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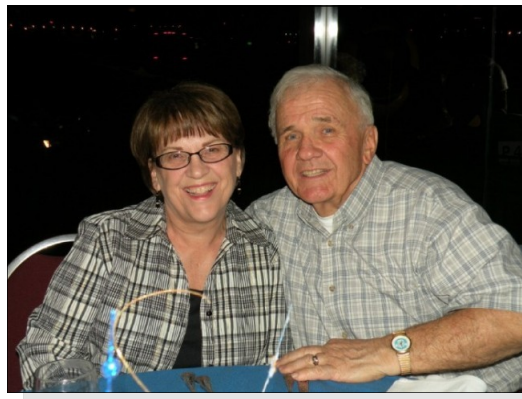
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Upcoming Business Meeting

The **November** business meeting will be **Friday, November 25th, 7:30PM**. This is an important meeting. We will be taking nominations for next year's Board for the offices of President, VP, Sec'y, Tours, and Tech. We will then hold elections for our new 2012 Board. Be there!

The **December** meeting is **Friday, Dec 16th**. It will be a short meeting. Then we will take our Model As on a tour of the Christmas lights nearby. We have done this for 12 years and it is quite spectacular! Following the tour, we meet at Bobby D's home for cookie refreshments. Bring some homemade cookies to share for the event.

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!



Gloria and Bill Younkin

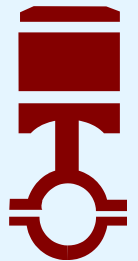
Upcoming Tours

After our short meeting on Dec 16 -- I will lead us all to the sleepy hollow area of Torrance for a tour of the fabulous Christmas lights. We will stay there approx 30 to 45 minutes and then proceed to our house for coffee, tea and cookies. It's a cookie pot luck!! Everyone bring some to share!! I will provide a map to our house at the meeting.

Bobby DeCrescenzo

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, December 6th** at 7PM at the El Segundo Auto Driving Museum, Lairport St, El Segundo, CA 90245. All are welcome.

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[The Passing of Bill Younkin](#)

On November 2nd, 2011, our 33 year member, Bill Younkin passed away four days shy of his 74th birthday. He had been in intensive care at Little Company of Mary for several days. While doctors were performing exploratory surgery, his fragile body gave up.

As mentioned by Pastor Steve Preston at his memorial service November 9th at Green Hills, Bill was a character. We all knew him as a Model A guy that could "wheel and deal" with the best of them. It didn't matter if it was for nuts and bolts or for a complete engine, Bill would insist on the best deal possible. He would not take no for an answer.



Bill was also known to be a talker. There was never a subject that Bill didn't have something to say. Many of us would play games with him to trip him up. Somehow, he almost always won. He always had an opinion. We'll miss that.

Bill was President of the Harbor Area Model A Club twice. First in 1988-1989 and then again 2009. He was also Vice President for several years. He was on many committees, too. His ideas about how things should be handled were never a secret. A character, he was. We'll miss that.

His love for his family was never in doubt. His wife, Gloria, was by his side for 49 1/2 years. His twin brother, Bob, shared many of his interests, especially those associated with cars and boats. There was always a little competition that kept both of them striving to do better. Bill had another brother, Gary, two sons, Bill Jr. and Craig, three grandchildren and a great grand-daughter. Through thick and thin, Bill was always there for them. We'll miss that.

Peace be with you, my friend. We'll miss you.

A Note from Gloria

To: Harbor MARC/MAFCA

Thank You for the beautiful floral arrangement and lovely plant. My family and I really appreciated the great turnout of Model A cars and members at Bill's service and reception.

Love,
Gloria Younkin and family



[MAFFI Museum Update](#)

The early events for constructing the Model A Ford Museum building are underway. A topographic survey has been done and a site plan is being started. The final design contract will be signed by the end of the month. Meanwhile a MAFFI team is conducting a visual inspection and inventory of existing museum display items.

The fund drive to pay for the museum is continuing. MAFFI now has a broker (Edward Jones) and can accept gifts of stock and if you have an IRA that requires a mandatory distribution that you don't need, you can donate the distribution to the museum and not have to pay taxes on it.

Each club can help and many are. For example, clubs are holding special events to raise money for the museum. Illinois Region of MARC had a swap meet, Grape Country A's had an auction, both resulting in substantial donations. How about your club holding a road rally or a poker run, a car wash, or a brakes inspection day, each with a fee to go to the museum. Other fun events might include a Biggest Loser contest among portly club members with the monthly collections based on promised versus actual weight loss, all going to the museum fund. Another idea is to charge "tuition" for an all-day technical seminar (valve grinding, transmission rebuild, etc) with proceeds going to the museum. Perhaps a simple Museum 50/50 at each meeting - no donation is too small and no donation is too big. You'll have fun and also get a museum. MAFFI Trustees

December Birthdays

1 Gary Guttormson	20 Ruxella Speights
3 Dorothy Wood	21 Greg Clayton
10 Dan Fitzgerald	23 Jeannie Parrish
11 Sue Hankins	25 Jim Valot
15 Mary Walker	26 Georgette Avoian
17 Bob DeCrescenzo	

December Anniversaries

1 Jack & Julie Goldberg
15 John & Elma Polson



Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

• Election of Officers will be at our November meeting. Give some thought to running for an office. Open are: President, VP, Secretary, Tours, and Technical.

Organizations don't run by themselves. They need constant attention, sometimes just a little to keep them on track, while other times it takes some extra effort. The Harbor Club has, for the last few years, rotated some of the same people through the different positions. Like President Bob has said, we need some new ideas from new people. Please give some serious thought to running for an office, or at least, assisting those already in office. Be involved.

I have been encouraging new members of the Harbor club to receive the HarborLight by **email**. I encourage you to do the same. 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 43 people from the Harbor Club and 21 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. If you want a sample email version, let me know also. I will send you one.

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 photos, I can scan them and put them in the newsletter. Either way, let me know.

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

The Club's Cool Tool Update by Bobby DeCrescenzo

During this past year the board had allowed me some monies to buy a few new tools. I purchased six new tools to add to our list of what we already own. The new tools are:

- #1 Distributor bushing reamer
- #2 Light switch spider installation tool
- #3 Engine broken stud removal tool
- #4 Distributor timing wrench
- #5 Electrical voltage tester
- #6 Ignition spark tester

I will publish a list of all the tools for the January HarborLight.

Anyone in our club can borrow any of the tools for a job they might need to do for a deposit of \$20 . They get their deposit back when the tool is returned in its original condition.





Technical Talk with Charlie Plessner



Modifications

Over the years there have been countless modifications for the Model 'A' to make it a better and more modern car. Some good, some bad, and some ugly. There have been many good ideas, but sometimes people get carried away with them. The way some people talk it seems the Model 'A' couldn't possibly have run or even driven when new. (Don't forget Ford sold almost 5,000,000 of them, so someone must have thought they were good cars). I thought I'd just state my opinion on some common modifications.

Alternators:

Many people like alternators because it's an easy way to (bolt on) 12 volts. Some use them because they're afraid of the adjustable brush, or the original generator just ain't good enough. After 80 years they're usually not, but new parts and rebuilt units are available. Adjusting the brush on the generator is an easy job. To do so, refer to your Ford service manual.

Seat belts:

Seat belts are a good idea when properly installed. Since there is no DOT approved way of installing them in old cars, it gets very arbitrary. Small wood screws or glue are not strong enough fasteners. When installing them, just keep in mind they have to support you in a collision.

Muffler heat deflectors:

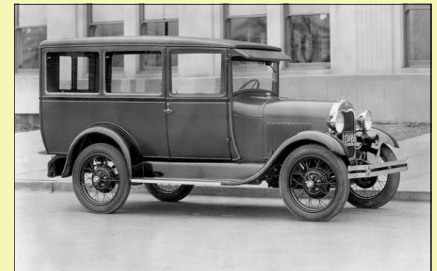
They work fine. no side effects.

Halogen headlight bulbs:

They may be needed if you're using the reproduction chrome reflectors instead of the original silver ones. But you're not completely blind in the dark without them. You might need an alternator, too.

Steering stabilizers:

Some people have told me "all Model A's need them". They're good for covering up problems caused by bent front axles, worn out joints or other subnormal conditions. But front end shimmy was not a problem when these cars were new, and is not a problem on many today.



When in doubt just think stock and you'll probably be okay.

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 **December 10th**. 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: October 28, 2011

President: Bob Speaks called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, following a delicious pot luck dinner.

Salute to the flag: Led by Monty Bates

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as printed in the Harbor Light.

Vice President: Dick Lusk not present. Raffle held by Tim Harrison, taking in \$175. Thanks to Lusk, Wagner, Wyckoff and Harrison for raffle donations.

Treasurer: Daffy reported our treasury is fine.

HarborLight Editor: Needs articles for Dec. issue by the 15th. Doris has received a special award from MAFCA that was presented to her at the Screenland A's meeting. A reminder that Veteran's Day is Nov. 11th. 14 vets stood up to a round of applause. Information about the evening tour to Sunset Beach on Nov. 12th. Dinner at Woody's Diner can be found in the Harbor Light.

Historian: Not present, Pat & Sue are in Lompoc and plan to be at the next meeting with a DVD of the Orange County poker run.

Membership: Ursi and Dick not present, will be home this coming weekend. 34 members were present at the pot luck, then 43 at the meeting. We welcomed new member Jim Speights.

Membership Drawing: Neither man nor woman names drawn were present. Next month the men's prize will be \$10 and women's \$15.

Technical & Safety: Not present, tho Joe Freitag said a technical will take place Sat. Nov. 19th at Al Avoian's Model A garage to work on Joe's car. Tranny and rear end work is planned.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Monty collected 25 cents!! Everyone wore their badge!

Sunshine: Doris said that Rhoda will be starting chemo soon. Paul is going to have acupuncture. Bill Younkin is back in the hospital. He had been on 100% oxygen and is now reduced to 55%. Dot Knott not well but attended the meeting. Doris has not been able to get in touch with Joe Jankiewicz. Gary Gut-tormson to have knee replacement surgery on Nov 7th.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Oct. birthdays were: Julie Goldberg, Adeline Bates, John Polson, Tim Harrison and Glenn Stonehocker. Anniversaries were: Glenn & Nita Stonehocker and Elyse & Jim Beardsley.

Tools Coordinator: Nothing new to report. List of all club tools to be published soon in H/L.

Tours: Nov. 12th an evening tour will take place having dinner at Woody's Diner in Sunset Beach. Meet at Mills at 4 p.m. Mike will have directions, all surface streets are planned.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Past President Dick Wyckoff held nominations for next year's officers with the following names submitted: President, Monty Bates; Vice-President, Tim Harrison; Technical, Drain Marshall; Elaine Pisu, Tours. No nominations were made yet for Secretary. More nominations will be accepted at the Nov. meeting, followed by a vote.

Refreshments hosted by: The club. Thanks Georgette.

Next General Meeting: Friday, November 25th.

Next Board Meeting: Tues., November 1st at Pat and Sue's.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Secretary



2011 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

The 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!

Annual Club and national MARC dues are due now. Club dues are \$25 per year and MARC dues are \$38. Total of \$63. Give cash or a check made out to 'Harbor Area MARC' to Ursi Schmidt. She will also handle MAFCA dues of \$40, if you wish. Starting last year, if you don't pay MARC national dues by December, the Jan - Feb issue of the *Model A News* will no be mailed and will cost an extra \$5 for special shipping and handling to receive it. Get your dues in on time!

Roster additions and updates:

Please welcome new members #1038, **Jim and Ruxella Speights**. They live at 14514 Condon Ave., Lawndale CA 90260. Their phone number is 310-675-2243. Email: rexjim50@att.net. They have a 1930 Tudor. Welcome!

Lewis Dulin moved to Cathedral City. His address is: 33891 Whispering Palms Trail, Cathedral City CA 92234. Phone and email still the same.

Dick Edwards adds a phone number: 562-533-8756.

James and Mary Walker have moved. They are now at 2431 S. Meyler St., San Pedro CA 90731. Phone: 310-293-5662. Email still the same.

Jerry and Joan Reine's email should be MsNay3@earthlink.net.

Harbor 'Happenings' Around the Club

Bill Younkin passed away on November 2nd, four days shy of his 74th birthday. Almost the entire Harbor Club attended his memorial services at Green Hills in Palos Verdes Estates, CA. Member Pastor Steve Preston presided over the proceedings. We'll miss you, Bill.

Rhoda Larquier is waiting for more info on chemo treatments. She and Paul are working through some tough times. They made it to Bill's funeral services. Thank you. We're thinking of you both!

Paul and Rose Jamesson are working through some tough health issues, also. Paul is on oxygen. We miss you at the Monday gatherings.

Dot Knott has some heart issues that are slowing her down. Stents in some arteries are in order. Keep up your fighting spirit, Dot. We want you back at our meetings.

Gary Guttormson has had his knee replacement surgery. He is working through physical therapy. Hope to see you again at our meetings soon, Gary.

Marty Murphy will be going in for knee replacement surgery soon. He might check with Gary on how it's done. Good luck!



Terrific Tours

By Mike Plessner

A Wet Tour by Joe Freitag

Led by Tour director Mike Plessner's 2-door Phaeton and Charlie's 2-door open T, the wet, the hungry, the talkatives from the Harbor A's met guests from the Long Beach Model T Club in Long Beach at Woody's diner in Sunset Beach around 5:45 last Saturday evening. They took over the "Sun Room" which was much appreciated by the other diners and the waitresses. Despite their differences, (the wet, the hungry, the talkatives and guests,) the gang lost little time in ordering from the extensive menu at Woody's. Naturally, malts, hamburgers and fries were the most popular, but salads, soups, Ruben sandwiches, and a variety of dinners were also ordered. The food was served quickly and everyone was satisfied.....in fact Freitag was so satisfied, he walked out without paying - but sleuth Elaine Pisu contacted him wirelessly before he could get too far. A dinner with a local tour - turned out to be a great idea, but next time we'll hope for dry driving weather. Which ones were the wet, the hungry and the talkatives? You figure it out. Bob Speaks and Ann, Mike, Andrea and Charlie Plessner, Elaine and Mirco Pisu, Bill and Ellen, Monty and Donnis and Joe and Linda.

A Year Gone By by Mike Plessner

Winding down 2011 was a very enjoyable drive-'n-dine tour Sat, Nov. 12. Some light rain with one Model A, one Model T, and over 20 people from the T and A club combined.

I'm looking forward to the Christmas parades as well as our annual Christmas Lights tour after the Dec. business meeting.

Looking back, I would like to mention the Mulholland Drive Tour in February. It was very well received so I've planned that tour for mid January 2012, only this time for the Model T club. Harbor Area 'A' club is, of course, invited to participate so that will eliminate that dead spot of no tour in January for Harbor. The date to be announced.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas. Mike.



Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- **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
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Wanted:

- **Model A engine** and a flathead V-8 engine to be used as a static display. Engines can be no good. For further info, contact Ed Buck at 310-372-4195.
- **Used Christmas and greeting cards.** (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.



Highly Recommended Menu

While visiting Sioux City, Iowa recently, Dick and Jan Wyckoff came upon this classy restaurant/watering hole where an exciting and unusual menu is offered. We understood that it comes highly recommended by the local Model A folk as a stop during a "Drive 'n Dine" event. Dick and Jan didn't have time to partake, but we were assured it was quite tasty. What do you think?



Monday's at the Big Boy Restaurant

If you want a great sandwich or perhaps some BBQ ribs, come on by to the *Bob's Big Boy* restaurant on Hawthorne Blvd, 1/2 block North of Pacific Coast Highway in Hawthorne on Monday nights around **5PM**. Many Model A'ers are enjoying the casual atmosphere, good food and conversation. We have our own back room, so come in and join us!

Harbor Area A's Annual Awards Banquet info

Harbor's annual awards banquet will be held January 21st, 2012 at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester right next to the LA Airport. It is a great venue and the food and service are great, too!

The cost per person is \$34. The choices for dinner are Marcela chicken, sirloin steak, salmon, or a vegetarian dish. Please send or give your checks to our Treasurer Daffy Wagner 2705 Carnegie Ln., Redondo Beach CA 90278 before the end of December. The sooner, the better. Include your choice for dinner on the check. Make check out to Harbor Area MARC. More info later.



[Lots of Model 'A' Events of Interest for 2011 - 2012](#)

- November 30 - December 4 **MAFCA National Awards Meet & Banquet** in Santa Rosa.
http://www.sonomamodela.com/mafca_2011
- December 10th, Sat. Christmas 'Cruise at the Beach' **Car Show** at Ruby's Diner in Redondo Beach. 9AM - 3PM.
- December 11th, Sun. El Segundo's 48th Annual **Christmas Parade**. 1PM - 3PM Dick Wyckoff is contact. Parade runs from 1PM to 3PM. Stage at noon or so on Imperial Ave., North end of Main St.
- December 11th, Sun. Wilmington's Annual **Christmas parade**. Pat Yacklon is contact and has details.
- January 21st, 2012 Harbor Area Club **annual awards banquet**. To be held at the Proud Bird restaurant. Same venue as last year. Great food and a fun time.
- 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 11-15, 2012 **MARC National Meet**, in Oshkosh WI.
- June 18-22, 2012 **MAFCA National Convention**, Marquette MI (upper peninsula).
- July 13-15th, 2012 **Wings and Wheels** in Solvang. Always a fun weekend.

Orange County Oak Glen Tour by Sue Hankins

This was a really fun tour that Orange County had invited our club to join. Mirco and Elaine and one of their exchange students, and Pat and I were the only ones from our club that went. We drove out Santa Ana Canyon Rd, through Perris, Beaumont, Cherry Valley and had a picnic lunch. Then we drove up to Oak Glen apple area, where we picked apples. After a couple of hours in Oak Glen area we drove the old Route 66 in San Bernardino with a stop at the Wigwam Motel. We ended up at Art and Olive Moore's in Upland for apple crisp, ice cream and apple cider. At 5 stops during the day, we picked up a playing card, and at the Moore's. The winning poker hand of a straight was given \$100, with \$80 for second place, and \$60 for third and several \$25 prizes. It was a great tour



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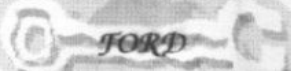
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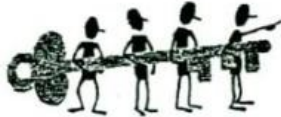
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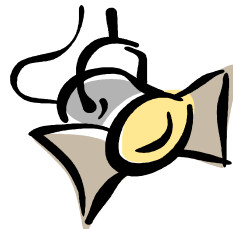
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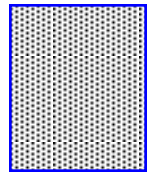
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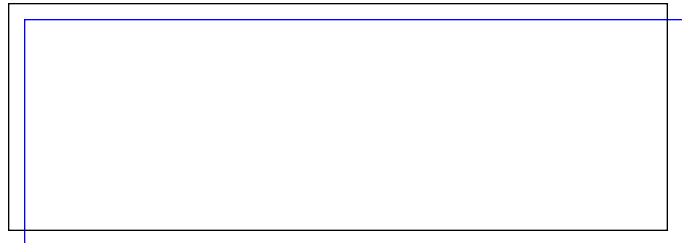


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