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Art Wagner and Jim Huizdos
having their cars inspected at the
Safety Seminar/Meeting

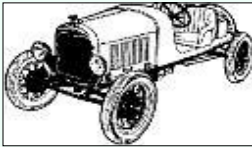


Technical Director
Cliff LeFall recording
safety info

Tours

Just got back from a fun weekend at the Santa Maria CCRG. 23 Harbor members were in attendance. Six Harbor Model As participated in the tours.

The next event is the **Orange County pancake breakfast, Sunday, April 26th**. We always have a great turnout for this event.



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

Technical Activities



The latest project at the Saturday garage gathering is the installation of a new top on Gary Guttormson's Coupe. It's coming along and we're learning as we go.

A fun project Al's AA truck is just about finished. The flat bed is the last major thing to complete.

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 April business meeting will be back at the WALTERIA Clubhouse on **Friday, April 24th at 7:30**.

The May business meeting will be at WALTERIA on **Friday, May 29th**.

Come a little early and help set up and visit with your Model A friends, new and old! See you there!

Next Board Meeting



The May Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 5th, 7PM** at the Toyota Auto Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance CA.

We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome

Please visit our awesome website

Check it out:

www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com

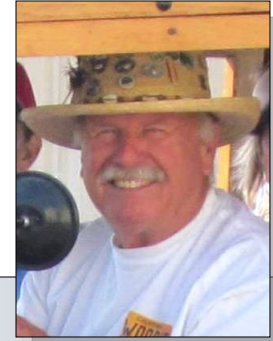
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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President
Tim Harrison



"A" View from the Slow Lane



When I was in high school, my dad and I had thought about buying a Model "A" pickup but never found what we wanted. Later in life, in 1975, I purchased my first Model "A" which was a Model "AA" truck from a family in San Diego. It had been used to haul produce on their farm.

The truck was a 1928 "AA" stake bed truck. The truck was rusty and beat up but had most of the parts.

Being a teacher and working two other jobs, the restoration took about five years and taught me



what "life in the slow lane" was all about.

People ask how fast the truck goes. The truck speed is 25-40 miles per hour. The brakes are very hard to push which means the truck is hard and slow to stop. You have to hope that no one jumps in front of you.

The truck is equipped with a range of low gears for hills and heavy work. This is called a Rextel gear box.

The paint and body work took the most time and finding old parts was easier back then. Since restoring the truck I have had to replace the gas tank and all the tires once. The tires are held on the rims with clinch rings and are dangerous to change.

Life in the past was slow and continues to be slow today.

Tim

Harbor 'Sunshine status

Our Sunshine Chair, **Doris Marshall**, had surgery on a broken toe. She stubbed it on a table leg at home and it required surgery to correct the problem. It is still giving her problems. Hope you heal soon, Doris.



Jan Wyckoff is having back pain and is scheduled for epidural shots soon.

Joan Gordinier's mother, Cecelia Chiappetta, passed away in her sleep at the age of 92 on March 17th, 2015. In addition to Joan and sister Michele, she is survived by sons-in-law, nieces and nephews, and a beloved cat of 15 years, Bella. Our thoughts are with you, Joan.

May Birthdays

- 1 LeOra Combs
- 4 Leonard Funk
- 10 Jim Speights
- 15 Peggy Wishon
- 20 Dolores Strosnider
- 22 Jesse Dykes
- 27 Willie Duncan



May Anniversaries

- 5 Liz & Dan Fitzgerald
- 20 Darlene & Leonard Funk
- 23 Bill Newell & Ellen Peterson
- 29 Bill & Joann Moore

Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

Jan and I drove our modern to Salem, Oregon the week before the Santa Maria CCRG and surprised Dick's sister, Peggy, at her 70th birthday dinner. She was thrilled and we got to see the family again. A fun time.

On the way back, we stayed overnight in Weed, CA. The next morning we were greeted with two inches of snow! A surprise cold front gave us a beautiful trip down the mountain to the coast to US 1 and on to the Big Sur area. A fun but long drive. We got to Santa Maria Thursday afternoon and visited with Model A folks from all over the mainly central California area. The CCRG was a lot of fun with great activities and lots of Model A people. According to the Santa Maria folks, there were 400 people, 220 registrations and 175 Model As. WOW!

Santa Maria has some nice touring areas. Vandenberg AFB is nearby and many of us were able to tour the base and see the history of the US missile program.

The only problem we had was Jan developed a pinched nerve in her back and had to deal with that on the trip.



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!

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 . . .



[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.



["Cruise at the Beach" Friday afternoons 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 drawing and trophies are awarded each week. Parking is free to participating cars. This event will continue all summer until about October 30th, 2015. Hope to see you there.



[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 Harbor-Light.

Jan Wyckoff has a nice selection 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.



Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 21st, 2015 Location: Pat Tucker's home

President: Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 11:39AM.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Elaine Pisu moved that the minutes in the February edition of the HarborLight be approved as printed; the motion was seconded by Jim Huizdos.

Vice-President: Monty Bates. Thanked everyone for their continued support and donations to our opportunity drawings.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner. All is well. All bills paid.

Clock Prize: There was no clock prize for this meeting

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff. Please get this month's articles to Dick by the weekend of April 18th. Remember that the HarborLight is a great place to advertise items for sell. 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.

Historian & Webmaster: Sue Hankins. Was not present. Nothing new to report

Membership Drawing: There was no membership drawing for this meeting

Membership: Ursi Schmidt. Was not present. Nothing new to report

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall. Thank you all for coming today to the Safety Check seminar. Special thank you to Pat Tucker for hosting this event. We meet at Al's garage at 10:00 on Saturday's. Please call Cliff to schedule any specific seminar that address' a special need you may have.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): No badge check this meeting.

Sunshine: Nothing to report today.

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

Merchandising: Jan Wyckoff. We have Men's and Women's polo shirts, t-shirts, hats and vests with our logo embroidered on the front. They are available to purchase

Tools Coordinator: Bobby De Crescenzo. The Club owns 32 tools specialized for Model A's. They are available for all club members to borrow. All tools have been returned and are in good working order. Contact Bobby if you would like to borrow any of the club's tools and he will have it ready for you.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights. Thanked everyone for bringing the food for the potluck today.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries: Tim Harrison announced the following:

Birthdays - 1st James Walker, 3rd John Hernandez, 8th Bill Newell, 12th Carol Olsen, 14th Drain Marshall and 19th Kathy Valot

Anniversaries - 28th Larry & Patti Migliazzo

Tours: Elaine Pisu. Clip boards are being circulated for the Science Center next Saturday, March 28th 'Space Shuttle Endeavour' at the California Science Center. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45AM, leaving at 9:00AM. If you would like to attend the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition it is an additional \$15 per person. Please indicate on the clip-board sign-up sheet and Elaine will make the arrangements. Lunch to follow our tour of the Space Shuttle Endeavour exhibit. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45AM and leave at 9:00AM. Save the dates for the following tours: CCRG in Santa Maria - April 10th - 12th (Cut off to tour Vandenberg Air force Base was March 1st), Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, April 26th. We will be meeting at Harbor Freight at **6:15AM and leaving at 6:30AM**, NCRG - May 22th - 25th, Henry Ford Picnic - Sunday, June 28th, Wings and Wheels, Solvang CA - Fri-Sun, July 17th - 19th

Old Business:

Tim thanked Ruxella for coordinating the food for the Potluck and the beautiful table setting. He also expressed thanks to Pat and Keith Tucker for their generous hospitality.

New Business:

None

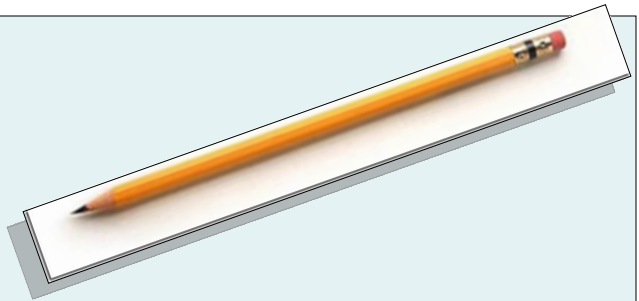
Refreshments hosted by: A special Thank you to Art and Daffy Wagner for sharing their Anniversary cake with us. 61 years. Wow!

Next General/Business Meeting: April 24th, 2015 at Walteria Clubhouse in Torrance.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th at the 'Toyota USA Car Museum', 19600 Van Ness Blvd, Torrance.

Meeting adjourned: Ruxella Speights moved to adjourn the meeting, Bobby De Crescenzo seconded. We adjourned at 11:43AM for our potluck and to check the remaining two cars after everyone enjoyed all of the delicious food.

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



Technical Talk

Adjusting the Front Wheel Bearing

By Dick Wyckoff

At the Safety seminar/meeting, it was noted that several cars had improperly adjusted front wheel bearings. I did a little research both on-line and in my library, and came up with the following info:

This is how Ford specified wheel bearing adjustment in the Jan and April 1928 Service Bulletins

Adjusting Front Wheel Bearing

If there is excessive play in the bearing it can be adjusted as follows: Remove wheel. Withdraw cotter key and tighten adjusting nut until the hub just starts to bind. Then back off the adjusting nut one or two notches until the hub can be freely revolved. Before replacing the wheel, be sure to insert cotter key in adjusting nut.

Also: Important Information on [Front Wheel Bearing](#) Adjustment

1. See that front hub, inner and outer bearings are packed with grease.
2. Front hub grease retainer and lock washer should slide over threads on spindle body with fingers (loose fit).
3. Install nut, tighten same so that all component parts are pulled together snugly; that is, inner and outer bearings will be snug in cones, lock washer tight against roller bearing, and nut tight against lock washer. Grasp drum at top and bottom, apply side strain; see that bearings are tight in wheel hub with no side play. (A slight drag will be noticeable when drum is turned.) Not over eight or ten pounds' pressure is required on speed wrench to get these results.
4. Turn nut back two castle slots (this is approximately 1/4 turn of nut); insert cotter pin and try bearings for a slight side play and a free spinning wheel. The key is slight side play.



Notes: Why is some play necessary?

The front wheel bearings are captured. This means there is no room for expansion. By giving some side-play in the assembly, we allow expansion room from heating due to braking and normal friction and not bind up the bearing assembly.



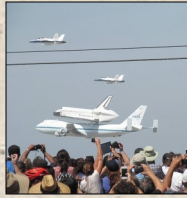
Jack Gordinier checking brakes and bearings on Jim Huizdos' roadster at the Safety Seminar. Al Avoian looking on.



Tech Director Cliff LeFall and President Tim Harrison discussing Gary Guttormson's water pump.



Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



Movin' Right Along. . .



Harbor A's had a great month of tours!! 16 Model A's and 3 guests had a great day at the Los Angeles Science Center. The Pisu's, Al Avoian, Cliff LeFall with his grandson and Jim Huizdos with a friend and his daughter Michelle brought our Model A's. Since the Space Shuttle Program was a major part of Southern California history we decided to go to the museum and get a close up visit with the Space Shuttle Endeavour.



It was a wonderful opportunity to go down memory lane and remember where we were when certain things happened in the Space Shuttle Program. Monty Bates had plenty of information to add after all the years he put in at Northrup the Space Shuttle Program. Cliff LeFall were ready to head to lunch, Troy wasn't rest of museum. If you haven't had a to take the time to head to the LA Sci-Original Phillipe's. They have served the 1908 and have been at their current lo-



since they were a major contributor to brought his grandson Troy and when we ready so they stayed and enjoyed the chance to see this exhibit you may want ence Center. Lunch was a big hit at *The best French Dip sandwiches in LA since cation since 1951.*

CCRG in Santa Maria was the weekend of April 10-12. The Harbor A's were well represented with 23 members including the Bates, Earharts, Gordiniers, Hamiltons, Jim Huizdos, Marshalls, Parrishes, Pisu's, Ragons, D. Valots, J. Valots, and the Wyckoffs attended. We started with a visit to the Vandenberg Air Force Base in Lompoc. We had a tour of the Titan Missile Site and museum. (My Dad worked on the Titan program and I found the tour extremely interesting.)

There were several tours on Saturday. The tour we chose went to a private car collection of hot rods that I knew Art would have loved. Unfortunately Art and Daffy didn't come because Art was sick but I have the address so hopefully we can get them in to see that collection when we go to Wings and Wheels. We had lunch at the Madonna Inn and of course took a tour of the Men's restroom to see the "waterfall." Taking Route 1 along the coast from Santa Maria to San Luis Obispo is a beautiful drive.



Next event is the Orange County Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 26th. We will be meeting at Harbor Freight on Artesia and Hawthorne Blvd at 6:15 and leaving at 6:30. Many of us will wander into downtown Orange to have lunch so this will be a two meal tour. (Oh good. Another meal!)

On **May 17th** we have been invited to be a part of the 21st Annual **Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival** in Fullerton. There will be a parade in the morning followed by the Concourse d'Elegance from 10:00-4:00. Please let Jim Huizdos know if you are interested in attending. We will be meeting at Harbor Freight at 7:45 leaving at 8:00.

Elaine

Wheels & Deals:

For Sale:

• A fellow Model A owner and history author, John Forlini, called from Helena, Alabama to tell me of his new book "*The 1930's: Road from Past, Portal to the Future*". He wrote it because it bothered him that the '30s were passed off as simply the great depression and the dust bowl. It is so much more than that. He explores that era with much detail. It includes historical Model A info also.

The book is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). It has a picture of him and his Model A Roadster on the cover. Check it out.

• Set of Mel Gross **Model A Drums**. New., 2 front, 2 rear. Drums only, no hubs. \$325. Palos Verdes CA. Contact Drain Marshall at 310-378-5061

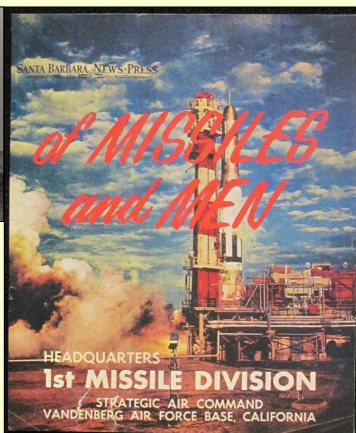
Wanted:

• **Used Christmas and greeting cards.** (Complete cards please). We will recycle them.
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A Fun time at the Central California Regional Group (CCRG) Jamboree

The Harbor Area Model A was well represented at the CCRG in Santa Maria April 10-12. Counting all members (some are members of other clubs also), we had 23 members, 8 Model As. The total count for the meet (for those that like numbers) 220 registrations, 400 people, and 175 Model As.

A big **Thank You** to the Santa Maria club for hosting the event. Lots of great prizes, fun tours, super hospitality room, delicious BBQ, and wonderful banquet.



Lunch time at Vandenberg Officer's Club



Cooking the Tri-Tip



Vintage KR Wilson Align boring machine



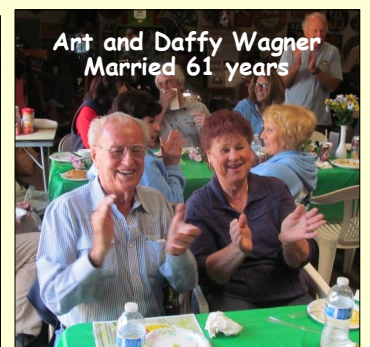
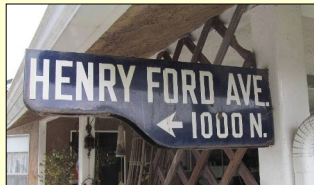
Roadster with custom OHV engine. 12-1 compression!



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2015

- 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.
- May 2nd (Sat)** - Edelbrock 10th Annual Car Show. 9AM - 4PM. Vic's Garage, 510 Madrid Ave., Torrance CA 90501. Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Classics, Trucks. Open to All. Info: Edelbrock.com
- June 6th (Sat)** - Steve McQueen Car & Motorcycle Show. Benefits the Boys Republic, 1907 Boys Republic Drive, Chino Hills CA 91709. Info: stevemcqueencarshow.com
- 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.
- June 27th (Sat)** - OC Model T Club Swap Meet - 6AM - 2PM El Dorado High School 1651 Valencia Ave., Placentia 92870
- June 28th (Sun)** - 45th Antique Nationals. Auto Club Dragway, Fontana CA. Admin: \$20. Info: 661-255-1931.
- 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.
- Aug 22 (Sat)** - El Segundo Main Street Car Show. Always a great show. See Dick Wyckoff for info.
- Sept 27th (Sun)** - Paradise Valley Model A Club antique car Swap Meet. 6AM to 3PM. Free admission. Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA 92407

Safety Inspection and Pot Luck Meeting



The Budd Company

by Tom Endy

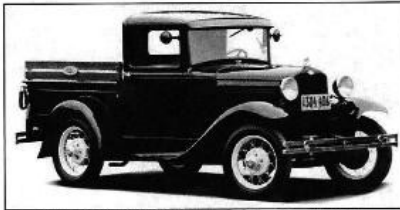
Though it was not as well-known as Briggs and Murray, the Budd Company of Philadelphia Pennsylvania was a supplier to the Ford Motor Company. They are mostly known in the Model A hobby for the production of the Budd cab used on the 1931 wide bed pickup trucks. The Budd cab has a solid steel roof and has been described as the first vehicle to have a solid roof top.

The Budd Company was founded by Edward G. Budd in 1912 and supplied the first all steel car bodies to the Dodge Brothers Car Company.

During the years of Model A production the Budd Company also supplied a number of steel panels to Ford including the side panels for the sedan delivery trucks.

The Budd Company was a major supplier to other industries and supplied many of the panels used in the construction of passenger trains.

During World War Two the Budd Company produced many items for the war industry. During the war Budd employed over 5,000 women in their factory, one of whom was my mother. I remember her telling me that she was an inspector and inspected manifold hardware for the B-24 bomber. That would make sense as the Ford Willow Run plant in Michigan built over 9,000 B-24's during the war.



1931 Wide Bed Pickup with a Budd Cab

Over the years the Budd Company was merged with other companies and eventually lost its identity. Today the Budd Company no longer exists.



The Budd Mfg. Company was located at 2450 Hunting Park Ave. in Philadelphia.



The Budd Company building is considered an historic landmark in Philadelphia. At the present time the building is abandoned and in sad shape.



At the Safety meeting at Pat Tucker's, there was a rare Model A. Keith Tucker had a family friend's Budd bodied pickup being reconditioned. It was original on the most part. The editor did a little homework on found some info on the truck. It is not often one gets to inspect original 85 year old Model As anymore!



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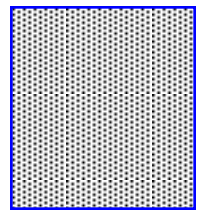
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