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*The Harbor A's at the
Torrance Western Museum of
Flight for a
presentation on the
1929 'Travelair' bi-plane.
Behind the group picture is a
Stearman bi-plane
formally owned by
Steve McQueen*

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 the planning stages. Check the tour pages for pictures of our fun events! More tours to come

Technical Seminars

Our new Technical Director, **Jim Speights** is looking for some projects for the club.



They could include re-building Model A parts, installing new upgrades in your car, or just tuning up the 'ol Model A. Give Jim a call with your ideas.



Upcoming Business Meeting

Our next business meeting is the club's awards banquet on **Saturday, January 26, 2013** at the Proud Bird restaurant. This is

a fun event at a fun location. Great food and great company.



Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be the **Awards Banquet** at the Proud Bird restaurant on **Saturday, January 26th, 2013**.

The event is always fun so make an effort to be 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



We're on a Roll. Let's Keep Having Fun!

What a fun year we have had. Lot's of great tours, lots of food events (no surprise there), and we even got some more Model As on the road. Life is good.

Looking forward to 2013, there are more great events being planned. Please give our Tour and Technical Directors, Elaine Pisu and Jim Speights, some ideas to work with. All ideas are welcome.

Remember, this is your club and your participation is very important. Come to the meetings, join in the tours, help with the tasks that make this club great. It feels good.

I want to take this time to wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. We are truly a blessed club with many great people. Our Model As are the glue that joins us together and allow us to meet others of like mind. How great is that!

See you at the banquet.

Monty

Banquet Help Wanted

Anyone interested, meet at Phyllis DeCrescenzo's home and help put center pieces together for the banquet. Time: 10:30AM. When: Sun, January 6th, 2013. We'll have some fun, too!



El Segundo
Christmas
Parade



January Birthdays

- 5 Ted Dalton
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 25 Ed Firth
- 26 Conrad Garcia



January Anniversaries

No anniversaries this month

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Well, here we are at the start of a new year. Year number 56 for us! We have had a lot of fun this last year with some great tours and some great social events. 2013 should be equally as fun. The board is hoping to maybe make a little money, so we are looking for a possible place to hold a garage sale. We haven't had one in a couple years so there must be some great 'stuff' available by now! Tours are being planned, tech events are in the works. If you have a good idea, let a board member know and we will look into it. All ideas are welcome.

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 39 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$800 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 . . .



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. Rhoda is feeling better, also.

Becky Preston is having (or maybe already had) knee replacement surgery. Hopefully everything is going well. Wishing you a speedy recovery, Becky.

Jan Wyckoff had a heart procedure and is up and about. Still working the bugs out!

Pat Yacklon took a tumble at the Wilmington Christmas parade and broke a bone in her foot. She still was able to make the trip to Vegas, tho! Get well soon, Pat.



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.



Bobby and Phyllis DeCrescenzo's Christmas gathering



Our hosts
Phyllis and Bob DeCrescenzo



Lots of cookies!



Christmas scenes with trains



Outside nativity scene

Harbor MARC / MAFCA Board and Business Meeting Minutes

December 14th, 2012

Location: Waleria Clubhouse, Torrance CA

Board Meeting

President: Monty Bates called the Board meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Attendance: Monty Bates, Tim Harrison, Daffy Wagner, Doris and Drain Marshall, Elaine Pisu, Jim and Ruxella Speights, Dick Wyckoff.

Treasurer: Daffy reported an acceptable balance

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

HarborLight Editor: Any articles, submit before Christmas. Sooner is better. Pictures taken at any events can be emailed to Dick for insertion in the HarborLight.

Technical: Any ideas welcome. Submit to new Tech Director, Jim Speights.

Sunshine: Doris reports Rhoda doing well. Jan Wyckoff had a heart ablation. Hopefully it will correct an irregular heart rhythm.

Tours: Elaine wants us to meet at 9:30AM Saturday, 15 Dec at Zamperini Field, Torrance to participate in 1929 'TravelAir' display. Following the event, we have been invited to the Goldberg's home for some luncheon refreshments.

Old Business: Discussed plans for the banquet on January 26th at the Proud Bird restaurant. Also, Tim Harrison welcomes donations for the raffle at the banquet.

Membership: Reminded all about dues payable to Ursi Schmidt.

Next Board meeting will be part of the banquet with the installation of officers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM

Respectfully submitted: Dick Wyckoff, acting scribe for Pat Yacklon.



Business Meeting

President: Monty called short business meeting to order at 6:40PM.

Attendance: 35 people present for Holiday light event this evening.

Membership: Don't forget to pay dues to Ursi. If you want, send check to her for club dues (\$25) and MARC dues (\$38) and she will send it in.

Treasurer: Daffy needs money for the banquet. \$38 per person. That includes tax, gratuity, and reservation of the restaurant.

Tonight's event: Bobby D discussed the light tour of the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood tonight. Afterwards, we will enjoy a Christmas gathering at Bobby and Phyllis' home.

Monty reviewed the times for tomorrow's tour to the Torrance Airport and the 1929 'Travelair' airplane exhibit. Expect a fun time. Hopefully the weather will be great and we will have 15 cars.

Next Business meeting will be the banquet, January 26th at the Proud Bird restaurant.

Meeting adjourned: 6:55PM

Respectfully submitted: Dick Wyckoff, acting scribe for 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 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

Preventative Maintenance Checklist

EVERY FUEL STOP

Check crankcase oil level
Check radiator water level
Check water pump packing Visual inspection of engine

MONTHLY

Check water pump for leaks and end play
Check carburetor and fuel lines for leaks Inspect fan for cracks
Check battery water level
Check tire air pressure -34 lbs.
Check tires for breaks, cracks, and abnormal wear
Check radiator water level
Check water pump packing Visual inspection of engine

EACH 500 MILES

Lubricate in accordance with 500 mile Lubrication Chart
Change crankcase oil
Tighten accessory mountings (windwings)
Inspect radiator hoses
Check fan belt adjustment (See Service Adjustments)
Check wiper blade rubber
Check generator charging rate, adjust as required (See Service Adjustments)
Check carburetor and fuel lines for leaks

EACH 1,000 MILES

Do all 500 mile checks
Test front wheel bearings for looseness (See Service Adjustments)
Oil generator bushings at each end of generator
Tighten spring U-bolts, front and rear.
Tighten all wheel lug nuts (64 ft. lbs torque)
Test all lights (head, tail, stop, dash, dome)
Inspect all cotter pins (See cotter pin list)
Wipe out light switch (End of steering column)
Lubricate door hinges, striker plate, dovetails
Inspect entire fuel system for leaks
Inspect exhaust system for leaks
Check steering wheel free play (2" max, See Service Adjustments)
Check specific gravity of battery, charge if needed (See service and repair, Battery)
Check for tight electrical connections at all harness connections.



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Check for tight coil connections
Check for tight connections at ammeter and terminal box
Check distributor point gap (.016 -.018) See Service Adjustments
Clean battery posts and clamps, tighten battery ground connection
Clean horn commutator
Drain fuel sediment bowl
Check clutch pedal for free play, See Service Adjustments
Check tail light lens mounting screws

EACH 2,000 MILES

Do all 1,000 mile items
Lubricate in accordance with 2,000 mile Lubrication Chart
Inspect starter commutator and brushes
Examine tires for wear, cracks and damage
Adjust Service Brakes (See service Adjustments)
Inspect front leaf spring for sagging and cracks
Repack top end of shock links
Tighten differential banjo bolts

EACH 5,000 MILES

Do all 2,000 mile items
Test engine compression
Tighten rear wheel axle nut
Rotate tires
Lubricate in accordance with 5000 mile Lubrication Chart
Flush cooling system
Lubricate speedometer cable

EACH 10,000 MILES

Do all 5,000 mile items
Pull all brake drums
Inspect brake linings, drums, and springs
Polish headlight reflectors

Notes:

Thanks to the Minuteman Model 'A' Ford Club of Massachusetts



Our president, Monty Bates, has a long history with aircraft. He worked for Northrop-Grumman and knows a lot of the history of powered flight. When the opportunity to show our vintage

cars along side the same era vintage aircraft at the Torrance Museum of Flight, we went for it. Thirteen Model As and one Model T showed up for a presentation on the 1929



Model A near Stearman

Travelair bi-plane. The

weather was perfect and Santa even showed up in the Travelair!

Also, at the same time but a different venue, a group of six vintage Chinese built trainer aircraft were having a reunion

nearby. Lots of great opportunities to compare our vintage hardware. Another pleasant surprise was a fly-in by a P-51 WWII fighter. Love the sounds!



Santa and the 1929 Travelair



Monty Bates



Harbor As on display



Model As and Bi-plane



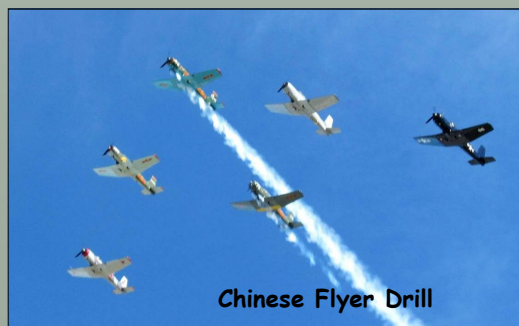
Vintage P-51 Landing



Wyckoffs Gordiniers



Vintage Navy trainer



Chinese Flyer Drill



Leaving museum for the Goldberg's home



Vintage T and vintage trainers

Tours and More Tours

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

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Wanted:

- **Used Christmas and greeting cards.** (Complete cards please). We will recycle them.
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A Visit to Jack and Julie Goldberg's Home

The Goldbergs volunteered their beautiful home in Palos Verdes to the Harbor club after our tour to the Torrance Airport Museum of Flight on Saturday, December 15th. A group of approximately 35 people followed in a procession to their home. Jack and Julie, with the help of Julie's mom, Julia, greeted us with a wonderful buffet of salmon, veggie dishes, soups, pastas and potato pancakes. Fantastic homemade cheesecake followed. Julie quipped "Oh, it's nothing". Right. It was truly something! We all thank you for your hospitality.



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2012

- 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. Car clubs are meeting at the El Segundo Auto Driving Museum at 6:30AM to caravan to the tour. Don't be late.
- 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.
- March 21-24 (Thu-Sun) **Laughlin Meet.** More info when I get it!
- April 5-7 (Fri-Sun) **CCRG Jamboree.** Hosted by the Charter Oak As in Visalia CA. Headquarters is the Lamp Liter Inn, 3300 W. Mineral King Ave., Visalia 800-662-6692.
- April 11-13, 2013 (Thu -Sat) **HCCA Swap Meet** in Bakersfield. At fair grounds. Ming St. off-ramp about a mile east.
- May 24-27 (Fri-Sun) **NCRG Pleasanton CA** sponsored by the Acorn As.
- July 26-28, 2013 (Last Weekend) **Wings 'n Wheels** in Solvang. Save the date. Fun weekend.



Harbor As in the Wilmington Christmas Parade

The Harbor As were busy on the 9th of December. We were part of two Christmas parades, one in El Segundo and one in Wilmington. Four cars were in each and did our club proud.



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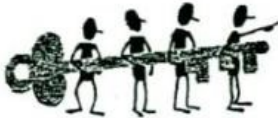
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