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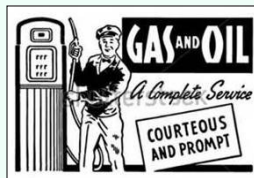
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Several of the wives that
participated in the
"Drive and Dine" weekend
in Solvang CA.
A fun time for
(L-R) Doris, Elaine, Jan,
Joan and Donnis.
Photo taken at the
Mendenhall Museum
Buellton, CA

Tours



Sunday, August 14th
from 9am to 3pm is the
9th annual Wounded
Warrior Car Show at
the Redondo Beach
Performing Arts Center.

Please support this event.

Save **Saturday, August 20th** for our
annual club picnic. Food, Hubley races and old
friends. Always a fun time.

Upcoming Business Meetings

The **July** meeting will be on **Friday, July 29th** at the Walteria park clubhouse.
The time is 7:30PM.

Looking ahead,
the **August** meeting will
be **August 26th**.

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



Technical Activities

A special seminar
on Babbitt pouring for
the Model A is being pre-
pared by Jay (Dr. Bab-
bitt) Skinner on **Satur-
day, July 30th, 2016 at
9:00AM** at his home in
Long Beach CA.

More info in flyer on page 8.



Next Board Meeting

The **August** Board meet-
ing will be on **Tuesday, August
2nd, 7PM** at the Toyota Auto
Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave.,
Torrance CA.

We will be planning up-
coming 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



"A" View from the Running Board

Let's face it folks, it's just miserably hot out there. Our recent trip to Solvang in our rented air-conditioned car we could feel the heat. I was curious about the history of automotive air conditioning (A/C)...lots of information is available and we all know our Model A's don't have A/C.

In 1939, Packard became the first automobile manufacturer to offer an A/C unit in its cars. These were manufactured by Bishop and Babcock Co, of Cleveland Ohio. The "Bishop and Babcock Weather Conditioner" also incorporated a heater. Cars ordered with the new "Weather Conditioner" were shipped from Packard's East Grand Boulevard facility to the B&B factory where the conversion was performed. Once complete, the car was shipped to a local dealer where the customer would take delivery. Packard fully warranted and supported this conversion, and marketed it well.

In 1954, the Nash Ambassador was the first American automobile to have a front-end, fully integrated heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning system. The Nash-Kelvinator corporation used its experience in refrigeration to introduce the automobile industry's first compact and affordable, single-unit heating and air conditioning system. optional for its Nash models. This system was also compact and serviceable with all of its components installed under the hood or in the cowl area. These days we expect our cars to have all the latest "comforts" and A/C is most important to those of us in southern California.

As we drive our Model A's we can open the windows or lower a convertible top but we can't turn on the A/C. We are spoiled somewhat but we look back and see how it all started.

Be safe out there!!!!

Monty



Welcome to our Newest Member

The club welcomes new member #1057, **Warren Brayton**. He resides at 428 Via La Solidaridad in Redondo Beach CA 90277. His phone is 310-373-6418.

Warren has a beautiful 1930 Murray Town Sedan. Birthday Nov 26. He is seen here driving his car to Al's Garage and having it serviced! Welcome, Warren!



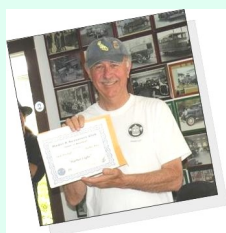
August Birthdays

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Bob Pahls | 20 Jeanne Webb |
| 1 Sandy Ragon | 20 Dorothy Knott |
| 2 Janice Dalton | 23 Jack Gordinier |
| 2 Jerry Strosnider | 24 Gwen Valot |
| 13 Phyllis DeCrescenzo | 25 Dick Valot |
| 14 Greg Earhart | 26 Monty Bates |
| 15 Marty Murphy | 31 Theresa LeFall |
| 18 Linda Skinner | |



August Anniversaries

- | |
|-------------------------------|
| 4 Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs |
| 4 Steven and Weeg Thompson |
| 6 Dolores & Jerry Strosnider |
| 12 Doris & Drain Marshall |
| 19 Mary & James Walker |
| 22 Linda & Ed Firth |
| 25 Steve & Mary Ann Friedrich |



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Jan and I just got back from a great vacation that included the MAFCA National Convention in Loveland CO. With a one week turnaround, we prepared 'Tootsie' (our '30 Cabriolet) and headed for a long weekend to Solvang CA. It is a fun Danish village 50 miles north of Santa Barbara or about 150 miles north of our home in El Segundo.



Home base, Svendsgaardt motel

Tour director Elaine Pisu, with some good help, planned a fun weekend of shopping, a live show of *Shrek*, three museums, and of course some fine eating.

Some of us drove our As the whole weekend and others trailered their As or drove moderns to the event. The club did about 150 miles of touring while there. The temps were in the 80's, the scenery was beautiful and our cars did well also.



'Tootsie' in downtown Solvang

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 **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 still have 41 snail mail subscribers with an email distribution now of 54 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$850 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.

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 . . .



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

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. 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 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) 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. We just ordered some new ball caps.

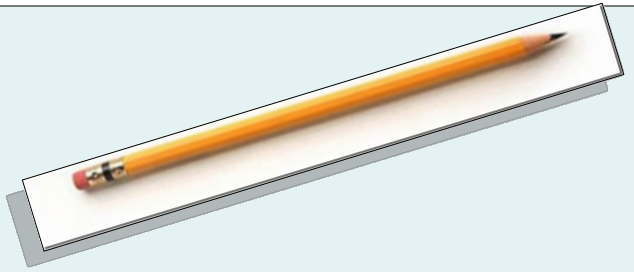
Merchandise Sale!

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: June 24th, 2016 Location: Walteria Clubhouse



Vice President: Tim Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM

Salute to the flag: Led by Jim Huizdos

Recognition of Past Presidents: Drain Marshall & Tim Harrison

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Gloria Younkin moved that the minutes be approved as printed in the HarborLight; the motion was seconded by Daffy Wagner

Vice President: Tim Harrison ♦ CW Moss is our local Model A Ford approved parts distributor. Their company called Vintique reproduces Ford authorized Model A parts. Cards for CW Moss and Harbor Area Marc business cards were made available to members.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner ♦ The treasury is doing fine. All bills paid

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff was not present ♦ Attending the Model A National Convention in Loveland, Colorado

Historian/Webmaster: Sue Hankins was not present. She and Pat are traveling and will return in a few months. ♦ If you have anything to give her for the Website, send it to her via e-mail and she will update from the road.

Membership: Ursi Schmidt ♦ Introduced our newest member Warren Brayton. He has a 1930 Town Sedan that he bought for \$100 when he returned from his military service (clutch was slipping)

Membership Drawing: Ruxella Speights won woman's prize, Willie Duncan won men's

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall ♦ Reported that Al's Garage would be open Saturday. There will be coffee and donuts and cars will be checked out.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money) Jim Huizdos collected \$1.56

Sunshine: Doris Marshall was not present ♦ Tim asked Ursi how she was doing. Ursi said she wished she would have had the hip surgery two years ago and that she is doing well. Ruxella has the use of both hands. Art is doing physical therapy to fix his torn ligament.

Advertising: Amy Knott was not present ♦

Birthdays and Anniversaries: To be announced in the July issue of the HarborLight

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo ♦ No tools have been loaned in the last couple of months but they are available.

Tours: Elaine Pisu & Co-Chair Jim Huizdos ♦ The Antique Engines & Tractor Museum has been postponed until October 15 due to summer heat. The tour to Little Sisters of the Poor senior facility was a great success. The residents were most appreciative and all had a good time. It was followed with a good lunch. Harbor A's "Dine and Drive" is July 15-17. Friday evening there will be a happy hour starting at 4:30 at Svengaards with many members attending the play Shrek afterwards. Saturday morning we will meet at Svengaards at 8:30 AM to begin our tour. There will be three stops two of which are private car collections. Elaine will collect money (\$30) for the Wings & Wheels t-shirts (\$20) and the first stop (\$10). October 2 is Frazier Park. Harbor Model A annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 20. Don't forget your Hubleys

Merchandise: Jan Wyckoff was not present ♦ Attending the Model A National Convention in Loveland, Colorado

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights - Showed us that both of her hands are working

Clock Prize: 'Mistress of time' this evening is Pat Harrison & Phyllis DeCrescenzo - winner of our clock prize is Julie, Elaine & Mirco's guest from Italy

Old Business: None

New Business: There will be a car show, tour and meet of all years, makes and models in Lompoc on September 2 - 4. Additional information is available if interested.

Refreshments hosted by: Thanks to Weeg and Steve for the peach cobbler ala mode--yum

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

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 5, (7:00pm at the Toyota facility)

Meeting adjourned: Elaine Pisu moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Jim Huizdos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM for refreshments

Respectfully submitted: Pat Harrison, Acting Secretary



OVERHEATING

Question:

My father and I are restoring a 1930 model A...the engine continues to over heat. We have put on a rebuilt water pump, the radiator was soldered and filled, but we think the timing may be off. Please give us some suggestions and possible solutions.

Answer:

There are many things that can cause a Model A to overheat. The main cause is usually the radiator. First you can check to see if your radiator has 3 rows of tubes. Some replacement radiators had only 2 rows. That will not provide sufficient cooling. If the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, the fins of the radiator become loose and can not dissipate the heat. Also, if the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, calcium deposits in the radiator will reduce the cooling efficiency of the radiator.

Now lets look at other causes of overheating. First make sure the timing is set correctly. Then make sure nothing is blocking the front of the radiator, like the license plate. If you have a new engine, it will sometimes run hot until it is broken in. There are several books and articles that have been written that will tell how to correctly set the timing. A blown head gasket can also cause overheating. Check for bubbles in the water at the filler neck. This would indicate a blown head gasket.

Question:

I am working on a 1930 model A coupe. I am having problems with it overheating. I have put on a new water pump and had the radiator redone. The water seems to be circulating through the motor just fine. I have replaced the points, plugs, condenser and timed it. I don't know what else to do. Have any suggestions?

Answer:

First lets define overheating.....is it steaming or just pump water out the top.... If it just pumping water out you may be over filling it....let the radiator find its own level...mine runs best with the water level just below the top of the core....to most this would look like the radiator needs water.

If you are steaming and you have done all the above...check your fuel mixture..you maybe running too rich. If that is ok...check your compression, you may have a head gasket leak... Keep in touch and let me know how the above checks out. -- **Lyle Meek**, 1997 Technical Director

Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2016

July 31 (Sun) - 22nd Annual Mustang owners **Car Show** (and Model As) at El Camino College. 10AM to 3PM.

August 13 (Sat) - 12th Annual Rock 'n Roll **Car Show**. Rock-Ola Juke box Factory. 2335 208th St., Torrance. 10 am to 2pm.

August 14th (Sun) - 9th Annual Wounded Warrior **Car Show**. Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center 1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach CA. Open to all pre-1974 Show Cars. 9am—3pm. Gates open a 7am.

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

Sept 2-4 (Fri-Sun) - Hangtown As **Apple Hill Meet** (More info when available)



Touring with Elaine

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



Harbor A's had a great tour to Solvang and lots of fun is yet to come!!

August 14th is the Wounded Warrior Car show that will be held at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center on the corner of Aviation and Manhattan Beach Blvd. Gates open at 7am and cars will be parked by 9AM. The event is from 9:00-5:00. Proceeds will benefit the Semper Fi Fund. It's such a great cause and I hope our members will get out and support this event, especially since it's in our backyard!! More details are available at <http://www.woundedwarriorcarshow.com/> or by calling Mike at (310) 343-9634.

August 20th is the club picnic at Torrance Park. The park is on Arlington, just north of Torrance blvd. Get your Hubley cars ready to race! Details are being finalized as we read. More to come.

October 2nd is the Frazier Park meet. This is always a fun pot luck with great prizes. Put it on your calendar. It is about a 90 mile drive. The picnic starts around 10 to 10:30am. Pot luck. Great opportunity drawing.

Saturday October 15th we will be going to Vista for the Antique Engine and Tractor Show. Art picked out a breakfast stop on the way down. I suspect this will be a mostly modern outing but don't miss the fun!!

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



Harbor As at the Mendenhall's Museum



Weeg & Steve Thompson, Pat & Tim Harrison and Art Wagner listening to presentation at the Mendenhall's Museum in Buellton CA



Harbor's Model As in San Luis Obispo visiting Jason Len's car collection



Wheels & Deals:

For sale: Model A parts, motors, transmissions, rear end, mechanical brake set up, 21" wheels, used 19" Fisk tire, some sheet metal, original horn, etc. Neil Mylar, Lakewood, CA (562) 577-0612 or nmylar@aol.com

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Evening performance of 'Shrek'



Club's visit to the Mendenhall's Museum
In Buelton CA



Our host, Mark Mendenhall



Photo Op



50's era flathead dragster



Our next stop.
Car and motorcycle collection of
Jason Len in San Luis Obispo



1915 Model T



Road sign at entrance to
Jack Dewar garage
in San Luis Obispo



Art Wagner and Jack Dewar
exchanging vintage racing stories.
Art went 107mph in 1/4 mile in the
late 50's w/ 4banger racer.



Art and fellow race engine builder
talking shop. Engine is a highly
modified Model A engine.

Smart Summer Fashions

By Patti Jones

(Taken from Style Sources, April 1931)

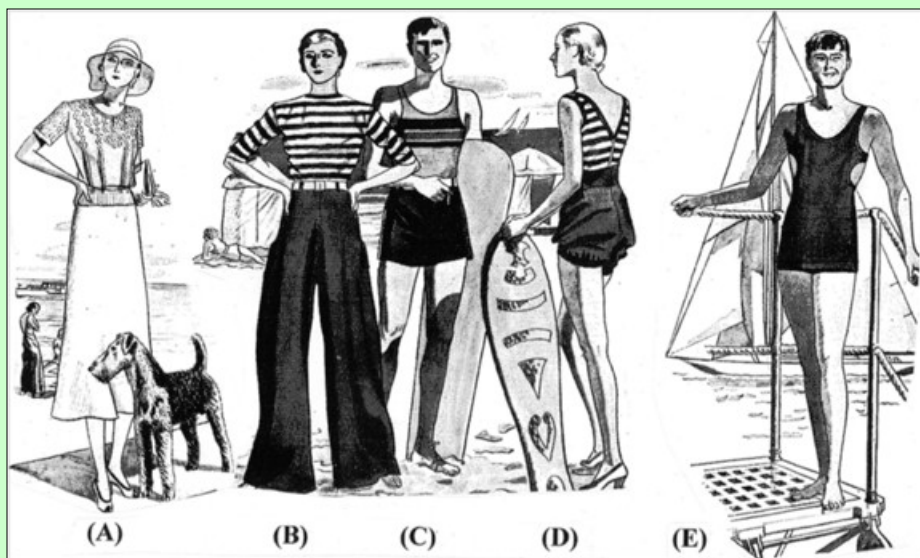
The Bradley Company was a leading knit company during the Model A era. They produced out-of-door wear for the smart fashion conscious Model A'er. Vivid colors were seen in their beach and knitwear. The following could be seen on the shores of the Atlantic.

(A) A sweater blouse in white, with lace on the yoke and sleeves. It came with a matching knit skirt, and could be bought in light blue, mauve gray, and bisque beige. Note the spectator 2-tone shoes and wide brimmed beach hat.

(B & D) These ensembles for the beach were inspired from sailor's uniforms. In navy and white, the knitted one-piece bathing suit (D) has full knickerbockers-style trousers, zipper sun back and square neckline. Jersey is used for the fisherman's style shirt and pajamas in (B). The pajamas fit snugly around the hips and fall straight down to the ground giving the pant leg a distinct flare.

(C) This man's 2 piece suit is made in tan and brown. The suit has a trim cut top and the brief isn't tightly fitted around the legs, as in the other man's swimsuit (E).

(E) This is the common swim suit we normally see being modeled at fashion shows for men. At public pools, these suits were offered for both men and women! It has a "skirt" over the front of the suit to hide a man's "dignity". Being wool knit, the under short fits snugly around the legs for maximum comfort swimming.



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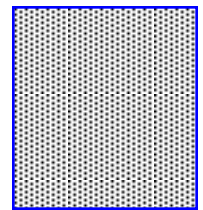
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