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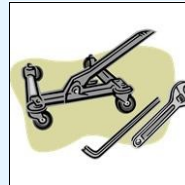
Wings 'n Wheels
Solvang, CA

Tours

Elaine Pisu is working on the September tour with Orange County to celebrate Henry Ford day. Keep **September 28th** open. Also, we are working on a **progressive** for October. More info to follow. How about another "Feed the Firemen" event in Long Beach? Keep November 10th open.



Technical Activities



We are still working on Al Avonian's AA truck (or any other projects) at Al's garage. Meet there at 10am on Thursdays and we'll work on whatever projects happen to show up. Last time we balanced some wheels and did a front-end alignment. Stop by and join in.

Upcoming Business Meeting

The **August** meeting will be **Friday, August 30th**. The meeting starts at 7:30 at WALTERIA clubhouse. We will be having our annual **White Elephant** sale. Bring your unloved treasures to be auctioned by none other than Bill Newell. Don't be late!



The **September** meeting is **Friday, September 27th**. Time is 7:30 at WALTERIA Clubhouse. Come early and help set up. See you there!

Next Board Meeting



The next board meeting will be the El Segundo Driving Museum on **Tuesday, September 3rd** at 7PM. We'll discuss current status and future events. All members welcome.

Please visit our awesome website
Check in it at:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

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Monty's Message
A Note from our President
Monty Bates



Schoolltime again. Be careful.

Every parent across our country looks forward to seeing the kids go back to school. This year is no different so keep an eye out for the "rugrats" as you drive your Model A in and around the South Bay.

My very special thanks to all who joined Donniss and me in the celebration of the life of Paul Larquier...lots of Model A's present and I know it meant a lot to Rhoda. He was a wonderful man that made many friends in his life.

The fall will be with us soon and it looks like our calendar will be filling up quickly with tours and special events. Our Tour Director will be busy when she returns from Italy. We are hoping to see the wondering duo of Sue & Pat...back with us again. Please don't forget about our annual "White Elephant" sale this Friday night. We continue to work on Al Avoian's AA truck as we start to think about the holidays ahead.

It looks like we will be staying with the folks at Hof's Hut on Monday nights. We should have a good turnout for Elaine's upcoming tours. We need ideas for technical seminars so drop me a line or talk to Jim Speights directly.

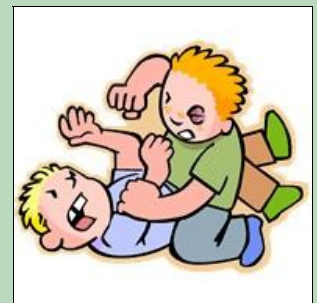
Be careful out there

Monty



GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats..
- 2) When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food..
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair..
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts..
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.



GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground...
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy..

September Birthdays

- 1 Rhoda Larquier
- 6 Darlene Funk
- 6 Jim Beardsley
- 8 Bob Olsen
- 11 Ursula Schmidt
- 14 Cliff LeFall
- 15 Harcourt Hervey
- 17 Art Wagner



September Anniversaries

- 1 Bill & Dot Knott
- 2 Bob & Laura Pahls
- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 6 Steve & Becky Preston
- 17 Gwen & Dick Valot
- 23 Acela & Conrad Garcia

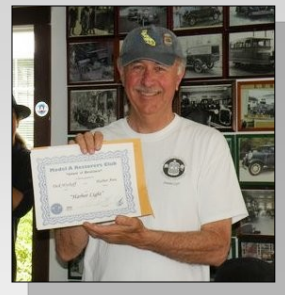
Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Hof's Hut on Crenshaw at 235th on Monday evening at 5PM is the place to be. 25 - 30 of us meet there for dinner and trade stories with our friends. Lots of good food. Monty contacted the management and the service has improved 100%. Come by and join us.

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 . . .



Some Wings 'n Wheels pics



Harbor 'Sunshine Status'

by Doris Marshall



With a sad heart, we note the passing of long time member **Paul Larquier**. After a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's, Paul passed away on July 27th, just shy of his 90th birthday. He loved his old cars and drove them many miles on long trips. Another WWII vet will be missed.

His funeral was attended by 35 Harbor club members with 13 Model As. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Rhoda and the Larquier family. May he rest in peace.

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 7:00PM 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 updated **2013 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available at all get-togethers. The first booklet is free to members. Additional copies are \$1.50. 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.

Renewed Membership: **Glenn & Nita Stonehocker** have renewed their membership. Add their info to your roster: 16014 Menlo Ave., Gardena, CA 90247. Email: Neat-Nita@sbcglobal.net. They have a 29 Roadster and a 28 Tudor Sedan. Welcome Back!

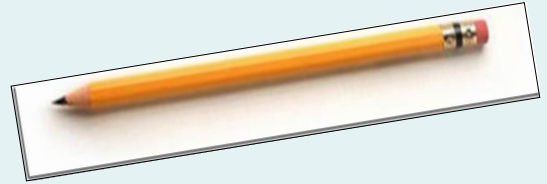


Frank Young just called me and said that he got rid of his land line. His cell phone number is 310-463-3239.

Business Meeting Minutes

Walteria Clubhouse

Date: Friday, July 26, 2013



President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 previously published in the HarborLight.

Vice President: At our August 30th meeting we will have a White Elephant sale led by our own auctioneer Bill Newell. Thanks to those who donated to tonight's raffle, the Earharts, Wagners, Harrisons, Wyckoffs and the Le-Falls.

Treasurer: Daffy reported all bills paid and we are fine.

HarborLight Editor: The HarborLight will be out next week, Dick needs articles soon. Monty had recommended that on the Wyckoff and Gordinier's trip to Oregon this last week, that they try the Old Towne Pizza restaurant in Bend. We did go there. The pizza was great, so we got Monty a shirt from the place. Dick went online before the trip to see what Model A activities were happening in Bend. Turns out the local club meets for breakfast in Bend at Jake's restaurant. We got there after the group had eaten (we were traveling from Chenault, OR 30 miles away) but they were still in the parking lot kicking tires. The club is hosting the North West Regional Meet in Bend the first week of September and the Gordiniers are signed up to attend. Nice people.

Historian: On vacation, Pat and Sue attended the Calgary Stampede.

Membership: We have a new member, Dick Wenker. He couldn't come tonight because of a family commitment.

Membership Drawing: Drain won the men's \$5 prize and LeOra Combs won the women's \$5 prize. Rose Jamesson won the clock prize.

Technical & Safety: Tomorrow at 10 a.m. there will be a technical on wheel balancing at Al Avoian's garage. 8 responded that they will be attending.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Some loose change collected

Sunshine: Dick Lusk threw his back out, Pat Harrison's father passed away June 26, Art Wagner is recovering beautifully. Rhoda is doing great but Paul has been in the hospital with a foot infection. Marty Murphy had a small stroke but doing OK.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: July birthdays were: Doris Marshall, Dr. Steve Thompson, Bill Moore, Mariano Deogracias, Mike Wright. Mirco Pisu, Donnis Bates, Joe Freitag, Noralene Porper and Pat Harrison. Anniversaries were: Beverly & Vince Migliazzo, Elaine & Mirco Pisu, Sandy & Ron Ragon, Jack & Joan Gordinier and Bob & Carol Olsen.

Tools Coordinator: No comment.

Tours: Sun. the 21st meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45, leave at 9:00 for the tour to the Ronald Reagan Museum.

Joe Freitag is working on a tour to the Wounded Warriors activity in August. Sept. 28 is Model A Day and we'll be participating with the Orange County club. In Oct. we'll have a Progressive.

Friday July 26th is Wings & Wheels in Solvang, meet at the Wyckoff's in El Segundo at 8:30 a.m. Elaine will set up a dinner Friday night for those in attendance.

Web Master: On vacation.

Old Business: Vicky Bartlett from the Diamond Tread chapter sent a nice thank you note for our attendance at the Henry Ford Day picnic. Lunch was served to 180 people that day. 66 cars.

New Business: Pisu's niece Amara Sidio from Rolla, MO was in attendance tonight. Monty and Donnis' kid who is still in college in Poplar Bluff, MO got a great teaching job.

Refreshments hosted by: Donnis and Monty

Next General Meeting: August 30

Next Board Meeting: August 6 at the ADM

Meeting adjourned at: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Acting Secretary



Technical Talk

Quick History of the Spark Plug



The actual evolution of the modern day spark plug came about as a solution to the problem with early flame and ignitor ignitions on internal combustion engines. There have been several materials that have evolved as insulation materials. Some materials that have been used are mica, stone and several different kinds of improved porcelain. A lot of early forms of porcelain were not designed to handle the extreme hot and cold changes that engines demanded. Some insulated materials were very porous and would absorb oils and soot easily. This would make for a short life as they would foul out quickly. Gasoline in the early days wasn't as refined as it is today. It contained more oils and was closer to today's kerosene.

In 1915 a major improvement in porcelain was "775" porcelain, by the Frenchtown Porcelain Co.. This new formula produced porcelain that would hold up to heat changes with less absorption of oil. Since that time improvements have continued on porcelain designs. Dr. Joseph Jeffery's discovery of silimanite in 1933 gave spark plugs a longer life. This was a major improvement in the porcelain design.

Over the years, companies have tried to come up with unique designs to be used as selling points for their spark plugs. Some of the unique idea

results were the:

- Quick Detach - by moving a lever 1/4 of a turn, you could remove the center for quick easy cleaning without tools;
- Double Ended Plugs - could be turned over when one end was fouled and still have a plug that worked;
- Breathing Plugs - were designed to allow clean, cool air to be sucked in over the hot end of the porcelain, which would assist in further burning away of deposits;
- Priming Plugs - allowed you to put a small amount of gas into the cylinder for easy starting;
- Coil Plugs - where the coil and the plug were actually combined into a one piece unit;
- Intensified Plugs - having a second firing gap, that was advertised as allowing the plug to "



SPARK PLUG GAP CHANGED



Fig. 897

The spark plug gap has been changed from .027" to .035". This new setting has been found to give better all-round performance.

When an engine does not idle properly, often all that is necessary is to slightly open up the spark plug gaps. When an instance of this kind is brought to your attention, always check the spark plug gaps before attempting any repair work.

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Champion Spark Plugs have the latest and most improved features of spark plug construction. They are used by practically all the best known racing drivers because of their great strength and dependability, and because they deliver a clean new set of the improved 2-piece construction, with heavy bodies, and are equipped with the new, improved, Silliman-type of filler for your car today. Champion Spark Plugs every 10,000 miles power, better protection, and greater fire safety.

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WINGS AND WHEELS (my view)

By Pat Harrison

People can be a little like their cars—a bit slow in getting started; but we all did get going Friday morning. Another similarity we have to our cars is that we require fuel (a lot of fuel) much more than our cars. We had three people fuel stops on the way and just one for fuel for the As. Getting us all back on the road after a stop is a like herding cats. Better late than never, we all arrived in Santa Ynez minus Mirco and Elaine's truck. Their truck sure looks good on the outside but was a little "cranky" on the inside.

Elaine and Mirco saw to it that we were prepared for happy hour with wine, women and song. Yes, we had all three maybe not like it sounds. After happy hour Friday we had a short walk to Split Pea Anderson's for my birthday party. What? we weren't there just because it was my birthday—darn!

Saturday we toured. We visited a home that had model trains set up and running on a track. What a pleasure sitting in the backyard (more like a forest) listening to the train sounds as they were chugging around on the tracks. Included in the stop was a tour through the train museum—unbelievable. Next we old goats stopped to see the miniature goats. It is amazing how quickly the old and mini goats bonded. Six of us had started the tour in our Woodie, but on the way to lunch we had to trade the Woodie in for a modern when the Woodie started moaning. Just look at the tires in Dick's picture—a picture is worth a thousand words.



That night we had another happy hour (there's no excuse for us not being a happy club) just before the Wing's barbecue—yum. After dinner, I think some of the group tried to use up all the wine and beer so it wouldn't have to be lugged home (you'll have to check with them). Others just turned in.

Sunday we were the best represented club at breakfast for aebleskivers and sausage. Offer them food and they will come. As far as I know, everyone arrived at home safe and sound (well at least safe). And the trip isn't just about us. I know all of us have stories about the people we met from other clubs and the things we learned from them. We all seem to have the gift of gab.

If you didn't come this year, talk to our first-timers (Donnis, Monty, Georgette and Al) and I think they will tell you how much fun they had and how glad they were that they went to Wings and Wheels. A good time was had by all.

Tours and More Tours

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

Elaine is in Italy on vacation this month so the editor will try and capture what she has for us in the near future.

September 28th, Orange County MAC is hosting a Henry Ford day - drive your Model A day in Irvine CA. This has become a national Model A event. It will be picnic style at a park. More details emerging. \$10 each for food and \$5 for parking. Sounds like a great time. More info to follow.

October sometime we are hoping to have a progressive dine-drive-dine-drive... type of event. Always fun.

November 10th, Elaine has tentatively arranged for a 'Feed the Firemen' event in San Pedro with the fireboat guys. We did this last year and it was well received. Those guys are the best! More to come.

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- **1930 Model A Ford Pickup** "Pony Express" Mail Delivery Vehicle. Touring Engine, 12v, Weber downdraft, 5-speed tranny, hydraulic brakes, 2-yr old Firestone tires, fresh radiator, gauges, tach, 12v outlet for GPS or radio. Other extras. Contact Steve Newton 310-837-3026. \$13,500. Culver City CA.
- Set of 4 **brand new Goodyear 21" blackwall tires**. Did I say brand new? A set of new 30-31 hubcaps comes with the deal. Cost new with tax is \$780 . For sale for \$600.
Call Bob DeCrescenzo at 310 540-3690. Torrance CA
- **1928 Model A Phaeton**. Nice car. Good tires, new battery, overdrive, dual side-mounts, etched wind wings, black metal trunk, nice top and upholstery. Runs great. Asking \$16,500.
Contact Bev Marsh at 714-373-9769 or Doug Marsh at 805-903-3617. Orange County CA
- **1931 Model A pickup**. Solid, complete truck with good engine, transmission and no rust. Rebuilt carb, fresh fluids. This truck has been in several movies including 'Changeling' and 'Aviator'. Asking \$13,000 OBO.
Contact Anthony at 714-330-5262. Orange County CA

Wanted:

- Need a round Model A speedometer for my 31 AA truck. Can trade oval or?
Contact Al Avoian at 310-371-5732. Torrance CA
- A pair of **29 Model A headlights**.....Steve Newton.....310-827-3026.....\$\$ or horse trade?
- **Used Christmas and greeting cards**. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them.
Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.



Take ten minutes—now!


Your engine needs fresh, full-bodied motor oil. Drain out the old. Don't drive this spring with "winter-worn" oil in the crankcase. Diluted, thinned out by the choke, it no longer has sufficient body to lubricate fully . . . to protect the pistons, the cylinder walls and the bearings.



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Website:
2014mafcanational.org



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2013

September 3-8 (Tues-Sun) **NWRM in Bend OR**. Visit website: nwrn2013.org or call Annie at 541-389-2694

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. Info: Dan Fitzgerald or Dick Wyckoff

September 14th (Sat) **11th Annual All Ford Car Show** and Swap Meet in Old Town Orcutt CA

September 27-30 (Fri-Mon) **Hangtown As** hosting **Apple Hill 2013**. Check website: www.hangtownas.org

September 28th (Sat) Orange County is organizing a **National Model A Ford Day** event to be held in Irvine. As we get more details on cost and things, we will pass it along. Sounds like a fun event.

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 6th (Sun) **21st Annual Frazier Park** Potluck and Meet. 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.

January 18th, 2014 (Sat) Harbor Area **Awards Banquet** at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester.

July 14-18, 2014 **2014 MAFCA National Convention**. Puyallup Washington. Website: 2014mafcanational.org



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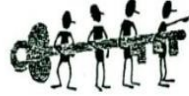
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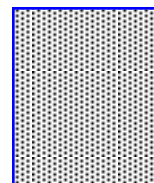
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