

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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Upcoming Business Meeting

The March meeting will be as usual, the last Friday, March 25th at 7:30PM.

The April meeting will be Friday, April 29th at 7:30PM at **Walteria**. This is a **pot luck** meeting. Food at 6PM and regular meeting at 7:30PM. A-L brings salad/dessert and M-Z brings main course.

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.

Upcoming Tours

Make sure you put **Sunday, March 27th** on your calendar. That is the annual **Orange County Model A Club 50th Annual Pancake Breakfast**.

Meet at 7AM, leave at 7:15AM. It is a 40 minute drive from Mills Diner (190th and Western). An easy drive on the freeway at 45mph. Surface street routes are about an hour.

Make sure your headlights are in good working order!
The Nethercutt Collection is **April 9th**. See Page 7.

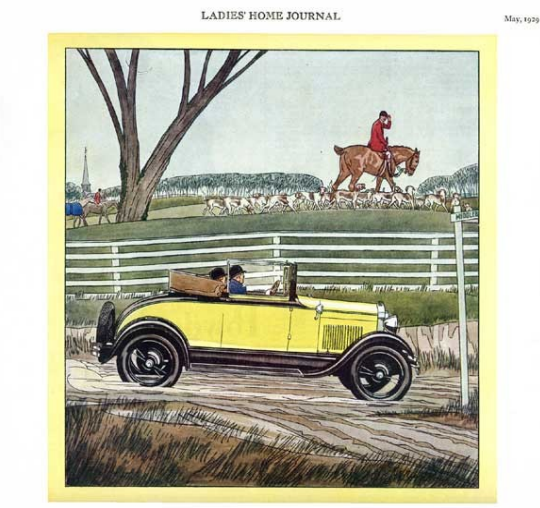
Technical Seminar



People are working on a seminar for April. The Safety checkup/pot luck fun event at Dick and Ursi's has been cancelled. Charlie Plessner is checking on another date and location for the safety check. Charlie's is number is 310-997-8094.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, April 5th** at 7PM at the home of Art and Daffy Wagner. Their address is 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach CA 90278. Their phone is: 310-374-6113



The New Ford Convertible Cabriolet

The new Ford Convertible Cabriolet is a splendid car for every member of the family. It is trim and smart, yet its good taste always because of its quiet simplicity of line and modish colors. It is reliable, long-lived and economical to drive because of the enduring quality that has been built into every part.

Safety, comfort, quick acceleration, smoothness, speed and power—all these it has in full measure with the additional advantage of being easy to operate and control under all conditions. To the woman driver, this is an increasingly important factor.

The convertible feature makes the new Ford Cabriolet particularly adaptable for business, for shopping, and for social engagements in all kinds of weather. Quickly, and with surprising ease, you can transform it from an open to a closed car. The top is of sin whipcord and is light in weight, yet absolutely waterproof. The door windows are in nickel frames and fit snugly into this top.

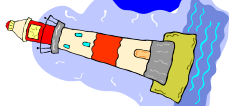
The wide, comfortable rumble seat is a welcome and pleasing feature on those many occasions when you need space for two more passengers.

In addition to the Cabriolet, there are ten other Ford body types. These include the Town Car (chauffeur-driven), Town Sedan, Station Wagon, Fordor Sedan, Tudor Sedan, Coupe, Sport Coupe, Business Coupe, Phaeton and Roadster.

All, with the exception of the Station Wagon, are finished in a choice of beautiful two-tone color harmonies. All have four Hotchkiss hydraulic, two-way shock absorbers, Triple shance-proof glass windshield, and a fully enclosed silent six-brake system.



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Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

No article submitted this month.

Fashion Events to attend at the 2011 MARC National Meet

Sunday, June 26, 3:30-5:00pm -- **Reproduction Construction** by Anne Neely-Beck. Anne will be describing the steps to take in constructing a 1928-1931-reproduction outfit. She will be using display boards to show construction of seams, buttonholes etc. There will also be display boards comparing today's fabric with the era fabric. Whether you are constructing an outfit for judging or to wear on a local tour, this presentation is guaranteed to be of interest for you.



Monday, June 27, 9:00-10:30am -- **Fantastic Fans** by Eleanore Phillips

Monday, June 27, 1:00-3:00pm -- **Purses** -- **As the Purse is Emptied, the Heart is Filled** by Patti Jones. Buying vintage purses is "soul" food for us Model A women! We empty our modern purses to purchase our vintage ones to show them off with our finest era fashions. You'll learn the history of purses, including the oldest US Company, Whiting/Davis. The varied styles, shapes, and fabrics will be on display, along with a "take home" handout to help you identify purses of our era.



Tuesday, June 28, 9:00-noon -- **Gloves** -- **Hand it to the Ladies.** MARC Fashion Committee Seminar will be on gloves and things related to the hands. Also, bring items to buy and sell at the table Fashion Swap Meet. And bring your "objects of fashion for identification" for date, material, what goes with what and any other questions with the exception of value.

Tuesday, June 28, 3:00-5:00pm -- **High Tea by the Sea.** Enjoy an English Tea while viewing a show of 1928-1931 Fashions appropriate for "Outdoor Activities in San Diego" during our Era. We will be presenting "driving in style" ribbons to everyone who dresses in era fashions for the Tea. These ribbons have been generously donated by MAFFI, for which we thank them.



Wednesday, June 29 8:00am-noon **Fashion Judging.**

Wednesday, June 29 6:30pm-8:00pm **MARC Fashion Committee Fashion Show & Award Ceremony.** Entertainment will include dancers to demonstrate the dances of 1928-1931.



Friday, July 1, 9:00am-11:00am -- **If the Shoe Fits, Buy It!** by Patti Jones. Patti will tell us about her huge display of era shoes and stockings. Her collection will include items worn by all members of a family -- for babies, for school children, for men and women and for many occasions.

Fashion Flashback

SALE
Summer 1928 Apparel

Don't Send a Penny

Beautiful New Summer Hat
Handmade by the designer, one is this color with blue and green stripes. A soft touch - it has a wide brim, a unique shape, elegant with lovely colors. Size 6 1/2. Price \$1.95. 4K5446 \$1.95

Girl's Silk Pongee Dress
The color is just what you need in this style. The material is of the finest quality. Price \$1.89. 4K7802 \$1.89

All Silk Georgette Dress
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Floral Dimity Dress
Only \$1.49 for this lovely Summer dress of baby dimity fabric which was especially prepared for those who wear style and quality at a bargain price. It is a lovely party dress and suitable for school girls. Price \$1.49. 4K7901 \$1.49

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Update on the National Model A Ford Museum by Sue Hankins

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! To get into the MAFFI raffle to win a 1930 Model A Tudor, and help contribute to the National Model A Ford Museum. The drawing is in 3 months at the MARC 2011 National Meet in San Diego in June. Tickets are \$10 for 1; \$25 for 3; \$50 for 9 tickets. I'll have tickets at the business meeting.

Don't forget they are giving a hat/lapel pin as a thank you for donations of \$100 or more

April Birthdays

- 1 James Walker
- 3 John Hernandez
- 4 Sylvia McArthur
- 8 Bill Newell
- 9 Sylvia Craig
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 19 Kathy Valot



April Anniversaries

- 13 Bill & Gloria Younkin



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. 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? Did you take a neat picture at a club event? Let the editor put it 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. If you have pictures, I can scan them and put them in the newsletter.

2011 MARC National Meet Update by Dick Wyckoff

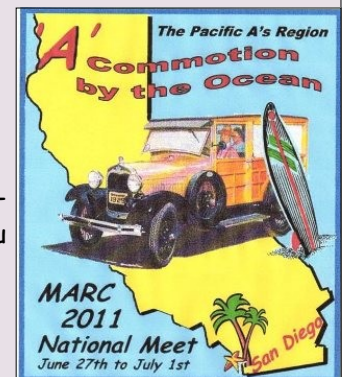
As you may know, Dan Fitzgerald and I are on the planning committee of the **2011 MARC National Meet** this coming **June 27th to July 1st** in **San Diego**. The committee has been working hard to make the event a great success. Lots of great seminars, tours, sightseeing, and car judging to be had. **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. Several members of the **Screenland As** have agreed to set up the swap meet and **Dick Lusk** has agreed to head the parking. We are also looking for a nice Club donations for the raffle. We have some 'headliner' raffle items already. One is as a complete H&H rebuilt stock engine. Also, Dan Fitzgerald has arranged a two night stay at the Meritage. A high end Napa Valley resort hotel. The stay includes a case of Trinitas wine! You can buy H&H raffle tickets from Dick Wyckoff right now and Meritage Resort tickets will be available with registration and at the Meet. The January-February issue of the *Model A News* has the latest registration information and list of events. Check it out and register for the National Meet now!

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.

Visit the newly updated Meet website: www.2011MARCmeet.com.

See you there!





Technical Talk with Charlie Plessner



Shop Safety

How many of us think about the place where we store and work on our model "A"s? Sure we hang pictures, tools, and other junk on the walls, but what about our safety? Many people have been run over, burned, poisoned and suffered other serious injuries from working on their own cars due to carelessness. Ask yourself these questions:

Do you know how to use power tools properly?

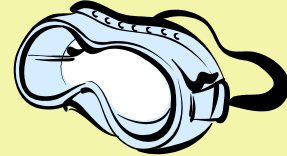
Are your eyes protected?

Is what you are breathing toxic?

Are you safe from electric shock?

Are there any spills needing to be mopped up?

These are all important things to remember when working on your car.



We can't cover everything on shop safety here, so here are a few suggestions:

Read warning signs.

Read the instructions on every tool you use.

Keep a class B, or A B C fire extinguisher in your car and work space.

Wear safety glasses or a face shield when working.

Disconnect the battery ground cable when working on the electronics.

Use jack stands when working under a car.

Make sure the car is in park/neutral and the emergency brake is on before starting the car.

Know what you are doing and use common sense.

If you want to know more about this subject or have a question? Let me know.



Charlie Plessner, Technical Director

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 **April 9th**. 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.



Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2011 Business Meeting:

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

Salute to the flag: Led by Monty Bates

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present were Doris & Drain Marshall, Carla Hibbard, Dick Wyckoff and Duane Nead.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as previously emailed to the board, and also as appeared in the HarborLight.

Treasurer: Treasury is in good shape.

HarborLight Editor: Dick again requested to any who haven't been receiving HarborLight by email, it saves the club money and it is in color. Talked more about the San Diego MARC National Meet in San Diego 6/27-7/1. Dick has done the ads that appear in the Model A News magazine. There will be 25 to 30 high point blue ribbon cars in a large facility and won't be moved after judging. There will be a AA truck group gathering, tours, raffle prizes. Town & Country Hotel is 1-2 miles from where the San Diego swap meet is held. The board will discuss contributing raffle prizes to National Meet.

Historian: Sue reported on the National Model A Museum, anyone donating \$100 will receive a pin. Bricks also available for \$150. Sue presented a DVD program of our installation banquet and also the 4 cars from the club that participated in a movie shoot, a Warner Bros. film directed by Clint Eastwood. The story is about J. Edgar Hoover and takes place in the '30s, also present were 27 Model Ts.

Membership: 40 present at the meeting. We have 78 members, 20 still have not responded.

Membership Drawing: Will take place next month (Pres. forgot his briefcase with the rain, etc.)

Technical & Safety: No safety report. Charlie asked that anyone with ideas please see him. Bob said he would work with him and get more activities at Avoian's 'A garage'.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$2.65 collected.

Sunshine: Doris spoke with Rhoda and Paul had a good day, went to the Dr. that day and was feeling good. Pat Yacklon is still suffering with the shingles.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: Ron Ragon, Phil Bonneau, Sheree Wright, Gloria Younkin, Nita Stonehocker, Steve Preston, Elaine Pisu, Stephanie Gallardo, Frank Lusk, Liz Fitzgerald, Dick Wyckoff, Acela Garcia, Bob Speaks and Daffy Wagner. Anniversaries: Mike & Sheree Wright.

Tools Coordinator: Bobby D. loaned two tools out this week and had an idea for an addition to our tool collection; one used to rebuild distributor. The bushing reamer sells for \$60. Board will discuss.

Tours: Tour on 2/13 was a beautiful tour thru Mulholland Hwy. with a good turnout. Next tour will be Orange County Pancake Breakfast on 3/27th; meet at Mills at 7:00, leave at 7:15.

Old Business: Bob presented copies of our current by-laws from 1995 which were approved by the state making us a 501.C4 club, a social welfare club.

New Business: None

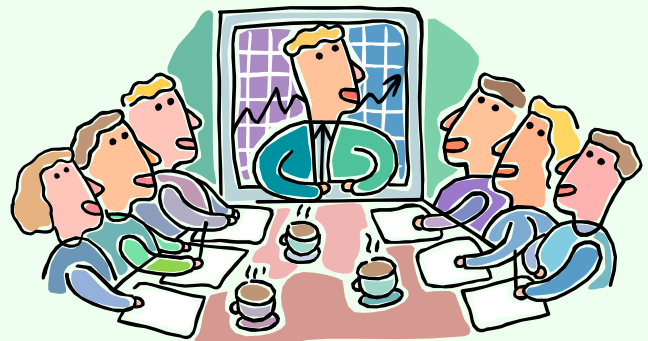
Refreshments hosted by: Georgette Avoian

Next General Meeting: Friday, March 25th

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 1st

Meeting adjourned at: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Secretary



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. Just a note: we are currently updating the roster. If you have any address changes or email changes, let Ursi know.

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, and cookbooks 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). The March edition of the Harbor-Light is the last one unless you renew your membership.

Or, in case 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.**

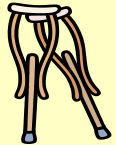
Note: Members pay MAFCA dues directly to MAFCA.

Harbor 'deLights' or Happenings Around the Club

Dan Fitzgerald, Dick Wyckoff and **Dick Lusk** are hard at work on the National MARC Meet in San Diego next year. Dick W has created the advertisements in the *Model A News* magazine. The Meet registration forms are in Jan-Feb issue. Be sure to check out all the Meet information and send in your registration. Dan is keeping track of the money and Dick L has scoped out the parking for all the cars and trailers at the headquarters hotel. It is going to be a great affair!

Make sure you check out the newly overhauled Meet website at: www.2011MARCmeet.com

Jan Wyckoff is recovering for a total knee replacement. With this operation, she has had both knees and both hips replaced! She is truly a bionic woman. It takes a couple months to get everything working again, but she is looking forward to the National MARC Meet in June.



Pat Yacklon is doing much better after her painful bout with Shingles. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt are off on month long adventure that includes a trip through the Panama Canal. They will take a train to New Orleans and then drive to Florida to pick up the ship. A tour in the Caribbean is part of the fun-filled tour. Have a great time.....

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.

Wanted:

- Used Christmas and greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them.

Ursi (310) 539-5391 and **Doris** (310) 378-5061.



Terrific Tours

By Mike Plessner

For April I've planned a nice trip for us to the **Nethercutt Collection** in Sylmar.

Saturday April 9th is the date. The museum we'll be visiting is home to many Grand Classic show cars, as well as several rare antique cars, not to mention the fabulous Rolls Royce collection. No fee, reservations, or special dress



is required for this one. Afterwards we'll stop for lunch, [someplace not too pricey] then tour home. This promises to be a very enjoyable tour, nice and easy. Freeway speed will be set at a comfortable 45 mph, so I hope to see all of you then.

Meet at Mills restaurant, 190th & Western Ave .8:30 AM, leave 9:00. Tour miles 125.

Michael: 1-310-619-9181. Want to plan a tour? Let me know.

A Trip to the 'Justice Brothers' Museum

On a Wednesday in February five club members, Dick Lusk, Thom and Drain Marshall, Art Wagner, and Jack Gordinier decided to take an exploratory visit to Duarte CA to visit the Justice Brothers Museum. A great time was had by all.

A little background: Justice Brothers, Inc. is a manufacturing and worldwide distributor of Car Care Products, Fleet, Farm, and Industrial Lubricants and Cleaners. The product line numbers over 90 products, which makes up one of the most comprehensive in the business.



You might say that Justice Brothers, Inc. is the typical American success story. That is, it was started by three brothers with no more than a dream.

Following World War II and a stint building sprint racecars - The Justice Brothers, Ed, Zeke, and Gus, began chasing their dreams and hopes to build a better life for themselves and those that worked for them. In the process they won the 1950 Indianapolis 500 with Johnnie Parsons driving their car. This was the beginning of a long winning streak.

Most recently, Ed Justice, Jr. and the Justice Brothers Corporation sponsored cars in the Indianapolis 500 which finished 2nd in 1999 and 5th 2000. In 2006, the son of Parnelli Jones (the 1963 Indy 500 winner), PJ. Jones carried the Justice Brothers product in the Indy 500. This was 60 years after their first involvement into the world's

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Let's Install an Engine

Word went out that new member, Jack Goldberg, needed some assistance changing out the engine in his newly acquired '29AA flat bed truck. Dan Fitzgerald put together a team of pros last Saturday to remove the old engine and install a new H&H engine at Al Avoian's garage. Technical Director, Charlie Plessner was right in the middle as well as Jack Gordinier, 'Stoney' Stonehocker, Dick Lusk, Bob Speaks, Monty Bates, Drain Marshall, Art Wagner, Dick Wyckoff, and Al Avoian. Supervising nearby was Nita Stonehocker and Georgette Avoian.

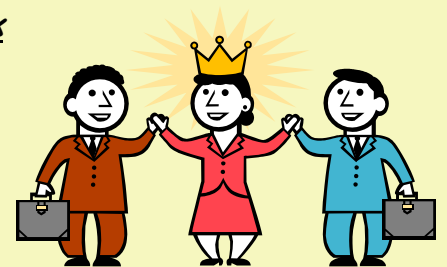
The start bell went off at roughly 9AM and by 10AM the old engine was removed. The team then proceeded to clean the engine compartment and all the old parts, check for worn or damaged parts, replace the throwout bearing, fix the starter and front mount, and then reversed the operation. With a small lunch break provided by the Goldbergs, the new engine was back in and restarted by 2PM. A little tuning and some work on an exhaust leak is in order and we have another Model A on the road. YEH!



Thanks from Dick Lusk

Dick Lusk would like to thank the following club members for their generous donations to the February Raffle:

Bob Speaks , Al and Georgette Avoian, Drain and Doris Marshall, Toad and Nita Stonehocker, Walt and Carla Hibbard, Art and Daffy Wagner, Dan and Liz Fitzgerald.



[Lots of Model 'A' Events of Interest for 2011](#)

- March 27, Sunday The Orange County Model A Club's **50th anniversary pancake breakfast**. A great gathering of Model As from all over Southern California. Don't miss this one. Located in Hart Park in Orange, CA. 8AM - noon. We leave at 7:15AM from Mills.
- 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 1 **2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego**. A 'don't miss' week-long event sponsored in part by the 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, flying and BBQ.
- July 22-23 Long Beach Model T Club **Vintage Car Parts Exchange** at the Los Alamitos Race Course. This is one of the best local meets, so put this one on your calendar.
- 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, CA
- November 30 - December 4 **MAFCA National Awards Meet & Banquet** in Santa Rosa

A 'Coffee & Cars' Event - The Place to Be!

The first Saturday of every month from 7:30AM to 9AM at the Peninsula Shopping Center at Hawthorne Blvd and Silver Spur in Palos Verdes between Burger King and Starbucks is the place to be.

You are invited to bring your Hot Rod, Custom, Muscle Car, Sports Car, Antique, Classic, Exotic, or other Special Interest car or truck, (or just yourself) to the Peninsula Shopping Center.

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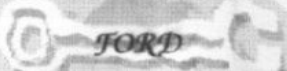
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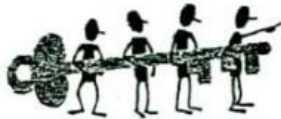


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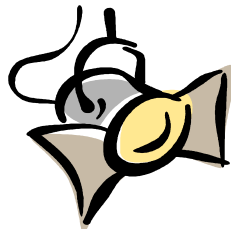
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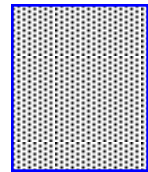
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