

# Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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July 2012

## Upcoming Business Meetings

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

The July meeting will be Friday, July 27th at Walteria. This meeting we will have a 'White Elephant' auction with Bill Newell



running the bidding. Bring your treasures to sell. Proceeds go to the club.

Come early, help set up and talk Model As with your friends.

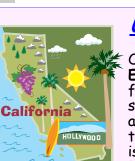
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Pat Yacklon and Sue Hankins hiking in Bryce Canyon while on vacation



## Upcoming Tours

The HarborLight Newsletter was awarded the MARC Newsletter Award of Excellence

2009, 2010 and 2011

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

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

#### Technical Seminars

Our Technical Director, Drain Marshall is working with Al Avoian to put the body of Al's AA truck on its frame. The date as of this time is July 7th at Al's garage. Check with Drain for details. Help get another Model A on the road!

Our new website is up and running! Visit it at: www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

#### Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday**, **July 10th** 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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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!!!

Another great year to celebrate being lucky enough to live in the United States.

The Henry Ford Picnic ended the month of June with a bang! The whole month was filled with activities, shows, tours and some good meals along the way. We had a good turn out at the El Segundo Driving Museum show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with both Bobby D. and Dan Fitzgerald winning awards. The Heritage Museum tour was well attended and a good time was had by all. It looks like there will be a crowd at the "Rock 'n Roll" Car Show Saturday the 23rd in Torrance.

News from the City of Torrance...I have been talking with the City Manager's Office and they want cars from the Harbor A's to showcase the upcoming event. As many of you know the city is completing a new East/West corridor using Del Amo Blvd. It required building a new bridge to link Maple and Madrona. They want convertibles for the Mayor and eight (8) other "dignitaries" to ride in and be there for the ribbon cutting...Drain Marshall is collecting volunteers...hope we can get that Model A Police car???? Please help our club get some free publicity...and join the party in late August.

The big event for July is "Wings & Wheels" in Solvang on July 13-15. We are enjoying our dinners at Billy's Monday nights...come by and join us for lively conversation, reasonably good food and a chance to visit with friends. Drop me a line and let me know what's going on.

Also, Joe Freitag is helping Elaine Pisu as our Tour Director while she is on vacation in Italy and he has told me the Harbor A's will be continue doing some fun tours. Thanks, Joe.

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







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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 Harbor-

Light by **email**. I am also asking 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 <u>each month</u> 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, <u>AND</u> 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 <u>item for sale</u>, let me know. I will put it in the '<u>Wheels and Deals'</u> section. Thanks . . . .

Technical Talk

## A New Idea on Adjusting Brakes by Dick Wyckoff

My wife's Cabriolet was having a little braking problem on our last outing. Nothing big, but a concern. The car is a three year old restoration with mostly restored everything and has always had good brakes. I keep them adjusted the usual way by jacking up each wheel and tightening the adjustment until there is a slight drag, back it off one click and move on. For some reason, I ended up with out of balance braking. A slight pull to left, a little harder on the pedal. Just not quite right.

Then I had an idea. I have one of those IR temp guns used to read the temperature of things like the radiator, the transmission, the exhaust, etc. I took the car out and drove it around the block, stopped to the side of the road and "shot" the temperature of the brake drums. This would be my base line of information. (continued on next page)

## A New Idea . . . (cont)

What I found was that my adjustments were off a click or two. How did I know this? On of the front drums was 40 degrees warmer than the rest. Mind you, this was without any hard braking. I backed it off one click and started up again.

This time I rode the brakes kinda hard for about a block. One foot on the gas and one on the brake. I pulled over and "shot" the temperature of the drums again. I found one of the rears was 75 degrees cooler than the other and one of the fronts was about 60 degrees hotter. I tightened up the cool one and backed off the hot one.

I repeated this once more after several minutes and made minor adjustments. Already the brakes were much better. After just a couple adjustment trips around the block, the brakes have never been better. The pedal is near the top, the brakes are comfortably cool with normal driving, and the car stops with ease.

This may be one good way to test how your brakes are adjusted. Give it a try. I was surprised how easy it was and how nice the brakes are now.





Sears IR temp gun



#### 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



## Harbor MARC / MAFCA Business Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2012

<u>President:</u> Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. at the Walteria clubhouse.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier.

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present are Doris & Drain Marshall,

Dick Wyckoff and Pat Yacklon.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes approved as emailed to the Board.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Daffy reported all is well.

<u>HarborLight Editor</u>: Dick Wyckoff sent electronic copies Tuesday. He would like members to send him articles of their restoration or interesting Model A stories.

Turn in any articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

<u>Membership</u>: Ursi announced that we had 39 members in attendance. Andy Soto has signed up again. <u>Membership drawing</u>: \$15 woman's prize to Ruxella Speights. Man's prize: Joe Beason, not present. <u>Sunshine</u>: Doris has been trying to contact Marty Murphy since his recent knee surgery. Margaret Gott is doing well. Paul Jamesson wasn't feeling well. Rhoda Larquier has finished chemo and is doing a study with UCLA for pancreatic cancer. Paul L. sleeps a lot and doesn't eat much. Mr. & Mrs. Skinner's grandson was hit by a car but is okay. Dick said Jan had cataract surgery in both eyes.

<u>Webmaster</u>: Someone called Monty about a Zenith four cylinder carburetor. Forwarded the info to Dick Lusk. Sue received a call from a member asking to have their picture and name removed from website. Sue will continue to update the website while traveling.

Advertisement: Bill Newell said there are five unpaid advertisers.

Badge fines: Jack Gordinier collected \$1.50.

New Business: White elephant sale will happen soon with Bill Newell as the auctioneer.

Clock Prize: \$5.00 won by Bill Knott.

<u>Other</u>: Retired Navy Chief, Dick Wyckoff mentioned that May 28<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day. He asked the veterans to stand and they were recognized by the club members and thanked for their service. <u>50-50</u>: Bobby D. won \$40.

<u>Tours</u>: Elaine Pisu passed out a list of future tours and discussed them in length to the members. Monty thanked Bill Newell for refreshments and Ursi for her hard work. Pat Y. recognized Jan Wyckoff for taking over the club store selling hats and T-shirts. Two hats were given to the owners at the Mosier restoration shop tour.

Sue showed a video of the Balboa Tour and Safety Seminar at Dick & Ursi's. A video on installing turn signals was shown.

<u>VP:</u> Tim Harrison thanked all the members who donated prizes to the raffle table.

Monty adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

Next Business meeting: June 25<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully Submitted: Secretary, Pat Yacklon





## 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 phone-book/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 following up her chemo treatments with a research program at UCLA. We're thinking of you <u>and</u> Paul.

**Paul and Rose Jamesson** are doing better. This 'feel-bad' stuff ain't fun. Both were at Billy's recently. Super!

Gary Guttormson has had his second knee replaced. Hopefully he is doing much better. Its tough driving his Model A with a bum knee.

**Jan Wyckoff** had a little scare with a rapid, irregular heartbeat. A couple days in the hospital and some new meds are helping.

**Doris Marshall** had shoulder surgery, but she is doing better all the time. Carry on carrying on, Doris. We love you!

**Thom Marshall** is trying to schedule a follow-up surgery for a serious hernia. Hopefully he will have it soon and end all the suffering. We're pullin' for you, Thom.



## Tours and More Tours!



The Harbor A's have been on the road. Since the last newsletter we had a great turn out for the Orange County Pancake Breakfast. Bobby & Phyllis

De Crescenzo were BIG winners with a new set of tires. The Pisu's had the fun of driving the tires home in their pickup so that when we do win them, we know what it will feel like. As always, we had a great time and we hope this event will continue for many years to come. We have to be VERY PROUD of our Commander in Chief Monty Bates for the fantastic job he did helping on the food line for several hours. He signed up to help but couldn't walk away until the last truck was loaded. GREAT JOB MONTY. YOU MADE US PROUD!!

Several Harbor members headed to NCRG and all reports were that a great time was had by all!! I heard there were a lot of great prize winners at that event too. Can't wait to see Jan Wyckoff showing off the vintage outfit that she won.

We were well represented at the El Segundo Driving Museum see Joe Freitag's article for details. June 9<sup>th</sup> had us heading in two directions. Several members went to Heritage Square and joined other Model A clubs at the restored homes alongside the Pasadena Freeway.

The second option for June 9<sup>th</sup> was a poker run in Orange County for the Ovarian Cancer Alliance. There was a great turn out, 5 fun stops and a wonderful BBQ sandwich lunch at the last stop. The Avoians and the Pisus both went home with raffle prizes, a nice lunch and a fun day. We saw some of the



most beautiful back road areas of Orange County close to Oneil Regional Park. Those of us that have never lived in the OC had no idea there are so many huge beautiful tree in that area. Thanks Linda for inviting us to join your event.

**Upcoming** we have the Rock 'n Roll Car Show on 6/23 and the Henry Ford Picnic on 6/24. One of our best road trips is Wings 'n Wheels July 13, 14, & 15 in Solvang. You won't want to miss this event.

On Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> we are going to have a tour to the People's Choice Car Show being held in Long Beach. Please let me know if you would like to show your car and I can give you the registration form. If you register by 7/18 the cost is \$25. It's a great event and is a fund raiser for the Wyo Tech Students. Spectators are free. There will be a prize for the most members of a club and trophies in all classes. Check out the website WWW.southbaymustangowners.org. Keep in mind it is hosted by the Mustang Club but open to **ALL MAKES and MODELS**. More details at the club meeting.

### UPCOMING TOURS:

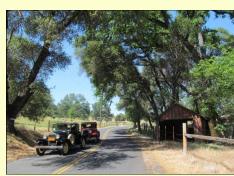
July 13-15<sup>th</sup> is Solvang <u>Wings & Wheels</u> and of course this needs no explanation. (PS: July 13<sup>th</sup> is Mirco's 60<sup>th</sup> so Friday's dinner in Solvang should be fun)

<u>July 29<sup>th</sup></u> Sam Fine has invited us to join him at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual <u>People's Choice Car Show</u>. 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>.

<u>August 11th</u> The August event will be Aug 11. A drive thru <u>Palos Verdes</u>ending in a tour of the Point Fermin Lighthouse. Parking will be in the lighthouse grounds. Drive to San Pedro with view of the <u>USS Iowa</u>. Lunch in the Green Onion.



Heritage Park, Pasadena



Wyckoffs and Gordiniers on tour in Sonora NCRG



Jan's Cabriolet won best '30-'31 Open Car at pancake breakfast

## Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- Set of 4 brand new Goodyear 21" blackwall tires won at the O.C. pancake breakfast. Cost new with tax is \$780. For sale for \$ 650. Call Bob DeCrescenzo at 310 540-3690.
- Four Chevrolet/GMC "Mag" Silverado wheels with high rubber, Goodyear tires, 235/75/16 for Pick-Ups and SUV's. Complete with center caps and lug nuts. Six lug pattern. A steal at \$400, or of course, OBO. Call Ted Dalton, at 562-989-8971. Any time.

#### Wanted:

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

The HARBOR MODEL A Club represented itself with a variety of Model A types at the El Segundo Educa-tional Foundation, (ED!) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show at the Automobile Driving Museum, (ADM) on June 2, 2012.

This event featured Surf Wagons, Sports Cars, Customs/Modified, Hot Rods, Factory Stock and Motorcycles. Our Model A's were displayed with the Factory Stock. This is not the first time that "Harbor Members" have supported this worthy event, but this is the first time that Harbor as a Club, presented itself as an organization promoting the hobby and pleasure of owning a Model A to the general public attending this event. Communities within California are facing a decrease in the amount of state provided funds for their school districts. The "Ed!" was created to narrow the widening gap between the decreasing state funds provided and what is required to maintain excellence in their school districts. "ED!" is a partnership of individuals businesses, corporations and residents throughout their community to provide sustainable and consistent funding. Other commu-nities have similar fund raising events, but the "ED!" car show, (one of many ED! fundraising events,) at the ADM gave Harbor a chance to educate the public about Model A's and give recognition through awards to our members and their beautiful cars.

Working with the ADM, Joe Freitag became the event coordinator and requested several members to bring their cars to facilitate the showing of a variety of Model A automobiles. Dan Fitzgerald brought his 1930 Speedster, Monty Bates brought his 1931 Tudor for the morning session, Bob De Crescenzo presented his 1930 Tudor with a display of tools and a sign explaining the features of his car, Al Avoian's 1929 Murray Fordor rounded out the sedans, while Joe displayed his 1930 Cabriolet, Paul Idelson from the Screen Club joined us with his 1929 Coupe and Jack Goldberg brought his 1929 AA Truck.

Families attending the event spent time admiring our cars and their paparazzi like members who took lots of pictures of our cars and the details of the features of our Model A's. As a sponsor of Harbor, ADM's Founder, Director, Curator, ED! coordinator and Restorer visited our display and complemented us on our presentation. We got special exposure to some locked buildings. A major highlight for Harbor was the particular interest that Gene O'Hara, ADM's famed restorer took to admiring Jack Goldberg's truck. Although Jack discussed his plan for im-proving the appearance of his vehicle, Gene thought it should remain "original" and declared that in his opinion, Jack's car was the "Best of the Show". Unfortunately, the best went to a more modern 1958 Ford Galaxie. Although we were recognized as the Club best represented, we chose to accept individual awards instead of a Club award. This event only gives First and Second Prize ribbons. Dan Fitzgerald was awarded a blue ribbon for first prize and Bab De Crescenzo out second prize. Of course, those attending had time to encode in good

for first prize and Bob De Crescenzo got second prize. Of course, those attending had time to engage in good conversation covering a variety of subjects, and more importantly, learning more and more about each other that goes hand-in-hand in building good friendships.

#### By: Joe Freitag 6/3/2012





## Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2012

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 8 (Sat) Tromper's Swap Meet, Figueroa and the 134 fwy (exit Figueroa). Free admission.
- 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.

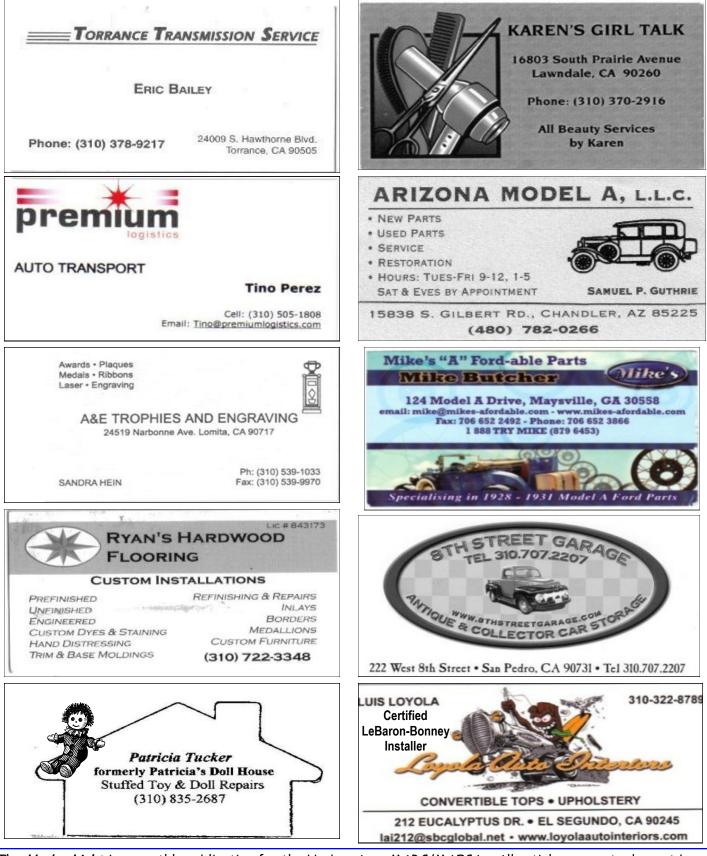


A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."





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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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Freedom is not Free Long may she wave! Happy July 4th

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