

# Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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# August 2014

The HarborLight Newsletter was awarded the MARC Newsletter Award of Excellence 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013



51 year member, Dorothy Wood, passed away after a brief illness at the age of 94. Dorothy is pictured here at the Safety Seminar in April. Bill Newell made sure she attended many club functions right to the end. We love you Dorothy and we will

miss your smile.

# Tours

August 16th is the 'Picnic in the Park' at Torrance Park. Check with Tim Harrison for info.

Sept 13th is International Model A Day. Orange County MAC is hosting picnic. More to come



# Technical Activities

We are still working on Al Avoian's AA truck. Al's truck is up and running. Working the bugs out which is normal for the course.

Joe Freitag's car may be next. If you have another project that needs help, let Cliff LeFall know and we will get it going. Everyone learns from these projects. Join us each Saturday.

# Upcoming Business Meeting

The August meeting will be at the Walteria Clubhouse at 7:30pm on Friday, August 29th. We will continue our tabletop swap meet. Lots of fun items have been bought and sold in the last couple months. Join in the fun! 7PM before the

September meeting is September 26th.



# Next Board Meeting

The **August** board meeting will be on **Tuesday**, **August 5th** at 7PM at Dick and Jan Wyckoff's home in El Segundo. 337 Lomita St, 90245 All are welcome.

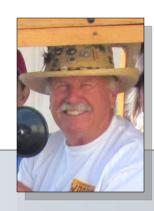
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# "A" View from the Slow Lane

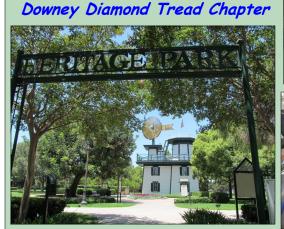
The summer has been very busy for the Harbor Area A's with many activities and an active group at Al's Garage. We have been working on Al's AA truck and many other member's Model A projects. We will be changing our work day at Al's Garage to Saturdays beginning August 9! Check with Cliff LeFall if you have a project for the garage. We look forward to seeing new faces and working on many of our member's A's.

Wings and Wheels was a great trip to Solvang with 33 Harbor Area members attending out of a total of 90 participants. We were well represented—way to go! There were many planes this year and at least six of our members took flight. Elaine Pisu organized a great social hour and dinner Friday night at Anderson's Split Pea hotel and restaurant.

The July business meeting was well attended with over 45 members. Some members came tardy to the meeting—tsk,tsk. Jim Huizdos had a good excuse. He stopped at Ruby's and couldn't leave when he found out he was getting an award for his car to be presented at 7:00, and I ask you who is going to pass on a trophy?

We are looking forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Picnic in the Park" at Torrance Park on Saturday, August 16. The cost is \$10 each for members and their guests for the lunch. Payment must be received by August 11 so we can place the order. A flyer showing activities and menu items will be available at Hoff's Hut on Monday, emailed to members or you can call Tim Harrison at (310) 920-3319 for more information.

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Pictures from the Henry Ford
Picnic sponsored by the







# August Birthdays

1	Sandy Ragon	15	Marty Murphy
1	Bill Knott	18	Linda Skinner
1	Bob Pahls	20	Dorothy Knott
2	Janice Dalton	23	Jack Gordinier
2	Jerry Strosnider	24	Gwen Valot
13	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	25	Dick Valot
14	Greg Earhart	26	Monty Bates
		31	Teresa LeFall

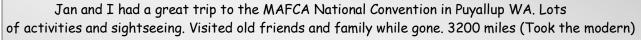
# August Anniversaries

- 4 Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs
- 4 Steven & Weeg Thompson
- 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard
- 6 Dolores & Jerry Strosnider
- 12 Doris & Drain Marshall
- 18 John & Julie Hernandez
- 19 James & Mary Walker
- 22 Ed & Linda Firth
- 25 Paul & Rose Jamesson



# Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Dorothy Wood. . . . Our 94 YO senior member of 51 years. . . . She was as active as she could be right to the end. Even made it to the Safety seminar in April. I got to say good bye just two days before she passed away. I told her we all loved her. I know she heard me. She smiled. Her daughter Sharon told me that Dorothy's ashes will be dispersed at sea. No other ceremony was mentioned. RIP Dorothy.



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....

### A note from Georgette Avoian:

With love and sincere thanks for all the cards, phone calls, visits and most of all the prayers. You are the best.

Fondly,

Georgette

# "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.

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 HarborLight.

Jan Wyckoff will be taking orders for new golf shirts. The original order of 30 shirts went quickly and when we get enough reorders, she will order some more. Be sure and wear them to the club's car events. Maybe a vest might be something we might be interested in?



# Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Georgette Avoian - Getting better all the time after surgery. Great to see you up and about!

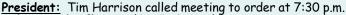
Dick Lusk - After heart valve surgery, Dick is back and doing just fine. Was at Wings 'n Wheels.

Rose Jamesson - Recovering from emergency surgery. See you again soon, Rose.

Bob Olson - Some breathing problems. Ex-fireman doing better.

# Business Meeting Minutes

Date: June 27,2014 Location: Walteria Clubhouse



Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Dick Wyckoff, Monty Bates, Doris and Drain Marshall

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Dick Wyckoff moved that the minutes in the July edition of the HarborLight be approved as printed; the motion was seconded by Drain Marshall.

**Vice-President:** Monty Bates thanked everyone for participating in the *'opportunity drawing'*.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner. All the bills are paid.

Clock Prize: \$5.00 prize won by Phyllis De Crescenzo.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff. Jan and Dick will be attending the MAFCA National Convention in Puyallup Washington in July (14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>). They will be returning one day before the next business meeting. The HarborLight will be issued after the meeting next month. He also wanted to draw everyone's attention to the article "Grandpa's Last Model 'A' Ride". This was a true story. He would love to have more stories like this one. If you know of any please pass them along to him and he will publish them. Please note that our publication of the HarborLight is distributed nationwide. If you have something to sell or have a need please contact Dick with your ad and he will put it in the "Award Winning" HarborLight.

Historian & Webmaster: Sue Hankins was not present. Tim Harrison received a post card from her, from MAFFI (Ford Model 'A' Museum) in Gilmore. Don't forget that she is available via the internet to update the website as needed.

Membership Drawing: Women's Prize - Julie Goldberg and Men's Prize - Steve Preston; neither were present. The Membership prize will increase to \$25.00 each for next month.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt said 39 present at the meeting Jeanne Parrish brought a guest; Carolyn and Don Ratzlaff. Ursi wanted everyone to know that Dick Lusk is home and doing well. She thanked everyone for the cards and calls. Harbor phonebooks/rosters are available for \$1.50 each.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall was not present at this time, but <u>Greg Earhart</u> had a few words for us. "Be sure to check your battery, keep your fluids at the proper level. Greg would like to hold "How to rebuilt your water pump" seminar on a Saturday. Please let Cliff know if you are interested and he will schedule a time and location for this seminar. The event will then be published in the HarborLight for all to attend. <u>Cliff LeFall</u> joined us a bit late, but wanted to let us know that we meet every Thursday morning at 10:00 at Al Avoian's garage to work on Model A's. Bring your car, let us know what you need done and we will all have a good time working on it. They have recently put a new windshield in Monty's Tudor and have been working on getting the bugs out of Al's Model 'AA' truck.

<u>Sergeant at Arms (badge money)</u>: Jack Gordinier collected \$4.25 for missing badges.

<u>Sunshine:</u> Doris Marshall. <u>Dorothy Wood</u> is in the hospital. She is at Little Company of Mary room 472. She had a stroke and fell and is not doing well. Go and see her if you can. Rose Jamesson had an appendicitis attack. Georgette Avoian is in the hospital. She has cancerous polyps in her colon, they removed them and they expect her to come home on Monday. Dick Lusk had heart surgery, but came home after one day. He was vacuuming the house this week. He is doing well. Jeanne Webb was playing with a dog and it accidentally scratched and cut her skin. The wound would not heal, so the doctors had to remove a piece of the skin about the size of a half dollar. She is healing nicely now. Bob Olsen is not doing too well. He is having trouble breathing.

Advertising: Amy Knott. Daniel Goya of Autoplex, Inc. said his advertising must be working. Someone from the club came in and

purchased a battery. Thank you.

Merchandising: Jan Wyckoff. Our new shirts are sold out. She has orders for three additional shirts. If you are interested and would like to order a shirt, please let her know and she will add it to the order. The club has plenty of T-shirts, Caps and Patches for sale. See Jan if you are interested.

<u>Tools Coordinator</u>: Bobby De Crescenzo s The system is working well. You borrow a tool and bring it back. We have 24 tools, so if you need them contact Bobby D and he will hook you up.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries: Tim Harrison announced the following:

Birthdays - 1<sup>st</sup> Dornis Marshall and Dr. Steve Thompson, 4<sup>th</sup> Bill Moore, 5<sup>th</sup> Mariano Deogracias, 10<sup>th</sup> Mike Wright, 13<sup>th</sup> Mirco Pisu, 18<sup>th</sup> Donnis Bates, 20<sup>th</sup> Joe Freitag, 25<sup>th</sup> Noralene Porper and the 27<sup>th</sup> Pat Harrison

Anniversaries - 2<sup>nd</sup> Beverly & Vince Migliazzo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Elaine & Mirco Pisu, 9<sup>th</sup> Sandy & Ron Ragon, 13<sup>th</sup> Jack & Joan Gordinier and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Bob & Carol Olsen

Tours: s Elaine Pisu s June 22nd Gene Autry Museum, we had a great time. This was perhaps the longest tour in current history. We had two seminars on the way home. (No one had to be towed!) Art Wagner led the first one and Daffy Wagner the second. June 29th Henry Ford picnic hosted by the Diamond Tread Chapter, meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45, leave at 9:00. This event will be at Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs. Lunch is \$10.00 per person. <u>July 5<sup>th</sup></u> Hillcrest Care Center in Long Beach. Cars will be on display for the residence for about 1 - 1/2 hours, then we will drive to Fuddruckers for a Classic Car Show and lunch. We will spend the rest of the afternoon at this location. Meet at Harbor Freight at 9:30 leave at 9:45. <u>July 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup></u> Wings and Wheels in Solvang, CA. Attendees, please bring something for the Potluck on Friday night we will be having our Picnic on <u>August 16<sup>th</sup></u> at Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501. ( www.torranceca.gov/Parks/22199.htm ) There will be games and our Hubley Track. Contact Monty Bates for additional information or if you would like to help.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Carolyn Ratzlaff presented the information on the International Model A Ford Day Event co-hosted by SCRG & OCMAFC this event will be held, Saturday, September 13, 10:00AM - \_\_\_\_; at Mason Regional Park, Irvine, CA. \$5.00 per car park entrance fee and \$12.00 registration fee per person (this includes lunch). Lunch will be catered this year; the food is being served from 11:30 - 1:30. The event is still in the planning stage. We need someone to lead the activities for the day. Harbor MARC volunteered to help with a few games. (Bingo, etc.) It was suggested that we wear our hats that Pat Harrison gave us and our new club shirts. We will bring our banner and hang it in our area.

Opportunity Drawing: was enjoyed by all

Refreshments hosted by: Art and Daffy Wagner

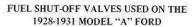
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Meeting adjourned at: Monty Bates moved to adjourn the meeting, Richard Parrish seconded. We adjourned at 8:32p.m. for refreshments

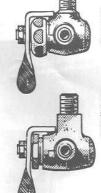
Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary

# Technical Talk





1— Shut-off valve with forged steel handle used October, 1927, to April, 1929. Location: Under tank inside car.



2— Forged handle changed to steel stamping in April, 1929. Shaft modified to accept thinner handle.

3— Housing changed in late 1929 to provide square shoulder for wrench. Packing nut changed from inner thread to outer thread.

4— Shut-off valve introduced in April, 1931, for use on indented firewall Model "A". Location: outer firewall under hood.

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# Pictures from the MAFCA National Convention in Puyallup Washington



Original fan problem









# Touring with Elaine

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

# It's Time to Drive!

Well we really outdid ourselves in July. I want to give a <u>great big</u> <u>thanks</u> to the club members Bobby & Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Gary Guttormson, Jim Huizdos, Cliff LeFall, Jay Skinner, Steve and Weeg Thompson, Jim Valot, Dick Wyckoff, and last but certainly not least Mirco Pisu for coming

out on July 5 to the Hillcrest Assisted Living Center in Long Beach. My cousin unfortunately has MS



along with many people that reside at Hill-crest. They live their lives in wheelchairs but they were lined up at the front door waiting for us to show up on Saturday morning. There weren't enough staff members to push the non-electric wheel chairs so we got involved in

pushing chairs and answering questions for the residents. We had 8 cars and a tractor. It was really

fun to see how much they enjoyed seeing the cars. Thanks to those that made this a huge success.

Then we headed to Solvang the next weekend for Wings & Wheels. We had 33 people attend the Friday night dinner at Anderson's Pea Soup Restaurant. The food wasn't fantastic but hanging out with our pals was. The weather couldn't have been better. Cliff & Teresa LeFall as well as Jim Huizdos were newbies and really enjoyed the weekend. This year the piper cubs were at the Lompoc Airport so we enjoyed that stop on the tour since it was a first.



August 16th will be the club's 'Picnic in the

Park' at Torrance Park (Arlington and Santa Fe) at 10AM. Cost is \$10 each for food and drink. RSVP with Tim Harrison before Aug 11th so we can get a head count.

September 13<sup>th</sup> is the International Henry Ford Day picnic in Irvine. Sign-ups will be at the monthly business meeting.

Pisu's are off to Italy, the motherland. Ciao for now.

Elaine

# Wheels & Deals:

# Wanted:

- I need to find a **good used Firestone Tire**, 450-4.75 x 21 for my Sport Coupe. I have 3 but need at l east one or two more. Not new , not old but on a scale from 1 to 10, about a 6 to 7. Steve Newton..... 310-837-3026.....call me with a price ??????
- $\cdot$  Used Christmas and greeting cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.

# Wings 'n Wheels Tour, Solvang CA

Each year in mid July for 20 years, the Vintage Aircraft Association has sponsored a fun event called Wings 'n Wheels. It is a gathering of vintage cars and vintage aircraft at the airport in Santa Inez CA. The Harbor Model A Club has participated for many of those years and always had a fun time. Great tours, delicious BBQ, and a chance to meet new friends. This year 33 members participated. Here are some pictures taken by Donnis



























# Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2014

Aug 10th (Sun) - Annual Wounded Warrior 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 (Sun) - 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

Oct 5th (Sun) - Frazier Park picnic sponsored by the Bakersfield MAFC. 80 mile drive. Fun event!

Oct 26th (Sun) - Early Times Swap Meet and Pancake Breakfast. Price Transfer 2790 Del Amo at Santa Fe, Carson CA 90221. 6AM

Nov 2nd (Sun) - So Cal Hill Climb 30300 Commerce CT, Murrieta CA. F.A.S.T. event. Check-in 8AM

# Some more pictures by Donnis Bates at Wings 'n Wheels, Santa Inez CA

















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This is the only time you will see this phenomenon in your life. Calendar for August 2014.

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August, this year, will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years. The Chinese call it "Silver pockets full."

An Interesting event

Notes taken by Rodney Gott at the first Harbor meeting 1957





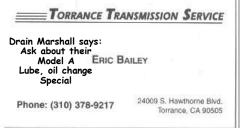












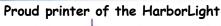


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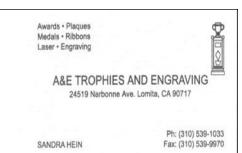


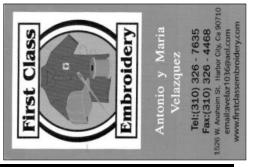








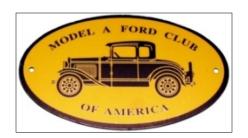












For MAFCA info and membership, see www.MAFCA.com

The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. I 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. I and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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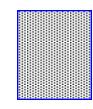
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