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## July 2013



Vintage Car Racing at the  
Antique Nationals in Irwindale


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### Tours

July is always the fun month with our weekend tour to the Solvang area for the annual 'Wings 'n Wheels' event sponsored by the Vintage Aircraft Association. It will be on **July 26th to the 28th**. The drive up is along the scenic Malibu coastline with a couple stops along the way. About 150 miles of fun driving.



### Technical, Looking Ahead

Something a little different. Right before the Wings 'n Wheels trip, Jim Speights has arranged for the club to have a 'Balance your Wheels' seminar at Al's garage on **Sat, July 20th**.



Weights are available at Harbor Freight. More to come.

### Upcoming Business Meeting

The June meeting will be **Friday, June 28th**. The meeting starts at 7:30 at Walteria clubhouse. Come early, help set up and talk to your Model A friends.



The July business meeting will be a week early on **Friday, July 19th**. (A conflict with Wings 'n Wheels) See you there!

### Next Board Meeting



The next board meeting will be the El Segundo Driving Museum on **Tuesday, July 9th** at 7PM. We'll discuss current status and future events. All members welcome.

Please visit our awesome website  
Check it out:  
[www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)

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*It's Summertime. Let's go . . .*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!!**

Here's hoping the Summer of 2013 will be fantastic. In late June, Donnis and I headed to Oregon to visit family and friends. Had a beautiful drive thru the Redwood forests of Northern California and managed to drive 1,800+ miles without a single problem... thanks to a new rental car. Everyone should experience the awesome beauty of our National forests to see the differences our state has to offer.

The big event for July will be "Wings & Wheels" in Solvang. This will be our first time at the event and we're looking forward to having a great time with our "cast of characters". The Henry Ford Picnic was held without us. I was unable to attend because of a scratched cornea obtained just prior to the trip to Oregon. Seminars are good and the more seminars the better. Our Technical Director seems to have an endless amount of things for us to learn. Thanks Jim!!!

Thanks to all for your continuing attendance at dinner Monday nights. Summertime often finds us planning vacations and thinking about the Fall and whatever new adventures Elaine Pisu can come up with!!!

Drop me a line and don't forget of new date for the **July** business meeting will be on the **19<sup>th</sup>**...one week early. Many of us are going to Wings 'n Wheels the last weekend.

Be safe out there!

*Monty*

*Places to go in your Model A*

- I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Cahoots**. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.
- I've also never been in **Cognito**. I hear no one recognizes you there.
- I have, however, been in **Sane**. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.
- I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump, and who needs that.
- I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.
- I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm.
- Sometimes I'm in **Capable**, tsk, tsk.
- One of my favorite places to be is in **Suspense**! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the heart!

Laugh, love truly, forgive quickly, and well, that forgiveness part is up to you!

*July Birthdays*

- 1 Doris Marshall
- 1 Dr. Steve Thompson
- 4 Bill Moore
- 5 Mariano Deogracias
- 10 Mike Wright
- 13 Mirco Pisu
- 18 Donnis Bates
- 20 Joe Freitag
- 25 Noralene Porper
- 27 Pat Harrison

*July Anniversaries*

- 2 Beverly & Vince Migliazzo
- 3 Elaine & Mirco Pisu
- 9 Sandy & Ron Ragon
- 13 Jack & Joan Gordinier
- 23 Bob & Carol Olsen

*Editor's Corner* by Dick Wyckoff

I wish more of you had a chance to go to the Antique Nationals in Irwindale. Lots of very interesting vintage race cars and hot rod history. Have you ever seen an Offy powered Model A? How about a fuel injected, turbocharged GMC six in a '39 Chevy? Lots of interesting innovations to make our antique hardware go faster. Take a look at some of the pictures I took in this issue.

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 . . .



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## Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Keep **Pat Harrison's dad** in your thoughts. He is getting on in years and is in hospice care out in Palm Springs. Tim and Pat visit regularly to ensure his comfort.

A dear, long time friend of **Jan Wyckoff's**, Ruby Rhea, has been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer. Ruby was the tenor singer in Jan's 1965 world championship Sweet Adeline barbershop quartet. Ruby is a wonderful, talented, caring person and needs your comforting thoughts. Thanks.

**Steve Preston** is recovering from a smashed/cut finger while doing some woodwork. Remember Steve, (an old machinist told me this 50 years ago) 'A machine has no conscience'. Steve is doing fine.

### 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:

All summer long, 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 \$1. 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.



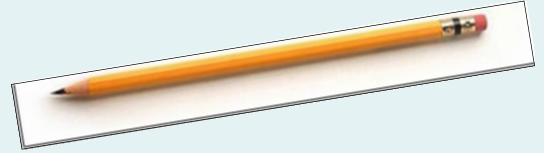
### New Club jacket info from Jan:

At the next meeting, Jan will be collecting more names of those who would like to order new club jackets. She will put together a sign-up sheet with the appropriate info on it. The jackets come with your name and the club logo on the front. Approximate price is \$35. Embroidery on the back is extra.

## Business Meeting Minutes

Walteria Clubhouse

Date: May 24, 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 and Dick Wyckoff

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as printed in the HarborLight

Vice President: Tim Harrison thanked those who donated to the raffle, the Earharts, Wagners, Gordiniers, Wyckoffs. We took in \$206.

Treasurer: Daffy reported we had sufficient funds.

HarborLight Editor: The HarborLight editor was presented with an *Award of Excellence* from MARC, this is 4 years in a row. With Memorial Day just this past Monday, Dick W. asked all the veterans to stand up and they received a round of applause for their service.

Historian: On vacation.

Membership: Ursi said we had 47 in attendance. She said she really appreciates the veterans and what they did for our country. Where she came from she couldn't finish high school, and there were all kinds of restrictions.

Membership Drawing: Linda Skinner and Don Knott each won \$5. Clock prize won by Frank Young.

Technical & Safety: Jim Speights said there would be technical on generators tomorrow, Sat. 6/1 at 10:00 am in Al's garage. Eight people responded they would attend. Jim said to bring generators that needed work.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$4.41 was taken in.

Sunshine: Doris talked to Rhoda, Paul is about the same, doesn't talk much. Next week Rhoda begins another round of cancer treatment. Art Wagner is home with a virus. Jim Valot's friend passed away and the caregiver needs a job. Maxine Longshore passed away (she was a longtime friend of Norval) Steve Preston injured his thumb which required stitches while working on a porch project.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: May birthdays were: LeOra Combs, Leonard Funk, Jim Speights, Dolores Strosnider and Willie Duncan. Anniversaries were: Liz & Dan Fitzgerald and Bill Newell and Ellen Peterson.

Tours: Monty said we had two great tours in May, we all gave Elaine a big hand. July is Wings & Wheels. Pisu will be in Italy during the month of August, anyone have ideas for tours? The Henry Ford picnic is June 23rd, sign up with Elaine Pisu. Cost is \$10 per person. The Seniors of Palos Verdes has a car gathering the first Sat. of each month. June 15 there is a Gardena car collector tour, if you are interested see Joe Freitag. Antique Nationals in Irwindale, Sun., 6/2. Richard Parrish said he and Jeanne traveled 7,700 miles but they had to take a modern, he didn't get his Model A ready. They went to Missouri, Virginia, Tenn., and Michigan for the MAFFI Museum at the Gilmore complex. There were 267 cars and 2K people. He took pictures of the Club brick we ordered, also the Marshall's.

There were four high school kids who wanted to borrow Richard's Model A for a commercial on distracted teen driving. They had old typewriters and a phone. They won first place in the National competition. The boy heading it up won \$15K. There is a link to watch their work. (Dick do you have that?)

Web Master: Sue is on vacation but is sending updates for our website.

Old Business: The Orange County Pancake breakfast was well attended. Awards were given to Toad & Nita, Bobby D, Dick & Jan. We have good turnouts at our Hof's Hut gathering on Monday nights. No new ads. Dick W. told us about the NCRG in Pleasanton this last weekend. Fun times by the Marshalls, the Gordiniers, and the Wyckoffs.

New Business: Jan sent around a signup sheet to order new club jackets. We had 12 signup but we'll wait one month before ordering to see if anyone else wants to place an order.

Refreshments hosted by: Jack & Julie Goldberg. Yummie!

Next General Meeting: June 28th

Next Board Meeting: June 4<sup>th</sup> at the El Segundo ADM. 7PM

Meeting adjourned at: 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Acting Secretary

## Service Information

### PLATE LEVER NOTCH IN DISTRIBUTOR BODY MUST NOT BE ALTERED

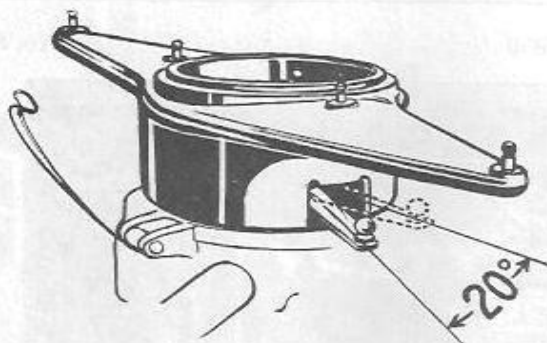


Fig. 950

Several instances have been reported of dealers increasing the width of the plate lever notch in the distributor body in endeavoring to increase the travel of the plate lever.

This is exceedingly poor practice and must be discontinued at once.

The plate lever notch in the distributor body is accurately machined to permit the lever to travel 20° from the fully retarded to the fully advanced spark lever position. See Fig. 950. When the width of the notch is increased it permits the lever to travel beyond the recommended 20° range and this of course affects the timing.

Before timing an engine always check the travel of the plate lever. This can be easily done by fully retarding the spark lever on the steering gear quadrant then noting whether the plate lever is touching against the side of the notch. Next pull the spark lever all the way down on the quadrant to the fully advanced position and see if the plate lever is touching the opposite side of the notch. If the plate lever does not make the full 20° travel disconnect the spark control rod (see Fig. 951) and slightly bend the control rod lever (see Fig. 952) until the plate lever

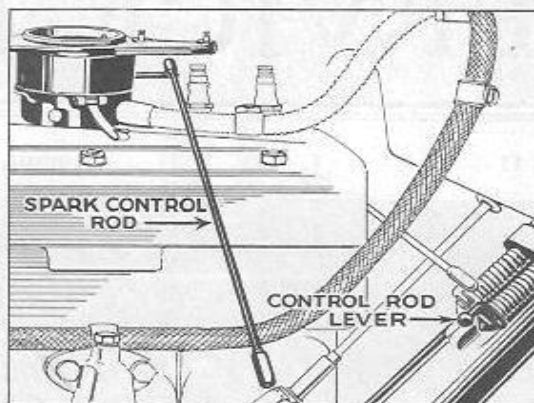


Fig. 951

touches one side of notch in distributor body when spark lever is fully advanced and touches opposite side when lever is fully retarded. Do not under any circumstances attempt to correct this condition by increasing the width of notch in distributor body.

After checking travel of plate lever proceed with timing operation in usual way. When the timing operation is completed the travel of the lever should again be checked. When timing ignition do not remove distributor body.

Inasmuch as there has been some misunderstanding on the part of mechanics please make correct travel of plate lever a part of your regular inspection.

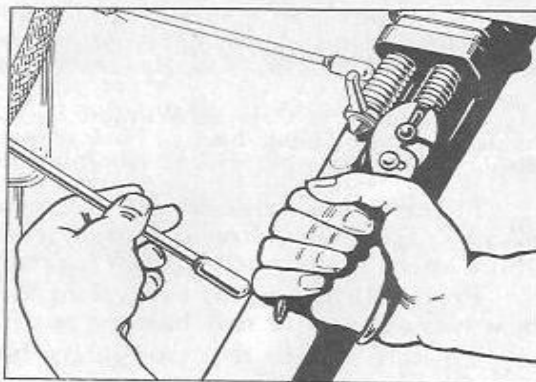


Fig. 952

## Tours and More Tours

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

Some of what has happened over the last month, or so. Drain & Doris, Jack & Joan, and Dick & Jan took the 350 mile drive in their moderns to the NCRG in Pleasanton CA. Lots of great cars and activities. Dick Wyckoff was one of the car judges under the leadership of Les Andrews. 15 very nice cars were shown and a roadster pickup walked away with the top honors. The three couples took a train ride on the Niles Canyon Railway, part of the original Transcontinental Railroad. A fun journey back in time.



On Sunday, the 23rd of June, a Harbor contingent led by Dick Wyckoff drove to the Downey Model A Club's 'Henry Ford Picnic' at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. We had six As and one modern drive the 25 miles to the park. Altogether we had 18 members attend from Harbor.

The picnic is a chance to meet old friends and make some new ones. At the last count, there were 180 people in attendance and 66 cars on display. Most were very nice As and the 'Peoples Choice' was a tough decision. After the lunch of burgers, dogs, beans, and potato salad, the ever popular raffle was held. Some very nice prizes were on display. Harbor donated a new Interstate 6v battery. It turned out to be the hot ticket item.

Harbor has some lucky people. We came away with 10 winners with Teresa LeFall winning four prizes! Lucky gal....The fun thing is, she won the battery, too. Fran Earhart won \$190 in the money drawing. Go girls . . . .



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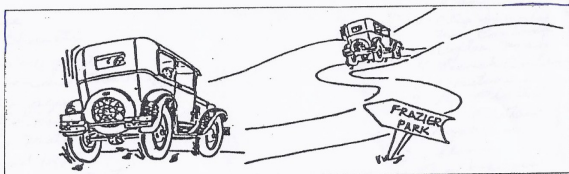


## **Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2013**

- 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
- June 30th (Sun) **Breakfast Club Cruise-in** at the Peterson Museum the last Sunday of every month, 9am - noon. Get free parking and 2 for 1 admission to the museum. 6060 Wilshire, LA 90036
- 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. Info: Jeff Hood 562-597-5936
- July 26-28 (Fri-Sun) **Wings 'n Wheels** in Solvang. Save the date. Fun weekend. Sign up before June 18th.
- 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
- August 24th (Sat) 16th Annual El Segundo **Main Street Car Show**. 10Am to 3PM. Open to all pre-1975 Rods, Antiques, Race cars, Special Interest. Entry \$20. Info 310-524-2262. Free to public. ESPD Police Officers Association.
- 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](http://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.
- January 18th (Sat) Harbor Area **Awards Banquet** at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester. Save the date!

### 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Frazier Park Potluck and Meet

Host:  
Bakersfield Chapter, Model A Ford Club of America



**Sunday, October 6, 2013**

**Location:** Frazier Park Recreation Building  
3800 Park Drive  
Frazier Park, CA 93225

**Time:** 10:30 A.M. to 3 P.M. - Potluck around noon

Bring something for the potluck dinner. Service, bread, and something to drink will be provided. No trophies awarded, but prizes for events such as dirtiest engine and best sounding horn will be provided. Bring your Hubley for the race. There will be a raffle. If you would like to donate a raffle prize it would be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there.

For information contact Stu Slattery, Bakersfield, CA. Phone 661-589-8677.



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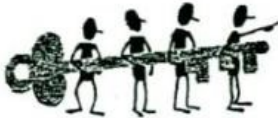


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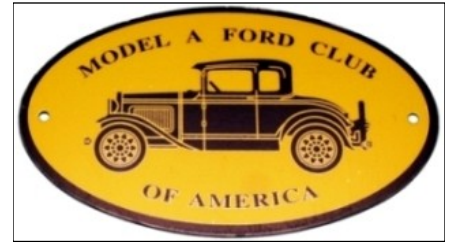



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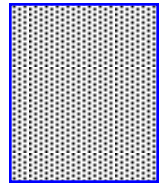
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