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Our annual Christmas light tour



Tours

Our hosts after the Christmas light tour. Bob and Phyllis De-Crescenzo hosted a cookie exchange at their home. Thanks for all your work!

Upcoming Business Meeting

The January 2015 Business meeting will be the annual Awards Banquet at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester on Saturday, January 24th. Daffy Wagner is collecting money for the banquet. We need a head count as soon as possible so please check with her.

Technical Activities

Al's AA truck is coming along just fine. We are working on the stake bed side rails .

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

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 January Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 6th, 7PM at the Toyota Auto Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance CA.

We will be planning the new year. All are welcome

Please visit our awesome website

Check it at:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

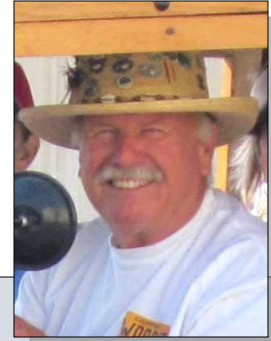
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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President
Tim Harrison



"A" View from the Slow Lane

As the year ends, I would like to thank the numerous volunteers who make the club so successful.

This first year as President has opened my eyes to the multi-faceted membership we embody.

- Our informal Monday night dinners at Hof's Hut always numbers 30 or so people.
- Our annual safety inspections in April hosted this year by Pat Tucker.
- Our annual Wings 'n Wheels weekend in Solvang in July.
- Our second annual Torrance picnic with games and a Hubley Derby.
- Our planning of the progressive and many tours by Elaine Pisu.
- Julie and Jack Goldberg hosting an annual progressive feast with all the trimmings.
- Saturday technical and work projects hosted by Al Avoian at his garage.
- Our monthly meetings are always well attended with members providing refreshments and supporting numerous club activities.

I am so thankful to have such a supportive and hard working team to facilitate all the workings of the club.

Vice President: Monty Bates coordinating the opportunity drawings.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner keeping our books in order and paying our bills.

Secretary: Donnis Bates taking care of club correspondence and meeting minutes.

Technical Director: Cliff LeFall holding weekly garage times to provide assistance and expertise to fix member's Model A problems.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt assisting new members. Compiling information for the club roster. Taking charge of member dues. Keeping up-to-date information of member status.

Historian: Sue Hankins keeps club records and maintains club's website informing people about the club.

Sunshine Secretary: Doris Marshall keeps members in the know about the health and well being of members and checks their on their status.

Advertizing: Amy Knott coordinates with local businesses to find people who have services which could help with Model As.

Refreshment Coordinator: Ruxella Speights is in charge of setting up food and supplies for all club activities and events.

Tools: Bob DeCrescenzo procures, stores, maintains and loans club tools to any member who needs one for a specific project.

Merchandise: Jan Wyckoff creates, orders, buys and sells club merchandise.

Sgt.-at-Arms: Jack Gordinier conducts flag salute, collects club fines, maintains decorum, and assists with opportunity drawings and numerous club sales.

Newsletter editor: Dick Wyckoff writes, organizes, publishes and distributes the 'award-winning' Harbor Light monthly newsletter for the club. Dick gathers information, writes articles, takes pictures, maintains future events calendar, does layout and submits technical articles for Model As.

Thanks to all of you! **Tim**

January Birthdays

- 3 Paul Larquier Jr.
- 3 Darlene Duncan
- 5 Ted Dalton
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 12 Patti Migliazzo
- 25 Ed Firth
- 26 Conrad Garcia



January Anniversaries

- 26 John & Julie Hernandez



Editor's Corner

by Dick Wyckoff

I had a fun time at the November meeting standing in for Bill Newell as auctioneer for the White Elephant sale. My thanks to 'partner in crime' Jack Gordinier for making it a fun event. All the proceeds went to the club. Many thanks to those that contributed items for auction, especially Art Wagner. Art made some custom birdhouses and a 'Tin Man' that definitely made the bottom line a bit bigger.

If you have some ideas on things we might do, places we might go, or events we could participate in, let one of the officers know. We are always looking for new activities to show our cars and share our love for these antique autos. We have handouts available for you to carry with you that tell where and when we meet. Your ideas are always welcome.

A little behind the scenes info and requests from the editor. . . .

We are still on for 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 . . .



[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!

[2015 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. Elaine Pisu found some more blue vests. See Jan for details. They run \$31.

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

[Welcome to our newest members](#)

The Harbor club welcomes new members #1052 **Jim and Dianne Runyon**. They live on 414 S. Magnolia Ave. in Anaheim, CA 92804, Tel: 714-390-1528. Their email is: jamesfrunyon@aol.com. They have a 1930 Tudor sedan.

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: November 21, 2014 Location: WALTERIA Park, Torrance CA

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

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Georgette Avoian moved that the minutes in the November edition of the HarborLight be approved as printed; the motion was seconded by Bobby DeCrescenzo.

Vice-President: Monty Bates. Thanked everyone for the great turn out at the Progressive. There will not be an opportunity drawing tonight since we will be having a white elephant sale. Auctioneers will be Dick Wyckoff and Jack Gordinier.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner. Our Banquet will be January 24th at the Proud Bird. The cost is \$50 per person. We have four food options - Chicken, Beef - Sirloin Steak, Salmon or Vegetarian. Please indicate your choice on the Memo area of your check. We have 35 paid and confirmed attendees; we need a minimum of 50. If you are planning on going to the banquet please be sure to pay Daffy.

Clock Prize: The \$5.00 prize was won by Don Knott

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff. If you get a digital copy (via e-mail) of the 'Award Winning' HarborLight, it is in color. A special thank you to Elaine Pisu and the Goldberg's for the great progressive this year. Remember that the HarborLight is a great place to advertise items for sell. Last month a 1931 Victoria was advertised and sold! Our distribution is nationwide, so there are a lot of readers. If you want to buy something, it is also a great source. Get the information to him and he will publish in the next edition of the HarborLight. Thank you to Gloria Younkin for sharing her early Automobile literature collection. We published a couple ads from Schrader's and Sons universal tire pressure gauge in the HarborLight. Good stuff, be sure to check it out.

Historian & Webmaster: Sue Hankins. Nothing new to report, keeps the web site current. Anything new or that you want published be sure and get it to her. Received a campaign letter from the Hickory Corners Museum. They expressed the expense it takes to maintain the museum. They have been raising funds for an endowment fund. The goal is \$500,000 - they are three quarters of the way. She passed the information and communication documents to Tim Harrison for the club to consider in next year's donations.

Membership Drawing: Women's Prize - Ruxella Speights \$5.00. Men's Prize - Dick Wyckoff \$5.00.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt. We have two new members Jim and Dianne Runyon. Jack Goldberg's parents have joined us this evening as guest's. Membership is due by the end of the year. Thank you to the members who have already paid.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall. We have two parades coming, Wilmington and El Segundo, be sure your radiators and water pumps are in good shape. Richard Parrish will be bringing his car to Al's Garage for a thorough going over. He is planning to drive it from here to Maine and back this next year. We meet at Al's garage at 10:00 on Saturday's. Please call Cliff to schedule any specific seminar that addresses a special need you may have.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack Gordinier collected \$2.32 cents from members who did not have their badges.

Sunshine: Doris Marshall. Rhoda Larquier is still not ready to join us. Mirco cracked rib is getting better. Mike Wright had knee replacement surgery - he will be back to join us when he is better.

Advertising: Amy Knott. The renewal for advertising in the HarborLight is due in January or one year from when they joined. She sends out letters for renewal - the cost is \$25.00 for the year. Always looking for new advertisers. If you know of anyone who may be interested, let her know and she will contact them.

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. We also have t-shirts and hats with our logo. We have purchased six more vests with our logo embroidered on the front. The cost is \$31.00 each, there are two (2) large, three (3) extra-large and one (1) medium. Thank you Elaine Pisu for getting these ready for purchase.

Tools Coordinator: Bobby De Crescenzo. Club owns 28 tools specialized for Model A's and they are available for all club members to borrow. If we don't have something let us know and we can see about purchasing it for the club's use. Process is simple, you leave a small deposit, when you return the tool you get your deposit back. Just contact Bobby and he will have it ready for you.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights. Sign-up sheet for next year's Business meeting refreshments is being circulated tonight. Please watch for it. There were a couple of plastic serving spoons that were left at 'Feed the Firemen' tour. Contact Ruxella if you are missing these utensils.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries: Tim Harrison announced the following:

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

Anniversaries - 1st Jack and Julie Goldberg

Tours: Elaine Pisu. December 12th we have the Christmas Lights Tour and Cookie exchange at Bobby and Phyllis DeCrescenzo's home. We will meet at Marie Calendars for dinner at 5:00PM, at Woods Hardware at 6:30PM for the Christmas lights tour and then on to Bobby and Phyllis' home. December 14th El Segundo and Wilmington parade. We will meet after the parades at the Acapulco's in San Pedro. Our board meetings for 2015 will now be held at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum. Thanks for the great turn out for our progressive.

Old Business:

Elections: Technical Director for 2015 - Cliff LeFall; Tour Director for 2015 is a shared position - Elaine Pisu and Jim Huizdos; Treasurer for 2015 - Daffy Wagner; Elaine Pisu moved to accept as posted and Bobby DeCrescenzo seconded the motion.

New Business:

We will not have a business meeting in December. It is the dinner, Christmas light tour and cookie exchange

Refreshments hosted by: Cliff and Teresa LeFall

Next General/Business Meeting: February 27, 2015

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 2nd at Art and Daffy Wagner's home

Meeting adjourned: Drain Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting, Phil Bonneau seconded. We adjourned at 8:10p.m. for the White Elephant sale.

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



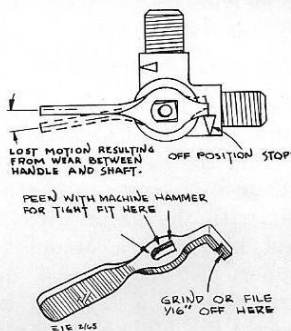
Technical Talk

Gas Tank Shut-off Valve

If you're plagued with a leaking carburetor on your Model A, chances are that the gas tank shut-off valve isn't closing completely when turned to the off position. This trouble is usually the result of a loose fitting handle rather than a faulty valve core. Check the shut-off handle for lost motion. A loose handle means that there is not a full 90 degree turn of the valve between stops, consequently there is not a complete shut-off of gasoline.

Remove the handle and inspect both the squared shaft and the slot in the handle for wear. Using a machine hammer, peen the edges of the slot until there is a tight fit between the handle and the squared shaft. Next grind approximately 1/16" off the handle at the point that makes contact with the off position stop lug.

Reassemble the handle on the valve.
By Ed Eaton, Winston-Salem, N. C.



HOW TO START YOUR MODEL "A"

by Johnny Xifos

The first thing you do when you sit at the wheel,
Put both feet on the pedals till you get the feel.

The next thing to do if the car must go,
Reach down for the petcock, to open the flow.

While you're down there, give the choke a full turn,
To increase combustion when the gas starts to burn.

This also tends to make the mixture rich,
Now we are ready to turn on the switch.

Pull down on the throttle, and up with the spark,
This is very important if you want her to start.

Step on the starter as you pull out the choke,
Till you hear the engine fire on her very first stroke.

A little more choke if she's cold, will do,
Let her idle gently, for a minute or two.

If you'll pause a moment, before you put her in gear,
You always avoid that unpleasant noise that we hear.

Ever so gently you release the clutch,
This you must practice, till you get the touch.

If you always remember to press the clutch twice,
You will shift gears gently, quiet, and nice.

After you've driven at a moderate pace,
Remember to screw the choke back to its place.

With a tank full of gas and a smile on our faces,
We've got the day off and we're off to the races.

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Harbor Club at the start of the El Segundo Christmas parade. Jim Huizdos and friends, Dick and Jan Wyckoff, Joe Freitag, Jim and Elyse Beardsley and guest Bill Carr.



Touring with Elaine

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



It's the end of 2014 and what fun we've had!!

Happy New Year

We finished off December with our Christmas Lights tour and of course a dessert buffet at the home of

Phyllis and Bobby DeCresenzo. As always it was a wonderful evening and a good time was had by all.

On December 14, 2014 the Harbor A's were represented in 2 parades with 9 cars. The Wilmington Heart of the Harbor Parade participants included Donnis and Monty Bates, Mirco and Elaine Pisu, Art and Daffy Wagner and Nathan Sherry. The El Segundo parade participants were Jan and Dick Wyckoff, Jim Huizdos, Jim Beardsley, Joe Freitag, and a guest Model A owner. The communities really enjoy seeing our cars. So if you can, join us next year. You won't be disappointed.

On Sunday, December 28, 2014 the Horseless Carriage Club will be hosting a tour. It meets at the Irwindale Speedway. Gates open at 7AM and it is limited to 1932 cars and older. If you have the energy to get up early, this is an event worth seeing. The morning starts with a great car show followed by a fun tour. Jay Leno is usually there and we are hoping to see his garage someday, so be nice to him.

Save the Date:

Turlock Swap Meet

January 24 & 25, 2015

Superbowl Sunday pot luck at the Pisu's:

February 1, 2015

CCRG: in Santa Maria

April 10-12, 2015

NCRG:

May 22-25, 2015

Henry Ford Picnic:

June 28, 2015

Wings and Wheels:

July 17-18, 2015

See you all in 2015!! Have a Happy and Healthy 2015

Elaine



Dick Wyckoff and Jack Gordinier auctioning treasures at the Club's White Elephant sale in November

Jack 'Vanna' Gordinier demonstrating proper purse technique



Auctioneer Dick Wyckoff explaining gizmo to buyers



Pat modeling her new 'treasure' at the sale

'White Elephant' sale at November meeting

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

- I have a dozen or so 19" and 21" **rims**. Ask \$20 each or \$60 for 4. I have all **internal and external engine parts**. They are used. Rods, pistons, cams, cranks, blocks, heads, etc. The prices will vary, but cheap. Many other parts. What do you need?
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Dec 28th (Sun) - Holiday Motor Excursion. Brought to you by the Horseless Carriage Club of So Cal. 1932 cars and older meet at the Irwindale racetrack between 7 and 10 AM. Giant antique car tour to follow.

Jan 24, 2015 (Sat) - Harbor's Annual Award Banquet. 5PM to 9PM Proud Bird restaurant, Westchester. Contact Daffy Wagner 310-374-6113 for cost and food selection details. Always a fun event.

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.

Christmas light tour and Holiday parades



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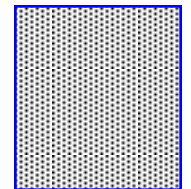
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