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## February 2015

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# HARBORLIGHT



The start of the Horseless Carriage Club tour in Irwindale

### Tours

Some fun events coming up in the near future. Possible event could be the Reagan Library A and T event March 21st (TBD). The CCRG in Santa Maria is always a fun time. Great tour to Vandenberg is planned. This will be April 10-12.

Set aside April 26th for the Pancake breakfast.

As you can see, some fun events in the near future.



### 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.



### 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.

The February meeting will be back at the Walteria clubhouse, **Friday February 27th at 7:30PM**.



### Next Board Meeting

The February Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 3rd, 7PM** at the **Toyota Auto Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance CA.**

We will be planning the new year. All are welcome

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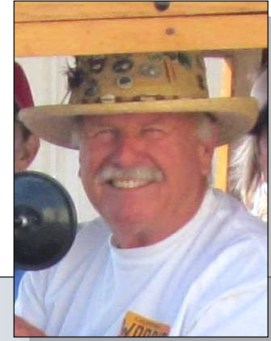
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***Tim's Team Talk***  
***A Note from our President***  
***Tim Harrison***



***"A" View from the Slow Lane***

**HENRY'S LADY**

The drawings of the "new" Ford advertisements beginning in 1927 were produced by James W. Williamson and ad copy was written by George Cecil. Ads for the new Fords appeared in over 40 different magazines from 1927 to 1931 and included over 21 different body types.

Williamson's pictures depicted the everyday "slice of life" settings of the Model A and featured people engaged in everyday activities similar to the drawings of Norman Rockwell. Along with educating people about their features and drive ability improvements: Ford touts speeds of 55-65 mph; choice of color; reliability; economy; long life; triplex glass windshield; with smoothness, balance, and safety at all speeds.

Story lines include the following:

- "Just married" couple in slant window Cabriolet
- A view from the inside of the new Model A Ford
- A man picking up his caged dog from the train station
- A woman driving up to get her sport coupe serviced at a dealership
- De Luxe delivery units at Ford low costs
- Family departs their Ford station wagon for a cruise on yacht "Juniper."

These ads and more can be found in *A Collector's Guide to Model A Ford Magazine Advertising* by James W. Thomas. This book provides another enjoyable view for me from the slow lane while seated on my own couch.

***Tim***



***Harbor 'Sunshine status'***

Ursi Schmidt talked to member **Conrad Garcia** recently. He is trying to get a diabetic condition under control. Hope you get a handle on it soon, Conrad!



## *February Birthdays*

2 Laura Pahl	20 Frank Lusk
3 Don Knott	23 Liz Fitzgerald
5 Ron Ragon	23 Don Knott
5 Phil Bonneau	24 Dick Wyckoff
9 Gloria Younkin	25 Acela Garcia
14 Steve Preston	25 Daffy Wagner
15 Elaine Pisu	

## *February Anniversaries*

14 Jim & Anita Perreten



## *Editor's Corner*

by Dick Wyckoff

The Horseless Carriage Club gathering/tour at the Irwindale racetrack Dec. 28th was spectacular! A chilly morning brought together lots of early iron, 1910's - 20's, of all kinds. Too bad only Steve Newton and I were the only ones from Harbor there . . . I took some pictures and they're elsewhere in the newsletter. Another fun event is the CCRG in Santa Maria. Jan and I have been several times and the tours in that part of California are always great. Last year we ended up in the Big Sur area. Wow! Driving Route 1 along the coast in a Model A is awesome.

Elaine has lined up some fun events for the new year. She has Jim Huizdos to help her and they are always looking for new places of interest to visit. Have an idea? Let them know.

See you all at the banquet.



## *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 new **2015 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.



**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.

### [Update to the \(new\) Roster](#)

**Donnis Bates** wanted to add her cell to the roster. It is **310-713-4830**.

**Monty Bates'** old email went crazy, so use **TWC3105160468@earthlink.net**.

(Some secret code thing, I guess)

## Business Meeting Minutes

Date: December 12, 2014

Location: Marie Callender's

**President:** Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**Salute to the flag:** Waived

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

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



FORMAL DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS WAS WAIVED FOR THIS MEETING  
THERE WERE 36 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Vice-President: / Treasurer: / HarborLight Editor: / Historian & Webmaster: / Membership:  
/ Technical & Safety: / Sergeant at Arms: / Sunshine: / Advertising: / Merchandising:  
/ Tools Coordinator: / Refreshments: / Birthdays & Anniversaries: / Tours: / Old Business:  
/ New Business:

Next General/Business Meeting: February 27, 2015

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 3rd at Toyota USA Automobile Museum.

Meeting adjourned: Drain Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting, Jim Huizdos seconded. We adjourned at 6:00p.m.

CLUB MEMBERS AND GUEST ALL MET AT WOODS ACE HARDWARE AT 6:30PM FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR. AT 7:45, AFTER OUR TOUR THROUGH THE STREETS OF TORRANCE'S FESTIVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WE ALL MET AT BOBBY & PHYLLIS DE CRESCENZO'S HOME FOR OUR ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE AND CHRISTMAS GATHERING.

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary

### EVER WONDER . . .

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why isn't there cat flavored dog food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections? (My favorite)



## Technical Talk

On several occasions, excerpts from the website [Fordbarn.com](http://Fordbarn.com) have been posted here. The site is a great source of information about Model As. Purdy Swift is a regular contributor and is highly respected.

This little commentary outlines adjusting one's mechanical brakes. Essentially, the adjustment takes into consideration that the Model A brakes may have worn parts and by adjusting the brake rod lengths individually, (not to a predetermined length), we can accommodate the differences in each wheel and make the brakes all work equally.

Editor.

### Purdy Swift

Senior Member



Join Date: May 2010  
Location: Alabama  
Posts: 5,841

### **Re: Stumped by brake pedal**

To properly set up the brakes, remove all of the brake rod clevis pins at the adjustable end. Prop the brake pedal up at the top of its travel. adjust the pedal rod at the clevis so that there will be no more than a 1/16th gap between the plunger end that meets the brake light switch and the inside back of the center cross member. Connect the clevis end of the pedal shaft to the brake pedal with it propped at the top of its travel. If the brakes are in good adjustment at the wheels, adjust all of the free play out of each brake rod at the clevis end so that the clevis pin will just enter. If you can follow this procedure you will have good brakes that you never knew that you had and the brake pedal will rise to the top each time that it is released. You will no longer need the pedal return spring .



**The latest ideas for the mechanic's home and kitchen.**





**Touring with Elaine**  
By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



**Here we go in the New Year**

The Pisu's are hosting a Superbowl pot luck party again this year. It will be on February 1st at the Pisu household. Come on by and join in the fun.

Another possible event that just showed up is a Model A & T event at the Reagan Library on Saturday, March 21st. The Ventura Model A Club is organizing a fun display of the fine Fords from 1908 to 1931. More to come.

Just got the date for the famous Orange County Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 26th. Put this one on your colander for sure.

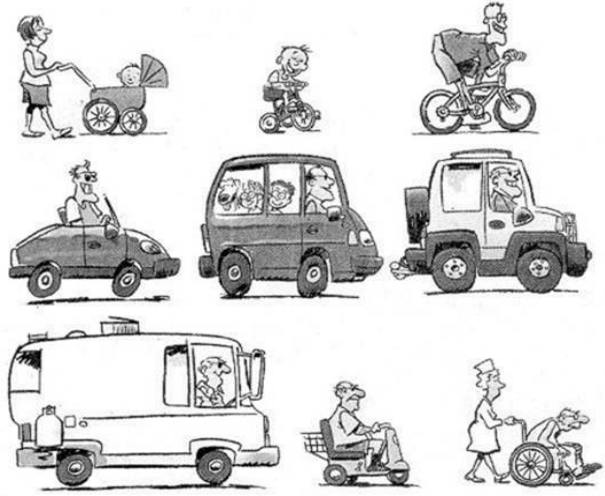
If you have some ideas, let Jim Huizdos or me know and we'll see what happens.

**Save the Date:**

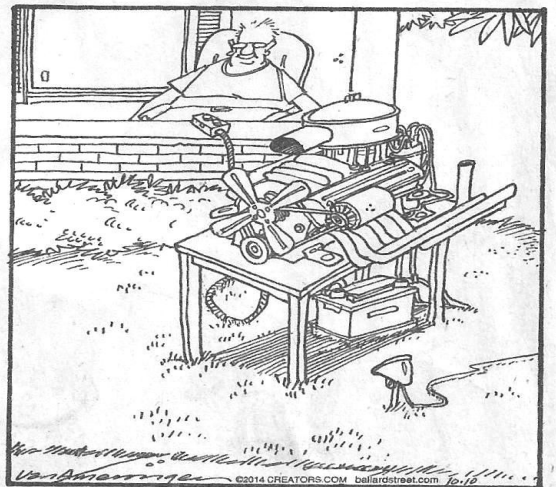
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|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Turlock Swap Meet                        | January 24 & 25, 2015 |
| Superbowl Sunday pot luck at the Pisu's: | February 1, 2015      |
| CCRG in Santa Maria                      | April 10-12, 2015     |
| Pancake Breakfast                        | April 26th, 2015      |
| NCRG:                                    | May 22-25, 2015       |
| Henry Ford Picnic:                       | June 28, 2015         |
| Wings and Wheels:                        | July 17-18, 2015      |

**Elaine**

**The Wheels of Life**



**BALLARD STREET** By Jerry Van Amerongen



As a lover of motors, Arthur naturally thought, "Why not have a yard motor?!"



## [Wheels & Deals:](#)

### For Sale:

- I still have 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?

Contact Dan Fitzgerald, 310-373-8060. Palos Verdes CA

- Model 'A' **fold-down trunk rack and trunk** with a rare spare tire mount. A great accessory. A deal at \$150 or OBO. Contact Al Avoian at 310-328-3350. Torrance CA

- Model A **exhaust manifold** with built in heater, in perfect shape, easy to install, bolt-in, replaces your existing exhaust manifold perfectly and adds a heater to your car. Asking \$100. Please Call Jim Beardsley, 310-466-1122



### Wanted:

Wanted: **68C Cabriolet slant door/window moldings**..call Carl at 760-938-2250 or email: [bigpine@zoho.com](mailto:bigpine@zoho.com)

Wanted: **30/31 Model A Tudor**, older restoration. call or text Neil at 562-577-0612 or email: [nmylar@aol.com](mailto:nmylar@aol.com)

- **Used Christmas and greeting cards**. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.

## **Re: Can the Model A hobby survive?** from [Fordbarn.com](#)

To Be, or Not to Be . . . that is the question.

Lots of threads on this forum illustrate the pluses and minuses of many subjects: Electronic Ignition vs. Stock Ford Distributor; Alternator vs. Stock Generator; Stromberg/Weber Carb. vs. Stock Zenith Carburetor; Hydraulic (and 'Flat Head Ted') vs. Stock Mechanical Breaks; 12 Volt vs. Stock 6 Volt electrical system; 16" wheels/tires (from 1935) vs. Stock 19"/21" Wheels; Six-blade plastic Fan vs. Stock Ford Fan; etc. , etc.

Basically, it looks like we all have the same religion (FORD), but read from two different 'Bibles'. Some prefer to focus on the OLD TESTAMENT (Ford Service Bulletins), while others prefer to focus on the NEW TESTAMENT (Les Andrew's "Mechanics Handbook Vol. 2"). Of course many of us read both the Old AND the New Testament, but have a strong and heavy leaning towards one over the other, while still maintaining respect and understanding for the other.

And then too, there is yet a THIRD group of us that gives little credence to either the Old or the New Testament, and chooses to (like Frank Sinatra) 'Do it my way' - thus the 'Hot Rod'. Although better fitted to 'The Japlopy Journal', many 'Hot Rod' fans find their way to the more traditional site of our FORD BARN Forum.

If there is a concern about the future of the Ford Model A as a hobby, it will take the first two groups to appreciate each other as allies and work together to find a 'common ground' that will 'bring in new converts' to the Model A "religion". Fortunately, that seems to be the case, and I think it will continue to do so in the future. The 'Hot Rod-ers' should have no trouble keeping their turf healthy, as they offer a bit of 'James Dean' that will always attract the younger generation.

- Doug Vieyra ,

Eureka CA



## *Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2015*

**Jan 24, 2015 (Sat)** - Harbor's Annual **Award Banquet**. 6PM 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

**March 21 (Sat)** - **Model A and T event** at the Reagan Library. 9AM to 4PM. Contact: Jeff at 805-890-1066.

**April 10-12 (Fri-Sun)** - **CCRG** in Santa Maria CA. More info on website: [www.santamariamodelaclub.com](http://www.santamariamodelaclub.com)

**April 10 (Fri)** - Bakersfield National Swap Meet, 1142 South P St, Bakersfield CA (in the Fairgrounds) 7AM, \$5

**April 26th (Sun)** - Orange County Model A **Pancake Breakfast**. Hart Park, Orange CA. 8AM to Noon. Always a great event. Lots of old friends and old cars! Great raffle.

**June 13-14 (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.

**July 25 (Sat)** - 61st Long Beach Model T Club **Swap Meet**. Los Alamitos Race Course. 4961 Katella, Los Alamitos Ca 90720. Sat 7AM to ?. Free admission. Space info: Call Jeff 562-597-5936.

### *Holiday Motor Excursion* by Dick Wyckoff

The Horseless Carriage Club of So Cal sponsors a tour in the Pasadena area on the last weekend of every year. This was the 59th annual tour on December 28th, 2014. I drove Jan's Cabriolet to the event in Irwindale CA (about 40 miles) and got to mingle with some of the most interesting and exquisite autos in So Cal. My guess is 150 -200 cars were there, mostly pre 1932 era.



Sunrise drive to event



Beautiful early T's



Gary Karr's '29 RPU



The tour starts in Irwindale



Jay Leno talking cars



Oklahoma Model T




Jan's Cabriolet at tour




## MARC OF FASHION MEN'S HATS

By Esther Meyer




Men's hat styles remained the same through the four years of the Model "A" era. There were hats for every occasion, from the most casual golf style hat to go with knickers, to the top hat with formal evening tails. Straw hats for summer were worn with Palm Beach suits. Derbys or fedoras were worn with business suits. For every job there was a work hat. Following are descriptions and examples of men's hats which were used during the Model "A" era.




**All Wool One-Piece Kersey**

One Piece Kersey: Solid one piece style all wool kersey cloth, satin lined with warm inband and unbreakable visor. Colors: bluish gray and tan.




**Wood and Silk**

Wood and Silk: About 2/3 wool, balance silk. Full cotton twill lined. Colors: gray and brown.




**All Wool**


All Wool: All wool with a soft nap closely resembles canvas hair. Patterns are dressy and refined. Satin lined. Colors: medium gray and medium tan.



**New Snappy Collegiate Cup**

Collegiate Cup: Smaller shape 3/4 wool, balance rayon. All around leather sweatband. No inband. Colors: fancy gray and tan.





**Adjustable**

Adjustable: Adjust the buckle in front to fit head. Tailored of a swaggy plaid material 2/3 wool. Genuine leather sweatband in front, satin lined. Colors: fancy bluish gray plaid, fancy tan plaid.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

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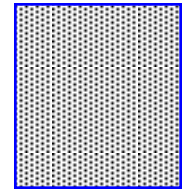
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