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#### **Birthdays**

Anna Jarman 12/09 Bill Matteson 12/23 Mary Anne Jones 12/10 Susan Schubert 12/27 Donna Schmitt 12/19 Linda Canida 12/28

#### **Anniversaries**

John & Jody Layne 12/04 Gary & Rosemary Smith 12/19

#### **Monthly Meeting**

**December Christmas Party Saturday 12/6** 

### Board Meeting No December Board Meeting

The 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM, Woodneath Library Center

8900 NE Flintlock Rd, Kansas City, MO 64157

Visitors welcome, but please check with Board Member to confirm date and/or meeting place has not been changed.

#### **Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-KC**

The Wednesday breakfast meeting has moved from Liberty to Roxanne's Cafe in Platte City at 7:00 a.m.

1126 Branch St, Platte City, MO 64079

#### **Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-St Joe**

Every Monday 7:00-10:00 AM

Hy-Vee 201 North Belt Highway, St. Joseph

#### **On-going Garage Day**

Learn how to assemble a Model A Coupe from the frame up! Wednesday's 8:30 AM to noon at Terry Richardson's garage 21815 Woodruff Rd. Weston, MO

#### President's Comments:

Dear Northwest Missouri Model A Club Members,

As we head into December, I hope everyone has taken the time to winterize their Model A's—colder weather will be upon us soon! We were truly treated to a spectacular fall this year. In my opinion, the colors were even more vibrant than last year's, and I hope you all had the chance to get out on the road and enjoy the scenery in your Model A's.

Now, as we look forward to our December gathering, I'm excited for another opportunity to connect with each of you and celebrate our shared passion. Wishing you and your families a safe and joyful holiday season. See you at the December 6th Christmas dinner in Liberty.

Warm regards,

Chuck Haber President

Knowledge is realizing that the street is one-way, wisdom is looking both directions anyway

#### **Editor's Comments:**

The last newsletter of the year! Again! Where did the time go. For most of you, I hope a lot of it was spent doing Model A things! I know mine was.

Not necessarily driving The Old Lady, although that was a fun part! But I attended several in person MAF-CA National Board of Director's meetings,one in California, one at the National Model A Museum in Michigan. I attended a lot of Zoom meeting for the Board of Directors, a few Zoom meeting as liaison for the Era Fashion Committee (EFC), and recently,chaired a zoom meeting to help format a new MAFCA Youth Committee policy. Oh, and I was pleased to be able to attend the EFC meeting in Georgia as well.

I've given a few Model A era presentations here in Nebraska, and in KC, set up several Era fashion displays, and was honored to give a Era jewelry class at Model A Days! And this week, I'm preparing a makeit-take jewelry class to give at the National Awards Banquets.

Who know there was so much Model A stuff to do without even stepping foot in a Model A (although, yes, driving the A is still the most important part!! I hope you having as much Model A fun as I am!

Happy A'ing! Sherry Wink, Editor

### NORTHWEST MO. MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING American Legion Hall Smithville, Missouri November 3, 2025

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Vice President Chili Canida opened the meeting with the Pledge of allegiance.

Yearly Elections - The membership were asked to vote for next years officer:

Final results were as follows: President Chuck Habor

Vice President Mike Owen
Treasurer Gary Dixon
Secretary - vacant

Treasure Gary Dixon gave Treasurer's report that was approved as read. He gave an update on next years proposed budget. for 2025.

Activities Director Chili reported about upcoming tours and events. The Christmas party is December 6th.

Membership Director Myron Schmitt reported 27 members present at tonights meeting.

Old business - none

New business - Please have dues submitted by end of December.

Terry Richardson Secretary



#### **MAFFI Minute November 2025**

Winter is approaching here in the Midwest, and the museum is still rapidly working on nev exhibits! Darwin Schafer donated a really special unrestored and fully original 1930 De Luxe Delivery (130) which was originally used by a funeral home for flowers. This will be used during Model A Days to demonstrate corn shelling since it has a power take-off system for a belt (though personally, I might try and sneak an ice cream maker on it!).

Andrew Oliver of Connecticut won the sweepstakes on the 1928 Phaeton, and Kris Wilson of Missouri won the rebuilt engine.

Now that the trustees have had a chance to go over the numbers for the 2025 Model A Days, it looks like it was a great success thanks to all our hobbyists who came to support the museum. There are plenty of ways to get involved with helping and still plenty of ways to donate to the museum between the My-A-Program, Brick Memorials, and even regular donations. As we get towards the Holiday Season, this is something great to keep in mind, especially for your local club. Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary



December 6th -CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 6th, 11:30-2:30pm
Red Door Grill, Liberty MO
Dinner will be ordered from the menu



If you are planning on joining in on any of the tours or activities, please sign-up and include your phone number, or you can contact Chili Canida at (816) 415-4948 (home phone.) That way if an event has to be canceled, or has a location or schedule change, he will do his best to make sure you are notified!

Former member
Tim Fields passed
away Tuesday night,
11/18/25. Tim was an
avid member of the
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prevented him from
continuing with the
Model A hobby. Reva
wanted us to know
how much he loved
the club even though
he wasn't able to participate these last few
years.



https://www.legacy.com/ us/obituaries/name/timothy-fields-obituary?id=60108614

#### December 6th, 11:30-2:30pm

Join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner! This year, we're going to the Red Door Woodfired Grill in Liberty!

This neighborhood restaurant is known for its American cuisine cooked on a woodfired grill. It offers a "scratch menu" featuring wood-fired dishes, burgers, salads, and more, with something on the menu to suit everyone's taste.

Each person will order off the menu for a personalized meal! It should be a great afternoon with time to visit with all your friends.

Let Chuck or Mike know if you plan to attend so they can be sure to reserve a large









#### Cares & Concerns



Our Sunshine/Concerns Lady is Julie Parnell.

If you know of anyone that could use a call or a card, please let her know at (816) 891-1083 or send her an email at julieantique@yahoo.com

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Liberty, MO 64069Or email: nwmomodelafordclub@gmail.com

Model-A.org Troubleshooting Chart

### Model A Ford, Zenith Carburetor Troubleshooting Chart

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### A Thermostat Theory

by Tom Endy

The Model A Ford did not deliver with a thermostat installed in the water cooling system. A few years later thermostats became the norm in new cars. Today it is becoming common practice for Model A owners to install a thermostat in the water outlet hose of their Model A Ford. However, there may have been some engine block design changes made to accommodate the thermostat that does not exist in a Model A engine block.

Rick Hall, a Victoria Association member in Southern California, has come up with a theory about the use of a thermostat in a Model A Ford that may have some merit. Recently four of us in the same area, including Rick and myself, have had a recently rebuilt engine fail with dramatic consequences. The number four piston virtually melted, with the ones in front of it showing signs of overheating.

After much investigation and speculation we have come to the conclusion that the cause was due to the poor quality pistons that have recently been imported from Taiwan by two of the better perceived suppliers. However, there could be an additional factor involved.

In all four cases the failure modes were the same. The engines had a sufficient number of miles on them since rebuild; the cars were cruising along at 55-60 mph in 26% overdrive for about an hour or more with the ambient temperature at about 60 degrees. Each of the cars was equipped with a very efficient 4-tube radiator and with a 160 degree thermostat installed. Each had a temperature gauge that indicated that the water temperature was below 160 degree, which means the thermostat was closed blocking off the flow of water.

Rick's theory is that under these circumstances with the thermostat closed water in not circulating through the block normally. With the thermostat closed only a small amount of water is getting past the thermostat through the two small holes drilled into the mounting flange of the thermostat. The water pump is not causing water to flow through the block normally as when no thermostat is installed. This may be causing the back end of the engine block to overheat due to the lack of proper water circulation. The temperature gauge may be showing a value of less than 160 degrees at the water outlet hose, but the water temperature around the number four piston where the water is stagnant may be sufficiently higher allowing the number four piston to overheat and fail.

It may be that engine block designers of later cars provided by-pass ports in the block to allow a continuous flow of water to all parts of the block when the thermostat was closed. The Model A engine block may not have this advantage.

This may not be a problem on a warm day or with a standard radiator that is partially blocked as the temperature will quickly rise above 160 degrees and the thermostat will open allowing the water pump to freely circulate water to all areas of the block as Henry designed.

It may be just a theory, but it may have some merit. After experiencing a costly engine failure I decided to remove the thermostat from my Victoria. I can't see where it can do any harm, after all Henry produced over five million Model A's that roamed the planet for decades without a thermostat.



An automotive thermostat modified for use with a Model A. Note the skirt welded to the base to prevent it from tumbling in the water outlet hose. Two small holes are drilled into the base for a small amount of water flow when the thermostat is closed.

### Time to renew your membership for another year of fun!



### Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club Membership Application

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### Fashion Tips from Butterick Patterns

### HAVE THEIR WAYS, TOO

These neckline accents are from a TAILORED NECKLINES 1930 sewing book from Butterick patterns, titled "Paris Frocks at Home." Some interesting ideas to dress up your era garments!



A straight tie with ends cut on a slant goes a long way toward giving a sports feeling to a frock to be worn with your cardigan jacket. Make the tie double and slip it through two bound horizontal slashes. (III. 163.)

The shaped facing is a very nice thing to know about when you are reviewing your blouse wardrobe. Stitch the right side of the facing to the inside of your blouse, turn it over and gather at the front, stitching free edges to the blouse. Tack a bowknot over the gathers. (Illustration 164.)



#### PARIS FROCKS AT HOME



157. The French tied bow-knot.

#### The lingerie touch.

It is surprising how much a fresh lingerie touch in the form of a bow or a collar will do to modernize last season's dress. The Deltor is full of unusual suggestions for making the little collars and cuffs, bandings and chic lingerie bows that look so casual and so truly French.

The mannequins on this page show two smart versions of the lingerie bow. Cut a straight strip of organdie, voile or batiste. Roll

and whip or make a narrow hem around the four edges. You may have them picoted if you wish but hand work

on lingerie details is always more desirable. Now make two bound vertical slits on the front of your blouse and gather your hemmed strip through the center and thread it through the slits. (Illustration 158.)

#### The French bow knot.

This same type of strip may be tied in a soft knot and used at the point of a V neckline with a collar of similar material tucked at the neckline to fit around the curve at the back of the neck and over the shoulder. (Illustration 157.)

4 Tbsp shortening

1 egg



158. The tailored bow finish.

#### BERTHA COLLARS AND CAPE-LETS OFFER SUGGESTIONS

It is a smart trick to save a last year's frock for still another season by remov-ing the sleeves and adding one of these becoming cape-let or bertha collars. The Deltors in Butterick Patterns no. 2996 and 3004 show you how to cut and attach them to a V necked frock. The little tie at the





Pattern 2996

Fig. 165. Fig. 165 above shows the cut of the tie which should be knotted at the point of the V as in Fig. 167. Fig. 167.

point of the V would add a springlike touch to other frocks, too. Fig. 165 illus-trates an un-usual cut on which much of the smart-ness depends. Picot or hem it, slip it through a horizontal

By Sherry Wink

slash or over a collar joining and knot it is softly. The butterfly bow effect in (Ill. 168) is another individual finish for the point of a bertha collar. It may be inserted through two vertical slashes or shaped in the double bow and tacked to the neck of your frock.

168. Butterick of your frock.

This recipe came from a 1930 cookbook titled "Anyone Can Bake." I guess they assume you already could cook as they didn't included the recipe for the hot creamed chicken!

Individual Chicken Shortcakes

2 cups flour

3 Tbsp Royal Baking Powder

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 cup water

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add shortening and mix in thoroughly with steel fork. Add egg and sufficient water to make soft dough. Cut with any large biscuit

cutter which has been dipped in flour or half fill greased muffin rings which have been placed on baking pan and bake in hot oven at 475 F. ten to twelve minutes.

These shortcakes split and either buttered or not, as desired, filled with hot creamed chicken or mushrooms makes a delicious dish. If one tablespoon sugar is sifted wit the dry ingredients, these shortcakes can also be used with any fruit desired. Makes six shortcakes.

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### 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 in our hobby to join.

As you may 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/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/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 atmarctech@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!

#### **Model A's and Trains -**

Sherry Wink

Have you ever thought about how Model A's and Trains just seem to be a natural fit together? Maybe I think that because Wink was such a train-nut as well as a Model A fanatic, but then again, maybe not. A search through the internet found a lot of interesting pictures of Model A's with trains, on trains, and as trains! Check out a few below:



#### What is it?

Do you know?

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#### Last Month's Mystery Part

This is a brush holder insulator.





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# Jim's Tech Tips "Refueling With a Gas Can"

Sometimes I find it more convenient to go get 5 gallons of gas with a gas can for my Model A than it is to drive down to the gas station with the car to fuel it up. But a 5-gallon can full of gas weighs over 30 pounds, and lifting it up to the gas cap on the Model A and controlling the can's spout as it enters the gas tank (without spilling gas all over the place!!!) can be a real challenge. Even with a helper to guide the spout into the tank as you go, it can be a mess.

My brother turned me on to this tip (thanks, Kevin!): For about \$20, you can purchase a small battery powered fuel transfer pump that will put the gas into your car in about a minute or two. This little thing is amazing!

You rest the gas can on the splash apron and fender (put a towel under it) and put the pump body into the gas can. Hold the pump outlet inside the gas tank filler opening with one hand and switch on the pump with the other hand. In no time at all the gas can is empty and you switch the pump off. Carefully remove the pump outlet from the tank and point it up to prevent fuel in the hose from dripping on your car. It's that easy, and a one-person operation.

On a car with side-mount spares, you can rest the gas can on the spare tire and hold it there, instead of resting on the splash apron and fender. It works just the same.

As an added bonus, you can quickly pump most of the old fuel OUT of a Model A gas tank with this pump, and into a 5-gallon gas can, if the need arises. I have done that, too.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day! Jim

As found in the November issue of Rock-Ford 's Manifold News.

#### Restored '29 Ford Truck Christmas Poem

'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and out in the shed, My pickup was shining, a bright new Ford red. A 29 closed cab, 'twas such a delight,

Took me 5 years to get it just right.

My pride and my glory, all polished with shine.

A thrill to think that it was totally mine.

Santa knew that I owned one, for parts I did ask, Regularly so, 'twas a challenging task,

To find what I needed, but he always came through.

Don't know where he got 'em, all shiny and new. And around about midnight, I heard him downstair,

Putting packages under the tree with great care.

I think I did startle him when I said hello.

He stood there in crimson all covered with snow. He said to me "Say that's one nice looking truck."

"Probably does quite well, staying out of the muck."

"Tell you what, if you'd like, I could trade you my sleigh," "For that red pickup truck, we could trade straight away,"

I said "Thanks for the offer, but I'm gonna pass."

"I got too much invested, besides all that gas."

He said "If you reconsider, just drop me a line,"

"I would strongly desire a pickup that fine." I heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight,

"Wish I was driving a Ford through this night."

Author: Clifford Ray Hughes, 2024



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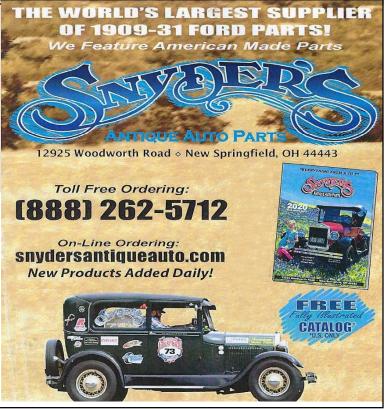
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