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Safety Seminar 2013

Tours

April is always a fun month for So Cal Model A folks. Orange County MAFC puts on it's famous Pancake Breakfast. This year it is **Sunday, April 28th**. Harbor As will caravan the 40 minute freeway drive. See Elaine's article for info. Great event!



May will be a busy month also. A couple shows and some fun tours. Edelbrock Corp is giving tours on May 4th. Elaine has emailed info to most. More info in the newsletter. The next day is the **Rev'ed Up For Kids** car show at Edelbrock. See you there.

Technical, Looking Ahead



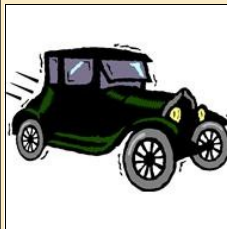
If you have a good idea for a technical seminar, let out Tech Director, Jim Speights know. This could be as simple as checking wheel bearings or as complicated as changing timing gears. Let Jim know.

Next Board Meeting



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

Upcoming Business Meeting



The May meeting will be **Friday, May 31st** The meeting starts at 7:30 at Waleria clubhouse. Come early, help set up and talk to your Model A friends. See you there!

Our awesome website is up and running!
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www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

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Monty's Message
A Note from our President
Monty Bates



An Active Year So Far. . . .

It is getting hard to keep up with this club...we seem to be either planning an event, going on a tour or having dinner together. Major events in April started with CCRG in Visalia (more about that event later by other folks). We had a terrific turnout for the annual Safety Inspection, Pot Luck and conducted an "abbreviated" Business meeting...over fifty people attended. Thanks again to Dick & Ursi. The finale for April remains the upcoming Orange County Pancake breakfast and car show (more on that later, too). I am looking forward to this Sunday!

The month of May promises to be another great one as our Tour Director, Elaine Pisu, will continue to come up with new ideas...she tells me we're in for an especially good time on a "mystery" tour, May 18th. Technical Director, Jim Speights, is already planning a new seminar on generators, I believe. This weekend's run to Orange County means we all need to check our cars...no fun breaking down.

By the way, Mr. Drain Marshall now has the great "Wooden Thumb" award...earned on the Henderson, Nevada tour. Great job, Drain...now it's your turn to pass it along. We are still enjoying the food, fellowship and information each Monday night at Hoff's Hut at 5:00...come on down. Drop me a line .

See careful out there... still lots of old people driving old cars

Monty

Safety Seminar at Dick and Ursi's



May Birthdays

- 1 LeOra Combs
- 4 Leonard Funk
- 10 Jim Speights
- 20 Dolores Strosnider
- 27 Willie Duncan



May Anniversaries

- 5 Liz & Dan Fitzgerald
- 20 Darlene & Leonard Funk
- 23 Bill Newell & Ellen Peterson

Feel free to thank
the person who gave
everything...



in order that you may feel free

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Each May for the last six years, I have taken a few minutes and a little room in the newsletter to reflect on the meaning of Memorial Day to me. Some of us have lost friends and loved ones in war, while others only read about the horrors of combat. All are impacted by these events. Many times at Model A events, several of us talk about our experiences in the service. Bronze Stars, Purple Hearts. . .

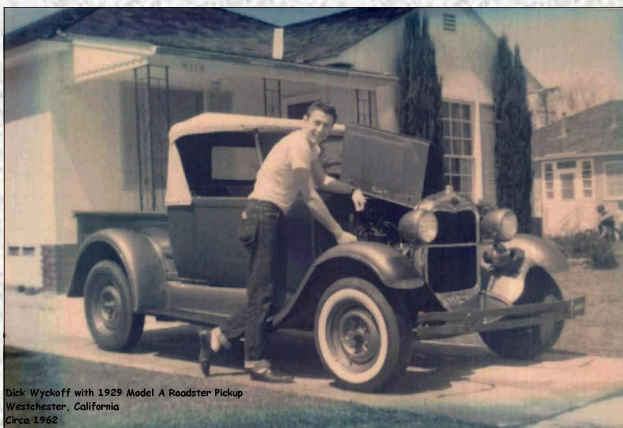


We've got 'em. We talk about WWII. We talk about Korea. We talk about Viet-nam. We are the lucky ones. We can still talk about our service. As a retired 25 year Navy guy and Chief Petty Officer, I ask you to take a moment to remember our fallen warriors this Memorial Day. We thank you. I thank you.

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 waiting to be told. 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 . . .



Dick Wyckoff with 1929 Model A Roadster Pickup
Westchester, California
Circa 1962

Two pictures
taken at the
same location
43 years
apart. Dick
Wyckoff and
his 1929
Roadster
Pickup.
1962 and
2005



Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Pat Tucker had a bad case of the flu that prevented her from attending the Safety seminar. She is doing better now. Pat is one of our 50 year members.

Dorothy Wood has had a couple dizzy spells lately but is doing better. Also a 50 year member.

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.



"Cruise at the Beach" Friday afternoon at Ruby's Diner:

Starting Friday, April 5th, Ruby's Diner 245 N. Harbor Drive, in Redondo Beach (by the pier) will host 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 October 25th, 2013. See you there.



2013 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt

The new, updated 2013 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.



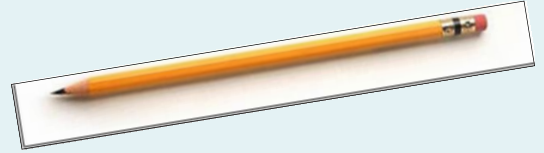
Roster Updates:

Glenn and Nita Stonehocker have renewed their membership. Add their info to your new roster: 'Stoney' and Nita 16014 Menlo Ave., Gardena CA 90247. Ph: 310-324-9423. Email: NeatNita@sbcglobal.net

Business Meeting Minutes

Walteria Clubhouse

Date: March 29, 2013



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

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as appeared in the HarborLight.

Vice President: Tim took in \$184 at the raffle. The highlight of the evening was who'd get the lava lamp! Greg Earhart picked it, but if Fran doesn't like it - let me know!!!

Treasurer: Daffy reported a balance of \$7,178.43.

HarborLight Editor: Needs articles by April 18th for HarborLight to come out after the Safety Check meeting and before the OC Pancake Breakfast.

Historian: On vacation.

Membership: Ursi reported we have 73 families with a total of 152 members. 48 people present at the club meeting.

Membership Drawing: No winners, next month prizes for men and women will be \$15 each. Clock prize won by Linda Skinner.

Technical & Safety: Jim Speights asked for volunteers for Safety Check meeting to be held April 20th at Dick & Ursi's. Join Bobby D. and Dick L. Jim plans on a generator or alternator technical in May or June.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack G. collected \$2.08 which were donations as everyone had their badges on!!

Sunshine: Doris talked to Rhoda and Paul is doing OK, he sleeps a lot and is very content. Rhoda doing great. The club women took her out to lunch which she loved. We want to set up another date.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: March birthdays are: Richard Parrish, Margaret Gott, Ellen Peterson, Bill Gaugler, Jay Skinner, Diana Murphy, Jack Goldberg, Jim Perreten and Al Avoian. Anniversaries: Jan & Dick Wyckoff, Tim & Pat Harrison, Donnis & Monty Bates, Daffy & Art Wagner (59 years!), Janice & Ted Dalton and Joy & Dave Pier-son.

Tools Coordinator: Not present.

Tours: Our tour held on March 10th was well attended, included 12 members of the Downey Diamond Tread club. The photographer was a fine lady in high heels and a short skirt. She and her friend are from Russia and are guests at Pisu's home.

The Orange County Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 28th, Hart Park in Orange. We'll meet at the Harbor Freight parking lot at Artesia and Hawthorne at 6:45 AM to caravan down to OC at 7AM.

CCRG in Visalia is April 5, 6 and 7 with Marshalls, Avoians and Gordiniers planning to make the trip. Wings & Wheels will be held July 26-28 in Solvang.

Web Master: On vacation.

Old Business: Joe Freitag mentioned the monthly car show at Peninsula Center in PV on April 6th, 7AM. Always a good place to show our cars and educate the public.

New Business: Our new ad lady is Amy Knott. Elaine Pisu handed her a new ad for Wilmington Body Shop owned by two women. They were very reasonable and did good work.

Our Monday night dinner gathering is currently held at Hof's Hut on Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance. We are seated in the patio (with heaters) and provided with good food and good service.

Refreshments hosted by: Joan Gordinier.

Next General Meeting: To be held at the Safety Check April 20th at Dick & Ursi's, 9:30AM. In addition to the safety check and club meeting, we will also have a pot luck meal. A-L bring salads, M-Z bring a main dish. Desert will be provided.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday April 2nd at the ADM. 7PM

Meeting adjourned at: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Acting Secretary



Technical Talk

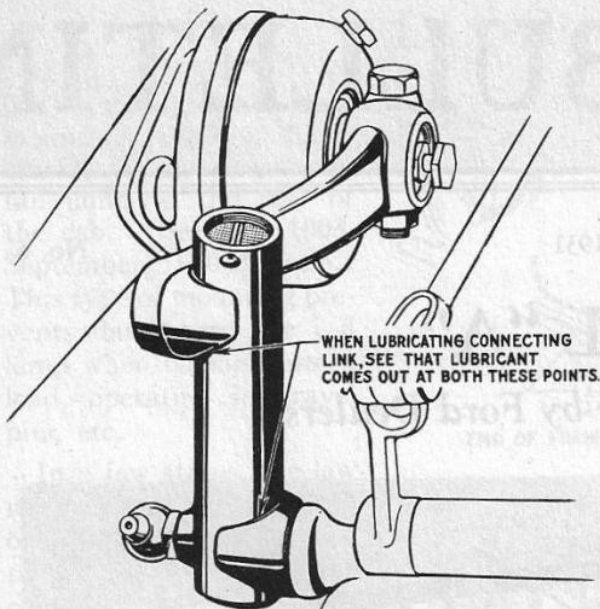


Fig. 1183

LUBRICATING SHOCK ABSORBERS

When lubricating shock absorber connecting links, the pressure gun should be held on the lubricator fitting until lubricant escapes from both the top and bottom of the link. (See Fig. 1183.) Some mechanics are failing to do this, as a result the upper ball joint does not receive lubrication and results in premature wear and a noisy shock absorber.

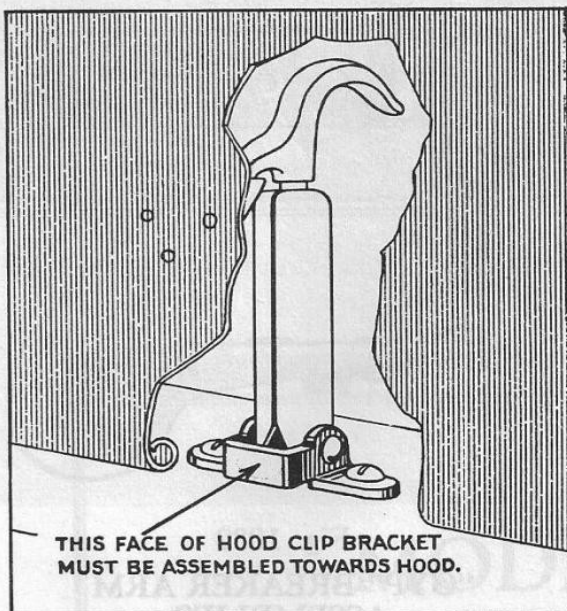


Fig. 1027

Squeaks

Some squeaks are comparatively easy to locate, others, especially when they occur around the front end of the car, are often difficult to locate.

Here are some points to check when looking for squeaks hard to locate.

See that there is a slight clearance between the fender apron and the hood shelf. That the hood shelf is not rubbing against the radiator shell or the bumper arm. That there is some clearance between the radiator splash shield and the front cross member. That the hood clips have not been allowed to become dry or rusted.

There should be a slight clearance between all of the parts. If there is a metal to metal contact between the fender apron and the hood shelf, it will be necessary to remove the hood shelf and lightly file the outer edge of the bottom of the shelf to provide a slight clearance.

If the hood shelf is rubbing against the radiator shell or bumper arm or if there is a metal to metal contact at any of the other points mentioned, sufficient clearance can be obtained by inserting a small pry between the parts.

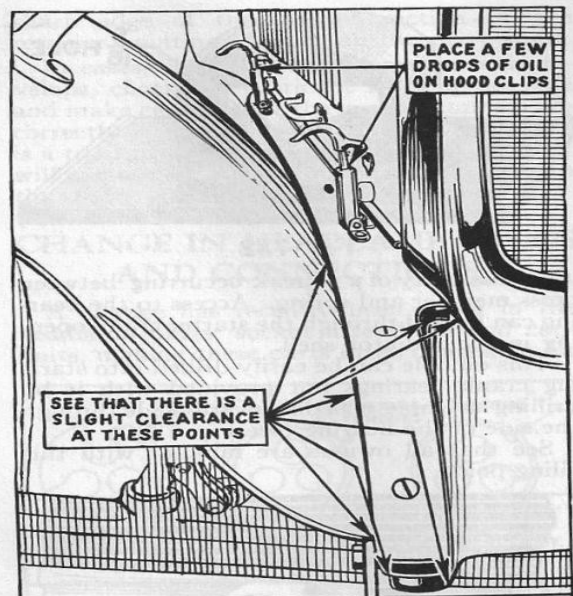


Fig. 731

Tours and More Tours

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

The weather is improving and our tour season is off and running. What a great turn out we had at Dick & Ursi's for our Safety Check. We had 22 Model A's. 15 of the A's were safety checked. 53 people showed up! That's almost as many people as our installation banquet. Thanks to the safety checking team of Dick Lusk, Bobby De Crescenzo, Jack Gordinier, Dick Wyckoff, and anyone else I missed. It was great to see Jeannie Webb, Bob Olson and Steve and Becky Preston, whom we haven't seen for a while.

Our next run is the Orange County Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **April 28th** which is always a great event. We will be meeting at Harbor Freight on Hawthorne and Artesia at **6:45, leaving at 7AM.**

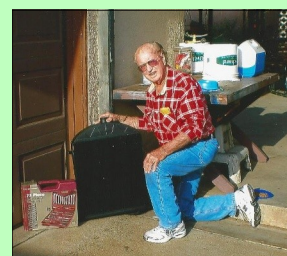
Saturday, **May 4th** we are scheduled to be at the Palos Verdes Senior's Coffee and Cars at the corner of Hawthorne Blvd and Silver Spur. Please arrive not later than **7:30**. **At 9:15** we will head to Hof's Hut for Breakfast/Brunch. If you miss the PV meeting join us at the Hof's Hut on Crenshaw. At 11:10AM, we will head to the Edelbrock Shop for a Free Tour. If you are interested in the tour please go to <http://edelbrock-tours.eventbrite.com> Please select the **11:30 tour** and print out your tickets. They are free. If you have any problems making your reservations please call me and I will make them for you.

Sunday, **May 19th** we have been invited to join the Horseless Carriage group for the 2013 Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival. We will meet at Harbor Freight at Hawthorne and Artesia at **7:45** and will be leaving at **8AM**. We will be meeting The Horseless Carriage Group in Fullerton at the Crown Plaza Hotel off the 91 freeway. Plans are to stop at Bob's Big Boy Drive-In in Downey on the way home. Please email me if you are attending. Should be a great day.

The CCRG in Visalia CA

A great tour was planned to Sequoia National Park on Friday. We were divided into three groups then headed up to approximately 7000' altitude, viewing the giant redwoods along the way and stopping to see the General Sherman Tree and Moro Rock. Some spots had not opened for the season, but it was still great. On the trip back most stopped in Three Rivers for ice cream and pastry. The Visalia Club provided the attendees with a wonderful barbeque dinner.

Those of us who were too late to register missed out on the Sequoias and improvised a mini tour of Three Rivers, the museum, visitors center, and the country's smallest Post Office. Saturday started off with 3 more tours, horses in One direction, museum and Exeter in another, and George Pope's home and an Ag Museum in the third direction.



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- April 28 (Sun) Orange County **Pancake Breakfast**. Hart Park in Orange. 8am to 12 noon.
- May 5th (Sun) Edelbrock's "**Rev'ed Up For Kids**" **Car Show** at the Edelbrock manufacturing plant in Torrance, 2700 California St. 10am to 3pm.
- Mat 11th (Sat) George Barris Culver City **Car Show**. Downtown Culver City. See CulverCity.com for info.
- May 11 (Sat) Early Ford Club **Swap Meet**. Loc'n: 3855 East La Palma Av., Anaheim CA. 7am to 3pm
- May 19th (Sun) 2013 Muckenthaler **Motor Car Festival**. Horseless Carriage and Model A Tour. Contact: Bob Carver 714-879-2129
- May 24-27 (Fri-Sun) **NCRG** Pleasanton CA sponsored by the Acorn As.
- June 2nd (Sun) **43rd Antique Nationals Drag Race and Car Show**. Irwindale Drag strip, 500 Speedway Drive, Irwindale CA 91706. Nostalgia drag races. More info: Dan at 626-827-4004.
- June 8th (Sat) 7th Annual **Hubley Derby Day**. Woman's Club of San Bernardino. Sponsored by the Pomona and Paradise Valley A Clubs.. 9am to 3:30. More info and registration: 909-227-1853.
- June 22nd (Sat) 'Back in the Day' **Car Show**. 21126 S. Avalon Blvd., Carson CA 90745. 10am to 3pm. Free
- June 22-23 (Sat-Sun) **44th Swap Meet**. Riverside Model T Club. Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Drive, San Bernardino CA 92407. Info: Don Kirtley 909-754-2360.
- June 23rd (Sun) Annual **Henry Ford Picnic** sponsored by the Downey Diamond Tread Chapter. Heritage Park 12100 Mora Dr., Santa Fe Springs CA 90670. 10Am to 3PM. \$10/person. BBQ lunch
- June 29th (Sat) 16th Annual Orange County Model T Car Club **Swap Meet / Car Show**. 6AM to 2PM. El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave., Placentia CA 92870
- July 12-13 (Fri-Sat) 59th Annual **Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet**. Los Alamitos Race Course, 4961 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos CA 90720. Admit: \$6 per person. 7AM to 7PM Friday, 7AM to 4PM Saturday.
- July 26-28 (Fri-Sun) **Wings 'n Wheels** in Solvang. Save the date. Fun weekend.
- August 11th (Sun) 6th Annual Wounded Warrior **Car Show**. WyoTech's Campus, 2161 Technology Place, Long Beach CA. Info: 310-343-9634. Email: threenthtre@yahoo.com 9am to 3pm
- September 14th-15th (Sat-Sun) 21st Palos Verdes **Concours d'Elegance**. Trump National Golf Course. Tickets and info: 866-522-7746 or visit www.pvconcours.org
- September 14th (Sat) **11th Annual All Ford Car Show** and Swap Meet in Old Town Orcutt, more info to follow.
- September 29th (Sun) **52nd Annual Antique Car Swap Meet**. Paradise Valley Model A Club. Western Little League Regional Headquarters 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA 92407. Info: John Bensen 909-875-4545.
- 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.

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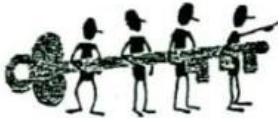


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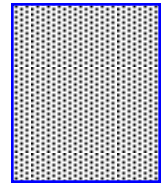
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