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Not this year... we have a lot of activities planned.
See you down the road!

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Notes from Nora

A Message from the President



Happy New Year!

Even though our driving season is on hold for most of us, January is still a very busy month for our club. Your Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday, January 9th, 2026 at our house, 1430 Amy St., Burton to discuss the upcoming year. If any club member has a concern or comment, please contact a board member and we will be sure to add it to the agenda. Members are welcome to attend the meeting also.

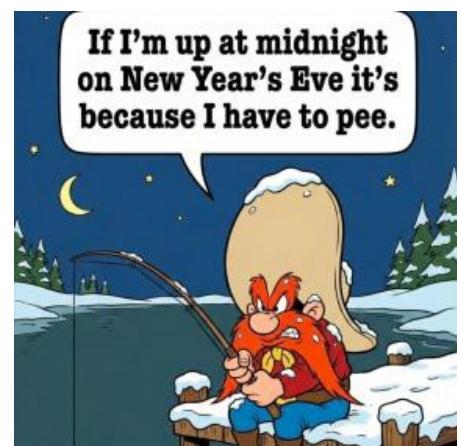
We will be holding our regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026, at the Bridgeport Community Church starting at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing everything club related that we discussed at the Board meeting. If anyone has an event or a place of interest that the club members might enjoy as a group, please bring the information to our meeting so it can be added to our annual schedule of events.

Our annual Swap Meet will be held on the last Sunday of January with vendor set-up starting on Saturday. This

event supports our club through-out the year so we encourage every member to assist in anyway they can. We need set-up crew on Saturday, cookie bakers, cookie sellers, people at the doors, people in the parking lots, and clean-up crew. None of the assignments are difficult, we just need people to fill all the spots. I will have sign-up sheets available at the meeting on the 21st, if you cannot make the meeting and have a favorite spot you like to fill, let me know ahead of time and I will put you on the list.

Have a great New Year.

Nora



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NOTE: Some materials printed in this newsletter, including cartoons, diagrams and articles, may be borrowed from other publications. We wish to thank the other clubs for sharing their newsletters with us. We are also happy to share our articles for publication in other club's newsletters. Where known, sources of items used will be included with the item.

Script "A" Club celebrated a *GREAT* year with a Christmas Luncheon at the Horizons Banquet Hall in Saginaw. There we had a very fancy plated lunch of either Pecan Chicken or Beef Sirloin followed by a chocolate mousse for dessert!

After lunch Rita started our Dirty Santa game where the laughs & gifts were plentiful!! The most traded gift for the ladies was a Little Red Truck Cookie Jar finally acquired by Connie Green and for the gents they seemed to like the "Garage" sign that was acquired by Ken Roy! I guess the guys need help finding their garages!!! LOL

Next up we drew names for the Era Fashion prizes, so the more vintage era clothes you wore the more tickets/chances you had to win some wonderful prizes, such as vintage pins, brooches, car accessories, Model A banks, gift cards to Gatsby's Restaurant in Bay

City, etc. Come sporting your Era Fashions for the 2026 Christmas Luncheon and you can be the lucky winner of some nice prizes too!

Connie





Mark Thompson looking at his gift.



Cathy Barden with the famous cookie jar that Connie Green ended up with.

Script "A"ers at the Christmas Lunch at the Horizons Center in Saginaw.

A *GREAT* time was had by all!

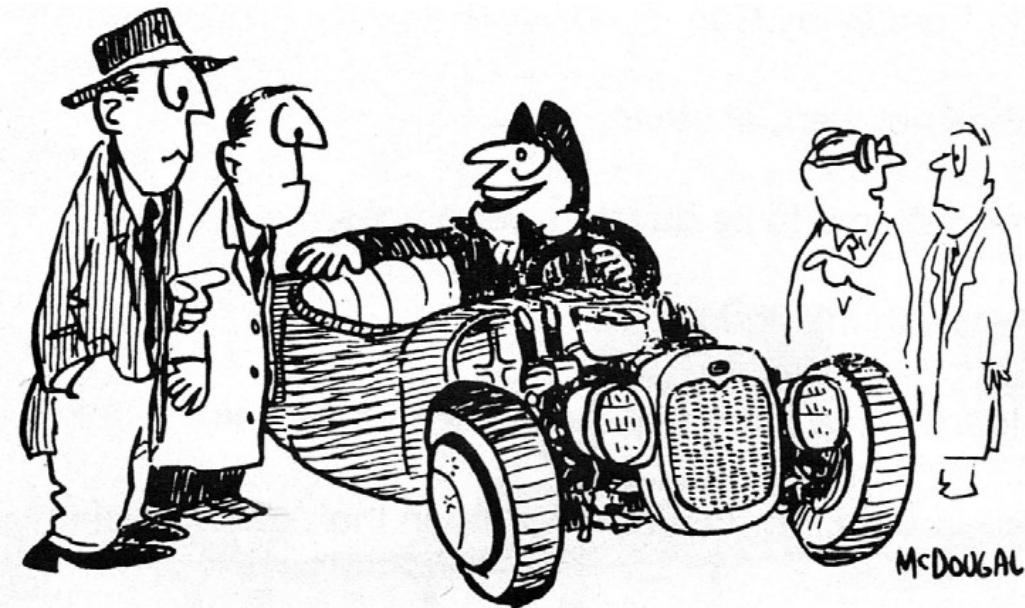




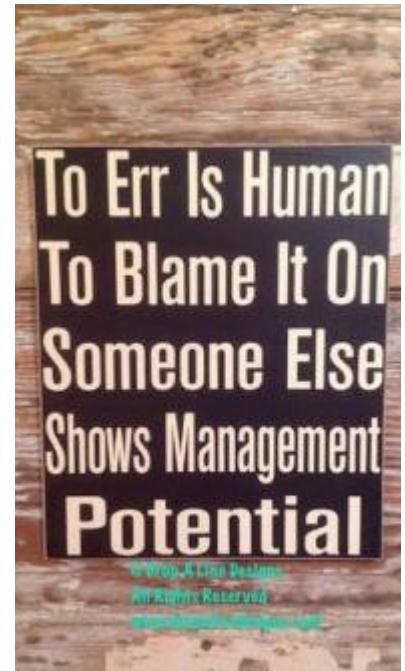
Script "A" Club President, Nora Petriches awards Steve Burton his 50-year MARC Anniversary pin as well as his 10,000 mileage award. Way to go Steve!



Here is WHY Connie Green was so anxious to get that cookie jar... it MATCHES her table décor at home. Check it out!!



"Save the fenders? Naw — we take 'em off with a cuttin' torch!"



From Suzy Curtis...



It is with GREAT sadness that we have to share the passing of Bill and Brenda Lawson's daughter, Jennifer Jensen at the age of 53 years. Jennifer passed away on Sunday, Dec. 7th after a courageous and long battle with mental health and depression.

Surviving are her husband, Mark Jensen; son, Jake and daughter, Emjae; her parents, brother, Chad and so many other beloved and cherished family members.

A sharing time was held on Sunday, Dec. 14th at the Swartz Funeral Home on West Hill Road, Flint.

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

17th Jackson swap meet, Michigan Sports Facility, 3955 Shirley Dr., Jackson, 8 am—1 pm
 21th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.
 24th Swap meet set-up
 25th **Swap Meet** at McDonald Cadillac/GMC, 5155 State St., Saginaw, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

6th-7th Swap Meet, Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo - Friday 2 am-6 pm; Saturday 8 am-2 pm
 18th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, potluck

MARCH

18th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

APRIL

15th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

MAY

20th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

JUNE

17th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

JULY

26th Club Picnic & Auction, Churchgrove Park, Frankenmuth

AUGUST

19th NO MEETING

SEPTEMBER

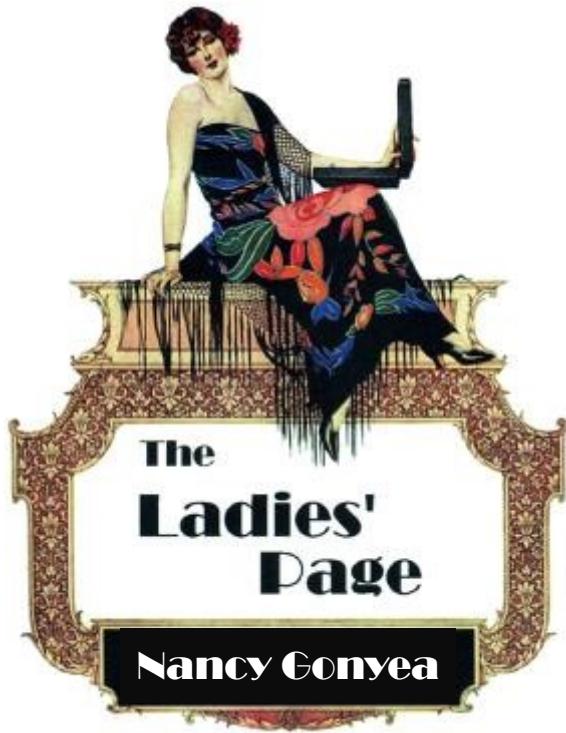
16th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

21st Turkey Bingo and regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

18th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community



Today we start a new chapter in our life, 365 blank pages, we decide what goes in them, so fill them to make it the best chapter ever.

A New Year Resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

What exactly is a New Year's Resolution? It's a "To Do" list for the first week of January.

My New Year Resolution is to lose just enough weight so that my gut doesn't jingle when I brush my teeth.

My New Year's Resolution is to catch up on my resolutions for 2023 and 2024.

Now that winter is here I'm always looking for some comfort food that is fast and easy to make. I also do not want to put on any extra pounds in order to enjoy these foods. This recipe works for both goals. It's an easy and healthy chili recipe. I hope you enjoy it!

Easy Chili

1 Tbsp Coconut Oil
 1/2 cup chopped onions
 2 chopped garlic cloves
 1-1/2 cups chopped celery
 1 cup chopped green pepper (optional)
 1-1/2 pounds ground beef or bison
 2 tsp thyme leaves
 2 tsp chili powder or more if you like
 2 tsp cumin
 Salt to taste
 1 8 oz can chopped tomatoes
 1 12 oz jar of all natural salsa



In large skillet, sauté onions, garlic, celery and pepper in oil till tender. Add meat, thyme, chili powder, and cumin and stir frequently for 5-6 minutes. Add salt, tomatoes and salsa to pot. Cook and simmer for an hour. This can also be cooked all day in the crockpot on low.

- Charter Oak A's

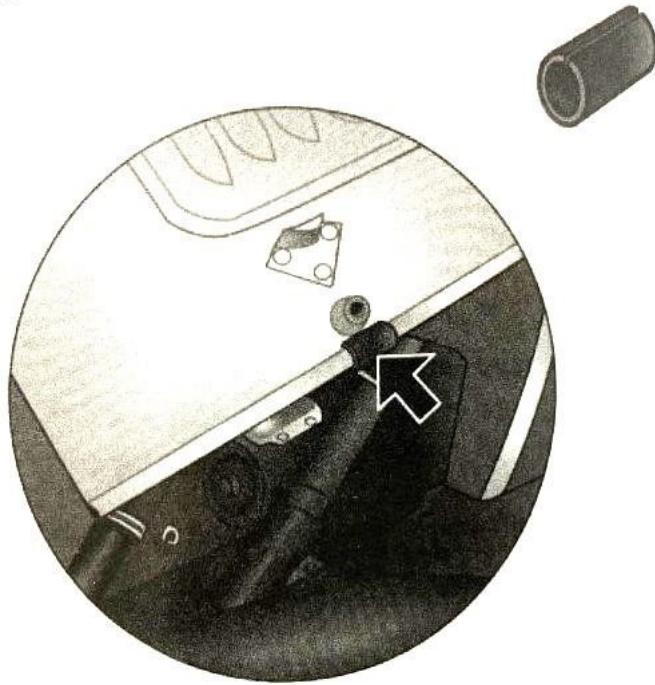
Of course I can keep a secret. It's the people I tell it to who can't.

Hood Anti-Chip Protector

This tips comes from Ted Kucjhta, Centerville, OH and illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, IN

A very simple solution to the problem of chipping the paint on your hood when latching the hood down with the hood handles is to cut four 1" to 2" lengths of fuel tubing, which are then cut lengthwise as shown.

Slid the tubing over the rolled lower edge of the hood and secure it in place with a dab or silicone.



- found in Monroe Floral City A's newsletter

Rusty asked his waiter at the Christmas Party why he had his thumb on my steak...he said because he didn't want to drop it on the floor again.



January 4
National Spaghetti Day
Ladies' Home Journal, April 1929



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: SIX SIMPLE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. Keep a Positive Mindset

Research shows that maintaining a positive mindset comes with a host of health benefits. Positivity has been linked to a lower risk of memory loss, quicker recovery from illness, injury or disability, a lower risk of chronic disease, and decreased feelings of loneliness and isolation.

2. Commit to 10 minutes of Exercise Daily

Starting on the path to better health can feel overwhelming. The thought of trying to make a big change in your diet or exercise may seem drastic or unrealistic – particularly if you try to tackle them all at once. But like any journey, all it takes to get going is just one step.

3. Spend Time with the Younger Generation

Research shows that senior adults who spend quality time with their grandchildren live longer and have better physical and mental health outcomes than those who do not.

4. Stimulate Your Mind

Regularly challenging your brain is one of the best ways to stay mentally sharp as you age. It's also a great way to reduce your risk of memory loss or developing dementia.

5. Reach Out to Old Friends and Make New Ones

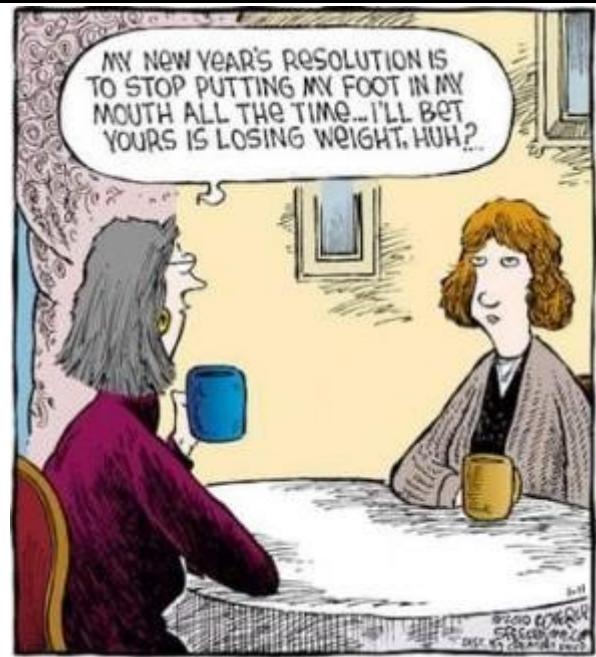
Studies show that socially active older adults are healthier and live longer.

6. Try Something Totally New

Retirement is the perfect time to try something outside of your comfort zone.

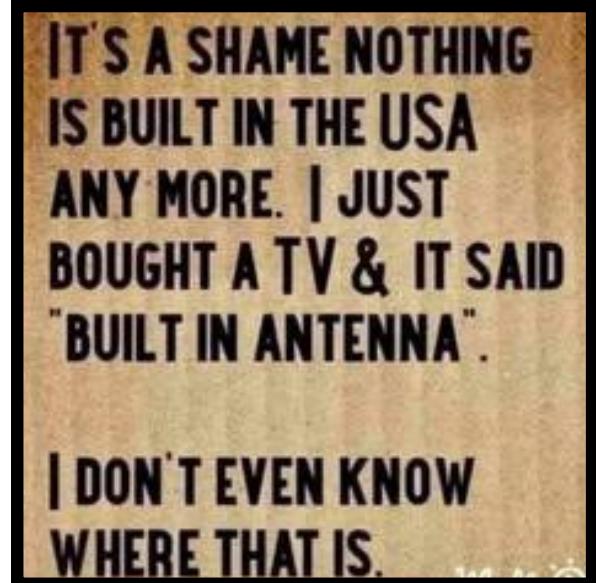
A 2020 study shows that (contrary to popular belief) cognitive abilities don't necessarily decline with age.

- Tulsa A's



Troubled Parent Posted:

This morning my kid said his ear hurt and I asked on the inside or outside, so he walked out the front door, came back in and said both. Moments like this got me wondering if I'm saving too much for college...



“IN THE KITCHEN” TIME FOR SOUP IN JANUARY

When the snow flies and winter winds blow in January, nothing is more comforting than a hot bowl of soup. Here is an easy and good one to try.... Potato Soup



3 cups chicken broth
2-lb bag frozen hash brown potatoes
1 ½ tsp salt
¾ tsp pepper
3 cups milk
3 cups shredded Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese

Place chicken broth, potatoes, salt and pepper in 4-6 qt slow cooker. Cover and cook on High 4 hours, or until potatoes are soft. Leaving the broth and potatoes in the slow cooker, mash the potatoes lightly, leaving some larger chunks. Add milk and cheese. Blend in thoroughly. Cover and cook on High until cheese melts and soup is hot.

- Old Fort A's

Things I learned from my mother...

1. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. *If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.*
2. My mother taught me about GENETICS. *You're just like your father.*
3. My mother taught me about my ROOTS. *Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?*
4. My mother taught me WISDOM. *When you get to be my age, you'll understand.*
5. And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE. *One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!*

**I made a huge
to do list for
today.
I just can't
figure out who's
going to do it.**

Cool Funny Jokes

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road.

I asked him, “What’s the word on the street?”

Once my dog ate all the Scrabble tiles. For days he kept leaving little messages around the house.

Heard about the new restaurant called Karma?

There's no menu; you get what you deserve.

A bear walks into a bar and says, “Give me a whiskey and ...cola.”

Why the big pause?” asked the bartender.

The bear shrugged, “I'm not sure; I was born with them.”

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?

He just needed a little space.

Why don't scientists trust atoms?

Because they make up everything.

Why did the chicken go to the séance?

To get to the other side.



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Once I went to a party with my husband, full of people he knew (from work) but I didn't. A guy came up to us, turned to me and said "You must be his wife." I turned to my husband and said, "You have a WIFE?" Should've seen the guy's face!

THE running BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

JANUARY, 2026

MARC's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our completely restored website is alive at ModelARestorersClub.org (modelarestorersclub.org). (If you have the link to the old website on your phone or computer, the old website will automatically connect to our new website). This upgrade marks an exciting step forward for MARC. Our new site uses modern technology to make it easier for members to:

- Browse national and regional events
- Renew memberships online
- Connect with other Model A enthusiasts
- Access club news and resources anytime — even on your phone

As our club continues to evolve, this new digital foundation helps us reach the next generation of Model A owners while staying true to our heritage.

Please take a moment to visit the new site and explore what's new. We welcome your feedback and ideas as we continue improving the online experience for everyone.

As some of you may have noticed on the MARC Facebook group, we advertised a special promotion to attract new members. If you have not been a member of MARC previously, you qualify for this promotion! Sign up for a MARC membership at the regular price of \$50 (12 months membership) and receive FREE editions of *Technically Speaking*, volumes one through thirteen, including shipping (while supplies last). AND if you want to purchase volumes fourteen and fifteen for an additional \$25 they will be shipped with the other volumes! Sign up on our new website by clicking join now. If you want to purchase the additional volumes you must call the office at 734-427-9050 within 48 hours of joining to qualify for free shipping.

Regions, please note that 2026 dues in the amount of only \$25 are now due. They can be paid by accessing our new website at modelarestorersclub.org, select Regions and the Region toolbar to take you to renew. Also, a reminder that most membership fees are due at this time of the year. Don't let your membership expire and miss an issue of the *Model A News*!

Circle your calendars now for July 12-16 and make your hotel reservations for the 2026 MARC National Meet in French Lick, Indiana. 894-241-8391. Driver Class judging standards have been updated and are available to download at modelarestorersclub.org. Plan to enter your Model "A" in the judging!

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

Keep your Paint Fresh

If you drive your Model A regularly you will encounter the occasional scratch or chip, especially on those beautiful wire wheels. CMARC member Red Liner has shared several helpful painting hints at our monthly meetings. (One more good reason to come to meetings).

Some owners keep a can of touch-up paint on hand, but half empty paint containers have a very limited shelf life, not matter how well you seal them. The air in the empty portion of the can will oxidize the paint and produce that dreaded "skin" over the remaining expensive paint. BIOxygen to the rescue. BIOxygen is argon gas in a pressure can.

Argon is an inert gas that is heavier than air and displaces oxygen. If you inject a small amount into the paint can you will protect the paint in the bottom from oxidation. The technique will preserve paint, varnish, adhesive or anything that cures by oxidation, just be sure to store the can up-right. It will not work on finishes that cure by a catalyst like epoxy paint. BIOxygen is available from Wal-Mart, Amazon and woodworking mail order outlets. It is also used to preserve wine in a product called Private Preserve, and you can get it from home brewery supply stores.

If you have a MIG welding outfit you can use a little bit of the shield gas, because that is argon too. I have had the same pint of expensive PPG Concept touch up paint for several years and is just as fresh as the day I purchased it.

**BY: JOHN LORCH,
MODEL A CORRESPONDENT**

The Accelerator, MAFC of New Jersey

Have you heard?
Chevrolet is developing a heated tailgate. It's so your hands will stay warm while you're pushing your truck home.



Women's Shopping Attire in 1928?

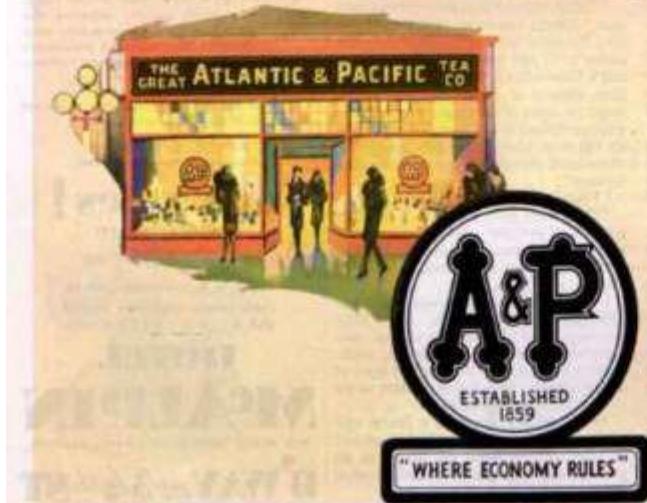
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January 12, 1929

The
Tramp
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Tramp

from store to store
 is no more



MODERN WOMAN . . . how differently she buys her food
 needs to-day.

Instead of the tramp, tramp, tramp from store to store,
 she has adopted the new and better way . . . one store, the
 A&P store, for all her food needs.

Fine foods from across the seven seas . . . fruits and vegetables . . . the popular nationally advertised brands of groceries . . . fancy butter . . . really choice teas and coffees, in fact A&P's assortment is so complete there's no longer any need to "shop around."

Visit the A&P store in your community to-morrow. It's
 the modern way to shop and the sure way to save.

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“The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets.” - Al McGuire

“The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.” - Albert Einstein

“War is God’s way of teaching American geography.” - Ambrose Bierce

“It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads.” - Andy Borowitz

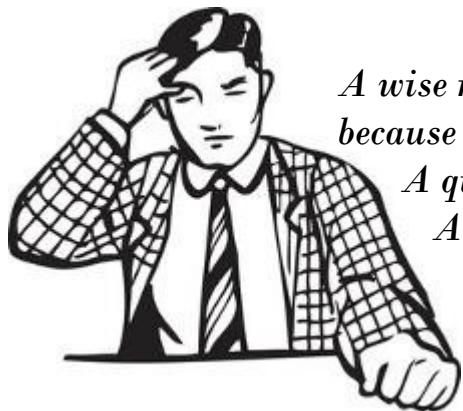
“The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us.” - Bill Watterson

“As a child my family’s menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.” - Buddy Hackett



You might be a Model A'er if...

Your daily driver sits outside in the weather on your driveway.



*A wise man once told his wife nothing,
because he was a wise man.*

*A quiet man is a thinking man.
A quiet woman is usually mad.*

**“It’s time to make
old mistakes in
different ways.
Hurray!
Happy New Year!”**

The best way to get full enjoyment out of your membership in the Club is to get involved!!

A CHUCKLE A DAY.....

Blonde at the Super bowl

Of all the blonde jokes, this one has to be one of the best -- because it makes football make sense!

This guy took his blonde girlfriend to the Super Bowl game. They had great seats behind their team's bench. Right After the game, he asked her how she liked it. "Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents." Dumb-founded, her boyfriend asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was... 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like... Hell00000? It's only 25 cents!"

Due to freezing temperatures in the South, customers are urged to wear two pairs of pajamas to Walmart



The following was taken from *The Ahooga News*, Beaver A's

TURN SIGNALS FOR YOUR MODEL "A"

Many of you cannot come to club meetings and many do not stay for the seminar. You miss out on good information and valuable tips on the Model A.

At the start of Lynn Sondennna's seminar "How to Make Your Model A More Reliable", Bill Jabs asked if he could have a moment. Lynn, of course said, "OK."

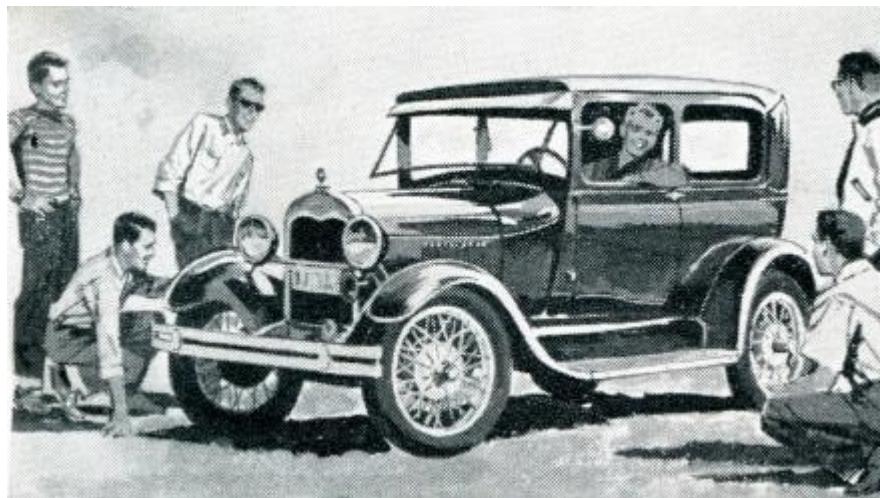
Bill demonstrated a set of bicycle turn signals. I think they were a really neat set of lights and by gluing rare earth magnets to the base you can have a nifty set of turn signals for your Model A. The turn signals are available from Amazon and the cost is only \$60.00.

They are listed as Goldfox Bike Tail Lights USB Rechargeable Bike Turn Signals. These are two lights (amber) for the front and two lights (red) for the rear. The LED warning light is very bright. These lights are wireless and waterproof.

Compare this to a wiring loom from a Model A pars supplier at about \$310 plus you have to purchase a \$30 flasher. Don't bother with the \$7.00 one with aluminum cover as they are prone to catch on fire.

Even if you already have turn signals on your car these lights would be a very nice addition as they will be brighter than the existing lights you are using. If you don't believe me, just ask check out Bill Jabs' Model A on the next tour he is on.

~ David Adair



I think I need to lose some weight. I tried to do a sit-up earlier, and ended up rocking myself to sleep.

The man stood alone in the middle of a dusty country road, holding an automobile crank in one hand and gazing skyward. About that time a farmer happened along. "H'lo thar stranger," the farmer accosted.

"Hello," replied the man, shading his eyes and continuing to gaze aloft

"Be ye lookin at the birds," asked the farmer.

"No."

"Then whut is wrong?"

"While, I was cranking my Ford here a minute ago and the thing flew off the handle."

That's not a leak, my car's just marking its territory!

On a visit to Boston, I noticed a parking meter with a paper sack over it upon which was written: "Broken."

A skeptical parking officer removed the bag, inserted a quarter in the meter and turned the dial. It worked perfectly. As the officer began to write a parking ticket, the car's owner rushed out of a nearby building.

"What are you doing?" he yelled after a quick glance at the meter, "There's plenty of time left!"

Last night I played a blank tape at full blast. The mime next door went nuts.

If a person with multiple personalities threatens suicide is that considered a hostage situation?

Just think how much deeper the ocean would be if sponges didn't live there.

Geriatric Truths from Suzanne Curtis —

"There are three stages in man's Life: he believes in Santa Claus, he does not believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus." - Leon Phillips

"Looking fifty is great — if you're sixty." - Joan Rivers

"Time may be a great Healer, but it's a lousy Beautician." - Zsa Zsa Gabor

"Tolerance will reach such a level that intelligent people will be banned from thinking so as to not offend the imbeciles." ~unknown~

Useful Model A References

During these cold winter months when we don't want to drive or even work on our beloved Model A's you can at least read about them. The Model A Restorers Club (MARC) has come up with a list of publications and general topics that they cover.

For Model A's in general:

- "The Model A as Henry built it" by George DeAngelis
- "The Model A Ford" by Peter Winweisser

Details of Model A's can be referenced in these publications:

- The Ford Service Bulletins by Ford Motor Co. (yellow book by Post publications)
- The Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards by MARC and MAFCA.

If you need to work on or do repairs to your car:

- Model A Ford Troubleshooting and Diagnostics by Les Andrews
- Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook by Les Andrews Vol II
- Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook by Les Andrews Vol I

These references can be purchased through the MARC website or borrowed from a club member.

- found in *The "A"nnouncer*, Running Board A's

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According to the
BMI chart at the
doctor's office,
I'm too short.

Tech Talk — Steering

by Jim Townsend. Queen City A's

Who among us has never complained about poor steering in our Model A Fords? Winter is upon us and now may be the time to do something about it. The problem is that it is not something solved with a quick fix. We're driving cars nearly 100 years old and steering wasn't great when new plus wear and poor maintenance since has caused deterioration. So where to start?

What makes it hard to steer? Simple things like low tire pressure, worn tires and a lack of oil in the steering gear make it worse but the root cause is more often wear. The balls on the steering arms wear into an oval shape. Replacing these arms and rebuilding the drag link and tie rod ends will help. I find many Pitman arms loose on the steering gear causing play at the steering wheel. The Pitman arm ball is also subject to wear and should be replaced when oval. Consider using a replacement shorter arm which will ease steering effort at the steering wheel. King pins and the thrust bearings wear and create steering resistance. Les Andrews gives good guidance as to how to properly install and adjust king pins. Parts to accomplish these jobs are not terribly high.

What causes so much play in the steering wheel? All of the above wear can influence play but if you've gone through that and satisfied with what you've done, try adjusting the play out of the steering gear if you have a two tooth steering box (1930-1931). Again, Les Andrews' book will lead you through the steps. Assuming the play is still excessive, your problem is likely wear at the steering worm and steering sector gear. The cure for that is to remove the steering column, replace the worm, sector and sector bearings. More than likely, the tapered roller bearings guiding the worm are in good condition. Consider replacing or modifying the sector housing to gain a modern oil seal. The worm gear, sector gear and housing are relatively expensive but the outcome will be worth it.

What causes the dreaded "Death Wobble"? Much of the wear discussed above plus a loose fit of the ball at the end of the front radius rod. I haven't mentioned yet "tow in" but after you get your wear eliminated, take the time to check and adjust the toe in – the intentional misalignment of the front wheels so that they very slightly steer toward each other. Again, consult Les Andrews' book for directions.

Proper repairs to your steering will make your outings much more stress free.



Something to think about!

Proofreading is a dying art, these wouldn't get by Krista!

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
(Did I read that right?)

You think you can
hurt my feelings?
I used to hold the
flashlight for my
dad.



Read this article, but insert 'Script A' instead of the Beaver Chapter —

My Two Cents by Mike Worthington, Beaver A's

Why did you join the Beaver Chapter? Why do you renew your membership? We are after all a Model A Ford Club, and surely the car is the reason a person would join the club. After looking at membership rolls going back to 2000, and posing these two questions to many members, I have made a couple of observations. Yes, the car is a major draw, but not the only reply I hear.

On average the club attracts about eleven new members per year, and almost all of these new member renew for a second year. This second year of membership seems to be a cross for many folks. About one third of new members leave the club after the second year. What causes a member to stay or walk away?

A club is a group of people with a common interest of goal. The Beaver Chapter fits this definition pretty well. When I ask the "why did you join" question, the car is the most frequent response. When I ask the "why do you stay" question the answers are much more varied. Most answers to this question fall into two general categories, people first, and activities second. Club activities are open to all members. You do not need to drive a Model A to go on a tour, and everyone is welcome to attend all social events. That leaves the people part of the answer. The people I am talking about is you. Members do not attend the monthly meeting to hear the treasurer report, or listen to the president step through the agenda. They attend to see, and visit with, their friends. This is great for long term members, but a problem for someone new to the group. A common comment that I hear from non-renewing members is that they did not attend activities, and did not know many members. We need to do a better job to help new members become part of the conversation.

The newsletter is helpful, but your personal involvement is critical. New members are unlikely to remember your name when you introduce yourself. They will however remember that you made the effort. Hi, my name is _____, we are glad that you have joined us this evening. Perhaps followed with a personal invitation to attend the next club event or tour. Greeting, and welcoming, new members should be everyone's job. The new member that we do not retain today could have been the club president tomorrow.

Thanks for reading. I joined the club because of the car, and stayed despite the meetings, so that I could attend the seminars.

Editor's Note: Mike brings up some well thought out and very important points! Whether you are an "old member" or "new to the club" you all are an important part of the club. If you think of us as a puzzle, where do **YOU** fit in? The club functions better when each of us do our part. When we can start meeting again, be thinking about what you can contribute. ~ Jeanie Adair



On New Year's Eve, Charlie was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his car in the parking lot and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?" asked the policeman.

"I'm on my way to a lecture/" answered Charlie.

"And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time of night?" enquired the officer sarcastically.

"My wife." slurred Charlie grimly.

In Memory of

Eric Burghardt— 01/25/25

Phyllis Truman — 03/22/25



Eunice Williams — 05/09/25

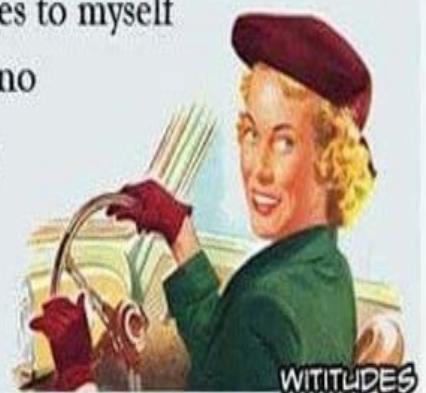
Gary Miles — 07/08/25

Barb Hazelton — 08/21/25

**Dear Mother Nature,
Having received my
free sample of winter I
would like to cancel
the remainder of my
subscription.
Thank you**

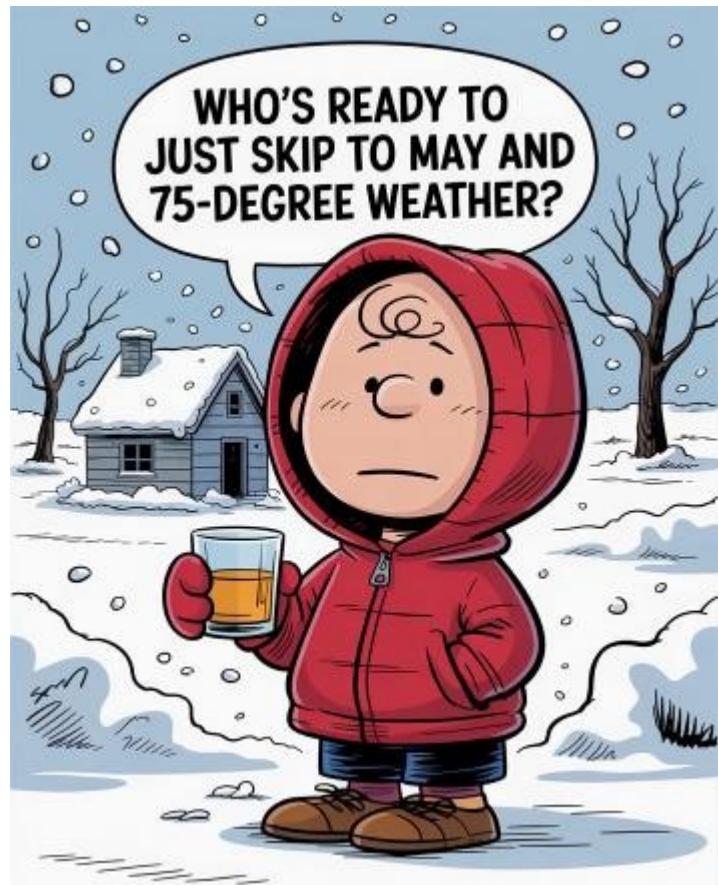
I don't call them New Year's Resolutions.
I prefer the term,

"Casual promises to myself
that I'm under no
legal obligation
to fulfill".





I think I may
need
professional
help...
A chef, a butler
and a maid
should do it.



7 RULES OF LIFE

1. Make peace with your past so it does not affect the present.
2. What others think of you is none of your business.
3. Time heals almost everything, give it time.
4. Don't compare your life to others and don't judge them. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
5. It's alright not to know all the answers. They will come to you when you least expect it.
6. You are in charge of your happiness.
7. Smile. You don't own all the problems in the world.

MAFFI Minute

December 2025



Happy Holiday Season, Model A'ers! Hope everyone is staying warm and that your cars are either tucked away for the winter or still enjoying the cooler air. I know I've been enjoying taking my A out in the snow.

Earlier this month, John Marshall, our Executive Director, sent out the Holiday Donation Letter, which is a great opportunity to stay involved by giving back to the museum. Don't forget that we also have a store where you can purchase MAFFI merchandise, located under the "Store" tab at maffi.org.

One of the coolest things about the museum is that it's constantly in motion. Dan Cargo and Jerry Dennany are always tinkering or moving cars around, with the help of the amazing volunteers from the Grape Country A's. If you visit the "Cameras" tab on maffi.org, you can see all the holiday decorations and even catch a glimpse of some of our newest additions.

The trustees also met in November to start shaping some exciting ideas for the museum. While it's a bit early to share details just yet, there are some great things in the works, and we're looking forward to unveiling more as plans come together in the months ahead.

Keep on motoring, and have a Happy New Year!

John Grossheim

Trustee and Secretary, MAFFI

AULD LANG SYNE

We all grew-up with Guy Lombardo playing Auld Lang Syne at midnight on New Year's Eve. Every wonder where it came from? It's an old Scottish folk song dating back to possibly as early as 1677. Robert Burns was the first to publish it in the mid-1790's. The song recalls the days gone by and says we will always remember them. There are five verses plus the chorus:

Verse 1:

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And auld lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my jo
For auld lang syne
We'll tak a cup o'kindness yet
For auld lang syne

Verse 2:

And surely ye'll be your pint-stoup
And surely I'll be mine;
And we'll tak' a cup o'kindness yet,
For auld lang syne

Verse 3:

We twa hae run about the braes
And pou'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit
Sin' auld lang syne

Verse 4:

We twa hae paidl'd in the burn
Frae morning sun til dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
Sin' auld lang syne

Verse 5:

And there's a hand, my trustyiere!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak' a right gud-wellie waught
For auld lang syne

What does all this mean, you ask? Well, even if you didn't ask, here is a rough translation. Verse 1 wonders if we should forget the days gone by. The Chorus says "No, we should remember them." Verse 2 refers to friends at separate pubs drinking to each other. Verses 3 & 4 talk about the long journey to find that friend, running "about the braes" (hillsides), and "pou'd the gowans fine" (picked the pretty daisies) and then getting tired doing it ("wander'd mony a weary fit"). It continues with wading streams ("paidl'd in the burn") but even so, the broad ("braid") seas roar (separate) them. Finally in Verse 5, they find each other and "tak a right guid-wellie waught" (drink a goodwill drink) for times gone by.

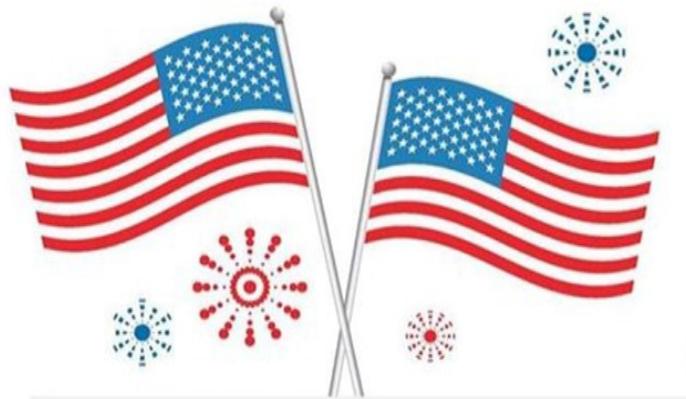


CHUCKLES

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it.

- W. C. Fields

AMERICAN FLAG FLYING DAYS



January 1 st	New Year's Day
3 rd Monday in Jan	Martin Luther King Day
3 rd Monday in Jan	Inauguration Day every 4 yrs)
February 12 th	Lincoln's Birthday
3 rd Monday in Feb	President's Day
February 22 nd	Washington's Birthday
(Variable)	Easter Sunday
April 6 th	Army Day
April 13 th	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
April 14 th	Pan American Day (Embassies in Latin America)
May 1 st	Loyalty Day/Law Day
2 nd Sunday in May	Mothers Day
May 15 th	Peace Officers Memorial Day (Half-staff)
3 rd Saturday in May	Armed Forces Day

May 22 nd	National Maritime Day
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day (Half-staff until noon, then hoisted to the top of the flagpole for the remained of the day)
June 14 th	Flag Day
3 rd Sunday in June	Fathers Day
July 4 th	Independence Day
July 27 th	Korean War Armistice Day
August 19 th	National Aviation Day
1 st Monday in Sept	Labor Day
September 11 th	Patriot Day (Half-staff)
September 17 th	Constitution Day
3 rd Friday in Sept	POW/MIA Recognition Day
Last Sunday in Sept	Gold Star Mothers Day
2 nd Monday in Oct	Columbus Day
October 27 th	Navy Day
November 10 th	Marine Corps Birthday
November 11 th	Veterans Day
4 th Thursday in Nov	Thanksgiving Day
December 7 th	Pearl Harbor Day
December 17 th	Pan American Aviation Day
December 25 th	Christmas Day

- Charter Oak A's

I said I was good at making decisions. I didn't say the decisions I made were good.



Read the newsletter and sign up for everything



DID YOU KNOW?

CAR FINANCING A CENTURY AGO

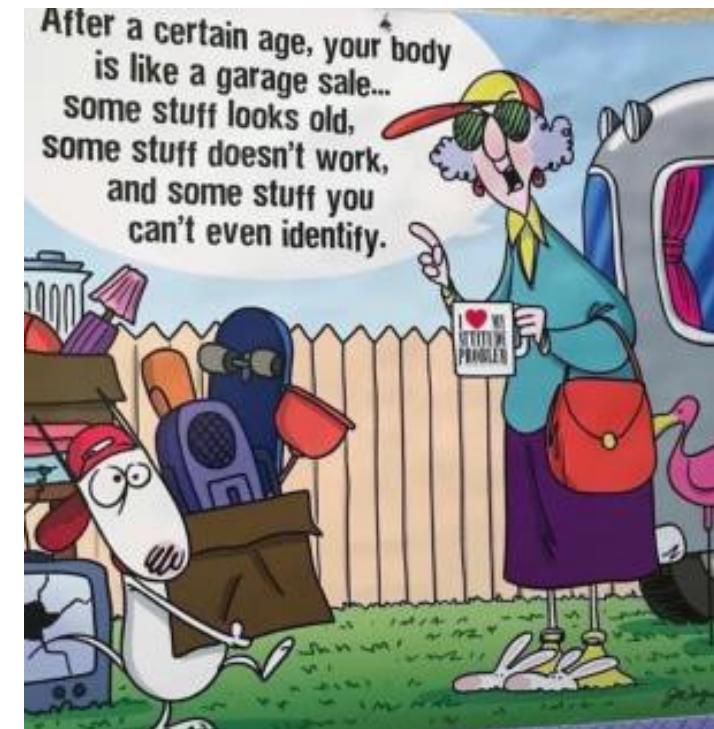
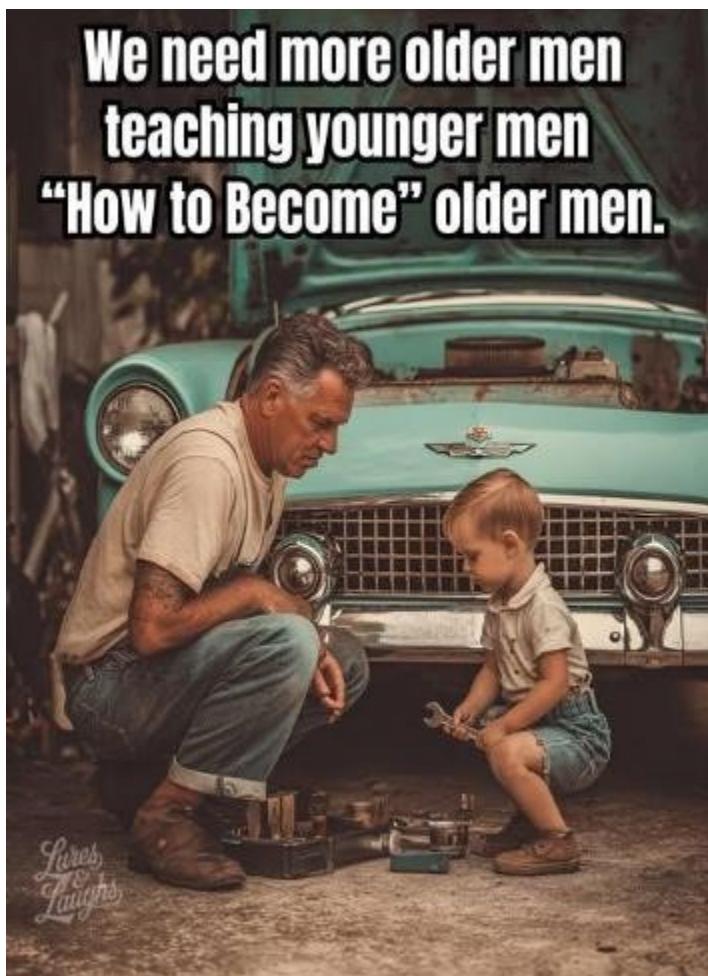
The introduction of auto financing in the 1920s had a profound impact on car ownership and the auto industry. Financing, specifically for automobile purchase, began to be offered by dealerships and banks, and this led to a rapid increase in car ownership. Owning a car became a symbol of prosperity and modernity, and many people were eager for the freedom afforded by mobility.

The emphasis on financing resulted in potential buyers considering a wider range of vehicles, from economy to luxury models. This was certainly noticed by the folks at the Ford Company as they were still churning out the low cost Model T in 1925.

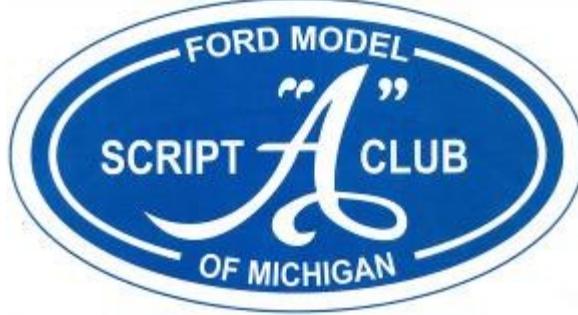
Automobile financing transformed car ownership and fueled related industries including road construction and gasoline production. This contributed to the overall economic growth during the Roaring Twenties.

- Fort Worth A's

Youth Page: Here's one of our members with his 11-month-old grandson, Hayden Hillman. He already has grandpa sitting on the passenger side. Hayden and his parents live in Tucson, Arizona and came to Michigan to see his grandparents and snow!



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Amaryllis Care

For your amaryllis; once it's done blooming cut off just the flower stalk leaving the leaves to grow. Water, fertilize plant with the leaves growing like you would any houseplant.

In late August or September stop watering, cut leaves off just above bulb and put it in a dark cool spot for 6-8 weeks to rest.

Then take out water, keep in warm spot in your home and restart the growing process.



Connie Green @

Euroblooms.com or plantlady2@charter.net

If you have any questions on the Amaryllis, see me or Chris at a club meeting!

Did ya know:

Before the crowbar was invented, crows simply drank at home.

One minute you're young and fun.
Next you're turning down the car stereo to see better!

A taxpayer received a strongly worded "second notice" that his taxes were overdue. Hastening to the collector's office, he paid his bill, apologetically he stated that he must have overlooked the first notice.

"Oh," confided the collector with a smile, "we don't send out first notices. We have found that the second notices are more effective."

- Bob Davies

After my 91-year-old mother finished having her hair cut and shaped, the stylist announced, "There, now you look ten years younger!"

My mother, unimpressed, replied, "Who wants to look 81 years old?"