



CHARTER OAK "ACORN" NEWS

February 2026



The Charter Oak Model A Club meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month @ Blain Foundation,

3008 S. Burke St, Visalia, CA

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Presidents Message

President's Message:

February

We had a great meeting on the 12th with over 30 members present. We enjoyed a potato Bar provided by the Nottinghams and the Lynns brought the deserts – yummy as always!

At the meeting a motion was passed to have our Charter Oak roster posted on our website. This will be in a password protected “members only” section. Anyone wishing to have their information omitted should contact Jason Deisman (jcdeisman@gmail.com or (559) 361-2599) by our March 9th meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 9th at 6:00 pm. Tuesday the 10th we are looking forward to our annual Ladies Valentine Tuesday breakfast at IHOP. THE TIME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 7:00 AM. As always, our favorite waitress (and Charter A member) Carol will be there to take special care of us.

Looking forward to seeing you all in February

Donna Nottingham

President

Club Roster Update For Your Roster

1. Jane Kleinkramer - janek.bts@gmail.com
2. Curtis Marshal - curtismarshall.cm78@gmail.com
3. Gary Waller - chipper_bh@yahoo.com

Please make these corrections.

February 2026



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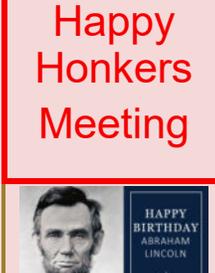
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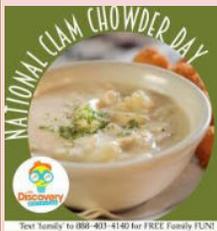
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Charter Oak Minutes

“Minutes for January ”



Charter Oak A's Meeting January 12, 2026

Meeting called to order by Donna Nottingham, President at 6:10PM. Flag salute led by Donna Nottingham. Members in attendance – 31.

Hospitality – Potato Bake brought by the Nottingham Family. Desserts brought by Sharon Lynn.

November 10, 2025 minutes read and accepted, as published.

Treasurer's Report – Report ending 12/31/25 presented. Form 990N filed and to date the IRS has not requested the \$600.

Hospitality – Kathy Tapley is the new Hospitality Chair. Monthly slots have been filled.

Charity Box - Monies donated in 2025 will be donated to the Blanket Ladies. Motion made and seconded to donate the Charity Box monies to the Blanket Ladies. Motion accepted.

Sunshine – Cards sent to Donna Nottingham, Shelle Harris, and Gwen Morefield.

David Martinez presented a plaque to outgoing President, Gary Gallian.

CCRG – Phil Kneeland is the new President of the CCRG. Other officers are Ron Stevens – Vice President, Ed Lynn – Treasurer, Trudy Stevens – Secretary and Past President – Brad Richter. The 2026 Jamboree will be in Bakersfield May 1-3. Details are still being worked on.

Phil Kneeland is the new President of the Porterville Happy Honkers.

Website – Jason is working on a Members Only area that will have the Treasurer's Report, Minutes, and other information. It will be accessed by a password. Motion made to put the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Minutes on the password protected Members Only section of the Website. Motion accepted.

Old Business - David Bockman received several suggestions to be incorporated into the By-Laws. Revisions will be presented to the membership in February or March.

The 2026 Proposed Budget was presented. Several changes were suggested and they will be presented again at the February meeting.

Time of the Valentine's Day Women's Breakfast February 10 changed to 7AM.

50/50 Raffle – Lula Hutchinon and donated \$30 to our Charity Box.

Meeting adjourned: 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Brooks-Smith, Secretary

Sunshine Report.... or clouds!!



By Marsha Brooks-Smith

Please keep all members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have a report please contact Marsha Brooks-Smith...(559) 741-1165

HAPPY February 2026

Birthday's & Anniversary's



24 Chanda Deisman
26 Rich Tapley



No Anniversaries

While reading the *Harbor Light*, newsletter of the Harbor Area A's in California I stumbled across their editor's message from Dick Wyckoff and thought you might enjoy it.

I drive "Tootsie" to the store or for a quick look at a sunset, a local beach or just down the street to get a sandwich, people wave, honk their horns, drive along side and smile. The result is always the same... 'Love your car' or 'What year is it?', or 'How long you have had it?', or 'Did you buy it new?'

Do you get the same reaction when you drive your Model A? Share some of your pleasures driving your Model A!



New Shipment Of Model A Throws are Coming!!



Great Colors!!

"Model A Ford "Afghan Throws"
From Visalia, CA... Charter Oak Model A Club

Contact:
Donna Nottingham
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The Charter Oak Model A Club is a non-profit organization and a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. The purpose of our club is to promote, enjoy, preserve, and protect the Model A Ford car; to serve as a medium for the exchange of ideas, information, parts, and to help fellow members in the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford in its original likeness. You don't have to own a Model A to join, just have the desire to participate in the hobby, sooner or later, you'll get the bug for an "A"! Charter Oak dues are \$20.00 per family and are payable to the Club Treasurer. Membership in the Model A Ford Club of America is a prerequisite to join the Charter Oak A's. MAFCA dues are \$50.00 per year payable to MAFCA, 250 Cypress, La Habra, CA 90631. Our chapter meets at the Blain Motorsports Foundation, at 3008 S. Burke St, Visalia, CA, 93292, on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

The Acorn News is the official newsletter of the Charter Oak Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America and is published monthly. The deadline for publication is the 20th of the month. Submit material to the editors: Phil and Linda Kneeland, Visalia, CA 93277, phone (559) 679-1980 or via e-mail: lindannphil@sbcglobal.net

The editor would like to thank other chapters for sharing their newsletters with us. We are happy to share our articles, cartoons, etc. for publication provided proper credit is given, where known, sources will be noted and acknowledged.



Fair Isle Then and Now

Fair Isle sweaters, very popular today, actually gained notice in the United States and England in the early 1920s when the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) sported the clothing noted for the 2-stranded knitting technique and their unique patterns. The Fair Isle is a tiny island located off the northern coast of Scotland where, going back to the late 18th century, wives of the fishermen knitted sweaters and caps for their husbands.

Fair Isle sweaters became extremely popular during the Model "A" era in the United States and the popularity has experienced a resurgence today. Just a few weeks ago, a video of Kate, Princess of Wales, showed her decorating a Christmas tree, while wearing a Fair Isle turtleneck sweater.

There are a few folks among the 55 permanent residents of the island who still knit the sweaters by hand, but expect a 3-year waiting list if you want one. In the meantime, you can look to familiar brands such as J. Crew, Banana Republic, and L.L. Bean who have been inspired by Fair Isle designs. You'll be period correct wearing one while driving your Model "A" this winter.



Women's Shopping Attire in 1928?

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

January 19, 1928

The Tramp Tramp Tramp

from store to store
is no more

MODERN WOMAN . . . how differently she buys her food needs today.

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.

Five foods from across the seven seas . . . fruits and vegetables . . . the popular nationally advertised brands of groceries . . . fancy better . . . 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.

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY

Men's Fashion Accessories



Belts and Suspenders

"Economy" Suspenders
45¢

VintageDancer SEARS

4-Piece Initialed Gift Set
95¢

VintageDancer SEARS

Because of the high rise of trousers and loose fit, suspenders were critical pieces to a man's wardrobe. Without them pants would fall down. While it was against etiquette to have suspenders showing, they were colorful and flashy accessories anyways. Suspenders had leather straps that buttoned onto the inside of a trouser waistband. There were clip on suspenders, but they looked less dressy and were prone to slipping off.

With casual outfits and sportcoats a belt was worn instead of suspenders. In summer, belts were also acceptable with formal suits without a vest **Garrison Belts** were wide two prong leather belts. Many uniformed professions wore the Garrison belt, such as Police-men. **Sport Belts** were what men wore with their summer suits and casual outfits. White or ivory were the best colors in leather that was braided, pierced, whipstitched, or edged with cording. **Western Style Belts** featured embossed leather, tooled scrollwork, and metal studs. They could have single prongs or double prongs. *Information from Vintage Dancer*

MORE



"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 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 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.**

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.

Working On My Model A

bought an A the other day needs some work has some decay that's ok I like to tinker keeps me busy instead of a drinker

picked up tools at the hardware store then went back to get some more I'm saddled up and ready to start called Snyder's I need a part

a body off resto job if I don't know I'll just ask Bob replacing nuts, washers and bolts doing an upgrade to 12 volts

apart it comes one bolt at a time cleaning off the grit and grime a powder coat will look really good need to replace some of the wood

I'll pull the engine and look all thru I'll check every bolt nut and screw when it all goes back it'll have more power might even do 60 miles an hour

I'll check the brakes for adjustment and ware I'll check the pressure in my spare I'll sand it smooth to look really good it's all shiny under the hood

my wife has asked how long it will take maybe 2 without a mistake only two months with joyful tears no what I meant was two years

day by day I'll get this done eager to hear the engine run what a great day it will be when I finally turn the key

David Rose

- taken from Smoky Mountain A's

Ladies Corner

Cranberry Broccoli Salad

Yields 8-10 servings

Salad Ingredients:

- 5 cups broccoli florets, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup cooked and crumbled bacon pieces
- 1 cup sunflower seeds
- 3/4 cup whole dried cranberries

Dressing Ingredients:

- 1 cup mayonnaise

- 1/4 cup (or less) sugar
- 2 Tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (or less to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions: Combine all salad ingredients in a large bowl, mix well. Combine dressing ingredients in a small bowl. Mix until thoroughly combined using whisk or fork. Add dressing to salad and mix well.

Refrigerate 1 hour before serving.

Enjoy!

Debbie Sanders





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 jiggle 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.



February 10th
Is Ladies Morning

(Don't Let Your Guy Talk You Out Of It!)

Ladies are Invited to
The Tuesday Morning
Model A Valentine Breakfast

All Of The Model A Guys are inviting
All Of The Charter Oak and Happy Honkers Ladies
to our Tuesday Morning Breakfast!!!

Valentines Day is A Special Day Just For You Gals!!

IHOP in Visalia

Mooney Blvd.....7:00am

For more info (and to RSVP)

please contact

Rich Nottingham (559) 804-4589

RSVP's are a must as Carol needs time and
really Goes out of her way for you Ladies!!!



“Where Are We Going”???



February

EVERY SATURDAY.....Cars & Coffee...

8:00am til 10:00am



Every Tuesday Model A Breakfast at IHOP - 6:30



2/1 HCCA Meeting 

2/9 Charter Oak Meeting 

2/10 Ladies Valentine Breakfast 

2/12 Happy Honkers Meeting 

2/14 Valentines Day 

2/16 Presidents  Day

“TOUR IDEAS WELCOME”



CHARTER OAK MODEL A FORD CLUB

WEBSITE AND OFFICIAL EMAIL



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Jim's Tech Tips "Ignition Misfires"

We've all experienced it. When the engine is cold and first started up, the engine is running rough and you can tell not all 4 cylinders are firing. It usually clears up in under a minute. But later, when the engine is warm, you should not feel a miss when climbing a hill or accelerating into traffic. If the power is just not there, like you know it should be, where to look? It could be a carburetor problem, but don't overlook fouled spark plugs and problems in the distributor.

Check the point gap in the distributor. The cam follower wears as you drive and the point gap closes down, giving a weak spark. So check it and increase the gap back to 0.020" if needed. While you are there, look for burned points and clean them up or replace them; you might have a bad or weak condenser.

Look at the rotor. Make sure the black flat spring is touching the underside of the cap, and is not burned up. Wipe off any oil film on the rotor.

Look at the underside of the distributor cap. Inspect the graphite button on the underside. I have seen caps with the entire button broken off and missing.

Look at the inside of the distributor body (the black plastic piece). Look for an oil and dirt film on the inside. Wipe it out with a clean cloth. Look for "carbon tracks" on the inside of the cap, where the spark is jumping down to ground on the metal housing. (See photo.) Replace if needed.



Until next time, Have a Model A Day!
Jim

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...Hell000000? It's only 25 cents!'"



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



CAR FINANCING A CENTURY AGO

DID YOU KNOW?

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.

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- Fort Worth A's

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ACORNS AND TEACUPS AND DRUMS AS WELL....

There were several changes to the head lamps, cowl and rear lamps on the Model A over the span of four years. This information can be found in Area 15—Exterior Plating. Nickel plating was used on head lamps, and cowl and rear lamps in 1928 and 1929 on all passenger vehicles, with chrome plating used from 10/29 to 12/29 for head lamps and cowl lights. Stainless steel replaced nickel/chrome plating for all passenger vehicles in 1930 and 1931. Commercial vehicles for all years had head

lamp cases, cowl and rear lamps were dipped in gloss black enamel while the doors (rims) were left unpainted. In 1930 and 1931 commercial lights were made from magnetic steel.

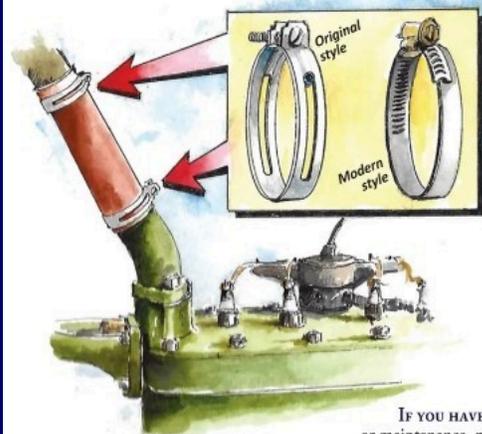
1928-1929 head lamps were acorn shaped and had no markings. In February, a new design was used with "Ford" script and "TWOLITE HEADLAMP" stamped on the top of each shell. In October 1929, some head lamps were chrome plated. With the introduction of the 1930 models, the head lamp assemblies were changed to a hemispheric shape made of stainless steel. All the components were cadmium plated with the exception of the latch which was nickel plated or stainless steel. Conduits were bright nickel plated brass from BOP to October 1929 when they were chrome plated to match the change in the head lamp cases. 1930-1931 conduits were magnetic stainless steel.

Cowl lamps were introduced in 1929 and had an acorn shape as well and were bright nickel plated as well. Plating in late 1929 was changed to match the change made with the head lamps. They were standard equipment on Cabriolets, Town Sedans and Town Cars. The shape was changed in 1930-1931 models to reflect the shape of the head lamp and were stainless steel with chrome plated arms. They were standard equipment on deluxe models and offered as accessories on other models.

Break-in Hose Clamps

Idea submitted by Paul Shinn, Valley Springs, California
Illustration by John Pratt, Urbana, Illinois

Tummy Tips From MAFCA Members



NEW RADIATOR HOSES available today are much stiffer than the original ones, so original style hose clamps don't do a good job of sealing brand-new hoses.

To solve this, temporarily use new style worm-gear hose clamps on each end of new hoses.

After a few heating and cooling cycles, the new hoses will conform to the shape and size of the outlets and inlets.

Then swap out the modern, worm-gear clamps for the original style clamps, and they will hold just fine and keep that original appearance under the hood. ☺

If you have a helpful tip about Model A restoration or maintenance, please send it, with a photo or sketch, to the MAFCA office: 250 S. Cypress St., La Habra, CA 90631 or email to: Restorer@mafca.com

Ignition Coil Hookup

- Coil works with reversed electrical connections, but not efficiently
- Reversed hookup adversely affects driving performance
 - Requires 15% to 30% higher voltage to spark plugs
 - Hard starting
 - Miss firing
 - Lack of engine power



BENDIX BOLT REMOVAL!

It is not uncommon for a starter Bendix drive bolt to break off or fall out of the Bendix shaft. The loose bolt is of concern as it may jam and cause damage.

To remove the bolt from the bottom of the flywheel housing, firstly remove the starter motor. If you do not have available a flexible pick-up with a magnet, try a large blob of sticky wheel bearing grease applied to the flywheel. Slowly turn the engine over with the crank handle so that the grease returns to the original position. If you are lucky the bolt will be stuck in the grease. Remove the bolt and clean off the grease.



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

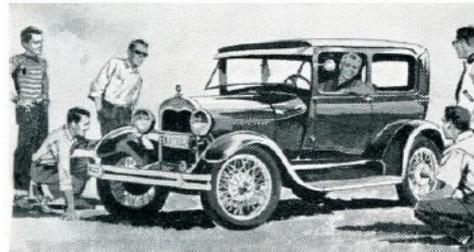
Bill demonstrated a set of bicycle turn signals. I think they were a really neat set of lights and by gluing rare earth magnets to the base you can have a nifty set of turn signals for your Model A. The turn signals are available from Amazon and the cost is only \$60.00.

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 parts 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



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 accented. "Hello," replied the man, shading his eyes and continuing to gaze aloft. "Be ye lookin at the birds," asked the farmer. "No." "Then what 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.

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

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

Clutch Pedal Movement: The correct free play for the clutch pedal is approximately 3/4" for the early multiple disc clutch, and one inch for the single disc clutch. This is the movement which takes place before the pedal starts to disengage the clutch.

Adjusting The Clutch Pedal: The clutch pedal clearance can be adjusted by tightening or loosening the release arm rod. This is accomplished by removing the cotter pin from the clevis pin, then removing the clevis pin; this allows the adjusting rod to be turned. Turning the rod OUT increases the movement of the clutch pedal, screwing the rod IN decreases the movement.

Testing The Cutout Relay: A quick way to test the condition of the cutout relay is to short the cutout terminals. If the ammeter wasn't showing a charge, and does after shorting the relay, the relay is bad. If there is still no charge showing, the generator could be the problem.

Emergency Cutout: If the cutout tests bad, leave the jumper wire installed, and the battery will charge OK. Just remember to remove the wire after driving, or the battery will become discharged.

Oil Filler Pipe: Excessive oil consumption can often be traced to an obstructed oil filler pipe. To confirm this, place clean paper under the flywheel housing and rev up the engine. If oil is being forced through the rear main and out the hole in the flywheel housing, a clogged filler pipe is possible. Worn valves, guides and rings could also be the cause of excessive oil usage

**All Tech tips are taken from "Model A Miseries and Cures" by Mary Moline. Copyright 1972 by Rumbleseat Press

Clutch Pedal Free-Play



Have you checked your clutch pedal free-play lately? This is the first movement of the pedal where there is only a little resistance. According to Ford this is supposed to be 3/4" to 7/8" and can readily be adjusted by screwing the clutch link in or out of the trunnion.

The important thing is that you have 3/4" free-play, for without any, it has the same effect on the clutch and engine as riding the clutch pedal with your foot.

You should not have your foot on the clutch pedal except when you are in the act of shifting gears.

What does riding the clutch pedal do to your clutch and engine you may ask?

Simply this: riding the clutch pedal keeps a constant pressure on the clutch assembly and on the engine crankshaft as well as unnecessarily spinning the throw-out bearing. This could result in premature wear on the clutch faces and throw-out bearing.

Even more serious, it may force the lubrication out of the rear main bearing babbitt thrust face causing the premature wear of the babbitt, resulting in end play of the crankshaft and damage to pistons, rings and other critical parts.

- Jim Broadhead, Wichita A's

2027 MAFCA National Tour

June 13 - 18, 2027

Durango, Colorado

Hosted by The Model A Ford Club of Colorado

Tour Highlights

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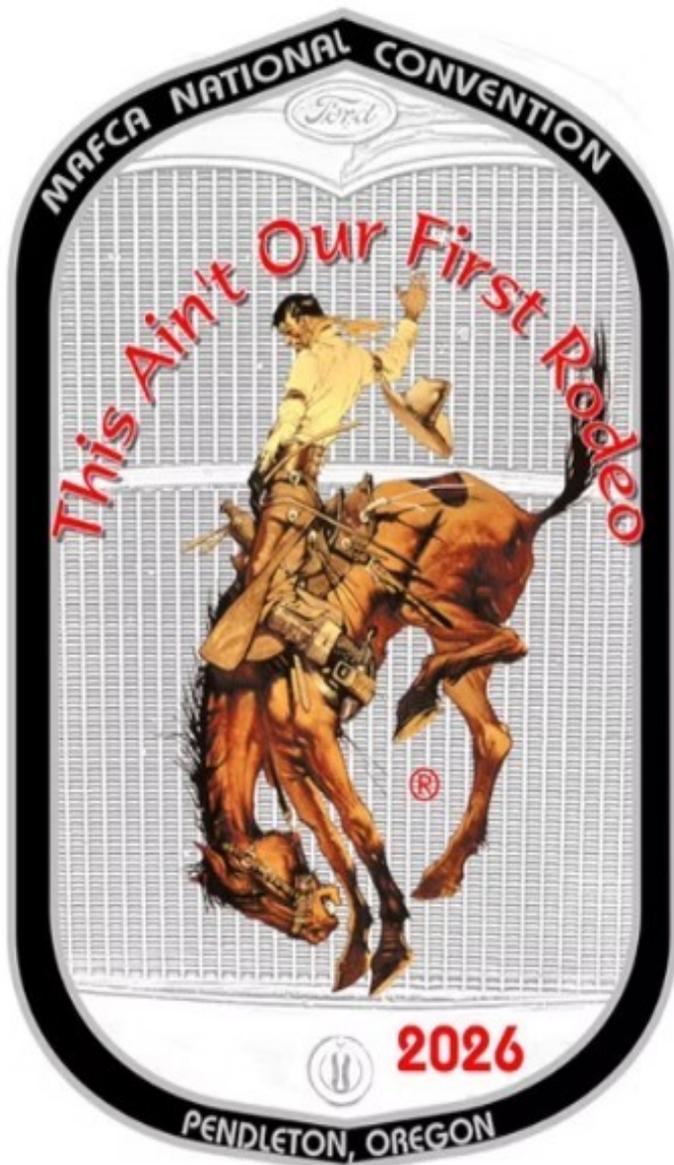
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Experienced Mechanical Restorer Wanted – 1929 Ford AA Truck (Arroyo Grande, CA) **Mechanic Restorer Wanted**

I am seeking a **capable, mechanically inclined enthusiast** to assist with the restoration and reassembly of a 1929 Ford Model AA truck with dually wheels.

The truck has been **carefully stored in disassembled form for many years**. All parts are present and in good condition, with **no dents** and only **minor surface corrosion** to the body and fenders. This is a straightforward, honest high standard restoration that will be very satisfying

The project is located in my **well-equipped private workshop in Arroyo Grande, California**, near San Luis Obispo. The shop includes full facilities for:- Engine and mechanical work, Lathes and milling machines, Welding and sheet-metal fabrication, Woodworking shop, Professional spray-painting booth.

I have **regular, skilled employees** who will handle metalwork, paint, and woodwork. What I am specifically looking for is someone with **hands-on mechanical experience and enthusiasm for early Ford trucks**, who can focus on the **correct mechanical assembly and overall coordination of the build**.

This position would be ideal for: a local vintage-vehicle enthusiast or a retired or semi-retired mechanic, a restorer looking for a focused, enjoyable project, or someone out of state who would enjoy a **temporary stay on the Central California coast**

For the right person coming from outside the area, **assistance with accommodation can be provided** for the duration of the project.

I am offering a **generous hourly rate**, commensurate with experience, for time spent on this restoration.

If this opportunity interests you, please contact:

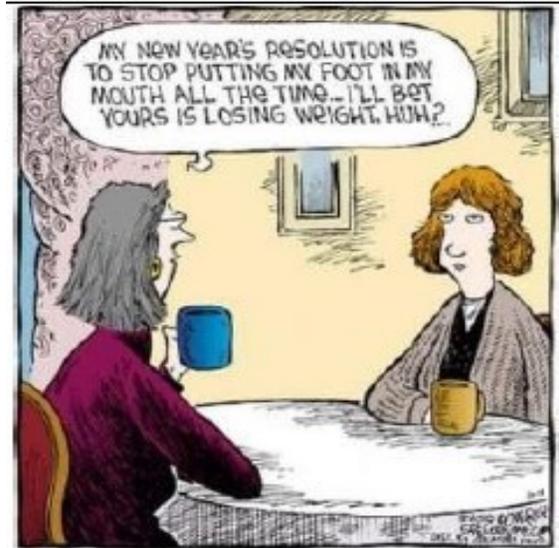
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A Little Fun !!!

- found in Monroe Floral City A's newsletter

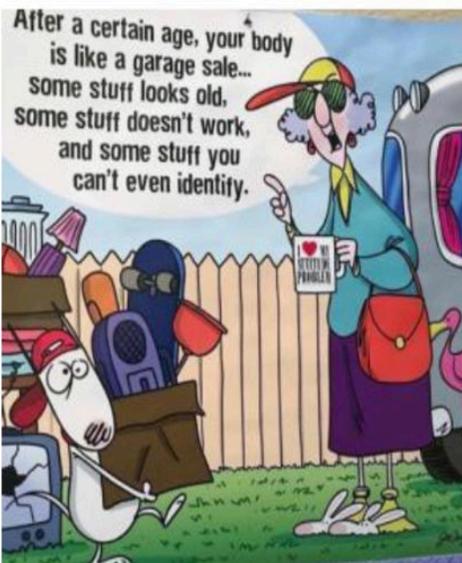
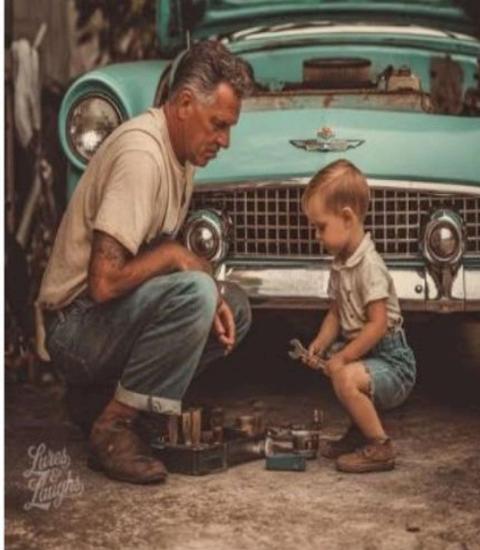
Rusty asked his waiter at the Christmas Party why he had his thumb on my steak...he said because he didn't want to drop it on the floor again.



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...

We need more older men teaching younger men "How to Become" older men.



Don't be worried about your smart-phone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.

IT'S A SHAME NOTHING IS BUILT IN THE USA ANY MORE. I JUST BOUGHT A TV & IT SAID "BUILT IN ANTENNA".

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THAT IS.

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.

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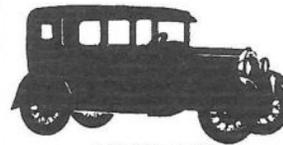
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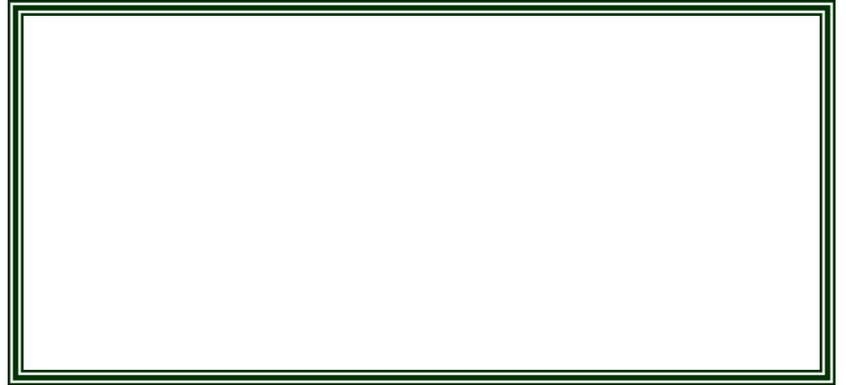
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Bob Luczun's 1929 Model A Cartoon Truck as featured in Driving Line.

I am fascinated by history and as a Model A owner, I am particularly fascinated by Model A history. Recently I was "Googling - Model A Cartoon" and came across a series of pictures of a 1929 Model A Truck that had been airbrushed painted with cartoons. Featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not auto magazine, Marking the entrance to New York Comic Con on Barrett-Jackson TV show, this revelation was totally new to me. I am sure that many of you who have been in the Model A hobby for years may be familiar with the Cartoon Model A Truck, but for me it was totally new!

Exciting to see and interesting to indulge my curiosity and read multiple articles about a Cartoon Truck I had never seen or heard about. Now you are probably asking yourself "What has this President's Message got to do with our club?" Will I will leave you with a quote from Henry Ford to ponder as your start 2026: "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." Sooo - for all you Model A Folks, keep learning, keep going and join in on our Model A club endeavors for 2026. STAY YOUNG!

Mike James, President