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Vice President - Dave Ford
Secretary - Marilyn Kaspar
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Questions? Comments?

Please email to ahoogaeditor@gmail.com

The Capitol A members meet the first Friday of each month at 7:30 pm in Veterans Hall at Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael CA



President's Message

Angela Stergion-Becker

Happy Holidays!

As I sit down to write my final President's message, I find myself reflecting on the past two years, the good time we've shared, the exciting events and tours we took, and the more difficult times when we've had to say goodbye to cherished members. All of these experiences have truly helped shape my time as President.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to every Officer and Board Member who made my role as President so much easier, and to all the club members who stepped up as committee chairpersons. This club thrives because of the amazing members who consistently step up and lend a hand. The President's job is only as challenging as the support around them and I've been incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by dedicated and helpful people.

As I pass the torch to Dan Gossen, I'd to think he has big shoes to fill, but considering mine are kid-sized, he'll have no problem at all.

It's been an honor to serve this club. Happy Holiday and looking forward to new Model A adventures in 2026.

What a ride it's been!

Angela Stergion-Becker

The Sacramento Capitol A's are dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the 1928-1931 Model A Ford and its era. The Sacramento Capitol A's Model A Club was chartered by the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) on May 15th, 1959, and is the second oldest active club in California and the 6th oldest club in the U.S.. Some items in this newsletter may have come from other publications. We thank others for sharing and invite you to use any information found here with credit to the original contributor.



Hard Luck Stories

Have you taken your Model A out for a spin in 2025 and found yourself on an unexpected adventure? Perhaps you faced an unforeseen roadside breakdown, requiring a call for a tow truck. Or maybe you managed to coax your vehicle back home despite a significant issue, only to realize it needed major engine repairs. Did you ever run out of gas at the most inconvenient moment, or did a seemingly simple repair turn into a complicated ordeal? We believe there are countless adventurous stories out there, and we would love to hear yours! Take a moment to write a short story about your Model A hard luck adventure from 2025 and email it to **Joel Trzaska** (joeltrzaska@sbcglobal.net), by **Monday, December 8th**.

Remember, you can also submit stories nominating other club members. Your story has the chance to be considered for a prestigious award, so don't miss out on this opportunity to share your experiences. The submissions will be reviewed by the board, and the winner will be announced during the Anniversary luncheon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call, text, or email **Joel Trzaska** at 916-308-7775.



**BIG SHOUT OUT AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:
GARRETT RYLE AND CAROL & WAYNE FRINK!!**

Election Results Are In! Announcing the Officers and Board Members for 2026:

President: Daniel Gossen
Vice-President: Dennis Bowie
Secretary: Angela Stergion-Becker
Treasurer: Katy Trainer

Board: David Gill
Dennis Martin
Tom DeCicco
David Trainer
Marc Belon
Lynn Datwyler
Joel Trzaska
David George, Alternate



Warm Wishes for Meals on Wheels

Once again, our Club has supported Meals on Wheels (MOW) with goodie-filled stockings and bags. I believe our Club support has been ongoing for about 20 years. A huge shout out to everyone in Club who helped, participated and filled bags with goodies, warm wishes and thoughtful cards. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and shines a bright light in the lives of shut in seniors. Please see the thanks from the directors of MOW below:

"We are most grateful to Sacramento Capitol A's for supporting this project for the past many years. To our isolated participants, receiving these thoughtful gifts during the holidays is like a warm hug, just knowing someone out there has thought of them brings much needed comfort at a time when sorrow often deepens."

It's truly wonderful to belong to a car club that shares smiles both on and off the road. Thanks for spreading so much cheer and warmth.

Karen Lopez

Anniversaries

21 Wayne & Kathy Ferguson
22 Eldon & Jaye Lowe



28 John & Anna Stoney
31 Carl & Elaine Black

Birthdays

01 Tom Urban
02 Iris Smith
03 Raul Cornejo
05 Angela Becker
06 Marcia Bredek
09 Joe Bugarin

09 Julia Martin
09 Les Wittrup
14 Donna Smith
17 Brian Palumbo
19 Mick Ayres
19 Blair McLeod

21 Taylor Yates
22 Jay Dennis
24 Dave Ford
29 Enrique Silva
30 Edith Tolbert





Events Calendar



December 2025

- 05 NO monthly meeting for December
- 05 KCRA 3 and CHiPs For Kids Toy Drive 11:30am (details on Page 5)
- 06 NO Technical Seminar in December
- 06 Elk Grove Holiday Parade of Lights 6:00pm - 8:00pm (details on Page 5)
- 09 Board Meeting and Holiday Fellowship hosted by Angela Becker
- 13 Capitol A's Annual Christmas Party 12:00pm - 3:00pm (details on Page 6)
- 16 Men's and Women's Birthday Lunches - Canceled for December



Final Reminder! 2026 Annual Dues Renewal



Dues of **\$50 per membership** are due by **December 31, 2025**. Dues can be paid by cash, check or Zelle. All checks must be made payable to: **Capitol 'A' Club, Inc.**

If you would like to mail your check, please send to: Attn: Katy Trainer, Capitol A's, P.O. Box 1416, Carmichael, CA 95608. **A late fee of \$10 will be assessed if dues are not postmarked by December 31st.**



If *Zelle is offered by your bank, it's a quick and easy way to transfer money from your bank account to someone else's using just their email. If you wish to pay your dues with Zelle, send your payment to:

capitolatreasurer@gmail.com and note "2026 Dues" in the memo space.

A \$10 late fee will be added if dues are not postmarked by December 31st.

Changes to your current membership information (ie. address, email, phone) can be sent with your payment, or email our current List Keeper: Julia Martin.

MAFCA NOTE: Our club dues are separate from your MAFCA dues, which are required to be a member of the Capitol A's. Please remit your MAFCA dues directly to MAFCA before December 31. MAFCA dues are payable online at www.mafca.com.

Upcoming Activities

Friday December 5th - KCRA 3 and CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive - Joe and Karen Lopez Tour Leaders



Meeting Time: 11:30 AM

Departure Time: 11:45 AM

Meeting Place: Cinemark Century Arden 14, 1540 Ethan Way, Sacramento.
(Near Arden and Ethan on the racetrack or the backside of Cal Expo)

Our Club has had the pleasure of supporting this community toy drive for many years. Once again, we will be bringing toys and gift cards to the CHIPS TOYS for KIDS toy drive at Cal Expo. We will caravan to Cal Expo to drop off toys. Afterwards we will go to lunch at Olive Garden to enjoy a great lunch along with lots of friendship, food and laughter. Don't forget your cash for your meal. We hope to see you there even if you did not sign up in advance at the November meeting. Our Club's participation and generosity is certainly appreciated by the community, children, parents and me. If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Lopez**

Saturday December 6th - Elk Grove Holiday Parade of Lights - Fuzzy Furry Tour Leader

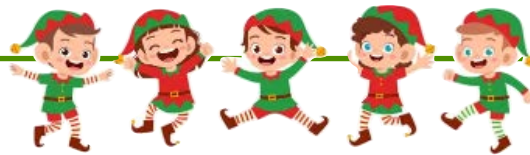


The club has been invited to participate in the Elk Grove Holiday Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 6th, from 6-8 PM. Since it's a nighttime parade, we would need to add lights to the cars. I know an LED expert who can set us up for AC-powered lighting, but he needs to know who's interested before we move forward. We may be closer to the end of the Parade unless I can wiggle some influence.

Cody Stark mentioned that he and Craig Nelson will be driving an illuminated Choo Choo in the parade. For anyone shy, this is the perfect event-once the lights go on, no one will even recognize you. Unless you wear a Santa hat that glows.

There's also a larger event beginning at 3 PM, leading into the parade and the city's tree-lighting ceremony.

Fuzzy Furry 916-988-8921



2027 MAFCA National Tour

June 13 - 18, 2027

Durango, Colorado

Hosted by The Model A Ford Club of Colorado

Tour Highlights

4 Days of Driving Tours to: Aztec Ruins National Monument (New Mexico) - Mesa Verde National Park - Million Dollar Highway - Pagosa Springs/Wolf Creek Pass

A fun Day on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (a can't miss event)

Car Games, Ice Cream Social, Model A Car Display, Hubley Derby, Welcome and Farewell Dinners, and More



Scan to go to our website
mafcc.org/2027-mafca-national-tour



Scan to join our Facebook group





Capitol A's Annual Christmas Party

*** Saturday Dec 13, 12:00pm**

Time to Plan for This Year's Christmas Party !

Location: **Carmichael Park Community Club House**
5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael, CA
(Across the parking lot from our regular meeting location)

Plan to arrive by 12:00 and bring a dish according to your last name (see below). **Lunch will begin at 12:30 pm** with the club officers and board members providing the main dish entrees, like ham and turkey including a vegetarian option. Decaf coffee, a holiday punch and water will be available for drinks.

Please bring your assigned dish to serve 8 - 12.

- Last name A - F Dessert A Christmas sheet cake will be provided
- Last name G - P Salad such as macaroni, potato, three bean, jello, spinach salad, green leafy, or carrot salad, etc.
- Last name is R - Z Hot side dish such as baked beans, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, casseroles, rice, or vegetarian, or your favorite side dish.

Around 1:15 - 1:30 Santa will arrive bringing gifts and stockings for the kids. He is happy to be back and ready to meet the kids again ! If you are bringing children or grandchildren, please bring a wrapped gift with first and last name clearly marked. Remember to keep this a secret then Santa will appear really magical when he knows what the child has asked for. If you won't be at the Nov meeting to sign up on the clipboard just call or text:

Tina Raibley (916.838.3466) for additional details.
tntfamily7@gmail.com

**** Note: This is the 2nd Sat of the month ****



Save The Date for the Capitol A's 67th Anniversary Luncheon

When: February 21st, 2026
11:30am Social and No-Host Bar, 12:30pm Luncheon
Where: Sierra View Country Club
Theme: *Grinding Gears for "67" Years*
Cost: \$30.00 per person
RSVP: No later than February 6th at the general meeting

More information to follow in January

Past Activities

November 11th - Folsom Veterans Day Parade

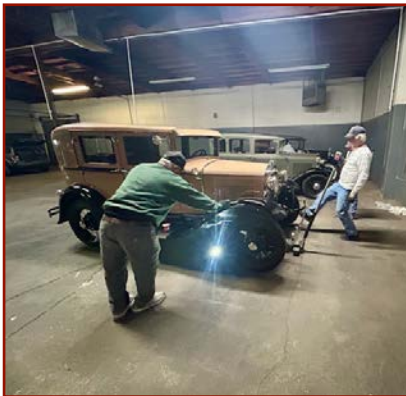
WOW, what a GREAT turnout. We had 13 cars (and 1 Ford jeep) in the parade this year. This is up about 400% over last year. The weather was perfect and most of the cars ran and looked great with lots of red, white and blue decorations to honor our Veterans. If you didn't make it this year, put November 11th on your calendar for next year - **Dennis and Julia Martin**





November 8th - Technical Seminar

We had a great time in the dark dusty old warehouse! Many thanks to all who helped on my old A. Give a guy a little coffee and he sure struts his stuff! (Check out Al!) - **David Frank**





Fashionably Speaking

By Fern Davis
Holiday Gifts

Here we have some great ideas for Holiday gifts, which would please anyone in 1929 or today! First we have "Gifts of Precious Metals." Watches are always a good choice, and as the other watch ad states: "It's your move and you can't lose if you give an Elgin for Christmas." Notice the other brands, all still available today – Hamilton, Gruen, Waltham, and Illinois, although I'm not sure about Illinois. Notice the Wadsworth belt buckle and in the Elgin ad, the clock and fountain pen set, the travel clock, and especially the unusual combination cigarette lighter and Elgin watch. Also look at Ronson's lighter ad. Any of these would be an outstanding accessory for your outfit, as would any of the watches.

Any of these beautiful hand-held mirrors would be a perfect accessory for a lounging pajama, or boudoir outfit. Mirrors like these can still be found in antique stores or shows, at a reasonable price. Illustration taken from *Cosmopolitan* December 1929.

Here is a special note: You now can sell your extra era fashions on the MAFCA web site, and maybe you can find just what you're looking for to finish your outfit there, too! Try it! You'll like it! www.mafca.com.

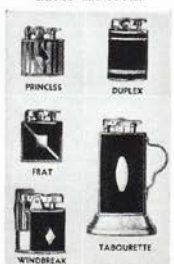


THE WORLD'S GREATEST LIGHTER



*As in a fine watch
... the movement is the secret!*

THIS IS THE RONSON MOVEMENT
Just press—and up flips the snuffer cap, *Flash!* goes the spark, *Zip!* there's your light!
The action is entirely automatic—precise, uniform—and unfailing.
A flip—and it's lit!
Release—and it's out!



JUDGE a lighter, as you judge a watch, by its *works*—by the worth of its *movement* as well as the beauty of its case.

The one-finger Ronson automatic action has revolutionized lighter design and construction—made possible smarter, smaller, slimmer, more convenient cases.

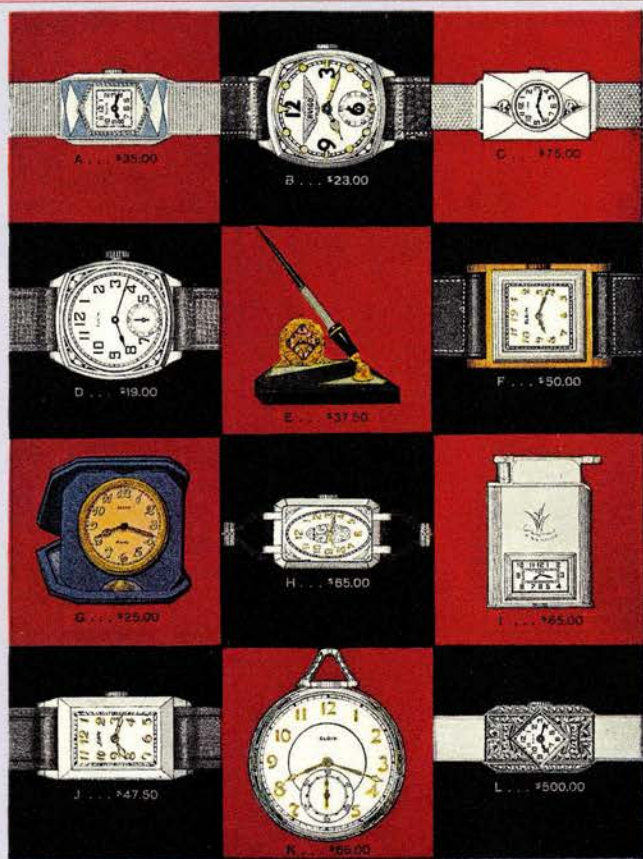
It has given the Ronson supreme reliability—ticking off lights with the steady regularity of a watch.

There's no substitute for Ronson perfection. Get the genuine. All sizes, all styles, all finishes, for pocket, desk or table. \$5. and up, at jewelry, tobacco, drug, haberdashery, and department stores.

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PERFECT CASE!



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These exquisite new accessories, approved by Fashion for the modern boudoir, offer a rich variety for individual choosing

See-glass set in the exquisite Wedgewood pattern inspired by the famous 18th century pottery whose name is famous. In the smart new box which may be kept right on the dressing table!



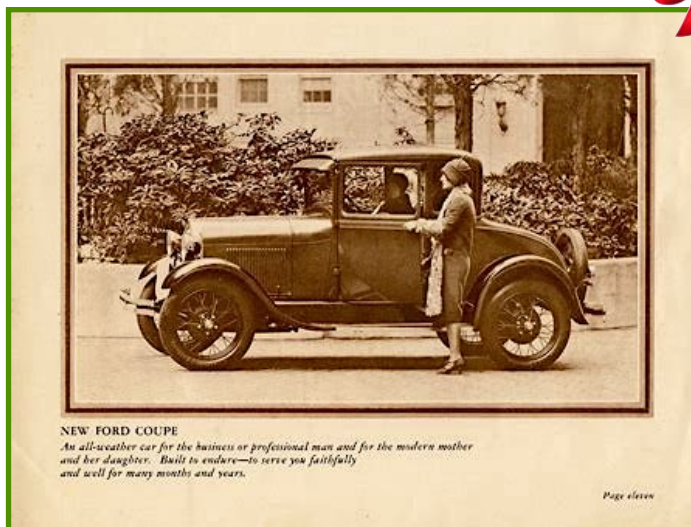


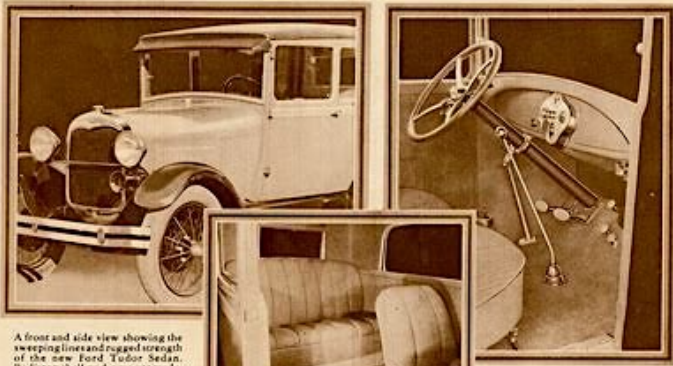
A classic illustration of Santa Claus with a white beard, wearing a red hat and suit, holding a large red and white striped candy cane.



Edwin H. Heston

*A new kind
of motor-car beauty*





A front and side view showing the sweeping lines and rugged strength of the new Ford Tudor Sedan. Radiator shell and new acorn design headlamps are full-nickel-plated.

Here you can see the roominess of the new Ford Tudor Sedan. Built to seat five people in real comfort. Both front seats fold forward, giving easy access to rear seat.



This photograph shows the convenient control mechanism of the new Ford Tudor Sedan. Note the size and sturdiness of the steering wheel and column.

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Specially designed steel-spoke wheels, standard on all types, help to emphasize the alert, fleet appearance of the new Ford Roadster. These steel-spoke wheels are welded in one piece, and there are only thirty spokes in each wheel.



The new Ford Roadster has an unusually large rear deck affording ample luggage space. Rear quarter fenders blend gracefully into those of rear deck which is provided with a lock and key.

The top of the new Ford Roadster is of the quick and collapsible type and may be flipped back easily with one hand. It folds flat, giving a smart streamline effect.

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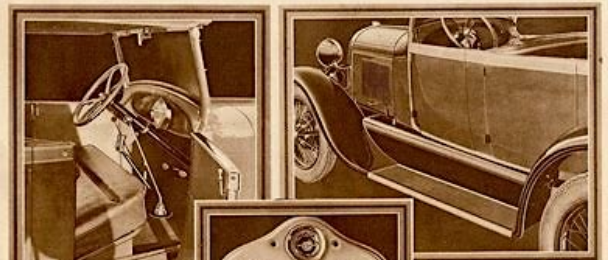
Here is the deep, cushioned rumble seat which is standard equipment on the new Ford Sport Coupe. Note its wide roominess—and substantial strength.



This left-rear view shows the graceful lines and ruggedness of the new Ford Sport Coupe. Strong full-crown fenders are made of 22-gauge steel.

A view through the open door of the Sport Coupe shows the beauty of design, quality of materials and careful workmanship that characterize every detail of the new Fords.

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Driver's seat is comfortable and spacious. Controls are conveniently placed within easy reach.



Full-crown fenders and rubber covered running boards are features of all new Ford cars.

Shown here is the good-looking instrument panel of the new Ford Phaeton. Instruments are conveniently arranged in cluster, with light in center.





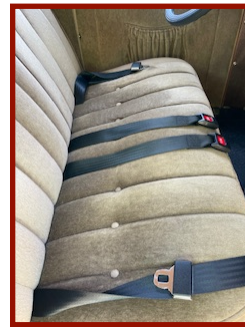
Classifieds



For Sale: 1930 Model A Pickup. Restoration in progress. Many new parts available. Frame mostly complete. Body needs to be restored. Good for a next project. Asking \$6,500 negotiable. Contact **Gene Tolbert** at 916-489-3258.

For Sale: 1930 Model A Coupe. Lots of extras. B engine and transmission. Overdrive. CB radio. Air conditioning. Great motor. 12 volt. 16" wheels and tires. Electronic ignition. Etched glass and more. Contact **John Anderson** at 916-712-0683.

For Sale: 1930 Sport Coupe. Good condition. 5K miles on a rebuilt engine. Contact **John Morelli** at 530-666-6844.



For Sale: Columns A-3550 painted no cracks; 2 each @ \$25

* Crank guide early type A-5464-A new @ \$15

* Starter 6V rebuilt A-11002 \$125 w/ core

* Housing clutch AA-7501-B painted, used when needing 4speed transmission or newer model transmission swap.

* 2 A-7005-L model a three speed transmissions one early one late with towers rebuilt.

* 2 AA-7006 4 speed transmissions rebuilt one short stick one standard stick.

* Wheel wells new 2 each, A-1410-301 weld in 30-31. If you need help I have done 3 to date. \$30 ea.

* Well right front fender, A-16005-A/W used needs some work. 30-31. \$40

* If anyone wants a AA 4 speed transmission in a model A I have a complete assembly even the special U-joint it was a factory modification late 31. its all bolt in no mods to any components.

I also have a big list of extra parts if you want to look at it, it's over 400 line items. **James Brucklacher**, call or text to 916-202-3182.

For Sale:

* Rims and tires 1930 19 inch. Set of four 19 inch rims and wheels. Two tires with lots of tread, Two running out. Tacoma Cream Powder Coat in great shape. Color easily changed with 2K paint.

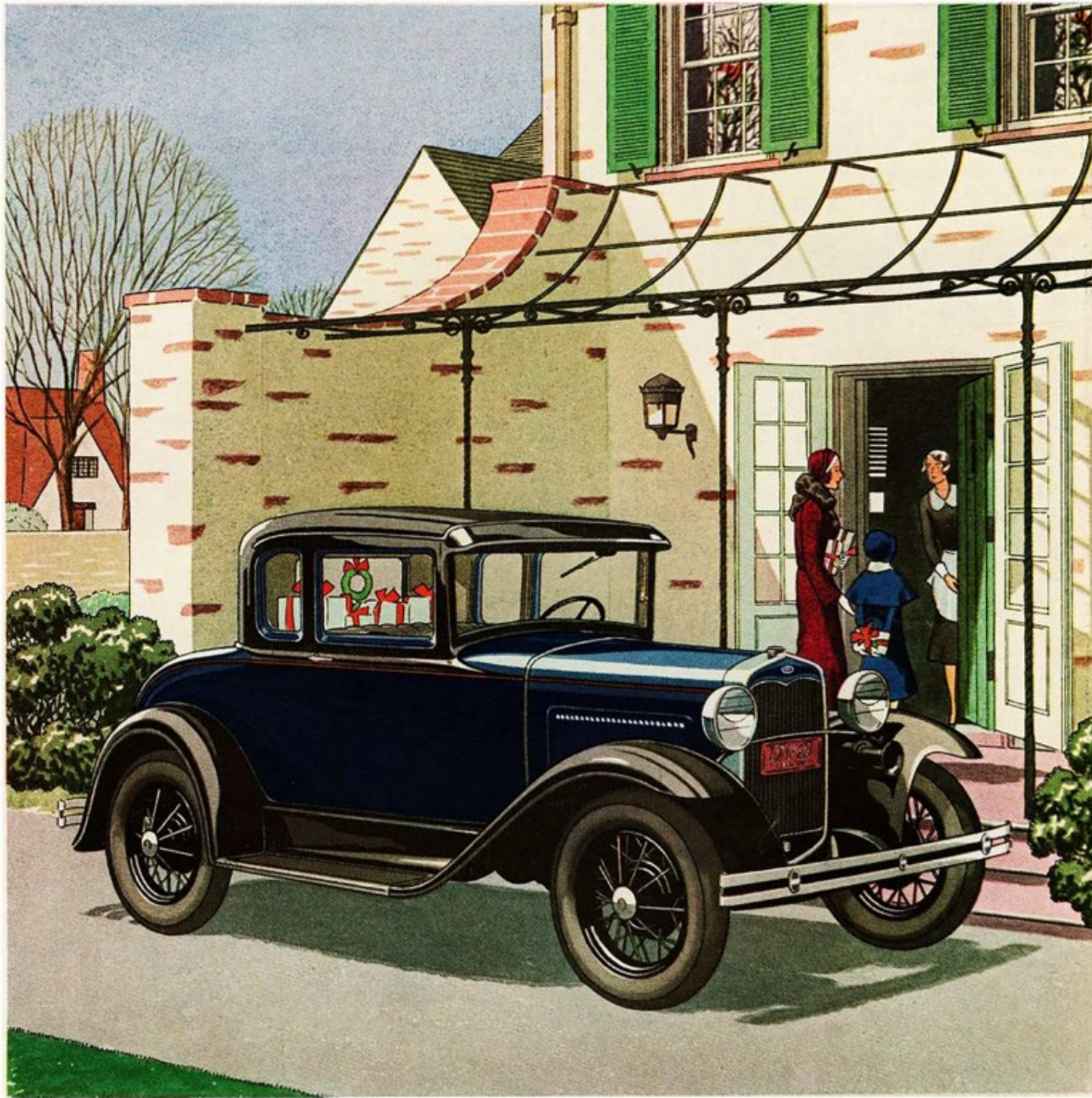
* 12V Alternator good condition. \$100 B/O or trade.

* I also have a spare tire black cover. Trade for cookies.

Contact **Fuzzy Furry** at 916-988-8921.



A Treasured *Gift* at Christmas Time



DREAMS will come true in many homes this Christmas. For there, among the holiday gifts, will be a gleaming new Ford. From Dad to Mother. Or from Mother and Dad to Son or Daughter.

Not a gift for the day only, but one that will be used and treasured throughout the year. A practical, lasting gift that will bring countless happy hours

and shorten the miles to friends and distant places.

Illustrated above is the new Ford Coupe. There are many other body types to select from, in a changing variety of beautiful colors. A choice of soft, luxurious mohair or fashionable Bedford cord upholstery is offered in the Town Sedan, the De Luxe Sedan, and the De Luxe Coupe.



WANTS: EVENING TELESCOPE, THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1927



First Pictures of the New Ford Car
Get complete details
TOMORROW
at Ford salesrooms

For several years we have been working on the new Ford car. For weeks and months you have been hearing rumors about it. For the past few days you have been reading some of the details of it in the newspapers.

Whenever you do tomorrow, take at least fifteen minutes to get the full story of this new automobile.

You will realize then that it is an entirely new and different Ford car designed and created to meet modern conditions—a car that brings you more beauty, speed, quiet, comfort, safety, economy and service than you ever thought possible in a low-price car.

NOTE THESE FEATURES

- Beautiful new low line body lines
- 55 to 65 miles an hour
- Remarkable acceleration
- 40 horse power
- Five-wheel brakes
- Standard electric power shift
- Hydraulic shock absorbers
- 20 to 30 miles per gallon of gasoline
- Top proof reinforced fenders
- Typical Ford economy and reliability

STANDARD EQUIPMENT ON ALL NEW FORD CARS

- Overhead valves
- Electric lights
- Five and eight speeds
- Manual
- Windshield wiper
- Rear and wing light
- Spare tire
- Gasoline pump
- Tank
- Proven gear oil lubrication

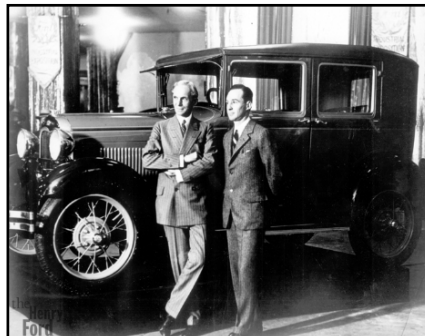
FORD MOTOR COMPANY
Detroit, Michigan

WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON...

DECEMBER 2, 1927

SPECIAL EDITION!

THE NEW FORD ARRIVES!



FIRST PICTURES OF NEW FORD AUTOMOBILE!

DEC 02: United Press International **FORD'S ENTRY INTO THE FIELD IS A DRAMATIC ONE**

The new Ford car, for months the greatest mystery of the commercial world, made a dramatic appearance before the world today and was accorded such a reception as has rarely been achieved by the most adept press agency. From all parts of the United States and from abroad came reports of the impatient thousands standing in line for a chance to see the successor to the flivver, the trim, conventionally designed car which replaces the familiar if ungainly machine so dear to the cartoonist and the jokesmith.

They saw a car with some individualities, yet not essentially different in general appearance from a dozen others. From the driver's viewpoint, as from the spectator's, it seemed similar in many ways to other cars. Great power and speed, economy and long service were promised for it by Ford representatives.

In New York, night owls searched out the show rooms at 3 a.m. to see the new model, and thousands upon thousands jammed past the show places after daylight came. A steady rain did not discourage the curious. In Chicago less wild enthusiasm but great interest was shown. A line stretched a block from the main show room on State Street by noon and uncounted thousands had been shoved through the display room.

Police called out! Mounted police were called out in Cleveland to protect windows from the crowds. In Detroit forty of the new cars were displayed in the convention hall while music from two bands entertained the crowd.

Special trains carried observers from all parts of the British Isles to London where the new models were on display at Holland Park Hall. Newspapers made the display of the new car their principal story and British motor manufacturers were quoted as predicting a bitter fight to hold the market.

The new car distracted Washington's attention momentarily from politics and from 7 a.m. prospective buyers and would-be buyers streamed past the display.

In Oklahoma City, business men, farmers and housewives jammed the street in front of the display room.

In Indianapolis 2,000 persons saw the car at the fair grounds in the first three hours it was on display. Six thousand saw the Ford in St. Paul before 11 a.m. and exhibitors expected 25,000 before night despite sub-zero weather.

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