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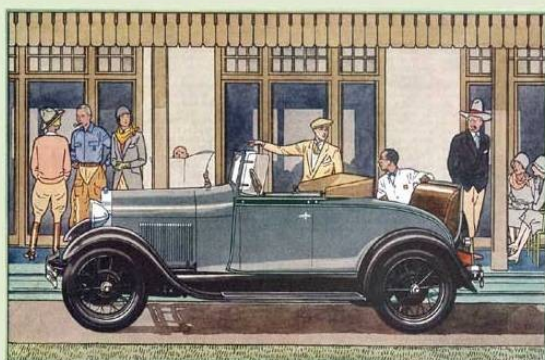
Upcoming Business Meetings

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

The **September** business meeting will be **Friday, September 24th** at 7:30PM

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

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Upcoming Tour

On **Saturday, September 18th**, the club is invited to the **Peterson Museum**. This is also International Model A Day, a great day for driving your Model A! The exhibition will be "Streamlined Fashion and Automobiles". More info soon.

Save the weekend of October 9th and 10th. Several clubs are getting together to tour the 'Old Ridge Route'. The tour will be Saturday and the Frazier Park picnic will be Sunday

Technical Seminar

Al Avoian's garage was the meeting place for the Monty Bates hosted front end seminar on Saturday Aug 14th.

Pictures on pages 2 & 9.

We need more great seminars like this.

Contact: Art Wagner 310-374-6113

Next Board Meeting

- The **Tuesday, September 7th** at the home of Art and Daffy Wagner 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, CA. 7PM
- Ph: 310-374-6113

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Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

Hello Members

Well members, we had are first Technical Seminar at Al Avoian's garage and we hope it to be the start of the Model "A" garage monthly meeting to work on member's cars. I could not be there due to other commitments but if you pick the right people, you know it will be a success before it happens. Our new Technical Director, Art Wagner along with Al Avoian, Monty Bates, and a few others made it happen. The next time you see [the three musketeers], just say 'Thanks'.

We are still asking for some input as to where to have the annual awards Banquet. I have a couple locations already, and I will be asking for some help in setting up the Banquet when we find a place. The Vice President is already planning for raffle prizes so if you have any of those raffle prizes that you won at the general meeting that you want to donate, get together with Dick Lusk and let him know.

We need to start thinking about the election of new board members. So if you feel like you want to take on a job for one year, throw your name in the hat. The offices up for renewal are Tour Director , Technical Director and Treasurer (two years).

I have been told that my message is too long so I will stop with this last comment , [Good Job, Good Club, and Good bye till next month.]

Bob



Scoping out the job at the front-end seminar



Al Avoian's garage is a busy place



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. Pat and Sue have visited Paul and helped lift his spirits.

September Birthdays

- 1 Rhoda Larquier
- 6 Darlene Funk
- 6 Jim Beardsley
- 8 Bob Olsen
- 11 Ursula Schmidt
- 14 Terry Marshall
- 17 Art Wagner
- 19 Thom Marshall



September Anniversaries

- 2 Bob & Laura Pahls
- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 6 Steve & Becky Preston
- 17 Gwen & Dick Valot
- 23 Acela & Conrad Garcia

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? Have you driven it on some great journeys? Was it a family car? Did you restore it yourself? Do you have before and after pictures? If you have pictures, I can scan them and put them in the newsletter. 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 an email 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'!

Wait, 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 two night stay with a nice dinner** at the very upscale **Meritage Resort in Napa California**. Also 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 in the National Meet. 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. Several members have already said they would help. We will be working on the many committee assignments soon. Thanks to those who have volunteered. If asked, please help out in any way possible. There are many jobs and, like the saying goes, "Many hands make light work".

Check out the website being developed: www.2011MARCmeet.com



Front-end Seminar at Al Avoian's Garage

After some serious behind the scenes discussion, Monty Bates decided he could not live with the steering on his Model A Sedan any more. It seems that every time he hit a small bump, the front end would shimmy to where he almost had to stop to make it quit. While this decision making was taking place, Al Avoian has graciously let the club use his eight car, well equipped garage to hold a front-end, or 'Fix and Food' seminar on Monty's car.



the front end and found the culprit, very worn spindle bushings. Expecting such, Monty had all the proper parts standing by and ready to install. With the spindles cleaned up and inspected, fresh new bushings were pressed into place and reamed to size with an original Ford spindle bushing reamer. (Sure is nice to have the right tools!)

About this time it was time to eat. (No surprise there). Lots of Subway sandwiches, soft drinks, and cookies filled the void thanks to the Bates and Avoians.

Soon, it was back to the project at hand. A couple hours of carefully fitting, shimmying and inspecting, Monty was ready to take the car on a test run. Success! The car performed perfectly and we all learned some more details about our beloved Model A Fords. More pictures on page 9.



Coffee and rolls got the project going. With the multitude (15 or so) assembled, Monty, Dick Lusk, Bill Newell, and Jack Gordinier tore into



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 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**. 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

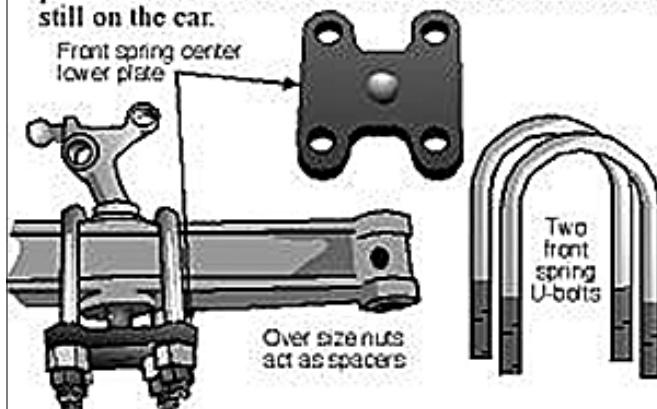


Tech Tip

Submitted by Ted Kuchta

Removal of front spring perches

The front spring perches mounted in the front axle can be a very stubborn part to remove and a method that works very well is to make a press using some Model A parts. It involves using the two front spring U bolts (part #A5455B) and the front spring center lower plate (part #A5458). Remove the nut that fastens the perch in place. Place a U bolt on the axle on each side of the front wishbone and position the dimple in the spring plate over the threaded part of the spring perch. The U bolt must have good threads because this will require a lot of force and rusted or pitted threads will strip easily before the perch budges from its resting place. Non castle type nuts are recommended because they provide more thread coverage and load bearing ability. Tighten the four nuts on the U bolts uniformly. This applies pressure to push the perch out of the axle. If this does not move the perch, heat may be needed to help loosen the bond of rust. This procedure works well even when the front axle is still on the car.



From the 'Model A Judging Standards and Restoration Guidelines', Page 3-3: Hoses and Clamps.

.....Original clamps were either zinc or cadmium plated and were not stamped with size numbers. The clamps were generally installed as follows:

The upper clamps both had the screw on the top side of the hose with the head toward the driver's side. The lower clamp nearest the radiator had the screws on the outside of the hose with the heads facing upward. The clamps at the inlet casting had the screws on the top of the hose with the heads toward the driver's side.



Picture thanks to Glenn Johnson of his award winning late 1928 Station Wagon.
Note the correct orientation of the hose clamps.



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2010 Membership, Roster and Club Items:

The club welcomes two new members: #1033 **Sylvia McArthur**, 64 Dartmouth Dr., Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. Email: Sylmak@gmail.com. She has a 1931 Victoria.

And new members #1034: **John & Elma Polson**, 3919 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Lawndale, CA 90260. 310-748-1697. Email: bo_cee_fus@yahoo.com. They have a 1929 Tudor Sedan.

2010 Phonebooks/rosters 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 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, CA. 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 re-printed. We have only 27 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!

Just in from **MARC**: Next years National dues will be \$40. The Harbor Club dues are still \$25.

Happenings Around the Club

Doris Marshall is seen working the crowd selling Harbor's 50th anniversary cookbooks at all the Model A events. She is bringing more of them to the Apple Hill meet in Placerville in September. Bet she sells a bunch!

With the help of **Dick Lusk**, Dick Wyckoff finally got the '30 Cabriolet reassembled with a Mitchell syncro transmission and Mitchell overdrive. It is sure easy to drive. Jan has been practicing driving it.

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

Al Avoian opened up his car garage for a workshop. Great place to work! Thanks Al.

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

Have you seen **Tim and Pat Harrison's** new '30 Station Wagon? They drove it on our little drive 'n dine last week. Pretty car.

Pat Yacklon and Sue Hankins had a surprise. A busted hot water line under their house's slab foundation. Last check, it was all repaired. They had to miss the 'Drive and Dine', tho.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- Lots of **Model A engine parts**. Blocks, cams, rods, crankshafts, rebuilt starters, good rims, etc.. What do you need? Call Dan at 310-373-8060. Palos Verdes CA
- **'30 Cabriolet** top tack rail. \$50. '30 Cabriolet top bow \$75. Call Bill 310-316-8722. Torrance CA
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by Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



Save the 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 Monday, September 2nd to September 6th.** Apple Hill Meet - Hangtown A's. Registration and more info on MAFCA website. Enjoy the "Gold Rush" era in historic Placerville, CA. Join the Marshalls and the Wyckoffs.

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". Meet at Mills at 8:30AM and leave at 9AM.
- **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! This is a pot-luck event.

An Easy 'Drive 'n Dine' to Ruby's



Seven cars made the afternoon drive.
13 club cars were at Ruby's.
Nice turnout.



Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Minutes:

July 30th, 2010 Business Meeting: Meeting called to order by President **Bob Speaks** at the Walteria clubhouse. Salute to the flag led by **Bill Newell**. Five past presidents recognized. VP **Dick Lusk** thanked all who contributed to the raffle. Collected \$152. Minutes of last meeting approved with addition of **Duane Nead's** name to past presidents present. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported bank balance with addition of \$51.75 from Model T swap meet. **Doris Marshall** sold 13 cookbooks. Harborlight editor requests pictures of your car's history. Articles due by the 15th. Dick described the H&H engine being raffled at the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. MAFFI also raffling a '30 Tudor. Historian **Sue Hankins** played DVD of Henry Ford Picnic and Wings 'n Wheels meet in Solvang. Super job, Sue! Membership **Ursi Schmidt** counted 41 members present with two new potential members. Also had five guests. Technical and Safety: Front end seminar at **Al Avoian's** garage in Torrance. Will work on **Monty Bates'** sedan. Bill Newell collected \$4.50 badge money. Sunshine **Doris Marshall** reports Paul L. having good and bad days. Bill Knott has taken a couple spills. He's OK. Monty Bates claims he is sick of working. (Take two aspirin and call us in the morning). Eight birthdays and six anniversaries celebrated in July. Tours: This month will be a short drive 'n dine from the clubhouse to Ruby's on Friday, the 13th. The Peterson museum visit will be on the 18th of September. Meet at Mills at 8:30, Leave at 9AM. Ridge Route tour being organized by **Drain Marshall** for Saturday, the 9th of October and the Frazier Park picnic on Sunday the 10th. More to come. We had 29 Harbor members at the Wings 'n Wheels with 10 As. Great showing! Old Business: A thanks you from the Diamond Tread Chapter for our participation. New Business: Renewed interest for club jackets. Bob was going to get a sign up sheet and possible work a group discount. Refreshments: Doris and Drain. Next general meeting: Friday, August 27th. Next Board meeting: Tuesday, August 3rd at the Wyckoffs. Meeting adjourned 8:30PM. Respectfully submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary

August 3rd, 2010 Board Meeting: President **Bob Speaks** called the meeting to order at 7:10PM at the home of **Dick and Jan Wyckoff**. Present were **Doris & Drain, Dick & Ursi, Art & Daffy, Dick and Jan**. Minutes of previous board meeting approved as emailed. Treasurer **Daffy Wagner** reported bank balance. All is good. VP **Dick Lusk** said saving the big raffle item for last worked well. Collected \$152. HarborLight editor requests any articles by the 15th. Membership chair **Ursi Schmidt** gave out three applications. Doris and Dick W will take cookbooks to Placerville. We ordered 100, at the 58 point we started making money. Technical and Safety: A group has prepared **Al Avoian's** garage for the seminar. They even tried to start his AA truck. Technical on Aug 14th to work on **Monty Bates'** car. **Gary Kuhlmann's** car checked for safety. Sunshine: Took birthday cake to Paul Larquier. Also worked on the rear brake of his Coupe. Tours: Drive 'n Dine on Friday, Aug 13th. We will have a short drive and meet at Ruby's at the car show. Old Business: Bob stressed supporting **Sue Hankins** and her DVD projector needs. Maybe **Bobby D** could make a special height table for her? Any donations to other clubs for raffle items will be determined on a case by case basis. New Business: Drain had a 2 yr old car cover from California Car Cover. The cover needed help and they replaced it at no expense, plus gave us some raffle prizes. They have an ad in our newsletter. We need to promote them. We have 22 ads, maybe consider giving some money to Mel Gross for some of his products for future raffles? He has nice Model A items such as brake drums, distributors, water pumps, etc. El Segundo Main Street Cruise is Saturday, August 28th. **Dick Wyckoff** had more info. It is sponsored by the ES Police Officers Assn. Meeting refreshments by Dick and Jan. Next general meeting: Friday August 27th at 7:30PM. Next board meeting: Tuesday, Sept 7th at Wagner's at 7PM. Meeting adjourned: 8:45PM. Respectfully submitted: **Jan Wyckoff**, Secretary.

“Bat” Super-Charger

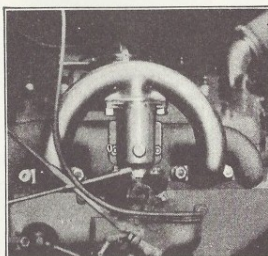
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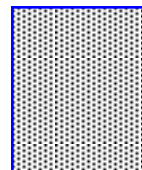
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