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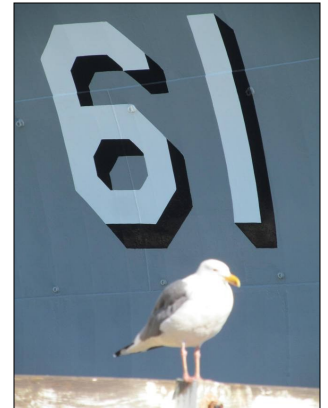
HARBORLIGHT



Fireboat and USS Iowa

'Feed the Firemen' tour

35 members and friends
and 10 Model As met at
fire station 112 in San
Pedro CA on November
9th to thank the fire-
fighters for what they
do and to thank our
veterans for their
service.



Tours

The Decem-
ber meeting will be
early again this year.
We will meet Friday,

December 12th at Marie Calendars at 5PM
for dinner meeting and take a holiday light
tour in the local community. We will then
meet at Bob and Phyllis' home for refresh-
ments.

See details page 7.

Technical Activities

Al's AA truck is pretty
much completed. We are
working on the stake bed side
rails .

We are looking for a
new project. How about bring-
ing you're A in and having the wheel bearings
packed and the brakes inspected?

If you have another project that
needs help, let Cliff LeFall know and we will
get it going. Everyone learns from these pro-
jects. Join us each Saturday at Al's garage.



Upcoming Business Meeting

The **November** meeting will be a
week early (Thanksgiving). We will meet
Friday, November 21st at 7:30.
Nominations and elections for 2015
officers. Also, we will be having a '**White
Elephant**' auction so bring you favorite
white elephant to the meeting.

The **December** business meeting
will be early again this year. We will meet
on **Friday, December 12th** at Marie
Calendars, Torrance and Hawthorne, at
5PM and do the light tour after.

Next Board Meeting



The **December** board meeting
will be on **Tuesday, December
2nd** at 7PM. Location TBD. (The
Board will be notified when the
location is determined). Above
subject to change
All are welcome.

Please visit our awesome website

Check it at:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

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



"A" View from the Slow Lane

This month as I contemplate my "view from the slow lane" I am struck by the fiber and outward goals exemplified by our organization and its members:

- Sharing a common interest in the Ford Model "A" 1928-1931
- Sharing knowledge and talents
- Service to the community
- Strong sense of volunteerism
- Service above self
- Leading by example when performing tasks
- Activities that stimulate and engage new experiences and ideas
- Planning and participating in tours to share new information and new destinations
- Stimulating a sense of community within our own members
- Recognizing and sharing the achievements of our members in our individual club pursuits
- Courage to take on new jobs and tasks to improve our club

In the "slow lane" I am able to view the *mechanics* of our ever committed members. Thank you all.
Tim Harrison

A Look Back by Pat Tucker

I've looked forever for this picture and when I was up north these past few weeks I discovered that my daughter had it. This was taken at Knott's Berry Farm in 1966 or 67 at the Model A Round Up or the All Ford Picnic, not sure. Anyway, our clothes are mostly original. Son Keith's outfit is the only one not original. I made the knickers from a pair of my neighbor's son's old school corduroy trousers. He was about 9 in this picture. Kenny's dark blue gabardine 3 piece suit was my fathers that he had custom made in 1932 because the style then had pleated trousers and he didn't like that look. The only alterations I made was letting out the vest a bit. My dress and hat came from a sale of vintage dresses that a Hollywood costumer had and was selling out everything. My daughters dress I made from an original silk dress that had a very full skirt that gave me lots of material to work with. I used an original 1923 Butterick pattern to make the dress. Kimberly is about 6 years old here. I followed the pattern directions completely and took no short cuts. It was really a challenge. I'm use to sewing my way. Lots of hand work on it because all of the scallop ruffles on the skirt was bound with bias cut fabric. There also was no printed info on the pattern pieces like they have now. Also, the printed instruction sheet was very basic. I thought that the club members might enjoy seeing us when we really participated in all of the club activities.

Pat Tucker



December Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gary Guttormson | 20 Ruxella Speights |
| 7 Dick Wenker | 21 Greg Clayton |
| 10 Dan Fitzgerald | 23 Jeannie Parrish |
| 10 Anita Perreten | 25 Jim Valot |
| 11 Sue Hankins | 25 Amy Knott |
| 15 Mary Walker | 26 Georgette Avoian |
| 17 Bob DeCrescenzo | |

December Anniversaries

- 1 Jack & Julie Goldberg



Editor's Corner

by Dick Wyckoff



A big thanks to Elaine Pisu for all the work in setting up the 'Feed the Firemen' and the Progressive tours. Pictures on other pages.

At the Firemen event, we had a tour of the harbor from the fireboat that helped put out the huge pier fire about three weeks ago. It took almost two days to extinguish the blaze. Lots of creosote soaked timber used in this WWII era pier. As a retired Navy Chief,



I appreciated the acknowledgement of the veterans in the crowd. At a recent club meeting we also paid tribute to nine vets present that evening. Thanks again for your service.

Oh, don't forget Mondays, 5pm at Hof's Hut, 237th and Crenshaw in Torrance. Can't forget the food! Join in the activities. We get 25 - 30 members there!

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.

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.

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 . . .

Thank you all for visiting and supporting the South Bay Auxiliary Children's Hospital
Los Angeles Thrift Shop during the Progressive!!!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN TO DONATE OR TO SHOP!

Pat Harrison, President

South Bay Auxiliary

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 the staff takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5PM.



It's Annual Dues Time Again

A reminder from Ursi: Annual dues are due by year's end. Club dues are \$25. **MARC** dues are \$40. If you send Ursi a check for \$65, she will pay both dues. Send check to: Ursi Schmidt 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City CA 90710. Any questions, call her at 310-539-5391.

MAFCA dues is payable directly to **MAFCA**. \$40. MAFCA 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra CA 90631-5515. Late payment of dues to the national clubs could lead to not receiving the Jan-Feb edition of the magazines!

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. Make sure Ursi has your current info. We are working on the 2015 edition.



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 got in a new shipment of Harbor polo shirts. She has blue, grey and some new white shirts available for sale at \$20 each. Hopefully she has your size as they are going fast! Those of you that ordered one in advance, she has them ready for pickup. Be sure and wear them to the club's events.

How about a ball cap to go with the shirt? Jan has them, too.

Harbor 'Sunshine Status' by Doris Marshall

Mike Wright - Doris reported that Mike had knee replacement surgery and is home recovering. Keep doing the exercises, Mike. Hope you are feeling better.

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2014 **Location:** Walteria Park

President: Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 7:50p.m.

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 October edition of the HarborLight be approved as printed; the motion was seconded by Georgette Avoian.

Vice-President: Monty Bates. Thanked everyone for participating in the 'opportunity drawing'. Announced that the next Business meeting would not have an opportunity drawing since we will be having a white elephant sale. Bill Newell will be the auctioneer. Tim added - please bring your lightly used valuables and treasures to donate to the event.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner said all is well.

Clock Prize: The \$5.00 prize was won by Jim Speights.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff. Thanked Jim Huizdos for the article he wrote about the Hickory Corners Antique Car Museum. He also thanked Pat Harrison for her wonderful account of the Frazier Park adventure. Be sure to check out the 'Car Tunes' in the HarborLight. Please send interesting stories, items for sale or to buy to him and he will publish in the next edition of the HarborLight. Lots of distribution.

Historian & Webmaster: Sue Hankins. Nothing new to report. Email her any information and she will be sure to include it on our website.

Membership Drawing: Women's Prize - Dot Knot \$15.00. Men's Prize - Art Wagner \$40.00.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt. We have 41 members present tonight. Ursi has her yearly Christmas Cards and gift tags if you would like some, see her. They are free of charge. Lots of fun.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall. We will meet at Al's garage at 10:00 this Saturday October 25th. Please call Cliff to schedule any specific seminar that address a special need you may have.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack Gordinier collected 55 cents from members who did not have their badges.

Sunshine: Doris Marshall. Rhoda Larquier is going to start venturing out. She is going spend some time working with the Little Sisters of the Poor. Mirco's cracked rib is getting better.

Advertising: Amy Knott was not present. Nothing new to report

Merchandising: Jan Wyckoff. We have Men's and Women's polo shirts with our logo in grey, blue and white. They are available to purchase at the back table. We also have t-shirts and hats with our logo.

Tools Coordinator: Bobby De Crescenzo. We have some very generous people in our club. Dick Wyckoff donated a set of brass bushing removal tools for taking bushings out of the steering gear. Thank you Dick. We have no tools out at this time. If you need any contact Bobby.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries: Tim Harrison announced the following:

Birthdays - 5th Paul Jamesson, 10th Dick Lusk, 11th Joe Jankiewicz, 12th Steve Newton, 17th Wilbur Richardson, 26th Pat Yacklon and 28th Jan Wyckoff.

Anniversaries - 6th Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo, 15th Any & Sandra Soto, 21st Joe & Linda Freitag, 28th Al & Georgette Avoian and 30th Dick Lusk & Ursi Schmidt

Tours: Elaine Pisu. Sunday, November 9th 'Feed the Firemen' at station 112, at Ports of Call in San Pedro. This is a pot-luck. Please bring enough to feed at least 12. We will meet at the clubhouse at 10:45 AM and leave at 11:00AM. Saturday, November 15th is our annual progressive/poker run. Cost is \$10.00 (We are collecting this evening. Please see either Elaine or Bobby D. Meet at the clubhouse at 8:00AM. December 14th is both the El Segundo and Wilmington holiday parades. Our board meetings for 2015 will now be held at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum.

Old Business:

Vests are sold out.

New Business:

The next business meeting will be November 21st - due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will have a white elephant sale that evening. Banquet will be Saturday, January 24th at the Proud Bird. Prices have gone up. It is \$50 per person. We will have four options - Chicken, Beef - Sirloin Steak, Salmon or Vegetarian. Please indicate your choice on the Memo area of your check. Dick Wyckoff honored the vets for our upcoming Veterans day. November 11th - 1918 truce for World War I (11th hour, 11th day, 11th month). November 10th is also the birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

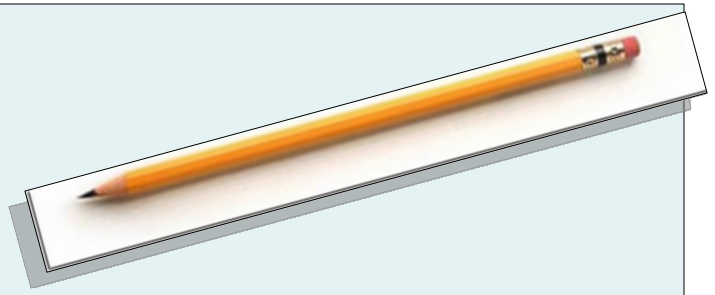
Refreshments hosted by: Pat and Tim Harrison - Birthday Cake & Ruxella Speights - homemade cookies

Next General/Business Meeting: November 21st

Next Board Meeting: November 11th. Loc'n: Wyckoff home. El Segundo

Meeting adjourned: Jim Huizdos moved to adjourn the meeting, Bobby De Crescenzo seconded. We adjourned at 8:41p.m. for refreshments

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



Technical Talk

This was published on Fordbarn.com website written by Mike V. from So. Florida.

Re: Car will not start

This is my generic no spark troubleshooting list:

No Spark

Some possibilities are:

1. Blown or defective fuse (use of a fuse is an aftermarket item)
2. Bad connections at ammeter, or ammeter itself (to find out, put a jumper wire from one post of the terminal box to the other to take the ammeter out of the circuit temporarily)
3. Bad ignition switch and/or cable, or loose cable connection at switch.
4. Loose or broken wires at bottom of coil
5. Loose or broken wires inside terminal box
6. Loose, bare or broken pigtail wire under distributor plate, grounding wire to plate or distributor body
7. Points not opening, or point arm grounding to cam due to worn rubbing block
8. Worn electrode in underside of distributor cap
9. Loose or broken high tension wire from coil to cap
10. Condenser burned out or grounding (some condensers are too long and can touch the distributor body inside)
11. Weak coil
12. Rotor not turning due to loose cam screw or bad timing gear.

Ok now break out a volt meter (a light bulb can give false readings).

Start at the fuse block, you should have voltage on both sides of the fuse. If you only have voltage on one side, replace the fuse or fuse block.

Now with voltage on both sides of the fuse, move up to the junction box. There should be voltage at both terminals. If voltage is present only on one side the problem is at the ammeter and you should jumper the ammeter for now.

You should have voltage on both sides of the coil. If not, remove the red wire on the coil and check again. If you now have voltage on both sides, you have a problem further on. If the voltage is still only in one side, you have a bad coil.

Open the points with a piece of paper and remove the condenser. Turn the key on and you should have voltage at the points. Replace the condenser and you should still have voltage.

If voltage is missing, remove the top plate and check for voltage on the bottom plate.

Check is the connector from the ignition switch screwed in too far? Do you have voltage on the wire to the upper plate?

Is this wire shorting to ground or broken?

Remove the paper from the points and see that the points are closed. You should not have 0 volts at the points. If not, the points are dirty or the distributor is not grounded well to the engine.

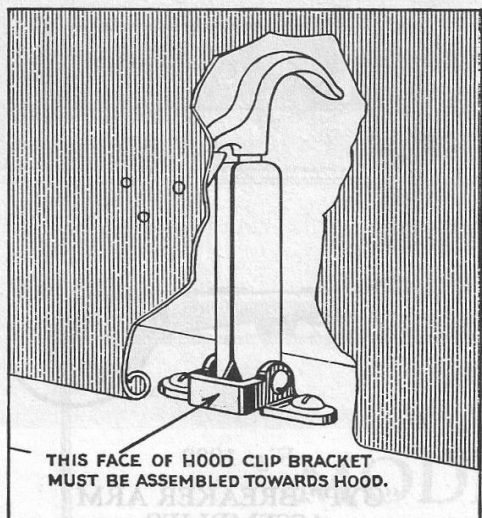


Fig. 1027

Information from
Ford Service Bulletins
Oct 1930
and
Nov 1930

LUBRICATOR FITTING ON STEERING GEAR CHANGED TO A PLUG

To eliminate the possibility of mechanics putting grease instead of gear lubricant in the steering gear, the Zerk fitting has been replaced with a pipe plug (see Fig. 776).

Never put grease in the steering gear. Complaints of hard steering can invariably be traced to that source. Use gear lubricant only in the steering gear—the same lubricant that is used in the axle and transmission.

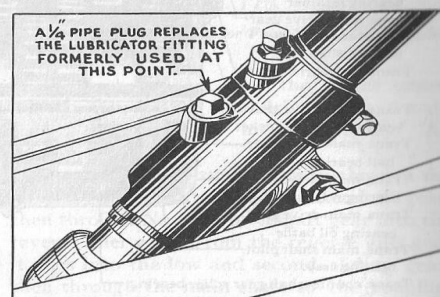


Fig. 776



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



It's November and we're still driving!

For those of you that didn't join us on the last 2 weekends you missed a lot of fun. We went to Station 112 and fed the Firemen and in exchange we got a wonderful boat ride. Thanks Captain Skelly for the fabulous afternoon. We saw the pier area that had burned down last month and had the fire strategy explained to us which was very interesting.

The following weekend we had our annual progressive/poker run. A **big thanks** to **Bobby D.** who ran the poker run. **Jack Gordinier** was the big poker winner with a flush.

We started out with a continental breakfast prepared by the **Bates** at the Toyota Museum in Torrance. Second stop was a shopping break at Redondo Beach *South Bay Childrens Hospital LA* thrift store where we found some great bargains and supported a wonderful cause. Jim Huizdos got a super sized teddy bear that could barely fit in his rumble seat. Third stop was the Harvest Bazaar at the El Segundo United Methodist Church and, of course, buying sweet and sour pickles is always a favorite there. Thanks to the **Goldberg's**, lunch was a fabulous spread at their beautiful home in Palos Verdes. We are so spoiled by these fantastic hosts!! Dessert was hosted by the **Gordinier's** in Torrance. We can't wait to see the transformation that is going to happen to their home in the near future.

Friday, December 12th is our annual Christmas Lights tour. We are going to meet at Marie Calendars (Torrance and Hawthorne) at 5PM for dinner. We will then head to Woods Hardware at the corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd to meet up for our Christmas lights tour. After the tour we have been invited to a cookie exchange at the home of **Bobby & Phyllis DeCrescenzo**.

Sunday, December 14th is the Wilmington Parade. We will meet at 9AM at the corner of Fries and E Street in Wilmington. Please let Elaine Pisu know if you will be joining us. Following the parade we will be in Wilmington at the Acapulco restaurant. The El Segundo parade is the same day. Contact Dick Wyckoff for info.

Elaine

Hope to see you all soon

Merry Christmas and have a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season

The Progressive Tour at the first stop in Torrance



A big **Thank You** to everyone at Al's garage on Saturday for changing the oil in my Model A and taking care of a few things. Thanks guys. I really appreciate it. Sue

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- I have a dozen or so 19" and 21" **rims**. Ask \$20 each or \$60 for 4.
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Contact Pat Tucker, 310-835-2687. Carson CA
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- **Single car garage** located at 552 37th St., San Pedro. \$195.00
call Elaine Pisu (310) 486-8413. Available November 19th maybe sooner.
- **Free: Kitten.** Black. Male. About 3 months old. Has been fixed and has shots. Is very loving.
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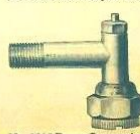
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75 No. 880 Valve Caps	3.00	4.50	
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2 No. 2070 Dust Caps only	.13	.25	
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Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2014 and 2015

Dec 14th (Sun) - El Segundo Christmas Parade. More details to follow. Contact: Dick Wyckoff

Dec 14th (Sun) - Wilmington Christmas Parade. Contact Elaine Pisu for more info.

Dec 21st (Sun) - Swap Meet "Pickers Paradise" Elks Lodge 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park CA. 6:30AM

Jan 24-25, 2015 (Sat-Sun) - 49th Annual Turlock Swap Meet. Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock CA 95380. Admission \$10. Info: Call 209-571-1232.

Feb 20-22, 2015 (Fri-Sun) - Big 3 Swap Meet San Diego Qualcomm Stadium. Lots of 'A' Stuff. \$10 parking

June 13-14 2015 (Sat - Sun) - Swap Meet Model T Club of Riverside. Western Little League Headquarters 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA. 6AM. Free admission/parking.

Some pictures from the 'Feed the Firemen' tour



More Progressive Tour pictures



Breakfast stop in Torrance



Jim Huizdos and new 'Teddy'



Lunch with Julie Goldberg



Jack & Julie Goldberg



Dessert with Jack & Joan Gordinier



Donnis and Jan slicing the pie



Bobby D. and Elaine with poker winner Jack

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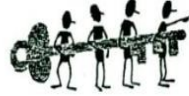


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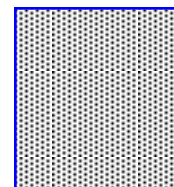
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