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Hubley race ending at club picnic. (No one was injured in the crash)

Phyllis and Bob DeCrescenzo enjoying their meal at our fundraiser.



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. . . .

Technical Activities



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.

We did brakes the last time. How are yours? Bring it by.... See you there.

Upcoming Business Meetings

The **September** meeting is on **Friday**, Sept 30th at 7:30 at the Walteria clubhouse. This is White Elephant auction night. Bring a treasure for the auction. Proceeds go to the 60th anniversary kitty!

Come a little early and help set up chairs and tables. The October meeting is October 28th. Pot luck night! Nominations for 2017. See you there!



Next Board Meetina

The October Board meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct 4th 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



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



"A" View from the Running Board

An observation of sorts...it seems to me that several members of our great club are in the midst of remodeling all or parts of our homes. We all get the numerous unwelcomed calls from "contractors" trying to get us solar panels, new windows & doors or an entire make over for our homes...all they really want is our hard earned dollars and a chance to temporarily destroy our homes. Your President and Mrs. Bates are about thirty percent into such a project...pray for us, please!

Let me tell you about the joys of home ownership. Plaster dust finds it way into ever nook & cranny including your lungs. Our adventure resulted in an unplanned outdoor sleeping party. Mrs. Bates had severe asthma as a child and remains very sensitive. The interior of our home was covered in plaster dust and despite our best efforts it floated in the air. At midnight she told me she couldn't breathe so we went outside and slept on our patio. She got the antique slider and I got the hammock. We managed to get maybe four hours of sleep. The dust didn't seem to bother Wilson, the Wonder Dog, he slept indoors and would come out periodically to check on us. We are hoping to have our house back by mid October..."hoping" is the key word!!!

The month of September will go out with a bang as we prepare for our annual "White Elephant" sale and the following day, October 1st is our Yard Sale at 2314 180th Place, in Torrance CA hosted by Jim & Ruxella. Elaine & Jim have plans for us as we enjoy the cooler weather. Thanks to everyone again for coming to Hoff's Hut each Monday night. We had a fantastic time at our annual picnic, our fund raising dinners turned out great & we made money for next year's banquet. Our club continues to grow with new adventures waiting for all of us Model A folks!

Be safe out there!!!! Watch out for those old drivers in old cars

Oh, one other thing... Nominations for officers for 2017 are in October. Up for election are Treasurer (2 years), Technical Director (1 year) and Tour Director (1 year). Give some thought to being a club officer.



Monty

Sunshine Status with Doris Marshall

Richard Parrish had a cochlear implant to improve his hearing. Don't have an update yet, but looking forward to results of the operation. See you soon, Rich!

Jan Wyckoff is still trying to get her atrial fibulation (irregular heartbeat) under control. She is discussing with the doctor what the next steps are going to be.

Ask her about her last photo shoot! Take it slow and easy, Jan!



October Birthdays

October Anniversaries

- 9 Julie Goldberg
- 13 Adeline Bates
- 25 Tim Harrison



- 1 Jim & Ruxella Speights
- 3 Don & Amy Knott
- 20 Jim & Elyse Beardsley



Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

This time of the year is full of car shows and swap meets. I know our Cabriolet is getting a workout. It has been shown at several shows and always draws a lot of interest.

It happened again. . . . I was asked if I was the original owner! I smile and say no. (I'm not anywhere near 105!) We are getting ready to take 'Tootsie' to the Bakersfield

club's annual picnic in Frazier Park. A little 85 mile trip each way. Sure love the Mitchell overdrive. I highly recommend one if you drive any distances.

Separate subject... Jan and I are driving (our modern) to a Sweet Adeline International Convention in Las Vegas mid October. Jan is a Past International Champion (Queen of Harmony) and with that, the organization gives special recognition to it's past winners. We'll be gone about five days.

The two club fundraisers organized by Donnis Bates were fun events. I'm guessing we raised a couple hundred dollars for the kitty. Next year in August is Harbor's 60th anniversary with MARC. We're starting the planning now. See Monty Bates if you would like to help.

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 38 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, <u>AND</u> it is in <u>color!</u> 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

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 updated 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 latest 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. We have just about sold all of the <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. . . .

***We're working up a new order for denim shirts. Let Jan know of any special order requests.

Jan also 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 also!. 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 <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: August 26, 2016 Location: Walteria Clubhouse

President: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:33PM

<u>Salute to the flag:</u> Led by Jack Gordinier
<u>Recognition of Past Presidents</u>: Dick Wyckoff, Doris & Drain Marshall,

Tim Harrison & Monty Bates

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

Vice President: Tim Harrison • Thanked everyone for coming to our Annual Picnic. Special thanks out to Jim Huizdos for coordinating and picking up the boxed lunches and Ruxella Speights for being in charge of the refreshments, tables, decorations etc. And of course a big thanks to Bobbie DeCrescenzo for supplying our fabulous Hubley track and all the work it takes to assemble and unassembled for our event. A great time was had by all.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner • All is well. All bills are paid.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff ♦ He struggled this month with a new computer. But the HarborLight was completed and beautifully put together, as usual \bullet Please consider getting the newsletter via your personal e-mail, you will enjoy the colored images. If you have not already done so, get Dick your e-mail address and he will send you a sample to see how you like it. There is a great picture of Doris & Drain on the cover this month celebrating their 65^{th} wedding anniversary. Be sure to check it out \bullet Remember if you have something to sell, trade or give-away the HarborLight is a great place to advertise.

Historian/Webmaster: Sue Hankins & Updated all our advertisers on our website & Received some old newsletters (1977/78, 1988, 1993 & 1998), Minutes from the first meeting August 27, 1957 as well as 58, 59 & 60, Treasurers report from 1975 and Women's Auxiliary history from June 1958 - January 1960. All of these will be added to our historical materials in Al's Garage

♦ We have been meeting in the Walteria Clubhouse since 1961 (55 years) Membership: Ursi Schmidt was not present ♦ 42 members present tonight.

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Membership Drawing: Gloria Younkin won woman's prize, Richard Parrish won men's

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall ◆ The shop will be open this Saturday. We had a wonderful Seminar at Jay Skinner's on pouring Babbitt. Jay (Dr. Babbitt) did a great job of sharing his knowledge of this process and procedure with us ◆ Monty Bates awarded Jay Skinner a certificate 'Award of Recognition' for a job well done from the Harbor A's with much appreciation.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money) Jack Gordinier collected \$4.08

Sunshine: Doris Marshall ◆ Sandy Ragon fell while volunteering at church. She ruptured the tendons that are attached to her thigh. She had surgery the following day and was in the hospital about 10 days. She is home now but needs to wear a big long leg brace for about 4 weeks. She will be in Physical Therapy for a while ◆ Gary Guttormson is starting to get out and about. He is still recovering but joined us at our picnic. We were so glad to see him ◆ There are members here tonight that we have not seen for a long time. Doris gave a big welcome to Bill & JoAnn Moore. They said their car is fixed and back on the road.

Advertising: Amy Knott is resigning from the position of advertising. Jim Huizdos will be our new advertising director. If you know of anyone who is interested please see Jim with their contact information.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: BIRTHDAYS: 1-Rhoda Larquier, 5 - Dennis Simpson, 6-Darlene Funk & Jim Beardsley, 8-Bob Olsen, 11-Ursula Schmidt, 13-Ed Duenes, 14- Cliff LeFall, 17- Art Wagner, 20- Vince Migliazzo ◆ ANNIVERSARIES: 2-Bob & Laura Pahls, 5- Carla & Walt Hibbard, 15- Michael & Teri Larquier, 17-Gwen & Dick Valot

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo ◆ Nothing new to report. 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

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Tours: Elaine Pisu was not present; Co-Chair Jim Huizdos updated us on the upcoming events ♦ August 29th (Mon) we will have Tours: Elaine Pisu was not present; Co-Chair Jim Huizdos updated us on the upcoming events August 29th (Mon) we will have a Fiesta Fundraiser for our club. It will be at El Paso Cantina, 2404 W. Sepulveda, Torrance, CA 4PM - 10PM. Please join us for a fun time and great food. We will have a few fundraisers this year. The money earned will be going to sponsor our 60th anniversary picnic September 30th (Fri) at our next club meeting we will be having our Annual White Elephant Sale (Fund Raiser). It is always a lot of fun. Clean out those garages, because the next day October 1st (Sat) we will be holding a yard sale. Ruxella & Jim have generously offered to have it at their property at 2314 West 180th Place, Torrance, CA 90504 - We will be coordinating with Ruxella to drop off items the week before. If you want to help we will be coordinating a pricing session and Jim is working on advertising October 2nd (Sun) Bakersfield MAC annual picnic /potluck at Frazier Park meet. This is a pot luck with great prizes in the opportunity drawing. Starts around 10:00 October 15th (Sat) Antique Engine & Tractor Show in Vista more information to follow Our progressive is 'under construction' - looking at the end of October or early November. Vista 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 when she and Mirco return from Italy

Merchandise: Jan Wyckoff • We sold \$185 tonight - the Denim shirts were the big sellers •

Don't forget to wear your Harbor shirts, vests & jackets to our events and club tours.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights - we have a cooler full of left over sodas from the picnic. Please help yourself. Thanked Jim & Diane Runyon for the refreshments this evening. Weeg Thompson also brought in some of her special homemade goodies (apple mini muffins) to share as well.

Clock Prize: 'Mistress of time' Joan Gordinier - winner of our clock prize is Dick Wenker

Old Business: We are always looking for new members. Please take a few cards and pass them out to people who might be interested in Model A's.

New Business: Don't forget our White Elephant sale at our next business meeting. Come and see who our auctioneer team is this year!

Refreshments hosted by: 'Jim & Diane Runyon - Thank you and Weeg Thompson Thank you as well. They were all yummy

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

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 6th (7:00pm at the Toyota facility)

Meeting adjourned: Dick Wyckoff moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Jan Wyckoff. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. for refreshments

Respectfully submitted; **Donnis Bates**, Secretary



Technical Talk

Tie Rod Installation

By Tom Endy, Westminster, California

For many years, I believed the only way you could install or remove a Model A tie rod was by first removing the front backing plates. This is to allow access to the large screwdriver slot retainers in each end of the tie rod that have to be removed before the tie rod can be lifted off the spindle arm balls. However I recently learned from Bryan Thompson, a friend and fellow Model A hobbyist, that the tie rod can be installed and removed with the front backing plates in place. I didn't think it was possible, but it certainly can be done.

Installation:

With both front backing plates already installed, remove the spindle arm ball attachment assemblies from each end of the tie rod. One assembly is a right hand thread; the other end is a left hand thread. The right hand thread is the norm (clockwise). The left hand thread is opposite (counter-clockwise) and is used for special applications.

Rotate both backing plate\spindle assemblies until they face outboard at the rear. This will provide easy access to the spindle arm balls. Install the left hand threaded assembly onto the right spindle arm ball. Install the right hand threaded assembly onto left spindle arm ball. This will orient both end assemblies with the grease fittings facing aft*.

*Note: A change was made in late 1930 reversing the orientation of the grease fittings from forward facing to aft facing and changing them from a screw in type to a press in type.

Take the left hand threaded end of the tie rod and screw it about two turns into the assembly end attached to the right spindle arm. Rotate the two backing plate/spindle arm assemblies until the tie rod lines up with the tie rod assembly on the left side. Rotating the backing plates on the king pins and rotating the tie rod ends on the spindle balls easily does this. Thread the left end of the tie rod, which has right hand threads, into the left tie rod assembly. Grasp the tie rod in the center and rotate the tie rod in a right hand thread manner.

When this is done, both ends of the tie rods will screw into their respective ends and at the same time pull the backing plate\spindle arm assemblies into the forward facing position.

Screw both slot headed retainers into each assembly until they are flush, and install the long cotter pins.



The right side (with the single spindle ball) has a left hand thread in both the tie rod and the tie rod end assembly. When installed, the grease fitting will face aft.



The left side (with the double ball spindle) has a right hand thread in both the tie rod and the tie rod end assembly. When installed the grease fitting will face aft,

Removal:

For removal, reverse the procedure after first unscrewing the retainer bolt and nut that locks the adjustment at each end of the tie rod.

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Touring with Elaine

By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director

Seems we have had a BUSY summer and are ready for FALL.





I am so thrilled that we had a good group to support the 9th Annual Wounded Warrior Car Show in Redondo Beach. I was in Italy and unable to attend but I was told it was a great event and we can all agree that it was a GREAT CAUSE! Apparently Daffy was the big winner in the raffle, have to ask her what she won. Attendees include Monty & Donnis Bates, Jim Huizdos, Cliff Lefall and his grandson, Dennis Simpson, Weeg & Steve Thompson and Art & Daffy Wagner.

Sunday, October 2nd is the annual Frazier Park pot luck meet hosted by Bakersfield MARC. This is a fun pot luck with lots of prizes. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:15 and leave at 8:30. We usually stop for breakfast on the way. I am not able to attend this one so if you are willing to lead please let me know.

Saturday. October 15th we are headed to Vista CA to visit the Antique Engine & Tractor Show. There is also an Antique Gas & Steam engine museum. Art Wagner chose a breakfast stop that we will stop at on the way. Meet at Harbor Freight at 8:00 leave at 8:30. I suspect that this will be a mostly modern car event but sounds like a fun day!!

I have not had any volunteers for the progressive/poker run as of yet so if you would like to host you can choose the date in November. Please let me know.

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

Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2016

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

Oct 8th (Sat) - Redondo High School Classic Car Show. 9AM-3PM. \$15 entrance fee. Free admission. Info: RUHSCARSHOW@GMAIL.COM

Oct 23rd (Sun) - Wings, Wheels, Rotors & Expo. Los Alamitos Army Airfield, Joint Forces Training Base. 11200 Lexington Dr., Los Alamitos CA. 9AM to 4:30PM. Free parking and Admission. Info: www.WWRExpo.org



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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White Elephant Auction by Donnis Bates

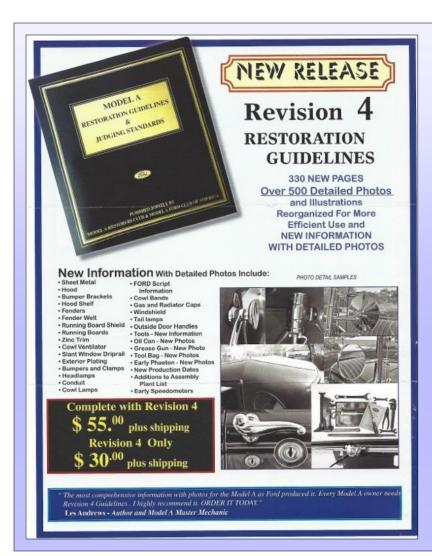
We will be having our annual White Elephant Sale at our meeting this month (September 30th). Please bring your treasures to donate and we will have a great time with our Auctioneer (Dick Wyckoff) & our Vanna Whites (Monty Bates, Jack Gordinier & Jim Huizdos).

Clean out those garages and Fiber Magee closets. The <u>following day</u> (October 1st) we will be having a <u>Yard Sale!!!!</u> Yea! Ruxella & Jim Speights have graciously agreed to have our yard sale at their property at 2314 West 180th Place, Torrance, CA 90504. We will be able to drop off items the week of September 25th - 30th. We will need some volunteers to help price the merchandise, please think about it and give us a call, e-mail or text if you have any time you can donate to our event.



Men's and Women's Era Fashions







License plate spotted recently in Washington DC



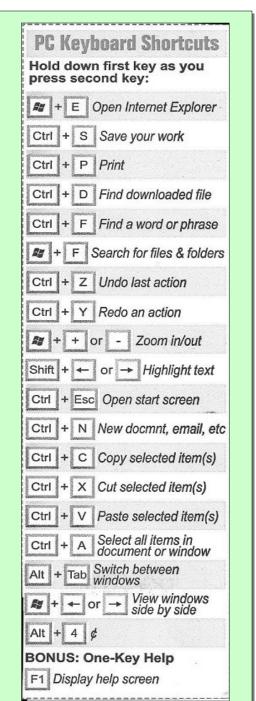


Fund Raiser

Chowing down at the second of two fundraisers, 30 plus members consumed a lot of Mexican food at the El Torrito restaurant in Torrance CA. I think we overwhelmed the cooks (again) with so many people but the food was great and the company was also.



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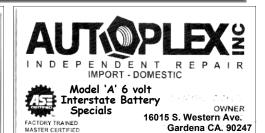
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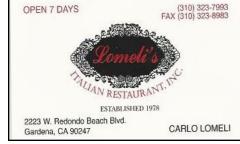
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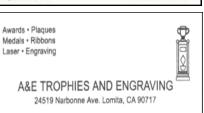
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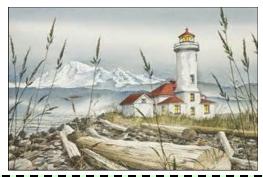


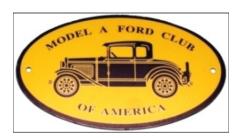
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