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Upcoming Business Meeting

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

The **July** business meeting will be **July** 29th 7:30pm at the Walteria Clubhouse.

Come by a little early and help with the set up. This is a good time to chat with your friends and catch up on all the latest Model A info! See you there.

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A Dashing New Ford Roadster

Upcoming Tour

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

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

Technical Seminar

We are working on a seminar to install an overdrive in Dot Knott's sedan. It is scheduled for August 6th at Al Avoian's Model 'A' Garage. She has a brand new Mitchell unit to install. This is a great club project. Plan on attending and

lending a hand. More to come.

Next Board Meeting



The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 5th at 7PM at the home of Art and Daffy Wagner, 2705 Carnegie Ln., Redondo Beach CA.

Their phone # is 310-374-6113.

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Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

Maintaining our Focus

Hobby organizations such as ours as well as major corporations periodically have to review their goals and their purpose. These goals are usually found in the By-laws of the organization. This is true of our Model A Club.

In the latest By-laws of the club revised in 1995, Section 1 reads: The purpose of this club, as a non-profit public benefit corporation for the exclusive benefit of the general public, is the location, preservation, restoration, maintenance, and exhibition of the 1928-1931 Model "A" Ford automobile and its accessories, history and memorabilia. In carrying out the club activities, exclusive benefit of the general public welfare shall always be a primary consideration, and incidental benefits to members a secondary consideration.

The above paragraph is a lot of words but as a California corporation, we must follow the purpose of the 1995 Bylaws. Copies of the bylaws are available from our membership chair. It can be mailed to you.

To the end described above, the club should be taking an active role in the community and publishing or making our efforts known. We can do this is several ways. Make sure we participate in public events like parades, benefit car shows, fund raisers and tours. All of these events bring our beloved cars to the public's attention, help with the "preservation, restoration, maintenance, and exhibition" mentioned in the by-laws and helps the public welfare by enhancing their knowledge of the Model A Ford and it's place in history.

We all need to ask ourselves, why are we doing this. The answer is simple. We love our cars, we love to drive them and show them off, we enjoy teaching others about our cars, and we enjoy other people that have the same interest.

So lets use this summer to carry out our mission of promoting the Model A and lets tell everyone about it.

President

Bob Speaks

July Birthdays

- 1 Doris Marshall
- 1 Steven Thompson
- 5 Mariano Deogracias
- 10 Mike Wright
- 13 Mirco Pisu
- 18 Donnis Bates
- 20 Joe Freitag
- 27 Pat Harrison



July Anniversaries

- 2 Beverly & Vince Migliazzo
- 3 Elaine & Mirco Pisu
- 9 Sandy & Ron Ragon
- 13 Jack & Joan Gordinier
- 23 Bob & Carol Olsen

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 26 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 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 'Wheels and Deals' section. The newsletter is distributed to many other clubs locally and other parts of the country.

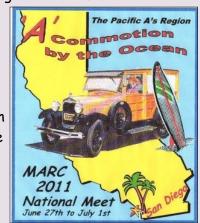
2011 MARC National Meet Update by Dick Wyckoff

I am writing this one week before the start of the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego. The Pacific A's Board has been holding meetings weekly to hash over the events and organization of the meet. Lots of details, as you can imagine.

The seminars are in place, the tours are mapped out, the fine point and touring class judges are ready and the hotel is expecting us.

As of right now, we have about 250 registrations or about 500 people expected. More keep coming in. About 140 Model As will be driven or trailered to the event. We have people from all over the country coming to San Diego. If you have never been to a National Meet, you should take this one in. It is close. It is exciting. AND you get to see the best Model As in the world.

Check out registration at www.2011MARCmeet.com.





Technical Talk with Charlie Plessner



Some Thoughts about Gasoline.

Gasoline is a mixture of hydrocarbons (chemical compounds made up of hydrogen and carbon). Before the energy in gasoline can be harnessed, it must be vaporized, or changed from a liquid to a vapor. When gasoline is vaporized and mixed with air, it is referred to as a fuel and air mixture.

Fuel-to-air ratios

This ratio is determined by weight. A mixture of 15 pounds of air and 1 pound of gasoline has a ratio of 15 to 1 and can be considered an average mixture. A mixture that contains more air or less gasoline is called a lean mixture, and more gasoline or less air is called a rich mixture. Mixtures richer than 8 to 1 usually will not burn in an engine. At the other extreme, mixtures leaner than 18 to 1 will also fail to burn.

Octane ratings

The octane rating of a fuel provides an indication of the fuel's ability to resist detonation (the higher the octane number, the harder it is to burn).

Detonation

When a fuel and air mixture is exposed to a combination of temperature and pressure too great for it to withstand, it will detonate (explode). Instead of the mixture burning properly to push the piston down smoothly, an uncontrolled explosion will drive it down in a hammer-like force, usually resulting in broken engine parts.

Have any Model "A" questions? Let me know

Charlie

<u>Second Saturday of Each Month</u>
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 **July 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.



Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Minutes

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

Salute to the flag: Led by Monty Bates.

<u>Recognition of Past Presidents</u>: Present were Bill Younkin and Dick Wyckoff <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: Approved as published in the HarborLight.

Treasurer: Balance is doing fine.

<u>Vice-President</u>: Dick Lusk and his helper Tim Harrison held a successful raffle with the last big item won by LeOra Combs. Thanks to the Gordiniers, Wagners, Wyckoffs and F. Lusk for donations.

<u>HarborLight Editor</u>: Need articles by June 15th for the July issue. After the Henry Ford day on June 26th, head on down to San Diego for the National MARC Meet. We only have 8 registrations from our club, the price goes up June 1st, so send those orders in. There are 35 raffle prizes, plus a new H&H engine valued at \$3600. When you register all events are open. You can pay at the door.

<u>Historian:</u> Not present. Pat and Sue are on vacation in Oregon on their way to Alaska. Having a great time. <u>Membership:</u> 37 present at the meeting. Ursi needs to order more hats.

<u>Membership Drawing:</u> Woman not present, Don Knott won \$10. Next month woman prize goes up to \$20, Man will be \$5. Dorothy Wood won \$5 for the clock prize.

<u>Technical & Safety:</u> Charlie reported that we had a successful safety check May 21st at the Automobile Driving Museum. We checked 10 cars. The new club banner was hung on the east side near Model As. We are the third club to be associated with the ADM, their goal is 12. Dot Knott needs help getting the overdrive in her car. We will need to set up a work day at the Avoian 'Model A' garage.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Monty collected \$3.50

Sunshine: Doris not present, but we found out that Pat Tucker fell and hurt her arm.

<u>Birthdays and Anniversaries</u>: Birthdays: LeOra Combs, Leonard Funk, Dolores Strosnider, Jesse Dykes, and Kathy Webb. May anniversaries were: Liz & Dan Fitzgerald, Darlene & Leonard Funk, and Bill Newell & Ellen Peterson. <u>Tools Coordinator</u>: Bobby D. showed the new tools to be added to our collection. They were; a stud remover to drill out broken off studs in the bock, tool to help install c-clip on the end of the steering column and a distributer bushing reamer. Three tools were loaned out this month, all were returned. Cost to borrow tools is \$20 which is returned when tool brought back to Bobby D.

<u>Tours</u>: Mike Plessner said we had a tour on Sunday, June 26th to the Henry Ford Day. Meet at Mills at 8:45, leave at 9:00. Mike introduced Leroy Kehret, president of the Downey Diamond Thread chapter who is hosting the event. Cost is \$10 which includes sandwiches, they will have a raffle. Leroy had applications which he handed out. Those attending fill out the bottom part and give Daffy the money and she'll send them in one batch.

<u>Old Business</u>: Dick Wyckoff used the approved \$200 for a raffle donation to the MARC National Meet from our club. He purchased a new Model A manifold set which was less than the money allotted.

<u>New Business:</u> Dan Fitzgerald suggested that the club buy MARC Meet raffle tickets for H&H engine. If we win we could raffle it off or sell it. Board will take this up at next meeting. Bill Newell said we had a new ad from Mohr's Upholstery & Restorations. It will appear in next HarborLight.

Dick Wyckoff reminded us of the meaning of Memorial Day. Veterans that were present were recognized for their service. We thank you, Vets. We salute you!

Refreshments hosted by: The Wyckoffs Next General Meeting: June 24th, 2011

Next Board Meeting: June 7th at Dick & Ursi's home. 7PM

Meeting adjourned at: 8:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Secretary



2011 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

2011-2012 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 next week in San Diego. We are expecting a good crowd and a good time

Greg Earhart is doing very well after his 4-way bypass surgery a month ago. See you in San Diego!

We were glad to see Bill Knott at the last meeting. He is looking good after a recent illness.

Thom Marshall is in the hospital trying to recover from a herniated intestine. His insurance has been approved so things are looking better. Keep Thom in your thoughts.

Sue Hankins and Pat Yacklon are well into their three month motor home vacation to Alaska. They are taking their time and some days only travel 50 miles! You've got to stop and smell the roses. Have fun!

Former member and good friend **Dave Lopes** from Simi Valley is fighting cancer. He has had several operations and chemotherapy to fight this thing. It is affecting the left side of his jaw and skull. Our thoughts are with you, friend. Keep fighting.

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.
- 1929 Ford Model A Closed Cab Pick-up. Partial restoration. Have all parts to finish project. Engine running, new head, distributor, etc... \$6,500 obo. Please contact Steve Ehlers (661) 949-2063 shehlers@antelecom.net Can Email photos
- Model A racing equip, 2bbl ANSEN manifold \$150, 2bbl ANSEN manifold with 94 carb \$200, dual 2 bbl ANSEN manifold \$150, 1bbl WINFIELD manifold with adapter and later carb (probably Ford 6). Email for pictures: charlesdstephens@sbcglobal.net. Charlie Stephens (310) 837-2950. Culver City CA

Wanted:

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

By Mike Plessner

Looking Ahead

Wow! What a lot of fun stuff coming up in the weeks ahead. First, the **MARC National Convention** in San Diego during the week of <u>June 27th to July 1st</u>. I hope to see many of you there over the week.

Just a reminder, <u>Sunday June26th</u> is the **Henry Ford Picnic** at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs, CA. We leave Mills at 9AM and enjoy a day with the Diamond Tread Chapter Model A Club.

Next, Wings and Wheels in Solvang / Santa Inez is always a worthwhile event to attend. To register simply contact Sylvia Sanderson@ 1-310-282-2993 or www.cnb.com. Our editor, Dick Wyckoff, informs me there is a small group of Model A's that tour up there so you might check that out. They leave Friday morning for an easy drive along the coast 140 miles north. Sounds pretty good. The date for that is July 15 thru 17.

I have also added a tour for the end of the month, <u>Saturday</u>, <u>July 30</u>. I planned a tour in April to the **Nethercutt Museum** in Sylmar and even though only 3 of us went we had a great time. There were many events that month that made things a little hectic, so lets try for July. Lets meet at Mills (190th & Western) Sat. July 30, 9:00 AM and enjoy the day together touring. Admission is free and we will stop for lunch on our way home. Mike.

Thank You Harbor A's

At the April meeting after getting an email from Elaine Pisu, Bob Speaks suggested that the Harbor A's membership consider sponsoring Elaine as she, Mirco Pisu and Mike Wright headed to Long Beach, CA for the American Diabetes Association's 2011 'Ship to Shore' bicycle ride. Monty Bates and Bill Newell promptly passed the hat and \$125 was collected. Many of our members are diabetics and it hit home to Bob as it did with many of our members.



On May 1st Elaine Pisu and Mike Wright peddled and pushed their bikes from the Queen Mary across the Vincent Thomas Bridge to Ports of Call in San Pedro. Eleven miles doesn't sound like a lot but the incline of the two bridges was quite a challenge as you can imagine, but we made it. Mirco, being the most sane participant of the 3 of us, knew that he wasn't ready for the bridge. So he and the current Miss California took an 8 mile ride along the beach. Mirco came in 1st place, narrowly beating Miss California and we have the photo finish to prove it!

Thanks to your generous donations, Mirco and I raised \$450 and Mike Wright single handedly raised \$500. Great Job Mike, Elaine & Mirco.



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.



Back again after 30 years! By Nita Stonehocker

When we were still newlyweds, Toad's longtime friend, Frank, was able to purchase his dad's Model A coupe that was left to Frank's brother upon his father's passing.

She was a little rough around the edges and more than Frank's brother wanted to tackle. Frank bought her and brought her by to ask if Toad could get her running.

The engine had to be rebuilt, the wiring was fried, and the brakes were shot. Frank sent the engine out for rebuilding, and Toad installed it, neatly re-wired it, welded the damaged bell housing, put in new brake and clutch pedal shafts and bushings, got the brakes back in order, and put in a new battery. Frank wanted a driver, and wasn't ready to put much more cash into her than what it had taken to rebuild the engine and get her running. So off she went, fairly clean, but an awful faded metal flake green with a lot more work still to be done.

Unfortunately, by the time Frank was ready to fix her up a little more, Toad was working mandatory overtime and just couldn't take the job. The paint, upholstery, and new steel fenders were taken care of elsewhere. Back in the 90's, this was not a stock color, and not stock upholstery. Frank didn't know what to ask for and the shop didn't care to look it up. Nevertheless, they did beautiful work.

Time passed, as it will, and after some years of being unable to take her out for a drive, Frank wanted to cruise in his old car. By that time however, she was a mess once again. She was crawling with spider webs and more than a few black widow spiders in the engine compartment, trunk, and interior. The first step was to get her sprayed down with spider and ant spray. I didn't want her delivered until the spiders were completely gone, so they couldn't escape to our house.

Flat tires, a bent wheel, dead battery, blown gaskets, broken tail light, broken ammeter, broken speed-ometer, no brakes, vacuum leak in the carburetor, wind wings flopping down, body rot in the trunk and floorboards, cracked hoses, fried wiring, leaking water pump, missing floor board plates, spare tire mount studs stripped, muffler bent and backfiring. Other than that, it was all cosmetic.

Slightly over \$1000 in parts and four weeks later she was on her way to Frank's 50th high school reunion. After that, she was a star in the Manual Arts High School 100th anniversary parade.

Frank vows not to let her sit again, and has enjoyed taking her out with his daughter and with us.



Lots of Model 'A' Events of Interest for 2011

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.

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.

August 7th, Sunday Signal Hill Car Show. Signal Hill Park. 1 mile south of 405 Fwy on Cherry. 8am - 3pm.

Aug 14, Sunday 4th Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show for the benefit of the Semper Fi Fund. WyoTechs Campus 2161 Technology Pl., Long Beach CA. For info, call 310-343-9634. 9am - 3pm.

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

October 23, Sunday 10th Annual Wings, Wheels, Rotors & Expo. Los Alamitos Army Airfield 11200 Lexington Dr., Los Alamitos CA. 9am - 4pm. Helicopter displays, classic and vintage cars.

November 30 - December 4 MAFCA National Awards Meet & Banquet in Santa Rosa

April 20 -21, <u>2012</u> Bakersfield 21st National **Swap Meet**. Bakersfield Fairgrounds - 7am Fri and Sat. For info, contact Greg at 661-325-2840













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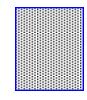
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