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### Tours

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

Put Sunday, June 28th on your calendar. That's the **Henry Ford picnic** in Downey.

Then on to Solvang for the **Wings and Wheels** weekend adventure. The date is July 17-18. Send your registration in right away!



### Technical Activities



The latest on Al's AA truck is that we installed new LED taillights. Boy, does that make a difference. Al has been putting some miles on the truck and is ready to drive it regularly.

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

The **June** business meeting is **Friday, June 26th** at Waltheria.

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 **June** Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 2nd, 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](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)

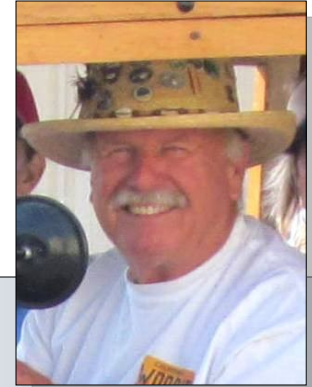
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**Tim's Team Talk**  
**A Note from our President**  
**Tim Harrison**



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

Memorial Day makes the unofficial start of summer so now is the time to get our "A's" rambling down the road. Just think of all the opportunities membership in our club provides:

1. Work on your car at Al's garage on Saturday's
2. Monday dinners at Hof's Hut
3. Friday night get togethers at Ruby's
4. Henry Ford Picnic
5. Wings & Wheels in Solvang
6. Annual El Segundo Car Show
7. Hubley workshop to prepare for competition at the Torrance picnic
8. Annual Harbor Area picnic at Torrance

I will wave as you pass me on the road--

**Tim**



**Welcome to our New Members**

The Harbor Club welcomes our new members **Dr. Paul and Nora Shelton**. Please update your roster. Their address is: 1300 E. Pacific Hwy., Wilmington CA 90744. Their Number is 951-741-2462. Their email is: Pjsmiley@aol.com. They have a 1930 five window coupe. Welcome !!!

**Harbor 'Sunshine status**



After a brief illness, 35 year member **Bill Gaugler** passed away on Sunday May 3rd. He was 85 at the time. Bill was a used car salesman in his early life and developed a liking for antique cars that stayed with him his whole life. At his funeral services, 10 Harbor members brought their Model As. The family appreciated the gesture. Rest in peace, my friend.

**Drain Marshall** had knee replacement surgery that took him out of circulation for a little bit. He is recovering nicely and he and Doris are going to the NCRG in Sacramento. Enjoy the trip!

**Jan Wyckoff** is recovering from a painful nerve problem in her back. She had an epidural procedure and is doing much better. Keep it up, Jan.

**Gary Guttormson** had bad swelling in his leg that put him in the hospital for three weeks. He is somewhat better now and able to get around. He was at Al's garage last weekend. Go Gary!





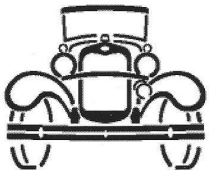
## June Birthdays

- 7 JoAnn Moore
- 8 Mike Larquier
- 13 Joan Gordinier
- 13 Larry Migliazzo
- 14 Frances Earhart
- 21 Jim Huizdos
- 23 Barney Clayton
- 23 Andy Soto
- 24 Julia Duenes
- 27 Becky Preston



## June Anniversaries

- 4 Jeanne & Richard Parrish
- 5 Diana & Marty Murphy
- 7 Bill & JoAnn Moore
- 14 Kathy & Jim Valot
- 19 Dr. Paul & Nora Shelton
- 22 Greg & Fran Earhart
- 25 Willie & Darlene Duncan
- 26 Cliff & Theresa LeFall
- 26 Ed & Julia Duenes



### Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

I have been going through a lot of old HarborLight newsletters from the 60's and 70's. The club has been a very active organization for the last 57 years. Lots of long distance tours, Yuma AZ, Canada, San Diego CA have happened. Of course, we were 40 years younger then! I will reprint some of the articles from those past issues as space permits. Do you know that Wilber Richardson was featured on the cover of the April 1962 HarborLight? That was 53 years ago. Also, we have been meeting at Walteria since 1961. I guess we have seniority?

The first HarborLight was in September 1961 and the editor was Bob Moser. All the early HarborLights were done with typewriter and a mimeograph machine. A long way from the computer I use today.

### 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 **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.

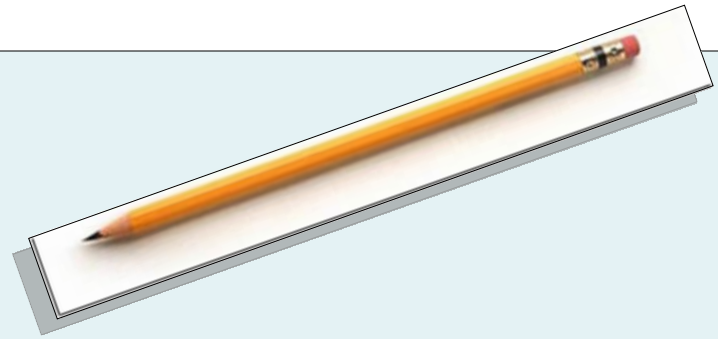
How about a ball cap to go with the shirt or vest? Jan has them, too.



## Business Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24th, 2015

Location: WALTERIA Clubhouse



President: Tim Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Dick Wyckoff only Past President present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as printed in the HarborLight

Vice President: Absent, Jim Huizdos and Jack Gordinier will do opportunity drawing.

Treasurer: Daffy reported an adequate balance.

HarborLight Editor: Some members didn't receive their email of the HarborLight. Let Dick know and he'll resend. There is an article in current HarborLight about a book that a Model A guy from Alabama had written. If you have anything to sell let Dick know and he'll put it in the HL.

Historian: Not present.

Membership: Everyone is paid up.

Membership Drawing: Weeg Thompson won woman's prize, Phil Bonneau on men's.

Technical & Safety: This is the first club meeting since the Safety Check where a lot of work on our cars was accomplished. Al's garage event for May 2<sup>nd</sup> is cancelled due to a car show.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): \$2.81 was collected

Sunshine: Drain Marshall had his knee replacement surgery and is recuperating at home.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: LeOra Combs, Leonard Funk, Jim Speights, Peggy Wishon, Dolores Strosnider, Jesse Dykes and Willie Duncan. Anniversaries: Liz & Dan Fitzgerald, Darlene & Leonard Funk, Bill Newell & Ellen Peterson, Bill & Joann Moore.

Tools Coordinator: Bobby D. announced that we have 32 tools available. Give him a call if you need a tool and he'll see if he has it.

Tours: Orange County Pancake Breakfast next Sunday. We gave two \$50 gift certificates from C.W. Moss for drawing. Elaine passed around a list of upcoming tours; Edelbrock tour on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and their car show May 2<sup>nd</sup>; May 5<sup>th</sup> Gardena Cinco de Mayo car parade; May 9<sup>th</sup> Culver City car show; Muckenthaler Museum car show in Fullerton on May 17<sup>th</sup>; May 22 NCRG in Sacramento; June 28 Henry Ford Picnic in Downey; July 17 & 18 Wings & Wheels in Solvang. August 29 is our Club Picnic.

Web Master: Not present, tho website is up to date.

Old Business: CCRG in Santa Maria was well attended. Our club had 25 members out of the 400 in attendance. There were 175 cars present.

New Business: None. Table Top Swap Meet with Gloria and Phyllis.

Clock Prize: Won by Jack Gordinier, he donated the \$5 back to the club.

Refreshments hosted by: Ursi Schmidt and her daughter, Sam.

Next General Meeting: Friday, May 29th at WALTERIA.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Toyota facility in Torrance.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Acting Secretary





## Technical Talk

Several discussions lately about marginal lighting and poor charging, etc. prompted the re-publishing of a grounding article. The extra cable mentioned below is an excellent addition to our antique autos and could solve many electrical problems you may have. Editor.

### Model A Grounding System\*



A poor ground circuit can be an invisible troublemaker on the Model A, probably more so than most realize because it is usually intermittent. The original Model A battery ground cable is connected to the center frame cross member. With rusty, greasy, or even freshly painted components, the ground path to the engine can be interrupted. With the generator or alternator anchored to the engine it is imperative that a ground circuit be there.

When the Model A was new the ground path could travel along the frame rails and through the front or rear springs. The front spring connected to the wishbone assembly, which provided a path to the clutch housing which was a good connection to the engine. The rear spring provided a path through the differential housings, then up through the torque tube to the transmission and finally the engine.

With age, rust would form on the springs and a buildup of mud and grease on and between connecting components, the potential for ground interruption exists. Additionally, on a fresh restoration, if the springs are given several coats of paint, ground continuity can be interrupted. The rear engine mounts do not provide a good ground path because of the rubber pads that insulate them from the frame. Float-A-Motors are even worse because of the rubber donuts used. There is some grounding potential from the gas line to the gas tank and subsequently through the body bolts, but this path has a lot of room for deterioration. Aside from all these factors, all new Model A's came with engine splash pans. These pans provided an excellent path for ground to reach the engine.

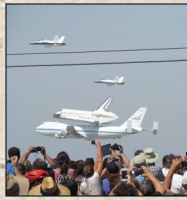
If you choose not to install these pans on your Model A, then you should definitely install an extra ground cable for assurance that you always have ground, at the engine. This can be accomplished by purchasing a 24" ground or battery cable with eyelets on each end. (A 12" cable is better but harder to find.) Attach one end to the center cross member using the same bolt that fastens your regular ground cable. Attach the other end to one of the bolts that holds the cover on the transmission. Or, fasten one end of the cable to a front frame rail in one of the holes provided for the engine splash pans and the other end to one of the engine pan bolts.

If you have had problems with generator or alternator failure, this is an easy and inexpensive supplement to your ground system and you can rest assured that your ground circuit integrity will always be secure.

\* This article was published in the Wichita A's Model A Ford Club's "*Rumbleseat Review*".



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



**Harbor A's have been out and about!!**

Bobby D had his car out at the Serra High School Car Show and won 1<sup>st</sup> place for "Stock", congratulations Bobby.

**Who Does not Like A Parade?**

We had participants in two parades last month. Jim Huizdos, Art Wagner, Steve Thompson, Cliff LeFall and rumor has it that Al Avoian with his AA truck were all out at the Cinco de Mayo parade in Gardena.

The Harbor Area "A's" were well represented May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Muckenthaler Concourse d' Elegance & Parade of Cars. Al Avoian, Cliff LeFall, Jim Huizdos and Steve and Weeg Thompson made the early morning drive to Fullerton, CA. Al's "AA Truck" had other ideas and had to return to the garage via AAA. The remaining trio arrived in time to join 27 other Model T's, A's, a Whippet, a Kissel and other classical cars for the dignitary parade. The parade route ended at the review stand where each car was described and the dignitary passenger was introduced. A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to next year's event.



**Future Tours:**



Our next tour is to the **Henry Ford Picnic on Sunday, June 28, 2015.** Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45 and leave at 9:00AM. Bring a chair. As I understand our usual picnic tables may not be available. You can send your money in directly to the Diamond Treads. Forms will be available at our monthly meeting. To quote from the Diamond Treads, "This year's Picnic will be held at Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be games, "People's Choice" awards, raffle prizes and a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 drawing. \$12 per person includes a BBQ lunch."

Registration forms are out for **Wings and Wheels (July 17th-19<sup>th</sup> .)** If you didn't get one let Jim or I know and we can get you a copy. Signups are due by June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet so be sure and let me know if you want to caravan up on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning. We will also have a signup sheet for dinner on Friday evening. We have a new location for Friday night dinner. Happy hour will be at Anderson's Pea Soup Inn at 4:00, Dinner at 5:30.



**Elaine**



## Wheels & Deals:

### For Sale:

• 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. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.

## Harbor's Tour to the OC Pancake Breakfast

Harbor was well represented at the Orange County MAC Pancake Breakfast. Thirteen Model As (and a couple moderns) made the 35 mile trip. All together, we had close to 45 people from the club. Altogether, there were 300+ cars and 1100 people. Always a fun event. Thanks, Orange County!





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

**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) - Henry Ford Picnic.** Heritage Park, 12100 Mora Dr., Santa Fe Springs 90670. Cost \$12 per person. Includes BBQ lunch and parking. Get tickets by June 20th. Info: LeRoy 562-865-2246

**June 28th (Sun) - 45th Antique Nationals.** Auto Club Dragway, Fontana CA. Admin: \$20. Info: 661-255-1931.

**July 25th (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 15th (Sat) - Free Rock 'n Roll Car show.** 2335 208th St Torrance. Rock-Ola Jukebox Factory. 10AM - 2PM

**Aug 22nd (Sat) - El Segundo Main Street Car Show.** Always a great show. See Dick Wyckoff for info.

**Aug 23rd (Sun) - San Fernando Valley MAC 50th Annual Swap Meet.** Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer, Chatsworth CA. 6AM to 12PM. \$5 Donation. Info Alan at 818-317-2531.

**Aug 29th (Sat) - Harbor's Annual picnic.** More info soon. Fun event!

**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

### TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

Instead of my usual articles, I have made a list of Model "A" parts which I want you to guess. They are in a riddle form so go to it and see how many you get. I'll put the answers in the December issue of the Harbor Light.

### MODEL "A" PARTS

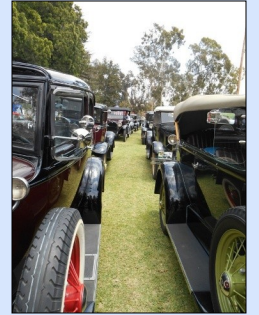
1. What a header is nailed onto
2. Assault charge
3. Marie MacDonald was known as The
4. What fruit is packed in
5. A star has them
6. Macadamia is one
7. An underworld character is sometimes called a
8. L. A. Hockey team
9. A mean old man
10. Every chicken has one
11. An old horse is called a
12. Sally Rand was noted for her (Model A part, fellas)
13. You can start a fire with this
14. Part of every fisherman's gear
15. When a horse runs away suddenly he
16. One who hands things out
17. World wide
18. Sometimes used in the beginning of a race
19. A boss is sometimes known as a big
20. Something you loose when you're lost
21. What a rattlesnake does before he strikes
22. A speeding plank is a

Did you hear about one of our MARC families, on a recent Club tour, who said to the Tour Director, "Do you have trouble making decisions?" "Well, yes and no," replied the Tour Director.

Ralph Wood  
Technical Director  
November 1968

**As mentioned in the editorial, there were some fun articles written in times past. Here is a quiz written by Ralph Wood (Dorothy Wood's husband) back in 1968.**

**Answers on the next page. . . .**



The Muckenthaler Concours was well represented. Meeg & Steve Thompson and Tech Director Cliff LeFall Setting up

Here are the answers to last month's quiz on Model "A" parts. How many did you get? 1. Stud, 2. Battery, 3. Body, 4. Lug, 5. Points, 6. Nut, 7. Hood, 8. Blades, 9. Crank, 10. Wishbone, 11. Plug, 12. Fan, 13. Spark, 14. Rod, 15. Bolts, 16. Distributor, 17. Universal, 18. Starter, 19. Wheel, 20. Bearings, 21. Coil, 22. Running Board.



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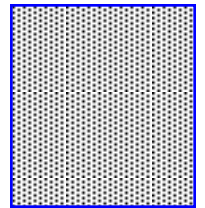
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