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Upcoming Business Meetings

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.



**A-L bring salad,
M-Z bring main dish**

The May meeting will be held at the Walteria clubhouse on **Friday, May 25th** at 7:30PM. Come early, help set up and talk Model As with your friends.

See you there!

Upcoming Tours



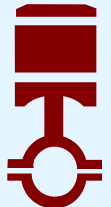
Our Tour Director, **Elaine Pisu**, is working on some fun future events. The next big event will be the **Orange County Club's 51st**

Annual Pancake Breakfast on May 20th. More details on page 7.

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.



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Our new website is up and running!
Visit it at:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

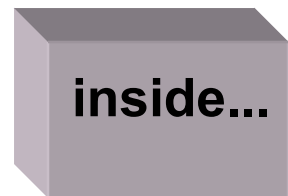
Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, May 1st** 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



We're Flyin' Now!

This year is flying by and we have so many adventures ahead of us!!! Special thanks to all for the continued support and enthusiasm...looks like the month will be packed with tours, outings and opportunities. The "Big" event will be the 51st Annual Orange County Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, the 20th.

Our Tour Director tells me she has several events planned and I am getting invitations for all sorts of activities. We will probably have more events than we have cars & people, isn't that nice?

Our Balboa Island was a blast...a cold blast. The rains were gone but the cold stayed and we found ourselves free to bundle up and roam around. We snacked and rode the Ferry back to shore. On to Knotts' for chicken and a smooth ride home... pictures below from this adventure tell the story. (We stopped to say Hi to Jeannie Webb)

Looks like we have settled into Billie's for Monday night...located on 190th Street & Anza...the food won't kill you and they do seem to enjoy having us. More and more Model A's are showing up too. The **more the merrier** is certainly the philosophy at Billie's. Friday nights are filling up at Ruby's, on the waterfront, an old tradition for Harbor A's.

We will be getting our hands dirty soon...Drain has some technical seminars in mind and after our Safety Inspection at Dick and Ursi's (April 28th), I will need to be working on my Tudor again. Please keep me posted on new events or things that you may wish our club to do, because that is what we're all about.
Be safe out there, there's lots of old people driving around!

Monty



May Birthdays

- 1 LeOra Combs
- 4 Leonard Funk
- 10 Jim Speights
- 20 Dolores Strosnider



May Anniversaries

- 5 Liz & Dan Fitzgerald
- 20 Darlene & Leonard Funk
- 23 Bill Newell & Ellen Peterson

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

I have been encouraging new members of the Harbor club to receive the HarborLight by **email**. I also am encouraging 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.

Hubley Races at CCRG

Bakersfield was the site for our first CCRG. It was also the first time our Hubleys competed. Well, a more accurate description is Tim's woody competed. My pickup was on the track but it sure wasn't the right track.

It was so exciting to see our cars lined up with a third competitor, but my excitement quickly dissipated as I felt the blush of embarrassment rise to my cheeks. Tim's woody took off like a bat, followed by the 2nd competitor. My pickup must have lost its "pickup." I thought I was going to have to get up and push the darn thing down the track.

Then it hit me (not the pickup) that Tim had sabotaged my truck. This is proof that when it comes to competition, it is every man/woman for themselves. Tim's woody had the good tires, the weight, the lack of wind resistance, etc. Lesson learned—from now on, I will be in charge of my own Hubley (with a little help from my friends—not including Tim).

Needless to say, luck was not with me on the Hubley track, but I was a big winner at the raffle. I am now the proud owner of a full-size Model A quilt. Long story short—I ended up a winner after all.

Pat Harrison

Technical Talk

Rear Spring Safety by Dick Wyckoff

While at the CCRG in Bakersfield, I had a chance to talk at length with our friend in the Orange County club, Tom Endy. The subject got around to safety issues in replacing or repairing the rear spring in a Model A. Both of us have witnessed the lack of thought as to how much energy is stored in the spring when it is assembled and the potential for serious injury if the single (sometimes original) center bolt were to fail.



Having installed a Mitchell overdrive at Tom's garage, I know we both take precautions when working with the rear spring. We make sure it is captured with a C-clamp or even wrapped with chain or sturdy ropes. We don't want this to come apart while we are working on it.

Recently on the web site Fordbarn.com, there was a discussion about spring safety. I copied a couple entries by Tom and others:

- I like to wrap the rear spring with a 12 foot long nylon tow strap when removing from the frame. I did have a very rusted rear spring center bolt break one time and the spring pack "exploded" with leaves going all over the garage. You only have to have it happen once in person to make you very cautious around the rear spring.
- As an added safety feature, whenever I remove a rear axle assembly from a car I spread the spring and remove the shackles as they did. With the rear axle assembly removed from the car I collapse the spring while it is still attached to the frame and remove the spring spreader. The spring is then non-lethal as very little tension is left. The spring can then be removed from the frame and disassembled safely without the need for C-clamps or chains.

When the spring is rebuilt and ready to go back into the car, install it in the frame first then attach the spring spreader and crank it out to a distance to accept the rear axle assembly.

- The safest method would have been to use the spring spreader to remove the rear axle assembly while leaving the spring and the spreader under the car until ready to re-install the rear axle assembly along with the overdrive.

Friday Afternoon at Ruby's Diner:

Since April, 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.



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 **May 12th** 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

March 29, 2012

President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Salute to the flag: Led by Bill Newell

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present was Pat Yacklon.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as emailed to the board.

Vice President: Tim Harrison, not present. At CCRG

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner reported we are fine.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff, not present. At CCRG

Membership: Ursi Schmidt, not present. At CCRG

Sunshine: Doris Marshall, not present. At CCRG

Webmaster: Sue Hankins reported the website is up and running. She will soon add members and their cars and a contact page. She is still adding new pictures daily. Sue had Nita Stonehocker come and help to put the website on line.

Monty: Married couple will use Al's car for their wedding. A man in Oregon is charging \$30 for a Gas Tank Neck Extension. There is a great swap meet in Oregon and one in San Bernardino on Sat 29th - Sun 30th. USS Iowa is coming to San Pedro. Monty will speak to Elaine about a tour.

Woman's prize: Acela Garcia Man's prize: Leonard Funk Neither was present.

50-50 Won by Georgette.

Upcoming and other events:

April 28th is the Safety Inspection/Potluck/Business meeting and possible Hubley race.

Drain is working on a seminar, possibly to install Dot's Easy-Steer.

Last Monday 40 people met at Billy's restaurant on the corner of Anza and 190th.

Caffeine Cruisers meet at Artesia & Hawthorne. Ruby's at Redondo Beach Pier starts April 6th.

Joe Freitag said April 14th is a tentative date to go see the poppy fields.

May 5th, Saturday is an All Fords meet in Palos Verdes.

Saturday June 2nd, ADM is having a car show to raise money for El Segundo School District.

May 20th OC is going to have the Pancake Breakfast.

Bobby D. wanted to know who would bring their Hubleys to the April meeting at Dick & Ursi's.

Jay Skinner: The June 3rd Drag Race listed in the Harbor Light has been postponed.

Bill Newell took in \$.75 in badge fines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next Meeting: Sat April 28th 10AM at Dick and Ursi's. Pot Luck and Safety Inspection meeting



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.

On a sad note: Member **Wally McLay** passed away on December 18, 2011. We just found out about this. He has not been active with the club for a while. He was a member from 1973 to 1984 and then again from 2003 until his death. Our thoughts go out to the family and friends.

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. Paul will be selling his '29 Tudor. Too much work at this time. Hope to see you both again, soon!

Gary Guttormson has had his knee replacement surgery. He has been seen for several weeks at Billy's on Monday night. Each time he gets along a little better. Keep up the good work, Gary.

Thom Marshall had his hernia operation and is now home. Some complications but he is recovering. We're thinking of you, Thom. Hang in there.

Doris Marshall is having shoulder surgery to repair some damage. She has been in pain for a while and doctors think the operation will help her. Hope all turns out well, Doris. We're pullin' for you.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

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Up and Coming tours:



April 15, 2012 turned out to be a beautiful day for a fabulous tour. From Mills Diner we headed to Balboa Island in Newport Beach. After all the wind and rain the night before, we had a beautiful day, a clear sky, bright and sunny with snow-capped mountains in the distance. A Crisp cool morning was perfect for a ride in a model A.

When we arrived at the pier in Balboa it turned out to be windier than we expected so we headed away from the water and into Balboa Bakery for coffee and a pastry. We left the bakery and our next stop was a ride on the Ferry. The Ferry turned out to be a big hit. Seeing 4 model A's crossing the channel to Balboa Island caused a lot of people to point, wave and many camera phones were pointed our way. It really was a Kodak moment. Wow, with Kodak going bankrupt and almost no one using film anymore, the expression, "a Kodak moment" will become a thing of the past. We still took some great pictures and had a wonderful time.

We left Balboa Island and headed to Mrs. Knott's Chicken Diner (for lunch). We thought since we had Dot, Bill & Don Knott with us we might get a discount, but at least we got seated right away. We had a wonderful time chatting and lunching together in the usual Harbor A's style.

We left Knott's, and while heading home, six of us decided to make a stop at Jeanne Webb's. We had a wonderful visit catching up with her. We were delighted to see her looking so good and she was pleased that we dropped in. We miss seeing you, Jeanne, and hope to see you again soon!!

In May we have 3 tours planned. You won't want to miss any of them!!

May 5 (Saturday): Peninsula Seniors Coffee & Cars Hawthorne & Silver Spur meet 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 the Acapulco Restaurant at Ports of Call and watch the ships come in.

May 12 (Saturday): Meet at Mills at 8:30 leave at 9:00AM. Jim Beardsley got us invited to Mosier's Restoration shop in Inglewood. Thanks to Jim we have an opportunity to visit a restoration shop that prepares cars that compete at Pebble Beach so you know the quality will be first class all the way. We will caravan over and probably stop for lunch after the tour.

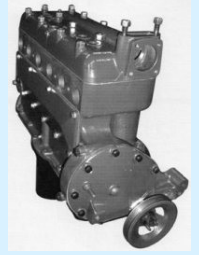
May 20th (Sunday): The Orange County Pancake Breakfast is back on track. YEAH!!!

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. It's about a 40 minute ride at 45mph.

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
- **Late 1930 Deluxe Coupe**, garaged over 30 years, xInt sheet metal, non-running engine but turns by hand, Hyd. brakes, 5-19in. wheels, 4 -16in. wheels, spare engine, 2 original horns & radiator shells, not a rumble seat car has trunk, many misc. parts. Car needs complete restoration. Great project! Located in Long Beach, Ca. Call (562)597-7847
- **1926 Ford Tudor** - Undisturbed and barn-fresh discovery. All there, except top wood. Wood wheels with demountable rims. New Lucas tires and tubes mounted. Engine turns over. \$3,000.00. Hark Hervey, 626.441-9001.
- 4 speed **AA transmission**, incl bellhousing. \$175.00. Hark Hervey, 626.441-9001.
- **KR Wilson** Multiple Disk Clutch pack assembly tool (Really big wing-nut!). \$50.00; 2 multiple disk clutches rebuilt by Tom Endy (Orange County) \$100.00 each or \$175.00 for both. Hark Hervey, 626.441-9001.
- **Model A or B marine engine conversion** parts, including 4 different water-cooled exhaust manifolds, raw water circulation pump, adjustable thermostat, front and rear engine mounts for boat engine timbers, I've been collecting these parts for over 20 years. \$250.00 for the lot. Hark Hervey, 626.441-9001.
- **1929 short block** for rebuilding, 2 magnafluxed and resurfaced heads, 12v starter. No flywheel or Flywheel housing, side cover w/return tube, Box of original nuts and bolts. \$250.00 OBO. Hark Hervey, 626.441-9001



Wanted:

- **Used Christmas and greeting cards.** (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.

THE BIG MAY 2012 EVENT

by Ursi Schmidt

Here are the longer springtime days
When 300 happy Model A's
Awakened from their storage slumber,
Arrive to pick their winning number.

To an Orange County Park
Drove beauties from our Harbor M.A.R.C.
There they all park in a row
To get admired in the show.

Polished nice and shiny, dusted,
Didn't show a part that's rusted,
All the owners worked so hard
To get a trophy or award.

All the people having fun
Raffle tickets any one?
And there was another line:
For it was breakfast cooking time!

While buying our raffle form
OCC cooked up a storm
There was the big "people-feed"
While we all sat 'round to meet

Lots of people strolled around
In the jam-packed parking ground
For Model A's get much adored,
In the land of Henry Ford!

[Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2012](#)


- April 28th (Sat) **Harbor Club combined Safety, Pot Luck, Business meeting** at Dick and Ursi's, 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City, CA 90710. Their phone is 310-539-5391. 10AM
- 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 2nd (Sat) **5th Annual El Segundo Education Foundation car show** at the Auto Driving Museum. 10AM to 3PM. Further info: Dick Croxall 310-322-7931
- 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 Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Dr., Santa Fe Springs. Sponsored by the Diamond Tread Chapter MAFCA. 10AM to 3PM. \$10 per person. Includes BBQ lunch.
- June 30th (Sat) **15th Annual Orange County Model T Club Swap Meet**. 6AM to 2PM.
El Dorado High School 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia CA 92870
- July 13-15th (Fri/Sun) **Wings and Wheels** in Solvang. Always a fun weekend. Possibly for the last time.
- July 20 & 21 (Fri/Sat) **58th Annual Long Beach 'T' Club Swap Meet**. Los Alamitos Race Course 4961 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos CA 90720. 7AM - 4PM. Admission: \$6. Free Parking
- 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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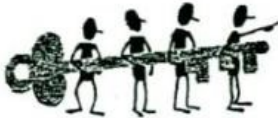
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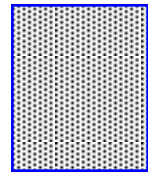
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