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Upcoming Business Meetings

Our September meeting will be on **Friday, September 28th** at 7:30, at Walteria Clubhouse.



Our October meeting will be on **Friday, October 26th**, again at the clubhouse. Nominations for next year's officers will be taken. This is also a pot luck night.

Come early, help set up and talk Model As with your friends. See you there!

Tours



See your pictures in the newsletter. When you go on the tours, take pictures, send your good ones to the editor and he will try and fit them in the newsletter.

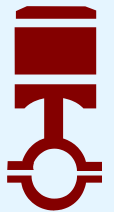
Speaking of fun events, reserve **Saturday October 6th** as a club's anniversary picnic at Columbia Park in Torrance. It will be a pot luck affair. Bobby D. promised to set up the club's Hubley track for a little racing!

Technical Seminars

Troubleshooting Sue's car **October 20th**. Learn some info on electrical problems. More to come.

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.

Let him know if you have a good idea.



Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, October 2nd** at 7PM at the El Segundo Auto Driving Museum, Lairport St, El Segundo, CA 90245.



Our new website is up and running!

Visit it at:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

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A new Model A judge?

Picture taken by editor at the Palos Verdes Concours. Young boy, (18mos?) admiring himself in the hubcap of Jim and Elyse Beardsley's '31 Slantwindow Sedan.

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Monty's Message
A Note from our President
Monty Bates



Is Summer Gone and Fall Here Already?

Someone *please* tell me when we are going to cool down...the month of September has been a hot one and our calendar of events for October will be HOT, too!!!! Lots of activities, tours, technical seminars and enjoying each other's company!!! We end of the month of September with a tour of Rancho Los Cerritos on the 29th.

We start off with the celebration of the Harbor A's 55th anniversary on Saturday, October 6th at Columbia Park in Torrance...let's make a real effort to attend. Sign-ups for the pot luck will be taken at our next club meeting. We will offset costs for food & drinks so that everyone can have a great time. On Sunday, October 7th there is the Frazier Park picnic sponsored by the Bakersfield Model A Club.

We have confirmed our 2012 "Progressive" Tour for Saturday, October 13th. Tour Director, Elaine Pisu will be providing more details. This will be a great outing for the club and we sure believe in "the more, the merrier". Our October business meeting will be a Pot Luck event, guaranteed to be a delicious. At the same meeting, nominations for next year's Board will be open. Positions are Treasurer, Technical Director, and Tour Director. Please give some consideration in running for these positions. The pay ain't great, but the rewards are plentiful.

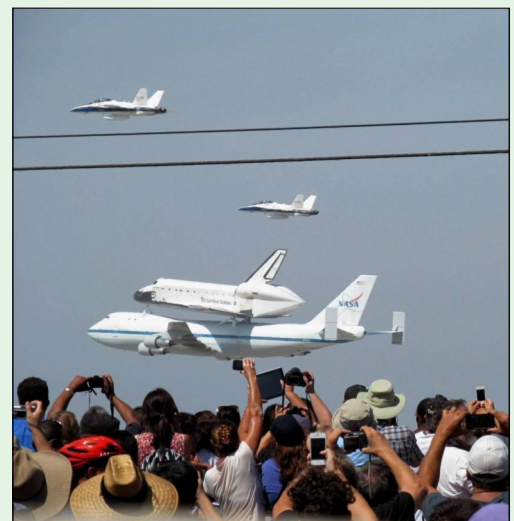
We continue to meet on Monday night at Billie's. We get a chance to get caught up on current events; family and friends are always welcomed. We're on the move in October and it sure looks like we're in for lots of fun. Our Club is blessed with great people, sharing their appreciation for the Model A and a desire to share their experiences and knowledge with others. I am proud to be your President!!!

See careful out there...I did get my new windshield and wiper in my '31 Tudor. It is sure nice to be able to see where I'm goin'.

Monty



Labor Day drive. Stopping for a photo op at Trump Golf Course, PV



Shuttle Endeavour making a pass at LAX before landing

October Birthdays

- 9 Julie Goldberg
- 13 Adeline Bates
- 25 Tim Harrison
- 27 Glenn Stonehocker



October Anniversaries

- 1 Jim & Ruxella Speights
- 8 Glen & Nita Stonehocker
- 20 Elyse & Jim Beardsley

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

On Sunday, September 16th, Dan Fitzgerald and I were managers of two classes of cars at the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance at the Trump National Golf Course. I managed the Model A class while Dan managed the Utility Vehicle class. Out of the 18 total cars, 12 were Model As. Of those 18, four were 'Henry' cars. I must say, we had a great collection of cars on display. When the final results were in, three of the four 'Henry' cars were Model A class winners and one of the Model As in Dan's Utility Vehicle class was a second place winner. A great showing for our beloved Model As. See pictures below.

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 . . .



1st Place Bob Burdick's '28 Special Coupe



Model A display at the Palos Verdes Concours

Frances Josephine Harrison

VP Tim Harrison recently lost his mother (Jo). She was 97. She was born in Venice CA in 1915 and married Tim's dad, Tom, in 1938. She was a long time resident of Hermosa Beach. Jo volunteered for 40 years for local children's hospital thrift stores. She loved cooking, baking, sewing, and the beach. Tim's brother, Matt, and sister, Holly made sure she was comfortable in her most recent residence in Palm Springs where she had many friends.

Our thoughts are with the Harrison family in this time of sorrow. May she rest in peace.

Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

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. He is doing much better. Its tough driving his Model A with a bum knee. He did make it to Billy's again last week!

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. They drained a lot of fluid from his mid-section recently. Last info we had , he was at home after a stay at Torrance Memorial. Thom was at breakfast last Sunday. Yeh Thom!!!!!!

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.

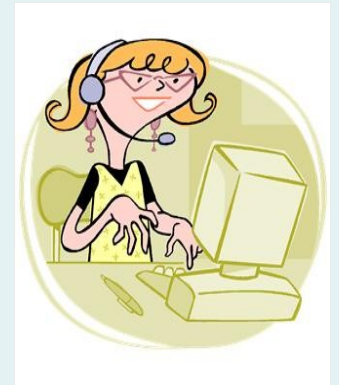
Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



Harbor MARC / MAFCA Business Meeting Minutes

August 31st, 2012

Location: WALTERIA Clubhouse, Torrance CA



President: Monty Bates called the meeting on order at 7:32 PM.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier.

Recognition of past Presidents: Present are Doris & Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff, Steve Preston and Pat Yacklon.

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer: Daffy reported a balance of \$6760.89.

Vice President: Tim Harrison said he had the pleasure of having Maxine Waters ride in his A at the opening of the Del Amo Street bridge ceremonies. (See picture below)

Harborlight Editor: Monty thanked Dick for an excellent job on the Harborlight. Dick Wyckoff said he inadvertently left out Georgette's sincere thank you to all for the well wishes and prayers after her recent hospital stay. She is doing much better now.

Historian/Webmaster: Monty encouraged everyone to look at the club website and thanked Sue for a great job. Sue has loaded the recent Del Amo bridge opening.

Membership: Ursi said there were 44 people in attendance. She reported that Larry Vivian, member #552, obituary was in the Daily Breeze.

Attendance Prize: Man: Don Knott, not present. Woman: Elyse Beardsley, not present.

Technical and Safety: Drain reported that all cars are in working order. Dot's EZ-Steer still needs to be done. Wilbur Richardson needs engine work and one 21" rim. Dick W. had one for him.

Sergeant at Arms: Jack collected \$4.49.

Sunshine: Doris reported that Paul is feeling and eating better. Rhoda is now cancer free after one year of treatment. Rose Jameson is feeling better, but Paul isn't doing so well. Ed Buck passed away.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Monty read off the list from the Harborlight.

Tours: Monty thanked Joe Freitag for filling in for Elaine and great job on the PV tour. Monty welcomed back Elaine Pisu. Monty talked about the 55th anniversary party on Oct 6th at Columbia Park in the gazebo portion. It will be a potluck and with some monies provided by the club. More details to come. 12 A's attended the Del Amo Blvd bridge grand opening ceremonies and several carried the dignitaries over the bridge. Afterwards, most of the members went to Shakeys for pizza. Elaine said there is a tour Saturday, Sept 29th, to the Rancho Los Cerritos Adobe in Long Beach. Meet at SNAX (Anza and Sepulveda) at 9:00 AM for breakfast before the tour.

New Business: Sandy Ragon knows of someone in dire need of a refrigerator and a child car seat.

Clock prize: 8:08 won by Bobby D. 50/50: Sue Hankins won \$50

Raffle: Tim ran the raffle and thanked all those who donated raffle prizes.

Refreshment hosted by: Donnis and Ellen.

Next meeting: September 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted: Pat Yacklon, Secretary



Tim Harrison with Representative Maxine Waters



Dick Lusk with his '28 Phaeton at the closing of Bob's Big Boy

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.

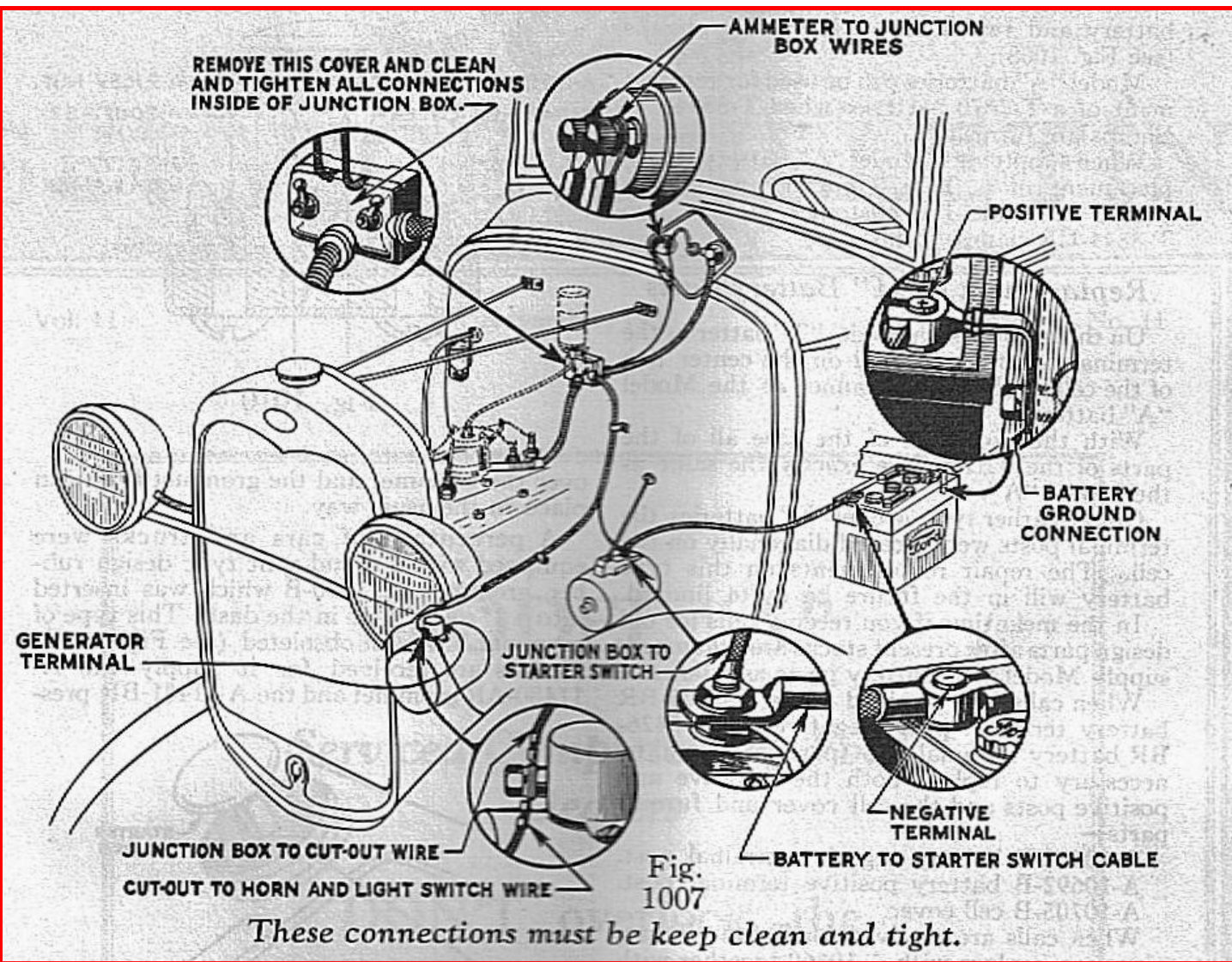


Technical Talk

Model A Electrical Service Review

Even tho we live in a mild climate here in Southern California, it is important to take a few minutes each year to make sure the electrical system in our Model As is up to par. We have seen many problems traced back to corroded terminals or loose connections. Problems such as a lazy horn, hard starting, overcharging, dim lights, non-operational electric windshield wiper, etc. can be traced to poor connections.

Below is a page taken from the Ford Service Bulletins that covers all the basics for proper service of the electrical system. Take a few minutes and review your car's electrical health. Your Model A will be better for it.



Impromptu Tours



Labor Day was such a nice day, Drain Marshall called a bunch of people and guess what, an impromptu tour was created! Six carloads met at the Walteria clubhouse about 9AM and somehow organized a drive through beautiful Palos Verdes. Arriving in their 'work-in-progress' speedster, Nita and 'Stoney' Stonehocker gave their project it's first outing. From what we saw, it looks like a fun machine is in the making.

Rounding out the crowd were Monty and Donnis, Drain and Doris, Dick and Jan, Art and Daffy, and Gary Guttormson. Dick and Jan led the parade of hungry travelers through some Palos Verdes neighborhoods ending up at Paint Vincente 'Whale watching' center. We didn't see any, but their facilities work From there we ended up at Trump National Golf Course for a picture op. Dick had to check the facilities for the Concours two weeks later. Lots of great pictures.

The crowd was getting hungry, so we ended our two hour tour on Western Blvd at Denny's. Even our starving Monty enjoyed the meal. The restaurant guests liked our cars as well. After stuffing ourselves, we all headed home. This is what this is all about. Nice friends, nice cars, and food.



Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- 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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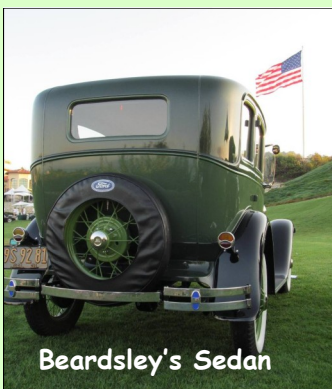
Utility Class Winners



Model A Class Winners



Utility Class Display



Beardsley's Sedan



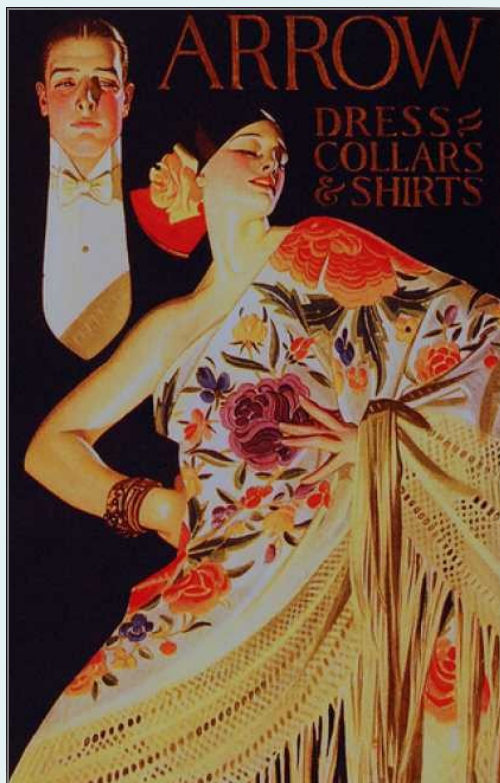
Jan Wyckoff's Cabriolet



Mike James' AA Stake Bed, 2nd Place

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

- September 29th (Sat) Elaine Pisu is leading a tour to Long Beach to the **Rancho Los Amigos** home built in the 1830's. Meet at SNAX at 9AM for a bite to eat and we'll go from there. Surface streets.
- 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 6th (Sat) Harbor **55th anniversary picnic** at Columbia Park, Prairie and 190th in Torrance. This is a pot luck event. Bring your beach chairs. We'll have the Hubley track set up so get your cars ready! More info as it becomes available. 55 years! WOW.
- October 7 (Sun) **Frazier Park picnic** hosted by the Bakersfield Model A Club. More to come.
- October 13 (Sat) Harbor **Progressive 'Drive 'n Dine'**. Save the date. Details to come.
- October 28th (Sun) Early Times **Swap Meet & Pancake Breakfast**. Pre '58 cars and parts. Loc'n: Price Transfer 2790 Del Amo at Santa Fe, Carson CA. Gates open at 6AM. Info: 310-339-3268
- October 28th (Sun) Elks Lodge #2046 **Automotive swap meet**. 7212 Melrose St., Buena Park CA 8AM - 1PM. Info: Gary 714-299-1776
- December 1st (Sat) A **Santa's Arrival Parade** is planned at the Peninsula Shopping Center for 1 Dec 2012. To bring some of those involved in the event, 4 - 6 open car Model A's are requested. More to come. Dan Fitzgerald to coordinate.
- December 30th (Sun) New Years **Horseless Carriage Club tour** moved to the Irwindale Motor Speedway. More details as they become available. This is a fun event. Lots of brass.
- July 26-28, 2013 (Last Weekend) **Wings 'n Wheels** in Solvang. Save the date. Fun weekend.



Fashion advertisements from the late 1920s. Many of the images were very colorful and were full page ads in magazines like the Saturday Evening Post.

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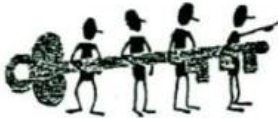


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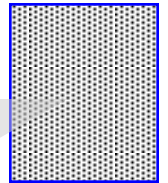
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