

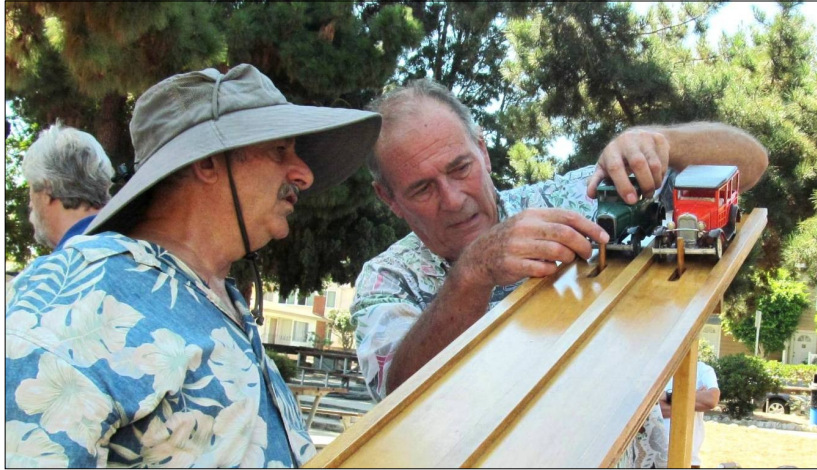
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Bobby DeCrescenzo
and Jack Gordinier
making sure the
Hubley track is
ready for
competition at the
Club's annual
birthday picnic.

HARBORLIGHT

Tours

Frazier Park picnic sponsored by the Bakersfield MAFC is coming up **Sunday, October 4th**. It's a 90 mile freeway drive to Frazier Park. It is a pot luck affair. We usually leave Harbor Freight about 9AM with a McDonalds stop along the way. Always a lot of fun and some great raffle items, too! More to come.



Technical Activities



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

Upcoming Business Meetings

The **September** meeting will be **Friday, September 25th at 7:30PM** at Waleria Park.

The **October** meeting will be **Friday, October 25th**. Pot Luck night. 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 **October** Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 6th 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



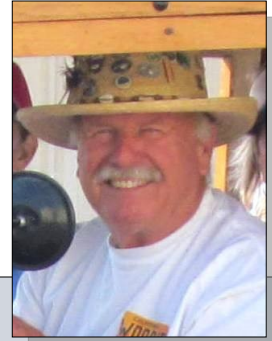
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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President



"A" View from the Slow Lane

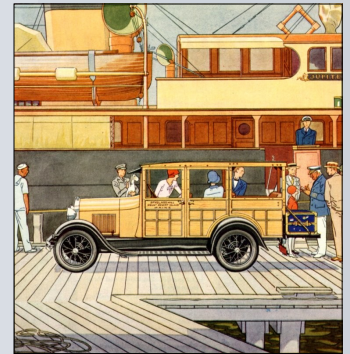
On Saturday, September 19, on our annual trek to Wave Crest Woody meet in Encinitas, Pat and I waved as we passed the Harbor Area Model A Club led by Bobby D and his caravan of Model As going to the train museum in Costa Mesa.

The Woody meet had about 10 Model A Woodys as well as 90 other models and makes. In 1929 the advertisements depict the Model A station wagon as a cross between a sturdy truck and the comfort of a passenger car. The station wagon was a commercial vehicle and boasted a production of 1940 vehicles in 1930. The 1929 ads describe the station wagon as an eight-passenger vehicle that could also carry an abundant amount of luggage on its lower tailgate. (Pat and I carried six in our Woody at Wings and Wheels one year). Anyone who was there knows that even that number was almost more than the car could manage. I think we have the compact model.

The progression of station wagons has gone from an open car with side curtains and a four-cylinder engine to a flat-head V8 with roll-up windows, radios, heaters, and even back bumpers. The station wagon has evolved from a utilitarian commercial vehicle to an antique art form to preserve. Most of the real wood disappeared in the late 1950s leaving only wood appearances of stickers, fiberglass applications, and painted wood grains applied to metal bodies.

Pat and I always like to listen to the many unique stories of the cars' owners and how they acquired their cars. There are also the stories of the diehard owners who drive all the way to Wave Crest from various states and their many stories of fun and adventure along the way.

Just another fun day with cars and car lovers.



Tim



A great showing of 17 members at the train museum in Costa Mesa. Six Model As and three moderns made the trip on this International Model A Day.

A fun trip and a great scenic drive!

October Birthdays

- 9 Julie Goldberg
- 13 Adeline Bates
- 25 Tim Harrison



October Anniversaries

- 1 Jim & Ruxella Speights
- 3 Don & Amy Knott
- 20 Jim & Elyse Beardsley

Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

Did a fun thing a couple weeks ago. I was emailed that a lady wanted to take her 90 year old dad to a birthday party in a Model A. The trip was from Westchester and the party was in Rolling Hills Estates in Palos Verdes. I was available so we surprised dad with the 1930 Cabriolet. For the 15 mile trip, the daughter rode in the rumble seat and dad up front. I took the scenic route along the coast and up into Palos Verdes. I didn't know it at the time, but the party was at the beautiful home of the Anastasi family, noted developers in the South Bay area.

We timed the arrival so that the crowd of 60 friends and family would meet us with lots of fanfare in the gated community overlooking all of Los Angeles. With the ahooga horn blasting, the crowd welcomed Dad with song and good cheer. Lots of pictures with the Model A and a very warm reception for all of us. The Model A was the perfect limo for dad. He had a 1929 Roadster before he went off to WWII.

I was treated like one of the family and had a great time.

If you ever get a chance to treat an old timer to a ride in your car, do it. The rewards are numerous.



A little behind the scenes info and requests from the editor

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



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 about \$1.25 **each month** per email subscriber. I have an email distribution now of 51 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.**

[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 mid October 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 HarborLight.

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.

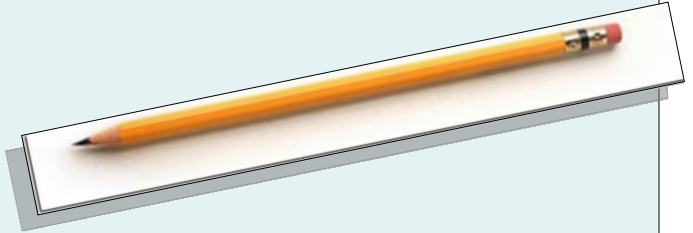
[Merchandise Sale!](#)

Our 50th anniversary T-shirts have been reduced to \$10. We have 4 Lg, 1 Med, 2 Sm. See Jan Other items available are vests, ball caps of many colors, a Harbor cook book, and club patches.

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA CLUB MEETING

Date: August 28th, 2015

Location: Walteria Clubhouse



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

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier & Daffy Wagner

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Jim Speights moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the HarborLight; the motion was seconded by Drain Marshall.

Vice President: Monty Bates - Thanked everyone for the donations to the opportunity drawing this evening ♦ Reviewed some of the items that were for sale on the Table Top Swap Meet. Jam's from Ursi, Plants from Phyllis, Puzzles from Ruxella and Model A items from Gloria ♦ Reminded all that the picnic is tomorrow and we will all have a great time.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner - reported current status

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff - If you have something to sell the Harbor Light is a great place to advertise. Get Dick the information and he will publish it in our newsletter. Also, reminded everyone to check the Harbor Light for items to purchase. ♦ Welcomed Steve and Mary Ann Friedrich to the club.

Historian/Webmaster: Sue Hankins - Not present. Nothing new to report

Membership: Ursi Schmidt - 35 people in attendance

Membership Drawing: Pat Harrison won woman's prize, Jim Huizdos won men's.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall - was not present. We will not be meeting at Al's garage tomorrow August 29th, due to our Annual club picnic

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack Gordinier - \$2.50 was collected

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: 1st Rhoda Larquier, 6th Darlene Funk & Jim Beardsley, 8th Bob Olsen, 11th Ursula Schmidt & 17th Art Wagner ♦ Anniversaries: 1st Dot & Bill Knott, 2nd Laura & Bob Pahls, 5th Carla & Walt Hibbard, 6th Becky & Steve Preston, 17th Gwen & Dick Valot and 23rd Acela & Conrad Garcia

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo - Nothing new to report. He will be arriving at the park tomorrow at around 9:15 to set up the Hubley Track. It will be ready to go at 10:00.

Tours: Elaine Pisu - Not present, Co-Chair Jim Huizdos gave the following information ♦ August 29th - Annual Club Birthday Picnic. Box lunches have all been ordered ♦ September 19th - Bobby DeCrescenzo will lead a tour 30 miles from here to Costa Mesa. This is a train museum on 4 - 8 acres and will include miniature train rides, which are free on the third Saturday of each month. The owner will give us a personal tour. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45, leave at 9:00 AM. We should be at this location for a couple of hours. Bring your hats, water and chairs. There is not much shade at this venue. Bobby & Jim Huizdos are checking out places to go for lunch afterwards. Jim said it is an easy drive. There are two routes - Freeway (405) or Surface Streets (PCH)

Merchandise: Jan Wyckoff - "Our merchandise is selling like hotcakes" ♦ If you want a shirt for the picnic come and see her ♦ We also have cookbooks, patches and hats.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights - thanked Jim Huizdos for organizing the box lunches for the picnic. Be sure to bring your chairs.

Sunshine: Sue Hankins had a procedure done on her hip this week. She is recuperating. ♦ Dennis Simpson is dealing with some health issues ♦ We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Old Business: Richard Parrish told us he is placing the order this Monday for a bulk purchase of wholesale tires for our Model A's. If you would still like to order tires see him this evening.

New Business: Our October meeting we will have a potluck before the meeting and we will start to nominate new club officers. for 2016-17. We have five positions that will be available; President, Vice President and Secretary (two years each), and Tour Director and Technical Director (one year each). See Tim Harrison or Monty Bates if you are interested in any of these jobs ♦ We have a new batch of business cards available. Come by the front and pick up some to have with you to give out to interested folks.

Clock Prize: Won by Dot Knott

Refreshments hosted by: Monty & Donnis Bates

Next General Meeting: Friday, September 25th

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 1st at the Toyota facility

Meeting adjourned: Drain Marshall moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Jim Huizdos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. for refreshments.



Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary

A Temperature Gauge!

by Tom Endy

The Model A Ford did not come equipped with a temperature gauge. Knowing the water temperature is very important as you can then take steps to avoid overheating the engine. Early in the Model A era an accessory radiator cap was offered that incorporated a thermometer on the top of the cap, visible from the driver's seat. If the early attempt was inaccurate, the repos are even worse. The temperature probe associated with the thermometer is not actually immersed in water. It is located above the radiator baffle and is at best measuring only steam and an occasional splash of water.

For an accurate measurement of the water, a probe for a temperature gauge should be inserted into the water as it is leaving the engine. This is best accomplished by placing it in the water outlet casting that bolts to the top front of the head. Water is entering this casting from the head on its way to the top of the radiator. The water at this point is about as hot as it is going to get. (Water boils at 212° at sea level).

Accessory temp gauges can be either mechanical or electrical. The mechanical type is best suited for a Model A. Electrical temp gauges are only available in 12 volts. If a Model A has a 12 volt system the electrical type can be used, however you will need to figure a way to shut off power to the gauge as turning the ignition key off won't do it.

Most mechanical temp gauges on the market come with a six-foot length of mechanical cable that cannot be altered. Therefore the trick is to mount the gauge in a location on the dash that will allow for adequate routing of the cable between the gauge and the probe. A variety of temperature gauges are readily available from most auto parts dealers.

It is also a good idea to install a thermostat in the water system. Most Model A suppliers carry them. They come in 160° and 180° temperatures and mount inside the water hose just above the water outlet casting on top of the head. The thermostat will bring the water temperature up to the proper operational temperature (either 160° or 180°) quickly and will maintain it there. ☺



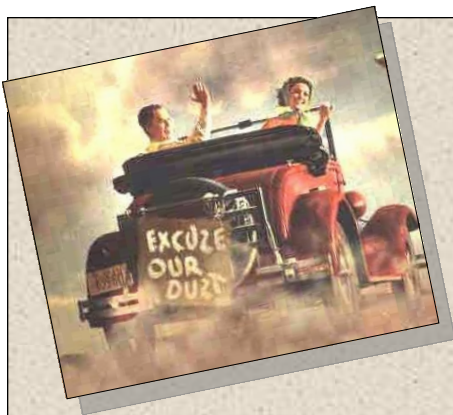
A 1 1/2-inch SunPro mechanical temperature gauge is installed with a custom made bracket up under the dash rail of a 1931 Victoria.



The little switch in the upper right corner of the bracket is a momentary push button switch wired to the ammeter that will give you a quick peek at the gauge while driving at night.



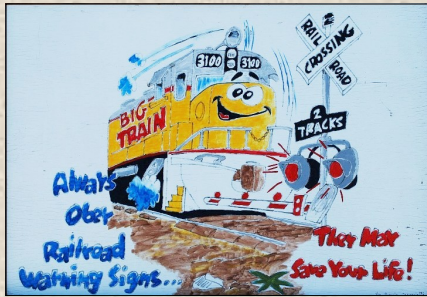
The six-foot mechanical cable is routed from the gauge to the Dan Eubanks reproduction water outlet casting that has been cast with a temp gauge boss and has been drilled and tapped for your favorite size pipe fitting. Dan locates the fitting on the side of the casting to accommodate an overhead valve head installation. (Dan Eubanks 626-827-4004).



Touring with Elaine
By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



**Harbor A's have been
Out and About!!**



On Saturday September 19th Bobby D. organized a great tour to the Orange County Model Engineers Museum in Costa Mesa. We had 17 members on the tour, 6 model A's and 3 moderns. It was really a fun day. We were met at the Museum with reserved parking special for the Model A's. They escorted us thru the side door and we were the first riders of the day. 16 of us got to ride the train and we were like a bunch of kids. Can you



imagine 16 of us from the ages of 60-85 straddling a train and going around the track? It really was a great time!! They then gave us a tour of the train and track repair assembly area. It was very fun to see the new materials that they were using and to hear about the techniques being used to get the train cars, some as heavy as 2000 pounds, from the storage areas to the track.

We then went to Acapulco for lunch and took a VERY SCENIC surface route home, including passing by the back side of Palos Verdes, Terranea resort and overlooked the Pacific. It was a beautiful day for a drive.

Thanks Bobby.



Last Friday at Ruby's we had 22 people gather for dinner. Hof's Hut has been full on Mondays also. So if you are looking for a place to have dinner with your friends on Friday or Monday, come and join us. Ruby's ends on 10/30/15.

Four members of the Harbor A's showed their Model A's at the Palos Verdes Concours D'Elegance on September 20th. Great Job to Jim Huizdos, Al Avoian, Joe Freitag and Steve Thompson. Just found out that Jim Huizdos took third in the Model A Class. Congratulations!

September 27th Bobby D has been asked to show his car on the Redondo Beach Pier. It's an invitation only and consists of 100 cars. Great place to go take a walk. Stop by and see Bobby.

October & November are busy Model A months.

October 3rd there is a 100th anniversary of the Old Ridge Route at Fort Tejon School. The event will run from 10AM 'til 2 PM. Dick Valot has invited the Harbor A's to join the Touring A's that day. They are trying to get as many old vehicles so that it will be like it was back in the day. Some members are planning on making it an overnight event since the Frazier Park Potluck is the next day.

October 4th is the 23rd Annual Frazier Park Potluck put on by the Bakersfield chapter. We will meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45 leave at 9:00AM. We will make a breakfast stop at a McDonalds on the way. The event runs from 10:30 to 3:00. They are also having Hubley races so don't forget your Hubley.

SAVE THE DATE: November 8th is being planned. Details to follow, I'm waiting for confirmations and will keep you posted.



Wheels & Deals:

* I have a few **Police and Firemen "stop signs"** for sale - I have one policeman and six firemen left. I also have four "kits" you put together yourself and paint.

The assembled ones are \$ 100 and the kits are \$ 65.

Contact Bobby 'D' : My phone is 310 540-3690. Torrance CA



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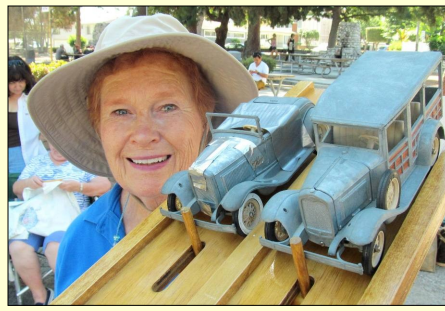
* Wanted: **1932 Transmission case**. What do you have? Call Allen Marshall at 805-489-0730

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

Harbor Area Annual Birthday picnic



15 Harbor Club Model As at the annual picnic



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2015

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

Oct 3rd (Sat) - Redondo Union High School Classic **Car Show**, 1 Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach CA 90277
9AM - 3PM Info: runscarshow.com

Dec 2-5 (Wed-Sat) - MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Medford, Oregon

April 7-9, 2016 - MARC Membership Meet, Flint Michigan.

June 16 -24, 2016 - MAFCA National Convention - Loveland, Colorado. Host: Model A Ford Club of Colorado

June 25-July1, 2016 - MARC National Meet, Perrysburg, Ohio.

More Picnic Pictures



Ladies Hubley winners



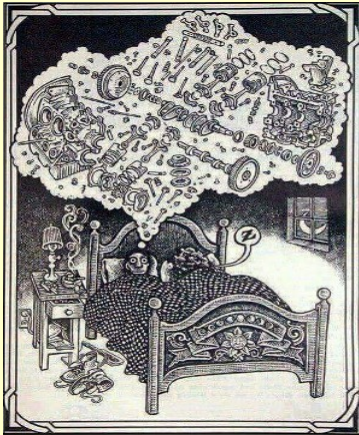
Men's Hubley winners





Member Jay Skinner at an auction in Long Beach recently

SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Jay Skinner of Long Beach bids during an auction held by the Public Administrator's Office that included 69 vintage vehicles owned by the late Gerald Willits. The Buena Park man died in August 2014 with no legal heir to his estate.



Model A Mechanic's nightmare!

Fashions of 1929

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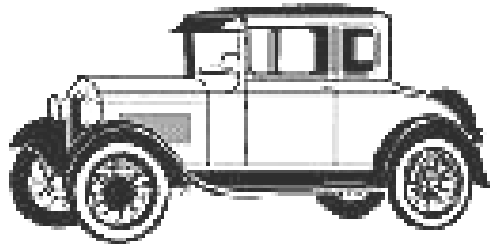
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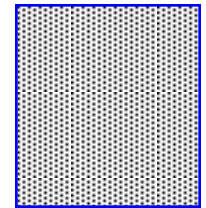
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