

The Scuttlebutt

The Official Publication of the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club



MARC Central Ohio Region
Columbus, Ohio

January 2026

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo takes a look back to a much warmer day last August during a club event. It features past president Jim Jones in his Model "A" Coupe. He was participating in the poker run which ran down through Pickaway County, Ohio.



The Chief's Corner

Hello Everyone!

2026 Officers

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| President: | Mike Ruede |
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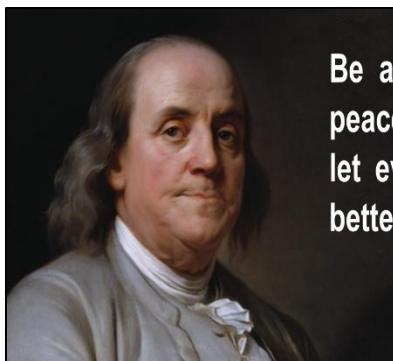
As this is the last newsletter of 2025, I'd like to wish every one of you a great Christmas and New Year's and hope that you are able to celebrate with your family and friends. Anne and I have already had our family Christmas party, so we will have a quiet Christmas Day together.

The club Christmas Party was well attended. Thanks to Dave and Carolyn Graney for coordinating the event. The fellowship and entertainment was great.

Our next meeting is January 10th at Three Brothers in Grove City for our Planning Meeting for 2026. Please plan on attending and bring your ideas for tours and tech meetings.

Your President,

Mike



Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.

- Benjamin Franklin



January Birthdays

Karen Adams

John Baker

Bob Brown

Lisa Galden

Daric Galden

Sharon Jones

Christine Liberto

Bob Oberst

Bruce Oberst

Our Next Meeting

DATE: January 10th, 2025

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

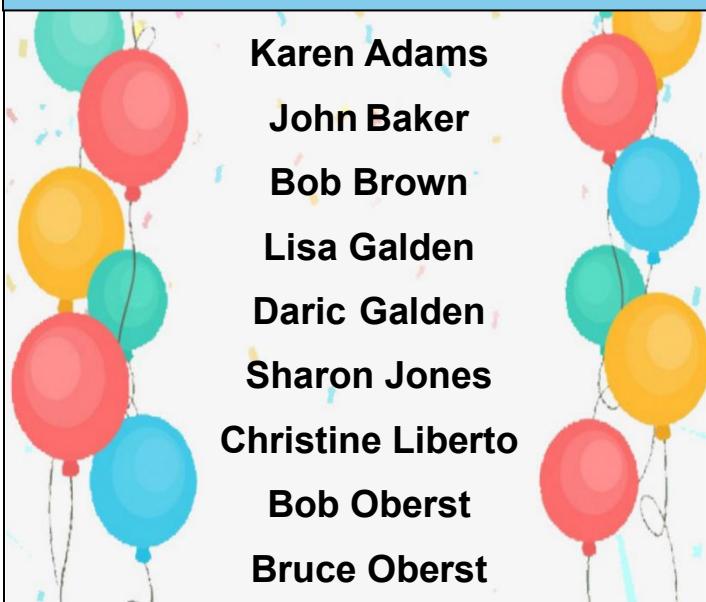
PLACE: 3 Brothers Diner

LOCATION: 3090 Southwest Blvd.
Grove City, Ohio

TOPIC: 2026 Touring Schedule

DIRECTIONS:

1. Take I-270 on the southwest side to Exit 2 (Grove City, St. Rt. 3)
2. Go south on St. Rt. 3 (Broadway) for 1 mile to Southwest Blvd.
3. Turn left (east) onto Southwest Blvd. 3 Brothers Diner is on your left.



YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

It's time to pay the Banker! Your 2026 membership dues are due by January 31st, 2026. This year's dues will remain at \$25.00 for the year. Dues may be paid at the January 10th meeting, or you can send a check to:

**Scioto Model "A" Ford Club
7083 St. Rt. 142 SE
West Jefferson, Ohio 43162**



We Have New Members!

We are pleased to welcome our newest members to the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club. They are John & Bobbi Hrusovsky. John & Bobbi live in Galena, Ohio. John attended the Christmas party last month, so some of us already got to meet him. He said that he is currently looking for a Model "A" to purchase. **Welcome to the club!**

Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to Scioto Model "A" Ford Club members Bob Oberst, David Conrad, and Dan & Edna Whiteley. Bob has been a member of our club's national organization, the Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC) for 50 years! David, Dan & Edna have been members for 25 years! They have all been recognized in the latest edition of "The Model "A" News". Congratulations everyone! We are very proud of all of you!





From the Desk of

Pat Liston

Secretary

Secretary's Report for December

A heartfelt thank-you goes to David and Carolyn Gradey for the tremendous effort they put into making our Christmas Party such a success. This year's celebration was held at Der Dutchman in Plain City, where we enjoyed a wonderful evening together.

Our President, Mike Ruede, opened the dinner with words of gratitude, thanking everyone for braving the weather to attend, and offering special appreciation to Dave and Carolyn for their hard work. He then welcomed our newest member, John Hrusovsky, who recently joined the club and was able to attend this dinner. We were delighted to greet him and extend a warm welcome. Mike then explained that he would share the date of the January Calendar Meeting with Pat so she can pass the information along to all members.

The evening was made even more memorable when Dave introduced several choir members from his church. They performed a selection of Christmas songs, including some that were new to many of us. Their voices were beautiful, and we sincerely thanked them for sharing their time and talent with us.

After this, we paused the meeting to enjoy our meal together. Following dinner, Treasurer Spencer Cheek was unable to attend, but our newly appointed Treasurer, Jaci Rohner, graciously stepped in to provide an update on the club's funds.

Our Sunshine Reporter, Mary Lou, was in attendance. She extended warm wishes to everyone and stated that there did not seem to be any new members sick or hospitalized at this time.

President Ruede then awarded our mileage awards to those members who achieved more than 1,000 miles for the year. Our Winners this year were:

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| Tom & Dottie Wickersham | 2621 miles |
| Bill & Winnie Minor | 2423 miles |
| Mike & Anne Ruede | 2304 miles |
| Clark & Kim Garn | 2164 miles |
| Allan Goldhardt | 1858 miles |
| Rick Lindner | 1531 miles |

That concluded our event. Everyone was allowed to mingle more if they chose or go home if they chose. The weather being what it was, most of us chose to go home.

Our Calendar Meeting will be on Saturday, January 10th, at 11:00 a.m. It will be held at Three Brothers Diner located at 3090 Southwest Blvd., Grove City, Ohio.

Have a Great Day!



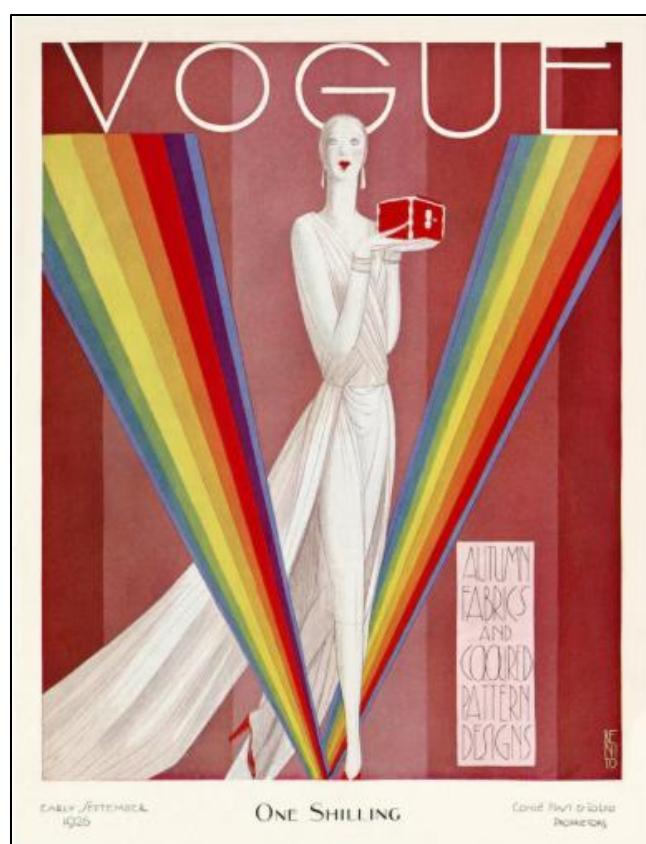
The tempo of the 20's was set by the first World War. After darkness, people craved light, speed, fun. Women cut their hair into neat bobs, wore knee-length tubular dresses and let the good times roll with large quantities of bathtub gin. Modern aesthetics can be explained in one word, machinery. Machinery is geometry in motion wrote the talented artist Benito to Conde Nast in 1925. Their new flapper dresses followed the natural lines of the body and showed some leg. There was a sense of romance in the popular and more full skirted looks, too. The war had created jobs and the opportunity of an active life to the former women of leisure, in clothes by Chanel, Lanvin, and Callot Soeurs, she embraced the idea with both hands. Speed, movement, escapism defined the Jazz Age. With a strong dollar in their back pocket, American ex-patriots such as Ernest Hemingway and Gerald Murphies, were drawn to Paris and the French Riviera, the newest playground of the rich. Vogue described The Smart World as a nomadic tribe; their migrations followed the sun and booze. Bimini Bay in the Bahamas was described as being just forty-five minutes from prohibition. Being sun kissed was no longer a taboo, thanks to Coco Chanel, who made tanning a trend.



Vogue Cover from January 1928.



Vogue Cover from March of 1929.



Vogue Cover from September 1926.



Member **Spotlight**



Steve & Lisa Aspery

The club Spotlight for January 2026, is shining on our new Vice President, Steve Aspery. Steve and Lisa have been married 38 years and are the proud parents of two children, David and Melissa. They first met while attending the University of Cincinnati.

Both Steve and Lisa are University of Cincinnati graduates. Steve with a degree in Electronic Engineering and Lisa with a degree in Quantitative Analysis. For many years, Steve and Lisa were the owners of Dairy Fill, a high-speed industrial equipment manufacturer specializing in ice cream machinery, located in Westerville.

In terms of classic vehicles, Steve is the proud owner of three CJ2A Willys, manufactured in 1946, '47 and '48. Add to this his 1930 Model "A" Touring Sedan, which was the last restoration completed by his father many years ago.

Steve and Lisa have several hobbies. Their favorite is sailing and they are members of the Hoover Sailing Club. They love to travel to sailing events whenever they get a chance. Hiking is another favorite pastime of theirs, having hiked and backpacked in many areas around the world, including the John Muir Trail in California and just returning from a backpacking trip to Patagonia. Add to all of this, Steve loves to play Bluegrass music, is a Boy Scout leader and both Steve and Lisa are members of the University of Cincinnati Alumni Band.

Having joined our club in 2020, Steve and Lisa bring a variety of skills and interests to all of us. Be sure to visit with them at any of our functions.

Article by: Dan Bickley
Scioto Model "A" Ford Club



Steve & Lisa showing their disappointment after their Model "A" chewed up a timing gear and was loaded onto a rollback on their way home from the 2024 MARC National Tour.



"A" LOOK BACK

Over 65 Years of Fun!

This month we are taking a look back at the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club's 1966 Christmas Party. The party was held at Forte's Restaurant. Forte's was an Italian restaurant located on Cleveland Avenue just a little north of Morse Road in Columbus. Looking at the picture taken outside the restaurant, it appears that at least one brave member drove their Model "A" to the party.



Pictures Submitted by: Rick Lindner
Scioto Model "A" Ford Club



Christmas Party

The 2025 Christmas Party was held last month on December 13th at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Ohio. We had just about fifty people in attendance. Nobody drove their Model "A" this year due to a snowstorm that was predicted. That prediction came true. When we arrived at the restaurant, there was no snow on the ground. By the time we left, four inches of snow had fallen. It may have been rough driving home, but that didn't dampen our Christmas spirit. Before we enjoyed a delicious buffet, we were entertained by Christmas carolers from Vice President Graney's church. After dinner, President Ruede conducted some club business including passing out mileage awards to our club members who drove over 1,000 miles in their Model "A"s this year. This year's party was wonderful. The food, fellowship, and music were great! Thank you, Vice President Graney, for arranging such a nice event for our members to enjoy!







BACKYARD TECH TIP



Jim Cannon
Western Model "A" News

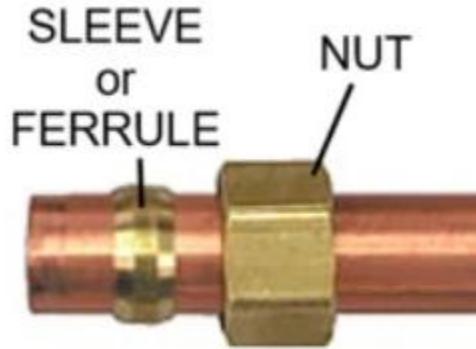
FUEL LINE FITTINGS

When installing a new fuel line between the sediment bowl and the carburetor, you want to get the little brass ferrule locked down on the tubing about 1/8" from the end of the tubing. It is difficult to see where the ferrule is located on the tubing though, when the end is inside the carburetor or the sediment bowl. Here's my little trick to getting it where you want it.

On the bench, before installing anything on the car, slip the tube nut and ferrule on the end of the fuel line like it will be installed on the car. Place the ferrule on the tubing with 1/8" of tubing showing on the end. Gently press the nut up against the ferrule and mark that location with a little piece of masking tape.

Now when you install the tubing on the carburetor or sediment bowl, you hold the tubing in so that the tape is right at the edge of the nut while you tighten the nut. When the ferrule gets clamped down on the tubing, it will be in the right spot. You can take it apart to check.

I apply a few drops of oil to the threads of the nut and to the ferrule when tightening it all up for the first time, to help everything turn smoothly as it's being clamped in place. Teflon tape should not be needed on these tube nuts and ferrules; they are designed to seal with just the nut being tightened. It does not hurt to put a thin film on non-hardening sealant on the ferrule, though, before installing, for extra protection against weeping fuel.



"A" WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year Everyone! It's time to kick off another year with our beloved Model "A"s. But before we do, I think we should take a look back at the 2025 Model "A" season. We got to enjoy quite a few good tours over the past year. We started off 2025 with a modern car tour up to Wapakoneta in March to check out the Space Museum. In April, we had two Tune-Up Days to help get everyone's Model "A"s in running order. The next month we hit the road running and visited the State Reformatory in Mansfield. In June the club ran over to Dayton to the Air Force Museum. Come July, we found ourselves in Upper Sandusky at the Shawshank Woodshop. In August, the Club decided to try something new. We did a Poker Run down throughout Pickaway County. I think everyone really enjoyed that one! In September, we finally had some cooler weather and got together for a potluck and short stint over to London for ice cream. That month, we also took our "A"s up to a retirement community in Dublin for the residents to enjoy. They really appreciated it. The next month we joined the Pre-War Car Group for a run up to Marion for a private tour of a carousel factory. That day, we got to see some of the most amazing wood artists and their creations. That one was my personal favorite of the season. In November, we went to the Fire Museum in downtown Columbus. And of course, we ended the year with our Christmas Party. Looking back, it was a full year for the Club. On Saturday, the 10th of this month, we are getting together to plan a whole new schedule of tours for 2026. Plan to attend and bring plenty of ideas with you. We are always looking for new things to see and do. I hope to see you then!

Allan D. Goldhardt, Editor
Scioto Model "A" Ford Club



School Kids Bring Historical Figures to Life

Pint-size versions of some of the world's most noted leaders, inventors and explorers walked off the pages of history Tuesday and into a school courtyard. Henry Ford, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Cleopatra were among those faithfully represented during the Montessori Preparatory School of Ocala's Famous People Historical Fair. The project required students to research their choice of historical figures and make that personality come alive with visual aids, costumes and knowledge sufficient to engage parents in conversation while in character.

Austin Zamecki, 6, representing Henry Ford, enjoyed the bumpy ride of a 1929 Model "A" Ford Tudor brought to the event by owners Gene and

Betty Challancin of Ocala, Florida. Austin's parents, Dale and Jennifer Zamecki, thought the rolling realism of the antique automobile, in addition to books Austin read about Ford, would make a memorable learning experience for their son and the other students. I told Austin his great-grandfather had a Model "A" in 1930 when he first got married, Jennifer Zamecki said as her son explained to classmates that Ford was famous for his contributions to the automobile and the assembly line.

The Challancins drive their Tudor around the area regularly, including on shopping trips with their grandsons. The kids were super, Gene Challancin said. I'd rather use the car for this type of display than car shows.

All the children were very excited about the Model "A", said first and second grade instructor Sandy Dial. School director Martha Isaza said the special project was the first of two for the year.



Austin Zamecki, 6, a first-grade student, (a.k.a. Henry Ford) poses with a 1929 Model "A" Ford owned by Gene Challancin at Montessori Preparatory School in Ocala, Florida. First through fifth-grade students at the school did projects on historical people and Austin was dressed for the part of Henry Ford, complete with a show-and-tell Model "A" for other students and parents to view.



News & Events

Barrett-Jackson is Coming to Columbus!



Barrett-Jackson Auctions will be making their inaugural debut in Columbus, Ohio in 2026. Barrett-Jackson is known for having some of the world's greatest collector cars at their auctions. This is sure to be an action-packed event for Central Ohio. It will consist of three days of excitement as beautiful vehicles of all types roll across the auction floor. The event will be held at the Ohio Expo Center & State Fairgrounds. It will be held on June 25th – 27th. Stay tuned for details!

MARC Has Launched a New Website!

The Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC) has launched their new website. They have been working on it for quite some time. They turned it up on the December 22nd. The website address is ModelARestorersClub.org. Be sure to check it out for all the latest Model "A" information and news around the country. There is also a special area for MARC members only. That is just one more reason to join MARC today!



MARC National Tour & Membership Meet

The Model "A" Restorers Club (MARC) will be holding their 2026 National Tour and Membership Meet in Penn Yan, New York. Penn Yan is located in the Finger Lakes region of the state. The National Tour will be held on May 11th – 14th. The schedule of events consists of a membership meeting, ice cream social, farewell banquet, and self-guided tours. You can also sign up for a once in a lifetime opportunity to drive your Model "A" around the world-famous Watkins Glen International Raceway! See the ad in this newsletter for additional information or go online to ModelARestorersClub.org for all the details and download a registration form.



A Word From Our New Treasurer

Hi everyone, I want to let everyone know that as of January 1st I will be taking over the reins as Club Treasurer and am really looking forward to working with the 2026 board. Spencer Cheek, along with Pat Liston have done a phenomenal job keeping everything straight, and hopefully I can follow in their footsteps. Dues can now be sent to me.

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Also, you can always reach me at Jroh52@columbs.rr.com.



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

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

December 2025

Membership in MARC has increased this year over last year. This after declining for many years. This is very encouraging for our hobby! Many thanks to Regions who have encouraged their new and existing members to either take advantage of our free 12-month membership (non-MARC members, digital magazine) or take our regular membership and receive the award-winning Model A News magazine. Please continue to invite your members and anyone interested on our hobby to join.

As you know, we are updating the Driver Class Judging Standards. For example, some of these changes include the acceptance of fiberglass fenders, later Ford front and rear axles, and leather or vinyl upholstery material for all years and models. The updated standards will be published soon. Make plans now to enter your Model "A" in Driver Class judging at French Lick in July!

Recently we asked Region Presidents and Directors to email your Region's logo, in an image, PDF, or similar format, for inclusion in our updated website. We have received many but are missing many more. You will want your logo to be proudly displayed! If you haven't already, please email a copy of your logo to the MARC office at modelarestorersclub@gmail.com or to Jim Zimmer at jwzimmer9119@gmail.com.

Additionally, Larry Shepard is looking to compile a list of Model "A" Mechanics to use as a resource to help fellow Model "A" owners with mechanical questions. Please volunteer by emailing Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org.

Certainly we are all looking forward to the upcoming MARC Finger Lakes Tour next May. Online registration forms will be available on December 1st and hotel reservations will open on December 10th. Plan now to attend another great MARC event in a beautiful part of our country!



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Call office for Youth Membership and Surviving Spouse
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Make checks payable to: Model "A" Restorers Club or (M.A.R.C.)

All checks must be payable in U.S. funds. U.S. funds must be stamped on the check and drawn from a U.S. bank. International Money Orders in U.S. Funds are also accepted.

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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
MAFFI Trustee / Secretary
Model "A" Ford Foundation Inc.





MARC NATIONAL TOUR

EXPLORe
FINGER LAKES



Penn Yan, NY

HOTELS

May 11 - May, 14, 2026

Reservations open December 10, 2025 8 am

Host Hotel



**Hampton Inn Penn Yan,
Penn Yan, NY**

Address: 110 Mace St, Penn Yan, NY 14527

Phone: (315) 536-8202

Reservations open December 10, 2025. Last date to ensure this reservation rate is March 28, 2026. First night is non-refundable.

Use CODE "MARC" for the group rate. DO NOT USE an 800 number. You are only allowed to book one room per name.

Rate: \$129.00/night. Rates will be available only on these dates.

Breakfast is included for guests with reservations at the Hampton Inn and Suites only.

Address: 142 Lake St, Penn Yan, NY 14527

Phone: (315) 536-8473

Reservations open December 10, 2025. Last date to ensure this reservation rate is March 28, 2026. First night is non-refundable.

Use CODE "MARC" for the group rate. DO NOT USE an 800 number. You are only allowed to book one room per name

Rate: \$140.00/night. Rates will be available only on these dates.

Breakfast is included for guests with reservations at the BestWestern Vineyard Inn and Suites only.



**BestWestern Vineyard Inn
and Suites
Penn Yan, NY**

Address: 124 Elm Street, Penn Yan, NY, 14527

Phone: 315-517-1074

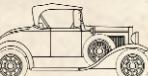
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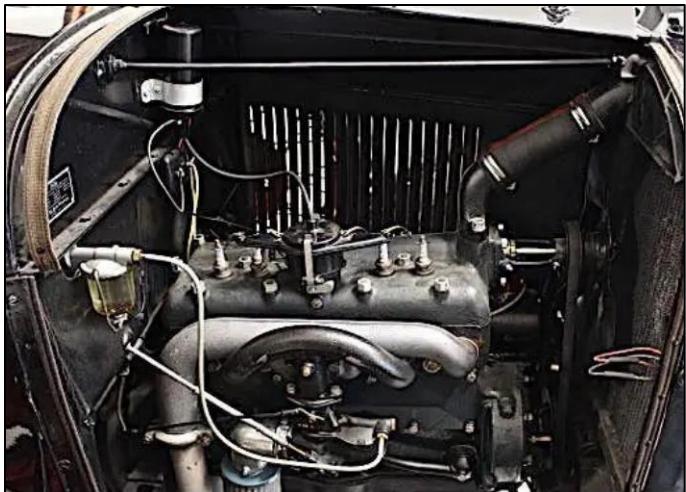
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This month we feature **Viola Dana**, born **Virginia Flugrath** in 1897, in New York City. She was the middle sister of three siblings, who all became actresses. She began performing in vaudeville. She entered films in 1910 with the Edison Manufacturing Company. Her first picture was made at a former New York riding academy where the horse stalls had been transformed into dressing rooms. Dana fell in love with her director and they married in 1915. The couple accepted an offer in 1916 to work for Rolfe Photoplays. Rolfe closed his New York studio in 1918 due to a flu pandemic and sent most of his personnel to California. Dana left before her husband, who was finishing work at the studio; however, he contracted influenza and died while still in New York. In 1920, she began a relationship with a Hollywood daredevil pilot. He died when his plane crashed during a nighttime film shoot. Although married, he had been dating Dana. The night before his death, in a premonition, he gave her some of his personal effects. Dana witnessed the crash and did not fly again for 25 years. She married again in 1925 and divorced in 1929. Her third marriage was from 1930 to 1945. Dana remained in California throughout the 1920s, but her popularity waned. By the time she made her final film appearance in 1933, she had appeared in over 100 films. Dana died in 1987 at the age of 90 in Los Angeles, California.



The End!

