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*Harbor A's lined up at the August 16th picnic*

# HARBORLIGHT

### Tours

**Sept 13th** is International Model A Day. Orange County MAC is hosting a picnic at the William Mason Park in Irvine CA. More info on where we will meet will be forthcoming. This is a fun event and a fun drive. Join in the fun with several other clubs.



### Upcoming Business Meeting

The **August** meeting will be at the Waleria Clubhouse at 7:30pm on **Friday, August 29th**. We will continue our table-top swap meet. Lots of fun items have been bought and sold in the last couple months. Join in the fun! 7PM before the meeting.  
**September** meeting is Friday, **September 26th**.



### Technical Activities

Al's AA truck is pretty much completed. He got it licensed and is all legal now. We are looking for a new project. We are helping Paul Jamesson chase down an oil leak in his engine. Maybe a missing gasket is the problem? More to come.

Dr Steve's brakes need work. 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 at Al's garage.



### Next Board Meeting

The **September** board meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 9th** at 7PM. New loc'n to be determined. All are welcome.

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

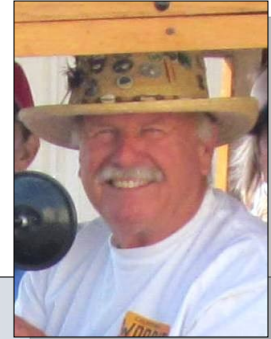
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*Tim's Team Talk*  
*A Note from our President*  
*Tim Harrison*



*"A" View from the Slow Lane*

The Harbor Area Model "A" Club continues to have our strength in our members. Our second annual summer picnic at Torrance Park brought over 54 members and several children, as well as 15 cars. Bobby D's Hubley track provided lots of hard-core competition with awards for both the men's and women's divisions. The traditional bingo games brought together young and old to vie for numerous gifts and prizes. A big thank you to all who worked and attended to make this a fun, traditional event.

Advertising for new members has taken on a whole new look and direction as Jim Huizdos designed new club business cards for members to hand out to interested and potential new members. Thanks Jim for a job well done!

The success of our Thursday workshops and seminars at Al's garage have prompted us to shift to Saturday mornings starting August 23. This will allow our working members a chance to attend. We hope this will generate a new flurry of projects for our members to tackle. Keep on keeping on!

***TIM***

*An invitation for all members*

As with many organizations, there are many members that don't participate in the club's activities and miss out on some fun times. The Harbor Area Model A club is asking that those of you that haven't visited us in a while to come on down to the monthly club meeting and join us in the activities.

Much effort is put into organizing club events and it is a shame that more of the member's don't join in. Perhaps Friday nights are not convenient or driving at night is a problem. We understand. However, most of the club's social events are on weekends during the day and we invite you to join in and reacquaint yourself with our fun membership.

Our next monthly club meeting is August 29th and the next big, fun social event is the joint meeting in Irvine on Saturday, September 13th with several clubs in the So Cal area. Give our president, Tim Harrison, a call (or call the editor) for more info on our activities.

Hope to see you real soon.

## September Birthdays

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



## September Anniversaries

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

Late entry:  
Just found out that  
Vince Migliazzo  
turned 90 this  
month.  
Go Vince



Long time member Barney  
Clayton is pictured with an  
86 year old fire engine on  
his 86th birthday.  
Go Barney!

## Editor's Corner by Dick Wyckoff

Thanks to all those that helped with the picnic. We had a fun time. I believe there were 56 people and 15 Model As. Good food and good friends. Can't beat it!

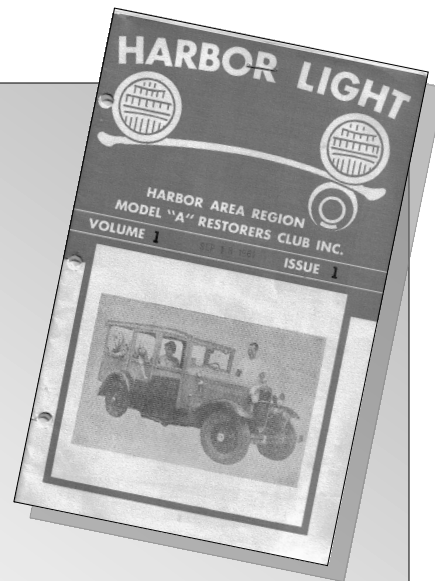
Another anniversary of sorts. The first issue of the HarborLight newsletter was published in September of 1961 and has been going ever since.

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 . . .



### "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 HarborLight.

**Jan Wyckoff** will be taking orders for new golf shirts. The original order of 30 shirts went quickly and when we get enough re-orders, 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?

**Jan** also saw an ad for "**AHOOGA**" and "**MODEL A**" pins in the Restorer, the Jul/Aug issue, pg 64. Thought they would be fun additions to our jackets, hats, and shirts. Check it out . . . . .



### Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

This month has been a good month. A few wheezes and sneezes but nothing we can't handle. Keep it up!

## Business Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 25, 2014 **Location:** Waleria Clubhouse

**President:** Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Salute to the flag:** Led by Jack Gordinier

**Tim Harrison asked for a moment of silence for Dorothy Woods passing**

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Georgette Avoian moved that the minutes the June meeting be waived until the July edition of the HarborLight has been published. The motion was seconded by Greg Earhart. Tim Harrison said we would review the meetings for both June and July at our Business Meeting in August

**Vice-President:** Monty Bates thanked everyone for participating in the 'opportunity drawing'. He also expressed his gratitude to Phyllis De Crescenzo for donating the planted succulents for this evenings drawing.

**Treasurer:** Daffy Wagner was not present. She had given the balance to Donnis Bates to report.

**Clock Prize:** The \$5.00 prize was won by Jay Skinner.

**HarborLight Editor:** Dick Wyckoff was not present. He and Jan are at the MAFCA Convention.

**Historian & Webmaster:** Sue Hankins was not present. Tim Harrison reported that there was nothing new at this time to report. Don't forget that Sue is available via the internet to update the website as needed.

**Membership Drawing:** Women's Prize \$25.00 - Pat Harrison. Men's Prize - James Walker III name was drawn, he was not present. The Women's Membership prize will return to \$5.00; Men's will increase to \$30.00 next month.

**Membership:** Ursi Schmidt said 40 present at the meeting

**Technical & Safety:** Cliff LeFall gave us an update on what the technical seminar covered this past week. Gary Guttormson's Model A needed a new head gasket. We installed one and tightened it down after he had driven it for a week. We also replaced and greased Gary's front wheel bearings ♦ Al Avoian's truck is now road worthy. It runs great and it now has been licensed and has all of the official paperwork completed. ♦ If anyone has a 29 speedometer Al Avoian is looking for one. ♦ This next Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last Thursday that we gather at Al's Garage for our Technical Seminars. We will be meeting on Saturdays going forward. We will still meet at Al's Garage on Van Ness. If you need the exact address please give either Cliff or Al a call. The entrance for the garage is around back through the alley. ♦ Please call Cliff to schedule any specific seminar that addresses a special need you may have. ♦ Greg Earhart had a few words for us. He shared a tip on how to create a tool/part that will save your starter if you are using a 12 volt battery on the Model A 6 volt system. This fix will help to stabilize the voltage between the 12 and 6 volt system. *"Using a Bendix Spring, encapsulate the spring in a small piece of PVC leaving the ends sticking out for mounting, fill with silicone and install. The coil acts as an absorber to protect and lessen the pounding on the starter. The coil works to reduce the impact from 12 volt to around 7 volts when the voltage hits your starter. It is a cheap fix to preserve your starter."*

**Sergeant at Arms (badge money):** Jack Gordinier collected \$3.20 for missing badges.

**Sunshine:** Doris Marshall. Bill Newell will not be here tonight. He went to the dermatologist, who gave him some very harsh crème to apply to his face. He said it burns and leaves his face blood red. ♦ Rose Jamesson had her appendix removed. She is here tonight and is doing well. ♦ Rhoda Larquier is doing well. Thanks all for the cards.

**Advertising:** Amy Knott was not present.

**Tools Coordinator:** Bobby De Crescenzo. All the tools are in stock. He thinks the list reflects a quantity 27 tools, so if you need them give him a call.

**July Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Tim Harrison announced the following:

**Birthdays** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy Ragon, Bill Knott and Harcourt Hervey, 2nd Janice Dalton and Jerry Strosnider, 13<sup>th</sup> Phyllis De Crescenzo, 14<sup>th</sup> Greg Earhart, 18<sup>th</sup> Linda Skinner, 20<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Webb and Dorothy Knott, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jack Gordinier, 24<sup>th</sup> Gwen Valot, 25<sup>th</sup> Dick Valot, 26<sup>th</sup> Monty Bates and the 31<sup>st</sup> Teresa LeFall

**Anniversaries** - 4<sup>th</sup> Steven & Weeg Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup> Walt & Carla Hibbard, 6<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Dolores Strosnider, 12<sup>th</sup> Drain & Doris Marshall, 18<sup>th</sup> John & Julie Hernandez, 19<sup>th</sup> James & Mary Walker III, 22<sup>nd</sup> Edward & Linda Firth and 25<sup>th</sup> Paul & Rose Jamesson

**Tours:** Elaine Pisu was not present, Tim Harrison spoke in her absence. July 5<sup>th</sup> Hillcrest Care Center in Long Beach went well. There were nine (9) cars and one Tractor (thank you Jay) and approximately 15 people. July 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Wings and Wheels in Solvang, CA. There were approximately 90 attendees; 33 of them were from our club. There were more flights taken this year than last. There was a 91 year old woman (Betty) who flew in the open two seater airplane. Jim Huizdos, Doris Marshall, Jack Gordinier, Dick Lusk, Arthur Wagner and Cliff LeFall were all part of our members who were part of the flyers. We had three (3) driving tours. One was to the Airport at Lompoc, where they had Father/Son and Father/Daughters flying cub's event.

**Old Business:** Don't forget 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. 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.

**New Business:** ♦ We will be having our Second Annual Picnic on August 16<sup>th</sup> at Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501; this is at Arlington and Santa Fe. There is a box lunch available for \$10.00 each. The flyer that we have for you to fill out lists the choices regarding the sandwiches that are available in the box lunch. Please complete and return to Tim Harrison or Monty Bates by August 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are bringing additional guest be sure to include their order on the form. That way we will be sure to have the right amount of box lunches for everyone. There will be games and Hubley races. We will drive our Model A's, share stories and a fun day outdoors. Contact Tim Harrison or Monty Bates for additional information or if you would like to help.

♦ Joanie Gordinier wanted everyone to know that August 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> there is a Lompoc Antique Auto Run. (Same idea as Wings & Wheels, but without the Wings) For additional information call Rod McCarthy @ 1-805-735-6259 or email [r.l.mccarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:r.l.mccarthy@hotmail.com)  
♦ There is a Model T swap meet tomorrow starting at 7:00AM at the Los Alamitos Race Track. This is free event; there is no entry fee and no charge for parking. ♦ Steve Newton suggested that perhaps we should be using the PA system for the people who cannot be heard in the back of the room.

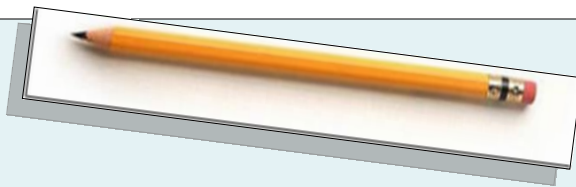
**Refreshments hosted by:** Pat and Tim Harrison

**Next General/Business Meeting:** August 29th, 2014

**Next Board Meeting:** August 5th, 2014

**Meeting adjourned at:** Cliff LeFall moved to adjourn the meeting, Paul Jamesson seconded. We adjourned at 8:14p.m. for refreshments

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



## Technical Talk

Recently at one of Al Avoian's garage meetings, there was a discussion about coils and the way they were mounted on the firewall. While visiting one of my favorite websites, **Fordbarn.com**, the discussion about coils appeared. Purdy Swift is a regular, knowledgeable contributor and he posted his thoughts on the subject.

### Purdy Swift

Senior Member



Join Date: May 2010  
Location: Alabama  
Posts: 4,757



#### **Re: Leaking coil**

Original coils were tar filled. Oil filled coils that were used on later model cars were mounted with the tower and wire connections pointing upward. When oil filled coils are mounted with the wire connections pointed downward as the original model A coils were mounted, they will often leak oil out the tower, overheat and begin to fail. I've pointed out this fact here many, many times. The oil in the oil filled coils is for the purpose of cooling the inner windings. Most replacement coils are oil filled and are also weaker than the original model A coil. I don't mind saying as I have said many, many times before that I use the epoxy filled Pertronix flamethrower coil. This is a performance coil that scares hell out of many. It does however make a noticeable improvement in performance, instant starts and clean running spark plugs. Coils are rated in ohm. Six volt applications use a 1.5 ohm coil. Twelve volt applications use a 3.0 ohm version. Neither of these coils needs an external resister. It's the coil that fires the spark plugs. Weak replacement coils usually give weak performance and sooty spark plugs and most will tell you that you are running too rich. Weak ignition usually gets blamed on the carburetor. The original slant pole coils were around 20,000 volt. The Flame thrower coils are rated at 40,000 volts and make a difference that can be felt in the seat of the pants.

A few of us remember working on British cars. This will be a fun read for us who have experienced "Lucas Electrics"!

*(Okay, this explanation of cause and effect is a little more scientific and dry than the usual humor - and very English.)*

**ELECTRICAL THEORY OF SMOKE** by Joseph Lucas, "The Prince of Darkness," 1842-1903.

Positive ground depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke".

Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing. For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.

## *Touring with Elaine*

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

### *It's Time to Drive!*

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*Elaine*

### *Some Pics from the Harbor Picnic*



Torrance Park picnic area



Beardsley grandkids

## *Wheels & Deals:*

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Art and Jack positioning the race cars



Jan, Liz and Dan



**Women's Hubley Winners**  
Joan Gordinier, Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Pat Harrison



**Men's Hubley Winners**  
Greg Earhart, Bobby DeCrescenzo, Ed Firth

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

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

**Sept 21st (Sun) - Elks Lodge swap meet "Picker's Paradise" 6:30AM. 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park CA 90620**

**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

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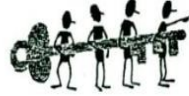


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