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A bit of local El Segundo CA History. Same location 85 years later with Dick Wyckoff's '29 Roadster PU

Tours



Our annual trek to the fun Orange County pancake breakfast will be on Sunday, April 10th. We leave Harbor Freight at 6:45AM for the 45 minute freeway drive.

The early departure allows us to park closer to the activity.

Technical Activities



In addition to meeting each Saturday at Al's Garage, we will have the annual Safety **Inspection** meeting at Pat Tucker's home on Sat., April 9th starting at 9AM. More to come.

Upcoming Business Meetings





Next Board Meeting

The March Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1st, 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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Monty's Team Talk A Note from our President Monty Bates III



"A" View from the Running Board

The Harbor A's are rockin' & rollin' in 2016!!!! Lots of activities planned for the next few months. Our resident Pharmacist (Steve Thompson), Pat & Sue and I have made another movie...OK, our cars made another movie. More about our adventures from Steve.

As your President, I get calls from folks wanting information about their Model A's. Some want to hire us as taxis and other just have cars they wish to sell. One young man, Robert, inherited two Model As, an early '31 Cabriolet & mid '31 wide bed pickup truck and had no idea of how much to ask. They are older restorations. I welcome these calls as future members are out there!

One of our regular gatherings is Hof's Hut on Monday nights...come on down and I'll



make your visit a special one as "birthday person of the week". Some people have several birthdays during the year! Everyone's special days are always fun events for all to share... please remember to give this information to our editor, in advance.

Our upcoming adventures include Qualcomm's big swap meet in San Diego, the annual Orange County Pancake Breakfast and other surprises in development. We are going to have a fantastic year...please join us, and bring your friends, the Harbor Area Model A Club is "the" club in all of Southern California!!!!

Be safe out there!!!!

Monty



Sunshine Status

Our Treasurer, **Daffy Wagner**, had knee replacement surgery mid January and is slowly recovering. Still a ways to go but making progress. Our thoughts are with you. Get well soon!

Georgette Avoian had a health scare that landed her in the hospital. A pacemaker and replacement heart valve were installed. So far, so good. Hope you are feeling better, Georgette.

March Birthdays

- 3 Dianne Runyon
- 4 Mary Ann Friedrich
- 8 Richard Parrish
- 12 Margret Gott
- 24 Jay Skinner
- 25 Diana Murphy
- 25 Jack Goldberg
- 28 Jim Perreten
- 31 Al Avoian



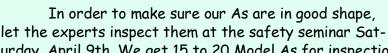
March Anniversaries

- 7 Dick & Jan Wyckoff
- 7 Tim & Pat Harrison
- 10 Monty & Donnis Bates
- 20 Art & Daffy Wagner
- 24 Ted & Janice Dalton
- 31 Dave & Joy Pierson

Editor's Corner

By Dick Wyckoff

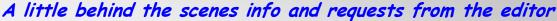
This is going to be a fun couple months. Swap meets, tours, conventions, food, (can't forget food!).



urday, April 9th. We get 15 to 20 Model As for inspection. And there is lots of food as it is a pot luck affair (did I say food?). The next day is the OC pancake breakfast. (more food)



Follow Up: I talked to the El Segundo Police Department about their emergency information data sheets. As you know, when responding to an emergency, first responders want as much medical info as they can get to pass on to emergency doctors and family. I was able to get 100 magnetic envelopes to put on your refrigerator in plain sight. I made a copy of the data sheet (attached) to carry with you when we go on tour. Please keep them up to date.



I have been encouraging new members of the Harbor club to receive the HarborLight by <code>email</code>. I am also asking <code>existing members</code> to do the same. Just let me know your current email address. It's that simple. The club saves about \$1.25 <code>each month</code> 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, <code>AND</code> it is in <code>color!</code> 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. The next one is <u>Sat</u>, <u>Mar 12th</u>

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) These are going fast....

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.

Merchandise Sale!

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: January 23, 2016

Location: Proud Bird Restaurant, Westchester CA



President: Tim Harrison welcomed everyone to the banquet 7:00p.m. There was a delicious salad, dinner and desert.

We started our formal awards and installation activities at around 8:00PM

MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION: Ursula Schmidt

81 current memberships

Four new memberships: Harvey & Miriam Goldberg, Dennis & Linda Simpson, Steve & Mary Ann Friedrich Longest history in Harbor Area MARC/MAFCA who was present at the banguet, 53 years – Pat Tucker Membership Anniversary Pin Awards

40 Years - Jay & Linda Skinner, 30 years - Walt & Carla Hibbard, 25 years - Richard & Gwen Valot

Participation Patches - 32 events including Club Meetings & Tours

Bill Younkin Award for the Most Participation with 23 participations: Dick Wyckoff

SAFETY AWARDS: Cliff LeFall

The Safety Award Certificates have not arrived yet, but will bring them to the next meeting

We have had a fabulous year with no major problems. Al's garage every Saturday 10:00 - 12:00 - Has been great!

Tim agreed that a lot of work on a lot of cars has been accomplished this year at the garage.

Our safety inspection will be at Pat & Keith's house again this year on April 9th. If you didn't pass last year come prepared to pass this year! We will all be ready for the pancake breakfast the following day April 10th.

TOURS & MILEAGE AWARDS: Elaine Pisu

Our club had an accumulated miles driving our Model A's of 56,468.5 miles this year

Members who have had their car safety checked and gone over 500 miles: Bobby & Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Bill & Dorothy Knott, Cliff & Theresa LeFall, Monty & Donnis Bates, Tim & Pat Harrison, Art & Daffy Wagner

Top Road Runner Participants

6th Place - 1377 Miles - Dick & Jan Wyckoff

5th Place - 1552 Miles - Jim Huizdos

4th Place - 1627 Miles - Greg & Fran Earhart

3rd Place - 1852 Miles - Jack and Joan Gordinier

2nd Place - 2366 Miles - Drain & Doris Marshall

1st Place - 2917 Miles - Mirco & Elaine Pisu

Elaine invited everyone to their home for Super Bowl Sunday. February 7th. Bring your favorite dish to share.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2014: Jan Wyckoff presented the award to our woman of the year

Ruxella Speights - Congratulations Ruxella!

MAN OF THE YEAR 2014: Monty Bates presented the award to our man of the year -

Cliff LeFall - Congratulations Cliff!

PRESIDENT'S OUTGOING APPRECIATION AWARD: Presented By Tim & Pat Harrison

Newsletter editor: Dick Wyckoff - Selfie Stick (Now he can be in the photos too!)

Time Keeper: Joan Gordinier - Digital Clock (Welcome to the 21st century)

Merchandising: Jan Wyckoff - On the Road Kit in a Model A Suitcase (You can pack merchandise to take everywhere you go) Advertising: Amy Knott - Verizon Yellow pages (Lots of inspiration)

Tools: Bob DeCrescenzo - Napa Tool Truck with engine and horn sounds (Whatever it takes!)

Historian & Webmaster: Sue Hankins - Yarn & Knitting Needles (Spin a web - Spin a yarn)

Sergeant at Arms: Jack Gordinier - Model A tool box and an Amèrican flag (Jack of all Trades: Model A extraordinaire)

Sunshine Secretary: Doris Marshall - Hat, Plant & Sunshine raisins (Bright ray of Sunshine)

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights - Apron with Model A's (Hostess with the Mostest)
Technical Director: Cliff LeFall - Overalls with Ford Logo (Down & Dirty - Keep clean)

Glue that hold the club together: Ursi Schmidt - Vase full of flowers with multi-faceted trinkets (History, Roster, MAFCA, MARC. They all know you and ask about you)

Tour Director: Elaine Pisu - Dr. Zeus book - 'Oh The Places You Will Go!' (Back bone of our club. Tours & events are the reason we all come together)

Tour Director in Training: Jim Huizdos - Bag of Auto Club maps & books! (Stick to the basics!)

<u>Treasurer:</u> Daffy Wagner - Catalina Piggy Bank & Model A charm (Guards each penny & gets the best deals for our club)

<u>Secretary:</u> Donnis Bates - Manicure & Pedicure (Works fingers to the bone - Keeps her on her toes)

<u>Vice President:</u> Monty Bates - Birthday Cake & "Car Cleaning Kit" (Monty is the reason our members age so quickly in our club some have been known to have at least 4 birthdays a year)

APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE MR. PRESIDENT: Presented by Monty Bates and Arthur Wagner

An original beach cruiser bicycle for all of your free time now that you're no longer Presi-

PRESENTATION OF INCOMING & OUTGOING OFFICERS: Tim Harrison

All officers for 2016-17 remain the same except for the following:

Vice- President - Tim Harrison President - Monty Bates

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: Monty Bates, Jack Gordinier, Jim Huizdos & 'Sammy'

CLOSING REMARKS & CENTERPIECE DISTRIBUTION: Tim Harrison

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL - SAFE TRIP HOME!

Next General/Business Meeting: Friday, February 26th, 2016

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 2nd, 2015. Location: Toyota USA Car Museum

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



Technical Talk

Harbor Area Tool List

The club has a fine collection of tools for members to use. Bobby DeCrescenzo is our tool custodian. If you need any of the tools listed, give Bobby a call.

RACHET NUT WRENCH VALVE GUIDE REMOVAL TOOL

FRAME SPREADER GAS GAUGE REMOVAL TOOL

FRONT SPRING SPREADER CLUTCH DISC ALIGN TOOL

REAR SPRING SPREADER DISTRIBUTER PULLER TOOL

SPREADER WRENCH RESTORATION AND JUDGING STANDARDS

ENGINE LIFTING TOOL STATIC WHEEL BALANCER

REAR AXLE HOUSING SEAL DRIVER CHAIN FALL HOIST

PINION PULLER ENGINE HOIST

TWO PINION NUT WRENCHES DISTRIBUTOR BUSHING REAMER

SHIFT LEVER SPRING COMPRESSOR LIGHT SWITCH SPIDER INSTALL TOOL

STEERING WHEEL PULLER ENGINE STUD REMOVAL KIT

CAM NUT WRENCH DISTRIBUTOR TIMING 'Z' WRENCH

REAR HUB PULLER VOLTAGE TESTER

KINGPIN REAMER IGNITION SPARK TESTER

BRAKE SHOE RIVETING TOOL PILOT BEARING PULLER (2 PIECES)

BRAKE PEDAL ADJUSTING TOOL DOOR HINGE PULLER

Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2016

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, - MARC Membership Meet, Flint Michigan.

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

April 15-17 (Fri-Sun) - CCRG in Clovis CA.

May 27-29 (Fri-Sun) - NCRG Modesto CA

June 19 -24, - MAFCA National Convention - Loveland, Colorado. Host: Model A Ford Club of Colorado

June 26 (Sun) - Henry Ford Picnic, Heritage Park, Santa Fe Springs CA. Diamond Tread Chapter

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

August 21 (Sun) - Parts exchange, San Fernando Valley MAC

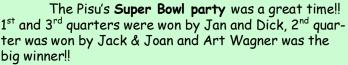






Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

March & April are going to be great!!





For those 'junk yard dogs', don't miss the **Qualcomm swap meet** on <u>February 26-28</u> in San Diego. We have our regular February club meeting on Friday, the 26th. 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!

<u>Sunday, March 6</u> will be our first official "Tour." Meet at Harbor Freight at <u>8 AM</u>. We will be driving to Newport Beach and board a Whale Watching Vessel. The boat goes out at 10:30 and returns between 12:30 and 1:00. Cost is \$19 per person. Sighting report says that on 2/20 they saw 68 gray whales, 1 humpback whale and 2620 common dolphins. We can only hope to be that lucky!!

After the whale watching we will have lunch and take the ferry across the channel before heading home. Bring your sunscreen, a hat, a camera, binoculars and plan to have a great time.

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 9th</u> at <u>9:00 AM</u> is our pot luck safety check and please remember that in order to get a roadrunner patch you must have your car safety checked. Plus, it's always a great time!! 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 <u>21808 Dolores St.</u>, <u>Carson CA 90745</u>. Time is 9AM. 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!

The 55th Annual Orange County Pancake Breakfast is on <u>Sunday, April 10</u>. We will meet at Harbor Freight (Hawthorne and Artesia) at 6:45 AM and leave at 7:00 and take the freeway to Hart park in Orange. It is about a 45 minute drive at 45MPH. Some take the surface streets and it takes about an hour. This is always a GREAT event. We normally get around 275—350 old cars there. Most are Model As but some other vintage iron shows up also. Many of us will go to lunch at Watson's Drug Store in Orange before driving home.

The weekend following the Pancake Breakfast, <u>April 15-17</u>, is the *CCRG* in Clovis. We always have a good turn-out for that event so let's talk and plan to caravan up to 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!

We are working hard on our Solvang event so if you haven't made your hotel reservations do it soon for <u>July 15-17</u>. Friday we are going to see "Shrek the Musical" at the Solvang Festival Theater. Weeg Thompson is coordinating tickets for the live performance.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 1, 2016. More to come.

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

Ciao for now,

Mama Pisu





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.

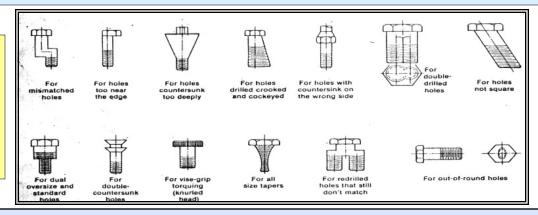
For Sale: 1931 Stone Guard (new) \$125. 1930 Cabriolet Chrome Windshield (needs re-chrome) drilled for Windshield Wiper. \$200

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

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Something is Missing. . . . By Dick Wyckoff

A husband went to the sheriff's department to report that his wife was missing.

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home.

Sergeant: What is her height?

Husband: Gee, I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

Sergeant: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

Sergeant: Color of eyes? Husband: Never noticed. Sergeant: Color of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown.

Sergeant: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been a skirt or shorts. I don't remember exactly.

Sergeant: What kind of car did she go in? Husband: She went in my Model 'A' Ford.

Sergeant: Can you describe it?

Husband: An early 1930 Model 'A' Cabriolet. It is painted Lombard Blue with Tacoma Cream wheels, blackwall Firestone tires, left side wheel-well and tire, Bedford cord LeBaron-Bonney interior with correct top material. It has a rumble seat and a luggage rack on the back. The engine is very stock with an alternator. It also has a Mitchell transmission and 26% overdrive, a quail radiator cap and custom California vanity license plates. Wife put a small scratch on the driver's door.

At this point the husband started choking up.

Sergeant: Don't worry buddy. We'll find your Model 'A'.

Benefits of National Club Memberships

Membership in MAFCA includes the following:

- •A one year subscription to The Restorer, our award winning bi-monthly magazine including free classified ads.
 - •The right to register and participate in all National and Regional MAFCA meets
 - ·Voting privileges in National elections of officers and by-laws revisions
- •Free classified advertising on the MAFCA web site and posting of photo of your car in the Photo Album section
 - ·Technical advice to help restore your Model A and keep it in top shape

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Al's Garage

Every Saturday morning, anywhere from 10 to 17 club members seem to find their way to Al Avoian's garage. We are greeted by Al with a cup of coffee and a selection of donuts. We even work on our Model As when the occasion arises.

Al was unable to attend the club's banquet, so we had a mini surprise gathering to thank Al for his hospitality and usage of his facilities.

Jim Huizdos made all the arrangements for food. It was a mini 'guy feast' of pizza, chips, sandwiches, drinks, fruit salad, and choice of hot peppers. (Thanks, Jim, for all the goodies). A collection was taken up to offset any expenses incurred.







Monty Bates and Al Avoian



Jim Huizdos getting the food ready



Cliff LeFall and Monty helping themselves

"We 'Auto' be in Movies. . . . " by Dr. Steve Thompson

Monty Bates and I left around 8am and drove out to El Dorado Park in Long Beach *CA* to have our cars star in a new Ben Affleck film. The film is "Live by Night" which he wrote, directed and starred in. Sue and Pat drove to the Long Beach airport for a different scene.

The first thing we did was to have a very good breakfast. After eating, they took us to fitting so that we could get dressed in period clothes. When they saw my height, they knew they had a problem so they said we could keep our pants on and

Monty and Alice waiting for their big scene

since we were drivers they would not see us below the waist. We then drove out into the park and lined the road with our cars.



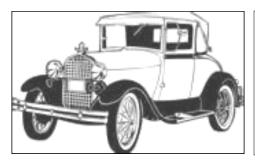
They had a trailer with a car and the cameras mounted so they filmed the actors talking in the car as they drove by our vehicles out on the country road. We did a couple of scenes at two different locations in the park, and, upon completing that, they feed us again.

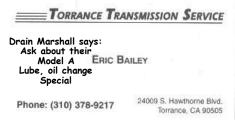
The six cars at the park then drove to the airport as extras in the prison scene. There we met up with Pat and Sue. My sedan got parked in front of the prison as Ben Affleck hailed a cab after his release.

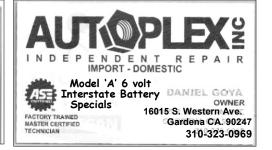
We finished up back at the park, turned in our wardrobe, completed our vouchers for payment, and started for home at 7PM. Now the only question is will we make the movie or be left on the cutting room floor.

All in all, it was a very interesting and a fun day seeing all the activities that go on behind the scenes.









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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. I 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. I 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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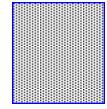
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