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## May 2016

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Harbor Area Club members Daffy Wagner, Art Wagner, Elaine Pisu, and Mirco Pisu with Richard Parrish and Pat Yacklon standing. They were sheltering themselves from a little rain at the OC Pancake breakfast.

#### Tours

Sunday, May 1st. Carlsbad wildflower tour. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8 am. We will leave at 8:15. (More info in Elaine's article).

There is a car show sponsored by the Long

Beach Police K-9 group on Saturday, May 14th. It would be a great event to support. Preregistration is preferred. Contact Elaine for more info



#### 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 30th starting at 9AM. See you there.

### Upcoming Business Meetings

The April Meeting will be Saturday, April 30th. It will be a combined Safety inspection, pot luck and club meeting all in one! The will be at Pat Tucker's garage 21808 Dolores St. in Carson. Mark your calendars.

The May meeting will be May 27th at Walteria clubhouse

Come a little early and help set up chairs and tables. See you there!



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#### Next Board Meeting

The May Board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd, 7PM at the <u>Toyota Auto Musseum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Tor</u> rance CA

We will be planning upcoming events. All are welcome.

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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 off & running in the first months of the new year. From CCRG to the Whale watching ride and the annual Pancake Breakfast we continue to lead all clubs. The Summertime planned

events & tours are fantastic. As always, our goal is to live, love, drive Model A's and eat!!

The following came from our friends in Kansas, hope they put a smile on your face.



My thanks to the gang at 'Al's Garage' for the recent work on Alice...bring your Model A down for a free estimate & multiple opinions.

Be safe out there, be kind to one another and have fun!!!!

Monty

# OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART HOW TO INTERPRET \* ANTIQUE CAR ADS FIT SAYS: IT REALLY MEANS:

	IF IT SAYS: IT REALLY MEANS:
	Rare model
	Older restoration Can't tell it's been restored
	Needs engine work It's been frozen for 30 years
	Uses no oil Just throws it out
	No rust Body and fenders missing
	Rough It's too bad to lie about
	One owner Never been able to sell
	No time to complete Can't find parts anywhere
	Needs interior Seats are gone
	Rebuilt engine Has new spark plugs
	May run But it never has
	Low mileage Third time around
	Many new parts Keeps breaking down
	29 coats hand-rubbed paint Needed that much to cover rust
	Clean It sat out in the rain yesterday
	Best offer About what I expect to get
	Always driven slowly Won't go any faster
	Prize winner Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
	Stored 25 years Under a tree
	Real show stopper Orange with purple fenders
	Easy restoration Parts will come off in your hand
	Ready to show Just washed it
	Top good Only leaks when it rains
	Good investment Can't depreciate any more
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### Sunshine Status

Gary Guttormson is still nursing a sore foot. Circulation problems is keeping him from moving too fast, but he still drove his Model A to Al's Garage last Saturday! Atta way, Gary. .

**Dianne Runyon** was in the hospital, but is home now and doing better. She has been attending all the Model A events. Keep on truckin' Dianne!

## <u>May Birthdays</u>

- 1 LeOra Combs 19 Steve Friedrich
- 4 Leonard Funk 19 Pat Tucker
- 10 Jim Speights 20 Dolores Strosnider
- 13 Larry Migliazzo 22 Jesse Dykes
- 15 Peggy Wishon 2

#### Chave Enjadajah



5 Dan & Liz Fitzgerald

May Anniversaries

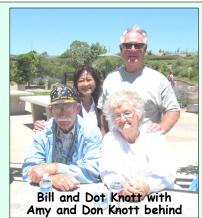
- 20 Darlene & Leonard Funk
- 29 Bill & Joann Moore 1954



## Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff Good Bye to my WWII friends.

Jan and I and many Harbor members attended the funeral services of member Bill Knott. I was touched by the love of family and friends of Bill as he was remembered. Bill was a WWII sailor and the gravesite memorial included the playing of taps and the presentation by two sailors of the American flag that draped his coffin to his

wife of 67 years, Dot. As a retired Navy Chief, this meant a lot to me. Farewell, my friend. We'll meet again. . . .



Dave Pierson with his T-34 plane in 2008



Just after returning from the CCRG in Clovis, I got a phone call from

Eric Pierson that **Dave Pierson** had passed away. Dave was a long time member but due to health reasons, could not attend club functions in recent years. Dave was also a WWII vet and a Korean War vet. He flew 110 missions during the wars. He was 92 years old and was married to Joy for 71 years. I had the a chance to fly with Dave in 2008 in his beautiful modified T-34 trainer. What a kick! We flew for about an hour from Torrance airport around PV. Dave was smooth and very competent. Thanks for the memories.

RIP. I salute you, my friend. . .

### 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.

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 have 43 snail mail with an email distribution now of 54 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$850 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.

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....



#### "Cruise at the Beach" Friday afternoon at Ruby's Diner

The event has started and all summer long, Ruby's Diner 245 N. Harbor Drive, in Redondo Beach (by the pier) will host a weekly gathering of fun cars. This event can bring as many as 150 cars of all types. Classics, Concours, hot rods, antiques, sports cars, motorcycles, and Model As. Many Harbor Club members show their cars and enjoy a great meal in the diner. Check it out. Times are about 4 to 7:00 PM every Friday. There is a nice drawing and trophies are awarded each week. Parking is free to participating cars.

This event will continue all summer until October 28th, 2016 Hope to see you there.



#### 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.



#### 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.

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.



### 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! 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 <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: March 25th, 2016 Location: Walteria Clubhouse

President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Dick Wyckoff, Pat Yacklon & Tim Harrison

<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>: Dick Wyckoff moved that the Minutes be approved as printed in the HarborLight; the motion was seconded by Elaine Pisu.

<u>Vice President</u>: Tim Harrison • We are going to have a photo every month of Model A's on our opportunity table. He reviewed all items available this month • CW Moss is going to have a parking lot sale the day of the Orange County Pancake Breakfast <u>Treasurer</u>: Daffy Wagner - reported all is well. All bills are paid!

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff • If you have something to sell, trade or give-away the HarborLight is a great place to advertise. Get Dick the information and he will publish it in our Newsletter • If you would like to try the HarborLight via e-mail give Dick your e-mail address. You will continue to receive the black and white version via your home mail unless you notify him otherwise • Drain gave Dick a HarborLight from 1973, there was a story about Frank Young rescuing a woman who had broken down on the side of the road in her car and he gave her a ride home. It turned out to be none other than the governor's wife - Nancy Reagon.

<u>Historian/Webmaster</u>: Sue Hankins ightharpoonup Al Avoian has graciously agreed to store our Club historical materials in his garage. Monty and Tim will pick up the materials, help clear a spot in the garage and store it for easy access during the Saturday seminars <math>
ightharpoonup There is also a slide projector screen that will be discussed further at the next board meeting

Membership: Ursi Schmidt ♦ Not present - Nothing new to report ♦ We have a visitor tonight - Warren Brady. Monty introduced him and told us that he was a friend of Everett Squires. He owns a Model A Fordor sedan. He needs some help with some repair work. An extra pair of hands and eyes ♦ We invited him to attend the Pancake Breakfast to see 300+ cars (Mostly Model A's)

Membership Drawing: Amy Knott won woman's prize, Mirco Pisu won men's.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall • We will be at Al's garage this Saturday, in by 10:00am out by 12:00pm for our weekly seminar • Lots of group participation, with donuts and coffee • Bring your projects • The address is 904 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance, CA • Reminded everyone of the upcoming safety check on April 30th, wants to check that the Radiator fans are in good working order and again discussed the importance of having seat belts in our 'A's, Carla Hibbard told us that the seat belt in Walt's car is what saved him from getting more severe injuries in his accident • We will also be looking for First Aid Kits and Fire Extinguishers this year • Your safety check certificates from last year are on the side table. Be sure to pick them up before you leave tonight.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack Gordinier collected \$3.75

<u>Sunshine</u>: Doris Marshall • Not Present • Monty spoke with Gary Guttormson - his foot has gotten infected. He is on the mend, but unable to get out until he is repaired • Monty thanked everyone for the beautiful cards and many phone calls for Donnis' Father and for his own recovery from his surgical procedure • Bill Knott is not doing well. All our prayers and good wishes are with him and the Knott family.

**Advertising:** Amy Knott ♦ Received 7 advertising renewals this month.

<u>Birthdays and Anniversaries</u>: <u>Birthdays</u>: 1-James Walker, 8-Walt Hibbard, 12-Carol Olsen, 14-Drain Marshall & 19-Kathy Valot <u>Anniversaries</u>: 28-Larry & Patti Migliazzo

<u>Tools Coordinator</u>: Bobby DeCrescenzo ♦ The club has 34 tools for all members to use. Bobby reviewed the rules of how to check out the tools.

Tours: Elaine Pisu & Co-Chair Jim Huizdos → Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Whale watching - We had 17 people attend. A blue whale, fin whale and many dolphins were spotted → Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM Safety Check at Pat Tuckers. This is also a potluck A-L main dishes, M-Z salads or side dishes → Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> the 55<sup>th</sup> annual Orange County Pancake Breakfast - Meet at Harbor Freight @ 6:45AM, we will leave at 7:00AM → July 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 The Harbor A's will be having an event much like Wings and Wheels in Solvang this summer. Sign-up sheet is being circulated this evening. Please sign if you are planning to attend → May1st - Flower Fields at Carlsbad - more information to follow → May 14<sup>th</sup> - Canine car show fundraiser in Long Beach - \$35 to show your car 100% of proceeds goes to canine organization - There are forms available if you are interested. It will be at Police Officers Association Park off the 605 → Jim Huizdos is organizing a dinner at Joey's on a Monday in the near future - It will be the same time as always 5:00 but will be at 25308 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance → April 8<sup>th</sup> - Ruby's diner starts the Friday Night weekly "Cruise at the Beach" car show Merchandise:

Jan Wyckoff - Not present → Please wear your Harbor A merchandise to our tours.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights - Nothing new to report just confirmed the Potluck assignments for the Safety Check next month

Old Business:

The Wooden Thumb Award for having your Model A towed at one of our events was presented by Jim Huizdos to Don Knott.

New Business: Fundraising - Elaine brought in a flyer from Pieology - they offer 15% of the proceeds back to the club if you host a fundraiser at their restaurant. We will look into it and discuss further at the board meeting

Clock Prize: Won by Fran Earhart

Refreshments hosted by: Fran & Greg Earhart - Thank You

Next General Meeting: Friday, April 29th same time same place (7:30PM @Walteria Clubhouse)

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 5th, 7:00pm at the Toyota facility

<u>Meeting adjourned</u>: Weeg Thompson moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Bob DeCrescenzo. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. for refreshments

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary

#### Ever wonder what the inside of your gas tank looks like?

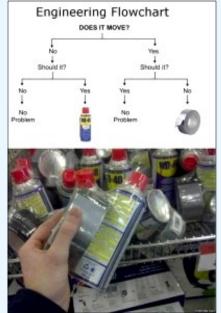






Technical Talk

30-31 Gas Tank Cut Open







Jack Gordinier working in Al's Garage

### Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2016

May 7th, (Sat) - 46th Annual Antique Nationals. Auto Club Dragway, 9300 Cherry Ave, Fontana CA 8AM

May 14th (Sat) - Long Beach Police K9 support Car Show. Support our local men in blue.

May 15th, (Sun) - Muckenthaler Car Show. Fullerton. We have participated in this all-day event. More to come

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

June 11—12 (Sat-Sun) - 47th Swap Meet. Western Little League 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA 6AM

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

June 25th, (Sat) - OC Model T club Swap Meet El Dorado High School, 1651 Valencia Ave., Placentia CA 92870 6AM—2PM

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

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

July 23 (Sat) - Long Beach T Club Swap Meet. Los Alamitos Race Course. Free admission

August 21 (Sun) - Parts exchange, San Fernando Valley MAC Rancho San Antonio 21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth CA 6AM



# Touring with Elaine By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

CCRG was a great time. Harbor A's had 33 members present. Only one went to urgent care, 2 couldn't eat their dinner at the banquet because of stomach issues but all in all we had a great time. Tours included a couple of private collections of PER-



FECT cars, a tour of Yosemite, an underground garden/home that was dug by an extravagant Italian, antique stores and several other options. The welcome party on Friday evening had fabulous entertainment and we had a great time singing along. At the banquet Gloria was serenaded by Elvis and several of us won prizes. The banquet was on a lake and we had the best seats in the house. The weather was perfect, beautiful clear warm days and not too hot. For me the whole event couldn't have been better.

#### Lots happening in the next couple of months:

Monthly meeting/Pot Luck/ Safety Check will be on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 30<sup>th</sup></u> at Pat Tuckers house. Remember there will be no meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Many of us will be going to <u>Ruby's in Redondo Beach</u> on <u>Friday 4/29</u> around 4:00 so if you have time bring the model A and come on down. We usually have dinner around 5:00.

<u>May 1<sup>st</sup></u> we will be going to the Flower Fields in Carlsbad. It's about 86 miles each way so I'm not sure how many of you will venture out in your Model A'. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:00 AM, leave at 8:15. I'd like to make reservations so please let me know if you plan to attend.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Meet at Harbor Freight at 9:00 and leave at 9:15. We are planning to attend the Long Beach K9 Officers Association Car Show. If you are interested in showing your car let me know and I can give you the registration form (Cost is \$35). Admission to view the show is free.

<u>May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Muckenthaler Car show in Fullerton.</u> Jim Huizdos is looking for some cars to attend this event. Please let Jim know if you are interested in taking your car to this show.

June 4<sup>th</sup> meet at Harbor Freight 8:30 and leave at 8:45. We will be attending the LAPD Car show and Safety Fair in Woodland Hills. There will be an LAPD Helicopter on display, SWAT, K-9, & Bomb Squad demonstrations as well as the LAPD Motorcycle Drill Team. 15 of the best Food Trucks around will offer a great variety for lunch. Admission is free.

<u>Solvang is July 15, 16 & 17<sup>th</sup></u>. Don't forget to talk to Weeg Thompson if you plan to attend the Theatre in the Round performance of *Shrek* on Friday Evening. Saturday's tour is taking shape and I have a couple of leads to private collections that should be great!!

Come out and have some fun... See you soon!! 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>.

Just a reminder: Wear your Harbor shirts and jackets to these events! 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: Model A trunk. Reasonable price. Check with Dick Lusk at 310-539-5391. Harbor City CA



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

#### Some recent Harbor Club events



#### Whale watching out of Balboa Village CA

17 Harbor members went out into the Pacific to try and catch a glimpse of some whales (or whatever).

They actually did see a couple whales and dolphins, and some seaweed and no one got sick.

A fun time!







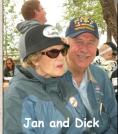












A little threat of sprinkles didn't stop the annual OC Pancake Breakfast. The food was great and the weather cooperated (mostly) and everyone had a good time. Attendance and cars were down but it still was a fun event.





#### Ten Commandments for the Car Collector

- 1. Thou shalt not store thy cars out-of-doors, except for the wife's modern iron.
- 2. Thou shalt not covet they neighbor's car, nor his garage, nor battery charger.
- 3. Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children; as much, but not more
- 4. Thou shalt not read thy "Restorer" on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
- 5. Thy shalt not despise thy neighbors Edsel, nor his DeSoto, nor even his Packard.
- 6. Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the holy days of the Old Car Swap Meets.
- 7. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when, indeed, thou art going out to look at another Model A.
- 8. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest Restoration, At least not all at the same time.
- Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house and then use it to store cars; Thou shalt not store Ford parts in the attic.
- 10. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for her birthday.



#### Some Pictures from CCRG in Clovis CA



Yosemite tour. Lots of water

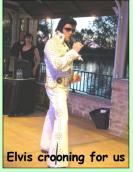
















Gloria with Elvis scarf



Beautiful lake at Saturday banquet

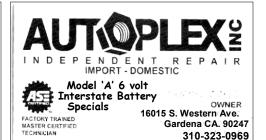


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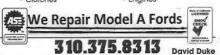
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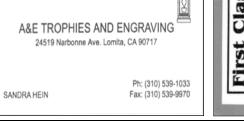


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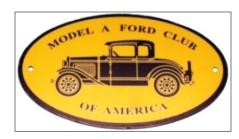






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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. I 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. I and 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.

#### 2016 Board of Directors:

#### President:

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