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Upcoming Business Meetings

The July business meeting will be Friday, July 30th at 7:30PM.

The August business meeting will be Friday, August 27th at 7:30PM.

Come by a little early and help with the set up. This is a good time to talk with your friends and catch up on all the latest Model A info! See you there.

Upcoming Tour

Sue and Pat have put together a little Friday afternoon 'Drive and Dine' ending up at Ruby's in Redondo Beach.

We will meet at the Walteria Club-house at **3PM on Friday, August 13th** and take a cruise around the scenic PV coastline. We then will be part of the weekly car gathering at Ruby's by the pier in Redondo Beach. A good chance to drive your As mid-month and enjoy the afternoon view of the Pacific.

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 **Tuesday, August 3rd** at the home of Dick and Jan Wyckoff. The address is 337 Lomita St., El Segundo, CA 90245. Time: 7PM.
- Ph: 310-322-8863.



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Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

A busy month for the club. We have had great turnouts for the tours to the *Henry Ford Picnic* sponsored by the MAFCA Diamond Tread Chapter in Downey and the long distance tour to Solvang/Santa Inez for the annual *Wings and Wheels* meet. Thanks to our Tour Director, Elaine Pisu, for setting it all up.

This is also the season for swap meets. So all you 'junk yard dogs' prepare your treasures and your wallet for the new season!

The treasury is looking better. Raffle sales are up, sales of hats and shirts are doing well, we are now making money on the cookbooks, and everyone has paid his/her dues. Life is good!

Looking ahead, we are trying to find a new place for our banquet in January 2011. Any suggestions from the membership is appreciated.

That's all for now. Keep driving those As.

President Bob (with Dick Wyckoff)



Moving things around at the "Wings and Wheels" at the Santa Inez, CA airport.



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.

August Birthdays

- 4 Paul Larquier
- 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo
- 14 Greg Earhart
- 18 Linda Skinner
- 18 Julie Hernandez
- 20 Jeanne Webb
- 20 Dolores Strosnider
- 24 Gwen Valot
- 25 Dick Valot
- 26 Monty Bates



August Anniversaries

- 4 Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs
- 4 Steven & Weeg Thompson
- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 6 Dolores & Jerry Strosnider
- 12 Doris & Drain Marshall
- 17 Cliff & Donna Heise
- 19 James & Mary Walker
- 22 Ed & Linda Firth
- 25 Paul & Rose Jamesson

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Editors are always looking for articles of interest to put in the newsletters. There must be some interesting Model A stories out there. How long have you had your car? Was it a family car? Did you restore it yourself? 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'!

There's more! The Pacific As Region of MARC is moving right along in it's preparation of hosting the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. We now have raffle tickets for the grand prize of a **long block, stock H&H engine**. Max Jr. has agreed to donate one of his rebuilt engines for the convention raffle. **Thanks, Max!** Dick Wyckoff has some raffle tickets for sale. \$5 for one, \$20 for five, \$50 for 15, and \$100 for 35 tickets. The drawing will be held at the 2011 National Meet, July 1st. Call Dick at 310-322-8863 or email janndick@earthlink.net.

Just added this month: Dan Fitzgerald has obtained another great raffle prize. He has arranged for a free stay at the very upscale **Meritage Resort in Napa California. Included with the stay is a case of fine Trinitas wine.** (Editor's note: I have stayed at the Meritage Resort and it is awesome. Very classy in a beautiful setting in Napa.)

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



*Prize winners from the Henry Ford Picnic
Sunday, June 27th, 2010*



Friday Afternoon at Ruby's Diner:

Since March, Ruby's Diner in Redondo Beach by the pier has hosted 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 A's. 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**. There is a nice raffle and trophies are awarded each week. Parking is free to participating cars. This event will continue all 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.



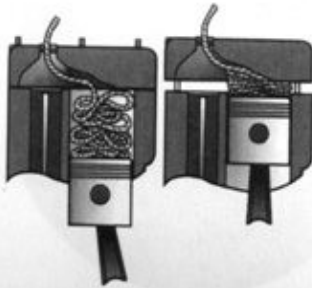


Technical Talk



SAFE AND EASY WAY TO REMOVE A STUCK HEAD

If you are trying to remove your Model A head and it is stuck - simply remove all head nuts, if you haven't already. Take out all spark plugs and using your hand crank turn the engine over until pistons #2 and #3 are at top dead center. A flashlight will aid in looking in the #2 and #3 spark plug holes. Take two pieces of 3/8" nylon or cotton rope, several feet long and feed one end of each rope into the #1 and #4 cylinders through the spark plug holes. Then simply use the hand crank to compress the rope and with a little force on the crank, the head will lift right up. Try to use about the same length of rope in each cylinder so as to lift the head evenly.

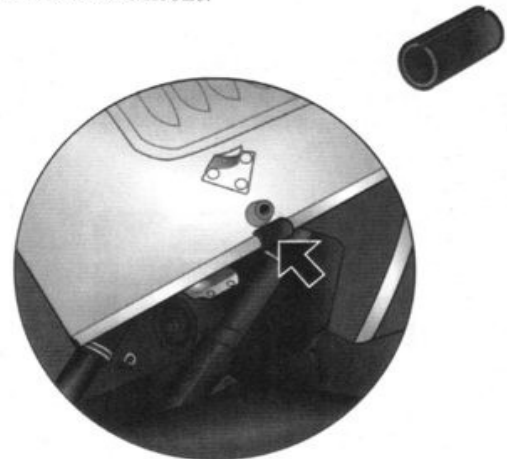


From MAFCA's book "Tiny Tips", page 133.
Submitted by Dan Ritt, Mt. Arab, Ohio
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

HOOD ANTI-CHIP PROTECTOR

A very simple solution to the problem of chipping the paint on your hood when latching the hood down with the hood handles is to cut four 1" to 2" lengths of fuel tubing, which are then cut length wise as shown.

Slide the tubing over the rolled lower edge of the hood and secure in place with a dab of silicone.



From MAFCA's book "Tiny Tips", page 134.
Submitted by Ted Kuchta, Centerville, Ohio
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Overlooked Item when Rebuilding a Water Pump

By Dick Lusk (and Dick Wyckoff)

When rebuilding the Model A water pump, the rear bushing is pressed into the housing. It is important to line up the hole in the side of the bushing (if it already has one) with the hole leading to the rear zerk fitting. This will allow grease to lubricate the bushing. If there is no hole in the new bushing, it is important to drill a hole through the zerk fitting hole into the bushing before reassembling the pump. Very important to have this hole.

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

From Gloria Younkin: **Club jackets** can be purchased at California Pro Sports, 1740 PV Dr North, Harbor City, 310-548-6012. Jacket description: Tri-Mountain 1500 coach jacket, nylon w/lining, color Navy. The embroidery is done at First Class Embroidery, 1526 Anaheim St., Harbor City CA. 310-326-7635.

Back by popular demand: The popular 50th Anniversary Harbor Club Cookbook has been reprinted. We have only 30 copies left from the 100 printed. They are going fast! They are \$10 each. Contact Doris Marshall or Dick Wyckoff for your copy now. They make great gifts!

Happenings Around the Club

Doris Marshall is seen working the crowd at all the Model A events. She sold 5 more 50th Anniversary cookbooks at the Wings and Wheels in Solvang last week. Go Doris!

Dick Lusk's Special Coupe had a milestone during the Solvang trip. His odometer turned 70K miles.

Ironically, **Dick Wyckoff's** odometer in his RPU turned 98K on the same trip. (I think it has been around once).

Elaine and Mirco Pisu are going to Italy during the month of August to visit family.

Bob Speaks is the go-to guy for the Long Beach Model T swap meet at the Los Alamitos race track.

Dan Fitzgerald and Dick Wyckoff are working hard on raffle prizes for the 2011 MARC National Meet. We now have an H&H engine and a free stay at the Meritage Resort in Napa (with a case of wine).



Doris, Joe, Drain and Linda enjoying the Henry Ford Picnic

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

• **1930-31 Model A Cabriolet (68B) Top hardware.** Rare original, unrestored parts: folding irons, triple-hinges, landau pivots, landau irons. All are original, most are pairs (L and R). Prefer to sell as pairs. These are left over from Cabriolet restoration. Also, some original wood. I paid fair prices and will sell for what I paid. What do you need? Contact Dick at 310-322-8863. El Segundo CA.

- Lots of **Model A engine parts.** Blocks, cams, rods, crankshafts. What do you need? Call Dan at 310-373-8060
- **'30 Cabriolet** top tack rail. \$50. '30 Cabriolet top bow \$75. Call Bill 310-316-8722. Torrance CA

Wanted:

- Used greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them.
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TERRIFIC TOURS

by Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

Save the Dates:

- **Friday, August 13th.** Drive and Dine led by Sue and Pat. We will take a scenic tour around the PV peninsula and end up at Ruby's Diner in Redondo Beach. Should be a fun ride and we get to see a lot of great cars at Ruby's car gathering. Meet at Walteria Clubhouse at 3PM to start.

More Fun Dates:

- **Saturday, August 28th.** The El Segundo Car Show on Main St. Starts at 10AM. Lots of great cars on display. More info: Contact Dick Wyckoff: 310-322-8863.
- **Thursday to Sunday, September 2nd to September 7th.** Apple Hill Meet - Hangtown A's. Registration and more info on MAFCA website. Enjoy the "Gold Rush" era in historic Placerville, CA. Always 'A' great time!
- **September 4-6, 2010.** Lompoc Antique Auto Club Shuttle Run.
- **September 18th** - Peterson Museum. The exhibition will be "Streamlined Fashion and Automobiles". More to come on this visit. International Model A Day is also September 18th. Drive your Model As!
- **September 20-26, 2010** Santa Cruz Hub Tour
- **October 9th and 10th** - Drain Marshall is organizing a tour of the 'Old Ridge Route'. The idea in the planning stages is to tour the Ridge Route on Saturday, stay in the Gorman area overnight and then meet with the Bakersfield Model A Club at Frazier Park on Sunday for their annual fun gathering. Freeway 90 mile drive. Fun time. More to come!

Wings and Wheels, Solvang CA

At last count by Ursi Schmidt, The Harbor Model A Club had 28 people and 10 cars present at the weekend event in Solvang / Santa Inez, CA. As always, we have a group dinner Friday night at a nice restaurant. This year we were at 'Pea Soup' Anderson's with 17 of us enjoying the dinner and company. On Saturday, the grand tour starts. All 113 people got to see the back roads of Solvang and Santa Inez. A trip to the local area history museum, a race horse ranch, a miniature donkey ranch and ending up in a local park to a great box lunch. Later in the day, we got to experience more great food at the hanger. (Did I mention more food?) A great BBQ with all the 'stuff'. Some even got to go for a flight on one of the vintage planes. The coastal trip home is always pleasant as we head to the beach at Ventura and get to experience seaside Malibu and Santa Monica on our 150 mile trip.



Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Minutes:

June 25th 2010 Business Meeting: President **Bob Speaks** called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. **Bill Newell** led the salute to the flag. Six past presidents were recognized. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported the treasury is in good shape. HarborLight editor **Dick W** requested any articles by the 15th. Mentioned that he mailed 75 newsletters and emailed 51 of the July issue. **Dick** also has raffle tickets for the H&H engine to be raffled at next years MARC National Meet in San Diego. Historian **Sue Hankins** showed two DVDs. One on the 'Feed the Fireman' tour in San Pedro and the other on Rancho Dominguez Aviation Day. Super job, Sue. Membership chair **Ursi Schmidt** counted 43 in attendance tonight. \$143 taken in on the raffle. No winners on the man/woman drawing. **Jan W** won the clock prize. Technical Safety: **Bob Speaks** talked about a possible new Model A garage for the club to conduct seminars and other projects. Sunshine Sec'y **Doris Marshall** reported the passing of **Don Miller**. Our thoughts to the Miller family. Pat and Sue visited **Paul Larquier** and showed him some DVDs on club activities. He loved them. Paul has good and bad days. **Doris** visited **Becky Preston**. She perked up and enjoyed the stuffed lion **Doris** brought. Three birthdays and seven anniversaries were acknowledged. Tour Director **Elaine Pisu** went through the upcoming events. Henry Ford picnic, Wings and Wheels, Drive and Dine on August 13th, Aug 28th is El Segundo Main street car show. Sept 18th is Peterson museum. October 9-10 is 'Old Ridge Route' and Frazier Park picnic overnigher. **Old Business:** Looking for a nice place for our January banquet. Looking for ideas. **New Business:** **Bob Speaks** researched status with IRS and state and our By-laws are with the state dated 1995. Any changes are registered with the state. Refreshments by **Tim and Pat Harrison**. Ummmmm. Next general Mtg: July 30th. Next Board Mtg: July 6th at **Dick and Ursi's**. Adjourned: 8:55PM. Respectfully submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Sec'y.

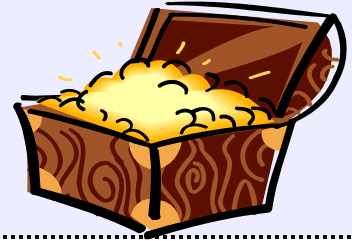
July 7th, 2010 Board Meeting. President **Bob Speaks** called the meeting to order at 7PM at the home of **Dick and Ursi**. Others present were **Art and Daffy**, **Dick and Jan**, **Doris and Drain**, and **Elaine**. VP **Dick Lusk** reported \$565 from raffles so far this year. **Dick W** suggested have a 'grand prize' drawing last with all tickets in the bowl. Editor requested articles by the 15th for the August issue. Historian on vacation. Membership **Ursi Schmidt** reported 98 families are members Has ordered more club T-shirts. Tech and Safety: We have the go-ahead from **Al Avoian** to clean up his extra garage for the club's use. Our first meeting there to have a work party and maybe work on a car is Saturday, Aug 14th. It has a lift, too! More to come. Tours: **Elaine Pisu** went through a list of upcoming events including the Henry Ford Picnic, Wings and Wheels, Drive and Dine on Friday, August 13th, El Segundo Car Show Aug 28th, Sept 18th will be the Peterson Museum. **Old Business:** Giving cook-books to hosts will be decided on a case by case basis. El Segundo Museum invite held off for another year. **Bob** to contact **Joe Freitag**. **New Business:** Interest in the magnetic signs of the club. Will check with **Walt Hibbard**. **Bob** suggested we wear our shirts and jackets at events. **Drain Marshall** to check around about donations for our banquet raffle. Possible places for our banquet are: Bluewater Grill, Elks Redondo, Masonic Lodge San Pedro. Number in attendance about 60-65. Put a hold on a garage sale. Progressive possibly in August. **Bob** passed out copies of the 1995 By-laws filed with the state. Refreshments by **Dick and Ursi**. Next general meeting: Friday, July 30th. Next Board meeting: Tuesday, Aug 3rd, 2010 at the Wyckoffs. 7PM. Meeting adjourned: 8:30PM. Respectfully Submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Sec'y.

Wings 'n Wheels Tour



2010 Treasure Hunter's Calendar

- **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.
Western Little League Headquarters. 6707 N. Little drive, San Bernardino, CA.
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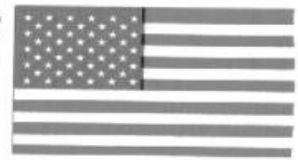
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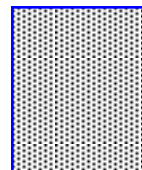
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