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Upcoming Business Meeting

The February meeting is Friday, the 24th, 7:30PM at Walteria Clubhouse. Welcome the new administration and help make the meeting fun and informative. Come early and help set up.

Important NOTE!

The March business meeting will be at the Walteria clubhouse on Thursday, March 29th at 7:30PM. This is to avoid conflict with CCRG in Bakersfield that weekend. Mark your calendars!



Upcoming Tours



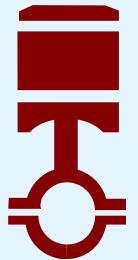
Our new Tour Director, **Elaine Pisu**, is working on some fun future events. How about the Reagan Library, or the Western Museum of Flight? Want to race some

Hubley's again? All this is in the planning stage. More to come.

Technical Seminars

Our new Technical Director, **Drain Marshall**, is open for suggestions on some fun, educational seminars.

Set aside **Sat, April 28th** for our fun Pot Luck, Business meeting and Safety Inspection gathering at Dick and Ursi's. More to come.



Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, March 6th** at 7PM at the El Segundo Auto Driving Museum, Lairport St, El Segundo, CA 90245. Planning for some fun events this year. All are welcome.



Early camper on back of AA truck

HARBORLIGHT



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Monty's Message
A Note from our President
Monty Bates



Looking Ahead in 2012

Happy Valentine's Day!!! A very special day for friends & lovers of all ages...hope you all shared the day with someone you love.

We started off 2012 with a terrific Awards Banquet...my thanks to all those involved in making the night so special. You just can't beat good food and great friends. We made a profit with our raffle of over \$1,000 too!! Pat & Sue outdid themselves this year by hosting a Super Bowl party extraordinaire. We enjoyed a good football game, plenty of food and a cast of characters including some exchange students from South America. Very well done, many thanks!! By the way, Sue Hankins in our new Webmaster...we're now in the 21st century.

Sad to say we will not be having the annual Pancake Breakfast. The City of Orange has made it impossible for the event to happen. We have known this was coming but were still upset as that event meant so much to so many of us Model A owners. I am working on developing a plan to have the Harbor A's host an event (on a smaller scale). Our 50th Anniversary picnic proved we can do it!! Think about it.

New tours and new technical seminars are in the works. We are going to stay busy and have a great 2012. Come join us for dinner at Bob's Big Boy on Monday night. Lots of good conversation and ideas are always welcomed by me. I will see you all for our business meeting on February 24th at our Walteria clubhouse.

See careful out there...we need you!!!!

Monty

Banquet Success - Thanks

A huge 'THANK YOU' to all of the members who helped to make the 2011 banquet a success!

Doris Marshall graciously greeted the guests and handed out their meal tickets.

Ursi Schmidt took on the challenge to hand out trophies and pins to members in recognition of a job well done. Good work Ursi!

Dick Lusk was in charge of getting prizes for the raffle, which included tires and rims. The raffle was a big success!

Ursi and Georgette Avoian helped **Daffy Wagner** make the centerpieces. Thanks ladies for all your help. They turned out great!

Also, thanks to **Art Wagner** for donating all the precious hardware needed to complete the centerpieces! We know how hard it is for you to give up those nuts and bolts!

The teamwork makes this a special club.

Thanks again,

Daffy



March Birthdays

- 6 Elma Polson
- 8 Richard Parrish
- 12 Margret Gott
- 17 Ellen Peterson
- 21 Bill Gaugler
- 24 Jay Skinner
- 25 Diana Murphy
- 25 Jack Goldberg
- 25 Andrea Plessner
- 31 Al Avoian



March Anniversaries

- 7 Dick & Jan Wyckoff
- 7 Tim & Pat Harrison
- 10 Monty & Donnis Bates
- 20 Art & Daffy Wagner
- 24 Janice & Ted Dalton
- 31 Dave & Joy Pierson

**Dick and Jan Wyckoff
Married March 7th, 1982**

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

I have been encouraging new members of the Harbor club to receive the HarborLight by **email**. I encourage existing members 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 each 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 . . .

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.

Some Car Humor Thanks to Georgette Avoian

An auto mechanic listened to a well-known heart surgeon ask questions about the problem he was having with his expensive sports car. After he answered them to the surgeon's satisfaction, the mechanic said, "Say, Doc, now I have a question for you."

"All right, said the surgeon. "Ask away."

"Look at this engine, Doc," he said. "I open it up completely, remove the valves, repair what's needed, then carefully put everything back in place. When I'm finished it works just like new. So why do I earn such a small salary and you get the big bucks? You and I are basically doing the same thing."

The surgeon smiled and said, "Try doing it with the engine running."

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST July 24, 1920

"A Spur Tie . . . smartly worn . . . has a dash of style that's all its own"

OTTO THE TAILOR of HOLLYWOOD

Ladies, you, who see the leading style of Fred Astaire in Dornell's new film, "All Quiet on the Western Front," in one of the most exciting picture stars among the distinguished stars of Otto the Tailor of Hollywood.

Now, on the set, he wears the Club Tie of blue and white. In fact it is the favorite tie of most actors, as suggested by Otto the Tailor, and popular with everybody else.

"Yes! we have seen many very often by some of the best-known stars on the screen because there is no such personality and money as the style of tie," says Otto, tailor to stars, diplomats, women, and officials of the most famous make-up in Hollywood.

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Technical Talk

With Drain Marshall



Front Wheel Bearing Tightness

From 'Earle' on FordBarn.com

I'd appreciate some thoughts and expert input from the Gang: I'm wrapping up my list of "periodic service" and maintenance items in getting the roadster ready for spring. I always remove the wheels and drums to inspect and vacuum out the brakes, repack the bearings and add a trace of hi-temp grease on the wedge and rollers. But how tight should the spindle nut be when reinstalling the drums? It's all a matter of how much "preload or looseness" should be put on the bearings.

I have driven for years on the premise that you never want to "over-tighten" bearings because it squeezes out all the grease as the roller runs on the race, over-loads the bearing and accelerates over-heating and failure. Overly-loose bearings also fail early from allowing the rollers to lift off the race and undergo cocked, high "point-loading" on the race instead of the intended "line-rolling contact loading". Both lines of reasoning are logical. BUT between "over-tight" and "over-loose" there's a lot of dangerous wiggle room.

Sooooo...I have always hand-tightened the spindle nut while slowly spinning the wheel. Then when it's hand-snug, back off to the nearest castle slot for inserting the cotter pin. Of course you can then sometimes feel a tiny bit of wiggle in the wheel when it's re-installed. I believe a little wiggle is correct and have never had a bearing failure. I have known some who sand a little off the back of the nut to get the right 'wiggle'. It all works. Just my thoughts.

Editors Note: This is how I do it and have never had a problem either. Over tightening is not good.



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 Torrance 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!

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 **March 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: January 21, 2012



The January meeting was the Installation of Officers at the Proud Bird.

The 2011 Board was retired properly and the 2012 Board was installed.

2012 Installation of Officers

By Dick Wyckoff

For those of you that missed the January 21st installation banquet this year, you missed a fun time. We went back to last year's venue, the Proud Bird in Westchester..

The Proud Bird restaurant is near the Los Angeles Airport and proved to be a popular choice for the event. The restaurant had great choices for dinner in a pretty setting where one could watch planes landing at LAX. VP **Dick Lusk** had a great selection of raffle prizes that proved popular with the 60 people in attendance.

After dinner, outgoing president **Bob Speaks** thanked all for coming and then introduced Membership Chair **Ursi Schmidt** to run the award presentations. She updated us on membership noting long time members Margaret Gott (55 years), Adeline Bates (53 years), George and Laura Manzo (50 years), Dorath Woods (50 years), and Jim and Judith Hamilton (45 years). and presented participation awards to those that are most active in the club events. Top honors went to **Doris and Drain Marshall** with 24 different activities. The other most active families were the Avoians, Gordiniers, Harrisons, Wagners, and the Wyckoffs. Congratulations!

The Woman of the Year was also presented by last year's winner, **Daffy Wagner**. This year, **Georgette Avoian** was selected for her outstanding efforts, not only as Refreshments Coordinator, but for all around participation and good work. Congratulations Georgette!

Dick Lusk then presented certificates for annual safety checks. Both Dick and Ursi keep great records on club events and always do a nice presentation.

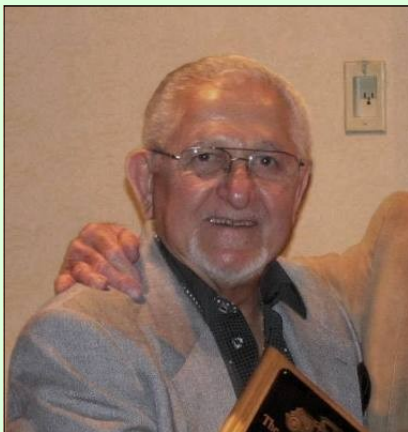
The Man of the Year award was presented by last year's winner, **Mirco Pisu**. For his contributions over many years, **Al Avoian** is this year's Man of the Year. Congratulations to you, also!

Ursi then presented annual driving awards to those that actually put some significant mileage on their Model As. The top honors went to **Doris and Drain Marshall** with 3600+ miles. Congratulations you two! They drive their A on lots of long distance events and set a great example of participation. Other long distance drivers were the **Avoians, Bates, Beardслеys, DeCrescenzos, Gordiniers, Knotts, Lusk/Schmidt, Pisu, Wagners, Wyckoffs, and Younkins**.

The 2011 Board was properly recognized and retired and the new 2012 Board was introduced. The new Board will be **Montelle Bates III** (President), **Tim Harrison** (VP), **Drain Marshall** (Technical), **Elaine Pisu** (Tours), **Pat Yacklon** (Secretary), and returning Treasurer **Daffy Wagner**.

Dick Lusk finished up the evening auctioning off the fine selection of raffle items.

The 'Grand Prize' of a set of powder coated 19" wheels with new Firestone tires was won by **Richard Parrish**.



Al Avoian and Georgette Avoian were presented with Man of the Year and Woman of the Year awards at the Awards Banquet. Congratulations!



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.



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 Update:

Doris and Drain Marshall got new phone service and at the same time, new cell phone numbers. Drain's new number is: 310-883-3712. Doris' new number is: 310-883-3722. Correct your rosters. Just a small correction: **Monty and Donnis Bates** live on Ardath Ave, not Ardath Road.

Editor's comment: **Ursi needs help.** At the last Board meeting, Ursi asked for some help with her many duties. She has requested that someone take over the merchandising duties. This would involve the ordering and selling of the hats, shirts, pins, cook books, etc., and any of the items that she sells at the meetings. She had become overloaded and needs help. Would someone please step forward and take up this project? Thanks.....

Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Rhoda Larquier is having chemo treatments and doing OK. We're thinking of you and Paul.

Paul and Rose Jamesson are doing better. This 'feel-bad' stuff ain't fun. Hope to see you soon.

Gary Guttormson has had his knee replacement surgery. He has been seen for three weeks running (no pun intended) at Bob's on Monday night. Each time he gets along a little better. Keep up the good work, Gary.

Thom Marshall is waiting for the right time to have a hernia fixed. All the stars have to be just right and he will have his surgery. Good luck, Thom.

Marty Murphy is having his second knee replacement surgery. I guess the first one went so well, he thought he would try it again. Good luck with the new one, Marty!





"Kick Starting" the New Year

What a great way to start a friendly year off than a football game. And this year turned out to be a great game. Pat Yacklon and Sue Hankins invited the entire Harbor Club to their home to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 5th. Rules were simple: Bring a pot luck item and some money!

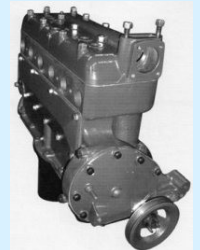
About 30 people showed up to watch the game and, of course, eat. Isn't that what we do? A pool was created and numbers chosen. By the end of the game most of the food was gone and the wealth was redistributed. A great time for everyone that showed up and the football game was great, too. New York Jets 21, New England Patriots, 17.



Wheels & Deals:

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2012 Installation and Awards Banquet



Proud Bird Banquet Room



2011 Outgoing Board



Monty and the raffle



Presentation to outgoing President



Our new 2012 Board of Directors



Dick Lusk
And
Ursi Schmidt
Making award presentations



Grand Prize winner
Richard Parrish



Bill Newell and Monty Bates with
Senior Member, Dorothy Wood

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Lots of Model 'A' Events of Interest for 2012


- February 24-26 The 46th annual San Diego 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.
- February 25th (Sat) Hot Rod Magazine **Car Show** in El Segundo on Main Street. 1PM - 4PM. Lots of great cars.
- March 18th, (Sun) First Annual Gardena Elk's Lodge #1919 **Car Show**. 1735 W. 162nd St, Gardena. 11AM. Set up at 9AM. Entry Fee only \$10. Contact Bob Mullikin at: 310-327-1919.
- March 23-25 **Laughlin Tour** - Mar 22-25 Laughlin, Nevada - "Model A's are swell in 2012"
The Pomona Valley Model A Club wants you to join them in Laughlin.
Info: Barbara Branam at 951 733-4915 or Barbara.Branam@gmail.com
- March 29th **Thursday** Harbor Area Club meeting. Date moved so we could attend CCRG in Bakersfield.
- March 30 - Apr 2 **CCRG Jamboree** sponsored by Bakersfield As. More info soon. Save the date!
- April 14 (Sat) Trompers **Swap Meet**, Figueroa and the 134 fwy near Eagle Rock Rec Center in parking lot.
- April 20 - 21 Bakersfield 21st National **Swap Meet**. Bakersfield Fairgrounds - 7AM Fri and Sat. For info, contact Greg at 661-325-2840. Horseless Carriage Club sponsored.
- June 11-15, 2012 **MARC National Meet**, in Oshkosh WI.
- June 18-22, 2012 **MAFCA National Convention**, Marquette MI (upper peninsula).
- June 24th (Sun) **Henry Ford Picnic** in Santa Fe Springs. More details later.
- July 13-15th **Wings and Wheels** in Solvang. Always a fun weekend. Possibly for the last time.
- September 30th (Sun) 51st Annual Antique **Swap Meet**. Paradise Valley 'A' Club. San Bernardino. More to come.
- October 7 (Sun) **Frazier Park picnic** hosted by the Bakersfield Model A Club.

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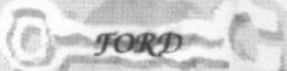
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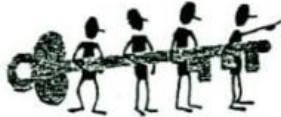
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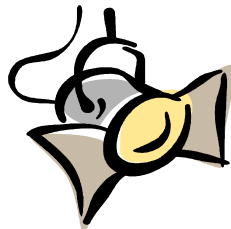
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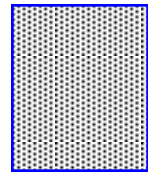
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