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## June 2012

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### Upcoming Business Meetings

#### Important: Date Change!

The **May** meeting will be held at the Waleria clubhouse on the **third Friday, May 18th** at 7:30PM. Come early, help set up and talk Model As with your friends.



The **June** business meeting will be back to the last **Friday, June 29th** at Waleria. Lots of tours to talk about and some repair videos to watch.

See you there!



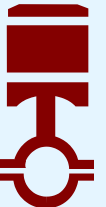
### Upcoming Tours

Our Tour Director, **Elaine Pisu**, filled up May with some fun tours. Read about them and future tours in this issue.

If you take pictures, send me your good ones and we will try and fit them in the newsletter.

### Technical Seminars

Our Technical Director, **Drain Marshall**, is open for suggestions on some fun, educational seminars. If you have a project that needs help, let Drain know and maybe we could provide some good assistance. Lots of great talent in our club!



Tim Harrison's '31 Woody being inspected at the 'Malfunction Junction' Safety Seminar meeting.

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

[www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)

### Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, June 5th** at 7PM at the El Segundo Auto Driving Museum, Lairport St, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Planning more fun events this year. All are welcome.



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*Monty's Message*  
*A Note from our President*  
*Monty Bates*



*Lots Going On. Join in the Fun!*

The month of May has been packed with adventures...first off we had a great turnout at the Peninsula Car Show and Maritime Museum tour. In addition to enjoying all the great cars and visiting with owners we enjoyed a great Mexican food luncheon in celebration of the Cinco de Mayo. Our second tour was to Mosier's Restoration lead by Mirco Pisu and arranged by Jim Beardsley. This small shop contains several beautiful and very expensive cars of concours quality being serviced or restored. We had a great time on both tours and are getting ready for next Sunday's Orange County Pancake Breakfast. I have volunteered to cook and help clean up afterwards...if you can spare the time (from 11:00 - Noon) we can always use more help. Looks like we're going to have a great event with over three hundred cars expected!!!!

June is starting to get "full" with invitations for more possible tours and events of interest. We are looking forward to the Henry Ford Picnic on the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Antique National Drag races in Irwindale on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and new tours being planned. There is even a "Rock 'n Roll Car Show" in the South Bay on June 23<sup>rd</sup>...the Harbor A's are on the move again...everyone is welcome...have fun, come join us!!!!

We have our Club meeting on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>...how about maybe a "White Elephant" sale at that meeting??? We can raise some cash for the club and help move stuff out of my garage and into yours...Think about it. Please feel free to call or email me with new ideas for events or tours and someplace new for dinners...

Be safe out there, there's lots of old people driving around

**Monty**

*Safety Seminar/Meeting: Malfunction Junction*





## June Birthdays

- 7 JoAnn Moore
- 13 Joan Gordinier
- 14 Frances Earhart
- 23 Barney Clayton
- 23 Andy Soto



## June Anniversaries

- 4 Jeanne & Richard Parrish
- 5 Diana & Marty Murphy
- 7 Bill & JoAnn Moore
- 14 Kathy & Jim Valot
- 22 Greg & Frances Earhart

### Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Just a note of thanks to MARC for awarding me the *Award of Excellence* for the HarborLight newsletter. It is very rewarding to be recognized nationally. This is my third year in a row. THANK YOU!

I have been encouraging new members of the Harbor club to receive the Harbor-Light 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.



### Model A Headlamp Adjustment

Reprinted from San Diego MARC/MAFCA "QUAIL CALL" November 2011  
Article by Arlyn Bieber, Technical Director.

At the last meeting, I talked about Model A headlamps and the use of larger bulbs available today. In addition to using the correct bulbs, the headlights need to be properly aligned and focused. How many times have you looked down a row of Model A's and noticed the headlamps pointing up or down or tilted sideways? The following steps I have used for years to align the headlamps. My system is not perfect but it is quick and easy to do and the headlamps look right.

1. Tools needed are a 3/4" open end wrench, straight edge about 36" long and a 6" or 9" torpedo level.
2. Park your Model A on a level area.
3. Loosen the 3/4" nut on the bottom of the headlamp so you can move the headlamp. Keep the nut fairly snug so when you move the headlamp it will stay in position.
4. Take your straight edge (Straight edge could be a 2 x 4) and lay it across the face of the headlamps. (See picture). Then twist each headlamp until both sides of each headlight rim touch the straight edge. This will assure the headlamps are parallel and point straight ahead.

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### Technical Talk

## Headlights (continued from page 3)

5. Now take your torpedo level and place it vertically on the center of each headlight lens. See second picture). Tip the headlight until the bubble is centered between the marks on the level then continue to tip the headlamp so that it points slightly down or until the bubble is centered on the mark nearest the headlamp. Make sure you tip the headlamp down and not up. That is assuming you don't plan to tree a raccoon, if so then tip the headlamp up!!

6. Take your open end wrench and tighten the nut on the bottom of the headlamp.

7. Check your work with the straight edge and level. You may need to go through the procedure again as sometimes the headlamp will move when you tighten the bottom nut.

The procedure for focusing the headlamps is too complex to describe here, but pages 322-324 in the Ford Service Bulletins details the necessary steps to properly focus the headlamps.



Adjust so that both lights are flat against the straight edge.



Adjust lights for 1/2 bubble forward tilt.

### 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.



### Monday at the Deli

Billy's is the place to eat on **Mondays**. Club members have enjoyed the menu at Billy's for a while now and the staff treats us well. Located at 5160 W. 190th St, Torrance CA. (Near the corner of Anza and 190th). Come by and check it out. 5PM is a good time. A back room is ours for as long as we want.

### 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





## Excerpts from Harbor Meeting Minutes

APRIL 28, 2012

Meeting held at Dick & Ursi's during the Safety Seminar/Potluck gathering.

**President:** Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 11:30.

**Salute to the flag:** Led by Monty Bates.

**Recognition of Past Presidents:** Present were Drain, Doris, Dick W., Pat Yacklon and Steve Preston.

**Vice President:** Tim Harrison is picking up a 6 volt battery for the raffle at the OC Pancake Breakfast and one more for NCRG in Sonora.

**Treasurer:** Daffy Wagner reported our financial status.

**HarborLight Editor:** Date of our next business meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup> because of Memorial Day & NCRG. Articles needed May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** Ursi passed out Roadrunner patches. Monty and the whole group gave a Big thank you to Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt for hosting the Safety Seminar/Potluck/Business meeting. Well Done!

**Sunshine:** Doris talked to Rhoda. Paul is content. Rhoda had her last chemo last Thursday. She sent word of thanks to everyone for the cards and thoughts. Paul Jamesson is going to have hip surgery.

**Membership Drawing:** Woman - Carol Olson, not present. Man - Steve Thompson, not present.

**50 - 50:** Won by Ed Firth. \$99

**New Business:** Bill Newell asked for approval to buy stamps to mail advertisers who have not paid.

**Historian/Webmaster:** Sue Hankins said the website is completed and up & running.

Monty announced that the yearly Participation Award is being renamed the Dorothy Wood Participation Award.

The Norval Vorhes Award for mileage has been changed to the Bill Younkin Award.

Monty presented Dick Wyckoff with the MARC Award of Excellence for the HarborLight.

**Tours:** Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> is the Peninsula Seniors meet, Cinco de Mayo lunch at Acapulco restaurant in San Pedro.

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mosier's Restoration Shop in Inglewood. Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> is the OC Pancake Breakfast.

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> is Henry Ford Day at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. \$10 lunch money needs to be in by

June 15<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> is the sixth Hubley Race in San Bernardino put on by Pomona & Paradise Valley As.

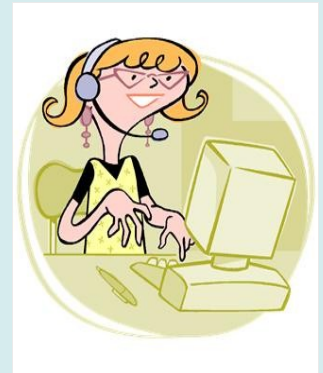
There will be a running board swap meet and \$5 lunch. Register by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Monty awarded Tim Harrison the "Thumb" for his recent breakdown.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

**Next Business meeting:** May 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the third Friday in May, not the fourth.

Respectfully submitted: Pat Yacklon, Secretary



Our Safety Guy and host, Dick Lusk



Our Safety Hostesses, Sam and Ursi

## 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** at 310-539-5391.

**Just a note:** We regularly update the roster. If you have any address changes, phone number changes or email changes, let Ursi know.

Also available are neat ball caps with the club's logo. Available in many colors \$15. There are club T-shirts, pins, and 50th anniversary cookbooks still available, too. Please call **Jan Wyckoff** at 310-322-8863 to place your order.



The club welcomes our newest club member #1040, **Noralene Porper**. She drives a 1929 Model A Sp. Coupe. Noralene lives on 4124 Le Bourget Ave. in Culver City, CA 90232. Her tel #: 310-842-7327. Noralene does not have a computer or e-mail address. Welcome to the Harbor Area As!.

### 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. Both were at Billy's recently. Super!

**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. He is looking to get the other knee fixed soon. Hope all works out well, Gary.

**Jan Wyckoff** had cataract surgery in her left eye and is doing real well. She will have the other done soon. She says the light is sure bright!

**Doris Marshall** had shoulder surgery to repair some damage. It turned out to be painful, but she is doing better all the time. Carry on carrying on, Doris. We love you!



A Fashion Statement from 1928



## **Terrific Tours** **With Elaine Pisu** **Tour Director**

Harbor A's  
had a

## **Tours and More Tours!**



GREAT May of touring. At 6AM on May 5<sup>th</sup> I wondered who's stupid idea it was to get going so darn early on a Saturday morning? Oh yeah, I agreed to do it. Many of our members are retired but for those of us still working it seemed like a terrible

plan on one of the two days in a week that we should be able to sleep in but it turned out to be a great day. We had 20 members and 11 A's at the Peninsula Seniors car show for a beautiful morning of coffee, visiting and looking at cars. The Model A section had really blossomed and we even got Nathan Sherry to join us! What a great surprise that was. People strolling the parking lot included former members Cliff and Donna Heiss. It was wonderful to see them again. Hopefully we will get to see more of them since their Coupe is being restored.

After the Peninsula gathering some of us headed to the coast, past the Trump Golf Course towards Ports o' Call in San Pedro. We took a tour thru the Maritime Museum and enjoyed some fun pictures of the San Pedro Harbor and Terminal Island during the booming years of Charlie Tuna and his Starkist packing plant. We got to see photos of the Terminal Island Ferry and heard Nathan Sherry and Linda Freitag share their stories of riding the ferry many years ago. And of course we had to end the day with a wonderful Cinco de mayo lunch on the patio at Acapulco restaurant looking over the harbor, eating chips and salsa, sipping margaritas not to mention a few laughs with some good friends. This was a wonderful day and we even got to share it with Bobby D & Phyllis. Thanks to all that came.

May 12<sup>th</sup> Jim Beardsley arranged a tour at Mosiers Restoration Shop and Mirco tells me I missed some beautiful cars. What a great turnout again we had 22 people and nine A's show up for this tour. We heard about people spending \$450,000 to restore a car. WOW! Mosiers put together cars that compete at Pebble Beach and perfection is the norm for the quality of work they do. Thanks Jim for arranging a great tour not to mention Jim and Elyse provided coffee and donuts.

So next on our list will be the OC Pancake Breakfast which is coming up fast 5/20/12. A write up will be in the next issue.

## **UPCOMING TOURS:**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** **OC Pancake Breakfast:** Meet at Mills at 7AM leave at 7:15, ugh, on a sleep-in day :O(

We are planning on helping with clean-up to give our OC friends a hand so if you can, stick around at the end please let Monty know.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** Ed Firth has invited us to the **Heritage Square Museum** for a relaxing day of showing off our cars and enjoy a picnic lunch. Please sign up at the club meeting so we can let Ed know how many cars to expect. We will have to meet at Mills at 9AM. Let me know if you are coming.

**June 23** we are planning on going to the **Rock n Roll Car show** at 2335 208<sup>th</sup> street. We will have an opportunity to tour the Rock-Ola Jukebox factory and RJB Restoration Service where they have been restoring antique jukeboxes, Radios and HiFi's since 1979. If you would like to show your car entry fee is \$20 gate opens at 8AM. Those of us going to stroll the grounds will be meeting at Mills at 9 AM.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** we are going to the **Henry Ford Picnic** at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. We will meet at Mills at 8:30 and leave at 9:00 The BBQ lunch is \$10 per person so please sign up and let me know if you are coming. If you don't get signed up and want to come just bring your own lunch.

**July 13-15<sup>th</sup>** is Solvang **Wings & Wheels** and of course this needs no explanation. (PS: July 13<sup>th</sup> is Mirco's 60<sup>th</sup> so Friday's dinner in Solvang should be fun)

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** Sam Fine has invited us to join him at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual **People's Choice Car Show**. There is a club participation award being offered for the club with the largest number of participants which I would love to see us take. Entry fee is \$25 if postmarked by July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## *Wheels & Deals:*

### For Sale:

- **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.

## *More Safety Pictures*





## **Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2012**

- 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
- August 25 (Sat)      **El Segundo Main Street Car Show**. Our 15th year! Contact Dick Wyckoff for details.
- Sept 16 (Sun)      Palos Verdes **Concours d'Elegance** at Trump Nat Golf Course. This year there will be a Model A Class with a display of 'Henry' award cars from Southern Calif. Save the date!
- September 30th (Sun)      51st Annual Antique **Swap Meet**. Paradise Valley 'A' Club. San Bernardino. Held at the Western Little League Headquarters 6707 Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA. Info: John at 909-875-4545
- October 7 (Sun)      **Frazier Park picnic** hosted by the Bakersfield Model A Club.



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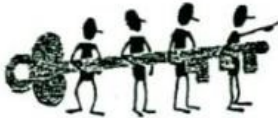
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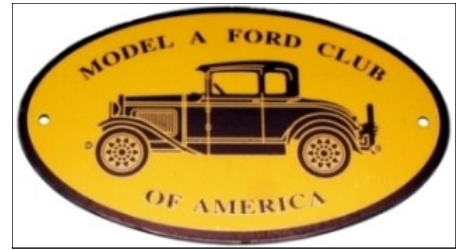
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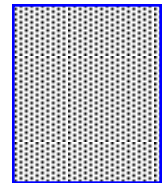
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