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Upcoming Business Meeting

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.

The May business meeting will be Friday, May 27th at 7:30PM at Walteria clubhouse.

Upcoming Tour

The tour for May is a combined tour/safety inspection. Meet at Mills (190th and Western) at 8:30AM on Saturday, May 21st. We will leave at 9:00 for the El Segundo Automobile Driving Museum.

See article on page 7.

Technical Seminar



Charlie Plessner and his team have arranged a Model A Safety Inspection at the El Segundo Auto Driving Museum. See page 7.

This is a combined tour/inspection and pot luck social event. Sat, May 21st. More info as it becomes available. Charlie's is number is 310-997-8094.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 3rd at 7PM at the home of Dick and Jan Wyckoff. Their address is 337 Lomita St., El Segundo CA 90245. Their phone is 310-322-8863.



May 30th, 2011
We honor those that gave all so that we can live free.

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Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

It is time to start thinking about supporting your Model A club. You can do this by getting involved and run for one of the five jobs that will be opening up on the board of directors this coming year. The five positions which are up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary, Tour, and Technical Director.

This club needs change and to get change we need new ideas. To keep the status quo would be like going back in time instead of moving forward. As we debate what we did in the past, others clubs are debating what to do in the future. We must do the same.

The Club's membership has declined over the last few years so we must address that issue.

We need to be thinking about starting a youth program. To do this we need to set up a program on how to attract young members from 5 to 18 years old. This is one thing we have neglected to do for way too long and if we don't get some younger members, just like a plant, if you don't water the plant it will soon die. We are all going to get older and we will soon pass on. Don't you think it would be nice if we left something for the next generation to build on just like the generation before us did?

I will leave you with this quote:

"Anyone who stops learning is old whether at twenty or eighty.

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The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."

Some will know who said this, others will not. I will tell you who said this at the next General Meeting.

Bob

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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

May Birthdays

- 1 LeOra Combs
- 4 Leonard Funk
- 20 Dolores Strosnider
- 22 Jesse Dykes
- 26 Kathy Webb
- 29 Blanca Bolanos



May Anniversaries

- 5 Liz & Dan Fitzgerald
- 7 Noelle & Terry Marshall
- 20 Darlene & Leonard Funk
- 23 Bill Newell & Ellen Peterson

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? 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 to other parts of the country.

2011 MARC National Meet Update by Dick Wyckoff

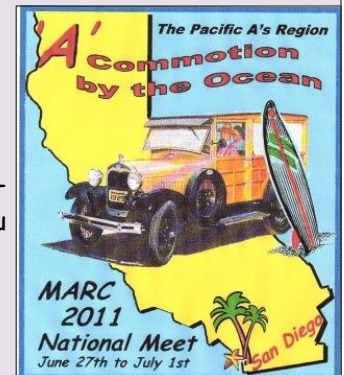
As you may know, Dan Fitzgerald and I are on the planning committee of the **2011 MARC National Meet** this coming June 27th to July 1st in San Diego. The committee has been working hard to make the event a great success. Lots of great seminars, tours, sightseeing, and car judging to be had. ***A Commotion 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 will also need some help with the registration and the raffles. **We are also looking for a nice Harbor Area club donation 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 Resort, 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. It is also available online at the website shown below. **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 special Meet room rate.

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

See you there!





Technical Talk with Charlie Plessner



Forgotten Lubrication Locations

Most of us are pretty conscientious about lubricating the well publicized lube locations such as steering and engine. But what about all those other little rub spots and wear points that could cause our cars to quit performing as well as they should.

Over the years, I have put together a list of some of the forgotten locations on the Model A that need a little assist once in a while.

- The accelerator linkage assembly attached to the rear of the engine block next to the firewall has two holes in the top. This is for a drop of oil once in a while. This keeps the gas pedal operating smoothly. While we are talking about gas linkage, how about a drop of oil at the ends of the spark and gas linkages. This spring loaded joint can wear the ball off the end of the control rods if it doesn't get some lube.
- How about a drop of oil at each end of the motor in the horn? It can make the horn spin more freely and give a true ahooga sound.
- A little lube on the distributor cam can extend the life of your points and keep them set much longer. The key word is 'little'. We don't want the points fouled by excess lube.
- Inside your distributor housing, the upper plate moves in grooves when you advance and retard the spark. This groove can become worn and cause difficulty moving your spark lever. Removing the distributor, then cleaning and lubing the groove will make things work so much easier.
- While the distributor is out, you might put a drop or two of oil where the upper distributor shaft bushing is located. Ford didn't provide a positive lube location for the upper bushing.
- Are your spark and gas levers hard to move? A drop of oil in each of the lever holes above the horn button will make things easier. They never get any oil!
- Do you think a drop of oil in your hood latches on the spring will make them easier to use? It does.
- A drop of oil on the water pump shaft were it goes into the pump housing might make the seal last longer.

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 **May 14th**. 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

March 25th, 2011 Business Meeting:

President: Bob Speaks called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. at Walteria Clubhouse.

Salute to the flag: Led by Monty Bates

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as previously emailed to the board and also as appeared in the Harbor-Light.

Treasurer: Treasury is in good shape.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff talked more about the MARC National Meet in San Diego June 27 - Jul 1st. He talked about a 5 bearing block engine that will be shown at a seminar at the meet. Dick needs articles by the 15th of April for the May HarborLight.

Historian: Sue Hankins reported on the progress of the National Model A Museum. Time is running short to purchase raffle tickets for the drawing of the 1930 Tudor. Bricks are available for \$150 and anyone donating at least \$100 will receive a hat/lapel pin.

Membership: 42 present at the meeting.

Membership Drawing: Men's membership of \$5 was won by Joe Freitag, who donated it back to the club. Women's membership of \$5 was won by Elyse Beardsley, not present. Prize for the women will be \$10 at the next meeting.

Technical & Safety: Charlie said he is working on a location for the safety inspection. He will need a committee to work at the inspection. There are no upcoming seminars planned.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money) Monty Bates collected \$4.50

Sunshine: Bill VanLowen had a bad fall which resulted in his passing away. Greg Earhart has clogged arteries. Paul Larquier has good days and bad days and only goes out of the house to see the doctor. Dorothy Wood just came home from the hospital. Jan Wyckoff is doing better after her knee replacement surgery.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: James Walker, John Hernandez, Sylvia McArthur, Bill Newell, Sylvia Craig, Carol Olsen, Drain Marshall, & Kathy Valot. Anniversaries: Bill & Gloria Younkin.

Vice President: Dick Lusk not present. Tim & Pat Harrison sold the raffle tickets. Tim and Jack Gordinier ran the raffle. Jack Goldberg donated a Ford-themed Hawaiian shirt for the raffle.

Tools Coordinator: Bob DeCrescenzo showed the Judging Standards Handbook which is available on loan as a tool if you want to know exactly what is needed when restoring your Model A. There are about 24 tools in the crib.

Bob Speaks said there is \$200 in the budget for tools for Bobby D. to purchase what he thinks is needed.

Tours: Mike Plessner announced this Sunday is OC Pancake Breakfast. Meet at Mills at 7:00 and leave at 7:15 going surface. April 9th is a tour to the Nethercutt Museum in the part of the museum where we don't need reservations. We will stop for lunch on the way home. Mike would like recommendations and help leading the tours.

Old Business: Bob Speaks brought up the matter of a possible discrepancy of the number of cook books sold. After a lively discussion with the membership, it was decided to improve our record keeping in the future.

Drain asked for a donation for the OC Pancake Breakfast. He said Dick Wyckoff has a new six volt battery he will donate. Drain asked that the club pay Dick \$75 for the battery. Motion made and was passed.

New Business: Bobby D. wanted to know why the safety seminar is no longer at Dick Lusk's. Bob Speaks said according to the bylaws, the location of the seminar is the responsibility of the Technical Director who is currently in talks with Dick Lusk. Bob Speaks would like to do a swap meet to make money. Joe Freitag discussed accepting sponsorship in the ADM, Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo. There would be no financial obligation to the club other than purchasing a banner to hang in the museum for advertising our club. Motion was made and passed to present it to the board. Dot Knott showed a purse and blanket made with Model A design material.

Refreshments hosted by: Monty & Donnis Bates

Next General Meeting: Friday April 29th. **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday April 5th

Meeting adjourned at: 9:02 PM

Respectfully submitted: Pat Yacklon, Secretary Pro-Tem

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 two cookbooks still available, too. Please call **Ursula** at (310) 539-5391 to place your order.



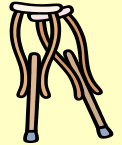
Harbor 'deLights' or Happenings Around the Club

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. 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.



Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt are back from their month-long vacation to New Orleans, Florida, and the Caribbean.

Greg Earhart was recently diagnosed with serious blood vessel problems. He is having surgery to correct some issues. Hope you are feeling better, Greg. See you soon at the Hot 'n Tot.

Former member and Past President **Charles Phillips** passed away in March at his home in Oregon.

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.
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Wanted:

- Used Christmas and greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. **Ursi** (310) 539-5391 and **Doris** (310) 378-5061.



[Safety Inspection Preparations](#) by Joe Freitag

Preparing for the **May 21st Model A SAFETY INSPECTION** at the El Segundo Automobile Driving Museum, Charlie Plessner, Bob Speaks and Joe Freitag visited the ADM on April 16 to review the facilities and discuss how the day's activity would be handled. We were greeted by a **LARGE SIGN** on the street announcing a Pinewood Derby that was in progress. This was in the room we would use for our pot luck, Hubley races, and White Elephant sale, if we choose.

The room which is normally empty was set up by ADM with a center race track and rows of chairs for the guests. We commented that the ADM had been very accommodating to the Scout organizers of this event and arranged the room to focus on the race track. They would do the same for us by displaying a sign informing museum visitors of the **HARBOR MODEL A's SAFETY INSPECTION** and setting up round tables and chairs for eight for

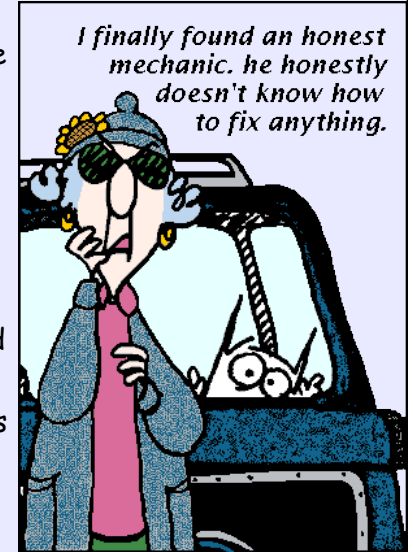
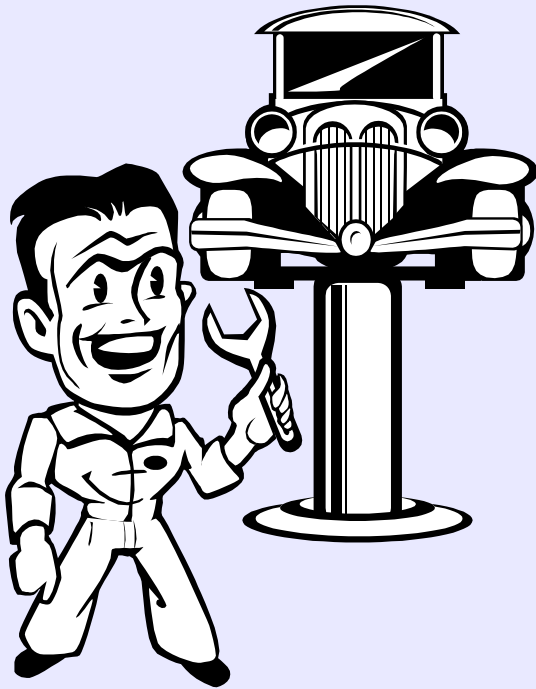
our meeting in whatever configuration we proposed.

Charlie is organizing the inspection and building his team of inspectors.

With the large parking lot space outside, we could park all our cars dedicated to our event. Charlie is considering the possibility of a "drive through inspection". Owners would drive through each "inspection station" such as lights, brakes, steering etc. Tentatively, we could start the inspections at 10:00AM when the museum opens and finish in time for a pot luck lunch. Anyone interested in having an inspector role should contact Charlie.

Bob Speaks said that he would have more information about the Pot Luck, Hubley and White Elephant activities at our next meeting.

The ADM is located at 610 Lairport Street, El Segundo. From Sepulveda, go East on Mariposa, turn left at the light on Lairport. The ADM is on the right.



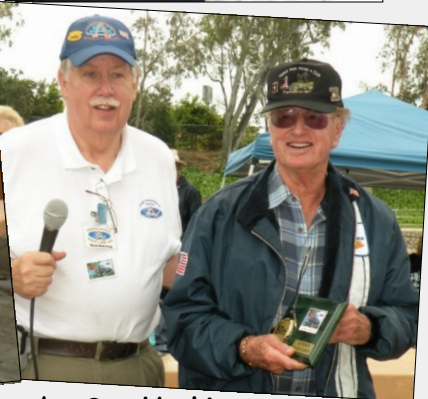
[Friday Afternoon at Ruby's Diner:](#)

Since March, Ruby's Diner in Redondo Beach by the pier has hosted a weekly gathering of fun cars. This event can bring as many as 150 cars of all types. Classics, Concours, hot rods, antiques, sports cars, motorcycles, and Model As!. Many Harbor Club members show their cars and enjoy a great meal in the diner. Check it out. Times are about **4PM to 7:30PM every Friday**. There is a nice raffle and trophies are awarded each week. Parking is free to participating cars. This event will continue all summer until sometime in October. See you there.



A Pancake Breakfast to Remember!

With the weather a little wet and the hour a little early, the Harbor Area Model A club left for Orange CA and the Orange County Model A Club's 50th Anniversary Pancake breakfast. Approximately 40 members found their way to Hart Park. Waiting for them was a parking lot with a river running through it and a bunch of enthusiastic Model A people whose spirits were not dampened. A'ers from all over So Cal joined in the cool fun. 150 As and 80 other classics braved the elements. The menu of sausage, eggs, and pancakes with OJ and coffee sure hit the spot. About 11AM the raffle and car awards started. Several prizes and three car trophies were won by Harbor folks. Drain Marshall, Art Wagner, and Steve Newton had winning cars by popular vote.



Pictures by Sue Hankins

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

- May 1, Sunday 6th Annual Edelbrock '**Rev'ed Up 4-Kids'** car show. Vic's Garage 510 Madrid Ave., Torrance CA 90501. 10AM - 4PM. Fund raiser for kids.
- May 15th, Sunday 5th Annual **Hubley Derby Day**. Murrieta Community Center 41810 Juniper St, Murrieta CA 92562. Sponsored by So Cal Model A Clubs. Contact Lori Perez 951-674-4330
- May 27-28 Northern California Regional Gathering (**NCRG**) in Vallejo CA.
- June 5, Sunday 41st **Antique Nationals. Drag race and Car Show**. Auto Club raceway 9300 Cherry Ave, Fontana, CA 92335. Admission: \$25. Children under 15 free with parent. Open 8AM.
- June 26, Sunday **Henry Ford Picnic** sponsored by the Downey Model A Club. Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Dr, Santa Fe Springs CA 90670. 10AM - 3PM. Admin: \$10. Info: LeRoy 562-865-2246
- 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.
- September 25, Sun Paradise Valley Model A Club **swap meet**. Held at Little League Hdqtrs, Devore, CA. 6AM to 3PM. Western Little League 6707 Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA
- November 30 - December 4 **MAFCA National Awards Meet & Banquet** in Santa Rosa

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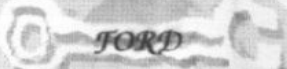
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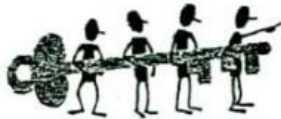
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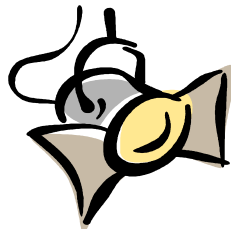
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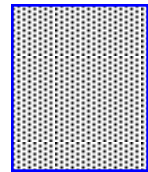
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