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It's September and it was over 80 degrees today. Walmart should be putting the Christmas stuff out any day now.

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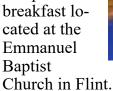
ugust was a busy month for most of us. The Back to the Bricks Car show is always well attended by our club members. This event continues over a twoweek period in the Genesee County area starting with evening car shows in towns surrounding Flint. It then moves on to a second week filled with a drive-in movie, a concert, and two days of cruising the streets. This is followed by the Main Event, a car show fills up the streets in Flint with cars of all makes, models, and years. This year, Bob and I had our 1930 Ford speedster out for her first show. She was chosen to be a part of the "Built Not Bought" vehicles featured in the main parking lot.

Many of our members joined together for a cruise to Utica, MI for lunch at the Ford Garage Restaurant followed by antique shopping and ice cream. It was a great day for traveling and everyone had a good time. A big thanks to Connie and Chris Green for planning and leading us for the day.

September may be the end of summer for some people, but not for our club. We still have many things to do before we put the A's away for the year.

• Sept 1st – Labor Day car show

and pancake breakfast located at the Emmanuel **Baptist**



• Sept 13th – International Model A Day – a great time to drive your Model A everywhere you need to go.

• Sept 17th – Regular club meeting at Bridgeport Community Church in Bridgeport. Our doorperson will be Fred Barden

• Sept 18th – Car show and craft show at the Church of the Nazarene in Clare.

• Sept 18th – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new addition to the Model A Museum at Gilmore in Hickory Corners.

• Sept 19th - 20th – Model A Days - located at the Model A Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. Please see the website at MAFFI.org for more information.

• Sept 21st – Golden Memories Car Show located at the Sloan Museum in Flint. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring finger-foods for the potluck.

I hope to see everyone at the September 17th Meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

No August meeting

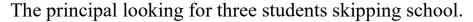


Cathy

Apparently there are
2 types of flu.
The harmless one that
women and children get,
and the "near death"
version that men get.









Sure sign of a happy traveler!

- Orange County A's



THEY SAY 40 IS THE NEW 30
AND 50 IS THE NEW 49,
BUT ALL I KNOW IS THE
OLDER I GET, THE MORE
9PM IS THE NEW MIDNIGHT.

Being a parent is like jumping out a plane with a bunch of people who don't know how to open their own chutes.

So, you fly around doing it for them...

Then you hit the ground, but you don't die. You get up and cook dinner.

STAMPEDE STEW

2½ lbs. beef, cubed Tbsp. flour 1 Tbsp. paprika 1 tsp. chili powder ½ tsp. black pepper 3 Tbsp. butter

2 onions, sliced

2 stalks, celery, chopped

2½ lbs. beef, cubed 1 green pepper, cut 2½ Tbsp. flour in strips

1 clove garlic

1 can tomatoes & green chilies

1 tsp. ground cloves

2 cups each,chopped carrots& potatoes

Mix together flour, paprika, chili powder, and black pepper. Roll cubed beef in flour mixture and brown in a skillet with butter. In a large stockpot add browned beef and the remaining ingredients except carrots, potatoes and celery. Simmer for 2 hours. Then add the vegetables and simmer an additional 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add water as needed.

Yield: 6-8 servings.

- Cuesta Crankers A's

DID YOU KNOW?

Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold! Celery will keep longer in foil, too!

Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

To make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream and then beat them up.

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic; and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

Briarwood's Car Show

Briarwood Nursing Home held their annual car show on August 12th. Due to the threat of severe weather only a few cars showed up. A couple of hours after the show we lost our power for 6 hours. Briarwood served a hot dog luncheon which included plenty of *ice cream*, and the residents enjoyed seeing the cars. Bill Lawson, Steve Burton, Rusty & Rita Gould, and Larry & Alice Neubecker attended. Rita's car took 2nd place with her 1929 Tudor which was adorned with eyelashes and diamond ring gas cap.

- Rusty Gould reporting!





Left to Right: Rusty & Rita Gould, "Miss Model A", and Alice & Larry Neubecker.



SEPTEMBER

- 1st Labor Day Pancake Breakfast & Car
 Show, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 6434
 Richfield Rd., Flint. Pancake Breakfast
 from 8:0 9:30 a.m.
- 13th International Model A Day. We just want to remind members to at least drive their car into town for ice cream since it is International Model A Day!
- 17th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 18th Ribbon Cutting at the Model A Museum.
- 19th-20th Model A Days at Gilmore Museum
- 21st Golden Memories at Sloan Museum, Potluck, Goulds
- 22nd-Oct 13th MAFCA Route 66 Tour

OCTOBER

15th Turkey Bingo/Nominations/Meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 6:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER

19th Elections/Meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

13th Christmas Party, Horizons, Saginaw, 11:00 a.m. with lunch at 11:30 a.m.

25th MERRY CHRISTMAS

A note () from Jim Booth —

While reading the August newsletter, I saw the list of songs that were popular in the Twenties. As a member of the Flint Banjo Club I was quite amazed to notice the number of songs that we still play currently at our meetings. Banjos were a big part of the twenties also. The banjo that I still play will be 100years old in 1927. It's still in fantastic condition.



September



October





SEPTEMBER

- 3 Mark Kendall
- 4 Lisann Roy
- 11 Terry Brugger
- 11 Betty Thomas
- 12 Frank Remenar
- 12 Nick Palmreuter
- 13 Chad Roy
- **14** Brenda Lawson
- 22 Jim Brugger
- 23 Rickey Wuolukka
- **27** Wes Gulliver
- **30** Margaret Ortman

OCTOBER

- 4 Barbara Lloyd
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- **12** Sandy Tryles
- 12 Virginia Knag
- **19** Kevin Fuelling
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- 29 Connie Green
- 31 C. Rusty Gould
- 31 Beth Gulliver



TECH TIPS BY BOB BIDONDE

- from Long Island A's

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



Geriatric Truths from Suzanne Curtis —

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." - Andy Rooney

"The older I get, the better I used to be." - Lee Trevino

"I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me — they're cramming for their final exam." - George Carlin

Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but to skid sideways, totally used up and worn out, shouting 'Man, what a ride!' - Hunter Thompson

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30pm **ATTORNEY:** And Mr. Denton was dead at the time? **WITNESS:** If not, he was by the time I finished.

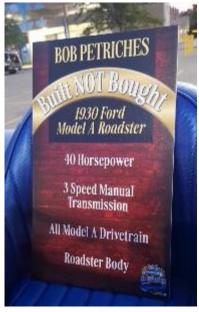
HOW TO BUILD A SPEEDSTER WHEN YOU ARE MARRIED

by Nora Petriches

- Collect spare parts for many, many years before you mention your intention of building a speedster to Wife.
- Hide parts you collect. Hide in basement, garage, boxes, bins, under stairs, under bed, in closets, top shelves of the kitchen cupboards (works best if Wife is short).
- Go to car shows featuring speedsters. Walk past speedsters casually, showing little or no interest. Let Wife point out the style, color, and other aspects of the speedster. Be sure to reply with a simple, "Ummm."
- Talk with buddies about that one last part you need for your project. Eventually one of them will remember they have an old Model A frame, including the motor and transmission, under their pile of spare parts. Tell Wife you helped a buddy whose terrible wife told him to get rid of ALL THAT JUNK. And you were forced to take it.
- Make your move by announcing to Wife:
- You finally know what to do with the frame, motor, transmission.
- You are going to build a Speedster.
- She has been admiring them for years at car shows.
- You have everything you need to build one. Won't cost a penny.
- It will be a good way to use all those old parts you have just laying around.
- Remind Wife about how much fun you have working together.
- Pull out all the hidden parts you have saved. Start cleaning, repairing, painting, and polish the parts. Leave them on the kitchen table so Wife can admire the shine. (Women are drawn to shiny things no matter what it is).
- Order the body kit online.
- When kit arrives in several crates, employ Wife to assist by using whatever arsenal you might have. Remind Wife about how much fun you have working together.
- Uncrate body parts and hardware. Do not be concerned that there are no instructions in the kit. You have never read instructions before, no need to start at this point in your life
- Place the parts into what looks like a logical way to assemble them. Find extra parts you don't know where they go. Place parts into a better logical way. Try again. Study pictures on the internet. Try once more.
- Call a buddy who recently built a speedster, get a copy of his instructions. Have Wife read and sort parts. Inform her that the instructions are wrong. Make your own plans to assemble the body.
- Install wood floor, install firewall, remove firewall, cut firewall so it fits according to your revised plans, install, remove, recut, install, remove, recut, install. Continue this process until all the parts going through the firewall appear to function as needed. Remind Wife about how much fun you have working together.
- Install seat riser, remove seat riser, make taller seat riser, install.

- Install gas tank stands, remove gas tank stands, make taller gas tank stands, install.
- Buy gas tank. Install gas tank, install fuel lines. Reinstall fuel lines. Reinstall fuel lines again.
- Wire headlights, taillights, and turn signals. Test lights. Find problem with the wiring and repair.
- Install radiator, discover there is no hood. (Sold separately). Ask buddies about building a customized hood. Ask Johnny Olay who happens to have one he can make work.
- Ask Johnny to Custom Design windshield frame.
- Johnny lowers headlights eight inches because, according to him, "It NEEDS to be done." Johnny was right. Totally changed the look and feel of the speedster. (Thank you, Johnny).
- Send speedster out for paint. Painter gets hurt. Find new painter.
- Install seats, seatbelts, windshield, and trunk.
- When Wife adds bird decals to speedster, adapt a stone face and just say, "That looks nice, Dear."
- Send Wife on the maiden voyage.
- Fix issues Wife complains about. (Always easier to fix than argue.).
- Add seven coats of polish.
- Remind Wife about how much fun you have working together.







It was a PICTURE PERFECT day on Tuesday, August 26th for a 115-mile roundtrip drive to Ford's Garage and beyond! 8 Model A's and two moderns left from Davison on a very relaxing drive to Utica for our first stop at Ford's Garage for lunch. The manager was so happy to see our A's that he gave us a Ford Discount on our lunches, we'll take it! After lunch we had a quick gas stop then onto Ro-

meo for Antiques& Gelato! Everyone made it home safely with NO car issues to report... YAHOO!

Connie Green



8 Model A's lined up at Ford's Garage



Well, Steve Burton better pedal FASTER, that 'a BIG truck behind you!!! The truck driver was saying darn double yellow line!



Ford's Garage



Our fuel stop looked more like a Nascar lineup... Ready... Set... *GO!!!*

Mrs. Merdle – Part LXIX

Tweaks and adjustments —

With the help over, we checked everything I had done, and re-adjusted the carburetors. Since I have two, this was a little over my head. Phil said the trick was to adjust both to similar settings. We started with the idle screw on the throttle. Removing one entirely, and setting the other, we had to adjust the linkage so that they both closed completely at the same time. In this way, the stop on the one carburetor controls them both. Next, the GAV at a turn open on both. Then the airadjust screw on the carburetor body. Starting with a half turn open, we adjusted first one, then the other, only opening, or closing them 1/8 turn at a time.

Great! Now it starts, and idles fine. I started her up and grinning like a fool, I drove her the couple of blocks to take her over to the collision shop for painting.

They told me to bring her over the next Monday, and they would be able to get her right in, and out before the end of the month (only a few days left till November!) Sure enough, they got her done in fine time, so I took her home and installed the hood, windshield, and using a red paint stick, I pinstriped her, using a magnetic strip as a guide. Not too shabby!

Till next time, this is another old kid....& a 'probie'

Charlie Brown



Cool, Model A Speedster Charlie!!



Vapor Lock

When the fuel in the carburetor boils due to high

heat (connected to the exhaust manifold) does not enter the combustion chamber as a vapor a super lean event occurs with hesitation, back-firing or just plain quitting. Some old-timers (very old) would add wooden clothes pins to the fuel line to pull the heat away, some added crumpled up tin foil for the same purpose.

The latest suggestion (other than booze-free fuel that helps) is to add 1 pint of diesel fuel to a full tank of gas.

Otherwise... just deal with it.

- Colonial Virginia A's

Some people are like clouds, when they disappear it's a brighter day.



Tech Tip for MARC

- From a Technical seminar presented by Ron Ehrenhofer

Many members are now using John Deere corn head grease in the steering gear instead of the usual 600W oil.

The corn head grease is a polyuria grease that it thixotropic. It is a gel when resting and turns into a liquid when under use.

This makes it perfect for steering boxes because of how much they tend to leak.

- Northwest Missouri A's

1928

MEMORABLE EVENTS

September 3: In San Francisco, the first working and all-electronic television system is demonstrated to the press by Philo Farnsworth. The system has electronic scanning in the pickup and display devices.

September 11: In baseball, and in a significant 1928 event in sport, star player Ty Cobb makes his last hitting appearance in a game against the New York Yankees

- Joliet A's

From the Floral City A's newsletter —

Jerry Gates talked about how the clutch shaft arm may be cracked. The original ones often cracked. If it's cracked it may break and you will not be able to activate the throw out bearing ford. He suggested you should take a look under your car to see if the arm is solid and not cracked. Here's a picture sent by Jerry.



The most expensive vehicle to operate in 2026 will be a grocery cart!

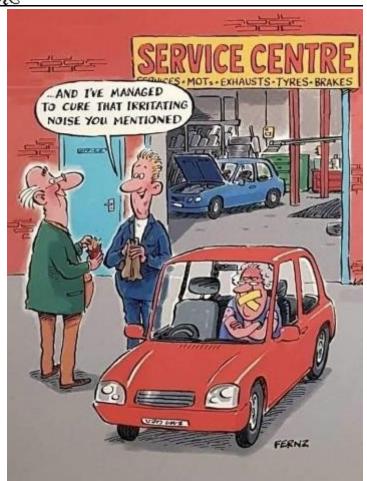
A fun evening was had by several Script "A" Club members at the Twin Baptist Church on Thursday, August 14th.

As always the church provides *FREE* hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn, cookies and the word of *God*! It's the perfect spot on Saginaw Street to watch all the Back to the Bricks cruisers!



Dan Seitz, Bill Lawson, Sheryl Seitz & Brenda Lawson





YOU STUPID, BUT WHEN I ASKED YOU TO SPELL "ORANGE" AND YOU ASKED ME THE FRUIT OR COLOR IT KINDA CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD.

REESE CAR SHOW - AUGUST 13th

The Reese Car Sow was a huge success again this year, with 175 cars registered. The show has been a benefit for Make-A-Wish for any years.

Rusty and Rita Gould choose to skip the Back to the Bricks main event this year to attend the Reese show. Their granddaughter, Emma was a Make-A-Wish recipient in 2012 and she returned to the show this year, to thank everyone for their support during her courageous battle with leukemia.

Rusty received a top 20 award with his speedster.



Backs to the Bricks – August 16th

A few photos from the Saturday car show in downtown Flint. Thanks Cheryl Roy and



Veteran Don Dumler at opening ceremony.



Ken & Cheryl Roy's 1929 speedster

Connie Green, you gals are fabulous!

Back to the Bricks was another **HUGE** success for the City of Flint, attracting thousands of car owners and enthusiasts for Saturday's MAIN EVENT on the Bricks.

Script "A" Club once again took over 2nd Street to showcase our fabulous Ford Model A's! We had 14 A's with many different body styles and colors to choose from as well as 1 AA and a speedster on display. We had a FABULOUS POT LUCK lunch organized by Steve Burton,

we had a FEAST fit for a king! THANK YOU to Steve for supplying the tables, chairs, plates, napkins, silverware and water! One big difference this year... NO RAIN!! YAHOO!

Hope to see you all on the Bricks next year!

Connie



Bob & Nora Petriches' 1930 speedster



Bill Lawson & Dan Seitz, our very own "Gate Keepers" at 5:52 a.m. Saturday morning.



Phil Allinger, Don Dumler (sporting his uniform from 1965-67) & Chris Green.



Bob & Nora Petriches': Built Not Bought!



Flag Raising.



Our very own Don Dumler has a special honor in raising the American Flag in the opening ceremony for Back to the Bricks.



Script "A" Club looking good on 2nd St.

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

August 2025

We're 5 weeks away from Model A Days at Hickory Corners, MI. Are your reservations made? We hope so. This will be the grandest event yet!

The Model A Ford Museum has always been a treat for our hobbyists. Whether you've been there before or are planning to go this year, this visit will be extra special because of the completed expansion! The museum used to be able to showcase 30 vehicles; now all the vehicles that the Model A Ford Foundation Inc. owns are in one building! Production years, 1928 through 1931, as well as a variety of body styles from Tudors to Phaetons -- Pickups to Firetrucks and a City Bus --- and more-- are on display. There is a larger variety of interactive exhibits and vignettes to put visitors right back in the era of the vehicles.

If you would like a sneak peek at the museum, go the www.maffi.org and click on the camera links for a live view: There's Expansion Bay 1, Expansion Bay 2, and Expansion Entrance along with a live view of the rest of the museum.

And, for those of you planners, get this on your agenda. Save the dates September 12-16, 2028 for the 100-year anniversary of the Model A: 1928-2028! There will be driving tours offered by each of the national organizations, MARC and MAFCA and activities galore for all 5 days.

I know there's no such thing as too much fun, but we're pushing the envelope!!

Cindy Ellenbecker MAFFI Trustee/Secretary

TECH TIP:

If both headlamp bulbs do not come on with equal brightness at the same time, one of the bulbs should be twisted 180 degrees in the socket to get the filaments into a parallel position.- Little Rhody A's

TECH TIP:

The vent hole in the gas cap should remain clean and open to ensure proper gas flow to the carburetor.- Little Rhody A's

Hard Luck Story

Have you been on a club outing with your Model A and had something happen? Maybe you broke down and had to get a tow truck to take you home. Maybe you nursed it home with a problem that ended up requiring major engine work. Maybe you ran



out of gas. Maybe your simple repair led you down the infamous rabbit hole. There are lots of stories out there and we need to hear them. Please write a short story about your hard luck and email to the editor, Mark Kendall at kendall6721@sbcglobal.net.

Button, Button Who has the Button?

Vintage Buttons – What you Need to Know

Historians surmise that buttons initially (during the Bronze Age) served merely as decoration and that it wasn't until Medieval times that their use as clothing fasteners was "discovered." A museum in Europe houses a kingly garment from the 15th century that contains over 13,000 buttons! Throughout history, people have manufactured buttons out of almost every conceivable material: bone, antler, hoof, minerals, gems, glass, metal, nuts, seeds, shell, wood, leather, fabric and plastics of all kinds.



Collecting buttons, known as "buttonology," has a long and fascinating history that dates back centuries. One of the most fascinating aspects of button collecting is the incredible variety of buttons available. They can be plain or ornate, simple, or complex, and can feature an array of designs, patterns, and colors. Some buttons even feature images or portraits of famous people or historical events.

Buttons are a universal accessory that has been used for centuries to secure clothing and add decorative elements to garments. These small, round, and flat objects have evolved and



have become popular collectors' items and can often be found in mason jars at local estate sales.

The earliest buttons, dating back to the Bronze age, were made individually, hand-carved one at a time out of natural materials like bone, wood, and shell.

Buttons would have been made to match each other, but they would not be identical. The spacing of the holes is different because the work was done by hand, not by machine. Made from

the shin bones of cattle, bone buttons would be typically used for undergarments. The button-maker would soak the bone in water, slice it thinly with a saw, and then shape the piec-

es into buttons by hand. Later, machinery would cut slabs of bone into discs, much like mother-of-pearl buttons. Bone buttons weigh more than plastic buttons and they feel dry to the touch.

The pearly insides of oyster shell provide the source of Mother-of-Pearl (MOP) buttons, primarily from the South Pacific.

Eventually, it was discovered that the pearly surface of mussel shells common in the Mississippi area could

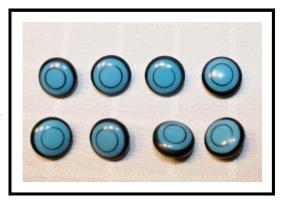


also be used for buttons. At one-point manufacturers harvested over 6000 pounds of mussels per day from Mississippi to keep up with demand. On the backs of some MOP buttons the outer portion of the shell can be seen.



Jet buttons have the appearance and feel of black glass, but jet is a natural substance mined on the east coast of England and is considered a minor gemstone. Like diamonds, it is the product of high-pressure decomposition of wood.

Glass buttons can be differentiated from plastic by their coolness to touch and by the clinking sound they make when tapped against your teeth or each other. Glass buttons are also heavier than plastic.





Around 1830, buttons began to be produced in molds, with a metal shank inserted into the molten glass.

Button collecting is not a new phenomenon. In fact, people have been collecting buttons since the early 18th century. The first button collectors were known as "buttoners" and were primarily women who enjoyed the hobby as a way to socialize with others who shared their passion. They would trade buttons, share stories about their collections, and even create artwork with their buttons. Button collecting became particularly popular during the Victorian era when buttons were ornate and decorative. One of the most famous button collectors in history was Queen Victoria herself. The queen was an avid collector of buttons and amassed a collection of over 2,000 buttons throughout her lifetime. Her collection included buttons made of precious metals, such as gold and silver, as well as buttons made of glass, enamel, and fabric. She even had a button made from a fragment of the gown that Mary, Queen of Scots, wore on the day of her execution.

Button collecting became more mainstream in the 20th century. In 1938, the National Button Society was founded in the United States to promote button collecting as a hobby and to preserve the history of buttons. The society holds an annual convention, where collectors can meet, trade buttons, attend lectures, and view exhibits of rare and unusual buttons. The types of buttons collectors seek to vary widely, and the reasons for collecting buttons are just as diverse. Some collectors focus on a specific type of button, such as military buttons or buttons made of a particular material. Others collect buttons from a specific time period or region. Still, others collect buttons for their historical significance or their aesthetic value. Some collectors even create art or jewelry with their buttons.

Fun Thoughts:

It is believed that originally all garments fastened from right to left. In the early days, however, when man was engaged in the hunt and chase, and later, when wielding the sword as a knight, he invariably drew his weapon with his right hand from the left side. With the garment fastened, the right edge over the left, his quick action was greatly hindered. This awkward situation changed the order of fastening the garment, and it was reversed.

Like many old customs, no one's really sure how the button-side switcheroo came to dominate fashion. Such a design choice would have made sense if, say, all women were left-handed and all men were right-handed. But because about 90 percent of people are right-handed, that's clearly not the reason. So, what gives?

According to one popular theory, it might have to do with how middle- and upper-class European women used to dress. During the Renaissance and the Victorian Era, women's clothing was often much more complicated and elaborate than men's—think petticoats, corsets and bustles—and therefore more difficult for the wearer to secure themselves. "Women—particularly wealthy women—wore elaborate items and often enjoyed the luxury of being dressed by a servant," as *Mental Floss*' Caitlin Schneider wrote in 2015. To make it easier for servants (right-handed ones, that is) to button up their employers' dresses, clothiers might have started sewing buttons on the opposite side. Men's shirts, meanwhile, were designed for wearers to button on their own. Eventually, as mass-produced clothing became more and more common, the design became standard.

"Why has this tradition carried into the modern era, when women can dress themselves, thank you very much?" wrote Benjamin Radford for Live Science in 2010. "There's no real reason the buttons couldn't be switched. It's just that nobody has bothered to change a tradition that few people notice or complain about in the first place."

- from Nancy Gonyea

"Every time I think I have a new hobby, it turns out I just like to buy stuff."

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.



Labor Day Car Show - September 1st

8 Model A's glistened in the sun at the Emmanuel Baptist Church car show on Labor Day! Once again we were treated to a generous goodies bag, pancakes, sausage and lots of door prizes & trophies! It was a fantastic day for some good ole fashioned car enthusiast fellowship.

Connie Green



Model A's lined up and waiting



Karen & Gavin with their award winning Model A with its eye catching color.



Karen Fair (Gigi) Y grandson Gavin take home TOP honors with *Best of Show* for her 1931 Model A Rumble Seat Coupe

I like to make lists.

I also like to leave them laying on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list while at the store.

Fun game.





Barb Hazelton passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2025 following a fiercely fought battle of Parkinson's with Dementia.

Barb was born on May 26, 1938 in Midland and married Duane Hazelton on April 13, 1974. She was a member of Script "A" for over 32 years.

Barb retired as a Clerical in the Admissions Office at Central Michigan University. She had a smile that seemed always ready, a sense of humor that kept everyone laughing, and a youthful spirit that made her a joy to be around.

She is survived by her husband, Duane; daughter Kim (Rick) Foote and son Kevin (Michelle) Mesler; 3 grandchildren; stepsons, David (Diane) and Luke Hazelton; a brother and sister.

Memorial visitation took place on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at the Clark Funeral Chapel in Mt. Pleasant.

Condolences Duane Hazelton, 115 E. River Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

When the government released statistics to show that people were living cheaper, Will Rogers was not surprised. After all, there was a Depression going on. Prices were low.

"You know, women always could endure more then men," testified Will Rogers. "Not only physically, but mentally — did you ever get a peek at some of the husbands?"

Will Rogers

More Self-enforcing life rules... from Jill Thach, Santa Barbara A's

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes) the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

These come from down under — Model A Ford Club of Western Australia: We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

My wife and I revisited the hotel where we spent our wedding night. This time I was the one who stayed in the bathroom and cried.

My wife was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back." Mrs. Cohen replied, "So did my arthritis!"

Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!" Patient: "I AM 60!" Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?

The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"

A man called his mother in Florida . "Mom, how are you?"

"Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak."

The son said, "Why are you so weak?"

She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."

The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"

The mother answered, "Because, I didn't want my mouth to be full in case you should call."

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running BOARD REPORT

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

September 2025

eet 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!

LERT! 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.

ecently 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.

ertainly 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 Ford Club of America

Over 25 Years on the Web - 1997-2024
"The Largest Car Club in the World Dedicated to One Type of Automobile"



President's Message - August 2025

There's nothing like summer in full swing to find opportunities to get the old Model A out and take her for a spin. And with that statement, why do we refer to the Model A as a she? This isn't just in today's world but has been historically since the very first one rolled off the line. You're no doubt familiar with the saying of the day that "Henry's made a Lady out of Lizzie". In my humble opinion, the Model A is too beautiful to be a Dude!

Many of us have heard of the Model A Ford museum in Hickory Corners,
Michigan, but how many have ventured there to see just what we've supported over the years? If you've never been, please mark your calendars and make your reservations to attend the Grand Opening this September 19th and 20th.

I wish the buck stopped here. I could use a few.

Ed Tolman MAFCA President



Pick the weight of the engine oil by the condition of the engine (oil pressure) and the outside temperature. Many folks use 30W detergent all year. A straight weight oil is probably ok in a hot climate, but you will get excessive engine wear on startup in cold climates. (That's one reason multi-vis oil was invented.) A work engine is going to need a heavier weight oil to maintain oil pressure at operating speed and temperature. Many people use 10W30, 15W40 or even 20W50. Some like the newer diesel rated oil because of the additives for the flat tappets and they highly recommend using Shell Rotella T 15W40. you may need to increase the weight if the engine has low oil pressure.

> - Bruce Haynes Old Dominion A's

From Suzy Curtis —

I think the proper term for 'senior' women should be: Queen-agers.

That is all. Carry on.

Our Model A Museum Expansion is DONE! Join us on Thursday Sept. 18th, 2025 For our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!!

NOW IS YOUR TIME TO BE PART OF THIS GREAT EXPANSION TO THE MODEL A MUSEUM. JOIN THE MY A PROGRAM NOW. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED PLAQUE WITH YOUR NAME, LOCATION AND CAR POSTED ON THE MY A DISPLAY FOR A LASTING LEGACY TO OUR GREAT MODEL A FORD'S.

SEE IT AT MODEL A DAYS THIS YEAR, SEPTEMBER 19,20 2025!!



Things I learned from my mother...

- 1. My mother taught me TO APPRECI-ATE A JOB WELL DONE. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside, I just finished cleaning."
- 2. My mother taught me RELIGION.
 "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- 3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

Rusty's Exercise Program -





2025 Model A Dans 2-Day Swap Meet Rashion, Seminars, Car Corral,

Friday Night Dinner*

eptember 19 & 20,

The Gilmore Car Museum 6865 W. Hickory Road Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Technical Seminars, fashion, Hall of fame Induction, Ride the Classics Technical Sept. 18, Special Ribbon Grassics of the Expansion

Host Hotel: Delta Hotels by Marriott, 2747 S. 11th St. 2 Incredible Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269.375.6000 Days of

Logical Trouble Shooting By The Ehrenhofers & Paul Shinn Followed by Larry Shephards 1st Start Event!!

*Requires PRE-Registration at www.maffi.org

Saturday

Jewlery of the Model a Era by Sherri Winkinhofer Model A Interiors by Classtiques Mike Francis Woodgraining by **Branden Hochstetler** The assembley of the Model A Short Block by Jim Stockinger

Seminars subject to change

Model A Days Model A Days Sept. 19-20, 2025



Gilmore Open from 9-5pm

Thu., Sept 18	Event	Presenter	Time	Location
	Ribbon Cutting of the Expansion Pre Registration Required	MAFFI	5:30pm-6:30pm	Model A Museum
Fri., Sept. 19	Event	Presenter	Time	Location
	Information Booth	MAFFI	9:00am-4:00pm	Front of Franklin Museum
	Merchandise Sales	MAFFI	9:00am-2:00pm	Front of Franklin Museum
	Technical Seminar Logical Trouble Shooting The Model A	Ken, Ron Ehrenhofer & Paul Shinn	10:30am- 12:30pm	Museum Learning Center
	Ride the A's	MAFFI	9:00am-4:00pm	South Side of C Barn
	Swap Meet	MAFFI	9:00am-5:00pm	Next to MAFFI Museum
	Model A First Start	Larry Shepard	1:30pm-3:00pm	Next to C Barn Ramp
	Cash Bar Opens	MAFFI	4:30pm-6:30pm	Carriage House
	Expansion Celebration Dinner	MAFFI	5:30pm-7:00pm	Center of Gilmore Campus
	Pre Registration Required			
Sat., Sept. 20	Event	Presenter	Time	Location
	Information Booth & Merchandise Sales	MAFFI	9:00am-4:00pm	Front of Franklin Museum
	Ride the A's	MAFFI	9:00am-2:30pm	South Side of C Barn
	Swap Meet	MAFFI	9:00am-5:00pm	Next to MAFFI Museum
	Fashion Seminar All that Glitters" "Exploring the Jewelry of the Model A Era"	Sherri Winkinhofer	9:15am-10:30am	Gilmore Theater
	Technical Seminar Model A Interiors	Michael Francis	9:15am-10:15am	Museum Learning Center
	Technical Seminar Woodgraining the Model A	Branden Hochstetler	10:30am- 12:00pm	Museum Learning Center
	Technical Seminar Assembly of the Model A Short Block	Jim Stockinger	12:30pm-2:00pm	Museum Learning Center
	MAFFI Meeting, Presentations & Hall of Fame Inductions	John Begg	2:30pm-3:45pm	Under the Tent Gilmore Campus

All Seminars are \$5.00 donation at the door



Win this 1928 Ford Model & 4-Door Phaeton.
Enter the MAFFI

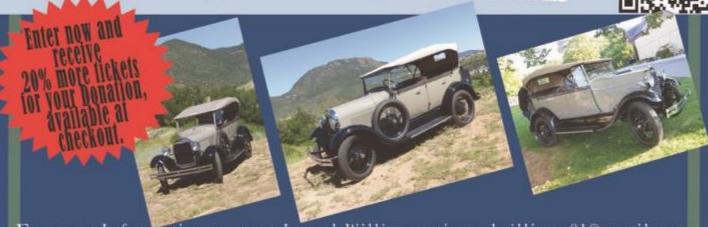
Sweepstakes Starting March Ist

Closing Date: October 10th, 2025
No Purchase Required!!

Through the generous donation of Gary and Laurie Mills, their 1928 Ford Model A 4-Door Phaeton will be used in this year's sweepstakes. Their request was that the proceeds be used to fund the expansion of the Ford Model A Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

Drawing Date: October 25th, 2025

The winner does have the option to take \$15,000 instead.



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Murphy was an optimist...

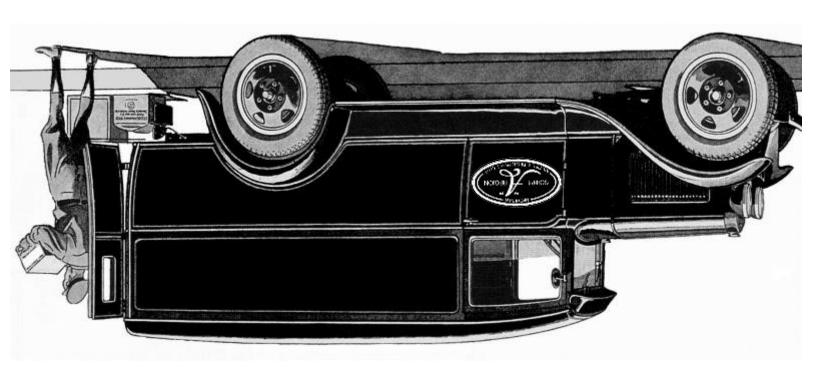
"If you're feeling good, don't worry, you'll get over it."

I asked my daughter to give me the phone book.

She laughed at me, called me a dinosaur and lent me her iPhone.

So the spider is dead, the iPhone is broken and my daughter is furious!

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