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One of the many homes on the
Christmas light tour in Torrance CA

Tours

An optional 'self-tour' is the So Cal Horseless Carriage club's car show and Pasadena tour. It meets at the Irwindale race-track (605 fwy just South of the 210 fwy) **Sunday, 27 December** at daybreak. The tour starts at 10AM. If you don't want the tour, the collection of very early and unusual cars is worth the drive. Jay Leno shows up with one of his collector cars.

Hope to see you there!

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

Our **January** business meeting will be the Awards Banquet on **Saturday, January 23rd, 2016** at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester. Set up time is 5:30PM with 'attitude adjustment hour' at 6PM. Food is 6:30PM.

The new board is officially sworn in and the new year is officially underway! Join us for a fun time.

Next Board Meeting

The **January** Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 5th, 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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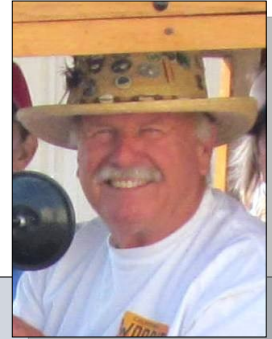
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Tim's Team Talk
A Note from our President
Tim Harrison



"A" View from the Slow Lane

As I look forward to our annual banquet on January 23, at the Proud Bird Restaurant, I look back at last year's HarborLight message and Pat Tucker's article on her family's trip to the Model A Roundup of 1966 at Knott's Berry Farm.

Some of our members have decided to dress in period clothes at the Banquet and Pat detailed the task of outfitting each member of her family in her article. Here are some helpful hints from Pat if you choose to dress in period attire:

Husband Kenny: three-piece gabardine suit

Pat: vintage Hollywood costumer dress

Daughter: 1923 Butterick original silk dress with scalloped ruffles and lots of hand work

Son: knickers made from a pair of old school corduroy trousers

Still needing more ideas or help in period clothing? Model "A" News is also a good resource.

The fact that many members are excited to put on their thinking caps and display original talents adds another dimension to the evening.

In the "Slow Lane" I am able to appreciate the creative talents, enthusiasm, and achievements of our committed members.

Thank you all.

Tim



A Difficult Topic to Discuss by Dick Wyckoff

On a recent tour, we had a health emergency that brought to light a flaw, if you will, in our preparations. As we were gathering in Torrance for our 'Feed the Firemen' tour, one of our 'more senior' members fell ill and passed out. He was by himself and we had no contact information. Fortunately, we had a doctor with us and our tour director called 911. The member came to shortly after and was taken to the hospital nearby by ambulance and all is fine. The cause was a reaction to some new medicine. He went home that afternoon.

The topic of discussion is: We have many senior members in our clubs and if something were to happen, do we have emergency contact information available such as a family member or other responsible people? We discussed this at our board meeting and things like who would maintain such information, or is there a privacy issue involved, or who would be contacted, or what constitutes an emergency, etc. All good questions. . . .

The board did not resolve this as yet, but the topic is still on the table.

I am writing this basically to inform my club's membership of the situation, but to solicit other thoughts on the subject.



January Birthdays

- 3 Paul Larquier Jr.
- 3 Darlene Duncan
- 5 Ted Dalton
- 11 Jerry Reine
- 12 Patti Migliazzo
- 25 Ed Firth
- 26 Conrad Garcia

January Anniversaries

None this month



Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

Jan and I took a little time away from the LA madness at Thanksgiving and visited my sister Peggy and her family in Salem OR. Drove the modern for the 925 mile trip. Good thing we didn't drive the Cabriolet as there were ice storms and cold (25 degrees) weather during the trip. We Southern California folks don't have heaters in our As! Oregon has some wonderful back country for Model A tours. I know the folks in the Bend OR club enjoy this advantage.

Got back to LA in time to prepare for the Christmas parades closer to home. The Harbor Club participates in two parades the same day, one in El Segundo and one in Wilmington. We had 6 or 7 cars in each. (Thankfully, we even got in front of the horses!)

This is the time of year I do my routine maintenance on the As. Brakes are the aim this time. I have hydraulics on the '29 Roadster PU and mechanicals on the '30 Cabriolet. Both are OK, just a tune up and we'll be good to go. Have a great New Year and Jan and I will see you on the road!

A little behind the scenes info and requests from the editor

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.



We editors are always looking for articles of interest to put in the newsletters. **There must be some interesting Model A stories waiting to be told.** For instance: How long have you had your car? Was it your first car? Have you driven it on some great journeys? Was it a family car? Did you restore it yourself? Do you have before and after pictures? Did you take a neat picture at a club event? Email them to me, or if you have photos, I can scan them and put them in the newsletter. Either way, let me know.

The newsletter is distributed to many other clubs locally and to other parts of the country. If you have an **item for sale**, let me know. I will put it in the **'Wheels and Deals'** section. Thanks . . .

Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on **Saturday** mornings between 7 and 9AM, check out the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Artesia Blvd. and Hawthorne, in Torrance, CA. Several of the Harbor Model A club members and other car enthusiasts of all car types meet to talk cars. There are some very nice autos and some nice people there, too! The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA. Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



Monday Supper at Hof's Hut

We have been meeting for dinner on Monday at Hof's Hut on 237th and Crenshaw for a while now. The food is good and the staff takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5PM.



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.

2016 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.

Warm Vests? We've got 'em. They run \$31.

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

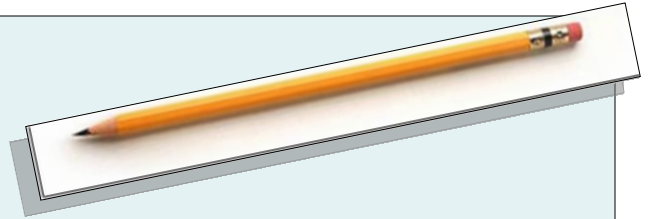
Merchandise Sale!

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, and club patches.

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA CLUB MEETING

Date: November 20th, 2015

Location: Walteria Clubhouse, Torrance CA



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

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Doris & Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff, Carla Hibbard 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 Dick Wyckoff.

Vice President: Monty Bates ♦ Mike Kopilec from MovieVehicles.com will have a shooting schedule next week for the upcoming feature where they need Model A's. It is about \$200 a day and \$55 for a driver. Anyone interested please let Monty know.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner - reported an adequate balance ♦ Banquet is January 23rd at the Proud Bird, Tickets are \$50.00 each. Please pay Daffy and indicate on your check which meal you would like.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff - If you do not receive your HarborLight newsletter please let him know. If you receive it by e-mail it is in living color, if by US Post it is in black and white ♦ 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 ♦ Since our next meeting is December 11th, the HarborLight will be distributed after our next meeting instead of before.

Historian/Webmaster: Sue Hankins - Gave us an update on her current recuperation from the medical procedure she had done in August. She is feeling better but told us it would take about six (6) months to get back to normal ♦ Sue is our Far West Representative for Correspondence to the MARC publication of the 'Model A News'. She submits all the articles from the 'Model A' Clubs in our region. She submitted them twice for this month's publication and they still were not included in the published magazine. She is reaching out to the publishing committee to see what the problem was.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt - 46 people in attendance ♦ Ursi is accepting payments for our club dues. It is a total of \$70 with \$25 for our local club membership and \$45 for MARC. Make checks payable to **Harbor MARC**.

Membership Drawing: Julie Goldberg won woman's prize, Drain Marshall 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 ♦ Bring your projects. The address is 904 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance, CA ♦ A great big Thank You to Al Avoian for hosting our weekly seminars.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack Gordinier - \$5.00 was collected

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: 1st Gary Guttormson, 7th Dick Wenker, 10th Dan Fitzgerald & Anita Perreten, 11th Sue Hankins, 15th Mary Walker, 17th Bob DeCrescenzo, 20th Ruxella Speights, 21st Greg Clayton, 23rd Jeanne Parrish, 25th Jim Valot & Amy Knott, 26th Georgette Avoian ♦ **Anniversaries:** 1st Jack and Julie Goldberg

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo - Nothing new to report. 32 different Model A tools available!

Tours: Elaine Pisu & Co-Chair Jim Huizdos gave the following information ♦ 12-13 (Sunday) El Segundo Christmas Parade - Meet at noon, parade from 1PM - 3PM. Contact Dick Wyckoff for more information ♦ 12-13 (Sunday) Wilmington Christmas Parade - Details to follow ♦ 12-11 (Friday) we will be having our Christmas Light tour and cookie exchange at Bobbie & Phyllis DeCrescenzo's. Dinner at 5:00PM at the Olive Garden in Torrance. If you can't make dinner meet at Woods Hardware at 7:00PM, we will tour the lights and then head over to the DeCrescenzo's for our annual cookie exchange ♦ July 15th - 17th 2016 The Harbor A' will be having an event much like Wings and Wheels in Solvang this summer. Weeg collected money for our members you would like to attend the play 'Shrek - the Musical' at the outdoor theatre ♦ Julie Goldberg gave the Pisu's a tin of Italian cookies for hosting the Progressive Breakfast and Lunch at their home, and for coordinating the day event. It was wonderful.

Merchandise: Jan Wyckoff - We have new long sleeve denim shirts with our club logo. They are \$28 each.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights - has signup sheet for next year's refreshment. If you are interested in bringing refreshments please enter your name and month you prefer ♦

Old Business: No old business at this time

New Business: The Goldberg's would like to host a Latkes party at their home. Date and information to follow.

Annual Business: Officer and Board of Directors Nominations & Elections were held. The following were voted in for the next two years: President - Monty Bates, Vice President - Tim Harrison, Secretary - Donnis Bates, Technical Director - Cliff LeFall, Tour Director - Elaine Pisu & Jim Huizdos Assistant

Clock Prize: Won by Dianne Runyon

Refreshments hosted by: Cliff & Theresa LeFall

Next General Meeting: Friday, December 11th (Combined with the annual cookie exchange at The DeCrescenzo's).

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 1st, 7:00pm at the Toyota facility

Meeting adjourned: Elaine Pisu moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Daffy Wagner. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



Ford Form 3027

NEW CAR DIRECTIONS

SPEED Avoid high speeds while the car is new. To obtain best results, IT SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN FASTER THAN 30 TO 35 MILES PER HOUR FOR THE FIRST 500 MILES.

OIL Keep the oil at "F" on the measuring rod, especially during the first few hundred miles. Never let it get below the mark "L." Remove measuring rod and wipe with a dry cloth before testing the level. OIL SHOULD BE CHANGED AFTER THE FIRST 500 MILES AND EVERY 500 MILES THEREAFTER.

BRAKES This car is equipped with 4-wheel mechanical brakes which are quick and positive in action. Keep the car under control at all times to avoid the necessity for sudden application of brakes which might result in discomfort to passengers or collision from rear.

FAN BELT Do not tighten fan belt. The V-type fan belt does not require tight adjustment for proper operation. Too tight an adjustment will result in excessive wear on fan belt and generator bearings, particularly at higher speeds.

TIRES For easy riding qualities, proper braking and long life keep the tires, both front and rear, inflated to 35 pounds.

INSPECTION To insure best results have an Authorized FORD DEALER (preferably the Dealer from whom you purchased your car) inspect this car and make necessary minor adjustments after the first five hundred miles of running.

DRIVE SAFELY

This is a copy of the windshield sticker on new Model As when delivered to the dealer.



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2015–2016

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 CA **Swap Meet**, Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. 7AM–5PM. \$10

Feb 7th (Sun) - Super Bowl Sunday at the Pisu's. More details to come.

Feb 26-28, 2016 (Fri-Sun) - San Diego Qualcomm **Swap Meet**. Friday 12 noon, Saturday 8AM. Parking \$10

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!!



You would think the Harbor Club would slow down around the holidays. Well guess what. . . We have been busy with parades, tours, and (of course) food.

Our December meeting was a little different. 42 of our closest friends had a great dinner at the Olive Garden restaurant in Torrance before setting off to see the Christmas lights in Sleepy Hollow. Following the light tour, many of us met for a cookie exchange/desert stop at Bob and Phyllis' home.

Bobby and Phyllis DeCrescenzo fill their home with collectible Christmas items and is always a fun way to finish the evening.

Two days later, the club was back on the road with two Christmas parades at the same time. One was in Wilmington and the other was in El Segundo. The Wilmington parade had six Model As and 13 people while we provided seven Model As and 18 people for the El Segundo event. The good thing this year is that we were in front of the horses! A good time was had by all.



Bobby D's Xmas displays



El Segundo Christmas parade lineup





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.

Member Dick Lusk has a **Model A trunk** for sale. He said it is priced to sell. Give him a call for more info. Located in Harbor City CA. Phone: 310-539-5391



• **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



Some of the houses on our Christmas light tour



Harbor's Model As Drive the VIP's at Palos Verdes Gala Premiere

By Joe Freitag



A benefit for the Palos Verdes Historical Society, featuring a documentary film "*Money Man, Frank Vanderlip and the Birth of the Federal Reserve*", was shown on November 13, 2015 at the Palos Verdes Performing Arts Norris Theatre. Vanderlip is best known in these parts as the person who in 1913, with investors, bought Palos

Verdes CA, but as the film shows, he and J.P. Morgan, Sr. pooled their bank reserve's to stop the Bank Crisis of 1907 and worked together on the original design for the Federal Reserve System in 1910. Later, J.P. Morgan Jr. became one of the original investors in the purchase of Palos Verdes.

The producer of the event wanted the VIP's of the Gala to arrive in period cars. Jim Huizdos was contacted by the producer and invited Steve Friedrich, Joe Freitag along with Dana Graham and his 1929 Packard to participate. We arrived at Norris Pavilion for the catered dinner and after dinner, the VIP's, among them the Grandson Kelvin Vanderlip and Granddaughter Narcissa Vanderlip, got into the rumble seats of our cars and we drove them the short dis-



29 Packard, a Cabriolet and two Roadsters

tance to the Norris Theatre. These folks may have never been in a Model A before, but they loved the experience and were great sports about getting in and out of the rumble.

The documentary was very informative and the story was told in an interesting way. If you have a chance to see it, you will admire the life and accomplishments of this man who is best described as one that has integrity.



Joe with guests of honor



Steve Friedrich, Jim Huizdos, and Joe Freitag

After the showing, the guests were invited to a champagne reception in the lobby of the Norris Theatre. One never knows how a Model A will lead one to a new and fun experience. This was memorable and fun!

Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I found this timely, because today I was in a store that sells sunglasses, and only sunglasses. A young lady walks over to me and asks, "What brings you in today?" I looked at her, and said, I'm interested in buying a refrigerator. She didn't quite know how to respond. Am I getting to be that age?

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball but you are just too tired to bounce it.

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and call it 'Pumping Rust'.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency.
I think you should write, 'An ambulance.'

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on a curve.

One Lucky Guy

Walt Hibbard is one very fortunate guy. While driving his '31 Sedan, a speeding motorist hit his car and knocking it on it's side. Both cars were heavily damaged but, thankfully, Walt came through with no broken bones but he did suffer a bunch of cuts and bruises. Walt is healing slowly but his car of 55 years may not make it. Hope you are doing better, Walt. See you at the banquet?

Thank You!

Jeanne Webb asked that a big Thank You be sent to all that mailed Christmas cards and letters to her. She just couldn't answer them all. She wishes everyone in the club a huge Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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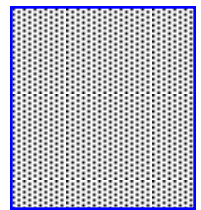
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