



# HARBOR AREA MODEL 'A' CLUB

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Torrance, California

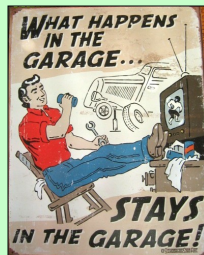
## OCTOBER 2025



Ten Harbor A's at the 100th anniversary of the Walteria grammar school

### Technical Activities

Saturday mornings.  
We meet from about  
9:30AM to noon to work on  
Model A projects.  
Bring your Model A by and  
we'll work on it.  
Al's Garage,  
907 Van Ness, Torrance  
CA (in the alley)



### Next Club Meetings:

The September meeting was at the picnic  
The October meeting will be on  
Friday, October 17 at 6:45 PM  
It is a potluck and meeting event.  
A-L Main dish  
M-Z Side dish or salad.  
Bring your 'Food for Kids' Donations

### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting  
will be Saturday,  
October 4th  
Al's garage, 9:30 AM



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## A Note from Harbor President



### ... The Second Gear Grind

Well, it happened again! The Harbor Area Model A Club has been hacked one more time. Appears that there was an e-mail sent to all Board Members and Appointed Officers asking them to send your President (me) gift cards. Now while I would appreciate if you would like to send me gift cards, it wasn't me asking nor was it my e-mail address that the cards were supposed to be sent to. Thank you Ursi for alerting me so I could inform the others. It appears the perps got our info off of the website. Be careful out there!!

On a brighter side, we had 11 Model A's and 16 members join us in celebrating the Walteria Elementary School's 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary. It really makes me happy to see this many members out enjoying their cars and spreading the "Smileage". Walteria Elementary School was Joan Gordinier's Alma Mater. Joan said she didn't recognize any of the teachers tho... All the children, parents and teachers really were overjoyed by the display of our 95 year old cars. In all the activity, we met Alwyn Behmer, who became one of our newest members. Alwyn is shopping for a '30-'31 Tudor.

Next up we had our 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic. We also observed the International Model A Ford Day with 8 Model A's showing up for the picnic. As usual, it was a fantastic day with good food, visiting with members (some we don't see enough of) and fun activities. Even Mother Nature cooperated. And to cap it all off, Tek Wojtek and Karla Tolentino (I hope I didn't destroy your names too bad) joined the club. Great job everyone that helped put on this outstanding event!!

Coming up next month we have our nominations for Board Members!!  
Till next time, remember, If it looks suspect, it probably is.

*Dennis*

## *Editor's Corner* *By Dick Wyckoff*

### *A Fun Month*

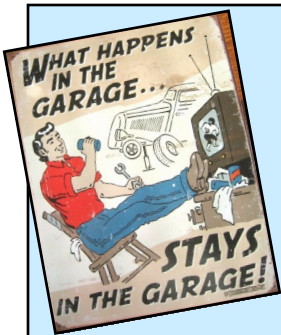
September was a fun time thanks to our activity committee. The big event was the annual family picnic. Dennis and her team organized everything from location, to work assignments, to set-up, to food, to fun activities, to clean-up. Super job, team! We had a nice crowd in attendance. Something like 55 people. It was great to see several new members and their families. (Pictures on page 6 and 7)..

From an editor's point of view, anyone with some pictures at events like this, send them to me. (I was so busy having fun, I didn't get a group photo! My bad!

Looking forward to more events. I know the committee is already working on that. . .

'Till next time

*Dick*



## October 2025 Happenings

| SUNDAY                                                                                    | MONDAY                                                                                                                             | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                            | THURSDAY                                                                                | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                         | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <br>2025 | <b>HARBOR A HAPPENINGS</b>                                                                                                         |         | 1                                                                                                                                    | 2<br> | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4<br><b>BOARD MEETING—</b><br>AI's Garage 9:30am<br><br><b>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</b><br>AI's Garage 9:30am-12pm |
| 5                                                                                         | 6<br><b>DINNER 4:30pm</b><br>*Location TBD<br>    | 7       | 8                                                                                                                                    | 9                                                                                       | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 11<br><b>RUHS CLASSIC CAR SHOW</b><br>9am-3pm<br><br><b>MODEL A TECHNICAL SUPPORT</b><br>AI's Garage 9:30am-12pm    |
| 12                                                                                        | 13<br><br><b>DINNER 4:30pm</b><br>*Location TBD   | 14      | 15<br><b>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE MEETING</b><br>1pm<br> | 16                                                                                      | 17<br><b>MODEL A CLUB MEETING</b><br>Walteria Club House<br>6:30am - Collect Food for Kids Donations<br><b>Potluck</b><br> | 18<br><br>Meet at Walteria Club House 9am, leave 9:15am                                                             |
| 19                                                                                        | 20<br><b>DINNER 4:30pm</b><br>*Location TBD<br> | 21      | 22                                                                                                                                   | 23                                                                                      | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 25<br><br><b>PUMPKIN - PALOOZA</b><br>Party & Bar-b-que 10am-3pm                                                  |
| 26                                                                                        | 27<br><br><b>DINNER 4:30pm</b><br>*Location TBD | 28      | 29                                                                                                                                   | 30                                                                                      | 31<br><br><b>HALLOWEEN</b>                                                                                                | *Contact Jim Huizdos or Gloria Younkun for dinner location.                                                                                                                                            |

### TOURS & ACTIVITIES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Date: Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Location: Redondo Union High School, 1 Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Registration Fee: \$30 pre-pay by 10/3 and receive a free t-shirt. First 75 entries receive Dash Plaques.

Meeting Location: Cal Tile, 5108 West 190<sup>th</sup> Street, Torrance (SW corner of 190<sup>th</sup> & Anza)

Meeting Time: Meet at 7:30am leave at 7:45am

Lunch: On your own. They have concessions with BBQ Burgers, Hot Links, etc.

RUHS Jazz Band, Live DJ, Door Prizes, Opportunity Drawing

Judging of the cars begins at noon

#### POTLUCK – October 17<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

A-L Main Dish

M-Z Side Dish or Salad

#### PROGRESSIVE AND POKER RUN

Date: Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9am – 3pm

Meeting Location: Walteria Clubhouse, 3855 W. 242<sup>nd</sup> Street, Torrance

Meeting Time: 9:00am leave at 9:15am

There will be 3 surprise locations

Costs are per stop. If you choose to participate in the Poker Run, the cost is \$10 per person.

#### PUMPKIN - PALOOZA – Get prepared for Halloween

Party & Barbeque

Date: Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm

Cost: \$20 per person (includes pumpkins, decorating supplies and BBQ lunch)

Meeting Location: Shakey's Pizza parking lot, 3615 PCH, Torrance

Meeting Time: 9:30am leave at 9:45am

Come, join in the fun, decorate or carve your pumpkin for all those trick or

treaters.



### Saturday Morning Coffee Gathering is Alive and Well!!

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. (at Artesia Blvd.)

Come on by and get your weekend started in true So. California style.



### 2025 Membership, Roster and Club Merchandise Items

**Jim Huizdos** has a selection of new **Club merchandise**. We have hats, shirts, patches, t-shirts and we still have 60th anniversary items for sale at a discount. More to come. The updated **2025 Harbor phonebooks/rosters** are available from Ursi free of charge through e-mail. Club members that don't attend events can request a phonebook/roster by mail. Contact **Ursi Schmidt** at 310-561-4895. 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 **Harbor Light**.

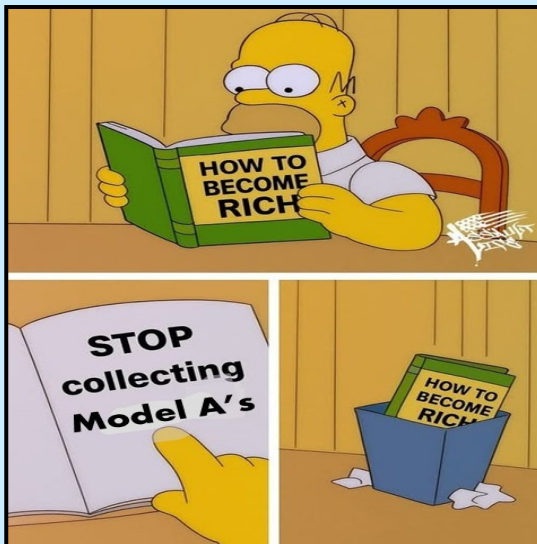
### **Welcoming our new members**

**#1096 Tek and Karla Tolentino** P.O. Box 662176, Los Angeles CA 9006

Email: svswojtek@yahoo.com. Tek is a caretaker and Carla is a nurse and loves to bake.

**#1097 Alwyn Behmer and Ina Knott** 3724 Spencer St., #310, Torrance, CA 90503

Email: alwynbehmer@gmail.com Birthday: October 25th. Alwyn is from South Africa. He is looking for a 1930/31 Tudor or Coupe.



## HARBOR AREA MARC/MAFCA BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: August 22nd, 2025 LOCATION: WALTERIA PARK CLUB HOUSE

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Dennis ask for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as appeared in the Harbor Light; Nathan Sherry made the motion and Jim Huizdos second the motion and all approved.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Lead by Jack Gordinier.

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Drain Marshall, Dick Wyckoff and Tim Harrison.

PRESIDENT: Dennis Simpson --- Reported last Saturday, 7 Model As went to the Honda Museum car show. Dennis talked with several people who didn't know there was a Model A club in Torrance. Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harrison – Reported our club has advertised in the Daily Breeze. Tim was impressed by how many young families attended the Honda event. Remember our club picnic is September 14th at Lomita Park. We will have Hubley races and games at the picnic. Bob DeCrescenzo had to repair the Hubley track, thanks Bob.

TREASURER: Daffy Wagner reported the current bank balance. Recently the club received \$ 155.87 from the Estate of Joe Jankiewicz. The club put down a deposit for the Blue Water Grill for the Banquet.

HARBOR LIGHT EDITOR: Dick Wyckoff – Reported the El Segundo car show was August 16<sup>th</sup>. Dick's Model A was the only stock Model A in the show. There were 360 cars on display.

Dick reported the club's *Harbor Light* newsletter was first published in September 1961.

Send articles and pictures from club events to the editor

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Cliff LeFall – Will be working on Hubley cars the next 2 Saturdays at Al's Garage.

TOUR DIRECTOR: Open Position

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON: Donnis Bates

Donnis and Weeg reported on upcoming events.

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> – WALTERIA Elementary 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 11-2PM.

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – Annual Club Picnic at Lomita Park. 10-3PM. \$20 per lunch, order and pay by September 10<sup>th</sup> to Weeg.

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> --- Redondo Union High School Car Show 9-3PM.

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> - --Tour to Valmonte Garden and a printing press museum. Replacing the usual progressive lunch with lunch at a restaurant.

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> --- Pumpkin carving at 10AM.

HISTORIAN: Janet Winter – Absent.

TOOLS: Bob DeCrescenzo --- All 34 club tools available.

MEMBERSHIP: Ursi Schmidt – No Report.

SUNSHINE: Theresa LeFall --- Reported Dot Knott is still in the Hospital. Mirco Pisu is about the same. Elaine Pisu's mother (Lydia Sidio) will be 99 on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Send cards to Elaine's address.

WEBMASTER: Steve Thompson—Website updated.

ADVERTISING: Jim Huizdos--- No Report.

MERCHANDISE: Jim Huizdos—Merchandise available. Dennis has club logo car emblems for sale.

REFRESHMENTS: Weeg Thompson --- Reported Thompson's providing refreshments tonight.

OLD / ONGOING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Donnis and Weeg visited Dot on her birthday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: September 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, at the Picnic

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, 9:30AM at Al's Garage.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:17 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Gloria Younkin*, Secretary







Dr Steve

Jack

Andy



Donnis

Jack

Gloria



## More annual picnic pictures



**Cars ready to race**



**Gal's racing team**



**Men's winners**



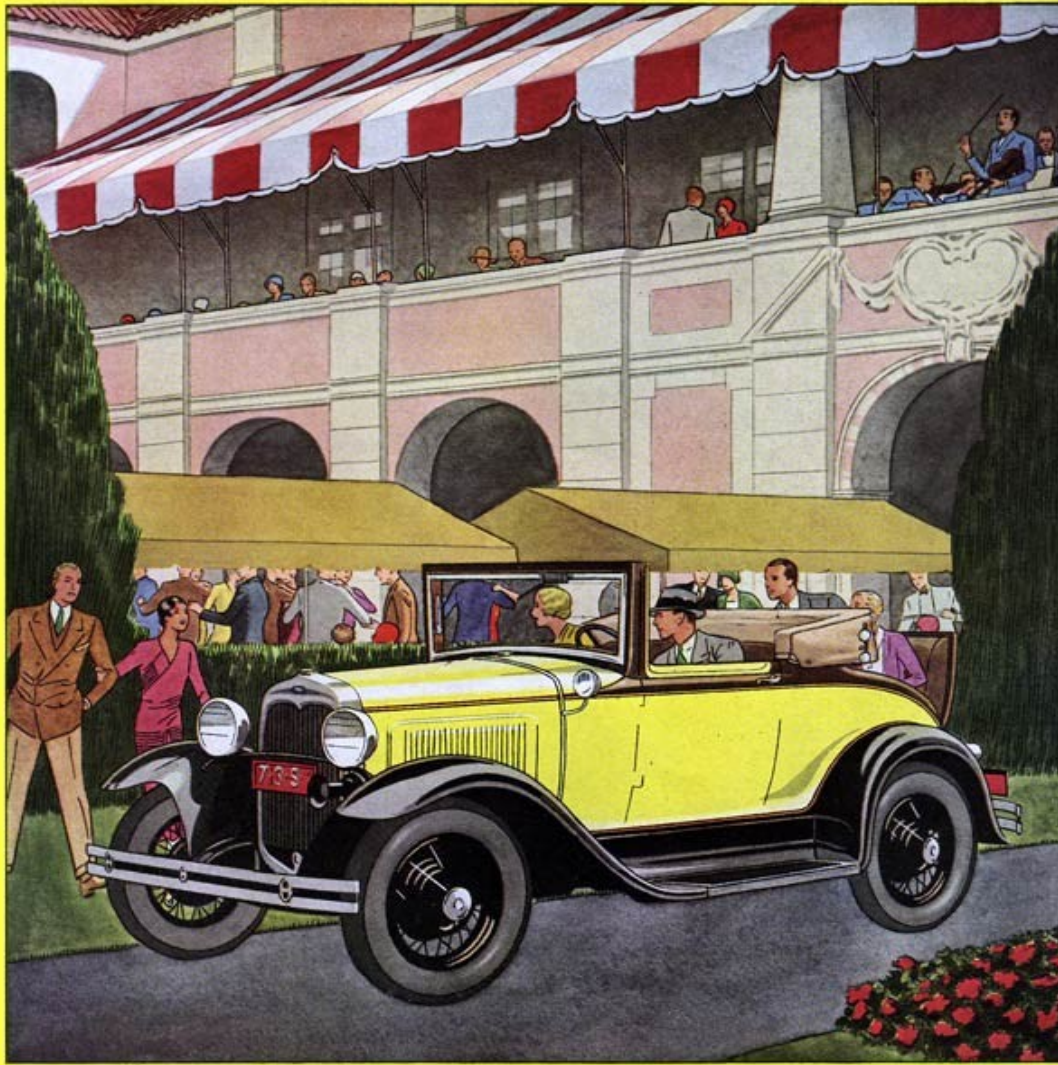
**Ladies winners**



**Happy Birthday, Cliff!**



## *Era ad for Cabriolet*



### **The New Ford Convertible Cabriolet**

'ROUDLY you will drive the new Ford Cabriolet because of its distinctive grace of line and alert, capable performance. It has the further advantage of being a most practical car. « « « «

On clear, brisk days, the blue sky overhead, you can enjoy the airy freedom of a roadster. When dark clouds come, it takes but a few moments to raise the top and command the snug comfort of a coupe. It is thus a splendid car for all the year, for every changing mood of mind or weather. « «

Ease of control, comfort, the safety of fully enclosed four-wheel brakes and a Triplex shatter-proof glass windshield, reliability, economy and long life are among the other outstanding features of the new Ford Convertible Cabriolet. « « « « « « « «

June 1930 Good Housekeeping

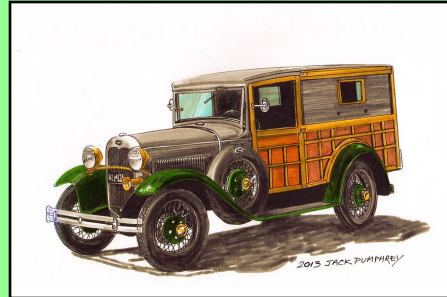


## *October Birthdays*

|    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| 9  | Julie Goldberg    |
| 17 | Danny Schmitz     |
| 23 | Billie Gillingham |
| 25 | Tim Harrison      |
| 25 | Alwyn Behmer      |
| 31 | Rene Covarrubias  |

## *October Anniversaries*

|    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 1  | Jim & Ruxella Speights |
| 20 | Jim & Elyse Beardsley  |



## ***Model A Technical Info***

### **AMMETER HOT**

#### **Question:**

My ammeter on my 31 coupe is hot or warm to the touch when charging 8 amps. Is this normal?

#### **Answer:**

This is not a normal situation you have with your ammeter. This is usually caused by the two nuts on the back of the ammeter being loose and causing a high resistance at the connection. The resistance generates heat. Remove the instrument panel and tighten the two nuts on the back of the ammeter. Also make sure the nuts on the firewall terminal box studs are tight. Remove the two brass wing nuts on the terminal box cover, remove the cover and tighten the nuts on the two stud bolts. Also check the two wires that connect to the two terminal box studs to the two connections on the ammeter (yellow and yellow/black wires). Make sure they have not been over heated due to loose connections. This should solve the problem. If not I would change the ammeter. -

**Les Andrews**, 1998 Technical Director

### **BATTERY CABLES**

#### **Question:**

When I attempt to connect the battery cables to the 6 Volt battery in my 1929 Model A Ford, it seems to generate an excessive amount of sparking when I touch the cables to the posts. I don't remember happening before. Can you suggest any reasons for this? Might I damage the electrical system if I secure the cables anyway? Thank you for any help you might provide.

#### **Answer:**

Make sure you are not connecting the positive to the negative ground. Also check to be sure there is nothing touching either of the two battery posts, such as the battery hold down clamps, shorts or other ground contact. Let me know what you find. -

**Lyle Meek**, 1997 Technical Director

# Era Fashions 1930

## The NEW SILHOUETTE

In Its Most Gracious Interpretation

*Note Tucking on Draped Skirt*



**10V2032**—Pin-tucking in distinctive scalloped arrangement in front, back and on sleeves. A new one-sided draped neckline with scarf ends, and the modified silhouette combine to make this a perfect afternoon frock for the smartly clad woman.

The material is fine quality All-Silk Georgette Crepe and the separate Rayon slip has Georgette crepe bottom. Shirring at sides indicates the higher waist-line. A full, soft flare characterizes the skirt below the pin-tucking.

**COLORS:** Hermine d'Arc blue (illustrated); also French beige or black.

Women's SIZES: to fit 34 to 44 bust. Give bust, waist and hip measures; also length from neck to bottom of hem at center back. State color desired.

**\$14.98**

**Fine Quality ALL-SILK GEORGETTE 10V2032 \$14.98**

**WITH SLIP**

**PRINTED ALL-SILK FLAT CREPE**



*New Puffed Sleeve with Two-Tone Coloring*

**10V2034**—The new "vestee" in the back is effectively used in this Women's smart Frock of good quality Printed All-Silk Flat Crepe. The "vestee" is of all-silk flat crepe in two solid color combinations and is trimmed with print-covered buttons. Loose jacket effect backs have each ends that tie in a bow. Circular-cut flaring inserts form lower part of skirt, attached to top in pointed outline. Inverted tucks suggest the new higher waist-line.

**COLORS:** black (illustrated); also navy blue or Hermine green (new medium green), each with printed design in harmonizing colors.

Women's SIZES: to fit 34 to 44 bust. Give bust, waist and hip measures; also length from neck to bottom of hem at center back. State color desired.

**and we pay \$10.98 postage.**

**Never before has skirt lengths been left so much to your judgment as this season. New York women wear skirts varying in length from the knee to about 12 inches from the ground, regardless of what Fashion says. So that skirt lengths this season vary according to the taste of the wearer.**

*Fashionable Cape Back*



**Fine Quality ALL-SILK FLAT CREPE 10V2035 \$14.98**

*New Leaf Pattern Tucking*

**The New "Leaf" Frock**

**10V2035**—Here's something decidedly different! A "Leaf" Dress adapted from a Paton model. Made of fine quality All-Silk Flat Crepe and has fine tucking in veined-leaf design all around the skirt. A lace yoke, narrow in front, forms a deep heading for a pointed cape in back. "Leaf" tabs of self-material and a novelty pin finish the "V" in front. The modified silhouette model shows the higher waist-line achieved by inverted tucks at sides.

**COLORS:** Hermine green (illustrated); also Lido sun tan or navy blue. Women's SIZES: to fit 34 to 44 bust. Give bust, waist and hip measures; also length from neck to bottom of hem at center back. State color desired.

**we pay postage. \$14.98**

*Dress Worn Without Coat*



**A Very Smart Washable Ensemble**

**10V2036**—The material is fine quality Washable Rayon Pique—therefore it's fashionable. It's an Ensemble, therefore it's smart. And because the price is only \$7.98 this Women's Ensemble is a particularly good value.

The sleeveless dress, which is complete in itself, is made of fine quality Rayon - and cotton Pique - trimmed with Printed Pique to match the coat.

Shirt front is plaited and the self-material all-round back is adjusted by a buckle-slide. The separate coat of Printed Pique has white pique cuffs and white pique scarf collar trimmed across the ends with printed pique. It may be worn with any other dress.

White ground with rose color printed design (as illustrated); also white with printed design. Women's SIZES: to fit 34 to 44 bust. Give bust, waist and hip measures; also length from neck to bottom of hem at center back. State color.

**\$7.98**

**Fine Quality ALL-SILK FLAT CREPE 10V2033 \$12.98**

**Showing the Newest Back**

**10V2033**—Here's the frock for the woman who wants individuality in dress. It is made of fine quality All-Silk Flat Crepe and it features the new Lanvin style sleeves with puffed lower part in popular vivid shades. The same color combination is carried out in the draped neck-line. Skirt is flared below a smooth-fitting top section trimmed with inverted tucks and a panel extension of the lower part. The self-belt makes the new high waist-line.

**COLORS:** Hermine green (illustrated); also Lido sun tan with harmonizing darker tan and Indian orange or black with maize-and-green trimmings.

Women's SIZES: to fit 34 to 44 bust. Give bust, waist and hip measures; also length from neck to bottom of hem at center back. State color desired. Read How to Measure

**\$12.98** on page 11. —we pay postage.

**Fine Quality ALL-SILK GEORGETTE 10V2037 \$14.98**

**Ensemble**

**10V2037**—This Georgette Jacket Ensemble is the ideal summer costume and is made of fine quality All-Silk Georgette Crepe. For the skirt, wear it with the jacket; take off the jacket, and appear smartly gowned for any afternoon or semi-formal occasion. The ultra-smart sleeveless Dress (made with a Rayon slip) follows the more fitted line, with the waist softly shirred and banded with self-material and two chic bows in front. The circular cut they skirt dips at sides. Self-material "flower" on jacket.

**COLORS:** Spanish violet (illustrated); also beige or navy blue. Women's SIZES: to fit 34 to 42 bust. Give bust, waist and hip measures; also length from neck to bottom of hem at center back. State color desired. Read How to Measure on page 11.

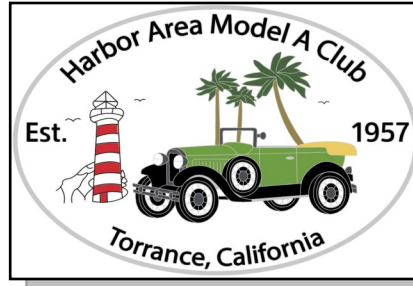
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*Can Be Worn Without Jacket*

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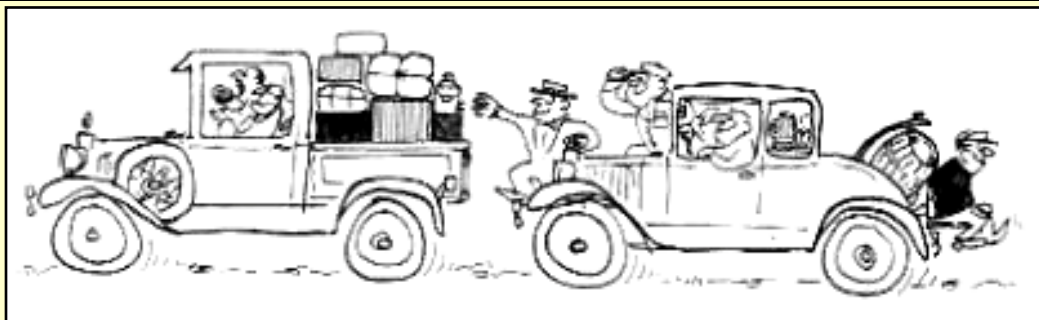
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The Harbor Area A's meet monthly on the last Friday of every month at the Waleria Park Clubhouse, located at 3855 W. 242nd St. in Torrance, California. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM (The park is located about 1-1/2 blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd. and one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