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*From the Little Brown Jug tour:
A gorgeous photo from a trip to Raffaldini's Vineyards.*

The Prez Sez

We have great news to share with everyone! The Queen City Model A Club has officially received our corrected 501(c)3 nonprofit designation. The Queen City Model A Club is officially a nonprofit organization registered with the IRS and state of North Carolina!!! Our club can now accept donations for funding our Model A Ford Youth Center! Look for more details within the Distributor.



In the September monthly meeting, I explained the cost for printing our

Dedicated to the Restoration and Preservation of the Model
A Ford ... and we like to drive them, too!

newsletter was something we could not sustain. As we were looking for different things we could do, we found a way to manage. QCMAC in the past and other clubs have an advertising section of the newsletter. This is a place where vendors can advertise their products or services. Our proposal is to once again find 6-8 advertisers, which would clearly cover the printing of the newsletter for those without the ability to view digitally. The cost to advertise is \$100 per year and will include a business-card size advertisement within the Distributor. Carrie and Glenn Swann have already stepped up to pay \$100 for advertising Swann Heating and AC. If you or someone you know would like to advertise within our newsletter, please let me know.

It is that time of year again ... when we start our work on preparing for next year and the changing of the guard. In preparation for this, per the QCMAC bylaws, I have appointed a Nominating Committee of 3 people: Brad Fisher, Carrie Swann and Larry Long. They are working on finding nominations for our next officers and newly created directors. If you are interested in one of the positions, please contact them. They will be presenting the full ballot at the October monthly meeting. The club will vote at the November meeting.

I just returned from our 2025 Beach Tour and we can't wait to share the tour and experience with everyone. We had a wonderful time! We will have all the pictures and details of the tour in the November Distributor. Before you learn about the beach tour, you have got to read about the Little Brown Jug Event.

In early September, we had the Little Brown Jug Event on International Model A Day. We had an amazing day touring and testing our driving skills with new friends from the Piedmont Region Model A Club. Check out the article in the pages that follow.

In October, we have no tours planned. I really wish we did, as this is what I think is the best time of the year to tour. A trip to the mountains to see the changing of the leaves is always something to consider. If you would like to do a last-minute tour and want some company, just let me know and I will send out a mass email to let everyone know of the last-minute day tour. We do have our monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 20th at Showmars. In addition, there is the first annual Spirit of Wilkes Auto Show, Antiques & Swap Meet at North Wilkesboro Speedway on Oct 24th-25th.

See ya down the road, **Troy**

"Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setback and griefs which we endure help us in our marching onward."

– Henry Ford

Submitted by Larry Long

CLOUDS & SUNSHINE

| For the love of driving Model As |

Keep the members below in your special prayers:

The saddest of news: Van Matthews (right), who has been a QCMAC member for 47 years (since 1978), died on Oct. 1. He suffered a fall in September, and had just returned home from rehab on Monday, Sept. 29.

Carl Adams, as his Parkinson's disease limits his mobility.

Ron and JoAnn Bryant both with health problems.

Susan Phillips, who is recovering from heart surgery.

Jim Townsend, who received radiation treatment for cancer in his brain.

Frank Gerosa, who had shoulder surgery on Oct. 1.



OCTOBER HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER 2025 QCMAC REVIEW OF CHECKBOOK

Beginning Balance as of Sep. 1, 2025:
\$6,035.57

Income:

August 50/50	\$65
Sept. 50/50	\$80

Expenses:

Truist correction:	\$0.01
Model A Youth Rest. Award Donation	\$500
Awards Express, Name Tags	\$78.86
Lil Brown Jug Expense reimbursement	\$298.98

Ending Balance as of Sept. 30, 2025:
\$5302.72

Margie DeView	Oct. 2
Heather Fowler	Oct. 3
Debbie Parker	Oct. 5
Susan Phillips	Oct. 5
Claude Palmer	Oct. 8
Glenn Swann	Oct. 8
Barbara Helderman	Oct. 16
John Haack	Oct. 21
Troy Dalsing	Oct. 23
Nancy Branham	Oct. 26
Matt Johnson	Oct. 26
Pete Branham	Oct. 28
Greg Jackson	Oct. 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

| For the love of driving Model As |

General Meeting @ Showmars: Oct. 20th. Host: The Haacks

Spirit of Wilkes: Oct. 24-25, @ North Wilkesboro Speedway, in North Wilkesboro, NC. Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region AACRA. Don't miss this weekend packed with horsepower, history, and hometown pride! Visit the Spirit of Wilkes and enjoy an auto show, antiques and swap meet. Visit SpiritofWilkes.com for tickets.



Veterans Day Tour: Nov. 8th.

Downtown Charlotte: Host:

Kalei Unea. Meet at the corner

of N. Tryon St. and Ninth St. at 9 a.m. for the parade, then enjoy lunch immediately after the parade at Skyland Family Restaurant, 4544 South Blvd. All are welcome!

General Meeting @ Sports Page: Nov. 17th. Hosts: Marty and Manfred.



Eighteen members and 6 Model As showed up for QCMAC's breakfast at Big View Diner in September. Apparently we had so many members present that the restaurant didn't know what to do with us!

YOUTH REPORT

| Gilmore Museum Trip • By New Member Danny Enos |

My grandson, Zachary Horton, and I recently completed a 2,740-mile road trip that included a day and a half visit of the Gilmore Museum, in Hickory Corners, Mich. While there, we completed the Model T Driving School.

In late June, after a nine-year hiatus, my wife, Ann, and I completed a long-distance move from Pismo Beach, Calif., back to our small home in Charlotte. In early August, I needed to return to California to handle some business concerning the sale of our home and other things, which included driving back my pickup. So, thinking ahead, Zachary and I decided to make a road trip out of it in my 2004 Chevy Colorado. He flew out to Phoenix and I picked him up there.

We mostly used secondary roads. Hence the 12 days and 2,740 miles. But it was worth it. Additionally, Zachary wanted to “touch” as many states as possible, so that added a little bit to the distance, I’m sure.

No offense to anyone, but the little southwest towns along I-40 and Route 66 aren’t much to talk about. However, we did stay at the La Posada Inn in Winslow, Ariz., and can recommend it highly. While in Winslow, we had to visit the fictional corner from the Eagles’ song, “Take It Easy.” Cheesy but fun. Zachary is a big “Breaking Bad” fan, so we cruised Albuquerque to see Walter White’s home and the car wash where the bad guys laundered money and did business.

Continuing on to the Gilmore, our route included visits to the Petrified Forest NP, the bank in Coffeetown, Kan., where the Daltons met their demise, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, a Chicago dog in, well, Chicago, and corn. Lots and lots of corn. And soybeans. Yeah, lots and lots of soybeans.

As for the Model T school, it offered a regular academic class that lasted 2 hours; a 30-minute, hands-on seminar of sorts; and 20-minute trips in three different cars. In other words, you drove three times. Each trip increased in difficulty and time. It was totally fun but took some concentration at



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first. Our first ride was done on the museum property. By the third ride, you were driving through the corn fields.

After the Gilmore, we headed south and spent time in Auburn, Ind. Auburn is an interesting place. They had a burgeoning automotive and industrial presence throughout the first half of the 20th century that eventually ended. But they definitely have not forgotten their past. We visited the Auburn Automobile Museum, which features the Cord, Duesenberg, Franklin, Pierce Arrow, and of course the Auburn. I have a new appreciation for E.L Cord and his beautiful designs. Whenever I see a movie depicting rich or famous people in ostentatious cars in the 1930s, I will think of him. The town also offers the All Ford Museum, and Ford Truck Museum.



After the car stuff, we spent time at the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. Fantastic place. Forty-six acres under one roof. As an ex-Air Force pilot, I expected to see the equipment that I'd flown in my six years in the service, and did. However, I DID NOT expect to see a USAF version of a small aircraft that I had flown in the civilian world. It was a twin-engine Aero Commander that carried two pilots and five passengers. I was not aware that one was ever in the inventory. I flew it for a year for the Tulare County Sheriff, hauling prisoners. The job wasn't so hot but the airplane was great.



Zachary, who turned 21 in September, had a gizmo that allowed us to stream Spotify through the old truck's speakers. So we spent a lot of time talking and listening to different types of music. The kid must have done two-thirds of the driving, which was fine with me. The important thing is that we got along, made it home safely with no problems, and now have lots of good memories.

QCMAC 2025 CALENDAR



<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
20 th General Meeting @ Golden Corral Host – Fishers	10 th - 11 th Augusta Club Meeting Host – Troy Dalsing 17 th General Meeting Internet Safety presentation @ Longhorn Steakhouse Host – Berry Family 22 nd Cob Web Shop Time Host – Jim Townsend	5 th QCMAC Breakfast 9:00 am Big View Diner Host – Manfred Kothe 17 th General Meeting @ Sports Page Host – Silvers	5 th -7 th Hornets Nest Auto Fair 10 th Breakfast at Stacks 9:00 am Host – Manfred Kothe 13 th QCMAC Car Show @ White Home Host – Rhea Farris 21 st General Meeting @ Showmars Host – Swanns 26 th – 27 th – Mystery Tour Host – Phillips and Crosbys
<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
12 th 501(c)3 Nonprofit Follow-up meeting @ Sports Page 6:00 pm Host – QCMAC Board 17 th Youth Tour Host – Troy and Jon Dalsing 19 th General Meeting @ Golden Corral Host – Gustafsons	13 th -15 th Tour to MARC National Meet Gettysburg Lead - Troy 16 th -20 th MARC National Meet 16 th General Meeting at MARC National Meet 21 th -23 rd Tour Home from MARC National Meet	19 th Very Berry Ice Cream Day Tour Host – Berrys 21 st General Meeting @Longhorn Steakhouse Host – Heather, Karsen & Claude	15 th -16 th Shade Tree A's Swap meet Tour Host – Dalsing 18 th General Meeting @Sports Page Host – McDonoughs
<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
4 th -6 th Hornets Nest Auto Fest 13 th Intl Model A Day Tour "Little Brown Jug" Host – Widners & Dalsing 15 th General Meeting @ Golden Corral Host – Leeks 26 th -28 th Beach Tour Host – Karsen, Heather, Claude	20 th General Meeting @ Showmars Host – Haacks 24 th -25 th Spirit of Wilkes	8 th Veterans Day Tour Host – Kalei Unea 17 th General Meeting @ Sports Page Host – Marty and Manfred	6 th Harvey Hood Memorial Christmas Parade Tour 6 th Denver NC Parade 8 th Christmas Party @ Longhorn Steakhouse Pineville 6:00pm

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Meeting Place Addresses

Golden Corral, 11025 E. Independence Blvd., Matthews, NC
 Sport's Page, 8400 Bellhaven Blvd., Charlotte, NC
 Longhorn Steakhouse, 10605 Centrum Parkway, Pineville NC
 Showmars, 7260 NC-73 Suite 119, Denver, NC

EDITOR'S LETTER

| By Karsen Palmer Titus |

This past weekend, my dad, sister and I traveled to Ocean Isle Beach with the club in my dad's 1930 Tudor Sedan, which was restored the year I was born. I don't remember my first ride in the Sedan; I just know I've ridden in it my entire life. For decades, it was the only complete A my dad owned. My parents toured everywhere in the car, often taking our friends Bill and Dottie Canaday with them. (Right, on tour with the Canadays and QCMAC in the late '90s. Dottie joined my mom in heaven on Aug. 28th.)

In 2024, Heather, Dad and I drove the Sedan to Asheville for the MARC meet, and went through Lake Lure a month before Hurricane Helene nearly wiped the quaint NC town off the map. On that trip, it became obvious the Sedan needed an overhaul. Her black vinyl seats were hot as Haiti; the springs stuck to your butt; and the clutch chattered like a barrel full of monkeys. When we slowed down, she would try to cut off. She also backfired until it sounded like Al Capone was coming. We'd do this complicated dance of throttle/brake/throttle and pow-pow-pow ... and it just wasn't fun anymore! Heather and I needed a whole lot of serious therapy after that trip.



Then surprise! In January, the club gave my dad the B-model engine that had belonged to long-time member Sonny Sain. The club put in the motor for my dad, and Russ Winters volunteered to do the upholstery – which was just astounding. It looks just perfect. (We have a great club!)

This club beach tour, which we led, was the first time we drove the Sedan on tour in all her new glory. Suffice it to say, it wasn't the perfect maiden voyage! On Friday, we had power issues and backfiring, and we instigated a long breakdown halfway to the beach, which included changing her carburetor and distributor, and setting the points twice. The good work of the club helped us get to the beach on Friday, but the drive home Sunday wasn't much better. We even broke down on an exit ramp off 74! Oddly enough, one of my favorite parts of the trip was pushing the Sedan across four lanes of traffic in Laurinburg with Heather Fowler, Troy Dalsing, Sandeep Berry and Marie LaQuerre. Good times!

We expect to receive the Golden Wrench award any minute now.

Ah-OOO-ga!

Karsen

MEETING MINUTES

| By Carrie Swann, Secretary |

QCMAC monthly meeting was held September 15th, 2025 at Golden Corral, Independence Blvd., Charlotte, NC. Host/Hostess by Geoffrey & Clare Leek, with 31 members and 1 visitor. Meeting was called to order by Troy Dalsing at 6:55 p.m. Prayer was asked by Carrie Swann. Dispensing the reading of the minutes and treasurers report and approved as printed in the newsletter, motioned by Sandeep Berry, 1st by Jane Fisher, 2nd by Bertha Haack.

Committees Report: Membership – John Haack - No new members. Phone Tree – Ron Bryant – Phone Tree Dying. Clouds & Sunshine – Van Matthews is under medical care after a severe fall. Keep him in your prayers.

Old Business: 501(3)c approved by North Carolina; approval from IRS is expected by late September or October. Fundraising for our club needs helpers. Larry Long has agreed to be on this committee, but we need others to help. Potential areas are applying for “Grants,” and contacting large companies for donations. One fundraising idea is to buy advertising in the back page of the newsletter. A business card size ad will be \$125 for a year in the newsletter and on the web page. If you would like to put an ad in, get the information to Karsen Titus at Karsentitus@gmail.com.

Bylaws: Bylaws change to be issued and voted on in November meeting. The number of Directors will be changed from 6 to 3. Directors are now Sandeep Berry, Ron Bryant, Karsen Titus. This change is occurring due to the size of our club.

Treasurer needed: Nominating committee will be looking for a new Treasurer to take over in January. If you are interested or would like to serve, please let Brad Fisher know.

Big View Breakfast on Sept. 10th had 18 in attendance, and was moved into the large room. Unfortunately, some restaurants can’t handle 18 people coming in at one time. Manny will be checking on other places to have breakfast.

The Little Brown Jug tour report was given: Great BBQ from Apple BBQ, tours were enjoyed, & Model A Games got very competitive! Paul Crosby and Walter Berry (Sandeep’s oldest son) won 1st place; 2nd was Jerry and Ann Widner; 3rd went to another car club; 4th was Sandeep Berry; 5th Kalei Unea. Congrats, all!

Around the Shop – Sandeep pulled her starter. Four engines have been rebuilt by Troy Dalsing, Frank Gerosa, Kalei Unea, Jerry LaQuerre. Troy will be putting in one of the rebuilt engines in Frenchie (his Roadster) as his engine died while going **to** the “Little Brown Jug Tour”! Holden Long worked long hours on his A, now his hours are spent in “Boot Camp.” Danny Enos gave a report on his and grandson Zachary’s trip to the Gilmore Museum, the Ford Museum and other adventures this summer. (See article in The Distributor.)

RECENT HAPPENINGS

| Little Brown Jug Event • By Jerry Widner |

Our First Annual "Little Brown Jug" event was an absolute success. Perfect weather greeted 55 attendees and 26 Ford Model As as they all descended upon the *Little White Widner House on the Prairie* on Sept. 13. Otherwise known as "International Model A Day 2025" – the day presented itself to be a great and well-attended event.

The day started with multiple drives from various locations throughout the entire area as both the Queen City Model A Club and the Piedmont Region Model A Club joined forces to celebrate our wonderful cars. As the cars started pulling into the Little Brown Jug "playgrounds" at around 9:45 or so, eager members parked their cars in their assigned spots categorized by their driving tour choices. It was great to see so many members striking up conversations with their newfound friends. Did I mention how wonderful the weather was? We simply could not have ordered up better weather – all day long!



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Driving Tours were designated for the following locations:
Southern Distilling Company
Raffaldini Vineyards
Fort Dobbs State Historic Site



Shortly after everyone's arrival, the fine folks of AppleCity BBQ, out of Taylorsville, NC, arrived and set up lunch. Wow...did they ever deliver! They provided their "voted best in NC three years running" BBQ with many sides for one amazing meal. AppleCity BBQ never lets us down - they will be our caterer of choice next year as well.

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Around 11:00, everyone brought their chairs to "the barn." Ann and I welcomed everyone to our home and provided the schedule of events. In attendance were the two Region Presidents, Keith Fesperman (Piedmont) and Troy Dalsing (Queen City). I asked them to open with a few motivational words and encouragement.



After lunch, folks gathered around their cars, walking the line of THE BEST Model As in the country. It was a joy to watch and listen to the conversations being held by members of the two regions; together as one – a tradition we want to build upon! Shortly after noon, I rallied the three tour leaders and the driving tour portion of our day began. I led the Raffaldini group of 9 As north through the winding roads of the Yadkin Valley. The view of the Blue Ridge Mountains never gets old! Most members of the group enjoyed a four selection taste test as well the gorgeous views offered...and again the best weather any of us could have imagined.

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Next off were the Southern Distilling group of 4 As, led by Troy Dalsing. A tour of the Whiskey, Tours and Donkeys, as the sign reads, was a fun visit to one of NC's rising stars in the liquor world. There were even some fun Model A items on display turned into seating!

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The third group, led by Tom and Sandeep Berry, headed off to the Fort Dobbs State Historical site. This was the largest group, consisting of 10 As, and I believe the experience exceeded expectations. The Fort is a wonderful recreation of the original complete with gift shop for children of all ages. Period correct uniforms are available for try-on, as well as pictures. A true gem nestled down in the Statesville area.



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Upon everyone's return to the Little Brown Jug "grounds," all were treated to cake and cookies, courtesy of Ann. All of the stories collected from the driving tours/visits were echoing throughout the barn as the excitement grew for the highly coveted "Little Brown Jug" Driving Games. Troy Dalsing (Queen City President) had put together a challenging, yet fun driving course designed to highlight: 1) Driving Skill, 2) Passenger Motor Skill, 3) Teamwork of driver and passenger, to accomplish the course in as close to 5 minutes. A well thought-out and laid-out course offered up some real fun for both participants as well as observers.

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After a safety brief and quick walk-through of the rules, the GAMES began! Troy and Jerry were accompanied by Jerry Widner III as the three "referees" to ensure fair play and rules adherence. After a hard-fought battle of the 10 participants, the Grand Champion Winners were: Paul Crosby and Walter Berry in Paul's beautiful Ford Model A truck. Paul's driving skills were one of the best, and Walter displayed his talents of sports accuracy and potato jabbing! They had a great run and were dubbed the clear winners of the highly coveted "Little Brown Jug."



The "Little Brown Jug" event got its name in honor of my dad (Jerry Widner, Sr.), who was scheduled to be in attendance, however, he passed away this past February. I shared the story of how Dad received his "CB Handle" and why I came up with it to the attendees prior to presenting it to the Champions. We will continue to name this event "Little Brown Jug," as hopefully, Ann and I will be able to host the event again next year!

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QCMAC: WHERE ARE WE GOING? UPDATE By Troy Dalsing

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Speaking of donation commitments, I mentioned last month that member Rion Rutledge had decided to sell his 1931 slant window 4 door and donate ½ of the sales prices to the club. The club has successfully facilitated the sell to former member Greg Foster. If you recall, Greg Foster is the member who donated his two Tudors to youth. Greg is rejoining the club and is excited to join us on our tours.

Your board will meet on Monday, Oct. 6th to further develop our plans for fundraising/donations and establishment of the Model A Ford Youth Center. Such exciting times!!

What to expect in the near future:

Oct. 6th: Board meeting to develop fundraising plan

Nov. 17th: Presentation at monthly club meeting of initial plan for fundraising

I Finally Did It!
I bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles.
No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.



FOR SALE & WANTED

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SOLD to Greg Foster!

**Rion Rutledge's
1931 Model A Town Sedan slant window Model
160B (Fordor):**

Ground-up restoration completed in 2011.
Received the MARC Touring Class Award of
Excellence and AACA Senior National First Price in
2011.

Asking Price \$20,000 OBO – ½ of sales price will
be donated to the QCMAC Model A Ford Youth
Center!



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If interested, call Bruce Hyland @ 704/488-6118
Or email Bruce @ bahyland87@gmail.com

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The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

September 2025

Meeet us next May in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region of New York State when we present the MARC 2026 Membership Meet/National Tour as a joint event! The Finger Lakes area is renowned for its scenery, local wineries, and quaint villages. For an extra thrill, drive your Model A on the world-class Watkins Glen International Speedway! Details are still being finalized so keep checking the *Model A News* and *The Running Board Report* for information as it develops!

ALERT! Scammers are back again. Recently an email, purportedly from Tom Hovetter, MARC President, was sent to Regional officers requesting gift cards be sent for veterans. This is a scam. MARC does not solicit funds except for payment of membership/Region dues.

Recently the Driver Class committee met to make changes to the judging standards based on feedback we have received. An example of a few of the changes made are that we will include vehicles with fiberglass fenders and later Ford axles to participate going forward and have enhanced the awards! We want to encourage participation of almost any Model A with non stock parts and modifications. Look for the updated standards on the MARC website shortly.

Certainly you've seen that we have the digital version of the *Model A News* posted on our website for MARC members to view. If you are a new member or just renewed, at the bottom of your receipt is a button to view your account and it will take you to it. This method is in addition to access through the MARC website. If you need a copy of your receipt, just contact the office at 734-427-9050 and we can sent it to you..



Model A Restorer's Club (MARC): Dues are \$50 annually, which includes a subscription to The Model A News magazine. Send to: MARC, 6721 Merriman Rd, Garden City, MI 48135. Note: MARC membership is required of all QCMAC members. Visit their website at: ModelARestorersClub.com

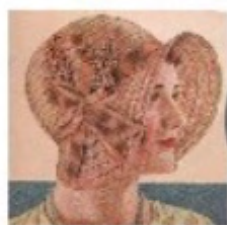
FASHION:

Bouquets on Bonnets

By Sherry Winkinhofer, Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

The hats and bonnets worn in the Model A era came in a myriad of shapes, colors, and designs. These colorful hats could be decorated with ribbons, beads, pins, feathers, and more! A favorite decorative element often used were flowers or other floral and nature-based designs. Hats with flower trimmings were available in all major catalogs as well as stores and millinery shops.

Read the full article on the MAFCA Website at http://www.mafca.com/ef_articles.html and learn how hats and flowers complimented each other during the Model A years!



National Bellas Hess Co
Spring and Summer
1931

plush flowers



National Bellas Hess Co
Spring and Summer
1931

Velvet flowers



The Robert Simpson
Catalog Fall and Winter
1928-29

Velvet orchid



Sears Roebuck and Co Fall and
Winter 1928-29

sheer organdy and rayon plush



Sears Roebuck and Co
Fall and Winter 1928-29

Organdy and rayon taffeta

Catalogs such as Sears and Montgomery Wards sold separate flowers and floral collections that could be used to freshen up old hats or add to new hats and garments. It seems odd that most of the time these catalogs showed them in black and white, but just a few color ads are to be found to help demonstrate the vivid colors that were available.



Robert Simpson catalog Fall and Winter 1928-



Sears, Roebuck and Co
Spring and Summer 1928

Handmade fabric flowers



National Bellas Hess Co Inc
Spring and Summer 1931

Appliqued plush flowers



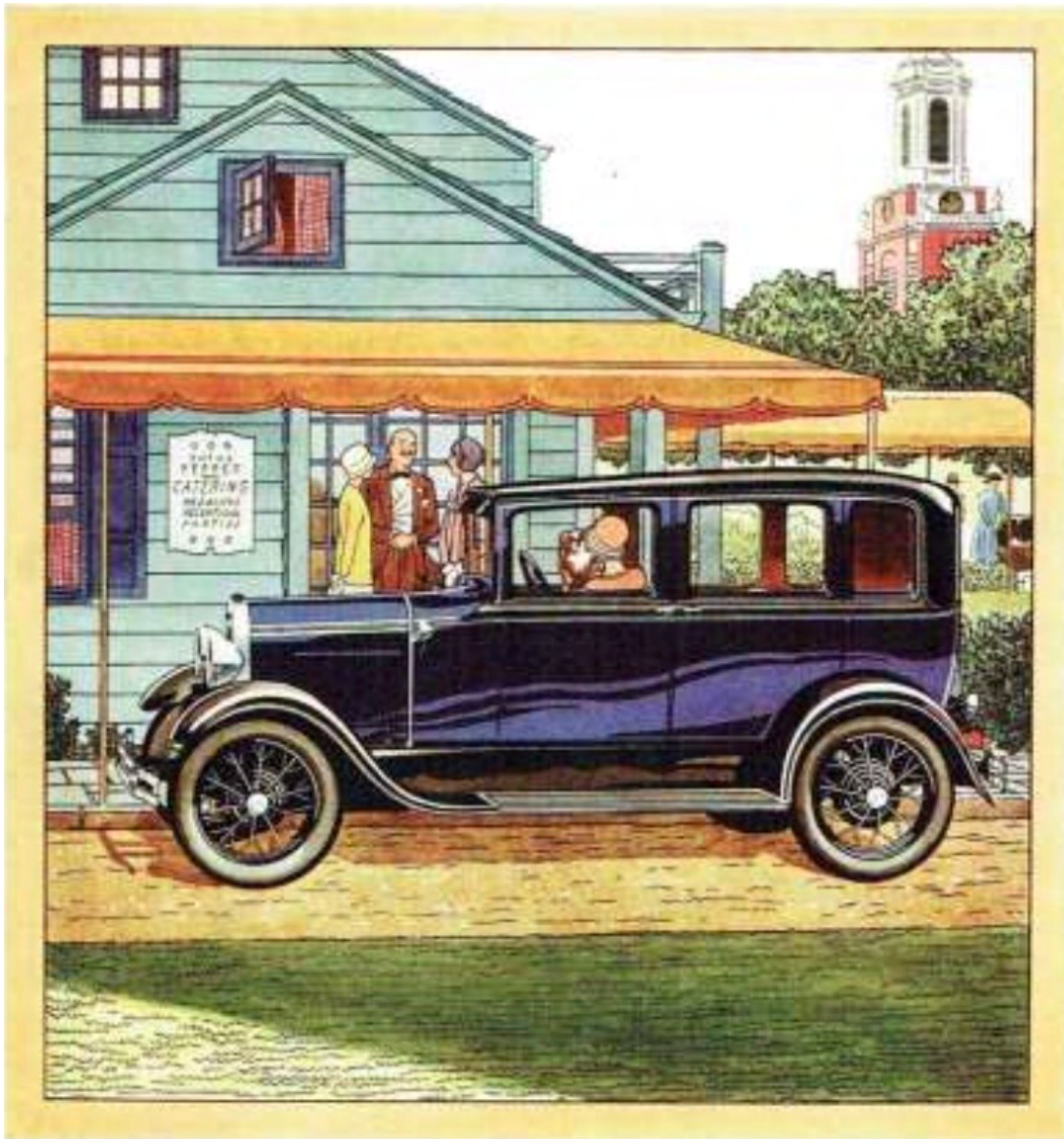
The Robert Simpson Co
Fall and Winter 1928-29

Plush blossoms with
tinsel stitching

Below are some "New-Old-Stock" (NOS) flower trimmings from an era Millinery supply.



Picture from collection of Patti Jones



Cheers for Women Model A Drivers:
We had four on our recent beach trip!