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Upcoming Business Meeting

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

The **August** business meeting will be **Friday, August 26th** at the Waleria 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.



Dan and Liz Fitzgerald on the
Grand Tour at the
2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego

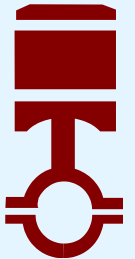
Upcoming Tour

Saturday, July 30th. Tour to **Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar**. Meet at Mills (190th and Western) at 9AM. We'll caravan to the museum. Admission is free. We will stop for lunch on the way home.

If you have an idea for a tour or would like to lead one, contact Mike Plessner to work things out.

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, August 2nd** at 7PM at the home of Dick and Ursi. 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!

No article submitted this month.

Wings 'n Wheels in Santa Ynez, CA



24 Harbor Area Club members joined forces with the Vintage Aircraft Association at the Santa Ynez Airport the weekend of 15-16 July. The club had a total of 11 Model As at the event to help swell the ranks of the old cars. A great showing. The formal events start on Saturday morning when we line up to start the 'Grand Tour'. Note that there were many other vintage cars there also. A 1915 White, a 1914 Cadillac, and a 1924 Dodge were among the cars in attendance.



The tour took us to the local Danish museum in Solvang and then to a lavender farm nearby. Both had very interesting displays. Then came a trek of twenty miles or so that took us to a great picnic area in the hills nearby. Great sandwiches and drinks were served. A couple of nearby antique shops got some extra business that afternoon also.



Saturday evening is the all-hands BBQ at a hanger at the airport. What a fabulous feed those pilots put on!

Sunday morning was perfect flying weather and the pilots gave many of us rides in their aircraft. This was after a fun breakfast of sausage and aebleskivers, a Danish pastry specialty.

Several Harbor members have gone to this event for years and have made reservations for next year already!



Supporting the Kids

For the second year in a row, Bill Younkin had his pretty 1930 Cabriolet on display at the 6th Annual Edelbrock sponsored "Rev'ed Up 4-Kidz" car show in Torrance. Approximately 350 cars were on display. The proceeds of the car show go to an organization called, *Center for Learning, Unlimited*, also located in Torrance. One of the highlights of the show was a visit with a friend of Bill and Bob Younkin's, TV personality Chip Foose. Chip was very busy having pictures taken, signing autographs and socializing.



Chip Foose and Bill Younkin

August Birthdays



1 Sandy Ragon	18 Linda Skinner
2 Janice Dalton	20 Jeanne Webb
2 Jerry Strosnider	20 Dorothy Knott
4 Paul Larquier	23 Jack Gordinier
13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo	24 Gwen Valot
14 Greg Earhart	25 Dick Valot
15 Marty Murphy	26 Monty Bates

August Anniversaries

4 Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs
4 Steven & Weeg Thompson
5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
6 Dolores & Jerry Strosnider
12 Doris & Drain Marshall
19 James & Mary Walker
22 Ed & Linda Firth
25 Paul & Rose Jamesson

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. 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.

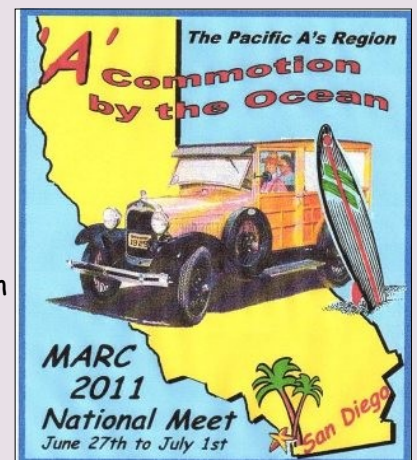
Also, if you have an item for sale, let me know. I will put it in the '**Wheels and Deals**' section. The newsletter is distributed to many other clubs locally and other parts of the country.

2011 MARC National Meet in Review by Dick Wyckoff

The MARC National Meet has come to an end. All the hard work by many people has paid off. 275 registrations or about 600 people enjoyed the weeklong festivities at the beautiful Town and Country Resort in San Diego. Representing the Harbor Area Region on the Pacific A's Region board for two years for the event were **Dan Fitzgerald** and **Dick Wyckoff**. Dan was Treasurer and Dick was a Vice President.

Harbor was well represented at the affair with 18 registrations or about 35 people. They got to enjoy events such as the many technical seminars for men and women, tours to local attractions, special interest regions such as Cabriolet group or AA group or Smith compressor group, viewing of some of the best Model As in the world, a weeklong swap meet, hospitality refreshments, social gatherings with new friends, a great raffle, an indoor swap meet, a harbor cruise, car games, a great 35 mile Grand Tour and, of course, the awards banquet on Friday night. Without the volunteers, many of them from Harbor, the event would not have been as enjoyable as it was. Everything was a success from the basics such as parking to the complicated recordkeeping of the registration team. It worked like the Pacific As board had envisioned it.

Dan and Dick want to say **"Thank You"** to all those that made themselves available from the Harbor Area Club and contributed to the Meet's success.





Technical Talk with Charlie Plessner



Fixing Starters

As we all know, the electric starter (when activated) turns the engine over until it will start and run by itself.

The electric starter was invented by the Cadillac motor company in 1912, first used by Ford on the 1919 Model "T" at extra cost, and became standard on all Fords from 1926 to present day.

The Model "A" electric starter is a well designed motor that rarely ever has a problem (when used right). The leading problem is increased electrical resistance due to corrosion, which will make them run slower or sometimes not run at all.

Thankfully most all of the internal components are available new, which makes them easy to rebuild. Usually replacing the brushes and fields fixes them. I have fixed many starters this way, and with great success.

The Model "A" starter was originally a 6 volt positive ground motor, however it will work on negative ground systems. Using 12 volts? No problem, the motor can be converted easily by installing 12 volt fields which are also available new.

WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE WHEN YOU WIN BIG? By Joe Freitag

I heard the announcer say "winner of the H&H engine is Linda.....I am not sure how to pronounce the last name.... (of course it had to be complicated Slovakian name like Krasnopoloscevsy, I thought) when to my disbelief, she said Freeetag.

As Linda was exclaiming, that's me, that's me, I became mechanical and helped Linda get up so that everyone would see the winner, Linda 'Freeetag'.

Holy Toledo, we won the grand prize. How did that happen? Although I bought tickets from Dick Wyckoff when he announced the prizes last fall, it was clear that the winning ticket was one Linda had bought at the Safety session we attended at the Automobile Driving Museum. Now, how do I claim it since we are driving back to Los Angeles tonight?

Dick led us to where the engine was stored, and Jack G and Bobby D offered to drive it to LA for me. (I was delighted and felt like we had won again).

On our drive home, Linda and I talked about the unlikely chance of winning when we bought them. It was a complete surprise and that is when it hit me that the **FREITAG** name had been selected. We were unable to even talk about the alternatives of what we would do with a spare engine? As they say, this is nice problem to have.

So how do you feel when you are a big winner? Grateful to the person who might have sold us the ticket. Grateful to those that organized the National Meeting. I'm also grateful to those that helped me move the engine and drive it to L A. Overall, how do I feel? Pretty darn good!

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 **August 13th**. 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

June 24th, 2011

President: Bob Speaks called meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. at Walteria Park

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier in Monty Bates absence.

Recognition of Past Presidents: Doris & Drain Marshall and Dick Wyckoff.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as printed in last HarborLight with one correction, grand prize won at last meeting by Amy, Don Knott's lady.

Treasurer: Balance is \$6,971.20

Vice-President: Dick Lusk said we have lots of good prizes tonight, donations from Wagners, Goldbergs, Harrisons and Dick L.'s brother Frank in MI. Big prize tonight is a Quail thermometer, (won by Linda Skinner). Dick has about \$600 in reserve for the next banquet, and he hopes to have a set of tires for that raffle.

HarborLight Editor: Last issue included a list of upcoming events. Next articles due by July 15. San Diego MARC National Meet starts this coming week with 250 registrants/650 people, 12 from Harbor and 4 dual members and 13 Model A's. There will be 5 winners of the Henry award from the past, Touring and Fine Point cars will be on display in a ballroom of Town & Country. The club bought 35 tickets for \$100 on the H&H engine raffle to be awarded Fri. night at the banquet. Other raffle prizes will be drawn on Thursday.

Historian: Not present, tho the Alaska travelers are having a great time, taking lots of pictures for a slide show when they get back.

Membership: 30 present at the meeting. New rosters are available.

Membership Drawing: Joan Gordinier won \$20, next month woman's prize \$5, no men's prize so next month's drawing will be for \$10. Elaine Pisu won the \$5 clock prize.

Technical & Safety: Not present tho a technical to install Dot Knott's overdrive will be in Aug. sometime at Al Avoian's 'A' garage.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$1.96 was collected.

Sunshine: Paul is about the same and easy to take care of. Barney Clayton said he was coming to tonight's meeting but didn't make it. Joy Pearson had back surgery. Thom Marshall came home from the hospital and is feeling better. Jan's new knee is 3 months old now, Avoian's daughter had knee surgery. Doris had eye surgery to repair the cornea. Gary G. is starting the process to get his knee replaced.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: Joan Gordinier, Daniel Gallardo, Frances Earhart, Barney Clayton; Anniversaries: Jeanne & Richard Parrish, Diana & Marty Murphy, Bill & JoAnn Moore, Kathy & Jim Valot, and Frances & Greg Earhart.

Tools Coordinator: Bobby D. showed a tool that is used when you pull the engine out of your car. He told about a car museum in Carlsbad with miniature cars, highly recommends seeing it.

Tours: Not present. Henry Ford picnic this Sat., meet at Mills 9:00 a.m. Wings & Wheels 7/15-7/17

Old Business: Bob again recommended that we publish our events in the Skinned Knuckles magazine, they need articles a couple of weeks ahead of time. Someone from the publication will even come to a meeting and talk about the magazine. Social Secretary needs to get the articles sent in.

New Business: None

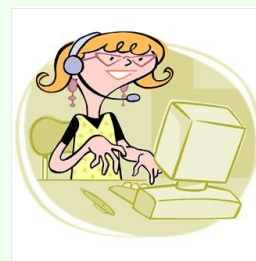
Refreshments hosted by: Tim and Pat Harrison

Next General Meeting: July 29, 2011

Next Board Meeting: July 5 at the Wagner's.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Secretary



2011 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

The new 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 regularly update 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.



If you ever need to know your MARC or MAFCA membership number and can't find your membership card, just look at the *Restorer* magazine or the *Model A News*. Right above your name on the mailing label is your membership number printed there.

Also for 2012: Ursi will accept and forward to MARC and MAFCA the national dues for each organization. More work for Ursi but easier for you! Thanks, Ursi.

Roster Corrections (2011/2012 Roster): Page 4: Georgette Avoian, 310-371-5732, is our Refreshments Chair; Page 11, Hibbard's email is: twnsedan@yahoo.com; Page 13, delete Moore's cell number.

Harbor 'deLights' or Happenings Around the Club

Dan Fitzgerald, Dick Wyckoff, Dick Lusk and Ed Firth put a lot of effort into the MARC Meet in San Diego and it paid off. The event was a great success. Thanks guys!

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 smack the mosquitoes! Have fun!

Fred Griffin passes: I am very sad to report the loss of one of our long time members. Fred Griffin had been a club member for 27 years. He passed away on July 7th from complications due to cancer. Fred did not come to many meetings, but he did join us for a few Christmas tours and the last 5 Pancake Breakfast tours. Fred, with his family, drove their Model A all over the U.S., logging close to 250,000 miles! I was very lucky to hear his stories of his trips when he got back. He did not ever let the little things bother him. Fred was very knowledgeable about many things, but especially about the Model A. He would have a suggestion or a fix for almost any problem and never hesitated to help anyone. He was a camp counselor for many years at the YMCA, which he loved to do! He retired from the City of Torrance last year and won many awards for his dedication, hard work and friendliness. He was a great man, liked by all who met him, and he will surely be missed. Fred was not just a friend of mine --- he was my BEST FRIEND! I am very thankful for the ten years of friendship we had.

There will be a celebration of life for him, held at the YMCA on Sepulveda Blvd on August 14. The time is yet to be determined.

So long old friend ... Rest in Peace

Bob DeCrescenzo

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.

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



Terrific Tours

By Mike Plessner



A July Tour. I planned this tour in April to the **Nethercutt Museum** in Sylmar and even though only 4 of us went, we had a great time. There were many events that month that made things a little hectic, so lets try again for July.

I have rescheduled the tour for the end of the month, **Saturday, July 30.**

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.

Say Hello to "Jezebel" by Bill Moore

Drain, Dick, Jack & Art all showed up at my house yesterday to help me get "Jezebel" started after being in our garage for ~43 years [actually 42 yrs & 10 mos.] Her "Official Rollout" of the garage was on the 4th of July [also my B'day]. I oiled her up to loosen bolts, etc....put in a new battery (gift from my son-in-law and Grandsons), put fluids in the radiator & etc. before their arrival.

I ended up being the 'go getter' for tools for the guys doing the distributor, spark plug, and electrical contact cleaning. Jack had to take off the starter to get it unstuck. My Grandson, Trevor, came to help & pitched in on

the reinstall to give Jack a breather. He's a

Mech. Engr. student at Texas A & M. and very interested in the process! They got on me for putting TOO much oil in the cylinders! [I didn't know that was possible].

It was a GREAT day ...when she stuttered a bit... caught on and settled down to a nice ...Purrrrrr! A great awakening

from a VERY long sleep! We broke out the beer to celebrate!

I'm really glad I picked the right car club! These Harbor guys know their stuff!

It was great watching these 4 guys (with all



their combined experience and know how) turn the Model A from a giant paper weight into an automobile again!

Many thanks from JoAnn and I ----- Bill Moore



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.



Pictures from the 2011 MARC National Meet in San Diego

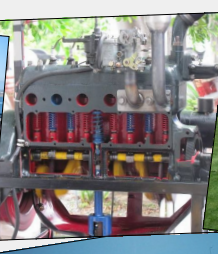
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Award of Excellence 474 points



Jim Beardsley
Award of Excellence 471 points

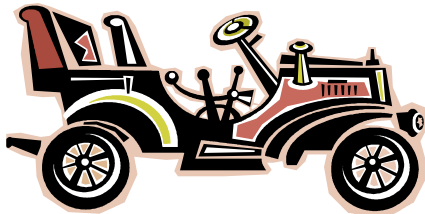


Joe and Linda Freitag
H&H engine winners
and 3rd place award



Lots of Model 'A' Events of Interest for 2011

- 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.
- August 20, Sat 14th Annual El Segundo Main Street **Car Show** sponsored by the Police Officers' Assn. 10AM to 4PM. Visit www.elsegundopoa.org for more info. Questions?, See Dick Wyckoff.
- 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 11, Sun 22nd Annual Belmont Shore **Car Show**. 2nd Street in Belmont Shores, CA. A tribute to the police & firefighters who lost their lives on 9-11-01. 9AM. Contact Jill: 562-429-2188.
- September 17, Sat 2nd Annual Sons of Italy scholarship fundraiser **Car Show**. Ruby's on the Beach, 245 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA. 9Am - 2PM. Contact: Annette 310-245-4502
- 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, 2012 Bakersfield 21st National **Swap Meet**. Bakersfield Fairgrounds - 7am Fri and Sat. For info, contact Greg at 661-325-2840



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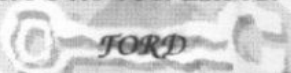
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Board of Directors:

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