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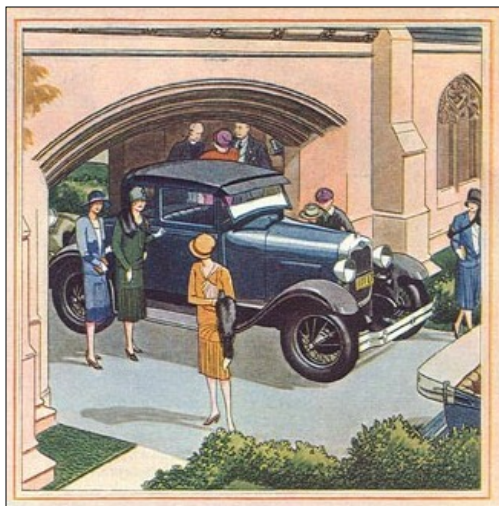
Upcoming Business Meetings

The **November** meeting will be **Friday, Nov 26th** at 7:30PM at the Walteria Clubhouse. We will vote on next year's Board of Directors.

The **December** club meeting will be **Friday, December 17th** at 7:30PM. We will do our annual Christmas light tour in our Model As. So bring your car to this meeting. There will be a Board meeting before the December club meeting at 6PM.

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.

Ad is from Literary Digest July 28, 1928



Upcoming Tours

Annual El Segundo Holiday Parade.
Sunday, December 12th.

Meet at north end of Main Street at Imperial at noon in your decorated Model A. Parade runs from 1PM-3PM. Always a fun time. Contact is Dick Wyckoff. Cell # 310-292-1929.

Wilmington Holiday Parade.
Also Sunday, December 12th.

Line up at 11AM. Call Elaine Pisu 310-486-8413 (cell) **Post parade SPA-GHETTI DINNER** at Pat and Sue's for parade participants. For a head count, let Elaine know if you are coming.

Then from 6-8 PM, Club holiday gathering at Sam & Linda Fine's garage in Lomita.

Technical Seminar

No technical seminars this month.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is **Friday, December 17th** at 6PM before the club meeting. It will be at the Walteria Clubhouse. Bob promises that the meeting will be short!

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*Notes
from the
President*
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

We had our third 'A Garage' technical seminar in Al Avoian's garage in Torrance. Everything went smoothly. The first thing we did was tune up Al's 1929 Murray Fordor Sedan. He had some timing and carb adjustment problems. After adjusting and tweeking things under the hood, the engine sure sounded nice.

Several members then started to work on Al's front brakes. The mechanics explained what they were doing as they were working while others gathered around listening and asking questions. We always learn something whether working or watching.



Bob, Al, and Art making timing and carb adjustments

As the members took the brakes apart, Al was busy taking notes and writing down what parts he needed to repair or purchase to finish the job. (Check information on page 5.)



Al inspecting brake parts

The first team took a break and set down to lunch prepared by Georgette and a local sandwich shop. A second team went to work on the back brakes. Again, Al was taking notes and ordering parts. He had quite a list at the end of the job but he was pleased to get the help. It was decided that if he got the parts we would finish the job in December at a date to be determined.

If you don't show up to the 'A garage' seminars or any of our seminars, you are missing a great opportunity to gain some knowledge about your Model A. Join in the fun at the next seminar.

Bob Speaks [again]



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. Paul was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease

December Birthdays

- 1 Gary Guttormson
- 3 Dorothy Wood
- 4 Sally Miller
- 10 Dan Fitzgerald
- 11 Sue Hankins
- 15 Mary Walker
- 17 Bob DeCrescenso
- 21 Greg Clayton
- 25 Jeannie Parrish
- 25 Jim Valot



December Anniversaries

- 1 Jack & Julie Goldberg
- 15 John & Elma Polson



Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Many of the club members receive the HarborLight by **email**. I encourage you to do this. Just let me know your current email address. It's that simple. The club saves a little more than one dollar each month per email subscriber. I have an email distribution now of 32 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.

We editors are always looking for articles of interest to put in the newsletters. There must be some interesting Model A stories out there. For instance: 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. Also, 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. See page 39 of the Sept-Oct 'Restorer' magazine, as an example.

Wait, there's more! The Pacific As Region of MARC had another board meeting to finalize the schedule for the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. Lots of great things planned. 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.

There is still more: Dan Fitzgerald has arranged for another great raffle prize. It is 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.) Raffle tickets will be available soon.

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. The Board and several committee chairs toured the Town and Country resort recently. It is a super facility for the Meet! 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



More from our Ridge Route Tour

If you remember, last month's issue of the HarborLight had several pages of pictures from our great tour of the Old Ridge Route near Gorman, CA. There were four Model As from the Harbor Club and four from the Orange County Club.

During that tour, the women members of the Ridge Route Preservation group met us with prepared snacks and drinks. One of our members, Georgette Avoian, absolutely fell in love with some Lemon Bars that one of the ladies prepared for us. She followed up and contacted Maggie Smith, the 'Bar Lady' and got the recipe. So here it is:



Lemon Bars

From Maggie Smith

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

1. Mix 1 1/2 c. flour with 1/2 c. sugar. Work in 1/2 c. melted butter or margarine. Pat mixture into well-greased 9X13 pan and bake 12 minutes.

2. Combine the following and spread on top of first layer to bake another 20 minutes:
2 eggs, 1 c. sugar, 1 1/2 c. coconut, 1 c. nuts (finely chopped), 1 tsp. vanilla,
2 tablespoons flour, 1/2 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt, 2 tablespoons lemon juice.
(Don't over bake.)

When cool, glaze with: 1 tablespoon butter, melted, 1/2 c. powdered sugar, and 2 tablespoons lemon juice, blended in saucepan. (I usually make double or triple the glaze).

Let sit 30 minutes before cutting into bars.



Second Saturday of Each Month

The Cruisin' Fifties of South Bay sponsor a 'Cruise Night' on the second Saturday of each month. It is held in downtown Torrance on Post Ave. between Sartori and Cravens. The time is 3PM to 7PM. Lots of nice cars (including some Model As). There is a raffle, some food, and trophies each month. The next 'cruise' is December 11th. Check it out. Another fun event.

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



Partial List of Model A Parts Houses

Most of us, when restoring or refurbishing our Model As, need a few parts to complete our projects. On Fordbarn.com, one of the contributors compiled a list of his favorite vendors. It includes most of the major parts distributors and some lesser known parts houses. Some of us stick with the same vendor all the time and some of us spread our business around a little bit. Whatever your choice, you might take a look at the list below. At least you may have some more options.

MODEL A PARTS HOUSES

1. www.modelastore.com Bert's in Denver (Colorado)
2. www.brattons.com Bratton's (Maryland)
3. www.snydersantiqueauto.com Snyder's (Ohio)
4. www.vintageford.com Sacramento Vintage Ford (California)
5. www.classicautoparts.com Obsolete and Classic Auto Parts (Oklahoma)
6. www.macsautoparts.com Mac's Antique Auto Parts (New York)
7. www.gaslightauto.com Gaslight Auto Parts (Ohio)
8. www.modela-t-snj.com Smith and Jones Antique Auto Parts (South Carolina)
9. www.mikes-afordable.com Mike's "A" Ford-Able Parts (Georgia)
10. www.modelaparts.net Dennis Piranio's Model A Parts (Texas)
11. www.littledearborn.com Little Dearborn (Minnesota)
12. www.rennerscorner.com Renner's Corner (Michigan)
13. www.sullivansgarage.com Sullivan's Garage
14. www.restorationstuff.com Restoration Supply Company (California)
15. www.modeltrader.com Keith Ernst (Ohio)
16. No known website: Floyd's Model A Parts (360)887-3346 (Washington)
17. No known website: A and L Parts Specialties (860)693-0112 or 2620 (Connecticut)
18. No known website: Chuck Lowery Ford Parts (425) 746-6664 (Washington)



2010 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

2010 Phonebooks/rosters are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free to members. 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. Contact Ursi Schmidt.

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.

'Dues News'

If you haven't renewed your Harbor Area MARC membership for 2011, please send me a check for \$25, made out to Harbor MARC (or bring it to the next business meeting).

Or, in case if you want to pay both the Harbor MARC and the National MARC memberships with only one check, send me a check made out to **'Harbor MARC'** for \$63. Then I will forward \$38 to the National MARC for you. Send to: **Ursula Schmidt, 26419 Pineknoll Ave. Harbor City, CA 90710.**

Note: Members pay MAFCA dues directly to MAFCA.

Harbor 'deLights' or Happenings Around the Club

Doris Marshall is seen working the crowd selling Harbor's 50th anniversary cookbooks at all the Model A events. She sold more at the Frazier Park picnic. Way to go, Doris! We have 4 left!

Dan Fitzgerald and **Dick Wyckoff** are hard at work on the National MARC Meet in San Diego next year. Dick has created the advertisements in the *Model A News* magazine. Check out pages 2 and 3 in the Sept-Oct issue.

Dick Lusk and **Ursi Schmidt** returned from their tour across the country. They stopped and shopped at the famous Hershey swap meet in Hershey, PA. Brought home some treasures, too.

Monty Bates and **Bill Newell** have filled in for Dick as VP in charge of raffles. Doing a great job, too!

Al Avoian sponsored another technical seminar at his garage in Torrance. Got his car running great.

Sue Hankins and **Pat Yacklon** returned from their six week motor coach trip. Lots of driving and camping in Northern California, Arizona, New Mexico and beyond. Welcome back home!

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- Lots of **Model A engine parts**. Blocks, cams, rods, crankshafts, rebuilt starters, generators, good rims, etc. What do you need? Call Dan at 310-373-8060. Palos Verdes CA.
- Three sets of restored 1940 California **license plates** and one set of 1947 California license plates. All are DMV clear. Asking \$350 OBO. Contact Bill Younkin at 310-316-8722.
- Original, early '30 **Cabriolet** wood sub-frame. Good shape. Needs a little wood repair. This is for the fixed seat early Cabriolet. Asking \$400. Have other Cabbie parts. Call Dick at 310-322-8863. In El Segundo CA.

Wanted:

- A 1928 Model A frame for a special restoration project.
Contact Jay Skinner at 562-426-5478. Long Beach CA
- Looking for a usable **28/29** radiator and starter. Also a 28/29 closed car/truck cowl-windshield, tank and hood. Call Steve Preston at 310-701-5542.
- 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 Dates:

- **Saturday, December 4th** - Petersen Museum Garage Sale and Swap Meet. 6060 Wilshire Blvd. Free Admission. 8AM-2PM.
- **Sunday, December 12th** is the El Segundo Holiday Parade. We usually have half a dozen cars for the event. Parade is from 1PM to 3PM. We meet at noon. Dick Wyckoff will coordinate. Contact Dick on cell at 310-292-1929.
- **Sunday, December 12th** is also the Wilmington Holiday Parade. Contact is Elaine Pisu. Cell # 310-486-8413. Line up at 11AM. Post parade free dinner for parade participants at Pat and Sue's home. Sign up with Elaine so we have a head count.
- **Sunday, December 12th**. Holiday Open House at the Lomita home of Sam and Linda Fine. Harbor Pines and 264th.
- **Friday, December 17th**. Annual Christmas light tour in Torrance after the brief club meeting. Drive you're A to the meeting.
- **Saturday, January 15th**. Annual Awards / Installation Banquet at the Proud Bird Restaurant 11022 Aviation Blvd in Westchester, CA 90045. Doors open at 5PM for set-up. Live entertainment. Choice of Steak, Salmon, Chicken, or Veggie dish. Salad, dessert, coffee included. Cost \$30 per person. Make check out to **Harbor MARC**. Give to Treasurer, Daffy Wagner. Be sure to specify on the check which meals you want.



***Photo Trip
of Harbor
Events in
2010***

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Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Minutes:

October 29, 2010 Business Meeting: President: Bob Speaks called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. following a delicious pot luck dinner.

Salute to the flag: Led by Bill Newell

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present were Pat Yacklon, Doris & Drain Marshall, Bill Younkin, and Dick Wyckoff.

Vice President: Dick Lusk on vacation, raffle run by Bill Newell with assistance of Ellen. \$150 in tickets sold. C.W. Moss donated \$75 worth of prizes. A case of oil was last drawing. Donors to raffle: Pat & Sue, Polka Joe, Ellen Peterson and Fran Earhart.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as appeared in HarborLight and handed out at meeting.

Treasurer: Daffy reports a healthy treasury.

HarborLight Editor: Wants articles and pictures for Dec. issue by the 15th. Has raffle tickets for H&H engine to be given at MARC San Diego meet in June 2011.

Historian: Sue shared some highlights of the trips she and Pat took in their 19' camper; Albuquerque hot air balloon race, Grand Canyon, Sedona, Petrified Forest and Russian River!! Sue has raffle tickets for the '30 Tudor to be given away in San Diego, proceeds to go to National Model A Ford Museum in Gilmore, Michigan (near Grand Rapids)

Membership: Ursi is on vacation. We had 44 in attendance tonight.

Membership Drawing: Both Man and Woman prizes go up to \$15 each next month as neither person's name drawn was at the meeting. Ellen Peterson won the \$5 clock prize.

Technical & Safety: Art Wagner is holding a Technical Seminar on Sat. Nov. 6th in Al Avoian's garage at 9:00 a.m. Project will be to fix Al's car; brakes and timing, etc. Drain will also show some tapes. Dick Lusk on vacation so no safety report.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$2 collected.

Sunshine: Doris reported that Jan had spent 3 days in the hospital with heart arhythmia problems. Doing much better now. Doris spoke with Rhoda today and Paul is the same, now suffering with Parkinson's. Please send cards as he loves to receive them. Thom Marshall is not well. Jesse Dykes just got out of the hospital.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Oct. birthdays were Julie Goldberg, Adeline Bates, Brad Guy, John Polson, Tim Harrison, and Glenn Stonehocker. Anniversaries were Bob & Lowane Younkin, Glenn & Nita Stonehocker, Elyse & Jim Beardsley.

Tools Coordinator: Bobby D. showed a hinge pin remover available to be loaned out. It was donated by Jack Gordinier.

Tours: Elaine has set up two tours on Sunday, Nov. 21st; Larry Wood's private collection (he is a retired Mattel Matchbox car designer) and Bob Burchett's museum collection. Meet at Mills at 8:30 a.m., leave at 9:00. Petersen Museum garage sale and swap meet, 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Petersen parking structure 6060 Wilshire, enter off of Fairfax, free admission. Wilmington Xmas parade Dec. 5th in the evening, will be on TV. El Segundo parade Dec. 12th. Has signups.

Old Business: Installation banquet set for Jan. 15 (not 22nd as noted earlier) at the Proud Bird near LAX, in the LeMay Room. Cost of \$30 includes choice of chicken, steak, salmon or veggie. Includes salad, dessert and coffee. Checks go to Daffy. Be sure to write your dinner preference(s) on the check.

New Business: Nominations were held for two year term for Treasurer; one year terms for Tour and Technical. Those nominated were Daffy Wagner/Treasurer, Mike Plessner/Tour and Drain Marshall/Technical. Additional nominations accepted next month prior to election. New member Sylvia Mc Arthur spoke about getting her '31 Victoria running again after many years.

Refreshments hosted by: Earharts, Marshalls and ??

Next General Meeting: Nov. 26, 2010

Next Board Meeting: Dec. 17, 6:00 p.m. prior to short business meeting which is followed by tour in our Model As of Christmas lights.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Secretary

November 2, 2010 Board Meeting: President: Bob Speaks called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Art and Daffy Wagner. Present were Dick & Ursi, Doris & Drain Marshall, Art & Daffy Wagner, Dick and Jan Wyckoff.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Oct. 5th minutes approved as previously emailed.

Treasurer: Daffy gave an up to date financial report.

Vice President: Dick Lusk had been absent from two general meetings. He was pleased how well Monty Bates and Bill Newell handled the raffles. Dick says he has a muffler and a tool box for awards banquet raffle.

HarborLight Editor: Items due by Nov. 15th. Dick & Ursi were told at MARC Headquarters how great the HarborLight is.

Thanks to Dick Wyckoff.

Historian: Not Present.

Membership: Ursi stated she has enough shirts and hats. She may need \$160 for a new phone book roster. President Bob told Ursi how she can mail the books for 46 cents. **Technical & Safety:** Art Wagner said there will be a technical seminar meeting at Al Avoian's garage on Sat., 11/6 starting at 9:00 a.m. They will work on Al's car; brakes and distributor.

Old Business: Tabled to later date was a discussion regarding \$100 for seminar expenses.

New Business: Gloria Younkin asked Daffy to confirm the club house date of Nov. 26th, the day after Thanksgiving. Bob Speaks announced that we will have entertainment at the banquet. Mike Plessner and a seven piece band will play. It was moved and seconded to pay for the band's dinner. Various awards were mentioned and who was to take care of them. Doris is to give Bob an agenda for the banquet program. Bob will donate pistons and Dick Lusk will paint them pink, to hold flowers for our center pieces at each table. The dinner is \$30 each, reminder to write dinner entrée preference(s) on the check. All banquet checks must be given to Treasurer Daffy Wagner. Dinner entrées include steak, chicken, salmon, or a veggie dish. Check should be made out to Harbor MARC.

Refreshments hosted by: Art and Daffy Wagner

Next General Meeting: Friday, November 26, 2010

Next Board Meeting: December 17, 2010. 6PM prior to the club meeting

Meeting adjourned at: 7:33 p.m.

Many thanks to Doris Marshall for taking meeting minutes. Jan was late due to Dr's appt.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Secretary

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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and 1 block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A's and have fun while doing it.

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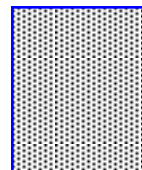
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