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The HarborLight Newsletter was awarded the MARC Newsletter Award of Excellence 2009 and 2010

Upcoming Business Meeting

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

The June business meeting will be Friday, June 24th at 7:30PM at 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.



See Dick Wyckoff for information and registration forms. Let's make a good showing!

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Sunday June 26th is the Henry Ford Picnic. Mike Plessner needs a head count for the Downey Club for food. Check with him. More details on page 7.

Sunday, June 26th is also the setup/ first day of the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. It's only 120 miles away.

Hope to see many of you there for the week of June 27th to July 1st.

Technical Seminar

Always looking for good ideas and projects for technical seminars. Contact Charlie.

His number is 310-997-8094.



Next Board Meeting



The next board meeting will be Tuesday, June
7th at 7PM at the home of Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt. Their address is 26419 Pineknoll Ave... Harbor City CA 90710.

Their phone is: 310-539-5391

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Notes from the President By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

Well fellow members, here it is June and we have gotten off to a slow start. I am hoping that we can get some of you to lead a couple of tours in the next few months or provide some good ideas for tours. A drive to the MARC National Meet in San Diego in June might be a good suggestion. Only 125 miles! By the time you read this, I am hoping that the safety inspection in May was a success and we had a good turnout at the El Segundo Automotive Driving Museum.

I mentioned last month that it is time to start giving thought about electing new members to the Board of Directors. If you feel like you would like to serve on the board, come to some of the remaining board meetings and see how we do business. We need new ideas and new ways to keep the club going in the right direction.

Al Avoian's Model A garage is the place where you can get help in solving some of the problems that keep your car from going on tours. If you have something that you can't fix, call the Technical Director and make a date to bring it to the garage. I am sure some of us can fix what is wrong and get you back on the road again. As we said in the Navy, "We can fix anything from a broken heart to the crack of dawn". I believe this club can do the same. LET'S DO IT.



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. Tickets will be available at the MARC National Meet.

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

June Wirthdays

- Joan Gordinier
- 14 Daniel Gallardo
- 14 Frances Earhart
- 23 Barny Clayton



June Anniversaries

- Jeanne & Richard Parrish
- Diana & Marty Murphy
- Tim & Pat Harrison
- 7 Bill & JoAnn Moore
- 14 Kathy & Jim Valot
- 22 Greg & Frances Earhart

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

More and more members of the club 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

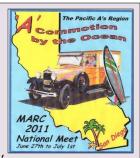
more than \$700 per year savings. AND it is in color! You can print it out in B&W or color if you want, enlarge it, send it to your friends, or save it in your computer files. Again, just let me know your email address. Thanks.

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? Email them to me or, 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 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.



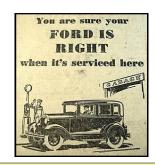
There are something like 35 different committees and sometime soon I will be asking for help with these committees. Several members of the Screenland As have agreed to set up the swap meet and Dick Lusk has agreed to head the parking. We will also need some help with the registration and the raffles. The Harbor Club has given me a nice budget to purchase a raffle item. We have some 'headliner' raffle items already. One is as a complete H&H rebuilt stock engine worth \$3600. Also, Dan Fitzgerald has arranged a two night stay at the Meritage Resort, (a high-end Napa Valley resort hotel) with a dinner at their upscale restaurant. 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 Jan-Feb issue of the Model A News has the latest registration information and list of events. Dick Wyckoff also has registration forms if you need one. The forms are available online at the Meet's 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!



<u>Technical Talk</u> with Charlie Plessner



The Car Battery

We all know what it is. It is the big black thing under the floorboard that stores electricity to start the car. A little more complicated than that.

Function

A battery stores chemicals that react to produce electrical energy. To simplify it, when two different metals are immersed in an acid solution, a difference in electrical pressure exists between them. As a battery is used, the acid turns to water and the pressure goes down. Sending electricity into the battery (charging) turns the water back in to acid and increases pressure again. The acid solution is called electrolyte, 50% sulphuric acid and 50% distilled water.

A battery cell

A battery cell is a group of metal plates held together in series (positive and negative) and submerged in electrolyte. No matter the size or number of plates, one cell produces 2 volts. To increase voltage, additional cells are connected opposite of each other, plus to minus, plus to minus. (A six-volt battery has three cells; a 12-volt battery has six cells.

Battery maintenance

The electrolyte level in each cell should be checked once in a while and filled if needed. (Sealed batteries don't count).

Due to the acid electrolyte, battery cable clamps tend to corrode quickly. They should be inspected and cleaned with a post and clamp cleaning brush periodically. When installing cables on a battery, grease the poles and clamps after installation to prevent corrosion.

Any questions, let me know.

Charlie

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 **June 11th**. Check it out. Another fun event.

Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering:

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on **Saturday** mornings between 7 and 9AM, check out the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Artesia Blvd and Hawthorne, in Torrance, CA. Several of the Harbor Model A club members and other car enthusiasts of all car types meet to talk cars. There are some very nice autos and some nice people there, too!

The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA.

Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



Weekly Family Food Festivities:

Many of the Harbor members meet at the **Hot 'n Tot** restaurant each <u>Monday</u> 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

April 29th, 2011 Business Meeting:

President: Bob Speaks called the meeting to order at 7:32 following a delicious pot luck dinner.

Salute to the flag: Led by Monty Bates

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present were Doris & Drain Marshall, Pat Yacklon, Dick Wyckoff and Steve Preston

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as written in the HarborLight.

<u>Vice President</u>: Dick Lusk thanked several for their raffle donations; Art Wagner, Al Avoian, Monty Bates, Jack Gordinier, Jack Goldberg, and Dick's brother Frank Lusk.

Treasurer: Balance is in good shape.

<u>HarborLight Editor</u>: Described more about the San Diego MARC National Convention in San Diego. **You must register** to attend tours and seminars and you must be a MARC member. Dick W. had registration forms available. Elaine Pisu got a call about needing help in the hospitality room where you can go and get a cup of coffee and snack. Hours are 9:30 to 11:30 and 1:30PM to 4:30PM. Dick W. requested up to \$200 to purchase a Harbor sponsored raffle prize. This will be addressed at the next board meeting. Bob Speaks presented Dick with a MARC Certificate of Excellence for the HarborLight newsletter for year 2010.

<u>Historian:</u> Sue had raffle tickets for the MAFFI '30 Tudor Sedan. Last night to purchase. This will be raffled at the MARC meet. Sue also showed a DVD presentation of the Orange County Pancake Breakfast.

<u>Membership:</u> 38 present at the meeting, 29 at the pot luck. Last year we had 100 memberships, this year so far we have 90.

<u>Membership Drawing:</u> Neither name drawn was present, next month will be \$15 for the ladies, and \$10 for the men.

<u>Technical & Safety</u>: There will be a safety session on Sat., May 21st at the Automobile Driving Museum. We need a banner to hang next to the Model A cars displayed at the Museum. \$250 had been authorized but Bob Speaks found a deal at Costco for \$180 but we need an official logo to display on the banner. A vote was taken on whether to have the design on the club jackets and shirts or the original logo of the club; the original logo was selected. A discussion was held on a new, updated website to display our information on the banner. Pat Yacklon will investigate.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$7.75 was collected.

<u>Sunshine:</u> Four had been under the weather tho Jan is back with her new knee. Paul L. the same but he is happy. Greg Earhart had 4-way bypass and he talked his Dr. into letting him come home for Easter! Dot Knott's husband Bill has been in the hospital with heart problems.

<u>Birthdays and Anniversaries</u>: April birthdays were: James Walker, John Hernandez, Sylvia McArthur, Bill Newell, Sylvia Craig, Carol Olsen, Drain Marshall and Kathy Valot. Only April anniversary was Bill and Gloria Younkin.

<u>Tools Coordinator</u>: Not present, tho he recently purchased \$200 of tools which need to be added to the list.

<u>Tours</u>: Not present.

Old Business: None.

<u>New Business:</u> Elaine Pisu announced a Ship to Shore bike ride Sunday from the Queen Mary to Ports of Call in support of the Diabetes Assoc. Bill Newell passed the hat for donations. Premium Logistics, who have an ad in the HarborLight can ship up to 50 cars to San Diego for the convention. John K. presented the information on the Junipero Serra High School car show, May 22, 10-3 p.m. Proceeds benefit Angie's Tuition Deficit Fund to help support students who need funds for school. Last year every graduating senior went to college!

<u>Refreshments hosted by</u>: Georgette Avoian who did a grand job of hostessing the pot luck, new table cloths – and flowers! Thanks Georgette.

Next General Meeting: Friday, May 27th, 2011

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 3rd at the Wyckoff's house.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:55 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 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 MARC National Meet in San Diego in June. Dick W has created all of the advertisements in the Model A News magazine. The Meet registration forms are in Jan-Feb issue. Dick W has extra copies. 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

Greg Earhart has had a 4-way bypass surgery. He is home recovering. Hope to see you soon at the Hot'n Tot, Greg.

Sad news of former member. Bobbie Blackwood lived in San Pedro until 2004 when she moved to Leisure World. She was an active club member that took the world by it's horns and even drove her 1930 Model A Ford to many club events. She was in the club from July 98 to December 2003. She passed away in November 2010 from pancreatic cancer.

Bill Knott has been hospitalized and is in constant care by family and medical personnel. Our thoughts are with Dot and the family for quick recovery.

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.
- 1929 Ford Model "A" 1/4 ton pickup. No dents or rust. Front and rear bumpers. Hydraulic brakes. "A" engine in good shape. Lots of spare parts. Asking \$10,000. Bob Bergstrom. Call Kathy Bergstrom at 310-372-7657.

Wanted:

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Terrific Tours

By Mike Plessner

Let's all get together **Sunday**, **June 26**, for the fabulous Henry Ford Picnic at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs Ca.

No need to bring food, The Diamond Tread host chapter will be barbecuing starting at 10 am. The cost is only 10 dollars per person. Reservations are preferred so please <u>let me know</u>, and I'll sign you up.

Including in the event will be trophies, raffle prizes, a museum with a vintage steam locomotive, not to mention lots of fine folks from many other chapters to socialize with.

Let's plan to leave Mills at 190th and Western at say 9 AM, and enjoy the day with the Diamond Tread Model A club.

God bless.

Mike 310-619-9181

A True Story (Honest)

Several years ago, the late 50's in fact, a gentleman living in Torrance Ca. owned a 1930 Model A coupe.

He often drove the coupe and regularly parked on the street in front of his house. He did not always use the coupe for daily transportation, however, and this was one of those days.

This particular day in question just happened to be trash day. This gentleman left to go to work that morning as usual. To him it was just another mediocre day until he came home that is.

The very first thing he discovered was that there was an empty parking space where his trusty Model A was parked. In a panic he parked his car, jumped out and ran over to his next door neighbor who just happened to be watering his lawn. The man asked the neighbor if he saw anything, or knew anything about the missing coupe. The neighbor replied "YES" he did. It seems the sanitation engineer or garbage man as referred to in those days, stopped in front of the house to dump the trash cans into the truck and assumed the Model A was to be picked up to! So away he drove, continuing on his route with the coupe chained behind the garbage truck. [What a sight].

Hopping back in his car, the panic stricken man raced to the city dump. Following the twisty turning dirt road shared with large trucks he eventually reached the huge mountain of garbage and guess what he saw parked off to the side?

After explaining the situation to the landfill manager, the Model A coupe was happily rejoined to its owner. Ever since I was told this true story, I always get a little nervous on trash day.

Mike

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.





The Best Ride is a Safe Ride

On a cool Saturday morning, the Harbor Club met at the El Segundo Auto Driving Museum for a safety check of our Model As. A total of 24 people showed up with 10 cars ready for inspection. The team of Charlie and Mike Plessner with Dick Lusk managed to critique all 10 cars in two hours. Each car owner was given the check list after each inspection. According to Dick, the most common item was missing cotter pins although loose or hard steering came in second. Maybe a seminar on adjusting the steering



Lots of Model 'A' Events of Interest for 2011 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 11, Saturday El Segundo Education Foundation Benefit Car Show. El Segundo Auto Driving Museum. 10AM to 3PM. Car entry fee \$25. General admission \$10. Info: 310-909-0950 June 25, Saturday 14th Annual Orange County T Club Parts Exchange. El Dorado High School 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia, CA 92870. 6AM to 2PM. Info: Ronnie 714-542-0905. Henry Ford Picnic sponsored by the Downey Model A Club. Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Dr. June 26, Sunday 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. International Model A day. Everyone should make an effort to drive their Model A this September 10 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

The Ford Blue Oval

MAFCA National Awards Meet & Banquet in Santa Rosa

The Ford oval trademark was first introduced in 1907. The 1928 Model A was the first vehicle to sport an early version of the Ford script in the oval badge. The dark blue background of the oval is known to designers as Pantone 294C. The Ford script is credited to Childe Harold Wills, Ford's first chief engineer and designer. He created a script in 1903 based on the one he used for his business cards. Today, the oval has evolved into a perfect oval with a width-to-height ratio of 8:3. The current Centennial Oval was introduced on June 17, 2003 as part of the 100th anniversary of Ford Motor Company.

With the familiar deep royal blue background that we know today, the logo was used on many cars until the end of the 1950s. Although used consistently on company communications, the Ford oval badge was not used on Ford vehicles again until the mid-1970s.



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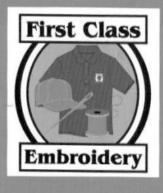
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