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Lineup of Harbor's
As at the Pancake
Breakfast.

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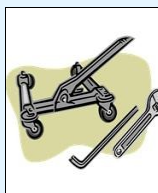
The Harbor Area Model A
Club was well represented
at the Orange County MAC
53rd Annual Pancake
Breakfast.
We had 14 As and 35
members and family there
supporting the event.
Fun day!

Tours

The **NCRG** was held
over the Memorial Day
weekend in Malpitas CA.

June 22 is a tour
to the Gene Autry Mu-
seum where Route 66 is
the theme. See page 7 for more details.

June 29th is Henry Ford Picnic in
Santa Fe Springs. Always a fun event.



Technical Activities

We are still working on Al
Avoian's AA truck (or any
other projects) at Al's garage.
The truck is up and running.
Working the bugs out which is
normal for the course.

If you have another project that
needs help, let Cliff LeFall know and we will
get it going. Everyone learns from these pro-
jects.

Upcoming Business Meeting

The **May** meeting will be back at the at
the Walteria Clubhouse again at 7:30pm
on **Friday, May 30th**.

We'll have a **Table Top swap meet** again
so bring a Model A related item to sell or
trade. We will have both a guys and a gals
table. Swap meet is a 7PM. See you there.

Next Board Meeting



The **June** board meeting will
be on **Tuesday, June 3rd** at
7PM at the Auto Driving Mu-
seum in El Segundo.
All are welcome.

Please visit our awesome website
Check in it at:
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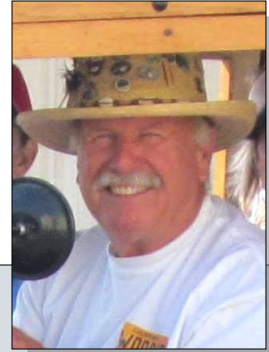
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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President
Tim Harrison



"A" View from the Slow Lane

April was a busy month with the CCRG, Safety Check, and Pancake Breakfast.

Pat Tucker was generous enough to donate her house/ museum and son Keith for our Safety Check on Saturday, April 26. Monty Bates, Jack Gordinier, Jim Huizdos, and I all showed up the Wednesday before the safety check to get a lay of the land and dust and polish Pat's cars. Jim and Roxella Speights coordinated food and refreshments. Cliff LeFall with Monty Bates' tools and a cast of five or six others checked and adjusted as much as spare parts would allow. With over 50 in attendance this was one of our best events so far this year.

Sunday, April 27, was the annual Orange County MAFC Pancake Breakfast. Drawing 208 Model As, 50 other collectible cars, and a special collection of old bicycles. Jim Huizdos was a big raffle winner as was Bobby D's sister from New York. She garnered Bobby D another set of new tires. Ron and Sandy Ragon were also big winners. (I guess the safety check did its job. There were no breakdowns coming or going.)

What a good time we all had thanks to Daffy Wagner and Jan Wyckoff. Daffy for arranging and Jan for performing. About 15 of us got together on May 2 for dinner at Marie Calendar's and then went to a delightful performance of Jan's Sweet Adeline Barbershop Quartet chorus singers at the Armstrong Theatre. Just a side note, Jan is a past world champion (Queen of Harmony) in Sweet Adelines.

TIM

A Big 'Thank You'

I'd like to say thank you to the four gentlemen that came to my house on the Wed before the Safety Inspection and did so much cleaning. They went above and beyond what I had expected. They cleaned cars, cleaned up oil and a lot of other things that would have taken my son 2 days to get done. Also on the day of the event there was so much help from everyone that the job was made very simple and easy for me. I realized that I could just stand back and let them do it. I really appreciate all of the help. The only thing that we had to do after everyone left was put the '60 Pontiac wagon back into the garage. You even took home all of the trash that was accumulated.

Again, THANK YOU.

Pat Tucker



June Birthdays

7 JoAnn Moore
8 Mike Larquier
13 Joan Gordinier
13 Larry Migliazzo
14 Frances Earhart

21 Jim Huizdos
23 Barney Clayton
23 Andy Soto
24 Julia Duenes
27 Becky Preston



June Anniversaries

4 Jeanne & Richard Parrish
5 Diana & Marty Murphy
7 Bill & JoAnn Moore
14 Kathy & Jim Valot
22 Greg & Frances Earhart
25 Willie & Darlene Duncan
26 Cliff & Teresa LeFall
26 Ed & Julia Duenes

Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Every year since 2007, Harbor has had a Safety/Pot Luck/Business meeting in April. Dick Lusk and Ursi Schmidt have hosted it for the last seven years. Due to health reasons, we had to find a new venue. Pat Tucker was gracious enough to offer her garage (and driveway) to us for the event. Everything worked out well and we inspected and adjusted 13 cars. The pot luck was wonderful and we even got a little admin stuff taken care of, too! **Thanks Pat and Keith for your hospitality.**

On a separate note, Jan and I were privileged to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Richard and Jeanne Parrish's grandson, Dakota Parrish. Truly an honor. Dakota is graduating from high school and has enlisted in the Air Force. We met Dakota at a NCRG meet four years ago. We wish him all the best in his new endeavor.

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 45 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 . . .



Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Dick Lusk - From Ursi ; Dick needs a new heart valve and possibly a bypass. Awaiting new information on the procedure. This has been dragging on for several months. We hope this isn't a sample of things to come.

Jan Wyckoff - Jan has been suffering from nerve problems in her back. Hopefully the scheduled epidermal shot will help her pain.

"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 about October 31st, 2014
Hope to see you there.



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 Supper 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.



2014 Membership, Roster and Club Items: by Ursula Schmidt & Jan Wyckoff

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. Let Dick Wyckoff know, too. He'll put the info in the Harbor-Light.

Jan Wyckoff received the first order of 35 embroidered golf shirts and distributed all of them. Cost is \$20. She has one ladies large, blue shirt available. She has new sew-on patches available also.



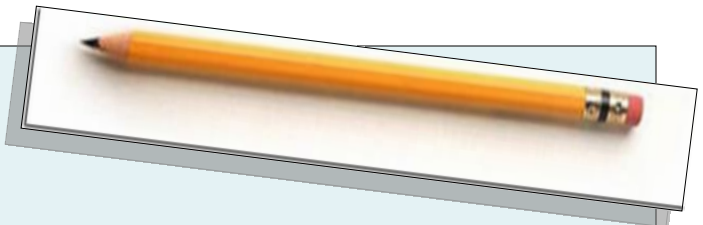
Welcome our New Members!

Please welcome new members **Ed and Julia Duenes**. They have a 1931 Sport Coupe. Their address is: 27041 Diamondhead Lane, Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275
Home phone: 310-377-3605. Email: Jduenes65@hotmail.com

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2014

Location: Pat Tucker's, 21808 Dolores St., Carson, CA



President: Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Dick Wyckoff, Pat Yacklon, Steve Preston, Doris and Drain Marshall and Monty Bates.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Jack Gordinier nominated the minutes in the April edition of the HarborLight to be approved as printed, seconded by Drain Marshall.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner said all bills are paid.

Vice-President: Monty Bates thanked everyone for their continued support. Announced that the club was donating a 6 volt battery to the pancake breakfast for the raffle. Encouraged everyone to attend the following morning in Orange CA. Thanked Pat Tucker for hosting the Safety seminar and business meeting today.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff received an Award of Excellence from the Model A Restorers club (MARC) 2013 for the fantastic monthly newsletter he produces for our club. Dick said he receives 15 to 20 newsletters from other clubs monthly. Some are quite lengthy - up to 20 pages. He likes to keep ours short (12 pages) and include interesting information about the Model A, club members and a few jokes.

Historian & Webmaster: Sue Hankins will be out of town for the next three months. She will maintain our website from the road. If you have anything to post, send an e-mail and she will get it done.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt said we have lots of people here today. The club members have all paid in full this year. She has this year's phone books with her today and they are available for purchase at \$1.50 each.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall - We are all having a blast today. The cars look like they are all in good shape and ready to tour. See you all tomorrow at the Pancake Breakfast.

Sunshine: Doris Marshall announced the upcoming luncheon with Rhoda for this Tuesday, April 29th at Olive Garden. 12:00pm. Let her know if you plan to attend so she can make a reservation. Dorothy Wood is here today and is doing great. She is 94 years young!

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo brought two guests today, his sister Debbie and her husband. They are here visiting from New York (Eastport, Long Island).

Tours: Elaine Pisu was not present, but Tim Harrison and Mirco Pisu made the following announcements: Tomorrow April 27th we have the pancake breakfast in the city of Orange. We will meet at Harbor Freight at 6:00AM and leave promptly at 6:15AM. Next Saturday, May 3rd is the Edelbrock car show. We will not be touring, but they still need volunteers to docent the event. If you're available please let Elaine know, and she will coordinate your time with Edelbrock's needs.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jan Wyckoff is singing in a theatrical production called 'Hillbilly Hullabaloo' on Friday, May 2nd. If you would like to attend please see Daffy Wagner. She is coordinating a mass ticket purchase. The production will be at the Armstrong Theatre in Torrance at 7:30PM cost is \$25.00 per ticket. We received a nice certificate from the Automobile club of El Segundo for our sponsorship.

Refreshments hosted by: Everyone. Ruxella thanks all for bringing food.

Next General/Business Meeting: Friday May 30th, 2014 at the Waleria Clubhouse. Table top swap meet at 7pm.

Next Board Meeting: May 6th, 2014. Auto Driving Museum, El Segundo 7PM

Meeting adjourned at: Motion to adjourn by Bill Newell second by LeOra Combs at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary

Technical Talk

"One Summer Day" by Cliff LeFall, Technical Director

Over the years we have heard numerous stories regarding our wonderful Model 'As', and by the time we have reached our golden years we know we have heard them all. Well, here is the last untold Model 'A' story being told for the very first time.

It was early one summer morning when I began to repair the engine in my 1930 Model 'A' coupe I named "George". Believing the engine had a broken piston, I started working on the lower half of the engine first by removing the oil pan. When I looked into the oil pan, I observed numerous bits and pieces of metal fragments laying atop the oil pan tray. I identified the fragments as pieces of broken piston. Further investigation revealed #3 cylinder housed the remaining piece of the broken piston. I disconnected the #3 piston rod bearing cap from the connecting rod. I then removed the cylinder head and forced the broken piston through the top of the cylinder block. By noon, I had new parts ready for assembly.

After lunch the assembly began and several hours later the job was completed. 'Ol George was ready for his road test.

The engine was an easy start. I backed out the driveway onto the street and proceeded forward. Everything was functioning as designed. However, when I applied the brakes and coming to a stop, I heard a loud frightening noise coming from under the car. I can best describe the noise as a loud rocking back and forward sound. Sort of like the sound of a wobbling coin atop a table but much louder. Afraid to proceed forward, I listened to the engine and it was running fine. I negotiated a right turn and midway through the turn I heard a different noise. This noise was a loud sliding sound that terminated with a loud thud. Let me tell you, after that, it did not take me long to form the opinion that something was seriously wrong and I needed to find a cause.

Both sounds continued on the drive home. I disassembled the engine and did not find anything mechanically wrong. By the time I had the engine together, it was approximately 5pm and I still had to road test 'ol George. Since I didn't find anything wrong, I was hesitant about taking a second road test fearing the results would be the same as before.

I started the engine, took a deep breath and exhaled. I then proceeded from the driveway onto the street. We were off and everything was functioning as designed. When I applied the brakes, I heard the same rocking noise and halfway through my right turn I heard the same sliding noise that terminated with a thud. By this time, I was extremely annoyed. So on the return trip, I drove 'ol George at a high rate of speed in the attempt to break whatever was causing the noises.

At approximately 5:10pm I was home and parking 'ol George in front curbside. I made a quick exit and slammed the car door. While walking from the car, I heard the same rocking sound. How could this be? Everything was turned off and the car was still. Just as the rocking sound was stopping, I reached the car. I then bounced myself on the running board and to my surprise I heard a faint rocking sound. I opened the car door and discovered the sound was coming from the interior of the car. I removed the seat cushion and there it was. The thing that was causing both the sounds. The only thing laying on the seat pan was an empty Coca-Cola bottle. The same bottle I had at lunch.

So with a smile on my face, I removed the bottle and sat on the running board having a good chuckle while looking at the noisy container.



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

It's Time to Drive!

Hope everyone had a wonderful **Memorial Day** and took a minute to remember the reason for the occasion.

May as always was a busy month. Some of us attended the Edelbrock Car Show in Torrance and the following weekend we strolled the Culver City Car Show. The Knott family showed Don's car at Edelbrock and they had both cars out at the Culver City show. Culver City show also had cars on display from Cliff Lefall, Willie Duncan, Mrs. Duncan (aka Mrs. Columbo) and Ed Firth. If you missed these shows they are annual events so add it to your "to do" list for next year, you won't be disappointed.

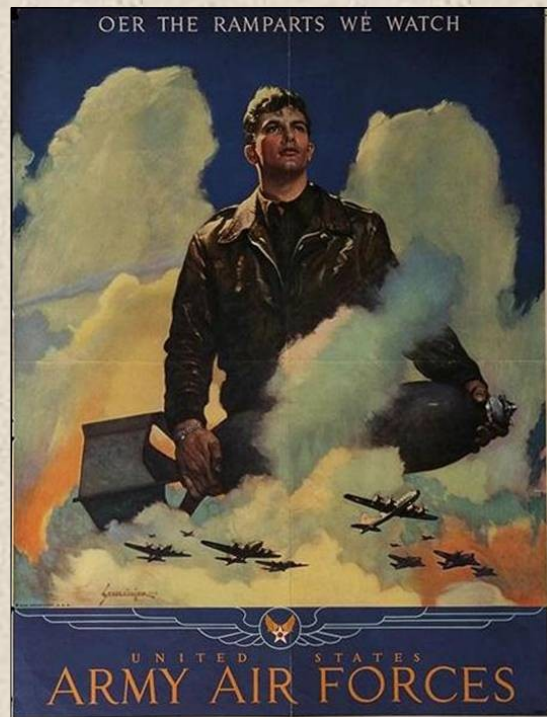
On **June 22nd** we are going to the Gene Autry Museum. We will meet at Harbor Freight at 9:45 and **leave at 10:00**.

The museum is hosting a special event called **Route 66: Beginning of the Road**. How did the building of Route 66 affect local communities from **Chicago to Los Angeles**? What impact did the development of the road and its iconography have on Native Americans and others who were already along the route? We will have a docent led tour of the Route 66 exhibition as well as time to see the Autry Museum, eat lunch at the museum and attend the seminar. Pack a lunch or you can purchase food at the museum. Tickets are \$12.60 per person (Seniors). You can purchase your tickets online or I can purchase yours if you sign up & pay at the club meeting.

June 29th is the annual **Henry Ford Picnic** hosted by the Diamond Tread Chapter. We will meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45 leave at 9:00. Lunch is \$10 per person and sign up forms will be available at the club meeting.

July 5th we are going to have a 2 stop tour. First stop will be a visit to the Hillcrest Care Center in Long Beach. We will stop there for about an hour and a half so the residents can view our cars. We will then drive to Fudruckers Classic Car Show in Lakewood where we will spend the rest of the afternoon. Meet at 9:30 leave at 9:45.

Elaine



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Harbor's Annual Safety Gathering

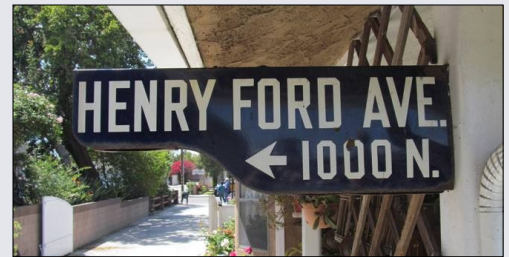
A fun time by all 50+ people at Pat Tucker's garage. We checked over 13 cars, made a few adjustments and recommendations and enjoyed each other's company. A great occasion.



Supervisors



Mirco explaining
...things to Sue



Our senior member
Dorothy Wood



Tim receiving certificate from ADM



Checking Sue's car



Business meeting in Pat
Tucker's garage



Technical Director
Cliff LeFall

Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2014

May 31st (Sat) - 1st Annual Manhattan Beach **Concours d' Elegance**. Mira Costa High School 10am -4pm.

June 8th (Sun) - Long Beach Classic Car Sale and swap meet. LB Veterans Stadium. 6am - 1pm

June 21-22 (Sat-Sun) - Riverside Model T Club **Swap Meet**. Western Little League Hdqtrs. 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA 92407. starts 6AM both days

June 28th (Sat) - Orange County Model T Club **Swap Meet**. El Dorado High School 1651 Valencia Ave, Placentia CA 92870. 6AM to 2PM

June 29th (Sun) - **Henry Ford Picnic** by the Downey MAFC, Diamond Tread Chapter. Santa Fe Springs

June 29th (Sun) - 44th **Antique Nationals** Auto Club Dragway 9300 Cherry Ave Fontana CA Info: 661-255-1931

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

July 26th (Sat) - Long Beach Model T Club 60th annual **Swap Meet**. Los Alamitos Race Track. 4961 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos CA 90720. 7AM to 4PM Free admission.

Aug 10th (Sun) - Annual **Wounded Worrier Car Show**. WyoTech Long Beach 9-3pm

Aug 23rd (Sat) - Huge El Segundo **Main St Car Show**. 300 plus cars of all kinds. See Dick Wyckoff for info.

Aug 24th (Sun) - San Fernando MAC **Swap Meet** at Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer, Chatsworth CA. 6AM

Sept 13th (Sat) - Orange County MAFC will host the **International Model A Day** event. More info when available.

Sept 28th (Sunday) - Paradise Valley MAC **Swap Meet** Western Little League Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA. 6AM to 3PM. Info: John Benson 909-875-4545

October 5th (Sun) - **Frazier Park picnic** sponsored by the Bakersfield MAFC. 90 mile drive. Fun event!

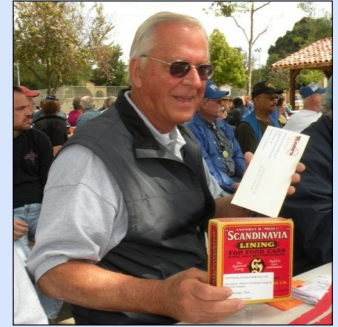


Another view of the cars at the Orange County MAC annual Pancake Breakfast.

More than 200 Model As with a few other vintage cars also.

This was the 53rd year!

More pictures from the Pancake Breakfast



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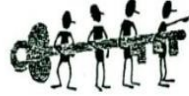


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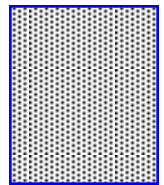
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