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Harbor A's on Tour in Palos Verdes, CA



Tours



When you go on the tours and take pictures, send your good ones to the editor and he will try and fit them in the *HarborLight*. Lots of tour activity last year and more planned for this year. Check the tour pages for pictures of our fun events! More tours to come

Technical, Looking Ahead



Our new Technical Director, **Jim Speights** 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. Give Jim a call with your ideas.

Upcoming Business Meeting



Our next business meeting is at the **Walteria Clubhouse** at 7:30PM on Friday, February 22nd. Let's start off the new year with good attendance and lots of enthusiasm. See you there!

Next Board Meeting



The next board meeting will be the **El Segundo Driving Museum** on **Tuesday, February 5th at 7PM**. We'll discuss current status and future events. All members welcome.

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

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Monty's Message
A Note from our President
Monty Bates



Let the Fun Begin. A New Year, a Great Time!

HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS to one and all...Looks like we're in for a fantastic new year with tours and new adventures! Donnis and I had a wonderful 4,000 mile trip to Missouri to be with family. Great winter drive and lots of snow but the roads were good. We missed our traditional Christmas in Torrance but sure had a nice road trip and managed to dodge two storms.

Our Annual Awards and Installation Banquet is booked for over sixty this year, Special thanks to all those members who made this event happen. The 22-24 of February will center on the San Diego swap meet. There's plenty of time to organize a club event. I always look forward to attending the show and know I will get a long walk in the process. The more Harbor Area A members the better.

We continue to meet on Monday night at Billie's. 'The food is not getting any better but there seems to be more of it' an old GI expression. Any special requests for this banquet please call me directly. Lots of folks & events happened last year. Hope we can do as well this year.

Be careful out there...see you at the Proud Bird, Saturday night

Monty

A Look Back at 2012



OC Pancake Breakfast



February Birthdays

2	Laura Pahls	15	Elaine Pisu
3	Don Knott	20	Frank Lusk
5	Ron Ragon	23	Liz Fitzgerald
5	Phil Bonneau	24	Dick Wyckoff
6	Sheree Wright	25	Acela Garcia
9	Gloria Younkin	25	Bob Speaks
14	Steve Preston	25	Daffy Wagner

February Anniversaries

14	Jim & Anita Perreten
20	Sheree & Mike Wright



Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

In checking the archives of my computer for things we have done over the last year, I was overwhelmed by the number of fun events we members participated in. Everything from two hour gatherings to show our cars to five day events to tour the Gold Country of central California. Some are attended by many, yet others by just a few. I understand taking a Model A to an event 300 miles away is a challenge. Give some thought to taking your modern to these events. It's OK! Jan and I trailered our Cabriolet to Oakhurst to participate in the Yosemite/ Gold Country tours. Three couples did that. You just can't imagine the thrill of driving an antique car around a place like Yosemite. We loved it. Even the shorter trip, 150 miles in the 'A' to Wings and Wheels in Solvang is worth the effort. 20 people did that. Give it some thought.

Changing the subject a little, 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

Pat Yacklon broke a bone in her foot while participating in the Wilmington Christmas parade. She is healing and is in a walking boot now.

Jan Wyckoff is doing much better after her heart ablation to help stop an irregular heartbeat.



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.



More of 2012 in Solvang



Sonora CCRG May 2012



A Sonora
Horse ranch



Harbor A's gang
at the Tri-tip BBQ



Jan Wyckoff on
Wyckoff St. in
Sonora CA



Tri-tip BBQ



Wyckoffs and Gordiniers on tour



Jan wearing her raffle winnings



Just a very pretty sedan being judged



Two As on tour in Sonora



Dick with Jan's Cabriolet in Sonora

2013 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

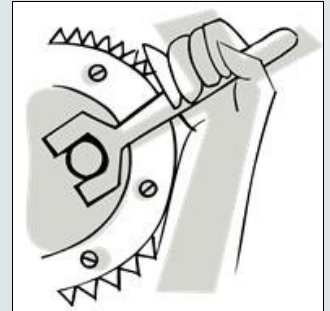
Harbor Area A's Club Tools

Many of us know that the club has a fine collection of tools collected over a number of years. Many have been purchased with club funds and some have been donated by club members. Bobby DeCrescenzo has been our tool custodian for ten plus years. When a club member has a need for a specialized tool, Bobby will supply the item with the idea that it be returned clean and in the same condition as loaned. A small deposit is required and is returned when you return the tool.

Below is a list of club tools. Check it out. This year our new Technical Director, Jim Speights, is hoping we can have a couple seminars to demonstrate how these tools are used. When was the last time you balanced your car's wheels, or adjusted the brake system properly? These are a couple ideas to think about.

Anyway, if you need a specialty tool, check the list. The club just might have it!

Give Bobby a call at 310-540-3690 with your needs.



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More of 2012 in review



Safety seminar

Safety Seminar at Dick and Ursi's
Tech Seminar at Al Avoian's garage
Pasadena's Heritage Square
Henry Ford picnic in Downey
Palos Verdes tour with Joe Freitag



Sam and Ursi



Inspection team at work



Dick Lusk



Dorothy Wood



Checking the brakes



CHP neighbor and family



Record keeping



AA Seminar in Al's garage



Al's AA truck



Pasadena Heritage Square



Henry Ford picnic



Relaxing at Heritage Square



Pt Vincente interpretive center



Palos Verdes Tour



Greg and Joe at Pt Fermin lighthouse



'The girls' relaxing

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- 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.
- **Model A Police head** (the one with the cast in "B"), two available, one milled down to remove recess above piston (has a couple of cracks, \$150) and the other milled about half that much (\$200), **four 19 inch rims**, \$20 each or 4 for \$60, Charlie Stephens, chalesdstephens@sbcglobal.net, (310) 837-2950. Can send pictures or arrange to meet at swap meet or ??.
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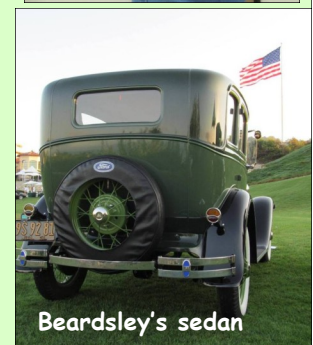
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Wait.... there's more 2012



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2013

- 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 (Las Vegas) Meet**. Las Vegas MAFC. Contact Mark Schieff 702-592-1368 To include a Hoover Dam tour. Fun event.
- 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 (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 (Fri-Sun) **Wings 'n Wheels** in Solvang. Save the date. Fun weekend.
- September 14th (Sat) **11th Annual All Ford Car Show** and Swap Meet in Old Town Orcutt, more info to follow.
- October 12th (Sat) The **3rd Annual Model A Ford Roundup** hosted by the Santa Maria Chapter. We will have a Santa Maria Style BBQ, Car Games, and a raffle. Price \$5 per head. Please come. A good time will be had by all. More details to follow.



55th Anniversary picnic



Doris



Elizabeth

More 2012 Events



Picnic



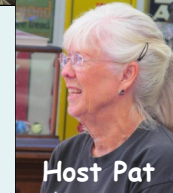
Progressive at Pisu's



Elaine and Mirco



Progressive group shot at Pisu's



Host Pat

Let's have a great 2013, too!
Dick Wyckoff,
Editor

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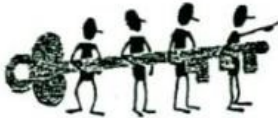
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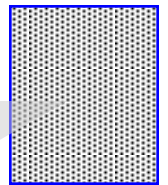
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