

# Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

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58 years of driving history!

## December 2015

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# HARBORLIGHT



inside...



Progressive tour luncheon at Pisu's home

### Tours

The tour for this month will be the annual **Christmas light tour** in Torrance on **Friday, Dec 11th**. After the tour, we proceed to Bob and Phyllis' home for a cookie exchange gathering. Bring dessert to share!



### Technical Activities



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 10AM at Al's garage.

### Upcoming Business Meetings

**November meeting is Friday, Nov 20th** at the clubhouse. Election night for 2016 officers. Note the date.

The **December meeting** is the annual Christmas light tour after group dinner/meeting at Olive Garden in Torrance on Hawthorne at Skypark. The date is **Friday, Dec 11th**, Time: 5PM at the Olive Garden

### Next Board Meeting

The **December** Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 1st**, 7PM at the Toyota Auto Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance CA.

We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.



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Check it out:

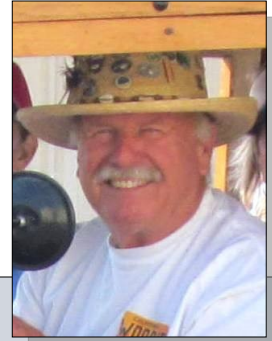
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*Tim's Team Talk*  
*A Note from our President*  
*Tim Harrison*



*"A" View from the Slow Lane*

This has been a fun year for the Harbor Club. Participation has been very good at all of our events. I thank all the members that have contributed their time and energy to make the club what it is.

On a seasonal note, we celebrate the holiday season with parades, decorations and food festivities, we gather as a community. Our thoughts and good wishes go out to all our friends and families for peace, health and happiness during the holidays and for the new year.

*Tim*



*Elaine's November Tour Review*

The Harbor A's were very busy in November. We had three wonderful outings. We had the pleasure of seeing the private car collection of unbelievable cars in Carson CA.

The next Sunday we had our traditional "Feed The Firemen" event in the LA Harbor. Just before we headed to San Pedro Dick Wenker wasn't feeling well and we got a close up demonstration of the Torrance paramedics at work. (He's doing fine. A medicine reaction.) We had 12 beautiful Model A's and 23 members take a potluck lunch to the hard working men and women of Station 112. They of course were more than gracious and took us on a great boat ride on the fire boat. What a treat this day was.

Third and final outing was the Progressive/Poker Run put on by myself and my fabulous spouse Mirco. 40 members came to our home for breakfast. Thanks to Bobby D. we then headed to see Pat Aust's private collection in Gardena. We then went to "Back in The Day" to view the collection of cars and antiques before heading back to the Pisu's home for lunch. Thanks to our son Angelo Pisu we arrived to find lunch ready to go. Great Job Angelo!! After lunch we went to the "Rainforest Flora" in Torrance and learned about air plants. Many people had driven by this location for years and never knew it existed. Dessert was served at Jack and Joan's future home and we got a tour of Jack's new garage. Thanks Jack and Joanie. Bobby D. once again did a great job handling the poker run and Dick Wenker was the big winner \$\$\$.

December we will be going to see the Christmas Lights on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting for dinner at 5:00 at the Olive Garden 23442 Hawthorne Blvd. Following dinner we will head to the "Sleepy Hollow" area of Torrance and then to the DeCresenzo's home for dessert. Don't forget to bring your favorite dessert.

December 12<sup>th</sup> there are 2 parades. Elaine Pisu will coordinate those going to Wilmington and Dick Wyckoff will coordinate the El Segundo group. Wilmington group will be going to Acapulco at Ports of Call for lunch following the parade. Please sign up and get details from the coordinators.

***THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!***



## December Birthdays

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gary Guttormson  | 20 Ruxella Speights |
| 7 Dick Wenker      | 21 Greg Clayton     |
| 10 Dan Fitzgerald  | 23 Jeanne Parrish   |
| 10 Anita Perreten  | 25 Jim Valot        |
| 11 Sue Hankins     | 25 Amy Knott        |
| 15 Mary Walker     | 26 Georgette Avoian |
| 17 Bob DeCrescenso |                     |

## December Anniversaries

- 1 Jack and Julie Goldberg

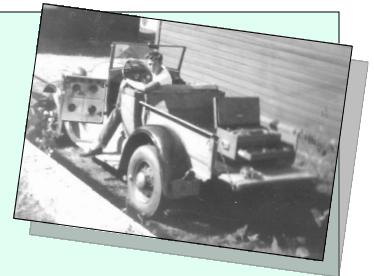


## Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

On the November meeting agenda are elections for 2016-17 officers. All but Treasurer are up for election. Give some thought about running for office. Note: Officers must be members of both national organizations.

Lots of fun activities this last month. Jim lead a group of 10 As to a car show and museum. Elaine did a superb job with the 'Feed the Firemen' and the progressive.



Dick giving Tony a ride in the Cabbie

A fun story: Thanks to our Model A friends, the Pisus, I was reacquainted with a family friend of 60 years. It seems Elaine and Mirco have been riding their Mopeds on tours with a neighbor. At breakfast a month ago in casual conversation, they mentioned that this person was a retired engineer and makes world class violins for a hobby. I quietly asked "Was this guy named Tony Rizzo?" They replied it was. I haven't seen Tony since my wedding 33 years ago. Two weeks later at our club's Monday night dinner, my wife and I were surprised by Tony and his wife Lucy. It seems Elaine arranged the surprise reunion. Since then, the Rizzos have joined us for part of our club's progressive. Small world. Model As, Mopeds and violins! Thanks Elaine!

## 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.



### [Cruisin' Fifties Monthly Car Cruise](#)

The Cruisin' Fifties of South Bay hosts a Classic Car Cruise (similar to Ruby's) the second Saturday of the month at the Farmer Boy's Burgers, 641 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena CA 90247. It is in the afternoon from 1—4PM. Bring the family and join them for an afternoon of cars, music, friends, and fun.

This could be a nice stop during the winter months while Ruby's Beach Cruise is down for the season.

### [2015 Membership, Roster and Club Items:](#)

by Ursula Schmidt & Jan Wyckoff



The **2016 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.

**Just In!** We have received a new order of long-sleeved denim shirts with the club's logo on them. Men's and Women's sizes. See Jan at the meeting. Price \$28. (XXL—\$30)

**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! Jan just got a new order in. Check them out. Be sure and wear them to the club's events. Vests? We got 'em. They run \$31.

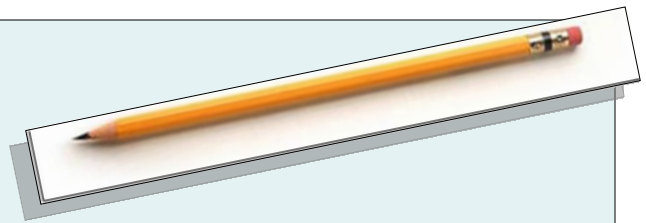
How about a ball cap to go with the shirt or vest? Jan has them, too.

### [Merchandise Sale!](#)

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

# HARBOR MARC/MAFCA CLUB MEETING

Date: October 23, 2015  
Location: Walteria Clubhouse



**President:** Tim Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Salute to the flag:** Led by Jack Gordinier

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

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

**Vice President:** Monty Bates - Thanked everyone for the great food and turnout for the potluck this evening ♦ Contacted by Mike Kopilec from Movievehicles.com regarding a movie that they need Model A's to be featured in. Anyone interested please let Monty know. ♦ Tim has red bags for the Toyota Museum food drive. The bags will be delivered on Monday. See Tim for further information.

**Treasurer:** Daffy Wagner - reported all is well ♦ Tickets are \$50.00 each for the Banquet. We are currently making payments to The Proud Bird and would appreciate your payments as soon as possible ♦ In Ursi's absence Daffy is accepting payments for our club dues. It is a total of \$70 with \$25 for our local club membership and \$45 for MARC.

**HarborLight Editor:** Dick Wyckoff - If you do not receive your HarborLight newsletter please let him know ♦ If you have something to sell, trade or give-away the Harbor Light is a great place to advertise. Get Dick the information and he will publish it in our Newsletter. ♦ Dick was contacted by Jay McCord from MAFCA this week and asked if we had anyone who would be available to help count national officer ballots this past week. Monty Bates, Tim Harrison and Dick volunteered and counted ballots in La Habra on Wednesday ♦ Next Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> is the last car show at Ruby's for the season ♦ November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. 11 veterans stood up and were recognized for their service. Thank you.

**Historian/Webmaster:** Sue Hankins - Explained the medical procedure she is recuperating from. She is feeling better but told us it would take about six (6) months to get back to normal ♦ The Model A Ford Foundation at Hickory Corners is asking for donations ♦ She shared with us the following highlights from the year 1927 - Charles Lindberg, Babe Ruth, Al Capone, Talking Pictures (Jazz Singer with Al Jolson) ♦ Wanted to thank Dick Wyckoff, Elaine & Mirco Pisu and Steve Thompson for sending her the pictures for tonight's Video.

**Membership:** Ursi Schmidt was not present - 52 people in attendance

**Membership Drawing:** Daffy Wagner won woman's prize, Bill Knot won men's.

**Technical & Safety:** Cliff LeFall - We will be at Al's garage this Saturday, "In by 10:00am out by 12:00pm". Lots of group participation, with donuts and coffee ♦ This week we have a sanding project.

The address is 904 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance, CA - come on down even if it is just to say Hi!

**Sergeant at Arms (badge money):** Jack Gordinier - \$9.01 was collected

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Birthdays: 5<sup>th</sup> Paul Jamesson, 8<sup>th</sup> Linda Simpson, 10<sup>th</sup> Dick Lusk, 11<sup>th</sup> Joe Jankiewicz, 12<sup>th</sup> Steve Newton, 14<sup>th</sup> Jim Runyon, 17<sup>th</sup> Wilbur Richardson, 26<sup>th</sup> Pat Yacklon and 28<sup>th</sup> Jan Wyckoff ♦ Anniversaries: 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvey & Miriam Goldberg, 6<sup>th</sup> Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo, 12<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Linda Simpson, 13<sup>th</sup> Andy & Sandra Soto, 23<sup>rd</sup> Joe & Linda Freitag, 28<sup>th</sup> Georgette & Al Avoian and 30<sup>th</sup> Dick Lusk & Ursi Schmidt

**Tools Coordinator:** Bobby DeCrescenzo - Nothing new to report. The tools are ready to go anytime you need them.

**Tours:** Elaine Pisu & Co-Chair Jim Huizdos gave the following information ♦ 10- 25 (Sunday) Private Collection Car Show and pancake breakfast - \$5.00. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:30AM ♦ 11-1 (Sunday) Feed the Firemen & Women Potluck. Ruxella will be coordinating the food for this event. Meet at the club House at 10:00AM ♦ 11-8 (Sunday) Annual Progressive Breakfast - Lunch - Poker Run Meet at the Club House at 8:30AM ♦ Dec 11 (Friday) we will be having our Christmas Light tour and cookie exchange at Bobbie & Phyllis DeCrescenzo's. Dinner beforehand at Olive Garden ♦ Harbor A' - Wings and Wheels in Solvang this summer, one of the events we would like to offer is for our group to go and see the play at the outdoor theatre. It is 'Shrek, the Musical' this year. The group rate is \$31.50 each. If you are interested in attending please contact Weeg, so that we can make reservations

**Merchandise:** Jan Wyckoff - We have new long sleeve denim shirts with our club logo. They are \$28 each. Two sample sizes are here for you to try on ♦ We still have hats, shirts, vests, cookbooks and rosters available for purchase.

**Refreshments:** Ruxella Speights - Thanked everyone for bringing such good food this evening for the pot luck dinner ♦ Cliff and Theresa LeFall are in charge of refreshments for next month's meeting.

**Old Business:** No old business at this time

**New Business:** No new business

**Annual Business:** Yearly nominations ♦ President - Monty Bates (1 Year), Vice President - Tim Harrison, Secretary - Pat Harrison, Technical Director - Cliff LeFall, Tour Director - Elaine Pisu & Jim Huizdos Assistant ♦ Nominations will continue next month along with the final voting.

**Clock Prize:** Won by Theresa LeFall

**Refreshments hosted by:** Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA

**Next General Meeting:** Friday, November 20th, 7:30 at the Walteria Clubhouse

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:00pm at the Toyota facility

**Meeting adjourned:** Gloria Younkin moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Drain Marshall. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: **Donnis Bates**, Secretary



## Technical Talk

### TECHNICAL REPORT: Ron Peterson

#### When Was the Last Time You?



1. **Greased your throw-out bearing.** To do this job remove floor mats and floorboards and clutch inspection plate. Grease bearing through fitting on throw-out collar. Do not over-grease.
2. **Packed your wheel bearings.** Remove wheels and drums; wash the bearings and races thoroughly. Packing bearing with wheel bearing grease and reassemble. Do not forget the cotter pin.
3. **Flushed your crankcase.** Drain oil – refill with kerosene, or diesel oil or special flushing oil. Run engine twenty minutes or so, then drain and refill with clean fresh oil. Make sure drain plug is in tight.
4. **Greased your light switch shaft.** Remove light switch on bottom of steering column, remove fork and spring that operate light switch, pull shaft out or up as far as possible and clean grease off. Use light cup grease after you wiped shaft off. Reassemble unit.
5. **Greased your speedometer cable.** Remove dash panel and disconnect speedometer cable. Pull out the small inside cable and wash thoroughly. Pack with light cup grease and reinstall in the casing. Wipe off excess grease and replace instrument panel.
6. **Oiled your gas pedal linkage.** There are three places to oil. Behind the engine on the shafts supports there are holes drilled for oiling. Also where the rod connects from the carburetor.
7. **Tighten your lug nuts.** Use firm even pressure on all lug nuts. Be sure to see whether nuts are pressing the wheel to the drum or just bottoming on the studs. A wheel that is not properly bolted to the drum can be ruined in very short order.
8. **Checked the oil in the transmission and rear end.** Keep level up to the filler plug, use 600W (SAE160) in both. This oil can be obtained at Sears Roebuck or any big truck stop. Be sure it is non-foam.
9. **Cleaned and flushed the cooling system.** The cheapest and best products for this is Arm & Hammer washing soda into radiator and fill with water, run hot for a half hour and then drain. Flush system out several times with clean water.
10. **Tightened the fan belt.** Loosen generator mounting bolt, move generator away from block until most of the slack is taken up in the belt. Tighten belt. Then check belt to see if adjustment has changed.
11. **Rotated your tires.** Spare to right front, right front to left rear, left rear to right rear, right rear to left front, left front to spare. Follow some pattern in each rotation.
12. **Checked your radiator hoses and clamps.** Feel hose, if soft and gummy, replace them. Same with split or rotten ones. Check for tightness and watch for broken ones.
13. **Had your front wheel aligned.** Should be done on special equipment. (See A cheap and cheerful approach in Echo April 1993 page 8).
14. **Oiled your generator.** There should be two oil holes on the generator. The rear one is easy, the front one is protected by an "L" shaped clip that has to be removed to one side.
15. **Spent an hour tightening nuts and bolts all over the car.** Self-explanatory.
16. **Adjusted your point gap in the distributor.** Ford recommends a gap of .018, .022 check the gap at least every 500 miles.
17. **Check the air in the spare tire.** Self-explanatory.
18. **Checked out your emergency tool kit.** Including a jack. To each his own, should include points, condenser, plugs, wire, tools and a fire extinguisher.
19. **Adjusted your emergency brake.** Take up the slack with the clevises on the forward end of the emergency brake rods. When there is no more adjustment left reline the bands.
20. **Filled your shock absorbers.** On all original shocks, there is a filler plug located near the top of the unit. It has a 3/8 square nut on it, use only Houdaille, Ford or Delco shock absorber fluid or use glycerin.
21. **Cleaned and tightened your battery connections.** Most corrosion and sulfate deposits can be washed off in a solution of baking soda and then flushed with warm water. Pull cables off the terminals and clean the contact surfaces with rough sandpaper or file. Flush with warm water and reattach them. The use of Vaseline or light cup grease after assembly is recommended.
22. **Polished headlight reflectors.** Use very soft cloth or cotton with silver polish, not chrome polish as it will scratch and dull the reflection. When polished, use new gaskets.
23. **Check out all your light bulbs.** Self-explanatory.

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### Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2015–2016

Dec 13th (Sun) - El Segundo Christmas parade. Meet at noon, parade from 1PM to 3PM. Dick Wyckoff contact

Dec 13th (Sun) - Wilmington Christmas parade. Check with Elaine Pisu for details.

Dec 27th (Sun) - So Cal Horseless Carriage Club gathers at the Irwindale Speedway for start of Pasadena area tour. Lots of great classic old cars on display prior to the tour. 7AM to ?

Jan 23rd, 2016 (Sat) - Harbor's Annual Awards Banquet. Held at the Proud Bird in Westchester near LAX.

Jan 30-31, 2016 (Sat-Sun) - Turlock Swap Meet, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. 7AM–5PM. \$10

Feb 26-28, 2016 (Fri-Sun) - San Diego Qualcomm Swap Meet.

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

April 10th, 2016 (Sun) - Orange County's Pancake Breakfast. Great event. More to follow.

April 15-17, 2016 - CCRG in Clovis CA.

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

June 25-July 1, 2016 - MARC National Meet, Perrysburg, Ohio.



*Touring with Elaine*  
By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



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

This has been one busy month for the Harbor Club (and me). We had three tours on three successive Sundays. The weather cooperated and they all worked out just fine. The most rewarding thing for a tour director is membership participation. All of our events have been well attended and that is my reward. Thank you!

*Progressive Tour*



Mirco helping with the food



Touring Pat Aust's garage  
Pat and 1928 LeFrance fire truck



Part of era items for sale at  
'Back in the Day'

*'Feed the Firemen' Tour*

This is the third year we have done this event. Elaine has made arrangements for Harbor to show our appreciation to the local firefighters by showing off our cars and providing a great pot-luck luncheon for the fire crew at station 112 in the harbor of San Pedro. The station is next door to the USS Iowa battleship on display.





### Wheels & Deals:

Member Dan Fitzgerald has quite a collection of **Model A spare parts** from wheels to motors. He is trying to cut down on his 'inventory' and will negotiate prices. Give him a call at 310-344-2306 to see what he has. He is located in Palos Verdes CA.



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

### Annual Banquet Information

Our annual Installation and Awards Banquet will be held on **Saturday, January 23rd, 2016** at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester on Aviation Blvd near LAX.

We have a choice of four entrees: Chicken, Beef, Salmon, and Veggie.

The cost is \$50 per person. Treasurer Daffy Wagner is collecting the money.

Make check out to Harbor Area MARC. Specify your food preference in the note area on the check.

You can mail your check to Daffy at: 2705 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach CA 90278.

### Annual Membership Dues Reminder!

**Membership dues are due** by the end of the year. Harbor dues are \$25 a year and MARC dues are now \$45 a year. If you give Ursi Schmidt (or Daffy Wagner) a check made out to: Harbor Area MARC for \$70, she will take care of club dues and MARC national dues for you.

Mail check to: Ursula Schmidt 26419 Pineknoll Ave., Harbor City, CA 90710

Pay MAFCA dues directly to MAFCA, 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra CA 90631-5515. \$40.00

#### Invitation To Join Model A Ford Club of America

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 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is it ok to list phone number in club roster (yes or no)? \_\_\_  
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 Is it ok to list email address in club roster (yes or no)? \_\_\_

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 Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Recent Fun Club Events

At our weekly 'Al's Garage' gathering, we fixed a few more little things on Al's '31 AA truck. We installed a new front seat and fixed a fuel gage leak. At the same time, Mirco presented a new project for review. It is a '29 Deluxe Fordor Town Sedan. He supposedly has all the parts. We'll see. . . .



Al Avoian in his '31 AA truck



Cliff LeFall fixing gas leak



Offloading new project at Al's Garage

A 'triple-header' tour by Jim Huizdos took us to a swap meet-car show-car museum/collection. The ten Harbor Model As added additional variety to the car show and swap meet. At about 10AM, the owner of the car collection nearby open the doors and inside was a marvelous display of Chevys and early Willys, both original and modified 60s race cars. The presentation was very creative with many other cars including a Model A on display.



Getting ready for the show/museum tour



Early Model T



Part of museum tour



Early Willys collection



Harbor gang at the private collection



Dr Steve and 'Weeg'



Harbor club after fireboat ride in San Pedro



View of Fire Station 112 with club's Model As

## A Little South Bay History

By Pat Tucker

Hope you can use this picture. It is of my father and brother sawing lumber for our home that he was building for us. They were using our 1929 Model A Tudor sedan on blocks with a large belt attached to a rear wheel to run the saw blade. Our whole house was built from lumber that my father cut from, what they then called dunnage from the docks. He would haul it home on brackets that he made to fit over the fenders on one side of the car. He stockpiled it until they decided to build.

The house that he built was located where Carson High School is now located. The picture was taken around 1944-45. At that time the Model A was our family car and work horse all in one.



## Give your "Model A" a Check Up !!

By Bobby DeCrescenzo

My Model A had just reached 16,000 miles -- so it was time to do the preventive maintenance check. I follow the procedure from the Les Andrews Mechanics Handbook. There is a check to do monthly, at 500 miles, at 1,000 miles, at 2,000 miles, at 5,000 miles, and at 10,000 miles. Each subsequent check adds more things on, to be looked at. So, as I was doing my check on the ignition -- I found that the points would adjust but not lock down. Upon further inspection, I found the point block lock screw that helps to keep the points set had stripped out and would not tighten down. This will cause a problem, in that the points will have a tendency to close their gap causing the engine to run rough and eventually, not at all. I was able to change the point block assembly on the distributor top plate without removing the distributor. I was happy to find this the day before we went on the fireboat tour or there might have been a problem for me! I had a spare point block to use and have now ordered another one from Snyders Antique auto parts.

I would highly recommend that you do your service checks when your car is due. It just might save you from a "roadside seminar"!



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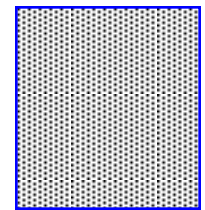
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