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Upcoming Business Meeting

Important NOTE!

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



Our **April** meeting will be held at the home of Dick and Ursi on **Saturday, April 28th**. A combination meeting, pot luck and Safety Inspection. How about a Hubley race, too? Drive your Model A, bring a dish, soup up your Hubley and join us at 10AM in Harbor City.

Upcoming Tours



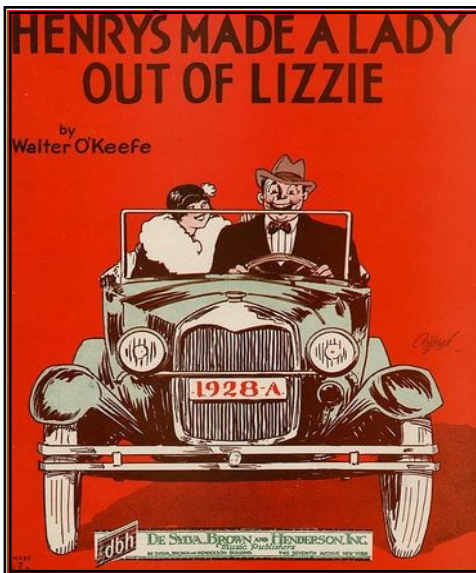
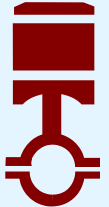
Our Tour Director, **Elaine Pisu**, is working on some fun future events. How about the California Poppy fields in Lancaster, or the OC Pancake Breakfast? Want to race some Hubleys again?

All this is in the planning stage. More to come.

Technical Seminars

Our 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.



Our new website is under construction!

Visit it at:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, April 3rd** 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.



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Monty's Message
A Note from our President
Monty Bates



Good News!

A special leap year wish to all on St. Patrick's Day...we're off to a great start!!

Folks, it looks like the Orange County Model A club resurrected the 51st annual **Pancake Breakfast!!!!** We have recently been informed that the date will be **Sunday, May 20th**. There has been an outpouring of support for this event. I have personally volunteered to help out and will be asking others to join me. I'm looking forward to a terrific gathering of cars, good friends and new friends plus some fantastic raffle prizes.

Our own first tour is scheduled for this Saturday, March 17th...rain or shine!!! More about that as it happens. Please don't forget our Club meeting is **Thursday, March 29th**. Several members are headed north to Bakersfield to the CCRG Jamboree. We will not be having our usual raffle for this meeting only...so save your money for April's meeting. We've have several birthdays and anniversaries this month...any excuse to party. Thanks to all of you for the great times we're having each Monday's at Bob's Big Boy. I'll drive my '31 Tudor as the weather is getting nicer; we sure enjoy the camaraderie, current events while complaining about the food...The more often we gather as a group of friends the better and stronger The Harbor A's become.

Be safe out there, see you soon!

Monty

MODEL A MUSEUM UPDATE

At some point in April the construction of the new Model A Museum will begin. Depending on final contract negotiations and the weather in central Michigan, the bulldozers will begin preparing for the foundation of the new 11,000 square foot building. A formal Ground Breaking ceremony is planned for April 17 with members of MAFFI, MARC and MAFCA participating in the joint effort to build a home for "Henry's Lady".



Predictions are that the building will be completed by Labor Day of this year. That is when the next phase begins: Turning an empty building into a museum. What can you do to help in that effort? Donations of funds, collections, displays, accessories, original parts, tools and anything else that tells the story of the Model A will be needed. Advance notification of your intent to donate your item or collection would help in the planning. Please inform MAFFI Trustee, Phil Ierardi by email at pni1938@gmail.com, or by phone at (314) 692-2123, of your intentions.

MAFFI Trustees

April Birthdays

- 1 James Walker
- 8 Bill Newell
- 12 Carol Olsen
- 14 Drain Marshall
- 19 Kathy Valot



April Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this month

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.

Bill Gaugler, Our Own Used Car Salesman

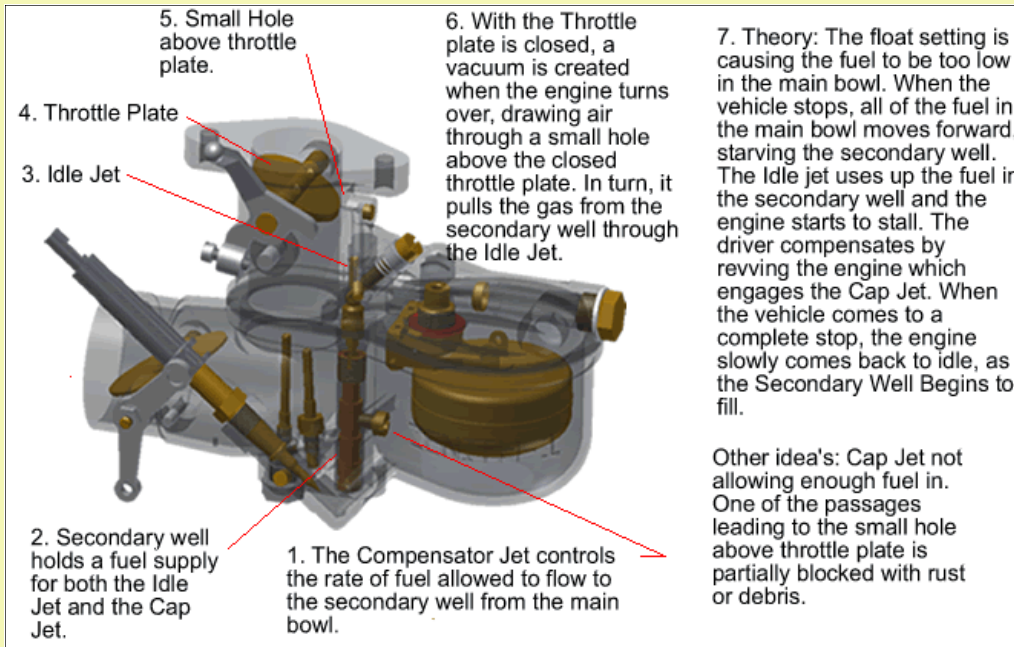


Not many clubs have their own used car salesman, but Harbor Club does! Long time member **Bill Gaugler** has been dealing in used cars since the early '40s. While having dinner with the Club at Bob's Big Boy recently, he shared a few pictures and stories of his long time relationship with Model As. If you look at the pictures taken in 1942 closely, you will see some of the 150 Model As he had on his family lot in LA. He would buy them at bargain prices, make them run again, and sell them for around \$200. If you think about it, the cars were only 12 years old and still in their prime!



Technical Talk

With Drain Marshall



The 'A' Carb

Although not a complicated device, the Model A carb can cause some poor performance due to dirt or rust in the tiny passages inside.

In the illustration, it shows the location of the these orifices. Equally important is a properly adjusted float.

More illustrations and other Model A hints can be found on website: ModelABasics.com.

An interesting site!



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 **April 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

FEBRUARY 24, 2012



President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:35 at Walteria Club-house.

Salute to the flag led by Jack Gordinier.

Past presidents were recognized.

No minutes of the last meeting. It was replaced with the annual banquet.

Treasurer: Daffy reported the treasury's status.

Membership: Ursi said there are 17 unpaid members. She presented a 15 year pin to Bob & Phyllis De-Crescenzo.

Sunshine Chair: Doris Marshall. Rhoda is doing pretty good. She didn't do chemo this week but will start again next week. Bob Olson has bronchitis. Paul Jamesson is thinking of selling his '29 Fordor. Joe Jankiewicz is under the weather. Marty Murphy is having another knee replacement. Gary Guttormson. can drive his Model A again after his knee replacement.

Monty announced the birthdays and anniversaries as shown in the newsletter.

Tours: Elaine Pisu - Saturday is the El Segundo car show. Sun 26th is a poker run to Oak Glenn. Saturday, March 17th, meet at SNAX a 9:00 AM for breakfast, then to the Western Museum of Flight.

There will be a speaker at 11:00AM. OC Pancake Breakfast is cancelled. April 28th is the safety seminar/business meeting/potluck at Dick & Ursi's.

Harborlight Editor - Dick Wyckoff - one correction to the newsletter: April 12th is the meet in Bakersfield. Articles or pictures are due by the 15th of the month.

President's forum: We have some new advertisers. Monty said we are bringing our club into the 21st Century. We have a new Webmaster, Sue Hankins. She is working on developing a new website. All members will have their pictures on the website. We will have a new web name.

Monty received an email from someone who wants a Model A for their wedding. They will pay for the service. Al Avoian volunteered his car.

50 - 50: \$38 was won by Jack Goldberg. \$37 was given to Daffy for the treasury.

April 28th is the safety seminar, potluck, business meeting. Bring your Hubleys. Bob D. will bring the track. A-L Salad. M-Z main course.

Monty talked to the city planners. Our club is registered with the city of Torrance for the centennial to have our A's drive over the opening of Del Amo Blvd in September.

Membership Drawing: Ladies won by Elaine Pisu. Bill Knott won the men's.

Technical Director: Drain brought a video "Timing Your Model A." Dot Knott is buying an E-Z steer. A future installation date is being discussed.

Raffle: Tim Harrison thanked those who donated prizes for the raffle.

Next Business Meeting: March 29th, Thursday.

Monty Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Submitted by Pat Yacklon, Secretary



Terrific Tours
With Elaine Pisu
Tour Director

2012 Tours are Off and Running!!

On Saturday March 17th in spite of the biggest rain storm of the year 15 members of the Harbor A's ventured out for our local tour. Due to the downpour, Drain and Doris were the only members that had the courage to bring their Model A. We started the morning having breakfast at SNAX and we had a great time chatting and eating together. After breakfast we headed to the Western Museum of Flight at the Torrance Airport to join the celebrity lecture series and listen to Retired Lt. General Brian Arnold. Lt Gen. Arnold spoke about the USAF Space Command then and now. He spent 35 years serving our country and did a fantastic job of explaining what the Space Command does for us today, how it helps our troops, how it helps defend us, and how it is involved in our day to day lives. He talked about areas of concern in the defense budget reductions as our government continues to hack away at our safety net that the defense contractors provide to our wonderful country.

Our President, Monty Bates saw some of his fellow retirees from Northrop. Monty had many great stories to add to the displays in the museum. Many of our families being in the South Bay have been involved in many of the space programs that have been the backbone of this area for the past 50+ years. The museum would like to plan another event with us to show off our cars with their antique planes. It was a fantastic tour and a good time was had by all. Thanks for coming!!



Up and coming tours:

April 14, (Saturday) California Poppy Tour:

We are planning on driving to Lancaster to the CA Poppy Reserve, Meet at Mills at 8AM. I will keep an eye on the web cam at the Reserve and if the Poppies are not blooming we will have an alternate destination (maybe Balboa and ride the ferry). Plan on coming and we will have a great day. Pack a picnic lunch and be sure to bring you camera's.

April 28, (Saturday) Pot Luck safety check:

Our annual Safety check and meeting will be at Dick & Ursi's. Be there by 10 AM and be sure to bring something for the Pot Luck Lunch.

May 5 (Saturday) Peninsula Seniors Coffee & Cars at Hawthorne & Silver Spur between Burger King and Starbucks 7:30-9:00 AM.

We are going to join the Peninsula Seniors and meet and greet other car lovers. After the Peninsula Seniors gathering we are going to head to the Maritime Museum in San Pedro and of course being that it's Cinco de Mayo we will have Mexican food at Acapulco at Ports of Call and watch the ships come in.

May 20th (Sunday) The Orange County Pancake Breakfast is back on track. YEAH!!!

We will meet at Mills at 7:00 AM and head to Orange by 7:20. Please make sure you sign up at the April Meeting so we know if we should wait for you. I'd like to plan on heading back together so that no one is left alone in case of any car problems. At the least we will try and set up a buddy system.

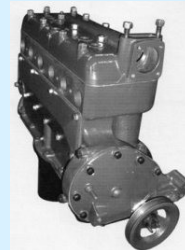
Some pictures of the Western Museum of Flight tour by Sue Hankins, Historian



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 joe-freitag1@yahoo.com
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[Lots of Model 'A' Events of Interest for 2012](#)

- March 29th **Thursday** Harbor Area Club meeting. Date moved so we could attend CCRG in Bakersfield.
- March 29 - Apr 2 **CCRG Jamboree** sponsored by Bakersfield As. See you there!
- April 12, 13, 14 Bakersfield 21st National **Swap Meet**. Bakersfield Fairgrounds - 7AM Fri and Sat. For info, contact Greg at 661-325-2840. Horseless Carriage Club sponsored.
- April 14 (Sat) Trompers **Swap Meet**, Figueroa and the 134 fwy near Eagle Rock Rec Center in parking lot.
- May 6th (Sun) Edelbrock's 7th Annual '**Rev'ed Up 4 Kids**' car show. 10Am to 4PM.
Vic's Garage 510 Madrid Ave., Torrance CA 90501. More info:www.revvedup4kids.com
- May 20th (Sun) Orange County Model A Club's **51st Annual Pancake Breakfast**. Back by popular demand!
More info on page 7.
- May 25-28 50th **NCRG Roundup**. Sonora CA. Sponsored by the Sonora As.
- June 3rd (Sun) 42nd Annual **Antique Nationals** Drag race and Car show. Auto Club Raceway, 9300 Cherry Ave, Fontana CA 92335. Lots of hot four bangers and early iron. A fun event!
- 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.
- June 30th (Sat) 15th Annual OC Model T Club **Swap Meet**. 6AM to 2PM.
El Dorado High School 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia CA 92870
- 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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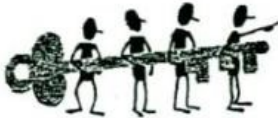
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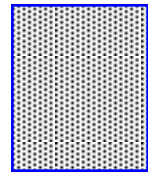
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