

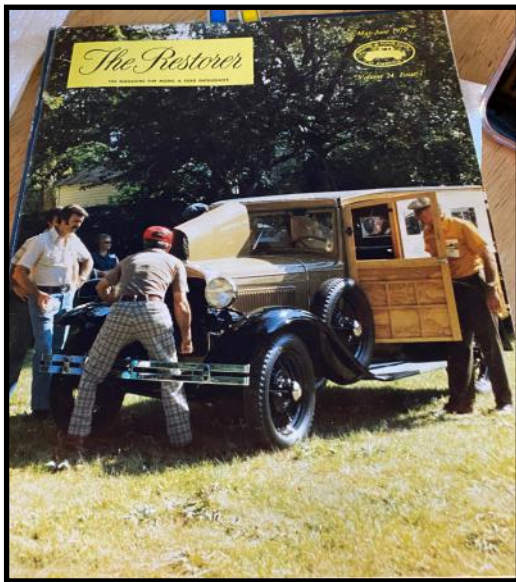


Phoenix Model A Club 1973-2025
The Action "A" Newsletter
November/December 2025



**Model "A"'s you might see at Coffee Wednesday morning
at "What A Burger" 43rd Ave & Bell Rd**





Interesting Quotes about getting old

Old age is like flying through a storm. Once you are on board, there is nothing you can do about it....

I'm 60 years of age. That's a 6 in Celsius..

Whatever you look like, marry a man your age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight...

I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes...

You know your are getting older when the birthday candles cost more than the cake...

The really frightening thing about middle age is the knowledge that you'll grow out of it...

Life seems to fade out memory, so on this birthday I will forget your if you forget

Some people go to therapy. The rest of us walk into the garage, stare at the car for an hour, tighten a bolt that doesn't need it and somehow feel better about life. (or for me go to the sewing machine and just stitch a few seams.)

Don says good way to break your arm.

You need to cup your hand with thumb under the crank handle and pull up only to start the engine. If you grab the crank and try to crank in a circle and it back fires it will come up and throw you across the yard. If it doesn't break your arm. It will be aching after that.

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. "

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked **"NO REFILLS"**."

Highlights of the September Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director

Since last month's seminar was about adjusting the steering box, I thought I would relay what to do about Hard steering.

TEST DRIVE

Use a deserted street and about 20 MPH and release the steering wheel. It should come back to a strait ahead position without any assistance from the driver.

CAUSES and CORRECTIONS

1. Insufficient front caster (adjust as necessary)
2. Insufficient front camber (replace spindle)
3. Tie rod and drag link ends adjusted too tight (readjust)
Tie rod end plug 25% compression.
4. Tight adjustment of steering box (repeat steering box adjs.)
5. Incorrect front end alignment
(no toe in adjusted as toe out. Readjust as toe in)
6. Low tire pressure (check for 34 lbs.)
7. Low steering box oil level causing binding in steering box
(check for grease replace with 600wt. Oil)
8. Excessive caster (check and readjust caster)
9. Worn king pin thrust bearings (replace and add a shim)

Brought to you by "Les Andrews" Trouble Shooting Guide

Tech Tip from Ron

While working on Norm Kredit's Light Switch, we discovered the aftermarket clips that go on the shaft are too narrow, so you will need to file them a bit wider.

PMAC Club Information

The Phoenix Model A Club is a non-profit organization, a chapter of The Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). The members are dedicated to preserve the history and originality of the Model A while enjoying the companionship of the other members.

The **General Meetings** on the **Third** Tuesday of each month at 10:30 A.M. at the Mel Martin's Museum 4320 W. Thunderbird Rd. Come with your family and don't forget to wear your badge. Owning a Model A is not required. Membership dues are \$25.00 annually per family. Please contact Diane Adams, Membership Chairman if you have any questions or know of someone interested in joining the club. If you own a Model A and are a member of this club you are required to be a member of **The Model A Ford Club of America**. Registration and dues are the responsibility of each member. You can find more information about MAFCA at www.mafca.com or contact Diane Adams for a registration form. The **Board Meetings** are normally held the **Second** Wednesday of each month location to be determined.

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Sunshine Report

Hope this finds June feeling better after bout with Covid. Larry Whitney is still trying to get his finger to heal. Bob LaBrash had a pace maker put in. Please take care and get those flu shots if you need one.

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November Birthdays

4th Marilee Eirshcele
 6th Ron Jackson
 27th Daniel Fisher

December Birthdays

2nd Larry Whitney
 11th Carol Jones
 14th Penni Putao
 14th Carole Jackson
 17th Judy Kimball
 21st Mike Cornell
 29th Amanda Adams
 31st David Gleaeseman



November Anniversaries

16th Tom & Cindy Lerdahl
 18th Gerald & Julie Eggleston
 29th Larry & Beth Whitney

December Anniversaries

12th Andy & June Fontenot
 30th Art & Marilyn Feyereisen

I got myself a senior GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it also tells me why I wanted to go there.

MAFCA News



May 31-June 7

2026 MAFCA National Convention in Pendleton, Oregon. John Dyke has been asked to be head judge at this event.

Reminder It is time to pay you MACA dues.

MACA National Awards Banquet Dec 3-6 at Mobile Alabama

Squeaks and Rattles

Shop Hints

Ron Hooper, Old 96 District A's

Most Model "A" owners who have had an occasional generator repair job use a hacksaw blade to clean out the mica and dirt between the commutator segments. To ease this task I use a hardwood handle around the blade to act both as a depth gauge for sawing out the segments and also as a frame to hold the hacksaw blade.



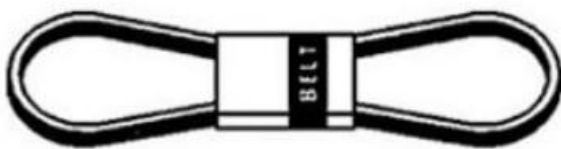
I have found it very helpful to have in my tool box a screwdriver with a deep notch ground in the center of it. This is handy for boosting springs into place and is especially good for servicing brakes. The tool, of course, can still be used in the usual way.



Cold Weather and Batteries -

When adding water to a battery in cold weather, the engine should be run at a charging speed for at least five minutes after the water has been added.. This is so the water will mix with the electrolyte.

Repair Fuel Tanks - Do not try to repair leaky fuel tanks unless you know what you are doing. Gas fumes are dangerous due to their explosiveness.



Fan Belt Tip

By Floyd Dupras, Sr.

Many of you are aware that a **Gates 700** fan belt will fit a Model A. However, more auto parts stores have discontinued handling Gates products and have switched to Dayco belts. The Dayco equivalent listed in their belt cross-reference chart is too small! The next size larger belt, **Dayco #22425**, will fit perfectly and should last longer since it is a heavy duty woven belt.

- Charter Oak A's

1931 WOMEN

Daytime Wear



A stylish collection of coats made with the distinct look of 1931 Fur was still a very popular material used as a rich accent. Notice the belt at the waistline.

A Book of Fashion Facts –page 33
Model A Ford club of America

Recipe of the Month Slow Cooker Chicken tortilla Soup

- 1 1/4 pounds boneless chicken cut into 1/2" pieces
- 1 cup Pace Picante Sauce
- 2 cans Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
- 8 oz. frozen whole kernel corn (2 cups)
- 1 can Black beans, rinsed and drained.
- 1 1/3 cups water
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 4 corn tortillas cut into strips
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro

Try topping with crispy tortilla strips (or crumbled chips) instead of adding the tortillas to the soup

Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Stir the picante sauce, soup, chicken, corn beans, water and cumin in 4 qt slow cooker.

Cover and cook on LOW for 4 to 5 hours (or on high 2 to 2 1/2 hours)

Stir the tortilla , cheese and cilantro into the cooker. Cover and cook for 15 minutes.

For Sale

Decent 29 Ford Hood; 29 Roadster Top Bows; Starters- Generators-Headlites-Engines-Transmissions -Fly Wheels & Housing-Bell housing-Differential- soda-sand blaster-Project cars. Don Adams 623-293-1554

Free Used Club Parts for PMAC members : brakes, transmission etc. Check out to use specialty tools and repair CD's. The club still has some hats, t-shirts, vest, cups, flags and holders. Any body need a coil or instrument panel fenders or radiator shell?



Calendar of Events

Wednesday Morning Coffee 8 AM

What a Burger 43rd Ave. & Bell Rd

Nov. 8th Italian Club Car show rescheduled 7509 N. 12th ST

**Nov. 15th Steak Fry at Andy & June Fonetnot' 13834 N. Canterbury DR, Phx
4 PM Cost \$5. plus dish to share. RSVP 480-490-6021**

**Nov. 18th 11:00 AM General Meeting at Mel Martin's Auto Museum
4320 W. Thunderbird Rd. Free entry for meeting.**

**Dec. 6th F Q Story Home show. Culver Street between 7th & 15th Ave
They are offering a ticket to the home show Plus \$20 per
car stipend for Gas Money.**

Dec. 13th Glendale Hometown Christmas Parade in Glendale.

**Dec. 16th 11:00 AM General Meeting at Mel Martin's Auto Museum
4320 W. Thunderbird Rd.**

Wednesdays 8 AM Coffee at What A Burger, 43rd Ave & Bell Rd.

Thanks to Orange County Model A Club for this Tip.

You just never know..... By Eric Engle

Recently the BLT team installed a Mitchell Overdrive in **Nathan (Nate) Sherry's** roadster (ref. **Tom Endy's** article). **Tom** makes mention of the rather interesting "Show Stoppers" that had to be overcome before reassembling **Nate's** driveline. I bring this up, because there have been discussions on the importance of using a spring-spreader to remove the rear end for an overdrive installation, or simply dropping the rear end with the spring still attached. Here are some good examples why USING a spring spreader is the **best choice**. With the spreader in place, it removes all the pressure on the shackles. If one doesn't use a spreader, all the pressure from the un-sprung leaf spring will put even more strain on weak, worn out shackles, possibly leading to a catastrophic failure of a shackle, thus allowing the leaf spring fly. They are noted for being called "WIDOW MAKERS" !!!!! Here are the photos of **Nate's** shackles and the worn out bushing that all needed to be replaced.

Please, don't forego using a spring-spreader. Those springs are under a good bit of tension and you don't want to be trying to dodge one, should the shackles decide to let go!

You just never know when one of those might break and let the leaf spring fly!!!!



Side-by-side comparison to new shackle (left) and old (right)



Close up of worn shackle.



Worn spring bushing (left) with new (right)

Highlights of the May Tech Seminar

By Ron Andrews
Technical Director

Shake, Rattle and Roll

I don't know about you, but I really don't like squeaks and rattles—and mine were getting pretty bad. The culprit? Loose-fitting windows. It turns out that excessive window movement in the channel was the cause.

Why was this happening? In my case, the felt window channel installed in my car were the wrong ones—they were much narrower than the door felt retainers mounted inside the door. To make things worse, the same type of felt—meant for the sides of the window—had also been used on the top door rail.

I headed to C.W. Moss in Orange and found a complete kit for my 1930 Tudor. It had all the necessary parts to replace the worn-out components. But when I finally found time to install everything, I quickly realized there weren't many helpful videos on YouTube about fixing this issue.

Just by chance, Mike Edmonson—our Club President—called and asked, “You any good at window stuff?” I replied, “I’ll try,” and we started working on the passenger door of his 1928 Tudor.

We began by removing the handles, door panel upholstery, wind lace, and the top door rail (held on by three screws). With the window cranked all the way to the top, the regulator *should* disconnect from the bottom window channel. If you have trouble disconnecting the regulator, try removing the regulator mounting screws to loosen the entire assembly (*suggestion: maybe leave one (1) loosened screw in so that the entire assembly doesn't fall inside the door*)

At this point, the window should lift out through the top of the door, and you can remove the old felt channel.

The new felt channels come with clips at the top and bottom that hook into the door. (*Tip:*

The kit includes adhesive, and it's a good idea to apply some to the backs of the channels in addition to using the clips.) Foam rubber strips are also included for the top door rails, where the glass seats when fully closed—these need to be glued into place.

One more thing: there's a flat rubber block the window rests on when fully rolled down. It has a tab that holds it in place. **Jennifer Ferrario** showed me a great trick—there's a small raised metal stay where the tab goes. If you cut a matching slice in the rubber stop, it fits in much more easily.

I hope this helps on your next window channel replacement!

Until next time.

RA



FYI next month's seminar on September 20th: Adjusting your steering box hosted by Darwin Kibby at his residence.

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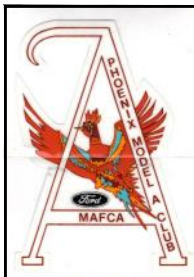
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