' sale at the next meeting. New Business: The club ordered 100 copies of the club's 50th Anniversary Cookbook to sell for \$10. Doris has sold some already. One to be donated to the 'Feed the Fireman' tour May 22nd. **Dick Wyckoff** was presented with a MARC 'Award of Excellence' for the HarborLight newsletter. Refreshments for the evening provided by **Georgette Avoian**. **Doris Marshall** brought a cake celebrating **Pat Yacklon's** retirement. Next meeting is May 28th. Don't forget about the White Elephant sale. Next Board meeting: Tues, May 4th at **Art and Daffy's** home. Meeting adjourned at 8:57PM. Respectfully submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, secretary.

May 4th, 2010 Board Meeting: President **Bob Speaks** opened the meeting at 7PM in the home of **Art and Daffy Wagner**. Present were Speaks, Dick and Ursi, Doris and Drain, Jan and Dick, and Elaine. Minutes of previous meeting approved as previously emailed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** made her status report. Recent expenses were the cookbook, the roster, and the HarborLight. VP **Dick Lusk** reports good results from the raffle. Will upgrade the prizes at the next meeting. HarborLight editor **Dick Wyckoff** requests article by May 15th. He will be at the NCRG and need info sooner this month. Dick also mentioned that 31 members get their newsletter by email and other clubs bring the total to 51. He mails out 75 copies. We currently have 20 ads in the newsletter. Historian: Not present. Membership: **Ursi Schmidt** mailed out 41 rosters and handed out 45 at the meeting and 12 at the Hot 'n Tot. First one is free, others are \$2 each. Sold 10 new hats so far. Mentioned that only 3-4 members are not MAFCA members. Safety: **Dick Lusk** has checked 22 cars. Will check them at member's home. Sunshine Chair **Doris Marshall** mentioned **Bob Olsen** sick with flu. **Frank Young** had hernia operation. **Paul Larquier** still not well. Tour Director: **Elaine Pisu** corrected numbers for OC pancake breakfast. We counted 34 at Mills but 60 members and guests at breakfast. Old Business: Looking to have garage sale October 16th. **Jay Mason's** home a possibility. New Business: Elaine would like to donate a hat or cookbook (or both) to people who open their home or garages to our tours. Bob suggested we look for a new place to have our Installation banquet next January. We expect 65-70 people. Suggested were Dave's Garage, El Segundo Driving Museum. Bob's motto "Have more fun by participation". Refreshments by Daffy and Art. Next general meeting: Friday, May 28th with a 'White Elephant' Sale. No raffle that night. Next Board meeting: June 1, at the Marshall's home. 7PM. Meeting adjourned 8:20PM. Respectfully submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

Subject: Accurate Tool Descriptions

DRILL PRESS:

A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings our beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL:

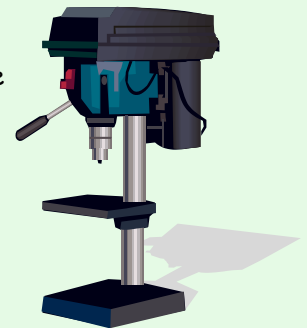
Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers.

SKILL SAW:

A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

HACKSAW:

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.



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.
- **Saturday, June 26th.** 13th Annual Swap Meet and Car Show. Orange County Model T Club.
El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave., Placentia CA. 6AM to 2PM
- **Sat & Sun, July 17 & 18.** Riverside CA Swap Meet. Riverside Model T Club.
3700 Placentia Lane, Riverside CA. Sat: 11AM to 6PM. Sun: 6AM to 2PM
- **Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24.** Swap Meet. Long Beach Model T Club.
Los Alamitos Race Course 4961 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720.
Fri: 7AM-7PM. Sat: 7AM-4PM
- **Sunday, August 22.** Swap Meet. SFV Model T & A Clubs.
Rancho San Antonio. 21000 Plummer, Chatsworth CA. 6AM to Noon
- **Sunday, September 26th.** Swap Meet. Paradise Valley 49th Annual Event.
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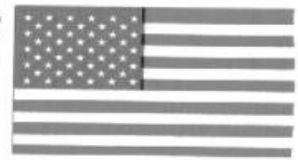
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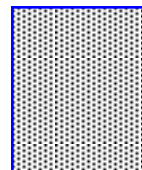
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