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Upcoming Business Meetings



The November meeting will be Friday, November 30th. Election of officers.

The December meeting will be Friday, December

14th at 6:30PM at WALTERIA. It will be a short meeting. Drive your Model A as we will tour the local community and see the Christmas lights.

After, we will convene at Bob and Phyllis' home for 'cookies and milk'. The idea is to bring your best homemade cookies for all to share.



From the HarborLight staff:
May your holiday season be joyful
And your wishes come true!



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 HarborLight.

Lots of tour activity in November. Check the tour pages for pictures of our fun events!

More tours to come

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.



Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Friday, December 14th at 6PM at WALTERIA clubhouse prior to the Club meeting.



It will be a short meeting to tie up loose ends for the year. See you there!

Our new website is up and running!

Visit it at:

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Monty's Message
A Note from our President
Monty Bates



A Great Year! More to Come. . . .

Thanksgiving Day this year will be remembered by many for both good and bad news across our great nation. We here, lucky enough to live in the South Bay, couldn't help but think of all the folks on the Eastern coast that are down but NOT out and our prayers remain with them. We sometimes just forget how lucky we are and all the many reasons to be thankful. Our year is closing and 2012 will one our busiest on record in years...thank you all for sharing the past year with me.

There are several different events coming this month. From Santa's arrival on the first day to the annual Christmas light show & a visit to the DeCrescenzo home.. We end our month with the Irwindale Horseless Carriage Club Tour. Of interest to me remains with Western Museum of Flight's history of "Travelair" aircraft in the 1930's...a perfect match of technology of that era. Sure would be great to showcase some of finer Model A's in the country...the Harbor A's...great photo opportunities on Saturday, December 15th.

Our 2013 Banquet continues to grow and develop...heard about some special prizes and other such nonsense...it looks like we are all in for a very special evening. I believe there will good news for 2013 and our great nation will, once again, pick up the pieces, rebuild and prosper. It's what we Americans do best.

Have a most joyous Christmas, shared with those you love the most! My thanks to all of you for your continued support and HARD WORK!! I am looking forward to new adventures in 2013.

Be careful out there... still lots of old people driving old cars... *we need you!!!!*

Monty

Dr. Dick Smith
History of the Travelair

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**Antique Car Show with
Grand Marshal Santa**



Do you know this lady?
See page 3

Dot Knott's Delicious Cheese Ball

- 2 - 8oz. Philadelphia (regular) cream cheese (block)
- 6 green onion tops (chopped)
- 1/2 jar dried beef (Hormel) chopped fine. (I buy the beef at Ralphs)

Soften the cream cheese and add onions and dried beef. Mix well.
Form into ball. Enjoy!

Put on your favorite crackers. Will keep for over a week.



December Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gary Guttormson | 20 Ruxella Speights |
| 3 Dorothy Wood | 21 Greg Clayton |
| 10 Dan Fitzgerald | 23 Jeannie Parrish |
| 11 Sue Hankins | 25 Jim Valot |
| 15 Mary Walker | 25 Amy Knott |
| 17 Bob DeCrescenzo | 26 Georgette Avoian |

December Anniversaries

- 1 Jack & Julie Goldberg



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 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 . . .



Dorothy Wood is the mystery lady from page 2. The picture was provided by her daughter, Sharon. She will celebrate her 93rd birthday on December 3rd. She was born in 1919! When asked if she bought a Model A when it was new, she answers "Not quite, I was 9 at the time they were intro-

duced."

Dorothy has been a member of Harbor for over 50 years and was recently given a 45 year pin from MAFCA.

Thanks to Bill Newell, Dorothy makes many of our club functions, including our club's annual safety seminar this year where this picture was taken. We love you, Dorothy.

Notice. . . Dues are Due!

If you haven't renewed your "Harbor M.A.R.C." membership for 2013, please send a check for \$25, made out to Harbor M.A.R.C. (or bring it to the next business meeting).

Or, in case if you want to pay both the "Harbor M.A.R.C." and the "National M.A.R.C." memberships with only one check, send me a check made out to "Harbor MARC" for \$63. Then I will forward \$38 to the National M.A.R.C.

Send to:

**Ursula Schmidt,
26419 Pineknoll Ave.
Harbor City, CA 90710.**

Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Rhoda Larquier says Paul is sleeping a lot, but seems to be eating okay.

Becky Preston is having knee replacement surgery. Hopefully everything is going well. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Becky.

Thom Marshall had his hernia operations and is doing very well. Great to hear after all this time.

Teddy Marshall is working through some rough times. Doris and Drain ask for your get well thoughts.

Monday Meal 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.



'Feed the Firemen' Tour

November has been another fun month of touring. We spent Veterans Day in San Pedro feeding the wonderful firemen of station 112 at the Port of Los Angeles. We had 25 members, 7 Model A's and 5 moderns arrive at the station and we provided a wonderful pot luck luncheon for 14 firemen, and another family of 8 that had 1 retired Army veteran and 2 active duty sailors in the US Navy. The weather was bright and beautiful and we were treated to a boat ride to the outside edge of the harbor's breakwater and back to the corner where the cruise ships dock. The captain showed off for us and demonstrated the ability of the Fireboat to use its thrusters and move sideways. Not everyone gets to see the USS Iowa from the port side.

What a treat!! Great day and lots of fun was had by all. Even Daffy enjoyed most of the ride. :O-(



Harbor MARC / MAFCA Business Meeting Minutes

October 26th, 2012

Location: Walteria Clubhouse, Torrance CA

President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Approved as written.

Treasurer: Daffy reported an adequate balance

Vice President: Tim Harrison brought in great A parts for the raffle.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff and other members went to Oakhurst, CA. There were eleven T's and 20 A's that drove all over the Gold Country. Elections are tonight. He encouraged members to send him articles.

Historian/Webmaster: Sue gave a big thank you to those who attended and worked on Sue's A, and for Pat's spaghetti.

Monty said we are getting a lot of inquiries and interest generated by the website.

Membership: Ursi and Dick are still on the high seas.

Attendance prize: Not drawn.

Technical/Safety: Drain said we had a wonderful seminar at Sue and Pat's house followed by delicious spaghetti. Monty said cars that have minor problems, we can get together, do a technical and get you're 'A' on the road.

Sergeant at Arms: Jack collected \$3.56.

Sunshine: Gary is still having knee problems. Doris can't get a hold of Joe J. Doris has sent him cards.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Monty read off the October list from the HarborLight.

Tour Director: Elaine said there is a car show in Carson on November 10th. She passed out a list of all future tours. She also passed a signup sheet for the Feed the Firemen on November 11th, Veterans Day. Meet at the club house at 10:00 AM. Then we will go to the San Pedro Station 112 for a potluck and hopefully a ride in the fireboat.

Monty said when we had a tour to Point Fermin Lighthouse, we joined their society. He has a membership card for any club member to use.

New Business: Banquet is locked down at the Proud Bird. Monty talked to Dick Wyckoff about a possible calendar as a way to make money to offset banquet dinners. Monty thanked everyone for a great potluck.

Nominations were held: Nominated were: Daffy for Treasurer, Elaine for Tours and Technical is open until next meeting.

Sue showed a DVD slide show of October tours, Drains pictures of Yosemite Tour and Seminar at Sue and Pat's house.

Clock prize: 8:00 won by Mirco Pisu.

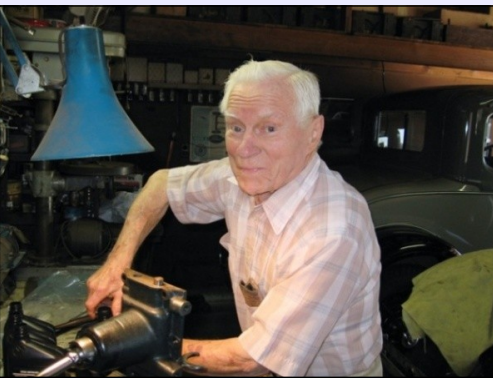
Raffle: Tim ran the raffle with the assistance of Jack Gordinier.

Refreshments: Hosted by the entire membership present for the potluck.

Next meeting: November 30, 2012.

Respectfully submitted: Pat Yacklon, Secretary

Everett W. Squires



In a very pleasant ceremony graveside, our friend Everett Squires was laid to rest at the Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA on November 9, 2012. Born in Holton, Kansas in 1918. He was 94 years old. He was married to Lorna for 70 years. She died two years ago. Nine Model As and 14 members represented Harbor As at the ceremony. Everett retired from North American Aviation after 38 years in the plane building business. He took up working on cars and was successful in keeping many old and not so old autos on the road. His knowledge will be missed but not forgotten. Thanks for all your help, Everett. Rest in peace.

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

Carburetor Float Wear

Most Model A carburetors encountered today have been subjected to considerable use. The most frequently overlooked side effect of that use is a small dimple worn into top of the float from the valve needle. The effect of this dimple is a lateral bind on the valve needle that prevents it from closing completely and sealing.

The brass float material is fairly soft and easy to blend out the ridges of the dimple by sanding from front to back by hand, then buffing. There are many alternatives, but choose your best method to carefully taper and blend the surface and the valve will operate smoothly and reliably.

Another source of float malfunction is a worn or damaged float pivot pin. Sometimes a flat spot or a burr is present that catches the float and prevents it from operating properly.

In checking a pivot pin recently, it was discovered someone had substituted a nail for the brass pin. It probably would have worked except it was slightly bent and the float hung up occasionally.



Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it.
Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

Tours and More Tours

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



On the 17th of November we were allowed to see the personal car collection of Richard Tupper. The first warehouse is set up like a drive-in movie theatre. As the 22 members filed in you could hear the gasps, oohs and aahs. He has about 30 cars facing the



movie screen and old speakers from a drive-in that takes you back to the fun times at the drive-in theatre. Every car is in perfect condition and one is more beautiful than the next. He has a malt shop complete with a juke box, a popcorn machine and 2 laughing monkeys. Seeing the cars was fantastic but hanging out in the malt shop was great fun. Just down the street is his second warehouse. It is a work in progress but what a gem it is becoming. One wall has balconies and a beautiful leaded gas stations. The most interesting wagon that is being built 50% larger than original size. Imagine a vehicle, window cranks, door perfect matches to the original. INCREDIBLE!! Kids in reverse. What a great humor. It's been in process for the finished project.



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Lots of plans for December so mark your calendars.

December 9th we have 2 holiday parades. Please try and support both parades as we reach out to the communities. See details on page 9.

Wilmington: sign up with Elaine Pisu

El Segundo: sign up with Dick Wyckoff

Please try and support both events the weekend of 12/14 & 12/15

Christmas Lights Tour and Cookie Exchange

December 14th 6:30 PM meet at the clubhouse and we will be leaving at 7PM!!! Bring your Model A's to tour the Christmas lights and afterward, we are headed to the DeCrescenzo's for a cookie exchange. Bring some of your best homemade cookies, if you can.

Their address is 22532 Shadycroft Ave.

Harbor A's Car Show

December 15th we are having a car show at the Western Museum of Flight in conjunction with the old planes. Meet at Snax's at 8:30 and we will head to the Museum at 9:30

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
- Four brand new **Goodyear 21" blackwall tires** won at the last pancake breakfast. Cost new: about \$780. Will sell for \$600. Call Bobby DeCrescenzo at 310-540-3690.

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Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2012

- December 1st (Sat) A **Santa's Arrival Parade** is planned at the Peninsula Shopping Center for Saturday morning, 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. Call Dan at 310-373-8060
- December 9th (Sun) El Segundo's **49th Annual Holiday Parade**. Line up on Imperial St at north end of town. Location (TBD) at 11:30AM. Parade down Main Street starts at 1PM. Contact person is Dick Wyckoff. 310-292-1929 (c)
- December 9th (Sun) Wilmington's Holiday Parade. Always a fun event. Set aside the morning for this event. We will meet at 8:30AM at (TBD). Elaine Pisu is the contact.
- December 14th (Friday) Christmas light tour and DeCrescenzo's open house. Bring home-made cookies for a 'cookie exchange'. Meet at clubhouse at 6:30PM. Note: Short board meeting 6PM before 'cookie tour'.
- December 15th (Sat) Harbor has been invited to show their cars at the Western Museum of Flight. There will be guest speakers discussing aviation history during the Model A times. Meet at SNAX (Sepulveda and Anza) for breakfast at 8:30AM and leave at 9:30AM for the museum.
- December 30th (Sun) New Years **Horseless Carriage Club tour** moved to the Irwindale Motor Speedway. Gates open at 7AM. This is a fun event. Lots of brass. Tour with 1932 and older autos. Newer cars welcome for show only.
- January 26, 2013 (Sat) Harbor As Annual **Awards and Installation Banquet**. At the Proud Bird restaurant on Aviation Blvd in Westchester under the flight path of LAX. Set up 5PM, Social at 6PM, Eat at 7PM. Choice of Salmon or Beef (and Veggie) \$38 ea (tax and tip included). Put meal choice on check memo. Treasurer Daffy Wagner is collecting money. Always a fun event.
- February 22-24 (Fri-Sun) **San Diego swap meet** at Qualcomm Stadium. Friday, gates open to public at noon. Sat and Sun, gates open at 8AM. Admission is free. Parking is \$10. Great event.
- April 11-13, 2013 (Thu -Sat) **HCCA Swap Meet** in Bakersfield. At fair grounds. Ming St off-ramp about a mile east.
- July 26-28, 2013 (Last Weekend) **Wings 'n Wheels** in Solvang. Save the date. Fun weekend.



'Complete' or 'Finished' Defined

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. However, in a recent linguistic conference held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world: Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese, was the clear winner.

His final challenge was this: Some say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. Please explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand.

Here is his astute answer: "When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. But, when you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"

His answer was received with a standing ovation lasting over 5 minutes and it entitled him to receive an invitation to dine with Queen, who decided to call him after the contest. He won a trip to travel around the world in style and a case of 25 year old Eldorado rum for his answer

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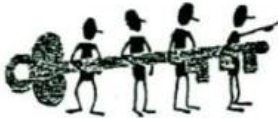


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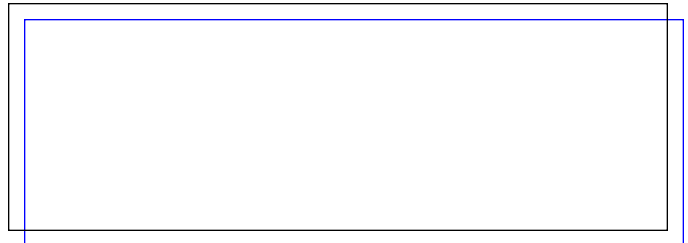
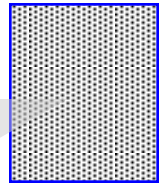
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