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Happy New Year!



Remember...

Send your car's 2025 mileage to Robert so the club can achieve its goal of 25,025 miles for 2025.

Start recording your car's mileage in your Log Book and earn awards.

Join MAFCA and enjoy the benefits, including the Restorer Magazine.

Check out the **New Features** in the Motometer, especially the car songs.

Previous editions of this newsletter are available on the club's website.

UVMAC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the club is two-fold:

1. To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information, and parts for admirers of Model A Ford cars and trucks and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve these vehicles in their original likeness.
2. To unite in a central organization, all individuals who are interested in restoring the automobile in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community. It shall further be the purpose of this club to help these individuals become better acquainted and encourage and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, sociality, and fair play through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation

The Utah Valley Model A Club is a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). Membership with MAFCA is highly encouraged. See MAFCA News at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Club meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month — 7:00 p.m. in the Clyde Companies building at 730 N. 1500 W. Orem, Utah. Use the north side entrance. The meeting room is on the immediate right.

2025 Club Officers

CLUB OFFICERS

Board Chair	Brian Lindenlaub
President	Howard Eckstein
Vice President	Andy Hudspeth
Secretary	Robert Mack
Treasurer	Diane Brimley
Activities	Roger Davis
Membership	Amber Morrell

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Awards	Theon Laney
Facebook	Clyde Munson
Librarian	TBD
Merchandise	Paul Jerome
Photographers	Howard Eckstein
	Amber Morrell
	Buster Hansen
	Greg Mack
	Nicholas Mack
	Robert Mack
Tech Talks	Reid Carlson
Meeting Refreshments	TBD
Web Page	Greg Mack
Newsletter	Jeff Niven
Restorer Chapter News	Clyde Munson

Past and Current Club Presidents

2013 Robert Mack	2020 Greg Mack
2014 Clyde Munson	2021 Greg Mack
2015 Howard Eckstein	2022 Brad Christofferson
2016 Nicholas Mack	2023 Brian Lindenlaub
2017 Reid Carlson	2024 Roger Davis
2018 Clyde Munson	2025 Roger Davis
2019 Clyde Munson	2026 Howard Eckstein

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President's Message

From Howard Eckstein



It's my pleasure to serve as president of our chapter in 2026. This is my second time as president. I enjoyed it so much last time, I look forward to doing it again.

We are fortunate to have Andy serve as our V.P. he brings a lot of energy and new ideas to the table. Andy is also the V.P. for the Salty As, our neighboring club in Salt Lake City. We already have a core of Salty A members who meet with us. Maybe this year, we will collaborate with them more.

Diane has volunteered to continue as our treasurer. She has kept us solvent for several years. The founder of our club, Robert, will continue as secretary. His copious notes keep all of us informed.

Jeff, our Motometer editor, plays a major role in maintaining communication as well as the culture of our club. He has already scouted out some businesses that would welcome us for a tour.

A club does well with good activities. In past years, members have suggested and organized top-notch tours. Some are multi-day trips where we can put on the miles as well as day trips that are closer to home. There's always parades and car shows. In short, we try to have something for everyone.

This year, Roger Davis has accepted the position of activities director. Keep making suggestions for trips. Roger will facilitate in the organization of these events.

Another aspect of our success as a club is the way members help each other keep their cars roadworthy. I've seen people improve in their mechanical and mentoring skills. Keeping nearly 100-year-old cars in top shape is an accomplishment for anyone. Because of good tours and sharp mechanical abilities, our club's fleet is about 90% roadworthy. That's significant.

I hope you're anticipating a fun year with your friends in the club. Although we have a common interest with the Model As, the club is really about the people.

-Howard

Report on the 2025 Annual UVMAC Christmas Luncheon

By Jeff Niven

The 2025 annual Christmas Luncheon for the Utah Valley Model A Club was held on the 6th of December 2025 in the Clyde Company Building. The festivities began at 12 Noon as members of the club gathered and began finding seats and introducing spouses and guests to each other and other club members.

A small group of club members had met earlier in the day to set up tables and the place settings and center pieces, under the capable direction of Diane Brimley. It was more work than originally envisioned as it required that all the heavy rectangular tables be first folded and stowed in the storage closet, before the round tables could be set up with the associated chairs. The club leadership had planned for approximately 64 attendees at the feast, with 8 chairs per table. Period Attire was encouraged.





While Diane had made arrangements for the decorations, Buster and his wife RaNae had made arrangements with a local caterer to provide the delicious meal.



The menu consisted of Caesar Salad, Spinach Salad, Fricassee Lemon Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Homestyle Dinner Rolls, Carrot Cake or Chocolate Cheese Cake.





Finally, permission was given for the hungry club members to line up and dish up their food from the serving tables. At one point the line stretched almost half-way around the room. But there was plenty of food to go around and many even had seconds. The club members ate their meal and continued to visit with those at their table, as well as those around them.





Finally, after everyone had eaten their fill, club president Roger Davis came to the front of the room to conduct the club meeting portion of the luncheon. The first item on the agenda was the club awards and Theon Laney came forward to present them.



The first and second awards were presented to Clyde Munson. They were the Lucky 7 Award and also the Crying Towel Award. The Crying Towel Award is given to those members who have a problem with their car which comes from no fault of theirs. In Clyde's case, he was driving on Geneva Road one evening and the driver of another car crashed into the back fender of his blue roadster. He is currently in the process of getting a new one to replace the damaged one.



Next on the agenda was Roger's presentation to the club's board members who had served so diligently this past year. Roger had each board member come up front, individually, to be recognized and to receive a personalized cutting board as a gift from the club members. Then he had them all pose for a group photo. (See photos below.)



The board members that were recognized were, as follows:

Brad Christofferson – Clyde Company Representative
Bryan Lindenlaub – Board Chairman
Roger Davis – Club President
Buster Hansen - Vice President
Nicholas Mack – Photographer
Robert Mack – Secretary, Photographer
Theon Laney – Awards Chairman
Amber Morrell – Membership
Diane Brimley – Treasurer
Reed Carlson – Technical Talk Chairman
Clyde Munson – Restorer Chapter News
Greg Mack – Club Web Page and Photographer
Howard Eckstein – Activity Chairman and Photographer
Paul Jerome – Club Merchandise
Jeff Niven – Newsletter

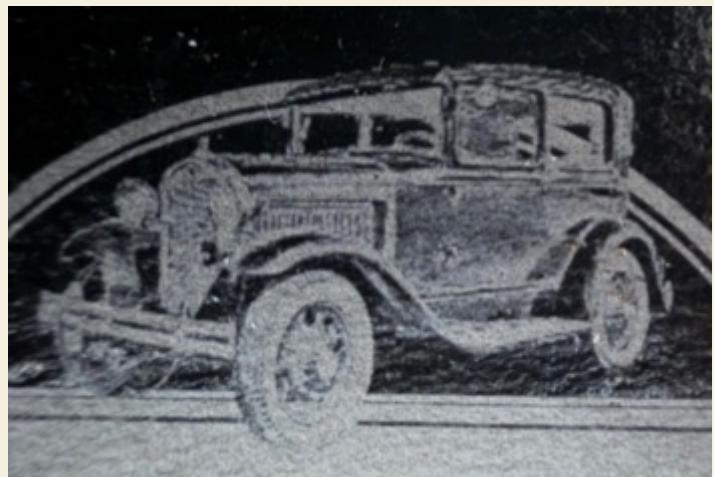




Utah Valley Model A 2025 Board Members (Gemma Eckstein in for Howard)

Next, Vice President Buster Hansen, got up and announced that all the members of the club would receive a Laser Engraved Drink Coaster like the one shown here with an engraved photo of their Model A on the front. (A close-up of my 1930 Tudor is shown on the photo below of my drink coaster.)

Buster then made a very special presentation to our 2024 and 2025 club president, Roger Davis and his wife Genna (photos below).



And following Buster's sentimental presentation, Roger recognized Buster with his own gift, for serving as our club's Vice President for the past two years, 2024 and 2025. These two good men have done a wonderful job in their service to the club for the past two years, and we are truly grateful for the time and energy they spent making our club one of the best, if not THE best chapter of the MAFCA national organization during their tenures.

With that, Buster and Roger both wiped their eyes and then Roger announced the results of the club election that was held last month. The new club President for 2026 will be Howard Eckstein with Andy Hudspeth serving as the club's Vice President. In addition, Robert Mack has agreed to continue to serve as the Club Secretary with Daine Brimley as the Club Treasurer. Roger invited the new club leadership to come forward for a group photo. Since Howard was still bedridden after his leg/hip surgery, Roger asked his wife, Gemma, to come up in his place for the group photo. Then, we were surprised when Howard, who was attending the meeting on the internet, switched on his video and allowed us to see his face, lying in his bed.



Next on the agenda, Andy Hudspeth presented outgoing club president, Roger Davis with a gift which was a book entitled "The Night Henry Ford Met Santa" by Carol Hagen and illustrated by Matt Faulkner. He mentioned that he also had a number of copies left if anyone would like to purchase one for \$15. Just let him know.



The cute book tells the story about how Edsel Ford convinced his father to write a letter to Santa for ideas about how to make his Model T Ford less expensive so more people could buy it. Below is a special note from the author of the book to the readers.

A Special Note to Readers

The Night Henry Ford Met Santa is fiction, but it is based on things that really happened in Henry Ford's life. Henry Ford lived in Dearborn, Michigan at his Fair Lane mansion until his death in 1947. Several years ago, while exploring a guided tour of the mansion, I read Henry's words inscribed above the staircase: "Whatever is desirable and right is never impossible." As I reflected on his words, I realized the magnitude of his many accomplishments. In many ways, this quote became the guiding idea for my story. I wanted to show that children can teach adults to dream, and that miracles can happen when love flows from an innocent heart and becomes the most unlikely source of inspiration.

As I continued my tour, I got a sense that Christmas struck a tender chord with the Ford family. I learned that Henry and Clara had created a "Santa's Workshop" from a small cabin that was located on the grounds. For thirty years Henry and Clara would host countless school children on a magical adventure to Santa's Workshop during Christmas time. Complete with a sleigh ride, jingle bells, songs, and reindeer towns with antlers strapped to their heads, and of course Santa. Occasionally if you looked closely, you would find Henry beneath the white beard.

Edsel Ford really did write a letter to Santa when he was eight years old, but he wrote it in 1905, not in 1908. I used one line from Edsel's original letter and crafted other details to match the idea I wanted to convey in my story.

Henry Ford built his first car, the Quadricycle, in 1896 and the first Model T in September 1908, just before Christmas, the same time as in the story. The car was built at the Piquette Plant, Ford's factory on Piquette Avenue in Detroit, Michigan.

Until 1913 Henry Ford manufactured his cars one at a time. Mechanics and craftsmen would gather at a central workstation and build one car from beginning to end. This was not very practical because it took a long time. It was also very expensive. Each car cost \$600, which was a lot of money in those days.

Around 1913 Henry began to use the method of production known as the assembly line at his factory in Highland Park, Michigan. He had visited a meat packing plant in Chicago and noticed that an overhead trolley would pass the carcass to each butcher, who then carved specific cuts of meat as it passed. He decided to try the process with his cars—but in reverse.

Using a rope and a chain, the car would move along to the next worker, until it was fully assembled. After Henry introduced the conveyor belt, things moved faster and the price of the car was reduced to \$400, which made it much more affordable. By 1917 fifteen million Model T cars had been sold!

Henry Ford did not invent the assembly line, but he was the first person to use the assembly line to make cars. His method is very similar to the way Santa's elves make train sets in my story. Did Henry Ford learn more about the assembly line from Santa Claus on a visit to the North Pole? Well, you'll just have to decide that for yourself!

I did my research for the story at the Benson Ford Research Center at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan. The museum has Edsel Ford's original letter to Santa and a lot of other interesting things, too. If you ever get a chance, it's a wonderful place to visit. Or, you can visit the museum online at www.thehenryford.org. Henry Ford's estate, Fair Lane, can be found online at www.henryfordestate.org.

The final item on the agenda was the presentation of a "silent movie" that was produced by our Utah Model A Club in March 2014, shortly after it was organized. The video was directed

by Howard Eckstein and the photographers were Nicholas and Greg Mack. Many of the actors have since passed away and the remainder of them have aged considerably, but many were recognizable. It is the story about an old couple that want to trade in their horse and buggy for an old used car and find out that it was not as advertised. Here are two screen shots of the video, one with the picture and the other with the words that go with it.



Editor's note: If you would like to view this incredible video or share it in its entirety with your family and friends, you are in luck. It is available on YouTube and all you need to do is click on the link below. If that doesn't work, you may need to copy and paste the link into the appropriate place.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSUcJr-ILRl>

After the club members enjoyed the video, the meeting was concluded. Roger wished everyone at Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thanked everyone for their enthusiastic participation, which makes our club one of the best, if not THE best club in the national organization of MAFCA.

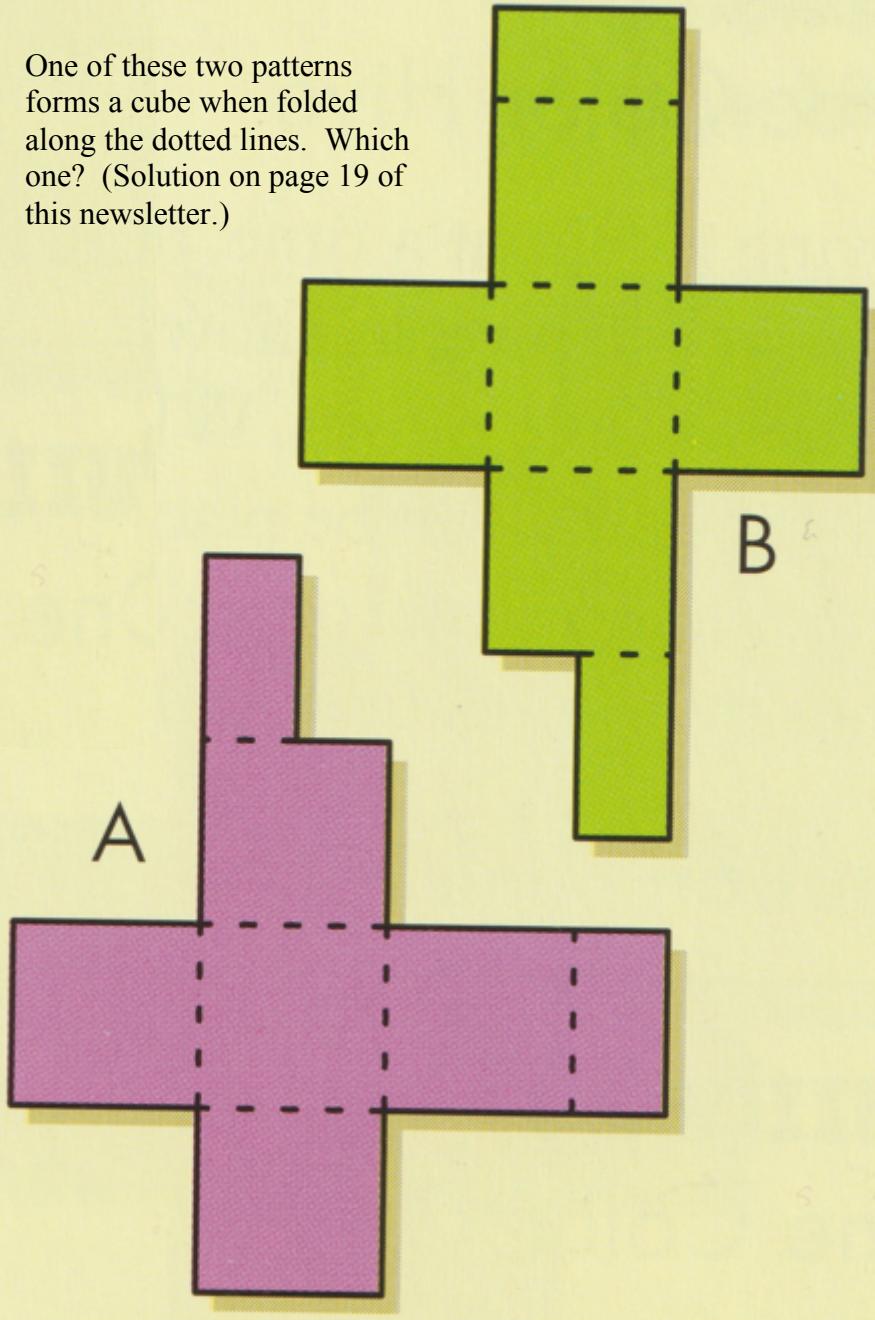
At this point the club members worked together to clean up the room, to put away the round tables and put the furniture in the room back the way it was before they arrived.

Note: The club members were encouraged to continue to drive their cars in December in the effort to help the club achieve its 2025 club goal of driving their cars a total of 25,025 miles, which averages about 500 miles per car. They also need to report their car's mileage to Robert Mack, who will report the club's total mileage to MAFCA headquarters.

Have Some Fun

From "The Big, Big, Big Book of Brain Teasers"
By The Grabarechuck Family, 2011

One of these two patterns forms a cube when folded along the dotted lines. Which one? (Solution on page 19 of this newsletter.)



Calendar of Birthdays, Activities & Holidays

JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day David Kern	2 Denise Nair	3
4	5 UVMAC Bd Mtg	6 Dean Davis	7	8 Paul Prior	9	10
11	12 Brian Lindenlaub	13	14	15 Paul Jerome Jenn Munsen UVMAC Club Meeting	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21	22 Bruce Boggess	23 Julie Barnes	24
25	26	27	28 International Lego Day	29	30	31

www.GrabCalendar.com

Upcoming MAFCA Events

National Convention – Oregon – May 31 thru June 7, 2026

September 12, 2026 – International Model A Ford Day

September 18-19 – 15th Annual Model A Days at MAFFI Museum - Michigan

New Year Quotations

Compiled by Dr. Charles Brimhall DDS & Staff
(Brimhall Dental – Provo, Utah)

“New Year – A new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately, we write it. The choice is ours.” - Alex Morritt

“Every moment is a fresh beginning.” – T.S. Eliot

“Many years ago, I resolved never to bother with New Year’s resolutions, and I’ve stuck with it ever since.” – Dave Beard

“The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.” – Michael Altashuler

“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory.” – Dr. Seuss

“To improve is to change, to be perfect is to change often.” – Winston Churchill

“You’ll never get bored when you try something new. There’s really no limit to what you can do.” – Dr. Seuss

“Yesterday’s the past, tomorrow’s the future, but today is a gift. That’s why it is called the present.” – Bil Kean

“Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.” – Alfred Lord Tennyson

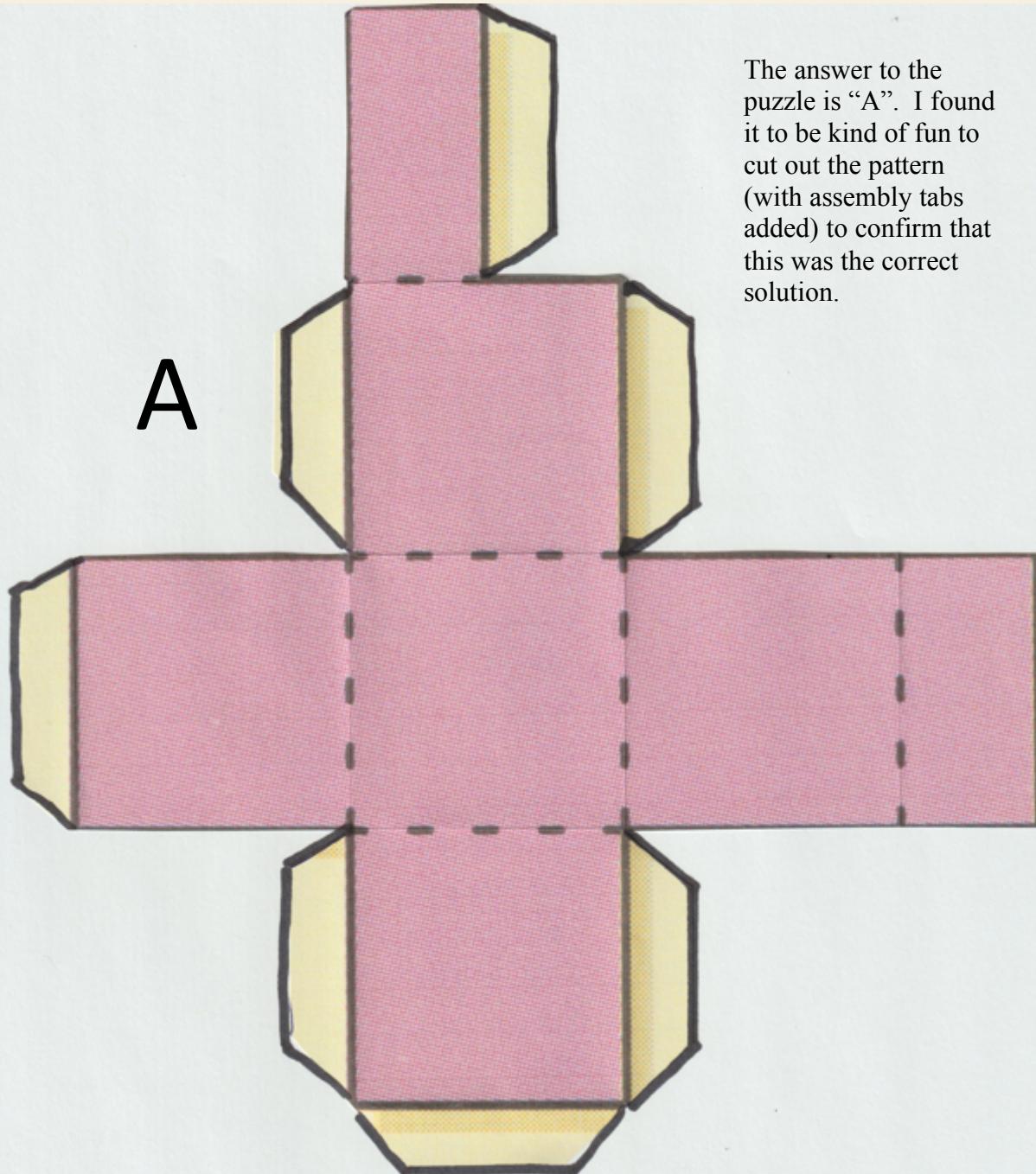
“The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.” – Vidal Sassoon

“Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection.” – Mark Twain

“May the New Year leave it richest blessings in the hearts of you and yours.” – Author Unknown

Solution to Have Some Fun

From page 16 of this newsletter



A Note on Authenticity

By Roger Davis



One area that has myriad permutations and nuances deals with the Model A tires. You can only imagine the different brands, sizes, and treads on the Model A tires. Area 22 – Wheels, Tires, and Valve Stems of the Judging Standards tells us that “Tires made to Ford specifications were supplied primarily by Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, United States Rubber Company, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and B.F. Goodrich Company as well as Ajax and Fisk.”

This large number of tire suppliers makes ensuring tire authenticity a formidable task. When I attended my first MAFCA National Convention, 2018, in Reno, NV, I was intrigued to see that even the tires were made to appear as original. I found this photo in my files of a 1930-31 tire with the Goodyear flag painted yellow and blue on a silver staff.



For some reason, I really wanted my tires to have the logo authentically painted. My 1929 Fordor had Firestone tires so I wanted to see how they were painted. Area 22 of the Standards says simply, "The crest shaped logo on the Firestone tire included a red field surrounding the letter 'F'." That's all! I guess I could envision what that might look like but I wanted something more specific.

I recall asking club members and other Model A owners if they know what the Firestone crest would have looked like on a Model A tire and no one really had a good idea. I asked a neighbor who worked at a tire store if he knew. He even consulted the Firestone Sales Reps to see if they knew—no one knew. Alas, I thought I would never find out what it really looked like.

Eventually, I came upon a series of articles printed in the early to mid-1990s Restorer called "On Authenticity." I found 3 articles about tires which answered my question. As they say one picture is worth a thousand words. I saw this photo published in the Sep/Oct 96 Restorer and knew exactly what the Firestone Crest should look like on my Fordor. Yup, sure enough it "...included a red field surrounding the letter 'F'." The Standard was correct but without some additional context, it was unclear to me.

Given that information, I found some tire paint on line and used a tiny brush to gently color the background around the "F." I practiced on a couple of my trailer tires and did the inside crests first to become a bit proficient. Unfortunately, I didn't take a quality photo at the time but I found the Firestone Crest visible in one photo of my Fordor.



Figure 6. Firestone logo: red field surrounding the F in the crest.



I tell this story to highlight that other resources like the Restorer or MARC's Model A News may have articles that give insight into a specific aspect of authenticity that might be unclear—half the fun is the research and reaching out to our great Model A community to learn from the Masters. This is a small thing, but it helps make your car look just a bit more authentic. Be authentic!

Period Fashion

From the July 2015 Restorer Magazine

ONE TWO BUCKLE MY SHOE

Buckles and Shoe Laces of the Model A Era

By Mary Carlson

Buckles and shoe laces may not be exciting, but they were certainly necessary. As you will see, there's more than one version of the nursery rhyme and there are many options to choose from when you are looking at buckles and laces for those era shoes.

Buckles could be decorative (a subject for another article) as well as used to keep the shoe securely on the foot. The images show the buckles on the outer edge of the strap or in the center of the strap.



Shoe laces were available in many lengths and materials. Most commonly, they were made of silk, cotton or leather. Note that the ends could be wrapped tight in a fiber or metal tip or end in a mini tassel. Leather laces did not have tips on them. You would not have found colors more stimulating than black, brown, tan and white in the Model A era.



Silk Shoe Laces with metal and tassel tips; 27-inch for Oxfords, 18-inch for "ties," shipping weight, per pair, 1 ounce; 12 pairs, 4 ounces.

27 G 5580—Black; 18-inch, Per pair. 8¢ 12 pairs. 89¢

27 G 5581—Tan; 18-inch, Per pair. 8¢ 12 pairs. 89¢

27 G 5582—Black; 27-inch, Per pair. 9¢ 12 pairs. 98¢

27 G 5583—Tan; 27-inch, Per pair. 9¢ 12 pairs. 98¢



Tubular Shoe Laces of highly mercerized cotton. Fiber tips. Shipping weight, per pair, 1 ounce; 12 pairs, 4 ounces.

27 G 5571—Black; 18-inch, Per pair. 6¢ 12 pairs. 67¢

27 G 5572—Tan; 18-inch, Per pair. 6¢ 12 pairs. 67¢

27 G 5573—Black; 27-inch, Per pair. 8¢ 12 pairs. 89¢

27 G 5574—Tan; 27-inch, Per pair. 8¢ 12 pairs. 89¢

This listing is for silk laces with tassels and tubular cotton laces with fiber tips. They came in 18" and 27" lengths.

Famous "107" Reduced

NOW at the Lowest Price Ever!

Leather Sole

24 Y 107—Brown. 24 Y 11—Black. \$1.65

Composition Rubber Sole

24 Y 398—Brown. 24 Y 12—Black. \$1.65

SIZES: 2½ to 8. Width E. State size. Postpaid.

Every one knows this famous "107" shoe that has carried thousands of feet on sports and pleasure hunts. If you are not a wearer of the "107" don't order your first pair now. Everyone declares it's a wonderful as a house shoe. Positively the lowest sale price we've ever offered for this shoe.

STITCHDOWN SOLE CONSTRUCTION. Your choice of black or brown calf grain leather or composition rubber. Flexible soles both famous for long wear. Springs, live rubber soles.

Order now. Price \$1.65.



These laces have tasseled ends.



Usual Value \$2.50
Cool Steps in \$1.89
White Canvas

Two Stunning Styles

24 Y 24—Colored tie. 24 Y 25—One strap. \$1.89
24 Y 26—24 Y 27—Width D and E. State size
and width. We Pay Postage.

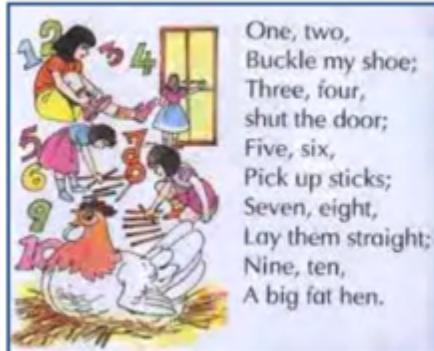
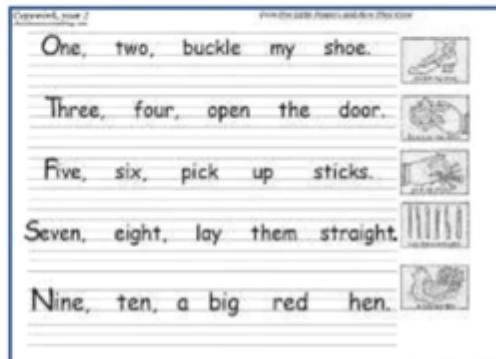
For all those cool, smart girls, whether for a girl in the airy canvas or for a girl in a dress, here is the best of both—gains in fashion's indomitable White Canvas. The "Cool Steps" in white canvas are the best styles we have "told" at this sale price. We will
not be able to get them again.

The white canvas shoes came in a strap with center buckle style as well as a lace up style.



Round and flat tubular laces came in lengths of 27", 36", 40", 54" and 72" and in black, brown or sometimes, white.

As there is more than one version of the nursery rhyme, there's more than one way to use a buckle or tie a shoe.



References: The shoe laces are from the Fall and Winter 1927-1928 Montgomery Ward and Co catalogue. The images of the shoes are from the A H Berry Shoe Corporation 1928 catalogue, Ward's Little Catalogue of mid-summer 1931 and Montgomery Ward and Co's Fall and Winter 1927-1928 catalogue.

ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE
THREE, FOUR
KNOCK AT THE DOOR
FIVE, SIX **PICK UP**
STICKS
SEVEN, EIGHT
LAY THEM STRAIGHT
NINE, TEN
DO IT AGAIN

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Gwen's Thistle Memories

From the Scrapbook of the late Gwen Gerber Dockstader
1932 – 2022



Gwen Dockstader

New Feature

This is a new feature of the Motometer. Each of the entries comes from the scrapbook kept by Evelyn "Gwen" Gerber Dockstader as she documented her life growing up in Thistle, Utah. Gwen was born in 1932 and passed away in 2022. Gwen allowed me make a copy of her scrapbook when I visited her in November 2019. Gwen made her own drawings and often wrote poems about her life.

Editor

Some of my Family Ties

My Great Greatfather John Alma Lawrence Pace, standing on the porch, built this home on the original Pace Ranch, about a mile above Thistle, in 1898. How I loved that old house with its beautiful woodwork, stained glass windows, and fancy trim. My Grandpa, A.L. Pace owned it when I was born, and some of the happiest days of my youth was spent there. Also, one of my saddest, I was around 11, one hot July day, as a freight train passed. I spotted a fire in the field below the left side of the house, caused by a spark from the Steam Engine. With no running water, we fought it out, mostly, with burlap sacks dipped in the creek. But the tops of a few Cotton Wood trees still burned. A gust of wind blew a spark to the roof, and it went up like tinder. It was such a heartache and I still mourn its loss.

My grandma, holding Mom, '1908'
Sadie and Evelyn Pace.



Step Great Grandma, Olive Stagg.
Great Grandpa, George Stagg.



Lawrence and Sadie Stagg, Pace 1907



1932. Friends, Melve + Billie Parker
My Parents, Evelyn, + Wm 'Dutch' Gerber.



Myself, Gwen Gerber '32.

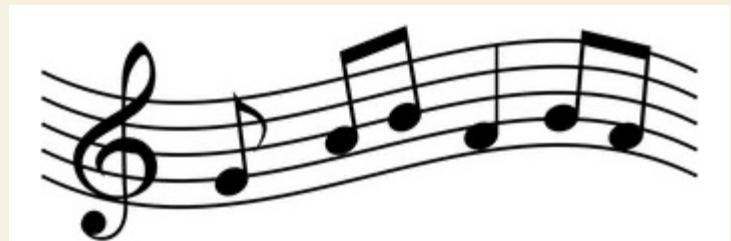
- New Feature -

Do You Remember this Car Song?

It is estimated that there have been hundreds of songs written about automobiles before and since the time of the Model A. This new monthly feature of the Motometer will highlight one of those songs along with a Hyperlink which you may use to listen and enjoy the song.

The song featured in this edition of the Motometer is "The Little Ford Rambled Right Along" released in 1914. The words are from CR Foster and Byron Gay and the music by Byron Gay. This recording was sung by Bill Murry. Click on the link below to enjoy this wonderful recording about how the little Ford continued to run no matter what you did to it. If the link does not work, then simply cut-and-paste the link into the space provided. If the video starts with an ad, you can skip the ad.

Included on the following page are the lyrics to the song so you can sing along, if you wish.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0o0gxeN8Va4>

“The Little Ford Rambled Right Along” 1914

By CR Foster and Byron Gay
Sung by Bill Miller

Now Henry Jones and a pretty little queen
Took a ride one day in his big limousine
The car kicked up, and the engine wouldn't crank
There wasn't any gas in the gasoline tank
Just about that time along came Nord
And he rambled right along in his little old Ford
He stole that queen as his engine sang a song

And his little old Ford just rambled right along
His little old Ford rambled right along
And the little old Ford rambled right along

The gas ran out in the big machine
But the darned little Ford don't need gasoline
The big limousine had to back down hill
But the blamed little Ford is going up still
When she blows out a tire just wrap it up with wire
And the little Ford will ramble right along

Now they ran over glass and they ran over nails
They ran over pigs and puppy dogs' tails
They spotted a cop and shot out of sight
They rambled all day till almost night
They smashed up fences and telegraph poles
Ran into ditches and deep chuckholes
They bumped into a preacher and the preacher took a ride
And the Ford rambled on with Johnny and his bride

The little old Ford rambled right along
And the little old Ford rambled right along

He swung around a corner, and he ran into a mule
And the darned old donkey kicked like a fool
He brayed and he balked and he kicked the wheels
But he had to quit kicking to save his heels
When it runs out of dope just fill it up with soap
And the little Ford will ramble right along

You can smash the top and smash up the seat
Twist it out of shape till both ends meet
Smash the body and rip out a gear
Smash up the front and smash up the rear
Bend up the fender and rip off the tires
Break up the lamps and cut out the wires
Throw in the clutch, to the dickens with the juice
And the little old Ford will go to beat the deuce

The little old Ford it rambled right along
And the little old Ford it rambled right along

Now cut that out, you naughty tease
'Tis a left-hand drive and a right-hand squeeze
Patch it up with a piece of string
Chewing gum or any old thing
When the power gets sick just hit it with a brick
And the little Ford will ramble right along



Hubley Derby in 2026?

By Roger Davis

You might have heard about the all-metal models of vintage cars named Hubleys. Exactly what are Hubleys? And, why might they be of interest to the Model A community? Here's a little history about Hubley model cars taken from the MAFCA website and from an article I found written by the Model A Ford Club of Colorado.

The Hubley Company of Pennsylvania made accurate metal replicas of Model A Fords and other cars for many years. **There are seven Model "A" Ford body styles available: Four Door Sedan, Station Wagon, Coupe, Roadster, Roadster Pickup, Victoria, and Phaeton.** The kits contain several metal body castings and an assortment of plastic parts. It does take some time to clean up all the pieces and paint them, but the results are well worth the effort. I found the Facebook Group, "Hubley Metal Car Kits and Model A Racing" to be very friendly and helpful: [Hubley Metal Car Kits and Model A Racing | Groups | Facebook](#)

While attending the High Country Tour held in Breckenridge, CO in 2023, I was introduced to Frank Elliott, a Mail Truck restorer. Back in the 1970s, Frank got the idea that it might be fun to "race" these model cars down a track similar to the "Pinewood Derby." Thus the "Hubley Derby" was born and came into the national spotlight when it was an official event at the 1994 Tacoma MAFCA/MARC National Meet.

We're working towards hosting a Hubley Derby as one of our Club activities this year. Buster built a beautiful track that works with Hubleys. Here are a couple of links to



information on the MAFCA website: [Hubley Tips – Model A Ford Club of America](#) and [Hubley Model Cars – Model A Ford Club of America](#)

The race is a great participant AND spectator sport. The crowds really get involved in the runoffs and cheer for their favorites. The format is side by side racing with elimination races until the champion is finally crowned. There are no official rules so we'll make them up!

You must build your own Hubley metal Model A Ford—any body style. The original Hubley and Gabriel models can still be located in swap meets, antique stores, eBay, and many times sitting on a shelf if you have been a Model “A’er” for some time. Going price seems to start at about \$25-30. Be cautious what you buy to ensure you get a complete kit.

Usually, the boxes show their age, but the contents are what matters. The instruction sheet in mine was full of worm holes, and the box was in rough condition, but the model itself was complete and in good condition. Instruction sheets for each of the Model As can be found in the Members only section on the MAFCA website at: [Resources – Model A Ford Club of America](#)

So, if you're ready for a bit of competition, dig out that old Hubley from your basement or start looking for one on ebay. We'll try to answer



questions and provide guidance in upcoming meetings and Motometers to help you build your Hubley. Reach out to me if you have interest or questions. Let's Hubley!!

Impromptu Lunch – Purple Turtle

29 December 2025

By Jeff Niven

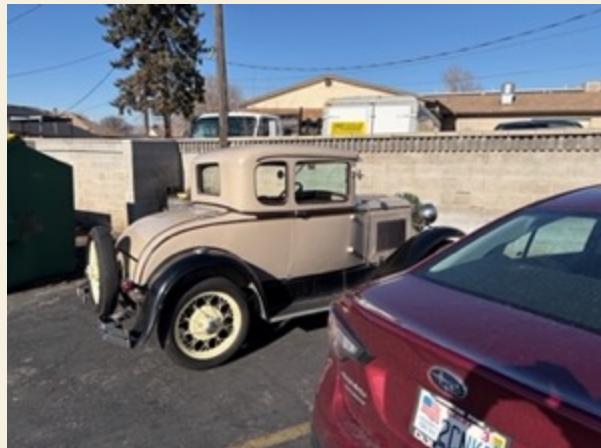
On December 29th, 2025, members of the Utah Valley Model A Club responded to an invitation from club president, Roger Davis, for a final Impromptu Club Activity for 2025. The invitation was to meet for lunch at the Purple Turtle, 85 E State Street, Pleasant Grove, at 11:30 am.

The Purple Turtle eatery has been around for nearly 50 years and is a recognized establishment for both old and young.

Due to the extremely cold temperatures that morning, only six Model A's showed up (all closed models), with many club members arriving in warm modern cars. I counted 16 people in attendance. The menu at the Purple Turtle has a wide range of choices, so everyone was able to find what they liked. Roger arrived early and reserved four tables in the back of the dining area, so the club members could sit together and chat. Here are pictures of the attendees enjoying themselves at this last club activity of 2025, along with photos of the Model A's. The parking at the Purple Turtle is limited so the cars were quite spread out.







Gas Stations Through Time

By Jeff Niven

Prior to the introduction of the gasoline powered automobile, there were no "Gas Stations" as we know them, today. Their creation and development corresponds to the development of the automobile and has changed from gravity fed "pumps" in front of the car dealerships, to huge complexes with restaurants, repair shops, fast food, drug stores and especially Rest Rooms.

Join the Editor of the Motometer in the next edition of this newsletter as he explores the evolution of the American Gas Station, including a wonderful video with dozens of photographs taken through more than 100 years.



During a recent trip into North Dakota, Jeff Niven came across this wonderful example of an older gas station.

UVMAC – “A” of the Month



Steve Dutton's 1929 Station Wagon
Model 150-A

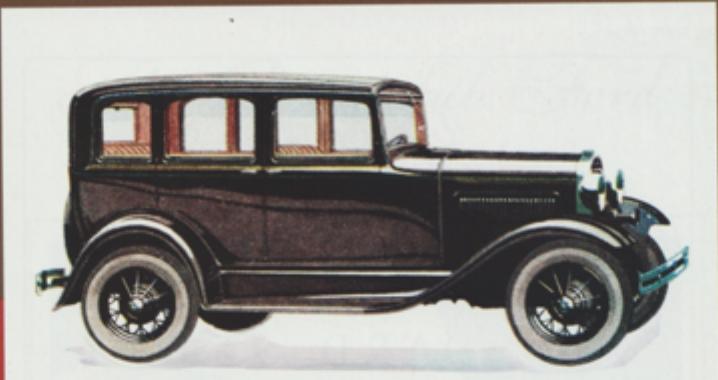
This is Steve Dutton's beautiful 1929 Station Wagon, (Body Style 150-A). The Station Wagon was introduced in January 1929, and thus Ford was the first automobile company to provide a production station wagon vehicle. Very few of these vehicles were actually factory-built by Ford. Initially, the Murray Body Company built and shipped the wood Station Wagon bodies to the Ford assembly plants for installation on the standard Model A chassis. Then in 1930 and 1931, the Baker Raulang Company also produced Station Wagon bodies. In 1929 Ford produced 4954 of this particular model for \$695 (FOB Detroit) each.

Club members are invited to send the Editor a nice high definition photo of their cars so that they can be included in upcoming editions of the Motometer.

Model A Ford – Model of the Month

STANDARD SEDAN

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TOTAL (1931)	
Ford Body Style	160-A
Weight (pounds)	2,462
Price (FOB Detroit)	\$590
Units Produced (U.S.)	NA
Number of U.S. Ads	
Primary Formats	3
Ad Variations	3
Magazine Insertions	10

The word "standard" is often used in describing Model A Ford body styles – especially in differentiating standard versus deluxe models. However, the "standard" designation was not used by The Ford Motor Company in advertising specific Model A body styles. The single exception was in referencing a low-production, late 1931 Model A body type – the Standard Sedan (160-A).

The Model A Ford Standard Sedan, first available in July 1931, was the slant-windshield edition of the Three-Window Fordor Sedan. A more deluxe version of this basic Model A body style was also produced in 1931 – as the slant-windshield Town Sedan (160-B).

Magazine ads for the Model A Standard Sedan first appeared in late June 1931. Only three primary magazine ads were created to promote the slant-windshield Standard Sedan. Two of these ads are unique – each appearing in a single magazine on only one date. The third Standard Sedan ad, however, appeared in a wide variety of U.S. magazines.

Recipe of the Month

Grinchy Christmas Cookies

By Makinze Gore

Ingredients:

2-1/4 cups of all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
½ tsp kosher salt
1 cup butter, softened
1 cup sugar
1 large egg
1 tsp vanilla extract
Green food coloring
Red Heart Sprinkles



Directions:

- 1- Preheat oven to 350 deg. Line two baking sheets with parchment. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt.
- 2- In another large bowl using a hand mixer, beat butter and sugar together until creamy. Add egg and vanilla and beat to combine. Add dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Add green food coloring until your desired color is reached.
- 3- Using a medium cookie scoop (about 2 tablespoons), scoop dough 2 inches apart onto prepared baking sheets. Place a heart sprinkle in the middle of each cookie.
- 4- Bake until edges are set and bottoms start to turn golden, 12-14 minutes. Let cool on baking sheets.

Yields: 16 cookies

Prep time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 40 minutes



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to see that you have received two letters from other parts of the country. This means that the Motometer is enjoying a national audience. I predict that one day the Motometer will rival the value and contribution of the Restorer and Flying Quail to the general audience of MAFCA.

Amazed in Utah

Dear Amazed,

Thank you for the compliments and for your vote of confidence. From all of the editorial staff, and the contributors here at the Motometer, we wish you, your family, and your local Model A Club members a Happy New Year.

Editor

Dear Editor,

Yes, we do miss Bob Todd. Such a great man. The newsletter is super fun! I thought your article about Coriolis Acceleration was really interesting. Thanks for sharing. It sounds like the Model A Club is a great time!

Dr. B

Dear Dr. B,

Thanks for the letter. As you probably know, Bob Todd was a retired Mechanical Engineering professor from Brigham Young University who owned a beautiful 1931 Model A Roadster and was working to restore another Model A when he recently passed away. Here is a photo of Bob and his Model A.

Editor





UTAH VALLEY
- Model A Club -
Application for Club Awards

Today's Date _____

Club Member's Name _____

Award Requested:

Bent Rod - [] (trophy for avoidable or self-inflicted Model A mishap)

Crying Towel - [] (for Model A mishap - unavoidable or caused by others)

Mileage - 500 - [] 1000 - [] 1500 - [] 2500 - [] 5000 - [] 10K - []

13+ Award - [] (Driving car 13 consecutive months including to club mtg)

Golden Wrench - [] (writing newsletter article re. your Model A car work)

Justification/Details/Information, etc. _____

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