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The El Segundo  
Christmas parade.  
A nice showing of  
six beautifully  
decorated cars.

We had six cars in  
the Wilmington  
Christmas parade  
at the same time.

## Tours

The club meeting on **Friday, December 20th** will be a tour of the light displays in the local community near the meeting hall. Drive your Model A and join the fun parade.

For a little different tour, join the HCCA **Dec 29th** at the racetrack in Irwindale for a car show and a tour of Pasadena. Meet starts at 7AM. Tour starts at 10AM. See some great old, unusual cars.

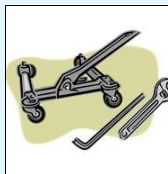


## Upcoming Business Meeting

The **December** business meeting will be the tour of lights in Torrance. If you want to join us for dinner beforehand, we will meet at Marie Callenders, Hawthorne and Torrance blvd. at 4:45PM.

If you just want to join in on the light tour, meet at Wood's Ace Hardware, Sepulveda and PV Blvd. at 7PM. Cookie exchange afterward at Bob and Phyllis DeCrescenzo's.

## Technical Activities



We are still working on Al Avoian's AA truck (or any other projects) at Al's garage. We've got the wiring in and the engine running. Meet there at 10am on Thursdays and we'll work on whatever projects happen to show up. Let's get Al's truck on the road again. Stop by and join in.

## Next Board Meeting



The next board meeting will be the Annual Banquet in Long Beach on **January 18th**. The **February** board meeting will be on **February 4th** at the ADM in El Segundo. All welcome.

Please visit our awesome website  
Check in it at:

[www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)

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Monty's Message  
A Note from our President  
Monty Bates



Thanks for the Good Times!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to one and all...This month marks the end of my time serving as your President. I want to thank each and every member of the Harbor A's for their support. I was very fortunate in having a great Team of Officers and a willing group of volunteers for everything we did! Personal thanks to those folks who really did make being the club President a joy and a ***constant supply of fun & humor***. A special note of gratitude to the Editor-in-Chief, my Sergeant-at-Arms and to the lady who always made sure we had something good to eat & drink... Georgette.

Our most recent event was both parades in Wilmington and El Segundo. Each parade has six Model A's from the club...Donnis and I enjoyed wonderful parade with lots of kids and some beautiful horses. I heard the folks in El Segundo had a nice turnout and our club was "looking good". These are some of the reasons we drive this old cars. Elaine will continue her role as Tour Director so watch out...lots of adventures in 2014.

Our Annual Awards and Installation Banquet is booked for Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. We are fortunate in contracting with "The Reef" in Long Beach...this event is shaping up to be a really great evening. Lots of prizes & surprises...and I guarantee a good time will be had by all!!!! We continue to meet on Monday night at Hoff's Hut, come on down.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your President. I know Tim and his Team will do an outstanding job... please help me help him!!! I am looking forward to a new year with hope in my heart for our nation and all nations to live in peace.

Be careful out there...

*Monty*

Some Wilmington Christmas Parade pictures





## 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

A great showing at both the Wilmington Christmas parade and the El Segundo Christmas parade. We had six decorated Model As in each parade. The gang in Wilmington followed some horses while the El Segundo group followed the LA Laker girls. Who had more fun! Anyway, we all had a great time. **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Oh, don't forget Mondays, 5pm at Hof's Hut, 237th and Crenshaw in Torrance. Can't forget the food!

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 43 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 . . .



### Info for Harbor Installation Banquet

Day and Date: **Saturday, January 18, 2014**

Organization: Harbor Model A Club

Location: The Reef on the Water, 800 Harbor Scenic Drive, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 435-3717

Room: Luau

Time/Conclusion: 6:00PM/11:00PM (open at 5:00 for set up)

Type of Function: Dinner Program

Attendance: (Minimum 50)

Three Course Dinner, Choice of:  
Baked Salmon

Sirloin Steak  
Chicken  
Vegetable Wellington

Cost is \$40 per person. Make check out to: **Harbor MARC**  
Make sure you specify which meal(s) you want in comment space

Give check to Treasurer, Daffy Wagner.

## Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

**Jeannie Parrish** is improving a little all the time after her stroke. Hang in there. We love you!

**Joe Freitag** had surgery for a pinched nerve in his back. It was successful and was able to participate in the Christmas parade. Next up . . . Gall bladder surgery. Thinking of you, Joe.

**Thom Marshall** is having hernia surgery. Hopefully this will be the last of his operations.

**Doris Marshall** has back pain and has physical therapy twice a month.

### 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.



### Monday Night at Hof's Hut

We have been meeting for dinner on Monday at Hof's Hut on 237th and Crenshaw for a while now. The food is good and Norma takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5PM.



### 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 \$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.

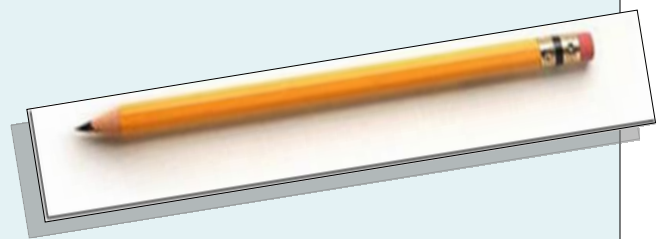


### 2014 Harbor As Annual Dues time:

Ursi Schmidt is collecting annual dues. She collects club dues, \$25, and national MARC dues, \$38, at the same time. She will mail in the MARC dues for you. If you are writing a check for the \$63, make it out to **HARBOR MARC**.

You can mail your check to Ursi at: 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City CA 90710

**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**November 22, 2013 Walteria Clubhouse**



President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier.

Recognition of past Presidents: In attendance were: Dick Wyckoff, Pat Yacklon, Doris & Drain Marshall and Carla Hibbard.

Secretary: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written in the Harborlight dated Oct 25, 2013.

Vice President: Tim Harrison is ready for the banquet. He is accepting donations for banquet prizes.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner reported all bills are paid. Two dollars was collected for badge fines. There are about 22 members that have paid for the banquet.

Harborlight Editor: Dick Wyckoff said the newsletter has been sent out. Contact him if you are interested in going to the El Segundo Christmas parade and Elaine for the Wilmington parade. Dick presented Monty with a new cow bell to replace the little, wimpy bell he uses to get attention. We can hear you now!

Webmaster/Historian: Sue Hankins has a fifteen minute DVD to show of our last four tours: International Model A Day, Little Sisters of the Poor Senior facility, Feed the Fireman potluck and the Progressive Luncheon.

Membership: Ursi is getting back up to speed on club activities after her & Dick's cruise on the high seas.

Woman's prize: Georgette Avoian    Men's prize: Andy Soto    Clock prize: Daffy Wagner

Technical Director: Jim Speights expects Al's truck to be ready to drive by Christmas. There are no new seminars planned. Thursday morning's coffee club will continue at Al's garage.

Sunshine: Doris reported about our members. Dan Fitzgerald fell at home and tore the rotator cuff in his shoulder. Rhoda Larquier misses everyone. Jeannie Parrish suffered a stroke. She is in rehab and should be home by Thanksgiving. Joe Freitag had back surgery. Doris has been having backaches. After a visit to the doctor, an MRI showed an old fracture.

Tour Director: Elaine gave a special thank you to all the members who helped on tours and opened their homes for the Progressive Luncheon. She had sign-up sheets for Wilmington and El Segundo parades. December 20<sup>th</sup> club members can meet at 5:00 pm at Marie Callenders (Hawthorne and Torrance blvd.) for dinner or meet at Wood's Ace Hardware (Sepulveda and PV Blvd) at 7:00 pm to go on the Christmas lights tour. It will be followed by a cookie exchange at Bob and Phyllis DeCrescenzo's home.

New Business: Monty read the list of December birthdays and anniversaries. Dorothy Wood is 94 years old. Monty said 'The Thumb' will be passed to Jim Huizdos the next time he is in attendance. The elections were held for new officers. Voted in were Tim Harrison for President, Monty Bates for Vice President, Donnis Bates for Secretary, Elaine Pisu for Tour Director and Cliff LeFall for Technical Director. Ruxella Speights will replace Georgette Avoian for refreshments. Board of directors meeting has been moved to December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Advertising: Amy Knott has no new advertisers.

Refreshments: A special thank you to Cliff and Teresa LeFall for the Ice Cream.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Yacklon, Secretary





## Technical Talk



**My generator is not charging...** what is the best way to test on the car? Not sure if the cutout is bad...

Disconnect the Cut-out wiring and remove the Cut-out from the Generator. Next remove the fan belt. Using a set of jumper cables connected to a charged battery, connect to the Generator and see if it will spin like a motor. If so, in all likelihood it will charge and therefore consider swapping out and installing a good Cut-out with a diode in it.

Start the engine and set it to a fast idle, then jump across the two cutout terminals. If it now shows a charge the cutout needs the contacts cleaned, or the pull-in winding is bad. If the amp gauge still shows a charge after the jumper wire is removed, then the generator just needed to be polarized.

Don't run a Model A generator for more than a few seconds if it's not connected to the battery, or it may burn itself up. If the cutout is faulty, then the generator isn't connected to the battery. In case of a faulty cutout, you can safely run the generator by jumping the output post to ground.

## **Automobile Driving Museum Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Automobile Driving Museum celebrated its 10 Anniversary in El Segundo on November 9<sup>th</sup> with a huge gala enjoyed by a large crowd of supporters. The theme was definitely the 1930's when some of the most magnificent cars were produced. It was fun seeing the women in their flapper clothes and the entertainment included a live jazz and dancing band with a singer and dancing girls that danced the Charleston, and Shag of that era. Stanley Zimmerman, the Executive Director and co-founder to the museum along with his longtime friend, Earl Rubinstein, dedicated the night to Earl who is the Museum's curator.

There was an interesting exhibit of 3D Printing of parts, a student built robot that could shoot and retrieve Frisbees and a number of hand built items all created by students at Hawthorne High School of Manufacturing & Engineering. Their Instructor, Lucas Pacheco is part of the Career Technologies Department in Manufacturing Technologies, Robotics and an Engineering Academy. Pacheco captured the crowd's attention when he said that he left his engineering job at a large aerospace manufacturing company to change the lives of kids that grow up less fortunate. These boys and girls are motivated to educate themselves and are the hope of bringing back a skilled manufacturing capability to the United States.

Pictured in the photograph are Lucas Pacheco, Johnny Cadena, Estefany Davila, Grecia Lizarraga and Alvaro Monteroso.

Mr. Pacheco and his students are interested in the old cars and would like to meet with us to show and explain what they have done and learn about our experiences with classic cars. Maybe we could arrange that at the ADM in 2014? What do you think?

Joe Freitag





## Touring with Elaine

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



### Looking Ahead to Next Year

We've had lots of fun events this last year. Looking forward to some more fun in 2014.

Have you ever been to a national Model A meet? Cars from all over the country will be converging on Puyallup Washington this July for the MAFCA convention. Even if you don't bring a Model A to the event, it is well worth the time. A week long immersion in events involving these old cars is a lot of fun. Meeting new friends is worth the drive.

Also, if you have some ideas about a fun tour or visit this next year, let me know. We like new ideas.

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** we have our last club event for 2013. We are going to meet for **dinner at 5 PM** at Marie Callenders at the corner of Torrance Blvd and Hawthorne Blvd before the annual Christmas Lights Tour. Graciously Bobby & Phyllis DeCrescenzo have offered to open up their house for a cookie exchange after we tour the Sleepy Hollow Christmas Lights area. If you miss dinner, we will be meeting at Woods Ace Hardware parking lot at the corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd at **7PM to tour the lights**. If you haven't done this event you don't want to miss it!!

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** the Horseless Carriage Group will be meeting at the Irwindale Speedway (605 and 210 FWY) at 7AM and the tour begins at 10 AM. This is a very interesting event for old car enthusiasts. There are steam powered cars, early electric cars, celebrities, If you can't join in the tour, come and see the old cars. Lots of 'em.

## Fashion NEWS!..Value NEWS!

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24 K 3262—Cork color with brown lace stay. Pair \$1.98

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Harbor Club's brick at the MAFFI museum



Some cars from the 2012 HCCA tour in Pasadena



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## *Harbor Club in the El Segundo Christmas Parade*



This picture was in the El Segundo Herald newspaper





## **Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2013 and 2014**

**Sunday, December 29th** - HCCA has it's annual New Years tour starting at the Irwindale Raceway, 605 and 210 Fwys. Meets at 7Am , Tour starts at 10AM. Lots of antique, unusual cars. Pre 1932 preferred .

**January 18th, 2014 (Sat)** - Harbor Area Awards Banquet at "The Reef" in Long Beach near the Queen Mary.

**January 25-26, 2014 (Sat-Sun)** - Turlock swap meet at Stanislaus County Fairgrounds


**February 22-24, 2014 (Fri-Sun)** - Big 3 swap meet at Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego. Fri: 12-4pm. Sat-Sun: 8-4pm

**April 4-6th, 2014 (Fri-Sun)** - CCRG in Paso Robles CA

**May 23-26, 2014 (Fri-Mon)** - NCRG in Malpitas CA

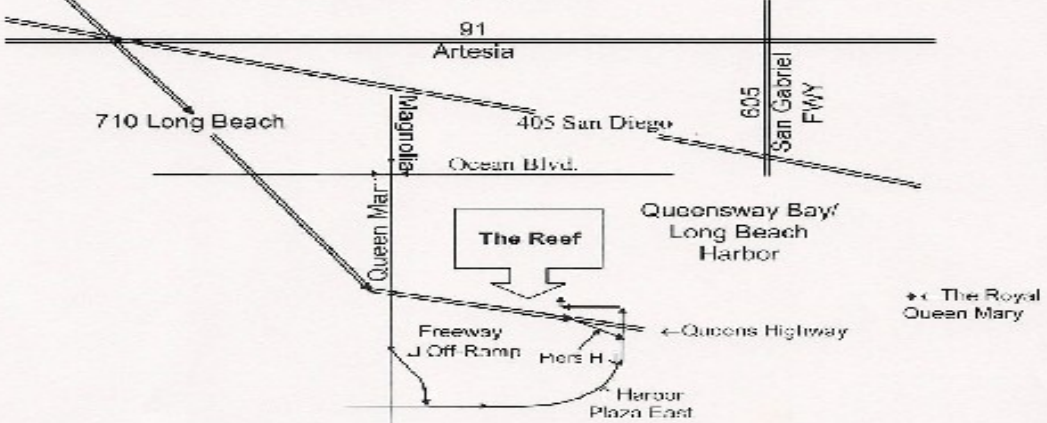
**July 11-13, 2014 (Fri-Sun)** - Wings and Wheels in Solvang CA.

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



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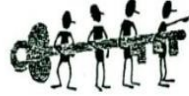


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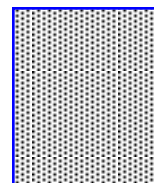
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