

# Harbor Area MARC / MAFCA Dedicated to preserving and driving the Model 'A' Ford

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# December 2016

The HarborLight Newsletter was awarded the MARC Newsletter Award of Excellence for six years. 2009 - 2014 and 2015 MAFCA Certificate of Merit



Harbor Model As at long time member Barny Clayton's funeral

# Tours

We are working on a Progressive tour for November. If you would like to host one of the stops, contact Elaine Pisu with your ideas.

Looking ahead to December, we will be doing the Christmas light tour again. Details to follow.

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# 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 a head gasket the last time.

Bring it by.... See you there.

# Upcoming Business Meetings

The November meeting is Nov 18th, a week early due to Thanksgiving. Voting for officers for 2017 will be held at the November meeting.

The **December** meeting will be at Marie Calendars Restaurant, Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Dr 5:30pm, December 16th. Light tour thereafter. More to come

See you there!



#### Next Board Meetina

The **December** Board meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec 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



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



# "A" View from the Running Board

Have you noticed that several stores are putting out Christmas merchandise and we haven't had Thanksgiving yet? I do get confused as it seems we sometimes forget the true meaning of the Christmas season and get wrapped up in the "commercialization" of a very wonderful holiday. I have some fantastic memories of Christmas mornings with my brothers & sisters and the excitement of opening presents that "weren't underwear & clothes"...our family was certainly not rich, five kids took every penny just keeping us with a roof, food and clothing. It was a good time in the 1950's (as I remember). The joy of the season was special then and I hope our kids & grand-kids have similar memories.

This year provides the Harbor A's with another opportunity to show off our beautiful cars (Alice loves getting dressed up) in two scheduled parades on Sunday December 11th ...one El Segundo and the other in Wilmington. I want to encourage everyone to join and share the fun...Alice will be in Wilmington.

This Saturday we have our Poker Run with special surprises...we meet at the Walteria Clubhouse at 8:30...please wear our "colors" get ready for another great tour!!!

Sure looks like 2017 will be a totally terrific year as we celebrate 60 years as a club...we continue to grow in numbers and adventures. Our Monday night dinners at Hof's Hut are turning into a real social event...we sure know how to eat and have great fellowship proving once again we just like each other!!!! This makes me so very proud and I know next year is going to better than ever. To each and every one, Donnis and I want to wish you & yours a most joyous Christmas, be kind to each other and be thankful for all the riches we enjoy as Americans!

Be safe out there!

Monty

# Sunshine Status with Doris Marshall

*Ursi Schmidt* had her second hip replacement surgery. She is up and about, doing her exercises. Keep up the good work, Ursi!

Jan Wyckoff is still trying to keep her irregular heartbeat (atrial fibulation) under control. She is on a first name basis with doctors! Be tough, Jan!



# December Birthdays

# December Anniversaries

- 1 Gary Guttormson
- 7 Dick Wenker
- 10 Dan Fitzgerald
- 10 Anita Perreten
- 11 Sue Hankins
- 15 Mary Walker
- 17 Bob DeCrescenzo

- 20 Ruxella Speights
- 21 Greg Clayton
- 23 Jeanne Parrish
- 25 Jim Valot
- 25 Amy Knott
- 26 Georgette Avoian



1 Jack and Julie Goldberg

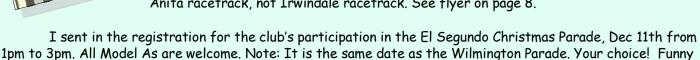


# Editor's Corner By Dick Wyckoff

Barny Clayton's rememberance was well attended by Harbor Club members. We has 21 people and 12 Model As attend the services. The family thanks all that participated.

Several of us attend the Horseless Carriage Club's Holiday Tour on December 31st. Make note that it is meeting at Santa Anita racetrack, not Irwindale racetrack. See flyer on page 8.

note.... The registration asked if we played instruments in the parade. I replied "Just Ahooga horns...."



A little different subject... Jan and I had a great time at the International Sweet Adelines Convention in Las Vegas in October. Lots of great barbershop quartet music. A chorus of 145 ladies from Stockholm, Sweden won the chorus contest and the quartet 'Frenzee' from Canada won the quartet contest. Great contest!

Annual dues are due. See Ursi. Club dues are \$30 a year, MARC dues are \$45, and MAFCA dues are \$40.

# 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 56 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$950 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 . . . .



# Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering

If you are looking for a little tire-kicking adventure on **Saturday** mornings between 7 and 9AM, check out the Caffeine Cruisers at the corner of Artesia Blvd. and Hawthorne, in Torrance, CA. Several of the Harbor Model A club members and other car enthusiasts of all car types meet to talk cars. There are some very nice autos and some nice people there, too! The address is 17400 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance CA. Come on by, have a cup of Starbucks, and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



# Monday Supper at Hof's Hut

We have been meeting for dinner on Monday at Hof's Hut on 237th and Crenshaw for a while now. The food is good and the staff takes good care of us. Come on by and join in the festivities. Time: about 5PM.



# 2017 Dues are due!

Ursi Schmidt is collecting dues for next year. Send your Harbor dues of \$30 to Ursi. Make check out to Harbor MARC and send to:

Ursula Schmidt 26419 Pineknoll Ave. Harbor City, CA 90710

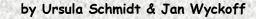
If you would also like to pay MARC national dues at the same time, add \$45 and make the check out for \$75. She will then forward your \$45 to MARC.

#### Wanted!

Weeg Thompson has agreed to put together a 60th Anniversary cookbook for Harbor's anniversary in 2017. She is looking for your best family recipes to be included in the book. Email it, mail it, write it down, whatever, get it her. Weeg@packbell.net.

This was a fun project for our 50th. Let's do it again!

# 2016 Membership, Roster and Club Items:



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 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 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.

Roster Correction: Address for Dennis and Linda Simpson should read 2402 Burritt Ave, <u>NOT</u> 2408.

Latest issue of roster is correct.

# HARBOR MARC/MAFCA CLUB MEETING

Date: October 28, 2016 Location: Walteria Clubhouse

**<u>President</u>**: Monty Bates called the meeting to order at 7:30PM

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

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

Tim Harrison, Pat Yacklon, Carla Hibbard & Monty Bates

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

Vice President: Tim Harrison • CW Moss was founded by Charles Williams, it was recently sold to Harold Luty. They have gone through a recent renovation and will be developing a hardback catalogue once they increase inventory to support it  $\diamond$  Due to our illustrious leaders complaints about not winning Tim has purchased air pressure gages for everyone. The bag with the gages was passed around and everyone received one this evening.

<u>Treasurer:</u> Daffy Wagner + All bills are paid. Money made from our fundraisers will br used to sponsor our banquet this year.

The price will be reduced by around \$10 per person.

HarborLight Editor: Dick Wyckoff  $\diamond$  He has mailed the November 2016 HarborLight newsletter. If you have not already received it you should be getting it soon  $\diamond$  Remember if you have something to sell, trade or give-away the HarborLight is a great place to advertise. It is circulated all over the country  $\diamond$  Dick honored the club's vets this evening by having all stand and be recognized. November 11, 1918 celebrating the end of World War I.

Historian/Webmaster: Sue Hankins ♦ Nothing new to report

Membership: Ursi Schmidt ♦ 38 members present tonight.

Membership Drawing: Doris Marshall won woman's prize, Tim Harrison won men's

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall ♦ We will be having some fun tours in the next couple of months. Bring in your cars to Al's Garage for any checks or needed improvements. Saturdays - in by 10:00 out by Noon.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money) Jack Gordinier collected \$6.40

Sunshine: Doris Marshall → Dot Knott is recovering nicely from her hip / back surgery → Sue Hankins is having hip surgery two (2) days before Thanksgiving. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers → Barney Clayton's funeral is November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00AM at the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church in Old Town Torrance. Please attend and drive your Model A. More information to follow.

Advertising: Jim Huizdos ♦ We have a new fund raiser. We will be recycling aluminum cans. Please take one of our 'designer' bags to put your donated cans into. We will be collecting them at our next meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to give a bag or two to your neighbors and friends. We welcome their participation too. Bobbie D discussed another location to recycle that pays slightly more per can. Thank you Bobbie

October Birthdays and Anniversaries: BIRTHDAYS: 8-Linda Simpson, 10-Dick Lusk, 11-Joe Jankiewicz, 12-Steve Newton, 14-Jim Runyon, 17-Wilbur Richardson, 26-Pat Yacklon & Warren Brayton, 28-Jan Wyckoff • ANNIVERSARIES: 6-Bob & Phyllis DeCrescenzo, 12-Dennis & Linda Simpson, 13-Andy & Sandra Soto, 23-Joe & Linda Freitag, 28-Al & Georgette Avoian, 30-Dick Lusk & Ursi Schmidt

Tools Coordinator: Bobby DeCrescenzo ♦ Nothing new to report. We have 32 tools for the members to use. See Bobby to check

out any of our club tools.

Tours: Elaine Pisu (not present) & Co-Chair Jim Huizdos ♦ Bobbie DeCrescenzo is working with Elaine on the Poker Run on November 19<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> stop is going to be here at the club house at 8:30AM. We will have about five stops on our mystery tour. We will be stopping somewhere for lunch - again a mystery. The cost is \$10 per person. There will be a 50/50 - 50% for the winner of the poker run and 50% for our club. Bobbie is circulating a sign-up sheet. Sign up and pay Bobbie or Daffy.

Merchandise: Jan Wyckoff ♦ The weather is starting to cool down. You might need a vest or other club item. See Jan she has

many things to offer.

Refreshments: Ruxella Speights - Tonight was our potluck. Thank you all for the wonderful dinner. Clock Prize: Mistress of time Joan Gordinier - Won this evening by Walt Hibbard

Old Business: Toyota Canned Food Drive. We have been handing out the Red Bags to collect items for the needy families of the South Bay community. We will collect these at our next meeting on November 18th. If you need a bag see either Monty or Tim.

New Business: We will be having a cook book that will be spearheaded by Weeg Thompson. Please see her with new and wonderful recipes to be published for our 60th anniversary issue. You can also send her recipes and fun ideas via her e-mail weeg@pacbell.net ♦ Our upcoming Banquet is well under construction. It will be at The Reef in Long Beach this year (The Proud Bird is not due to reopen after its remodel until late in February) We will be having our Banquet on Sunday this year January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost will be \$46.16; the club will be paying for \$11.16 per person which will bring the cost down per person to \$35. Please see Daffy to pay and select your preferred meal option. (Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian) ♦

Nominations were held for the following offices: Treasurer (2 year term), Technical (1 year term) and Tour Director (1

year term) Tim has a list of the duties if you would like more information. Please volunteer if you are interested contact either Tim Harrison or Monty Bates. The following have been nominated for these positions.

Treasurer: Daffy Wagner, Technical: Cliff LeFall, Tours: Mirco Pisu, Elaine Pisu & Co-Chair Jim Huizdos. We will be accepting volunteers and additional nominations at our next meeting in November when we will vote for these positions.

Refreshments hosted by: The club supplied the desert this evening - due to our potluck.

Thank you Harbor A's

Next General Meeting: Friday, November 18th. We are having our meeting early next month due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (7:00pm at the Toyota facility)

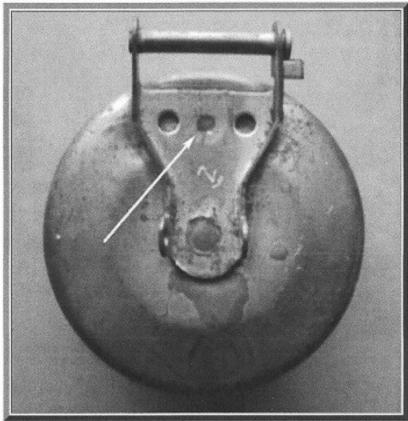
Meeting adjourned: Dick Wyckoff moved that the meeting be adjourned; it was seconded by Joanie Gordinier. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. for our 'Nominations' for next year's open positions' & refreshments.

Respectfully submitted; Donnis Bates, Secretary



# Technical Talk

# Technical Tip - Carburetor Float Wear



Original carburetor float with a typical wear spot identified by the white arrow

# Carburetor Float Wear

Most Model A carburetors encountered today have been subjected to considerable use. The most frequently overlooked side effect of that use is a small dimple worn into top of the float from the valve needle. The effect of this dimple is a lateral bind on the valve needle that prevents it from closing completely and sealing.

The brass float material is fairly soft and easy to blend out the ridges of the dimple by sanding from front to back by hand, then buffing. There are many alternatives, but choose your best method to carefully taper and blend the surface and the valve will operate smoothly and reliably.

#### Welcome our new member!

Please welcome our newest member, **Richard Saliture**. Please add his name to your roster. He resides at 205 Ave B., Redondo Beach *CA* 90277. Phone # is 310-378-2555. His email is RSaliture@verizon.net. He has a 1930 *CC* Pickup. Birthday is January 29th.

WELCOME, RICHARD!



# **Touring with Elaine**By Elaine Pisu, Tour Director



# Some Fun December Events

We are planning a poker run for Saturday, <u>NOVEMBER 19<sup>th.</sup> Meet at the club house at</u> 8:30AM. Cost is \$10 per person and we will have 5 surprise stops including stopping for lunch at a restaurant. Lunch is not included in the \$10, it will be on your own. Bring those A's and we will have a great time!!

Again this year, Harbor will participate in two Christmas parades the same day. Sunday, December 11th is the big day. Wilmington and El Segundo. Contact Elaine Pisu for the Wilmington parade and Dick Wyckoff for the El Segundo parade. Both are a lot of fun. Car decorations are encouraged.

Bobby and Phyllis have agreed (again) to host a cookie party after the tour of Christmas lights in Torrance. We will start the evening with dinner at Marie Calendar's (Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Dr) at 5:30PM. From there we wander through the wonderfully decorated homes nearby and after a awhile, end up at Bobby and Phyllis' home. Their address is 22532 Shadycroft Ave., Torrance CA 90505. Bring some of your favorite cookies to share.

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!

Mama Pisu

# Car Events of Interest for 2016-2017

- Dec 11th (Sun) El Segundo 53rd Annual Holiday Parade. Time: 1PM to 3PM. Line up on Imperial Ave about 12:30PM. More info to follow. Contact: Dick Wyckoff
- Dec 11th (Sun) Heart of the Harbor Holiday Parade in Wilmington. Lunch at Acapulco after.

  Contact is Elaine Pisu. More to follow.
- **Dec 31st (Sat)** 61st **Holiday Excursion** by the HCC of So Cal. Gate open at 7AM. \$10 per car. Loc'n: Santa Anita Racetrack, Gate 6 off Colorado Place.
- Feb 24—26 (Fri-Sun) San Diego Swap Meet at Qualcomm Stadium. Biggest swap meet in this area all year. \$10 parking, free admission



# 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: '31 Model A Chrome radiator stone guard. NEW. \$125. Contact Joe Freitag 310-871-2567. Palos Verdes CA

For Sale: 2011 Carson tandem dove tailed car trailer with brakes. Added spare tire and mount, electric winch, tool box and front jack pivot wheel. Extra set of replacement lights and some tiedown straps, Buddy Bearings, 5yr. license. Only used 4 trips. 16ft. metal runners and 4ft. Tongue, open center. Wheel caulked for Model A's Asking \$1850.00. Steve Newton, 310-837-3026



For sale: Rebuilt B/W. 5-speed transmission with Deluxe adapter kit for Model A 4-banger. Cost \$2300.00, asking \$1850.00 I have never opened the boxes since delivery. Cheaper than a Mitchell trans & overdrive !! Steve Newton, 310-837-3026

For Sale: 1993 Honda del sol. Call Willie Duncan at 323-934-3035. Best offer?

WANTED!

· Used Christmas cards. (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391



Don't forget to bring a dessert for the last stop after lunch.





# Model "A"cessories

# Traffic Signal Finders

These handy little gadgets were quite popular in the early days of automobiles. For the Model A, the design with the visor sticking out over the windshield made seeing the overhead traffic signals difficult to see without scrunching down and twisting your neck. These little reflectors worked similar to our modern side mirrors that say "objects in mirror are closer than they seem". The concave shape makes objects look smaller and closer. It also shows a wider angle view, like a fish eye lens. All in all, they seemed to work quite well as they remained popular throughout the 50's.





# Sport Shoes!

We have a tendency to think that having specialized athletic shoes is a modern thing. Not so! Check out these ads from 1928-1931. Although they weren't as specialized as today, there were still shoes made specifically for sports. You might even recognize some of these brands, although in the case of Goodrich or Firestone more for tires than shoes!



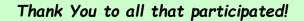






# Holiday 'Red Bag' Drive

The Harbor club has participated in Toyota USA's Annual Charity Canned Food and Toy and Toiletries Drive for two years now. The donations are for the homeless served by Harbor Interfaith Shelter and the Torrance Thanksgiving project which provides bags of groceries to 1000 families in addition to a Thanksgiving dinner. This year Harbor members donate 26 bags of canned food and supplies to the Toyota USA Auto Museum project.



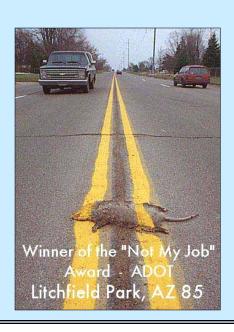


# MAFCA 2017 Membership Renewals

Renewal of your membership on time is very important. Please renew by December 31, 2016. We send the printer a listing of all active members at the end of December and The Restorer is mailed to them from the printer. Those who fail to renew on time and send in their renewals late require a special mailing of the January/February magazine. This involves separate processing and mailing from the office at an additional cost. This cost is \$5. In the past those who pay on time have absorbed the cost of those who did not. A \$5 late fee will be charged to those renewing after December 31. Avoid the late fee - renew on time.



Alex Janke, 2016 MAFCA President



# 7 Layer Cookies

Use 9"x14" pan - DO NOT STIR

4 cups melted butter

1 cup Graham cracker crumbs

1 cup Flaked coconut

1—6 oz pkg Butterscotch chips

1-6 oz pkg Chocolate chips

1 cup Pecans

1 cup Sweetened condensed milk

Bake 25 minutes @ 325 deg oven Cut into squares when cool. Enjoy!

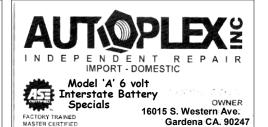


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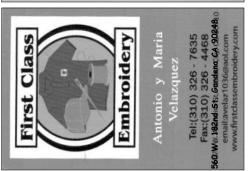




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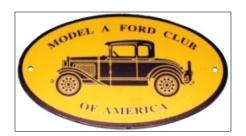
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For MAFCA info and membership, see www.MAFCA.com

The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Walteria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. I 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. I and one block south of Pacific Coast Hwy.) We'd like to invite all interested parties, even if they don't own a Model A Ford, to come and join us. Our goal is to educate the public about Model A Fords and have fun while doing it.

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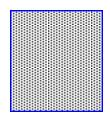
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