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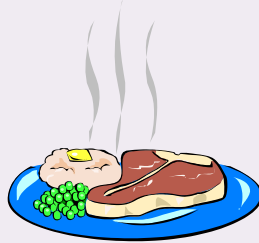
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Upcoming Business Meeting

The next **January** business meeting will be the annual awards banquet at the Proud Bird restaurant. This is the same venue as last year. Great place. The date is Saturday, January 21st. Social time is 5-6PM with dinner and activities thereafter. See page 8 for more details.



Upcoming Tours



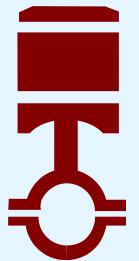
Outgoing Tour Director is working on a tour with the Long Beach Model T Club sometime in January. It will be along the scenic Mulholland Drive, similar to last year's fun tour.

Mike will let us know the details when they are finalized.



Technical Seminars

Our new Technical Director, Drain Marshall, is open for suggestions on some fun, educational seminars. Things like garage tours, DVDs, simple tune ups, etc. Contact him with your ideas at 310-378-5061



Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, January 3rd** at 7PM at the El Segundo Auto Driving Museum, Lairport St, El Segundo, CA 90245. Old and new Board members are invited. All are welcome.

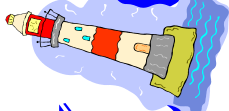


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HARBORLIGHT



From the Outgoing Board

We hope you all had a fantastic holiday and that the New Year brings much happiness and many pleasant miles in your Model As.

We want to wish the new Board good luck and much success under the leadership of Monty Bates. Lots of experience and energy should make the next year very enjoyable.

As mentioned many times, the Board is always looking for new ideas and new people to contribute to the cause. With the new year, we all look forward to some exciting events and lots of participation from both the general membership and the Board.

Remember: Keep the clean, shiny side up!



MODEL "A" MUSEUM GROUND-BREAKING APRIL 17, 2012

The construction fund is less than \$100,000 short of the amount needed, so every Model A'er is encouraged to make a contribution or buy an engraved walkway brick for their family (\$150) or share the cost of a brick with a friend (\$75- each). D-Day is approaching and the museum will be built if everyone in the Model A hobby provides support. ENGRAVED BRICKS last forever and are a perfect gift for the Holidays, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Also, the engraved bricks make a wonderful memorial for loyal Model A'ers. (Order form on www.maffi.org)

If all goes well in the coming months, the ground-breaking ceremony for the Model A Ford Museum will take place on April 17, 2012 at the Gilmore site in Michigan. This will be a low key occasion of short duration, saving all the "Hoopla" for the Grand Opening. More details to follow.

Stan Johnson
MAFFI President

2011 MAFCA National Awards Banquet

On Wednesday, November 30th, eight members of Harbor Area club made the 475 mile drive (in our moderns) to Santa Rosa CA for the 2011 MAFCA National Awards Banquet event. The reason for the moderns was that this when the winds in So Cal were in excess of 80 MPH and safety was the issue. Even in our moderns, we were blown all over the highway.

Anyway, The Marshalls, the Gordiniers, the Parrishs, and the Wyckoffs made the trip. If you have ever been to the wine country of Northern California, you know how pretty it is. A great place to drive our cars. The Sonoma As sponsored the event and did a fantastic job.



Fall Colors in Downtown Healdsburg

There were bus and car tours to many places nearby. You could visit the wine country, vintage Healdsburg, Jack London State Historical Park, Armstrong Woods, the Charles M. Schultz Museum, to name a few. Needless to say, all four couples took advantage of many of the tours. A fun time was had by all.



The Wyckoffs, Gordiniers, and Marshalls at the Banquet

January Birthdays

- 5 Ted Dalton
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 25 Ed Firth
- 26 Conrad Garcia



January Anniversaries

No Anniversaries
this Month

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

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.

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.

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 . . .

MAFFI Memo from Sue Hankins

MAFFI NATIONAL MODEL A MUSEUM

Long time Harbor members **Ted and Janice Dalton** presented the Harbor Area Club with a challenge. They would donate \$1000 to the MAFFI National Model A Museum if our members would match it. At our business meeting, Bob Speaks volunteered \$100, as did Al and Georgette Avoian, Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt, and Pat Yacklon and Sue Hankins, making a total of \$400. The club agreed to donate the remainder. Ted and Janice had requested 2 Museum Bricks for the museum from that: one for Ted and Janice, and the 2nd one for Harry and Audrey De-Meire. The Club will also have a Brick with Harbor Area Model A Club, Torrance, CA.

Thank You Ted and Janice for your generous donation and for spurring our club on to contribute to the Museum.



Outgoing Vice President's Message by Dick Lusk

It is time that I become the past VP of the Harbor MARC Model A club. My hope is that my approval rating will exceed the previous VP's, a tough goal. I enjoyed procuring raffle prizes and doing the raffles even though rising prices have made it more challenging to get the good stuff.

Our club celebrates its 55th anniversary in 2012 and I hope for many more ahead. Our club has been evolving throughout the years. It offers all members to be the architects and designers for the club's future through their ideas and actions and mostly through participation. We all owe a big thank you to the people who came forth 55 years ago to give us this great organization and camaraderie with good friends and truly great Model A Fords.

I have had a great experience and an occasional challenge working with our membership. I look forward to working on future Model A projects and will enthusiastically bust my bottom to support the club's needs.

To everyone involved in our club and hobby, thanks for your time and teamwork.

I would like to thank Tim Harrison for all his help for filling in for me and also a big thank you to our award winning editor Dick Wyckoff for his great newsletter.

Thank you all again,

Dick Lusk, Immediate Past VP.

Technical Talk



Condensers

By Gordon Lowe of the Fresno Sierra Chapter

Did you know that a condenser can be checked with an analog volt/ohm meter (an analog volt/ohm meter has a needle)? A condenser can either have an open circuit or be shorted to ground. To check for a shorted condenser select the highest range of the ohmmeter & put the leads on the condenser, i.e., one lead on the body & one on the frame of the distributor. If it is shorted, the needle will read "0" ohms (there is no resistance & a free path through the condenser to ground). If open it will read the maximum resistance, or infinity (there is no current path through the windings of the condenser). If the condenser is in good electrical condition, the needle should "kick" up the scale a certain amount and then drift back to infinity as the condenser charges. To verify its integrity, reverse the leads to the condenser & recharge it to the opposite polarity. Since the condenser has a charge now the needle will generally "kick" higher than it did the first time. Of course this test will not indicate the condenser's integrity when it is at engine operating temperature...P.S. Be sure to have the ignition turned off!

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's are enjoying the casual atmosphere, good food and conversation. We have our own back room, so come in and join us!

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 **January 14th**. 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: November 25, 2011



President: Bob Speaks called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Salute to the flag: Led by Monty Bates.

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present are Doris & Drain Marshall, Pat Yacklon, Carla Hibbard, Dick Wyckoff and Duane Nead.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as written in last Harbor Light.

Treasurer: Balance is - Daffy not present.

Vice President: Thanks to Marshalls, Harrisons, Wagners, Wyckoffs, Liz Fitzgerald and Dick's brother in MI. for raffle donations. Took in \$140. Installation raffle will include a set of rims and tires, plus many nice membership prizes.

HarborLight Editor: Articles due by Dec. 15th. Dick got a new ad for Harbor Light from Loyola Auto Interiors in El Segundo who had worked on Jan's Cabriolet and Bill Younkin, Joe Freitag and Monty Bates cars. They are one of only three approved LeBaron-Bonny installers in California.

Historian: April 1st is deadline for donations for MAFFI Museum, donations are tax free. There is a member who will donate \$1,000 to match our club donation of the same amount. Bob Speaks donated \$100 as did Al Avoian, Ursi & Dick, and Pat & Sue, making a total of \$400. The member making the donation wants to remain anonymous until the club comes up with the \$1,000. He would like 3 bricks to be part of the museum honoring past & present members. Our club could have a brick for \$150. After refreshments Sue showed two DVDs she put together on the *J. Edger* movie that used cars from the club. The second DVD was of an Orange County Club Poker Run which included an Oak Glen apple farm tour and ended at Art and Olive Moore's home in Upland.

Membership: Membership money for 2012 is due now. Ursi has hats, T shirts & rosters for sale. We had 43 members in attendance at meeting.

Membership Drawing: Monty Bates & Amy Knott won drawings. Daffy will pay them when she returns. Jack Gordinier won clock prize and Elaine Pisu won \$44 with 50/50 drawing with half going to MAFFI project.

Technical & Safety: Charlie had nothing to report.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$3.10

Sunshine: Doris had a stent placed in her right leg to help with circulation; she is still in pain and was referred to a pain clinic. Thom is out of the hospital after open heart surgery and doing OK. Rhoda will be part of a study in pancreatic cancer, Paul is doing pretty well. All of their family was home for Thanksgiving. Jean Webb and daughters are OK after being sick. They had Thanksgiving dinner on the Queen Mary. Paul & Rose Jamesson not doing well.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: Paul Jamesson, Dick Lusk, Joe Jankiewicz, Steve Newton, Wilbur Richardson, Pat Yacklon and Jan Wyckoff. Anniversaries: Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Joe & Linda Freitag, Rhoda & Paul Larquier (their 67th!) and Al & Georgette Avoian

Tools Coordinator: Not present.

Tours: Mike said there were 21 attendees at the Woody's Diner tour in Sunset Beach which included Model T members also. He has another joint tour set up for January to Mulholland Drive. Date to be announced.

Old Business: New officers for 2012 were elected: Montelle Bates III, President; Tim Harrison, Vice President; Pat Yacklon, Secretary; Drain Marshall, Technical; and Elaine Pisu, Tours. Congratulations!

New Business: Pat Yacklon sent a sign-up sheet around for the Wilmington Christmas parade on Dec. 11th. Meet 10:30/11:00 on E. St. and Avalon. El Segundo Christmas parade is also Dec 11th. Dick Wyckoff said to meet up around 12 - 12:30 on E. Imperial. His Model A truck will be carrying the El Segundo Sr. Citizen of the Year, plus two of her young friends in the truck bed.

Refreshments hosted by: Ursi Schmidt

Next General Meeting: Meet at 6 p.m. at Walteria, collect banquet and membership monies, and then go to the Christmas light tour led by Bobby D. Bring cookies to share at Bobby's home after the tour.

Next Board Meeting: Dec. 6, 2011 at the Auto Driving Museum in El Segundo. 7PM

Meeting adjourned at: 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Jan Wyckoff, Secretary.

2012 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

The Harbor 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, pins, and 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 not 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:

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 'Club Happenings'

Rhoda Larquier is waiting for more info on chemo treatments. She and Paul are working through some tough times. We're thinking of you both!

Paul and Rose Jamesson are working through some tough health issues, also. Both are in wheel chairs and 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. A little setback with a blood clot slowed his recovery, but he is getting better. 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!

Thom Marshall had a heart valve repair surgery performed. They took his valve out, fixed it, and put it back in. Those car mechanics know how to do it right!



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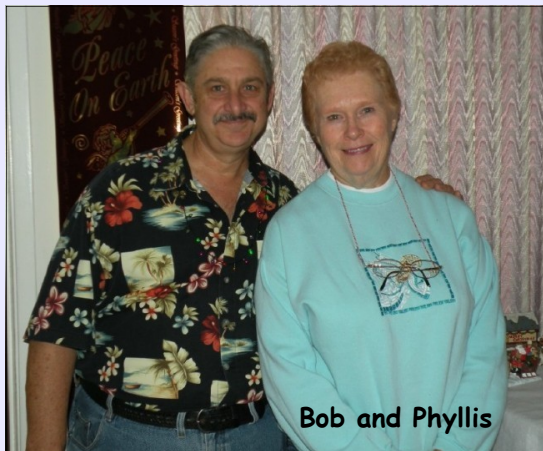
2011 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR AND COOKIE EXCHANGE

By Sue Hankins

In December, instead of our regular business meeting, we met for a tour of the Christmas Lights in the Sleepy Hollow area of Torrance CA in our Model A's. Bob and Phyllis DeCrescenzo, in their 1930 Tudor, did a great job of leading us through the many lighted tree-lined streets and decorated homes. Those who drove A's were: Bill and Dorothy Knott and Don and Amy Knott in their 1930 Town Sedan, Joe and Linda Freitag in their 1930 Cabriolet, Sue Hankins and Pat Yacklon in their 1931 Coupe, and Mirco and Elaine Pisu in their 1930 Pick-up. It was a lot fun waving at the crowd and honking our ahooga horns as people watched us go by.



Bob and Phyllis with their Christmas train set-up



Bob and Phyllis



Dot and Bill Knott

Afterwards we met at **Bob and Phyllis'** home for a Christmas Cookie Exchange. There were about 35 people who came with their dozen cookies. Bob and Phyllis provided hot apple cider and ice cream. We enjoyed looking at Bob and Phyllis' fabulous collec-

tions of Santas, Nutcrackers, and Nativity Scenes they have collected from around the world. They also had 2 huge Christmas Villages set-up with trains circling. It was a fun evening. Thank you Bob and Phyllis.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- Rebuilt **Model A Engine** with less than 2000 miles including Snyder Hi-Compression Head for sale. Inspection certificate of bearings (Babbitt) crank, rods and compression readings is available. Asking \$2100, but price of the engine is negotiable including the Snyder head. **MAKE AN OFFER!** Joe Freitag; 310 377-0135 or joefreitag1@yahoo.com

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[Two Christmas Parades](#)

Dec. 11th Drain, Doris, Al, Georgette, Pat & Sue enjoyed participating with their A's in the Wilmington Christmas Parade. Sue brewed hot coffee and Pat baked cookies that we served while we decorated our cars. We met some really neat people from other car clubs. Al gave a show and tell of his car to four wide-eyed teenagers. During the parade, we honked our Aooogahs. and waved to the crowd of families lining the one mile parade route. Next year we really encourage you to join us in this fun local civic activity.

At the same time as the Wilmington parade, the El Segundo Christmas parade was in full swing. Representing the Harbor Club was Dick Wyckoff doing double duty. He not only represented Harbor, but was asked by Senior Volunteer of the Year for 2011, Polly Price, if he would drive her in the parade. Of course he did and the crowd loved the entry. Next year, we hope to bring more As to the parades.



[Tours and the New Year](#) by Elaine Pisu

This year's tour theme is '[Having a blast with friends](#)':

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[Harbor Area A's Annual Awards Banquet info](#)

Harbor's annual awards banquet will be held again [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! Start at 5PM.

The cost per person is \$34. The choices for dinner are Marcella 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](#).



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

- 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.
- February 24-26, 2012 The **46th annual antique and collector car parts exchange and swap meet** will be held at Qualcomm (old Jack Murphy) Stadium on the weekend of February 24th, 25th & 26th, 2012. The BIG 3 Auto Swap is held annually and has grown to be the largest old car event held in the San Diego area. This auto swap attracts participants from all over the country.
- 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.
- October 7, 2012 **Frazier Park picnic** hosted by the Bakersfield Model A Club.



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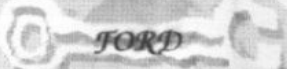
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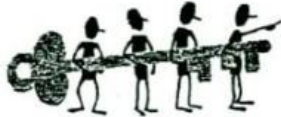
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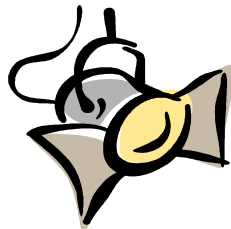
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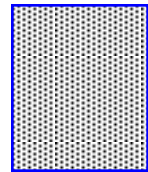
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