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Upcoming Business Meeting

The **September** business meeting will be held **Friday, September 30th** at the Walteria clubhouse.

The **October** business meeting will be **Friday, October 28th**. This will be a pot luck meeting with business meeting after. Pot luck at 6PM, meeting at 7:30PM. A-L brings Main Course and M-Z brings Salad. Dessert is supplied by the club.

Also, nominations for next year's Board will be taken. President, VP, Sec'y, Tours, and Tech are up for election in Nov.

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.



Drain and Art, two of Harbor's original 'Fuddy-Duddy's' checking out the B-25 bomber at the Lyon Air Museum in Santa Ana.
See more pics on page 8.

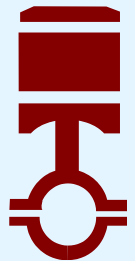
Upcoming Tours

Sunday, October 2nd. Annual Frazier Park Picnic sponsored by the Bakersfield Model A Club. Pot Luck luncheon with a great raffle. Lots of fun and meet new friends.

Meet at Mills (190th and Western) at 7:00AM, lv. at 7:30AM. We make a stop half way there for coffee and a little food. About a 90 mile freeway drive. We get there about 10 - 10:30AM. More on page 7.

Technical Seminar

Charlie is still looking for some ideas for technical seminars. If you want to host one or even suggest one, call him at 310-997-8094.



Next Board Meeting



The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, October 4th** at 7PM at the home of Doris and Drain Marshall, 5153 Willow Wood Rd., Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274. Ph:

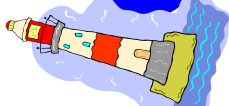
310-378-5061. All are welcome.

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HARBORLIGHT





Notes
from the
President
By Bob Speaks



The President Speaks!

No article submitted this month

VINTAGE VISION

Anne Neely-Beck

McCall's September 1930.

McCall's always showed the latest styles from Paris so the ladies at the time had the patterns available to them. I doubt the average lady of the time could have afforded to make a coat like this as it was the Depression and times were tough, but I guess if they could afford the magazine at 10 cents per copy, they could dream.

Pattern # 6119

Typical of the new coats for practical wear is one cut on princess lines with double-breasted front closing and a narrow belt designed to mark the waistline.

Pattern # 6247

A flattering type coat has one of the new up-standing collars to frame the face, sleeves that widen toward the elbow and circular flounce to add fullness.



October Birthdays

- 9 Julie Goldberg
- 13 Adeline Bates
- 21 John Polson
- 25 Tim Harrison
- 27 Glenn Stonehocker



October Anniversaries

- 8 Glen & Nita Stonehocker
- 20 Elyse & Jim Beardsley

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

More and more members of the Harbor 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 41 people from the Harbor Club and 24 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.

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.

• One more thing: Election of Officers is in November with nominations starting in October. Give some thought to running for an office. Open are: President, VP, Secretary, Tours, and Technical.

El Segundo Car Show

Bright and early Saturday morning, 275 cars of all kinds, lined up on Main Street in El Segundo to participate in the annual Police Officer's Association Car Show. Include in the mix were several Model As from several clubs including two from Harbor. Dick Wyckoff had wife Jan's Lombard blue '30 Cabriolet and Don Knott displayed Don Knott's '30 Fordor. While the number of As was kinda low, the quality and diversity of the cars was wonderful. Model Ts, early exotics, lots of 40s era hot rods and stockers, and of course, lots of 60s-70s muscle cars.

Dick had the best seat in the house as he volunteers for the



ESPD and helps direct the cars to their positions on Main Street. In doing that, he gets to hear all the cars as they find their places. He even drew a small crowd tuning up a Model A that was running very poorly. All this while in police uniform! When he was through, the owner never knew it could run so nicely! Anyway, the weather was wonderful, the cars were great, the raffle was popular and a good time was had by all. Proceeds for the event went to the El Segundo Police Officers Association and some donations to local charities as well. Thanks to all who participated and attended.



Technical Talk
with Charlie Plessner



That Troublesome Cowl Band Installation

I realize many Harbor members have their Model A's already restored, however some have not. This little information may come in handy for some in the future. It's about installing the cowl band on 30-31 Ford cars and trucks. If you have ever had problems with this installation this will help.

The most popular challenge is the cowl band, that dirty old nasty cowl band. The main problem is that since the cowl is tapered toward the front of the car, the cowl band wants to slide off past those raised areas, or one long raised bump atop the tank. In the old days when people used lacquer paint or any other non-catalyzed paint, the cowl band would tend to imbed itself into the paint. Nowadays with the modern urethane paint, the stuff is so hard and slick it tends to worsen the problem. On more than one occasion I've removed a gas tank from a never-been-apart-before car and noticed a buildup of lead on each corner of the top of the tank. It was there so the cowl band has something to hold on to. This seems to help, so I decided to go one step further by taking a two-inch long piece of quarter inch round stock, bending it to a slight curve matching the top corner of the tank and welding it to tank on each corner, where the cowl band goes. This gives the cowl band a non-negotiable position to plant itself. It must be done on both sides of the cowl. It helps to have the rear hood hold-down bracket in place first. This will give you a nice straight line across the top while fitting the cowl band. If you don't weld and want to try some epoxy, like JB weld, this will probably work. However, I have never tried that. It is also best to make sure your additional add-on appendage is not too high for this will result in unsightly lumps on your restored or new cowl band.

I like to fit everything first before even spraying primer, because the fit always varies on these cars from year to year. Just try interchanging nice original body parts from car to car of the same model and you'll see what I mean. Lastly, the reproduction cowl bands have bolts that are too long welded to them and tend to become un-welded more often than the originals. They can be easily re-welded.

Mike (in for Charlie this month) 310-619-9181

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 **October 8th**. 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

Date: August 26, 2011

President: Bob Speaks called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. at the Walteria Clubhouse.

Salute to the flag: Led by Monty Bates.

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

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

Treasurer: Treasury is in good shape.

Vice President: We sold \$220 of raffle tickets. Thanks to Marshalls, Tim Harrison, Dick Wyckoff, Wagners, Gordiniers, and Dot Knott. Dick L. has over \$900 made on raffles, he started out with \$40 so we're in good shape for the installation banquet. Al Avoian won the big prize at the end of drawings. Dick & Ursi leave for Alaska next Wed. Tim Harrison will handle the raffle.

HarborLight Editor: El Segundo Main St. Cruise was last Sat., 275 cars, several Model As. This Sunday, Sept 4th. is the Orange County Model A club has a tour of Lyon Airplane museum in OC. Possibly visit Crevier Classic car museum. Sept. 10 is Henry Ford day so get out and drive your cars!! A reminder that in Oct., when we have a pot luck dinner/meeting, nominations are made for next year's Pres., Vice Pres., Secretary, Tours and Technical. Be thinking about who you want to nominate.

Historian: Not present, tho she and Pat are home, will be at next club meeting.

Membership: Welcome to new member Derrel Gollighugh. He has a 31 Fordor. Jim Speaks (no relation to Bob), saw our ad in the Daily Breeze and visited. We had 42 at the meeting.

Membership Drawing: Woman's name drawn not present, will be \$10 next month. Al Avoian won \$15, next month will be \$5. Linda Skinner won the clock prize, badge money was \$1.50.

Technical & Safety: Not present

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$1.50

Sunshine: Doris reported that Rhoda L. had surgery for a tumor on her pancreas Tues., is already out of ICU, sitting up, and she looks good. Biopsy report not in yet. Barney C. had surgery on his face, is doing well. Bob & Carol Olsen had a relapse on dental procedure. Gary G. is having knee replacement in Nov, Thom M, was back in the hospital, is out recovering from a very low sugar count. Teddy M. had Lou Gehrig's disease and there's a possible new cure available soon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays were: Sandy Ragon, Janice Dalton, Jerry Strosnider, Paul Larquier, Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Greg Earhart, Marty Murphy, Linda Skinner, Jeanne Webb, Dorothy Knott, Jack Gordinier, Gwen Valot, Dick Valot, and Monty Bates. Anniversaries were: Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs, Steven & Weeg Thompson, Carla & Walt Hibbard, Dolores & Jerry Strosnider, Doris & Drain Marshall's 60th anniversary, James & Mary Walker, Ed & Linda Firth and Paul & Rose Jamesson

Tools Coordinator: Bobby D. would like to purchase more tools. Board action at next meeting.

Tours: Not present.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Dot Knott wanted to thank everyone who helped install the overdrive in her car. It really zips along now. Now, if the steering could be made easier for her to drive, Dot would be very happy. Dick Lusk lost a pair of plyers at this event, may show up in Dot's car!

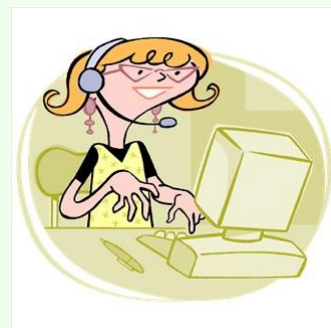
Refreshments hosted by: Jack & Julie Goldberg with Julie's delicious homemade cheese cake. Umm good! Recipe in a future Harborlight?

Next General Meeting: Friday, Sept. 30, 2011

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday Sept. 6, 2011 at the Wyckoffs. 7PM

Meeting adjourned at: 8:15 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*. Printed right above your name on the mailing label is your membership number.

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 Additions: Please add new members **Derrel and Diane Gollighugh**. They live on 1926 Pattiz Ave. in Long Beach CA 90815. Their telephone is 562-493-0218. email: ddgollighugh@verizon.net. They have a 1931 Fordor. Welcome to Harbor MARC!

Harbor 'deLights' or Happenings Around the Club

Bill Younkin has been hospitalized with an unknown cause of 'out of wack' red and white blood count. After he and Gloria drove to Iowa, Bill felt bad and ended up in the hospital. Gloria wound up driving them home. He was able to make it to the Concours this last week but didn't have a lot of energy. More tests are on the way. Hang in there, Bill.

Rhoda Larquier is home after surgery and is feeling much better. Hope to see you soon. Get well!

Pat Yacklon and Sue Hankins are back from their trip north to Alaska. They travelled for 102 days and drove 8700 miles. Had a great time. Will tell us about it at the next meeting.

A Note from Georgette Avoian (about the Mitchell Overdrive installation last month):

Dick : This is what I'd like you to print in the Harbor Light....

Me thinks thou doth praise too much....

While I did bring a few breakfast items, it was Dot Knott who brought the delicious sandwiches, salsa & chips and drinks for lunch.

Thank you Dot, it was great!

Speaking of food... The October 28th meeting will be our fall **Pot Luck dinner** at 6:00pm. **A-L bring main course and M-Z bring salads**. The club will furnish the dessert, coffee & water, plates & utensils.

Any questions please call...

Thank you,

Georgette.



Terrific Tours

By Mike Plessner

Frazier Park (Pot Luck) Tour

Sunday, October 2, 2011 is the day for the Frazier Park Pot Luck Tour. The Bakersfield Model A Club has been hosting this event for many years and always makes it a first class event. Many other clubs join us from all over Southern Calif. and the potential is always there to make new friends. The pot luck is terrific, followed by awards given for dirtiest car, most worn out tires, most in need of TLC, etc. The numbers have fallen off slightly in the past couple of years, so let's all get out and make this a great tour and support the Bakersfield chapter. Simply bring a main dish or desert, meet at Mills 7 o'clock AM Sunday, Oct. 2nd and we'll leave at 7:30AM. Distance approx, 200 miles round trip.



Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- **Left front fender** with wheel well for 1930 ford. \$100. Art Wagner Redondo Beach, 310-374-6113
- **1931 Tudor Sedan.** asking \$12,500 or best offer. Everything is included, spare parts, original seats...lots of new parts. In Torrance CA. Contact Monty at 310-516-0468.
- **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
- **Five (5) 1935 16" Wheels and Tires.** Wheels (16") are Power Coated Black with (5) stainless steel Hub Caps, (5) Beauty Rings, and (20) cad lug Nuts. New Tires are: two (2) Dunlop Gradtrek 215/70/R16 M&S Tubeless and three (3) Good year Wangler ST P235/75 R16 Tubeless. Radial tires are balanced and mounted, ready to be installed on car. TERMS: Firm: \$1000 Delivery: Pick-up (Downey, California) For more information call: Greg Earhart 562-869-0870
- One (1) nice **Model B Crankcase Breather** (Tube and Cap). Terms: Firm: \$50.00 (trades considered) Delivery: Pick-up or shipped at buyer's request and payment. For more information call: Greg Earhart at 562 869 0870



Wanted:

- **12v. alternator** (used is fine as long as it works). Call Steve 310-701-5542.
- Used Christmas and greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.

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.



Lyon Air Museum and Crevier Classic Cars Display

Six Model As and 11 interested members of Harbor joined the Orange County Model A Club at the Lyon Air Museum in Santa Ana. Don Ratzlaff of the OC Club did a great job of organizing the event. The idea was to tour the vintage air museum while displaying era cars outside. The museum had several WWII military



planes from bombers to fighters and vehicles all in wonderful, restored condition. The museum is located right next to the John Wayne Airport in OC. 25 Model As showed up and put on quite a show. Lots of interest from museum visitors.



After spending about three hours at the air museum, the group headed to another collection of exotic autos nearby. The Crevier collection has cars for display, for sale, or for storage. All are available to look at up close. Several very nice Model As were there as well as unusual vintage and exotics. A guess would be 80 vehicles on display. By now, the gang is hungry and we all headed to the Acapulco restaurant nearby. Good food and a great time was had by all. Thanks for all your work, Don.



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The Passing of Dave Lopes by Dick Wyckoff

Many of you probably didn't know Dave Lopes. I met him in September of 2002 shortly after he won the Best of Show at the Riverside MAFCA National Convention. We were having breakfast at a swap meet in San Bernardino when I mentioned to him of an unrestored 1929 Fordor Sedan I found. It only had 3907 original miles on it. In short, I couldn't handle such a precious car, but Dave could. He eventually bought it and through it, we became good friends. In the last nine years, Dave and I and several other friends always met at swap meets and shared Model A stories and helped each other with our cars. Dave had two MARC 'Henry' cars and has won several Best of Shows with his '28 Phaeton scoring as high as 494 points. His unrestored Fordor scored a very high 465 points. Dave was a Harbor member in the early '70s. He shared his beautiful Phaeton with us at our 50th anniversary picnic in 2007. His wife Lisa and son Mitchell also shared in Dave's Model A hobby. Dave died too early of cancer. He was 56. He was an extremely talented restorer and would share his knowledge with anyone. He helped me find missing parts for Jan's Cabriolet when I restored it. Mitchell is now in Notre Dame studying to be a Navy pilot. At the funeral this last week, Mitchell was there in uniform. How proud his family is of him. I am proud of him, too. He is a wonderful young man with the life values his Dad and Mom taught him. Death came much too early for Dave. We miss him already. Peace, my friend.



Lots of Model 'A' Events of Interest for 2011 -2012

- October 2, Sun Annual **Frazier Park Picnic** sponsored by the Bakersfield Model A Club. Pot luck luncheon with great raffle. Hubley races and car prizes. Loc'n: 3717 Mount Piños Way, Frazier Park CA. About 90 miles.
- 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.
- December 11th, Sunday El Segundo's 48th Annual **Christmas Parade**. More to come.
- January 21st, 2012 Harbor Club **annual awards banquet**. To be held at the Proud Bird restaurant, same as last year. Great food and fun venue.
- March 30 - Apr 2, 2012 **CCRG Jamboree** sponsored by Bakersfield As. More info soon. Save the date!
- April 20 -21, 2012 Bakersfield 21st National **Swap Meet**. Bakersfield Fairgrounds - 7AM Fri and Sat. For info, contact Greg at 661-325-2840.
- June 2012 MAFCA National Convention in Oshkosh WI.
- June 2012 MARC National Meet, Marquette MI (upper peninsula).



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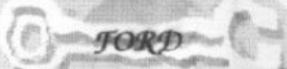
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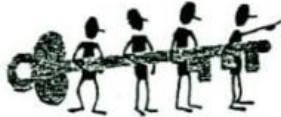


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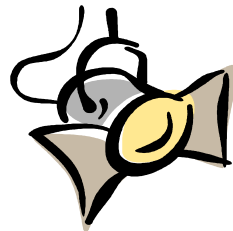
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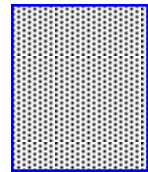
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