

Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA Dedicated to preserving and driving the Model 'A' Ford

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February 2016







Tours



The next event is sponsored by our Tour Director, Elaine Pisu. She and Mirco are hosting a pot luck, Super Bowl party at their house on Sunday, Feb 7th.

The game starts at 3PM. Festivities (food) start at 1:30PM. Always a fun time.

Upcoming Business Meetings

Our **February** business meeting will be at the Walteria Clubhouse on Friday, February 26th at 7:30PM. Meet the new board for their first meeting. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the March meeting. It will be March 25th, same time, same place! Come a little early and help set up chairs and tables. See you there!



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Harbor's 2016 Board

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Technical Activities





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Next Board Meeting

The **February** Board meeting will be on **Tuesday**, **February 2nd**, 7PM at the Toyota Áuto Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance CA. We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.

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"A" View from the Running Board

Happy New Year and a special "thank you" for electing me President, again! I am very fortunate to have some outstanding members of our club to help me. We all look forward to a great year ahead for ourselves, our loved ones and our country. Our banquet was "an evening to remember"...more about that later in the newsletter.

As I remember our year 2015 it's easy to recall great events, tours and adventures. We grew in size and hope to continue to be SO/CAL's best Model A Club, bar none.



2016 will be an historic year for our country and we can make a difference by simply voting. I do promise to keep an open mind and listen to other opinions no matter how crazy and stupid I think they are. However, Donnis returns as First Lady and Secretary on the Board of Directors.

Thank you all again for giving me another opportunity to be of service to my friends...friends with cars...Stay in touch.

Best regards,

Monty

A Difficult Topic to Discuss follow-up. by Dick Wyckoff

A little follow-up on the discussion about health situations while on tour. The board felt that it was the responsibility of each person on tour to carry emergency contact information with them. This would include not only people to contact, but medication info for the emergency medical responders. Tour members/leaders would make a 911 call, and emergency response teams would take the responsibility from there. Of course, tour members would do what they could as Good Samaritans until help arrives.





Sunshine Status

Our Treasurer, **Daffy Wagner**, just had knee replacement surgery a week before the awards banquet. She had a lot of pain but, as a true trooper, attended the banquet. She is on the mend but is still uncomfortable. Our thoughts go out to you and Art. Get well soon.

Georgette Avoian had a health scare that landed her in the hospital. She managed to recover, but still has to watch what she does. Hope you are feeling better, Georgette.

Jan Wyckoff had a Cardioablation at Torrance Memorial. This was to hopefully eliminate an irregular heartbeat. She's at home taking it easy after the four hour procedure. Take it easy, Jan, and we'll see you at the Super Bowl party at Pisu's!

February Birthdays

- 2 Laura Pahls
- 3 Don Knott
- 5 Ron Ragon
- 5 Phil Bonneau
- 9 Gloria Younkin
- 15 Elaine Pisu

- 23 Liz Fitzgerald
- 24 Dick Wyckoff
- 25 Acela Garcia
- 25 Daffy Wagner

<u>February</u> Anniversaries

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Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

The newsletter was a little later this month to allow me to insert pictures taken at the installation. Always a fun event.

I had the chance to take in the Horseless Carriage Club's 60th annual car show / 'Holiday Motor Excursion' again this year in Irwindale. What a fine collection of rare and unusual cars. They go back to the very early stuff, like 1905.... See pictures I took elsewhere in the newsletter.

A fun time was had by all at the annual awards banquet and installation dinner at the Proud Bird restaurant. 65 people attended the event. Lots of era costumes. Some tasty dinners were served and a good raffle with lots of offerings. Our <u>Woman of the Year</u> was **Ruxella Speights** for all her work with refreshments at our events. Our <u>Man of the Year</u> for 2015 is **Cliff LeFall** for all his work as Technical Director. Thank You both for all your efforts in making the Harbor Club a successful and fun organization!

Looking forward to 2016 with my good friend Monty Bates at the helm.

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 <u>existing members</u> to do the same. Just let me know your current email address. It's that simple. The club saves about \$1.25 <u>each month</u> per email subscriber. I still snail mail 45. I have an email distribution now of 51 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$800 per year savings, <u>AND</u> 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. <u>There must be</u> <u>some interesting Model A stories waiting to be told</u>. 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 <u>item for sale</u>, let me know. I will put it in the '<u>Wheels and Deals'</u> 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. The next one is **Sat**, **Feb 13th**. 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 new 2016 Harbor phonebooks/rosters are available at all gettogethers. 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.

<u>Just In</u>! We have received a new order of <u>long-sleeved denim shirts</u> 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! <u>Jan just got a new order in.</u> 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.

<u>Merchandise Sale!</u>

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

HARBOR MARC/MAFCA CLUB MEETING

Date: December 13th, 2015 Location: Olive Garden Restaurant, Torrance CA

A very casual meeting format at the restaurant. 42 people showed up and had a great Italian dinner. The staff did their thing in a very efficient and timely manner.

After the 'meeting', we met at the local Ace hardware parking lot close to the 'Sleepy Hollow' residential area where the Christmas light displays were. Bobby DeCrescenzo handed out maps for the tour and how to get to his home afterwards.

At the DeCrescenzo residence, many members brought cookies and desserts for all to enjoy. Bobby and Phyllis always decorate their home for the season and it was spectacular, as always.

The next club meeting will be the annual awards banquet, Saturday January 23rd at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester near the LAX airport.

See you all there.



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'.

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.

Birds of a feather flock together and then poop on your car.

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Technical Talk

Spark Plug sizes and the Model 'A' by Dick Wyckoff

At a recent 'Al's Garage' meeting, there was a discussion about spark plugs. This discussion touched on heat ranges and spark plug sizes for our cars. Some research led me to an article in *The Restorer* from Jan/Feb 1999. In it was a lot of info about spark plugs, how they work, temperature ranges, etc. One segment of interest was about sizes of spark plugs.



Because in the 7/8-inch spark plugs (as standard in Model A Fords) the most

prevalent trouble is fouling. Plugs of this size are usually designed rather on the 'hot' side, particularly as to core tip. When Model A Fords are driven for long distances at 60 MPH speeds, a plug having the next colder heat range is desirable. When conditions demand a cooler or hotter plug, the change should be only one step away, and never more than two, from the type recommended for the average driving conditions.

Many other-than-Ford cars are now using 18-millimeter size plugs, because these car manufacturers believe this smaller size plug is better adapted for use in high-compression engines because of less distance from tip to shell, the smaller plugs can be made colder than larger plugs.

If the diameter of the threaded part of the plug is changed, the amount of heat absorbed by the plug is changed in direct proportion to the area exposed to the heat. For instance, the heat exposed surface of a 7/8-inch plug is 1 1/2 times as great as that of an 18-mm plug. Since the area of seat (through which heat must flow) is nearly the some in both cases— difference being 10 percent at the most—the 7/8-inch plug will get much hot-ter.

Very little heat flows through the threaded part of the plug. This explains why a metric plug, when used in a 7/8-inch spark plug hole, does not give the same results as using a metric plug in a hole tapped directly in the cylinder head. The extra resistance to flow of heat through threads of adapter bushings offsets the gain due to reduced heat-exposed area.



Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2016

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. This is the 'Go-To' swap meet of So Cal. Lots of Model A parts as well as other car interests.

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.



We had a great turnout at the Awards Banquet. We recognized the folks that drive the most in their Model As and those that participate in the most club events. The winners of the most miles were the Micro and Elaine Pisu and the most participation award, the Bill Younkin award, went to Dick Wyckoff.

Looking ahead, we are working on some fun events.

On **Sunday, February 7th**, the Pisu's are hosting a **Super Bowl** gathering at their home. The address is5520 Carmelyn Ave., Torrance CA 90503. The 'get ready' festivities start at 1:30PM and the game starts at 3PM. As always, this is a pot luck affair so come prepared!

For those 'junk yard dogs', don't miss the **Qualcomm swap meet** on **February 26-28** in San Diego. We have our regular February club meeting on Friday. The major trading happens the next day starting at 8AM. Parking is \$10 and admission to the swap meet is free. Lots of 'stuff' available. Stuff you didn't even know you needed!

Saturday, April 9th is Harbor's annual safety check. This is where you bring your Model A to the meeting and a group of inspectors look at your car mainly for safety. This includes windshield wipers, fire extinguisher, lights, horn, etc. This year, thanks again to Pat Tucker and her son Keith, we will meet at their home at 21808 Dolores St., Carson CA 90745. Time is 9AM. This is a pot luck event so come prepared. We usually check 15 to 20 cars, so it is a busy day. Time to enjoy visiting with your Model A friends and have fun doing it!

Sunday, April 10th, is the famous Orange County club's annual **Pancake Breakfast** at Hart Park in Orange CA. We normally get around 275—350 old cars there. Most are Model As but some other vintage iron shows up also. We leave the Harbor Freight parking lot at around 6:45AM and take the freeway to the park. It is about a 45 minute drive at 45MPH. Some take the surface streets and it take about an hour. More to come.

The weekend following the Pancake Breakfast, **April 15-17**, is the **CCRG** in Clovis. Several have signed up for the event. Some are driving or trailering their Model As and others are taking their moderns. All are welcome!

That's all for now. When some new fun events develop, we'll post them right here!



Al and Jim restoring a trunk at Al's garage recently



Monty Bates and Dennis Simpson working on Al's Model T



Mirco Pisu welding on his trailer under the guidance of Phil Bonneau

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.

For Sale: 1931 Stone Guard (new) \$125. 1930 Cabriolet Chrome Windshield (needs re -chrome) drilled for Windshield Wiper. \$200 1930-31 Chrome Headlight Bar (needs re-chrome) \$100 Other items: Drive shaft, clutch and flywheel, Head, 4-4.75x19, 6 year old tubes. Prices negotiable: Contact Joe Freitag at 310-871-2567. 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 Membership Dues Reminder!

Membership dues are due. 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

Horseless Carriage Motor Excursion

The tour started on Christmas, 60 years ago, when one Eastman brother and his family drove his Model T to his brother's home on Christmas day. After they opened gifts the other brother and his family got into a 1905 Buick and drove to a friend's house and that family joined the drive in a Maxwell. Ever since, the Eastmans organize this fun event. I hope some of the Harbor Model A's will join next year for this fun ride.



Pictures from the Annual Installation and Awards Banquet



More HCCA Tour Pictures

The 60th Annual Holiday Motor Excursion sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California was held on December 27, 2015. The event starts at the Irwindale Speedway (near Pasadena CA) when the gate opens at 7:00 AM. It costs \$5.00 to enter. Cars are arranged by the decade they were produced: Pre 1920, Brass era 1920's, 1930's, 40's etc. It is an amazing display of an estimated 300+ cars and this year, like most years, Jay Leno shows up and mixes with the crowd.



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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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