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## September 2016

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Doris and Drain Marshall  
Celebrating their  
65th wedding anniversary  
At Hof's Hut  
On August 12th.  
Wishing you many more  
'Amazing Years'

### Tours



On Sunday, October 2nd, the Bakersfield MAC has their annual pot luck picnic at Frazier Park. The Harbor Club has participated for many years. We leave South Bay around 8AM. The event starts at about 10am or 10:30. It's a 85 mile freeway drive. We take it carefully! More to come. . .

### Upcoming Business Meetings

The **August** meeting will be at the Waleria Clubhouse Friday, **August 26th**. (Monty's birthday) at 7:30PM.

The **September** meeting is on Sept 30th.

Come a little early and help set up chairs and tables.

See you there!



### Technical Activities

Jay Skinner's KR Wilson babbitting seminar was a great success. Thanks, Jay!

Al's Garage is open again every Saturday Morning about 10am to about noon. Bring in your project and let the experts have a



look at it. Hope to see you there.

### Next Board Meeting

The **September** Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, Sept 6th** at 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](http://www.HarborAreaModelAClub.com)



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Monty's Team Talk  
A Note from our President  
Monty Bates



"A" View from the Running Board

Happy Summertime...it's almost time to put away the suntan lotion and start thinking about what's going on for Fall of 2016. We have been very lucky in that the local area wildfires have not been active in the South Bay but the rest of California has most certainly burned. We are about 60 miles from the fires. I know how grateful we all are for being lucky enough to live in America's finest neighborhoods.

Next year Harbor Area Model A Club celebrates sixty years as a MARC organization and I personally want to make our 2017 picnic a fantastic time for us. I am putting together a small committee of folks that are interested in helping plan the event. We were fortunate in having a great celebration for our 50th anniversary and I know we can exceed it. If you would like to help plan the event please talk to me so we can get started...every idea is welcome and everyone is invited to help. We have a year to plan this event with the club's financial support we will keep the individual costs very reasonable.

Our Tour Directors are busy planning events for the next few months...more about those from Elaine and Jim as we finally start to cool off this Fall. My personal thanks to all who came to our annual picnic and special thanks to those who joined me at the Wounded Warriors car show and the Northrop Grumman car show. The Harbor A's were lookin' good.

Be safe out there!!!!

Monty



**Sunshine Status**

**Sandy Ragon** took a tumble at home and damaged some tendons in her leg. She spent several days in the hospital getting things back in order. Hope you are feeling better. Be careful out there!

**Jan Wyckoff** is trying to get her atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat) under control. She is discussing with the doctor what the next steps are going to be. Take it slow and easy, Jan!





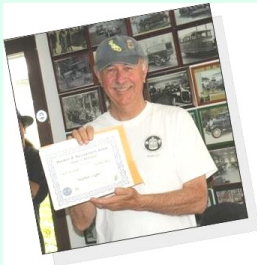
## September Birthdays

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Rhoda Larquier | 11 Ursula Schmidt  |
| 5 Dennis Simpson | 13 Ed Duenes       |
| 6 Darlene Funk   | 14 Cliff LeFall    |
| 6 Jim Beardsley  | 17 Art Wagner      |
| 8 Bob Olsen      | 20 Vince Migliazzo |



## September Anniversaries

- |                              |
|------------------------------|
| 2 Bob & Laura Pahls          |
| 5 Carla & Walt Hibbard       |
| 15 Michael and Teri Larquier |
| 17 Gwen & Dick Valot         |



### Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

This has been a rough week. My computer died and recovering all the info and re-installing programs is not fun (for a car mechanic). This new computer is really fast!

I've got to say, it's been a busy August! I guess this is the busiest time of year for car enthusiasts. I think I attended four car shows, showed the Cabriolet in two of them. I am sure lucky that my wife, Jan, goes along with all this. . . . After all, it is her Cabriolet that I show, you know!

Jay Skinner's KR Wilson babbitting seminar was well attended. Babbitting a Model A engine is quite the art form. Jay has all the tooling and did a great job of showing us how it all works. Thanks Jay!

We had 40 members show up at the fundraiser at Hof's Hut last week. It happened to overlap the 65th wedding anniversary of our longtime members (and past Presidents), Doris and Drain Marshall. We made it a fun time surprising them with cake and song! Wish you many more. . .

Our annual picnic in Torrance was a lot of fun. The feature event was the Hubley races. Thanks to the expert craftsmanship of Bobby DeCrescenzo, his Hubley track was assembled for the event. I think we had 26 cars participate in the races in both men's and women's classes. Ruxella Speights did a great job of organizing the food. Jim Huizdos provided the sandwiches. Jan and I left a little early due to a commitment at the El Segundo Car Show going on at the same time. About 300 cars on display in downtown. Great show!

Don't forget. . . The September 30th meeting is a White Elephant auction.

### 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 **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!

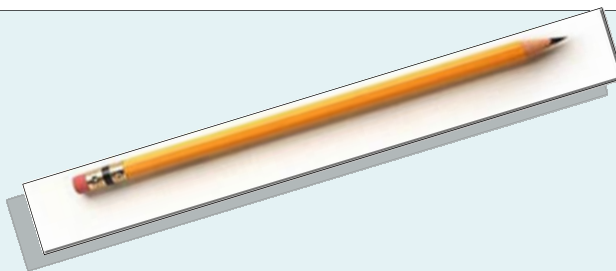
Our 50th anniversary T-shirts have been reduced to \$10. We have 4 Lg, 2 Sm. See Jan. Other items available are vests, ball caps of many colors, and club patches.





# HARBOR MARC/MAFCA CLUB MEETING

Date: July 29th, 2016 Location: Walteria Clubhouse



**President:** Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:34PM

**Salute to the flag:** Led by Jack Gordinier

**Recognition of Past Presidents:** Dick Wyckoff, Doris & Drain Marshall & Tim Harrison

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Elaine Pisu moved that the minutes be approved as printed in the HarborLight; the motion was seconded by Dick Wyckoff

**Vice President:** Tim Harrison ♦ Reviewed items available on our opportunity table this month ♦ Discussed upcoming annual picnic and his trip home from Solvang

**Treasurer:** Daffy Wagner ♦ All transactions are current.

**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 **Historian/Webmaster:** Sue Hankins ♦ Nothing new to report. She and Pat are enjoying lots of wonderful traveling ♦ Be sure to give her any photos or stories for our Website. She will update our site from home or on the road.

**Membership:** Ursi Schmidt was not present ♦ Nothing new to report ♦ Our newest member Warren is wearing one of his new Harbor Area shirts tonight. Yea Warren.

**Membership Drawing:** Sue Hankins won woman's prize, Phil Bonneau won men's

**Technical & Safety:** Cliff LeFall ♦ The shop will be closed this Saturday. We will be having our Seminar at Jay Skinner's on pouring babbitt. It starts at 9:00AM - 4481 Gundry, Long Beach ♦ We will be having Hubley assembly & improvement seminars at Al's garage starting next Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>. These will be led by Bobby DeCrescenzo, Greg Earhart, Art Wagner and others.

**Sergeant at Arms (badge money)** Jack Gordinier collected \$2.95

**Sunshine:** Doris Marshall ♦ Georgette is home and would love to hear from us. Give her a call or send a card

**Advertising:** Amy Knott ♦ She received two checks from our advertisers last month. Passed along to Daffy ♦ If you know someone who would like to advertise in the Harborlight please get their information to Amy. It is the best deal in town, only \$25 a year.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** **Birthdays:** 1-Bob Pahls & Sandy Ragon, 2- Janice Dalton & Jerry Strosnider, 13-Phyllis DeCrescenzo, 14- Greg Earhart, 15- Marty Murphy, 18- Linda Skinner, 20- Jeanne Webb & Dorothy Knott, 23-Jack Gordinier, 24-Gwen Valot, 25- Dick Valot, 26- Monty Bates & 31- Theresa LeFall ♦ **Anniversaries:** 4-Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs, & Steven & Weeg Thompson, 6- Delores & Jerry Strosnider, 12- Doris & Drain Marshall, 19-Mary & James Walker, 22- Linda & Ed Firth, & 25- Steve & Mary Ann Friedrich

**Tools Coordinator:** Bobby DeCrescenzo ♦ We have 32 tools for the members to use. See Bobby to check out these tools. If we don't have a tool that you need let us know and we can work at getting one

**Tours:** Elaine Pisu & Co-Chair Jim Huizdos ♦ Highlighted the July 15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> - Harbor A's Drive & Dine (Solvang). Great time was had by all. We will repeat the event next year July 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to make your reservation now for next year. Most of us try to stay at Svendgaards - great fun. ♦ August 14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Wounded Warrior Car Show - Fund Raiser for U.S. Marine Corp charities (99% of money raised goes directly to this organization) It will be held at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center on the corner of Aviation and Manhattan Beach Blvd. Gates open at 7:00AM and cars will be parked by 9:00. The event is from 9:00 - 5:00 ♦ August 20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) is our club annual picnic at Torrance Park. The park is on Arlington, just north of Torrance Blvd, 10:00AM. The cost for a boxed lunch is \$12 per person. Ruxella has the forms - Cutoff date to order sandwiches is August 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have our Hubley Track there for our annual races with awards for the fastest Hubley - men's & women's ♦ October 2<sup>nd</sup> Frazier Park meet. This is a pot luck with great prizes in the opportunity drawing. Starts around 10:00 ♦ October 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Antique Engine & Tractor Show more information to follow ♦ Our progressive is 'under construction' - looking at the end of October or early November. If you are interested in hosting a stop see Elaine.

**Merchandise:** Jan Wyckoff ♦ We have shirts - lots of shirts - come by and see and buy a couple. You will look great at the events and club tours

**Refreshments:** Ruxella Speights - Please be sure to get your box lunch forms for the picnic tonight.

**Clock Prize:** 'Mistress of time' Joan Gordinier - winner of our clock prize is Fran Earhart

**Old Business:** ♦ Tim Harrison shared the Thank You card for the support that some of our members gave to 'The Great Race' 1928 speedster ♦ We continue to meet every Monday at 5:00 at Hof's Hut for dinner. The week of August 15<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Fund Raiser at Hoff's Hut, 4pm - Closing. We have passed out a flyer tonight. Please bring it with you on the 15<sup>th</sup>. It is valid for dine-in, take-out & all bakery purchases. Just present your flyer to your server and she will attach it to the receipt. The club will receive 15% of all proceeds that are accompanied by our flyer. You can also use the flyer in the HarborLight. It would be great if you could come join us! Or if you can't then a pie or bag of cookies are a great treat for home or friends. We are working at raising money for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event next year, your support is appreciated ♦ September 30<sup>th</sup> is our annual White Elephant Sale. Save all your good stuff and donate to the sale - it is always a lot of fun.

**New Business:** A short ceremony to award the 'Wooden Thumb' to Tim Harrison for having to be towed from Solvang to Hermosa Beach. Don Knott was thrilled to be passing this honor on to Tim. Please ask Tim or Pat the story of the ride home, it is hilarious.

**Refreshments hosted by:** Pat and Tim Harrison - Thank You

**Next General Meeting:** Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, same time / same place (7:30PM @ Walteria Clubhouse)

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> (7:00pm at the Toyota facility)

**Meeting adjourned:** Jim Speights moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Dick Wyckoff. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. for refreshments

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



## Technical Talk

### Adjusting the Front Wheel Bearing

By Dick Wyckoff

At Al's Garage or another gathering, it was noted that a couple cars had improperly adjusted front wheel bearings. I did a little research both on-line and in my library, and came up with the following info:

This is how Ford specified wheel bearing adjustment in the Jan and April 1928 Service Bulletins:

#### **Adjusting Front Wheel Bearing**

If there is excessive play in the bearing it can be adjusted as follows: Remove wheel. Withdraw cotter key and tighten adjusting nut until the hub just starts to bind. Then back off the adjusting nut one or two notches until the hub can be freely revolved. Before replacing the wheel, be sure to insert cotter key in adjusting nut.



#### **Also: Important Information on Front Wheel Bearing Adjustment**

1. See that front hub, inner and outer bearings are packed with grease.
2. Front hub grease retainer and lock washer should slide over threads on spindle body with fingers (loose fit).
3. Install nut, tighten same so that all component parts are pulled together snugly; that is, inner and outer bearings will be snug in cones, lock washer tight against roller bearing, and nut tight against lock washer. Grasp drum at top and bottom, apply side strain; see that bearings are tight in wheel hub with no side play. (A slight drag will be noticeable when drum is turned.) Not over eight or ten pounds' pressure is required on speed wrench to get these results.
4. Turn nut back two castle slots (this is approximately 1/4 turn of nut); insert cotter pin and try bearings for a slight side play and a free spinning wheel. The key is slight side play.

Notes: Why is some play necessary? The front wheel bearings are a captured assembly. This means there is no room for expansion. By giving some side play in the assembly, we allow expansion room from heating due to braking and normal friction and not bind up the bearing assembly.

### Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2016

**Aug 29th (Mon)** - Fiesta Fundraiser for Harbor As— 2404 W. Sepulveda, Torrance CA. 4PM—10PM. Join Us!

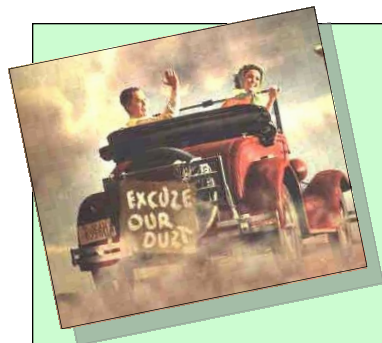
**Sept 2-4 (Fri-Sun)** - Hangtown As **Apple Hill Meet**

**Sept 10 (Sat)** - Westchester Elks Lodge **Car Show/Chili Cookoff**. 10AM-4PM. 8025 W Manchester, Playa Del Rey CA

**Sept 24 (Sat)** - **Car Show and BBQ**. NO entry fee. Jane Adams Park, 15114 Firmona Ave, Lawndale CA. 11AM to 4PM.

**Sept 25 (Sun)** - Paradise Valley Model A Club **Swap Meet**. Western Little League Hdqrs, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA. 6AM—3PM. Pancake Breakfast 6:30AM. This is a good meet!

**Oct 2nd (Sun)** - Bakersfield MAC **annual picnic** / pot luck event at Frazier Park. More info to follow.



## **Touring with Elaine**

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



### **August was sure a busy month!**

Members of the Harbor Club attended several car shows/fund raisers this month.

Starting with Ruby's weekly car show in Redondo Beach on Friday the 12th, it was followed by the Rock 'n Roll Car Show on Saturday the 13th at Rock-ola Juke Box factory in Torrance. Dick Wyckoff showed the Cabriolet at that event. The next day, the 14th, was the 9th Annual Wounded Warrior show in Redondo Beach. Seven Harbor members showed their cars there. The show was well attended with live music and food vendors. Thanks to all those

that support these events. The profits go to the USMC Semper Fi Fund.



Model A lineup at Hof's Hut



Drain and Doris Marshall

Monday the 15th, the Harbor Club had a fund raiser at Hof's Hut. 50 people showed up from the club for the event. We had cars on display and enjoyed a surprise cake to celebrate Doris and Drain's 65th wedding anniversary. Everyone had a good time. I think we overwhelmed the cook, tho.

Who has more fun than the Harbor club when we set up a Hubley track and give all a chance to race their specially prepared race cars. The annual picnic in Torrance on August 20th was the venue for all the fun and games (and food). About 50 people attended and the Model As were displayed and viewed by many locals.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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**





## 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

### For Sale:

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## Jay Skinner's Babbitt Pouring Seminar

40 year member, **Jay Skinner (AKA Dr. Babbitt)** put on a babbitt pouring seminar for 25 members last month at his home in Long Beach CA. Jay is a collector of KR Wilson tools and has the complete set of Model A babbitt bearing tooling. He volunteered to demonstrate how bearings were poured into Model A s using these tools. Jay also gave a show-and-tell on how to verify you have a good block and crankshaft to work with. He demonstrated magnafluxing a block. The entire seminar was about five hours and very thorough. Great job, Jay. . . .



Members ready for demo



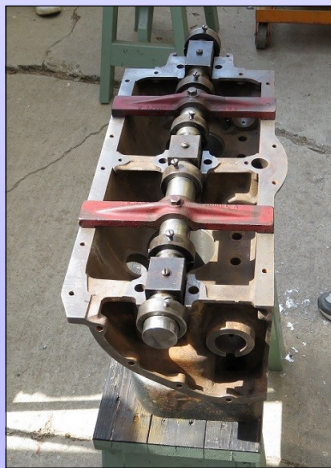
Jay pointing out block features



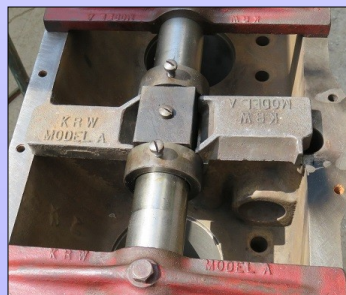
Magnafluxing demo



Cracks revealed with magnafluxing



KR Wilson tooling on block



Tooling in place on center bearing



Pouring Babbitt @ 825 deg



Babbitt dams removed from around center babbitt



Freshly poured babbitt



Pressing the babbitt to the block



Preparing to rough bore bearings



Adjusting boring tooling



Boring tooling set-up



Boring in process



Boring completed.  
Ready for reaming-to-size operation



## Harbor Area Model A Club Picnic

For several years now, the Harbor club has been having an annual picnic around the time of it's anniversary. We have been having it at the Arlington Park in Torrance CA. As mentioned previously, we set up our very own, hand-crafted by Bobby DeCrescenzo, Hubley track. This year we had 27 cars racing for the top prizes.



Setting up track



Jack & Jim trying out track



Preparing to race



A fine bunch of member cars



Another view of the As



Bobby 'D'



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The gals winners

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