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HARBORLIGHT

Upcoming Business Meetings

The July meeting will be Friday, July 27th at Waltheria. 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.



The August meeting will be Friday, August 31st at Waltheria.

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

See you there!

*Happy Birthday
Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA
55 years old on August 27*



Upcoming Tours

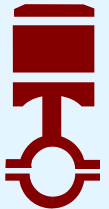


Our Tour Director, Elaine Pisu saw to it that we all had a fun time at the Wings 'n Wheels weekend in Solvang CA. Joe Freitag has a fun tour for August.

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 looking for some projects for the club. They could include rebuilding Model A parts, installing new upgrades in your car, or just tuning up the 'ol Model A. Check with Drain with your idea.



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

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 7th 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA !!!

I was reminded by long time members that August is the club's anniversary month. We are 55 years old and counting. It is hard to believe we made it this far. HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Interestingly, we have been in the Walteria Clubhouse for 51 years. I guess we have seniority, whatever that means.

The month of July was a busy one for many of us. The summer vacations and time spent with family. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families in Colorado that must deal with the senseless deaths that occurred in that theatre. We all hold our loved ones a little closer for awhile.

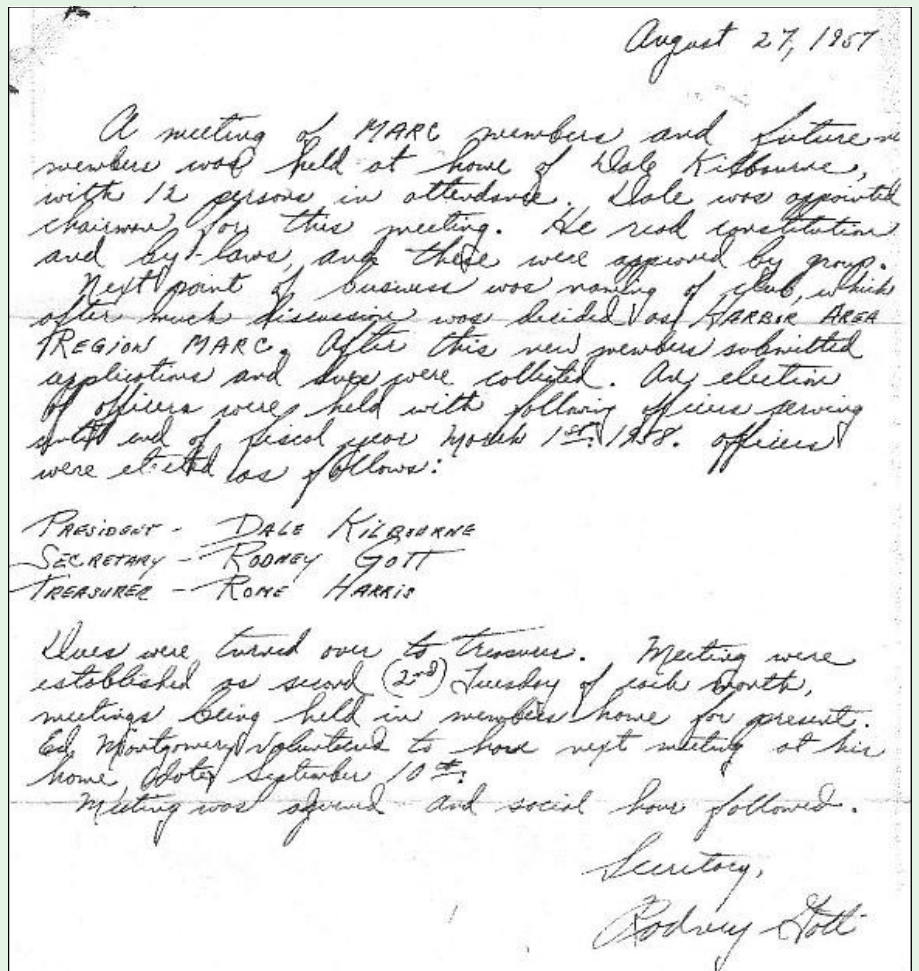
The Harbor A's will be in the spot light as several cars will be used in the opening ceremony on Wednesday, August 22...this opens a east/west corridor to Del Amo Blvd. We need convertibles of all kinds...we have Steve's police car, too. I am sure the "dignitaries" from the city of Torrance will enjoy their elevated status riding in a Ford Model A.

Tours are in the works with Joe Frietag taking over for Elaine as she & Mirco head to Italy for a vacation. Wings & Wheels was a complete success based on what I was told by several of our members. Pat & Sue keep several of us up to date on their adventures to the Canadian border via some beautiful scenery...looking forward to Sue's photography of their trip.

We continue to enjoy our dinners at Billy's each Monday night. Billy's will never be on L.A.'s Top 10 Best but the staff is friendly and the people are fantastic!!!! Don't forget the very special "White Elephant" sale after our abbreviated meeting, Friday. I will open the club house at 6:30 to assist in setting up tables, etc. Come on folks, clean out the garage & make some money for the Harbor A's...guaranteed to sponsor events this Fall. Drop me a line via BATESX@aol.com & let me how we're doing...thanks!

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

Monty



August Birthdays

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Sandy Ragon | 15 Marty Murphy |
| 1 Bill Knott | 18 Linda Skinner |
| 2 Janice Dalton | 20 Dorothy Knott |
| 2 Jerry Strosnider | 23 Jack Gordinier |
| 4 Paul Larquier | 24 Gwen Valot |
| 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo | 25 Dick Valot |
| 14 Greg Earhart | 26 Monty Bates |



August Anniversaries

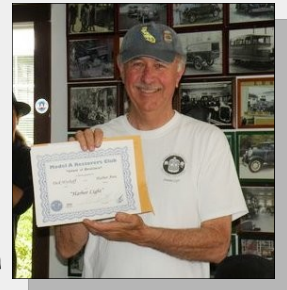
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| 4 Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs |
| 4 Steven & Weeg Thompson |
| 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard |
| 6 Dolores & Jerry Strosnider |
| 12 Doris & Drain Marshall |
| 19 James & Mary Walker |
| 22 Ed & Linda Firth |
| 25 Paul & Rose Jamesson |

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 HarborLight 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 each month per email subscriber. I have an email distribution now of 43 people from the Harbor Club and 26 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 . . .



Technical Talk

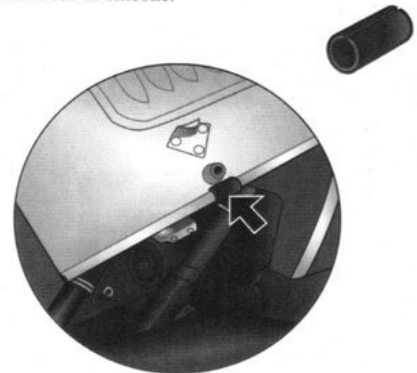
A Couple Simple Maintenance Ideas.....

You know that drop of oil on the dipstick when you check the oil? It could be just what those leakless water pumps need. When you check the oil, put that drop of oil on the shaft of the water pump where it goes into the packing nut. The rubber seal is a dry seal that wears down from lack of lubricant. That drop of oil is just enough to keep things from wearing out too soon. You could do it again on the shaft going into the front part of the housing also. Wouldn't hurt. How about a drop of oil on the throttle and spark linkage ends? Those spring loaded ends wear away or go flat in time.

HOOD ANTI-CHIP PROTECTOR

A very simple solution to the problem of chipping the paint on your hood when latching the hood down with the hood handles is to cut four 1" to 2" lengths of fuel tubing, which are then cut length wise as shown.

Slide the tubing over the rolled lower edge of the hood and secure in place with a dab of silicone.



Late 1931 AA Stakebed Getting a Fit Check

On July 7th, several members met at Al Avoian's garage in Torrance to do a fit check of the cab of Al's late '31 AA truck.

The truck has been sitting for a while and Al wants to get it on the road again. Just a couple months ago, a few guys got the engine going for the first time in a long time, so things are starting to happen. Some of the tasks for the fit check were frame webbing, wooden block positioning, locating hardware and generally sizing up the project.



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 June 29th, 2012



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

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Present were Doris & Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff and Duane Nead.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as published in the Harbor Light.

Vice President: Tim announced that there will not be a raffle at the July 27 meeting as we are going to have a White Elephant Auction at that meeting. Bill Newell will be the auctioneer. Bring your treasures for a fun evening. Proceeds go to the club.

Treasurer: We have an acceptable balance.

HarborLight Editor: He needs articles by the 15th.

Historian: Not present, having a great time visiting all the National parks.

Membership: There were 37 present, including Willie from Screenland As, his first time at our club meeting.

Membership Drawing: Anita Perreten women's name drawn, not present. Joe Freitag's name was drawn for the man's prize, he won \$20. Clock prize of \$5 won by Noralene Porper

Technical & Safety: Art and Jack adjusted Al's brakes. Next Technical will be Sat., July 7th, 9 am at Al's garage to put the body on Al's AA truck. Dancing girls may also be in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$4.10 was collected.

Sunshine: Monty Grossman had a TIA, Dorothy Wood not able to come to meeting - she said she was a "dizzy blonde". Rhoda had eye cataract surgery, she's very happy with results. Gary Guttormson is recovering from knee surgery and still in a lot of pain. Toad and Art visited Gary. It was suggested that we also visit Everett. Bob Olsen's wife Carol is much better. Georgette is still in the hospital, Friday was the first day she could eat. Jean Webb is not well. Jan is doing better after hospital visit.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: June birthdays were: JoAnn Moore, Joan Gordinier, Fran Earhart, Barney Clayton and Andy Soto. Anniversaries were: Jeanne & Richard Parrish, Diana & Marty Murphy, Bill & JoAnn Moore, Kathy & Jim Valot, and Greg & Fran Earhart.

Tools Coordinator: Bobby D. said that all oil was on sale for \$1.99 a quart at Ace Hardware. He also told about the drawing at the Henry Ford picnic where there was a bicycle to be given away. A young man put lots of tickets in for the bike. He even tried to sell his lunch ticket so he'd have more money for tickets. John Lareau won the bike but gave the boy the bike. Then John proceeded to win one of the 50/50 cash drawings so everyone was thrilled with that outcome. At our club raffle several who had already won said they'd do a "John Lareau" and let someone else have a chance at winning.

Tours: Wings & Wheels is July 13-15, meet at Mills at 8:00 a.m. Friday night dinner planned, and is also Mirco's birthday. July 29 car show at WyoTech's campus, 2161 Technology Pl., Long Beach, 10-3, with a People's Choice award to be given. Aug. 12 is a Wounded Warrior car show - also at WyoTech's campus. A progressive is planned for Oct.

Joe Freitag will take over for Elaine while she and Mirco are in Italy. He plans a tour on Aug. 11th to the Palos Verdes Lighthouse, with lunch at the Green Onion in San Pedro.

Web Master: Not present. She is on vacation.

Old Business: Monty has been in touch with the City of Torrance, they are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the Del Amo street about Aug. 22/23rd. They would like convertibles to carry dignitaries. Names mentioned were Dick Lusk, Al Avoian, Ed Firth, and Dick Wyckoff, Dan Fitzgerald. Steve Newton will bring his Model A cop car. The Daily Breeze will be covering the event.

New Business: Parrish's are in Marquette, MI for at meet, 107 degrees at night! Diamond Tread club thanked us for attending the Henry Ford picnic. Some cars parked under trees may have had sap drip on them. Try putting a cotton ball on the drip, if it sticks then use hand sanitizer to clean the area.

Refreshments hosted by: Dot Knott

Next General Meeting: July 27th

Next Board Meeting: July 10th at the El Segundo ADM. 7PM

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 p.m.

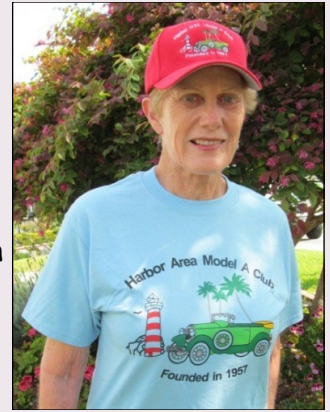
Respectfully submitted: Jan Wyckoff, Acting Secretary

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 embroidered 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.



Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Rhoda Larquier is following up her chemo treatments with a research program at UCLA. Also, her cataract surgery went well. We're thinking of you and 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. He did make it to Billy's last week!

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

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.

Georgette Avoian had some surgery recently that kept her down for a couple weeks. She was at Billy's last week and she seems to be doing better all the time. Great to see you again!

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45E731—Blue All Wool Flannel Coat. Postpaid.....9.95
45E736—White All Wool Worsteds Serge Trousers with Fancy Black Stripes. Postpaid.....\$4.95

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45E736—All Wool White Flannel Trousers. Postpaid.....5.50

Measuring Instructions Are on Back of Order Blank in Back of Catalog PUBL 723

Terrific Tours
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Tours and More Tours!

On Sunday July 29th 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 WyoTech 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.

Sixteen members of the Harbor Area club made the 150 mile journey July 13th to Solvang CA to attend the 18th annual **Wings 'n Wheels** event sponsored by the Vintage Aircraft Association. We meet at an aircraft hanger at the Santa Inez airport where the Saturday night BBQ dinner and Sunday morning Danish breakfast are held.



In addition to the cars 'n plane things, on July 13th, the Harbor club and friends celebrated **Mirco Pisu's** 60th birthday and **Jack and Joan Gordinier's** 40th wedding anniversary at a nice restaurant nearby. Always a fun time celebrating with friends.



The Saturday tour took us to the private home of Don Noonan. The back yard has a garage that brought all the men to tears. It was 6000 sq. ft and contained a machine shop, three planes, a '29 Model A RPU and lots of floor space. Be still my heart! The second part of the tour took us to the Jack Mendenhall Museum. Here was a very large display of racing history going back to the 30's. Drag racing, track racing, but mostly Bonneville type, dry lakes racing. Quite a lot of racing history all in one place.



UPCOMING TOURS:

July 29th Sam Fine has invited us to join him at the 18th 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 post-marked by July 18th.

August 11th

HARBOR MODEL A TOUR

Palos Verdes Estates, RPV & Pont Fermin - Lunch Green Onion in San Pedro

Tour meets at **9:00 AM, August 11**

Palos Verdes Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates

Reach the PV Golf Club by driving south on Hawthorne Blvd to Palos Verdes Drive North.

Right on PV Drive North to second stop sign, which is Via Campesina.

Left on Via Campesina. to the PV Golf Club. Pass two driveways into the Golf club

Take 3rd driveway on right into the main club parking lot - across from street sign "Yellow Brick Road"

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.
- 1928-29 **Stone Guard** - new in box \$125.00. 1930 Cabriolet **Windshield frame** - needs re-chrome. Make offer, **Transmission** in excellent shape no cover or tower, \$500. 1928-30 **Instrument panel** needs plating \$5.00. Other stuff: Motor mounts, wood headers, steering wheel, clutch plate, Make offer. Call Joe 310 377-0135
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Wanted:

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

More Club Event Pictures

A collection of pictures taken at both the Henry Ford picnic and Wings 'n Wheels in Solvang.



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2012

- August 19 (Sun) 'Pickers Paradise' **swap meet**. Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St., Buena Park CA. 8AM-1PM
- August 22 (Wed) Opening of Del Amo Blvd. East-West lanes. Convertibles needed. Contact Monty Bates.
- August 25 (Sat) **El Segundo Main Street Car Show**. Our 15th year! 10am to 4pm. About 300 cars of all types. Main Street from El Segundo to Mariposa. 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.



Members Sue Hankins and Pat Yacklon on vacation



Pictures taken at the Henry Ford Picnic

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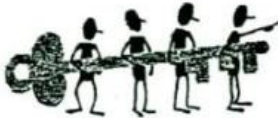


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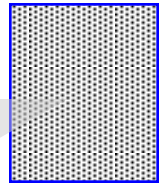
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