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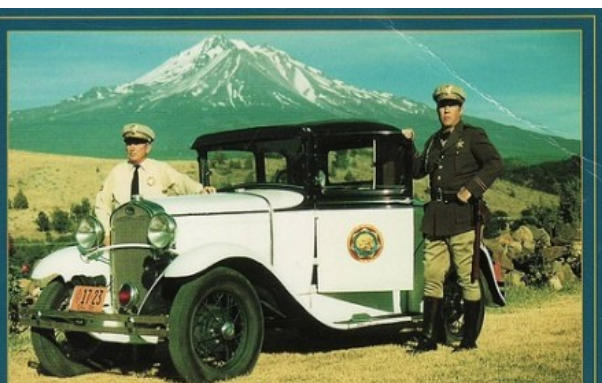
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#### Upcoming Business Meetings

The **January** business meeting will be the annual awards and installation banquet, **January 15th** at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester. This is always a fun event and this year will be no exception! Live entertainment and great raffle prizes are promised.

Our regularly scheduled Friday monthly meetings will commence on **February 25th** at the Walteria clubhouse.

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.



CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

#### Upcoming Tours

Tours for the new year are in the planning stage by our newly elected Tour Director, Mike Plessner. He promises some fun visits in 2011. Let's get those cars in good running shape and support our new director.



#### Technical Seminar

No formal technical seminars are scheduled for January. The new Tech Director, Charlie Plessner, is gathering information and ideas. If you have something you think would be interesting, let him know.



#### Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, January 4th** at the home of Dick and Ursi. Their address is 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City CA 90710. Their phone # is 310-539-5391. The time is 7PM. Newly elected board members encouraged to attend.

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Notes  
from the  
President  
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

God bless our Military and all the men and woman in  
harms way.

God bless the United States of America and all the members of the  
Harbor Area Model "A" Club.

Bob Speaks, President



The Brake Seminar at Al's Garage



Dick, Art and Tim inspecting new drums



Art and Al taking a break from the brake job



Dr. Steve's operating team assembling backing plates



Dr. Steve and Phil watching Stoney and Jack operate





## 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

### January Birthdays

- 5 Ted Dalton
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 25 Ed Firth
- 26 Conrad Garcia



### January Anniversaries

- 26 John and Julie Hernandez



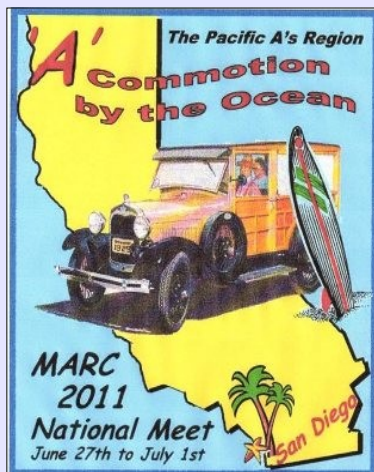
### Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

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 40 people from the Harbor Club and 20 others. Monty and Donnis Bates and Walt and Carla Hibbard are the most recent additions. Thanks! This is more than \$700 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? Was it your first 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.

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. The registration forms for the Meet will be in the Jan - Feb issue of the Model A News. We still 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 the 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!

Dick Wyckoff has been working on the advertising for the event. Besides the poster to the left, Dick created the flyers on page 2 and 3 of the Nov - Dec Model A News. Check it out!

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".

Also, check out the website being developed: [www.2011MARCmeet.com](http://www.2011MARCmeet.com)

## **Tool News:** by Bob DeCrescenzo, Club Tool Custodian

Here is a list of tools currently available. They are tools owned by the club. They are available to all club members for short term loan. There is a \$20 deposit. We expect the tools to be returned clean and in good shape.

Ratchet Nut Wrench	Model A Frame Spreader		
Rear Spring Spreader w/ Wrench	Wheel Balancer	Engine Lift Tool	
Rear Axle Housing Seal Driver	Pinion Puller	Pair Pinion Nut Wrenches	
Steering Lever Spring Compressor	Steering Wheel Puller	Cam Nut Wrench	
Rear Hub Puller	King Pin Reamer	Brake Shoe Riveting Tool	Front Spring Spreader
Brake Pedal Adjusting Tool	Clutch Alignment Tool	Gas Gauge Installation Tool	
Bushing Tool for Steering Column	Venturi Removal Tool for Zenith Carb		
Inch/lb torque wrench, 1/4" drive	150 Ft/lb torque wrench, 1/2" drive		
MARC / MAFCA Judging Standards and Restoration Guidelines			



### **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 January 8th. 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

### **Guidance for Trustee by Charlie Stephens**

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to the trustee of my trust regarding the distribution of my antique cars and parts. This document is for guidance and nothing in this document is intended to supersede the basic trust document.

If the car is going to stay in the family, you can probably, with the concurrence of the trust lawyer, use a reference such as the Old Cars Price Guide (available at Barnes & Noble book stores) to establish a value for the purpose of settling the estate.

If the car is determined to be junk donate it to a charity instead of calling a towing company and paying to have it removed. I would like to think most of my cars don't fall into this category but is best to be safe.

Compare the VIN (or serial number) on the car with the paperwork for the complete cars. You will want to know where this number is located when people come to see the car. A mismatch can kill a sale plus will drag everything out if it is not started early.

Get many good digital photos. The photos will be needed to send to people asking questions. Show exterior all views, engine compartment, upholstery, and as many other as need to show car completely. Include defects and problem areas.

If the car has a high dollar value (which I define as over \$20K based on values shown in "The Old Cars Price Guide") spend the money and hire a professional appraiser. Talk to the members of local clubs to find an appraiser. Maybe the trust lawyer has one they can recommend. Get a professional appraiser and not someone with an interest in buying the car. As a check, bounce this number off of some members of a local club. Check for sale ads for similar cars. Remember that low mileage original cars carry a premium. At this time the rough price is established.

Probably the best place for national advertising is Hemming's Motor news (available at Barnes & Noble). Remember when advertising that it may not be worth the money to get national exposure since most cars will sell within a couple of hundred miles. Ebay is a good place to sell a car or major parts. The problem with Ebay is that most clubs/web sites will not accept ads that direct people to an on going Ebay auction. It is up to the person selling the car/parts but my tendency would be to skip Ebay.

Cars and major parts currently covered by trust. The dollar values shown are my rough estimates as of the date at the bottom of this document and should be verified. Dollar value shown next to each entry is a guess at the time this document was signed and is intended to be used for guidance only. The short description is appropriate for placing an ad. Omission of cars and/or parts from this list is not intended to exclude them from the trust nor is inclusion intended to add them to the trust.

1931 Model A Roadster \_\_\_\_\_ \$XX

This car was restored in 1995 and.....the colors are etc, etc.

Ownership papers for the cars are located \_\_\_\_\_. All cars have current registration or non operation status so if duplicated ownership documents are required they may be requested from the state DMV. Keys are hanging \_\_\_\_\_. Duplicate keys are in my safe deposit box located \_\_\_\_\_.

Recommended people to contact for support/selling the cars. These are people in the hobby that I trust and have asked for their support should it be required. Their membership in national organizations should enable them to place ads at no cost. If they are to be actively involved in selling the cars/parts pay them. My suggestion is 5% of the selling price or pay them by the hour but everything is negotiable.

Primary: \_\_\_\_\_ name, address, phone

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_ name, address, phone

I would suggest that the person responsible for selling the car utilize the following resources.

Go to the national club web sites and find the local clubs. The national web sites are: mafca.com and modelaford.org

Start by sending an ad (through the person recommended above to avoid having to pay for the ad) to the national clubs for inclusion in their monthly (or bi-monthly) magazine and then write a letter, call and/or attend local club meetings with pictures. Ask if they would place an ad in their monthly newsletter. If the club is smart they will do this at no cost as a service to their members. If they want more than a token amount for the ad just skip their club and tell them why. Unless your car is very unusual it will probably sell to someone within a couple of hundred miles. Contact all of the clubs within this radius. Remember if you contact the clubs by email to include photos with your email as there is a good chance that someone will forward you email to a general distribution list for the club. You should plan on a couple of months for information to work its way through the system. Newsletters have cut off dates and your request may go through a couple of people before it finally gets to the editor of the newsletter. Advertise the cars with a best offer at the end of the two month period and reserve the right to reject any or all offers. Avoid the temptation to sell to the first offer. If things don't sell, and it is possible, wait a year and try again.

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Charlie Stephens asked me if I would print this document after witnessing the selling off of a friend's car collection. The sale was done by the family that had no knowledge of the value of the cars. Please take the time to read.



### 2011 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

2010 - 2011 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** has stopped selling the anniversary Harbor cookbooks. Why? She sold them all! Way to go, Doris.

**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 Nov - Dec issue.

**Al Avoian** sponsored another technical seminar at his garage in Torrance. We worked on Al's brakes this time.

**Sue Hankins** and **Pat Yacklon** sponsored a spaghetti feed after the Wilmington Christmas parade. Those that drove their cars in the parade were treated to a great feed! Fun times. . . , good food!

### Wheels & Deals:

#### For Sale:

- Lots of **Model A parts**. Rebuilt front ends complete without backing plates, \$450. \$650 with. 21" and 19" wheels \$40. Generators \$125. Rebuilt starters \$185. Have lots of engine parts. Call me. Many other parts: fenders, rebuilt steering column, rebuilt carbs, rebuilt distributors, horns, etc. Dan in Palos Verdes 310-373-8060.
- Good running **B engine and B transmission** with flywheel and clutch. Asking \$3000. Call Dan Fitzgerald 310-373-8060.
- 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 \$300. 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, 2010 Tour Director

### **Save the Dates:**

- **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. Dinner at 7PM. 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. Deadline for signup is December 31st, 2010.

Elaine wrote this thank you to Bob Burchett after viewing his 'Hot Wheels' collection in November.

Bob. Thanks again for sharing your collection with us. The members had a great time and of course everyone found something that they related to from their childhood or a hobby of their own. We appreciate your hospitality and really enjoyed our visit.

Best regards from Harbor Area MARC,

Elaine Pisu



The Start of El Segundo Christmas Parade



Ursi & Dick



Jan & Dick



Dick & Jan's '29 Roadster PU



Dick & Ursi's '29 Special Coupe



Floyd Carr's '29 Closed Cab PU



Jim & Judy's '31 Deluxe Coupe



Jim & Elyse's '31 Deluxe Fordor Sedan



## *Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Minutes:*

### **November 26 2010 Business Meeting:**

President: Bob Speaks called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Salute to the flag: Led by Bill Newell

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present were Doris & Drain Marshall, Carla Hibbard, Bill Younkin, and Dick Wyckoff

Vice President: Dick Lusk said we took in \$246 on raffle. Big prize of tool set held to last was donated by Bill Newell & Monty Bates for the successful raffles held in Dick's absence. Thanks also to Dot Knox, Wagners, Wyckoffs & others for donations.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as appeared in Dec. HarborLight, with one exception; Larry Woods is a Hot Wheels designer, not Matchbox.

Treasurer: Daffy reported an acceptable treasury balance. Balance of Proud Bird banquet checks \$30 per person due to Daffy (with dinner selection) by **Jan 6, 2011**.

HarborLight Editor: Always looking for members who want their HarborLight sent via email. You can print it out in color. Georgette Avoian got the Lemon Bars recipe that the Ridge Route group served on our tour, printed in the HarborLight. Contact Dick if you're interested in being in the El Segundo Holiday Parade Dec. 12. Meet at noon at Main and Imperial. Always looking for pictures plus stories.

Historian: Not present.

Membership: Ursi reported 49 in attendance tonight. Pay membership dues to Ursi.

Membership Drawing: Neither man nor woman names drawn were present, next time \$20. We'll continue drawing names until we get winners at December meeting. Carla Hibbard won \$5 clock prize.

Technical & Safety: Art Wagner announced a Sat. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Technical in Al Avoian's garage at 9:00 a.m., will install Al's brand new brakes, and a couple more things. Dick Lusk checked one more car.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$3.25 was collected

Sunshine: Doris said Drain called everyone in the book; Adeline Bates broke her heel, Carrs don't drive at night, Joanne Moore, Pahls under the weather, Pat Harrison fell and broke her finger, Paul L. up and down.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: Paul Jamesson, Bill & Bob Younkin, Dick Lusk, Joe Jankiewicz, Wilbur Richardson, Pat Yacklon, and Jan Wyckoff. Anniversaries: Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Joe & Linda Freitag, Rhoda & Paul Larquier and Al & Georgette Avoian.

Tools Coordinator: Bobby D. showed tools to fix the gas gauge and will list the 24 tools available to be loaned in the HarborLight at beginning of next year.

Tours: There are two parades on Dec. 12; El Segundo (see Dick Wyckoff for details) and Wilmington. Pat & Sue will provide a spaghetti dinner to those attending the Wilmington parade, followed by a visit to Sam Fine's garage from 6 to 8 p.m. Elaine has signup sheets. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> is Natural History Museum of L.A. County's show of un-restored cars. Petersen swap meet Dec. 5, bring an unwrapped child's gift to event.

Old Business: Election was held for 2011 offices of Tour, Technical and Treasurer. Daffy Wagner ran unopposed, as was Mike Plessner for Tour. Drain Marshall withdrew his name when Charlie Plessner was nominated for Technical. All were voted in. Congratulations!

New Business: Bob Speaks invited members to a Long Beach Model T event on Dec. 5, from 8 to 4 at the Salvation Army. Also Dec. 26 in Pasadena is an antique auto and home tour with tour of restoration machine shops in the area. Jay Leno drives a mystery car. Other rare cars; Stanley Steamer, Rolls Royce on display. Meet at Willow & Lakewood, call or email Bob for details. Event starts at 10 a.m.

Refreshments hosted by: Ursi Schmidt

Next General Meeting: Dec. 17 before Christmas light tour, no raffle that night. Invited to DeCrescenzo's after the tour, don't want to miss this!

Next Board Meeting: Dec. 17 at Walteria at 6:00 p.m. before brief club meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Secretary



## *The Wilmington Christmas Parade* pictures by Sue Hankins



**Joe and Linda's '30 Cabriolet**



**The Start of the Wilmington Christmas Parade**



**Doris & Drain with a old friend**



**Driver's View**



**Pat and Sue's Spaghetti feed**



**Pat with new friend**

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There are several web sites that have classified sections for cars (be sure the vehicle ends up in the right section). Ads are usually free but donations cheerfully accepted. Place these ads a couple of weeks before the other ads are scheduled to be published. These sites are:

[www.Fordbarn.com](http://www.Fordbarn.com)  
[www.Ahooga.com](http://www.Ahooga.com)  
<http://www.jalopyjournal.com/forum/>

The final question is what to do with all of those extra parts. Try to package them with the complete cars to the greatest extent possible. Most of the parts in my garage are in boxes marked to show which car they go to. Another outlet is to contact the local antique auto parts suppliers and get a bid on the lot. Since these people must haul, sort, inventory and sell these parts their prices will be less than if you sell the parts directly. Maybe have an auction with members of local clubs present. After you have sold all that you can donate them to a local car club or tell the members they can have them for free. This is better and cheaper than paying someone to haul them away. One final thought, the money must in hand before the cars/parts go out the door.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



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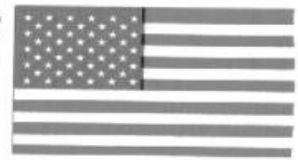
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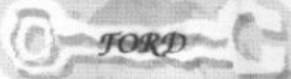
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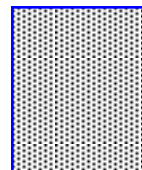
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