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58 years of driving history!

## August 2015

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50th year celebration 2007

Harbor Area Region  
Model A Restorer's Club  
50th Anniversary Picnic  
August 26th, 2007

### Happy Birthday Harbor Area Model A Club.

Founded August 1957  
and has been active in  
the Model A commu-  
nity for all these  
years!

Here's to many more!

### Tours

Our next club event will be the annual picnic on Saturday, August 29th. It is a kind of birthday celebration for the club. We are 58 this month. Hubley races!

The location is Torrance Park. Cost will be \$12 ea. For sandwich box lunch & drinks.

Check with Jim Huizdos for more details. See you there!



You are sure your  
**FORD IS  
RIGHT**  
when it's serviced here



### Technical Activities

Some great progress on Dr. Steve's sedan. Replaced both manifolds and gaskets. The Thompson's participated in the Wings 'n Wheels in Solvang!

If you have another project that needs help, let Cliff LeFall know and we will get it going. Everyone learns from these projects. Join us each Saturday at Al's garage.

### Upcoming Business Meetings

The July business meeting is Friday, July 31st at Walteria at 7:30PM.

The August meeting will be Friday, August 28th.

Come a little early and help set up and visit with your Model A friends, new and old! See you there!

### Next Board Meeting

The August Board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 4th, 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)

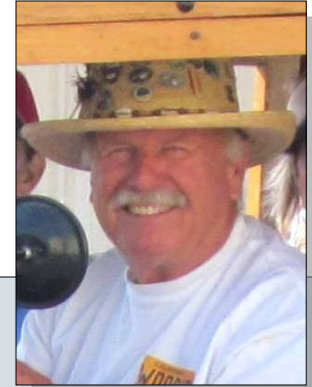
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***Tim's Team Talk***  
***A Note from our President***  
***Tim Harrison***



***"A" View from the Slow Lane***

My favorite event of the year is our annual 150 mile trek to Santa Ynez CA for Wings and Wheels. This year's trip started with new radiator hoses and water pumps at Al's garage. Jack G., Art, Al, and Monty helped me get ready for the trip's blast off deadline. Pat asked if we had gone for a trial run with the new pumps and hoses, but I assured her and said that the trip would be our trial run. (Pat asked, "Don't most people test out new equipment within a few miles from home?") Anyway we headed off with Art and Daffy and Jim and Ruxella caravanning up the coast.

Our tour directors, Elaine and Jim H., hosted a great happy hour at Split Pea Anderson and picked a new dinner venue at Mother Hubbard's for Friday's festivities.

Saturday we found ourselves traveling over hill and dale, up and down country roads to Fess Parker's Winery in Los Olivos and then headed off to Santa Maria to their famous air museum. Our picnic lunch was served at the park. Saturday was topped off with the tri-tip barbecue at Santa Ynez airport. Dinner that night was made even more memorable with the birthday celebration of our Club's secretary, Donnis Bates. The weekend was capped off with our Sunday morning Danish breakfast of aebleskivers and sausage before the return home.

Everyone always enjoys our time together in Santa Ynez. We had the largest turn out of club members! It gives us the opportunity to drive our cars, meet new people, reconnect with those we know, share ideas and learn new tricks about our Model As.

In preparation for our annual Torrance picnic on August 29 and the Hubley races, Al's garage will be hosting two Saturday workshops to prepare and fine tune our Hubleys for the very competitive races. Mark your calendars for these workshops which will include a team of well-known (?) Hubley experts to guide you in your Hubley's preparation in its race to victory. The workshops will be held on August 1 and 8 at Al's garage from 10 to noon. The picnic is on August 29 from 10 to 2 at Torrance Park (more info to follow).

Like I said we had the largest turn out of club members at Wings and Wheels. All of our activities and involvement make our club one that people want to belong to. Our seminars at Al's garage with our very knowledgeable members, our tours and the great group of members always pitching in helping and participating make the Harbor Area Model A Club a VERY SPECIAL ONE!

PS: The seminars directed by Cliff must be working—not one breakdown on our travels to and from and around Santa Ynez.

***Tim***

***Harbor 'Sunshine status***

**Dennis Simpson** on the installation of a defibulator: The operation went well. The doctor said I have good clear veins so it went faster than was scheduled. I spent Wednesday night in TMH and got home yesterday afternoon. I'm feeling OK, but the left side of my chest is sore (wonder why?). The Doc sez take it easy and see him next Monday. He's going to have a technician from St. Jude (maker of my device) there to scan it and "fine tune" it. Trick stuff.



## *August Birthdays*

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

## *August Anniversaries*

4	Phil Bonneau & LeOra Combs
4	Steven & Weeg Thompson
5	Carla & Walt Hibbard
6	Dolores & Jerry Strosnider
12	Doris & Drain Marshall
18	John & Julie Hernandez
19	James & Mary Walker
22	Ed & Linda Firth
25	Paul & Rose Jamesson

### *Editor's Corner*

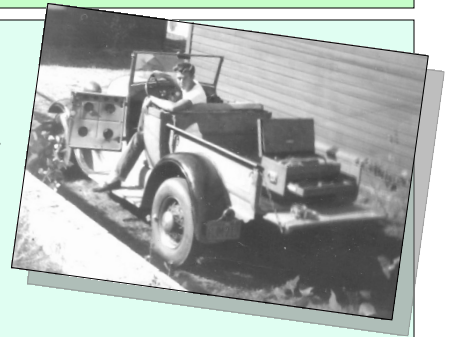
By Dick Wyckoff

Had a great time at the Wings 'n Wheels in Solvang CA. If you have never visited the area, it is very interesting and there are a lot of possibilities for touring in your Model A. Jan and I took the Cabriolet on the 150 mile drive from El Segundo. The Vintage Aeroplane Assn. tour plus other trips in the area added up to 500 miles driven that weekend! 'Tootsie' performed flawlessly. Temps were in the 90s but my Brassworks cooling system did just fine.

Altogether, we had 37 Harbor members present out of the 110 participants. There were 30 total Model As and one '49 Ford pickup on the tour. Fun time. . . .

Looking forward to next year.

*Dick*



### *A little behind the scenes info and requests from the editor*

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 a little more than one dollar each month per email subscriber. I have an email distribution now of 45 people from the Harbor Club and 34 others. This is more than \$800 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.

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. 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 . . . .



### [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.



### ["Cruise at the Beach" Friday afternoons 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 **4PM to 7:00PM 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 about October 30th, 2015. Hope to see you there.



### [2015 Membership, Roster and Club Items:](#)

by Ursula Schmidt & Jan Wyckoff

The **2015 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.

**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! Those of you that ordered one in advance, she has them ready for pickup. Be sure and wear them to the club's events. Elaine Pisu found some more blue vests. See Jan for details. They run \$31.

How about a ball cap to go with the shirt or vest? Jan has them, too.

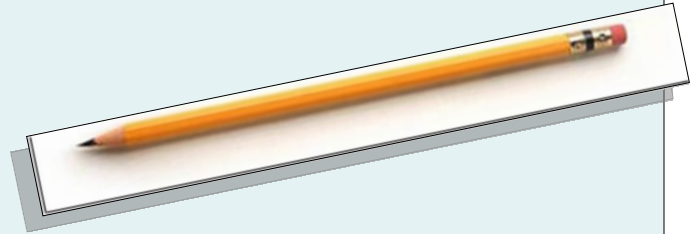
### [Merchandise Sale!](#)

Our 50th anniversary T-shirts have been reduced to \$10. We have 4 Lg, 1 Med, 2 Sm. See Jan Other items available are vests, ball caps of many colors, two Harbor cook books, and club patches

## Harbor MARC/MAFCA Business Meeting Minutes

Date: June 26th, 2015

Location: Walteria Clubhouse



President: Tim Harrison called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Salute to the flag: Led by Jack Gordinier

Recognition of Past Presidents: Dick Wyckoff only past president present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as printed in HarborLight.

Vice President: Monty Bates not present.

Treasurer: All bills paid. Balance good.

HarborLight Editor: July issue is out, both email and printed version. We had a great time at the Little Sisters of the Poor, 11 cars and 27 riders. Let Dick know if you have anything to sell to be advertised in HL. Tomorrow is a Model T swap meet in Pacoima.

Historian: Not present.

Membership: Ursi announced that we had 40 people present at the meeting.

Membership Drawing: Dennis Simpson and Joan Gordinier were winners of \$5 each.

Technical & Safety: Cliff LeFall not present (wedding anniversary) but Al's garage will be on for tomorrow, Sat. June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sergeant at Arms (badge money): Jack collected \$2

Sunshine: Dick Lusk was bitten by a dog, had stitches on his neck and arm. No word on how the dog is doing!

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Birthdays: 1 Doris Marshall & Steve Thompson, 4 Bill Moore, 5 Mariano Deogracias, 13 Mirco Pisu, 18 Donniss Bates, 20 Joe Freitag, 25 Noralene Porper and 27 Pat Harrison.

Anniversaries: 2 Beverly & Vince Migliazzo (66 years), 3 Elaine & Mirco Pisu, 6 Jim & Dianne Runyan, 9 Sandy & Ron Ragon, 13 Jack & Joan Gordinier, 23 Bob & Carol Olsen.

Tools Coordinator: Bobby D. said no tools were loaned out at this time. Call him if you have a need.

Tours: Sunday, June 28 is the Henry Ford Picnic, meet at Harbor Freight at 8:45, leave at 9:00. July 17 & 18 is Wings and Wheels, if you have not registered get it in right away. June 20<sup>th</sup> was the Little Sisters of the Poor tour, they provided refreshments at the beginning. We had 11 Model A's present and provided rides to 27 residents from the home to the Trump golf course. We were served lunch after tours. Jim Huizdos led a nice tour from Harbor Freight to Little Sisters of the Poor.

Web Master: Not present.

Old Business: None

New Business: Merchandise lady, Jan Wyckoff, announced that we had 23 shirts available, blue, grey and white. Also we have 3 vests, 11 hats, 2 cook books and several patches. The light blue shirts from our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary were reduced in price to \$10 and we sold 3 of them. Also, sold a white shirt to new member Dennis Simpson.

Our club picnic is August 29<sup>th</sup> at Torrance Park (where we had picnic last year.) We will have the Hubley track available and those who are interested in getting a Hubley, Tim had a folder put out by Ralph, the Hubley Man. Al's garage will work on Hubleys before the picnic.

Gloria Younkin had car related items for sale. Phyllis De Crescenzo had cactus plants available.

Clock prize won by Al Avoian. We took in \$146 on opportunity drawing.

Refreshments hosted by: Art and Daffy Wagner

Next General Meeting: July 31st

Next Board Meeting: July 7th

Meeting adjourned at: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jan Wyckoff, Acting Secretary



## Technical Talk

### **Car Overheating or Pumping Water Out or Both?**

(After enduring our recent tour to Solvang's Wings 'n Wheels and the 90 degree temps we experienced, I thought this was a timely article.) Ed.

Below is an article from the **Tulsa Model A club** which comments on one of the typical problems faced by Model A owners. I thank them for this interesting discussion.

Did you ever say the following: My engine continues to overheat. We put on a new water pump, the radiator was "cleaned and soldered and filled", but it still overheats. Not an abnormal thing, especially in the Oklahoma summers.

First let's define overheating. Is it steaming or just pumping water out the top? If it's just pumping water out, you may be over filling it — let the radiator find its own level. Each "A" seems to have it's own level. As an example, in Kansas City I added water to our 1929 all the way to the top — I knew it was too full but it sure looked good!! When I started the car it promptly pumped out the excess water until it reached its normal operating level.

#### Suggestions:

There are several things that can cause a Model A to overheat. The main cause is usually the radiator. First you can check to see if your radiator has 3 rows of tubes. Some of the older replacement radiators had only 2 rows. That will not provide sufficient cooling. If the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, the fins of the radiator become loose, aren't in contact with the tubes and cannot dissipate the heat. Also, if the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, calcium deposits in the radiator will reduce the cooling efficiency of the radiator. Like many Model A owners we had to replace a radiator as once we got the car over 40 MPH it would get hot. The radiator had 3 tubes but only 6 fins per inch (normal) plus the flow rate was quite slow. The new core that was put on has 12 fins per inch plus they are crinkled to provide maximum cooling surface area. Replacing the radiator along with slowing the rate of flow (installed a 160 degree Thermostat) stopped the overheating on our "A".

Now let's consider other potential causes of overheating. First make sure the timing is set correctly. Then make sure nothing is blocking the front of the radiator, like a license plate or lots of meet medallions. Keep these away from the top of the radiator as this is the hottest part.

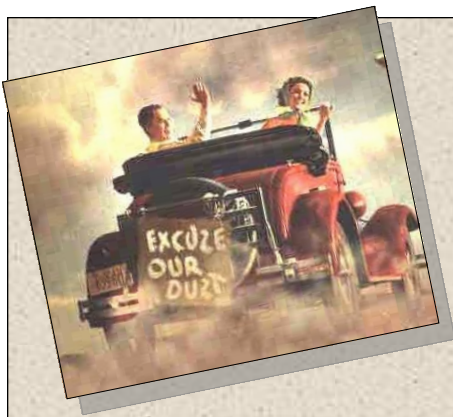
Some of us run "Water-Wetter" in our coolant. This reduces the surface tension of the water and allows closer contact of the water with the radiator tubes. It works! Get it at the auto store.

If you have a new engine, it will sometimes run hot until it is broken in. There are several books and articles that have been written that will tell how to correctly set the timing.

A blown headgasket can also cause overheating. Check for bubbles in the water at the filler neck. This may indicate a blown head gasket.

Running your car too lean (Gas Adjustment Valve, GAV) can also contribute to your motor running hot.

In this hot weather there can be many contributing factors.



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



**Harbor A's have been Out and About!!**

**Future Tours:**

**Club Birthday Picnic**

Our club picnic will be on **Saturday, August 29th** at the park in Torrance . More details as we get closer. Of interest, the picnic will be our 58th year celebration as a Model A Club. We chartered on Aug 25th, 1957.

Jim Huizdos is making arrangements to have box lunches provided. This includes drinks. The cost will be \$12 each. Jim will have info at the meeting.

This will also be a Hubley race day, too! Bobby DeCrescenzo will be setting up the beautiful racetrack he made. Hubley tune-ups will be held at Al's garage the first two Saturdays in August. Time to dust off the speedster and tune 'er up!

**Train Museum Visit on International Model A Day**

Bobby DeCrescenzo has made arrangements to visit a train museum in Costa Mesa on **Saturday, September 19th**. It is a train ride hosted by the Orange County Model Engineers in Costa Mesa. Tentatively we will meet at Harbor Freight @8:45 and leave at 9 AM. I hope to go with Elaine ( beforehand ) and scope out place to eat lunch afterwards. We hope to meet up with the Orange County Club for a joint affair. . . .



**Recent Events:** Thanks to all that showed up for Wings 'n Wheels in Solvang CA. We had 37 for dinner on Friday evening. The tour on Saturday was probably 100 miles. A good 500 mile weekend!

**WOW!** A couple weeks earlier, the club attended Downey's Henry Ford Picnic. A fun time. . . . Nice and warm and humid! We survived and even took home some nice raffle items.



Original owner



Tim and Pat



Drain and Doris



David

Erica

Al



Cliff

Theresa



Art and Daffy



## Wheels & Deals:

In I have a few **Police and Firemen "stop signs"** for sale - I have one policeman and six firemen left. I also have four "kits" you put together yourself and paint.

The assembled ones are \$ 100 and the kits are \$ 65.

Contact Bobby 'D' : My phone is 310 540-3690. Torrance CA



- **Used Christmas and greeting cards.** (Complete cards please). We will recycle them. Ursi (310) 539-5391 and Doris (310) 378-5061.



## Henry Ford Picnic

Photos by Daffy Wagner





## [Lots of Car Events of Interest for 2015](#)

- Aug 15th (Sat)** - Free Rock 'n Roll **Car show**. 2335 208th St Torrance. Rock-Ola Jukebox Factory. 10AM - 2PM
- Aug 15th (Sat)** - 8th Annual Wounded Warrior **Car Show**. Bob's Big Boy Broiler, 7447 Firestone Blvd., Downey CA 90241. 9AM to 3PM. Show info: 310-343-9634
- Aug 22nd (Sat)** - El Segundo Main Street **Car Show**. Always a great show. See Dick Wyckoff for info.
- Aug 23rd (Sun)** - San Fernando Valley MAC 50th **Annual Swap Meet**. Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer, Chatsworth CA. 6AM to 12PM. \$5 Donation. Info Alan at 818-317-2531.
- Aug 23rd (Sun)** - Walteria Business Men's Charity **Car Show**. 22939 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance CA. 9AM to 1PM
- Aug 29th (Sat)** - Harbor's **Annual picnic**. More info soon. Fun event!
- Sept 19th (Sat)** - Harbor tour to Costa Mesa **Train Museum**. Int'l Model A Day. More info soon
- Sept 20th (Sun)** - Palos Verdes **Concours d' Elegance**. Held at Los Verdes Golf Course. 10AM to 4PM.
- Sept 27th (Sun)** - Paradise Valley Model A Club antique car **Swap Meet**. 6AM to 3PM. Free admission. Western Little League Regional Headquarters, 6707 N. Little League Dr., San Bernardino CA 92407
- June 16 -24, 2016** - MAFCA National Convention - Loveland, Colorado. Host: Model A Ford Club of Colorado

## [Harbor on Tour in Santa Ynez Valley CA](#)

This year's Wings 'n Wheels event was typical of past events with fun BBQs and tours. We took a much longer tour this year. The main stops were Fess Parker's winery and the Experimental Aviation Assn Museum in Santa Maria. The tour was probably close to 100 miles. No mishaps or problems. We survived the heat and humidity and look forward to next year.



## Fashions of the 30's

### Fashion NEWS!..Value NEWS!

**"Stride-along" → New Kiltie Type**  
This good-looking "Walking" shoe is smart Merdona (Novelty-grained) leather with unusual perforations. Fringe of smooth calf-grain. 1 1/2 in. covered heels. Leather sole.  
Sizes: 3 1/2 to 8. Med. wide width. State size. Ship. wt. per pair 1 lb. 8 oz.  
24 K 577—Blue with brown calf-grain trim.  
24 K 578—White with white calf-grain.  
Pair \$1.98

**New "Fan" Shaped Perforations**  
Smart three-eyelet Tie. Comfortable. Calf-grain leather with perforations and stitching in smart fan shape. Leather sole. Choice of black or white and two heel heights. Leather sole.  
Sizes: 3 1/2 to 8. Medium wide width. State size. Ship. wt. per pair 1 lb. 8 oz.  
24 K 583—Black, silver underlay. 2 1/2 in. covered Louis heel.  
24 K 584—All white. 2 1/2 in. covered Louis heel.  
24 K 585—Black, silver underlay. 2 1/2 in. covered Louis heel.  
24 K 586—All white. 2 1/2 in. covered Louis heel. Pr. \$1.98

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24 K 579—White. 2 1/2 in. covered Louis heel.  
24 K 581—White. 2 1/2 in. covered Louis heel.  
24 K 580—Black. 2 1/2 in. covered Louis heel.  
24 K 582—Black. 1 1/2 in. covered Cuban heel. Pair \$1.98

**Imagine! Goodyear Wets at this Low Price**  
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New Cork Color or White "Ruff-Buff" Leather  
Cork Color or White Merdona (Novelty) Grained

**Punched! Rough Suede-Like Kiltie Oxford**  
"Ruff-Buff" is that rough finished, soft suede-like leather—so sporting for summer. This swaggy Kiltie Oxford with fringed tongue is punched all the way through for oxygen. Sports rubber soles. 1 1/2 inch rubber topped heels. Goodyear Welt.  
Sizes: 3 to 8. Widths C and E. State size and width. Ship. wt. per pair 1 lb. 8 oz.  
24 K 3265—Cork color. 24 K 3266—White. Pair. \$1.98

**Sporty Oxfords with Fringed Lace-Stays**  
Its punched design goes all the way through to make it cooler. Fits exceptionally well around the ankle. Sports rubber soles. 1 1/2 in. heels. rubber topped. Goodyear Welt.  
Sizes: 3 to 8. Widths C and E. State size and width. Ship. wt. per pair 1 lb. 8 oz.  
24 K 3263—Cork color with brown lace stay. \$1.98  
24 K 3264—White. Pair.

### Believe me—I'M GOING THROUGH THIS BOOK FROM COVER TO COVER

I'M NOT taking any chances on missing any of the bargains in it! I know this is the book that has all the Summer Specials—bathing suits, last-minute fashions, hot weather conveniences for the home, besides hundreds of other bargains—and frankly, I'm hunting bargains these days!

I'm looking ahead, making lists of things we'll need for months to come. And I'm going to beat rising prices by ordering everything by mail—at Wards, where prices are still low.

I'm ordering from this book and I'm ordering from Wards General Catalog, too. I like to use them together, because anything that isn't in one book is sure to be in the other. And they BOTH save me money!

### A Million Women Will Want This Stunning Shoe at Wards Low Price

We picked this three-eyelet Tie because it really is NEW! It is a "dressed" copy of a very expensive sports shoe. Hand lacing outlines a moccasin design. The slashed and fringed "Kiltie" tongue and perforations are features of the newest sports oxfords. Calf-grain leather in all white or black with gunmetal lacing and underlay. Leather soles. 1 1/2 in. covered Cuban heels.

**SIZES:** 3 1/2 to 8. Medium wide width. State size.  
Ship. wt. 1 lb. 8 oz.  
24 K 614—Black.  
24 K 615—White.  
Pair \$1.77

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choice of Black or White

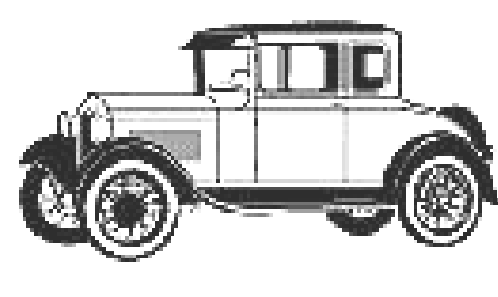
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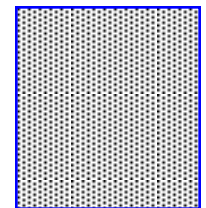
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