

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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February 2011

Upcoming Business Meeting

Meeting Date Change! For this month only, the regularly scheduled meeting will be Friday, February 18th at the Walteria clubhouse. This is a week earlier than we usually meet. (There was a conflict with other clubhouse users). 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 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 February The new Tech Director, Charlie Plessner, is gathering information and ideas. If you have something you think would be interesting, let him know.



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Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tues**day, February 1st at the home of Art and Daffy Wagner. Their address is 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach CA 90278. The time is 7PM. Their phone # is 310-374-6113. This will be the first meeting of the new 2011 board.

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The President Speaks!

Happy New Year! Well it is the middle of January and the weather seems to be getting warmer. Every chance you get, take your Model A out of the garage and do some maintenance on it. We want it ready for driving and touring this upcoming season.

We have a new Tour Director this year. Mike Plessner says that he will have some short tours and some long tours. We will be touring on side streets and back roads and try to stay off the freeway as much as possible. Variety is the key word this year. Sounds like fun!

We also have a new Technical Director, Charlie Plessner. He is only 20 years old but has been working on Model As for several years now. Have you seen his '31 Phaeton? Nice! Come out to the 'Model A garage' and maybe we can learn something new and if not, maybe you can show Charlie something new. Anyway, we'll both will be winners. If we work with Charlie he will be a fine officer and who knows, some day he might be the president of the club. By the way, did I mention that our Tour and Tech Directors are father & son? Our Sunshine/Social Director resigned this year and we are looking for someone to step up and take on the posi-

tion. If you are interested, give me a call.

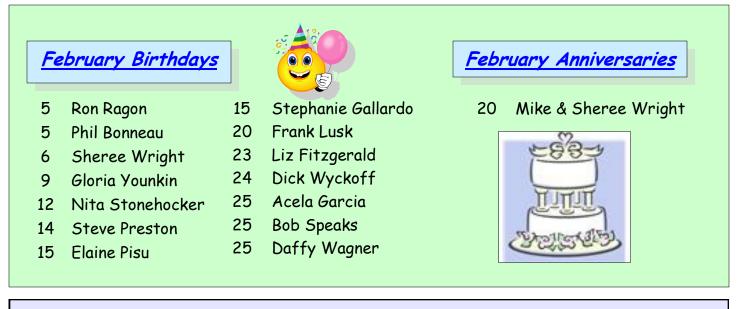
Yours truly, Bob Speaks

A Bit of Local History by Dick Wyckoff

While attending a social function at the El Segundo Woman's Club with my wife, Jan, I noticed some historical pictures of the Woman's Club. (For you history buffs, the ES Woman's Club clubhouse is the original schoolhouse built in the '20s and restored for use today by the ladies.) Amongst the pictures displayed, I noticed a picture taken in 1930 with a Model A truck in it. I got permission to copy the picture and after showing it around, one of our club members, Floyd Carr, instantly identified the location of the business here in town. By the way, Floyd has lived in El Segundo for 85 years and knows all this stuff!

The next day I drove to Pine and Mariposa and found the original El Segundo Ice Company house and garage. I went home and got my '29 Pickup and took a few pictures in the same location as the original 1930 picture. The pictures were taken 80 years apart. It sure is fun to be part of historical preservation.





Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

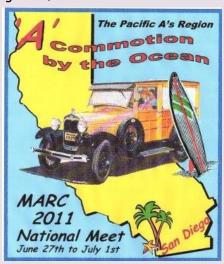
Many of the club members receive the HarborLight by **email**. I encourage you to do this. Just let me Many of the club members receive the HarborLight by **email**. I encourage you to do this. Just let me know your current email address. It's that simple. The club saves a little more than one dollar each month per email subscriber. I have an email distribution now of 40 people from the Harbor Club and 20 others. This is more than \$700 per year savings. <u>AND</u> 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 in-teresting 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 <u>item for sale</u>, let me know. I will put it in the '<u>Wheels and Deals'</u> section. The news-letter is distributed to many other clubs locally and other parts of the country.

2011 MARC National Meet Update by Dick Wyckoff

As you may know, Dan Fitzgerald and I are on the planning committee of the 2011 MARC National Meet this coming June 27th to July 1st in San Diego. The committee has been working hard to make the event a great success. We just completed the schedule of events and it will be in the Jan-Feb edition of the Model A News. Lots of great seminars, tours, sightseeing, and car judging to be had. A Commotion by the Ocean will be headquartered at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in Mission Valley. Many fine attractions are within short driving distance or local trolley ride. Such attractions as the Old Town Market, the USS Midway aircraft carrier, Seaport Village, the Gaslamp Quarter, Hotel Del Coronado, the famous San Diego Zoo, and Balboa Park.

There are something like 29 different committees being formed and sometime soon, I will be asking for help with these committees. Our president Bob Speaks, has agreed to head the swap meet group and Dick Lusk has agreed to head the parking. We are also looking for nice donations for the raffle. We have some 'headliner' raffle items already such as a complete H&H rebuilt stock engine and a two night stay at a very nice Napa Valley resort hotel, the Meritage. The stay includes a case of Trinitas wine! You can buy H&H raffle tickets from me right now. The Meritage Resort tickets will be available with registration.

So, you can see, Dan and I have a lot on our plate and are looking forward to seeing as many of our Harbor friends in San Diego this summer. You can make hotel reservations now by calling the Town and Country Resort at 1-800-772-8527. Tell them you are with the Model A Meet and get the Meet room rate. The website is: www.2011MARCmeet.com





Technical Talk with Charlie Plessner



Rewinding Electric Horn Motors

(If you are one of those few with a perfect working model "A" horns, you can disregard this article.) Ford Model "A"s were equipped with an electric (Ahoooga) horn when new.

They were made by Sparton, Ames, E.A., Stewart-Warner, and G.I.M.

Replacement parts are available for everything except the motor, so the only thing to do is rewind the old one.

<u>Start with the fields.</u> Unsolder the ends and unwind the wire from the core. Make note of how many times the wire is wound around the core and the direction. The fields are wound opposite of each other. This is important.

Replace the wire with modern armature wire of the same gauge or diame-

ter. Rewind the fields in the same direction as unwound with the same number of windings and solder the ends on.

Next is the armature.

There are 7 windings. Unsolder and unwind each one before rewinding because they overlap each other. Once again make note of the number of windings and which winding is soldered to which pole.

Replace the wire with modern armature wire of the same diameter. Rewind in the same order as removed and solder the ends of the wire on the same poles as original.

Reassemble the motor and horn. Power it with a 6 volt battery or 6 volt battery charger to test it.



Have a question? Let me know.

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 trophys each month. The next 'cruise' is February 12th. 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.

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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.



2011 Installation of Officers By Dick Wyckoff

For those of you that missed the January 15th installation banquet this year, you missed a fun time. We tried out a new venue and enjoyed live entertainment, too.

The Proud Bird restaurant near the Los Angeles Airport proved to be a popular choice for the event. The restaurant had great choices for dinner in a pretty setting where one could watch planes landing at LAX. Our new Tour Director, **Mike Plessner**, entertained us with his three piece combo, the Aquatones.

VP **Dick Lusk** had a great selection of raffle prizes that proved popular with the 67 people in attendance.

After dinner, president **Bob Speaks** thanked all for coming and then introduced Membership Chair **Ursi Schmidt** to start things off. She updated us on membership and presented participation awards to those that are most active in the club events. Top honors went to **Doris and Drain Marshall**. The Woman of the Year was also presented by last year's winner, **Ursi Schmidt**. This year, **Daffy Wagner** was selected for her outstanding efforts, not only as Treasurer, but for all around participa-

Wagner was selected for her outstanding efforts, not only as Treasurer, but for all around participation and good work. Congratulations Daffy!

Dick Lusk then presented certificates for annual safety checks. Both Dick and Ursi keep great records on club events and always do a nice presentation.

The Man of the Year award was presented by last year's winner, **Bob DeCrescenzo**. For his contributions over the last couple years, **Mirco Pisu** is this year's Man of the Year. Congratulations to you, also!

Last year's Tour Director, **Elaine Pisu**, presented annual driving awards to those that actually put some significant mileage on their Model As. The top honors went to **Doris and Drain Marshall** with 3600+ miles. Congratulations you two! They drive their A on lots of long distance events and set a great example of participation.

Art Wagner presented Al Avoian with a special appreciation plaque for allowing the club to use his garage for several Model A workshops and seminars. The Avoian's hospitality is exceptional and we always have a good time. Another special appreciation award was given to Doris Marshall for her efforts in selling the club's 50th anniversary cookbook. She sold 94 of the 100 we had reprinted. You should see her work a crowd! Thanks, Doris.

The 2010 Board was properly recognized and retired and the new 2011 Board was introduced. Two new members were introduced. **Charlie Plessner** is the new Technical Director and **Mike Plessner** is the new Tour Director. Welcome. They join returning Board members **Bob Speaks**, **Dick Lusk**, **Jan Wy-ckoff**, **and Daffy Wagner**. The outgoing members were **Elaine Pisu and Art Wagner**. Thank you for your service.

Dick Lusk finished up the evening auctioning off the last of the raffle items.

The powder-coated Model T pistons also proved to be popular center pieces. They were provided by president **Bob Speaks** and decorated buy **Daffy and Ursi**. Good job.

Dick Lusk would like to thank the following club members for their generous donations to the banquet raffle. Because of the donated gifts and the teamwork involved we were able to have a nice raffle with many prizes without having to go over budget.

Also a big thank you for helping to unload the car and carrying in the many raffle items.

Al and Georgette Avoian Art and Daffy Wagner Bill and Gloria Younkin Dan and Liz Fitzgerald Dick and Jan Wyckoff Dick and Ursi Lusk Drain and Doris Marshall Frank and Marian Lusk Jack and Joan Gordinier

Jack and Winelle Newton Screenland A's Jay and Linda Skinner Joe and Linda Freitag South Bay Ford Tim and Pat Harrison Toad and Nita Stonehocker Walt and Carla Hibbard



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.

<u>'Dues News</u>'

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 '<u>Harbor MARC'</u> 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 <u>MAFCA</u> 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. The Meet registration forms will be in Jan-Feb issue.

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.
- <u>Original</u>, early '**30** Cabriolet wood sub-frame. Good shape. Needs a little wood repair. This is for the fixed seat early Cabriolet. Asking \$250. 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
- Used greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.



Terrific Tours

By Mike Plessner

TOURS 2011

First I would like to offer thanks to Elaine for stepping up last year as Tour Director and congratulations on doing an excellent job.

Our first tour will be Sunday, February 13, 2011 for a tour through Malibu Canyon. It's been some time since we've done this tour and I've changed things around a bit. You can plan to bring a picnic lunch or stop at one of the burger joints along the way. The main emphasis will be driving and some fantastic sight seeing.

Meet at Mills at 8:00am Sunday February 13, 2011. More info to follow. LETS GO !!!!!

Michael (310) 619 - 9181

Thanks for the Great Ride in 2010! By Elaine Pisu

We had a memorable year in 2010 and look forward to many more safe miles in 2011.

Club members were busy this December. Six vehicles and 12 members participated in the El Segundo Christmas parade. At the same time another six vehicles and another 12 members participated in the Wilmington Christmas parade followed by a spaghetti dinner hosted by Pat Yacklon and Sue Hankins. Thanks Pat & Sue. The dinner was great. We then went to an Open House at Sam and Linda Fine's Fabulous Garage. We donated Christmas Toys which were given to local needy children.

The next week we took a tour of the Sleepy Hollow Christmas lights area in Torrance followed by birthday cake and ice cream at the home of Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo. If you haven't seen their Christmas decorations, you really missed a treat.

We participated in 20 tours in 2010. We traveled over 40,000 miles and had 28 club members that received Road Runner awards. To be a road runner you must travel at least 500 miles in your Model A and you must have your car safety checked.

Congratulations to our Top 3 Road Runners

Drain & Doris Marshall traveling 3685 miles

Al Avoian traveling 1610 miles

Jack Gordinier traveling 1370 miles

Thanks to all of you that attended the tours. As far as I am concerned, the only reason to have a Model A is to drive it. I look forward to making many more memories next year. Check your newsletter for my list of upcoming events for 2011 there is a lot of fun available. Ciao & Buon Anno.

Elaine Pisu



<u>Misc. Model A Events of Interest for 2011</u> Compiled by Elaine Pisu

January 29-30 **Turlock Swap Meet**. A very large antique car swap meet at the Stanislaus County Fair grounds in Turlock CA. 7AM - 5PM

February 25-27 The 45th annual antique and collector **car parts exchange and swap meet** will be held at Qualcomm (old Jack Murphy) Stadium on the weekend of February 25th, 26th & 27th, 2011. The BIG 3 Auto Swap is held annually and has grown to be the largest old car event held in the San Diego area. This auto swap attracts participants from all over the country. This entire event is totally operated by volunteers.

March 27, Sunday ing Drange County Model A Club's **50th anniversary pancake breakfast**. A great gatherof Model As from all over Southern California. Don't miss this one. Located in Hart Park in Orange CA. 8AM - noon.

- April 7-10 Laughlin Model A Meet in Laughlin NV. A fun weekend in Nevada.
- April 8-10 Central California Regional Gathering (CCRG) in Merced CA.
- April 15-16 Bakersfield CA swap meet by HCCA at Fair Grounds. Go East on Ming (on 99) about a mile.
- May 27-28 Northern California Regional Gathering (NCRG) in Vallejo CA.
- June 26, Sunday Henry Ford Picnic sponsored by the Downey Diamond Tread Model A Club.
- June 27-July 12011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. A 'don't miss' week-long event sponsored in partbythe Harbor MARC Model A club. Lots of fantastic cars and events. See you there!
- July 15-17 Wings & Wheels in Solvang CA. A chance to see some vintage aircraft up close. A fun weekend of touring and BBQ.
- September 10 **International Model A day**. Everyone should make an effort to drive their Model A this day. Lots of clubs have tours or shows this day.
- September 25 Paradise Valley Model A Club swap meet. Held at Little League Hdqtrs, Devore
- November 30 December 4 MAFCA National Awards Meet & Banquet in Santa Rosa



President Bob Speaks with 40 year member Barny Clayton

Barny Clayton gets 40 year pin

President Bob Speaks and Jack Gordinier visited Barny Clayton at his home and presented him with a Harbor MARC **40 year** membership pin. Barny was active for many years and has always been a giant supporter of the club.

Congratulations Barny!



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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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Woman of the Year - Daffy Wagner Man of the Year - Mirco Pisu Congratulations!

