

SULLIVAN TRAIL A's NEWS

Newsletter of the Sullivan Trail A's Model A Ford Club
- Founded 2008 -



"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." - Henry Ford ● February 2026 – Volume 17 Issue 6

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

Hello Everyone!

Brrrr, it is cold! Sorry, we had to cancel our event at the classic car museum, but by the time you get this Newsletter, it has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 7.



Despite the cold and snow, Gene Nailor and I went on a road trip to a car restorer, Snyders Antique Auto Parts, and an engine rebuilder (he even pours his own babbitt!). These places were in eastern Michigan and Ohio. It was a great trip, and we learned a lot. I always wanted to go to Snyders, and I was not disappointed. So many parts and very customer-oriented. Gene got everything he needed at the store. We did not know it, but they also have a museum and restoration shop. It is great for our hobby that we have parts distributors like Snyders and others to support our hobby. I would not want to look for all the parts at Hershey on a table or blanket. Pictures from our trip are below. Gene will probably share more at our February meeting.



I went to the barn to check on Molly, and she is all safe on the car lift. Not warm, but safe. I keep on thinking it will only be less than 3 months and Molly will be up at the house again.

See you at the upcoming meeting in February which will be in-person via ZOOM.

Take care, be well, and get those cars in shape for driving. Lots of fun in 2026!

aah-ooo-gah.

Bill



Gene buying parts



Gene by sign

MEETING MINUTES**MINUTES****January 13, 2026**

Director at Large Steve O. opened the meeting at 7 PM. President Bill W. is out of town. There were 8 members present and 5 members on Zoom.

About 26 people attended the Holiday Party in December. The catered food was good and we had a gift exchange game with some people stealing gifts as the game progressed!

Treasurer's report - Some dues have come in. Expenses included the Holiday dinner, Region membership, donation to our meeting place church for feed the community day. We have some new members. The Roster will be updated. Ginny B. made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Max R.

Secretary's report was in the November newsletter.

Steve O. led the group in installing the 2026 officers. Bill W. President, Gene N. Vice President, Mark H. Treasurer, Ruth S. Secretary, Max R. Director at Large.

Old Business:

We will go to the Norwich Classic Car Museum on January 24. We will need to be there by 10 AM. We will meet at the Dandy in Elmira by "86" and carpool from there. Time to be determined for meeting there but around 8 AM. The cost will be 13.50 if we have at least 10 people attending. We will eat at the Owl in Norwich at 1 PM and then return home.

New Business:

- We have more than 50 members, but only about 10 are coming in person, and a few more are on Zoom. Zoom ends at 40 minutes unless Bill W. is present to use his account. Another platform is Discord which allows screen sharing, texting, voice, and video. Users can create their own community. This platform will call members when it is time for the meeting. There may be other better Communication platforms available. Max R. has been researching this. Bill W. has a monthly Zoom account so we can see if will be useful in helping people to get to meetings.
- Discussion on the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Members are reluctant to do this in our meeting due to the division and turmoil taking place in our government in Washington. It was decided that it would be best not to continue this as part of our meetings.
- We watched a video on the evolution of gas stations. Kerosene was being used for stoves and lamps and evolved to be used in cars through funnels. There were curbside pumps for gasoline, but these were dangerous and sometimes caught fire. The video showed how we got to the safer gas storage and pumps we have today.
- The video was followed by some stories about cars and some technical discussion.
- Max R. gave a presentation on his car. He purchased a 1930 Murray body which had some wood in it and a full kit for the rest of the wood trim. Also, some interior came with it, so only the back seat needs a cover made for it. Slides of the car were shown and discussion followed.
- Carole H. Made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05.
- Refreshments were provided by Gene N. with the help of Max R.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Stoddard, Secretary

Editor's Note

NOTE

Newsletter Contributions Are Welcomed

Cover photo: What's happening here? I think a service technician is demonstrating a battery-testing machine during a promotional photo shoot. What do you think? What is the technician holding in each hand? What is the container under his left arm? What's the reflection in the quarter window? If you have guesses or know, please let me know. I will include all feedback in the March Newsletter. Aprons have been around for hundreds of years and, of course, were worn when our Model As were new. Several pages in this issue feature apron styles from just before and after 1930. On page 6, you might spot a photobomb; look for it. I didn't receive responses to the 'what are these' Model A engine components quiz in January's newsletter, so no follow-up is in this issue. Do you have suggestions to improve the Newsletter? If so, drop me a line. **Our Treasurer, Mark Harth, is accepting dues for 2026. If you haven't paid your 2026 membership dues, please send a \$10 check (no cash) to Mark as soon as possible; his mailing address is on the last page. According to our policy, members who are not in good standing won't receive Newsletters after February!** Thanks so much. – Editor

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Questions? Please get in touch with the Editor at stas2831@outlook.com**



STA'S MEMBERSHIP DUES

ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2026!

If you've already sent them in - THANK YOU!



Make your \$10 check out to Sullivan Trail Model A Ford Club

Pay at a meeting or send your check to:

Mark Harth, 4860 Satterly Hill Rd, Burdett, NY 14818

- Members who joined after June 1, 2025, are paid for 2026 -

**Members in good standing receive Club email and Newsletter
(and all other seriously terrific benefits of membership!)**

LOVE THOSE A'S

Some Photos Courtesy [MAFCA](#), [MARC](#), and [America in the 1930s](#) Facebook Pages



STITCHES IN TIME



Aprons Before & After 1930

The house dress appeared in American homes during the early 1900s as women needed practical garments for daily household chores. Unlike formal day dresses that required careful upkeep, house dresses were made specifically for cooking, cleaning, and childcare. These garments solved the problem of protecting good clothing while maintaining a feminine look at home. House dresses, however, were almost always worn with a versatile apron, which kept them clean and wearable for a week or more before needing a wash. In the late 1920s and early 1930s, aprons were as long and shapeless as the dresses underneath. Aprons served many purposes at home, making each suited to its specific task. A cooking apron was nearly the same length as the dress or slightly shorter. It usually lacked pockets and sometimes even arm straps. The "pin on" apron was pinned onto whatever dress she was wearing. Its purpose was to protect against food splatter and to dry wet hands.

If she were doing dishes or wet cleaning, a rubberized chintz fabric apron was the ideal choice. And if she were doing laundry, the half "clothespin" apron, with one or two large front pockets, held all the clothespins while she hung laundry outside. A general-purpose apron for all kinds of work was the standard long apron with two large patch pockets and either cross-strap or tie



1928

closure in the back. Some came in V-neck slip-over styles without ties.

Fancier "tea aprons" worn while serving guests tea and sandwiches often featured pretty scrap trim and hand embroidery. Home magazines offered apron patterns, usually simple enough not to require a mailed paper pattern, though some were intricate. Tea aprons were often decorated with ruffles and lace. More information on aprons is available [here](#).

From *The Farmer's Wife*, March 1930, as referenced by MARC's "Home Crafts and Fashion Arts in the Model A Era" [a MARC Fashion Committee Seminar booklet, June 26, 2018, Branson, Missouri] "Whether an apron is of the perky type for Sunday night supper of Ladies Aid, or of coverall type for practical wear, it must be good looking and comfortable. Every housewife knows that a well-made, freshly starched and ironed apron not only improves her outward appearance, but her mental state as well."

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1928

"Not all aprons are comfortable. For instance, there is the type which is held up by a band around the neck after she has endured its constant pull in a few hours of wear, no wonder the wearer is irritable or suffers with a headache. Another type which has been known to ruin a happy morning is the kind that slips off the shoulder when one's hands are in the dishwasher, or the kind that hangs to the front when the kitchen floor is being mopped.

Gone are the days when women wore drab gray or intensely blue kitchen calico. Now they wear aprons of softly blended, or if preferred, gaily splashed colors which add the final touch of brightness to the kitchen. If the garments worn carry out the color scheme of the room, the effect is all the more charming.

Closely massed flowers, geometric designs and tiny checks are all used to advantage. These look cleaner than do plain material as spots do not show as readily."



The Saturday Evening Post - 1933



Four women displaying their aprons – c1930s

My original plan was to have one page devoted to aprons. Many thanks to Julie Costie, who, when I asked her some apron fashion questions, shared with me booklets and knowledge I could not pass up. I have, in turn, shared some of her valuable references here. - Editor



**Here you see a variety of hairstyles, dresses, and aprons – Circa late 1920s
Were the aprons handmade, and is the photo a fashion show? My guess is yes! Is the car a 1927 Oakland?
If you have a guess about the year and make of the car please let me know. – Editor**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Hobby *On The GO!*

Meetings are on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of every month except June, July, and August
Our annual picnic is in June

The STAs regular monthly in-person meeting is @ 7PM
First United Methodist Church 1034 W. Broad St., Horseheads, NY

SULLIVAN TRAIL 2026 EVENTS

- March 21, 2026, Fay's Sugar Shack Pancake Breakfast, see the poster on page 9; more details will follow.
- May 2, Sat, 2026, Safety Check, see the poster on page 10; more information to follow.

Link to Comprehensive Upcoming Events courtesy Kevin Yaggie: [Local Car Events](#)

LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL 2026/27/28 EVENTS

- April 26, Sun, 2026, Trexlertown, Pennsylvania. The Annual Steve Ryan Model A/AA Show and Swap Meet – hosted by the Lehigh Valley Model A Club and the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company. 7723 Hamilton Blvd, a short drive from Routes 78 and 222. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is rain or shine. No registration or admission fee. Paved parking lot for the show and swap meet. Stock or original Model A Ford and era equipment.
- May 11 – 14, 2026, MARC National Tour:
Explore the Finger Lakes in New York
- May 31, 2026 – June 7, 2026, 2026 MAFCA National Convention – Pendleton, Oregon, [information here](#)
- July 12 – Jul 16, 2026, all-day, MARC National Meet in French Lick, IN. [information here](#)
- September 17 – 20, 2026 – September 20, 2026, 69th New England Model A Meet. The Worcester County Model A Club will host the Meet. The host hotel for the meet will be the Wellsworth Hotel in Southbridge, MA.
- June 13, 2027 @ 9:00 am – June 18, 2027 @ 9:00 pm, 2027 MAFCA National Tour. The Model A Ford Club of Colorado is pleased to announce that the 2027 MAFCA National Tour is coming to Colorful Colorado in the Summer of 2027! This will be a Hub-and-Spoke Tour out of Durango, Colorado. Six days of activities are planned and include a Welcome Party, 3 or 4 driving-tour days, a day to ride the Durango & Silverton Railroad, a day for car games, a Model A car display with a free ice cream social, a Hubley Derby, and a Farewell Banquet.
- September 12 – 16, Tues – Sat, 2028, yes, 2028, 100th Anniversary of the Model A Ford @ the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan.



Hello Spring!

STAs Visits FAYS Sugar Shack!

Saturday March 28, 2026

Fays Maple Products - Columbia Crossroads PA

Arrival : 9:30 AM for Breakfast

Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Milk, Cocoa

Cost TBD

Maple Syrup-Making Demonstration Following
Breakfast

PANCAKE DAYS

FAY'S MAPLE SYRUP

BIG POND LIONS CLUB

All you can eat pancakes with eggs & sausage ,
coffee, milk and real maple syrup

IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW
SLOW YOU GO...

SO LONG AS YOU DON'T STOP!!!

STAs

Spring Safety Check!!

Saturday, May 2, 2026

7 So. Buffalo St, Corning, NY

9 AM - 3 PM

Drive Your "A" to  and we will:

- check all fluid levels
- check anything that should light up
- look under the hood.. belts, hoses, fuel, etc.
- look under the car.. brake linkage, front end, muffler, etc.
- answer your questions
- provide hands-on adjustments & evaluations
- do even more!



Bring your own beverage - donuts & related will be provided

TECHNICAL TIPS**ZENITH CARBURETORS AND STALLING**

Question asked by Matthew Gately, MAFCA Facebook 12-20-25:

Silly question on my 30 sedan when I stop at a stop sign or light the car wants to almost stall like it's running out of gas and I have to use the hand throttle to keep it from stalling? But when I drive it's fine only when I come to a stop or slow down what is causing this is the mix knob too low and not getting fuel? And if so how much should it be turned?

David, Renner's Corner Early Ford Parts [[Renner's Corner](#)], among others, replied:

There is a ton of useless folklore out there concerning this topic! Some examples:

- Fuel slosh causes the fuel in the bowl to flood the carb out or starve it out.
- Not possible. How would you go uphill or downhill, or over bumpy roads?
- That's why the 1932 model B Zenith carburetors had the float turned 90° from the direction of travel.
- If that were true, cars with model B Zenith carburetors would stall when you turned hard right or left and I have seen B carbs stall when stopping.
- Adding a gasket under the fuel inlet valve will fix it.
- This only changes the level by .030" not going to matter on a bowl that will supply fuel for over 2-5 minutes of run time.

ALL of this is nonsense. 5 million Model A's equipped with A Zenith Carburetors did not stall when coming to a stop when they left the factory. There is no way Ford would've kept producing the Model A Zenith carburetor for 4 years if there was a problem with it. Ford would have released Service Bulletins on this, and it wouldn't be an issue today. When you come to a stop, your carburetor transitions to the idle circuit from the high-speed circuit, needing very little fuel to run. Forward sloshing does not expose the bottom of the float bowl or the secondary well, where the idle jet receives fuel. There are many reasons why engines stall when coming to a stop:

1. Vacuum leaks
2. Undersized or plugged idle jet and idle circuit
3. Undersized compensator jet and idle circuit
4. Secondary well issues, wrong style, not seated in the bore, and compensator to well interference.
5. Engine idle speeds less than 400 RPM or greater than 600 RPM.
6. When you figure out which of these or a combination of these is the issue, you will stop the engine from stalling when stopping.

A few things to make sure are correct and 100% :

- The fuel level in the bowl must be 5/8" to 11/16" below the gasket line, set with an external sight tube. No other method is acceptable.
- The secondary well must be of the latest style and threaded to the bottom of its bore.
- The secondary well must not block the compensator jet.
- All the passages in the carburetor must be clean and unrestricted, like when they were new.
- All the jets must be flow tested for today's fuels.
- There can be zero vacuum leaks; the only way to check for manifold-to-engine block leaks is to take the manifolds off, inspect, and replace the gasket with the 1931 style copper gaskets.
- The idle rpm should be between 450 and 500 rpm, no higher than 600 and no lower than 400.
- The air fuel screw is set correctly, if it is out to far it will lean out the idle circuit.

The jets and adjustment need to control fuel flow into the carburetor throat, NOT the fuel level in the float bowl. This fuel is a reserve to keep the jets covered during hard acceleration or when climbing or descending steep hills.

There is over 1 inch of fuel on top of these jets, making it impossible to tilt the vehicle enough to uncover any jet. Changing this fuel level by .030", the thickness of a gasket, is ridiculous logic.

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GAV SETTINGS:

- 1. The dash-controlled GAV (gas adjusting valve) is a carburetor high-speed circuit adjustment.**
- 2. It is used to tune/optimize the air-to-fuel ratio of the carburetor at engine speeds above 600 rpm.**
- 3. Set it to where it runs best for the current operating conditions, such as engine temperature, outside temperature, elevation, fuel type, jetting, etc.**
- 3. There is NO rule/set position for this. Every engine setup and condition is different.**
- 4. One turn open is max flow, so no point in turning more than that.**
- 5. Typically, anything over 1/2 turn should raise red flags that you have a vacuum leak somewhere requiring extra fuel to be in the ratio. Not to be constantly turning it but get to know where your engine performs the best by adjusting it occasionally... it is NOT a set it and forget it !**

- Renner's Corner

When coming to a stop only the low-speed jets are functioning anyway and these pull fuel from the bottom of the bowl. Very little fuel is used during braking. If you have vacuum leaks or a weak idle circuit then it will stall easily.

AIR CLEANER USE CAN RUIN YOUR ENGINE. THIS IS NOT AN OPINION BUT A FACT !!!

ALL carburetors released by Ford for use on THE Model A AND B ENGINES had the float bowls EXTERNALLY vented.

On the right is a document released by Zenith warning of the negative effects of using an air cleaner on early Ford vehicles with externally vented float bowls.

The use of an air cleaner of any type will negatively affect the air-to-fuel ratio as the filter gets dirty; even with proper jetting, the carburetor will end up very rich.

Excessive fuel entering the engine will do much more damage than the dust in the air, as it washes oil from the cylinder walls. These carburetors were **n o t** designed for use with an air cleaner!!!

To allow the use of an air cleaner, the bowl vent must be plugged and relocated to the inside of the carburetor, near the choke plate, so that the engine can get its air from only one source. This is called a pressure balancing circuit.

It would take a lifetime to wear out an engine with the dust that's on our roads today.

ZENITH CARBURETOR COMPANY
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FEATURES OF CONSTRUCTION
Air Cleaner and Air Filter Restriction

Many air filters, now used on most gasoline engine carburetors, accumulate some or all of the dirt they separate from the incoming air. As this dirt builds up it has an action similar to closing the strangler valve. Both cause restriction and this increases the suction on the carburetor jets. Very little increase in suction is sufficient to create a mixture so rich that it will not only seriously impair engine operation but will also dilute the oil and cause as much wear as dirt.

This is overcome in the Zenith Universal Carburetor by venting the fuel bowl from the air intake instead of the open air. So the strangler valve will actually "choke" for cold starting, it is located between the air duct and the carburetor barrel.

In the ordinary carburetor atmospheric pressure always exists in the fuel bowl, regardless of air intake restriction. In the Zenith Universal whatever pressure exists in the air intake also exists in the fuel bowl. In other words, these pressures are "balanced," and if the air intake is restricted, causing a lower pressure therein, the fuel bowl pressure will be equally reduced. In this way no additional fuel will be forced from the jets, the mixture ratios will remain normal and fuel consumption will be only very slightly increased.

Zenith Carburetor Company, Detroit, Michigan, March 1937

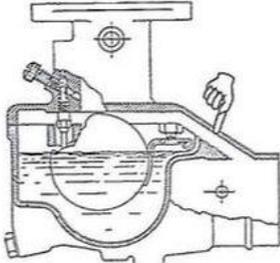
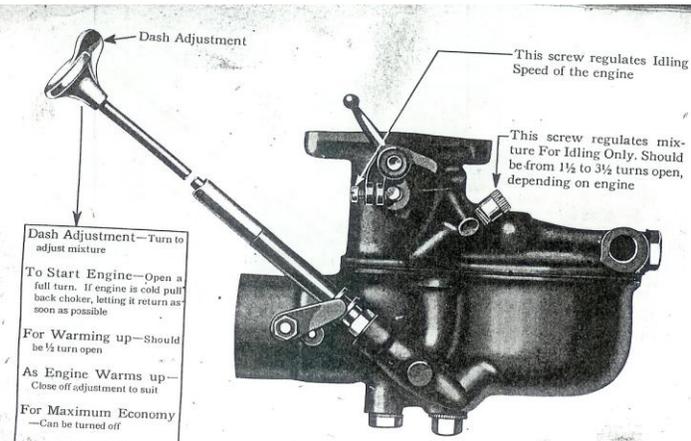


Figure 12



Dash Adjustment—Turn to adjust mixture

To Start Engine—Open a full turn. If engine is cold pull back choker, letting it return as soon as possible

For Warming up—Should be 1/2 turn open

As Engine Warms up—Close off adjustment to suit

For Maximum Economy—Can be turned off

For Traffic Driving and Power—Should be 1/4 turn open

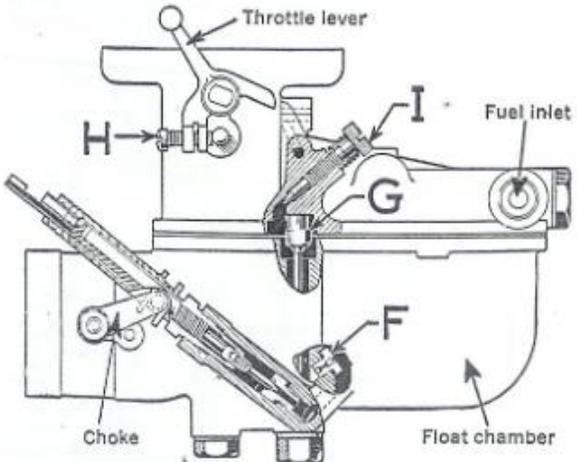
This screw regulates Idling Speed of the engine

This screw regulates mixture For Idling Only. Should be from 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 turns open, depending on engine

FIG. 419
Model "A" Carburetor Adjustment

FORD SERVICE BULLETIN for January

www.motormayhem.net



Throttle lever

Fuel inlet

Choke

Float chamber



Looking for a car, selling a car? Have parts, want parts? Have other 'stuff' you need or want to sell? Free advertising right here. Contact your Editor to place your ad in next month's Newsletter.

Wanted: Do you have a Model A-related story, perspective, or special photo you can share? I want it if you have it! -Editor

For Sale: My 1930 Model A engine, mounted on a well-made steel rolling engine stand (included), is still available. Turns over, cosmetically not rusted. \$175 -Editor

YOUTH OUTREACH



Give A Lift To The Kids!

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT. THIS MODEL A TUDOR HAD FUN IN A RECENT PARADE. BUT THE TOP PICTURE LOOKS LIKE IT LOST A FEW THINGS COMPARED TO THE BOTTOM ONE. CAN YOU FIND THE DIFFERENCES? ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 21.



A World magazine for school age children is the creation of two MAFCA members and former schoolteachers, **Archie Cress** and **Frank Rosin**, from Washington State. They published A-World from its inception until 2010, when a new editor, Sherry Winkhofer, was appointed. Sadly, Archie passed away in 2011 and Frank passed December 2023. This newsletter is now published 4 times a year and is written for school-age children from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Until the end of 2015, it was mailed to subscribers. In 2016, to reduce publication costs, the current issue will always be available on the website.

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For Model A Ford

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Write for further information.

MORSE MFG. CO., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.

What is the purpose of this device? Tell me, please! – Editor

~ News From The Era ~
TRAVELING LIBRARIES OR "BOOKMOBILES"

The bookmobile was a traveling library commonly used to bring books to villages and suburbs that lacked their own library buildings. It evolved from a simple horse-drawn cart in the 19th century into customized vehicles that became part of American culture, reaching their height of popularity in the mid-20th century.

One of the earliest mobile libraries in the United States was a mule-drawn wagon filled with wooden boxes of books. It was established in 1904 by the People's Free Library of Chester County, South Carolina, and served the county's rural communities.

With the rise of motorized transport in America, various automobiles and trucks were adapted to carry and deliver books to people in need. Here are some examples of a Model T lookalike and Model A's.



Model T(?), lobbying for a bookmobile – image 1928



Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Coventry Library – c1930s



New York City – c1930



This undated photograph shows the Delaware State Library Commission's Traveling Library bookmobile – 1928-9 Model A



WPA bookmobile, a 1930 Model A Ford pulling a book wagon Springfield, Ohio [see next page for more on this photo]

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Model A bookmobiles were truly one-of-a-kind. My review of numerous photos showed that no two were alike; none were built at the Rouge Assembly Plant, thus each one was unique and played a critical role in building community and culture. The bookmobile below, between Sept-Nov 1930, drove 1,695 miles, made 117 school visits, and distributed 8,659 books. The same 'A' is on the left. – Editor Monroe County, Bloomington, IN



Monroe County Public Library, Bloomington, Indiana – 1929
Miss Lois Henze was appointed to drive the Model A
She continued to drive the Book Truck until 1965

LIBRARY TAKEN TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

By means of the Warde Public Library book trailer, pictured here, children in the Clark County schools are given the opportunity of borrowing books from the local library, a privilege they would not enjoy otherwise without coming in to Springfield to the library building. In the lower photo is Miss Harriet Hinson, of the Warde Public Library staff, supervisor of the project.

When these pictures were taken, the book trailer was preparing to go out for the day, to visit the elementary schools at Enon, Olive Branch

remembered by many library patrons as Miss Jane Molensner, who worked as reference librarian here for several years. After an absence of several years she returned to Springfield, and last year served as librarian at Ketter Junior High School.

Top women have been working all summer mending the books in the library collection so that a maximum number of volumes would be ready for the opening of school in the autumn. They will continue to keep the books in repair and will take care of the extra typing and clerical work involved in extending library service to the whole county.

The above image is part of the article from which the Model A wagon photo on the previous page was taken. The article was published in the Springfield, Ohio, News Sun, on September 27, 1936. Harriet Hinson, age 22, supervised the bookmobile. Women played a crucial role in promoting and establishing 'moving libraries' that brought books to areas without accessible libraries. Women were vital leaders.



IMAGES BEHIND US

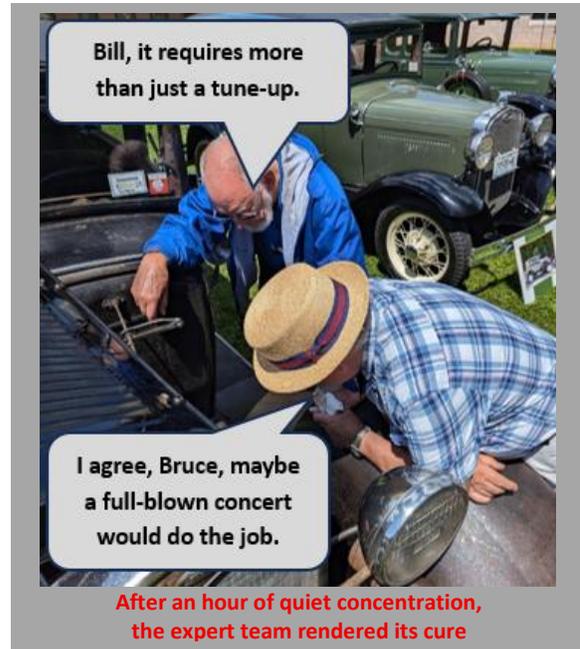
The STAs hard at play!



STAs members are seriously dedicated to their Model A hobby



After hours of joyful laughter driving the Model T, Louise and Julie stayed overnight in the museum



After an hour of quiet concentration, the expert team rendered its cure



Model A diagnostic talk is a science



The driver was relieved that he had three good, inflated tires

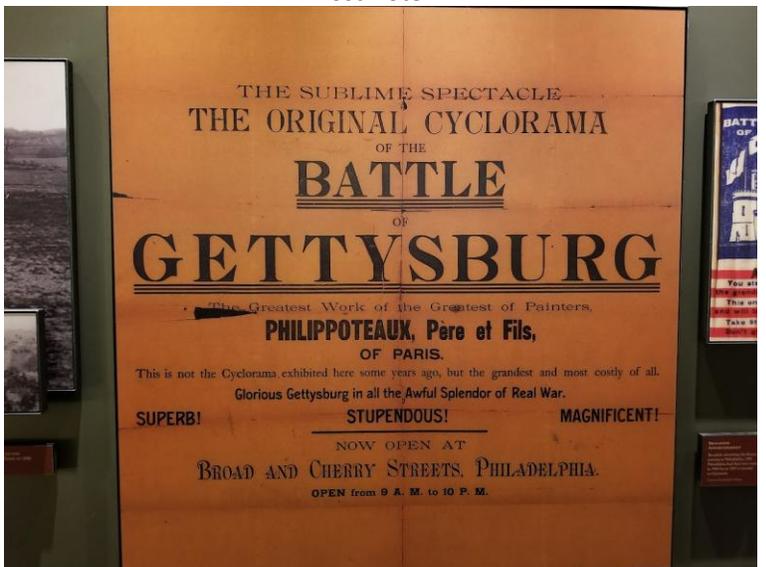


As the crowd gathered in the background, everyone wondered if strongman Max could succeed. With a muscled crank, the engine roared to life. The relieved crowd was reminded again that Model As always want to run.

MARC National Meet – Gettysburg, PA July 31 – August 4, 2017



Host Hotel



Welcome Party – Mary Ann, Bea, Doug, Sam, Julie



Grand Tour Ready! Don, Janice, Mary Ann, Sam, Jim, Julie, Doug, Bea

MARC National Meet – Gettysburg, PA

Battlefield and Model As



Bushart



LaLomia

MARC National Meet – Gettysburg, PA

Grand Tour and Farewell Banquet



L-R Pickup Bushart, Victoria Archer, Pickup LaLomia, Tudor Morris/Costie



Jim, Julie, Mary Ann, Sam, Bea, Doug

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MORE GOOD STUFF

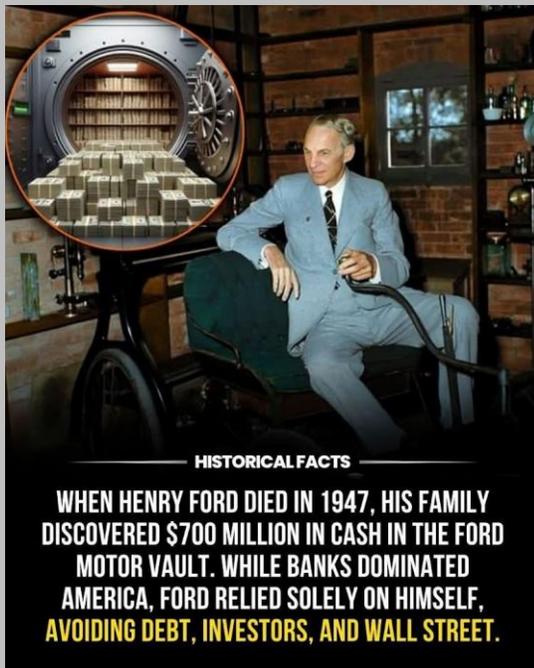


"Time to wash the dishes, dear."

Bib-style apron on him, coverall apron on her – 1933



Classic c1930 Marcel wave hairstyle, dress, apron, and shoes



Do you believe this to be true? Let your Editor know!

Answers and responses will be in the March issue of STAs News



What is this c1930 odd-looking item? Let your Editor know!

Johnny Cake

From: Depression Era Recipes, by Patricia R. Wagner

2 T. melted cracklings or fat

2 eggs

1 t. salt

2 c. buttermilk

1 t. baking soda

2 c. corn meal



Beat eggs well and add salt, buttermilk, and soda. Stir in cornmeal and melted fat. Mix only to moisten; do not over beat. Pour into greased baking tins and bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

According to legend, here's how Johnny Cake got its name. Back East women used to bake a cornmeal cake that kept quite well. Men would take some along with them on their travels. Since New Englanders don't always pronounce the letter "R" unless it's at the end of a sentence, words like "journey cake" came to be pronounced "jouney cake." Say it fast - it's "Johnny Cake."

How is a Johnny Cake different from cornbread?

Johnny Cake is typically denser and made with a higher cornmeal-to-flour ratio, while cornbread often includes more flour for a lighter texture. Additionally, Johnny Cakes are traditionally cooked as flatbreads or baked in thinner layers, whereas cornbread is usually baked in thicker, cake-like portions.



Such nice-looking aprons! c1930

MAFFI Minute

January 2026



Happy New Year, Model A'ers! As we roll into another year, we find ourselves one step closer to our beloved cars turning 100 years old, which is pretty incredible to think about. The Board met in January to begin planning for the year ahead, including early discussions around Model A Days, along with ideas for upcoming exhibit changes and continued growth of the museum.

While things may seem quieter during the winter months, the museum remains very active behind the scenes. Winter is an important time for maintenance, organization, and preparing exhibits and vehicles for the year ahead. The volunteers of the Grape Country Model A's have been instrumental in this work, generously donating their time and skills. Leader of Fleet Maintenance Dan Cargo and Museum Manager Jerry Dennany, in particular, continue to provide invaluable leadership and hands-on support throughout the off-season.

Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim

Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI

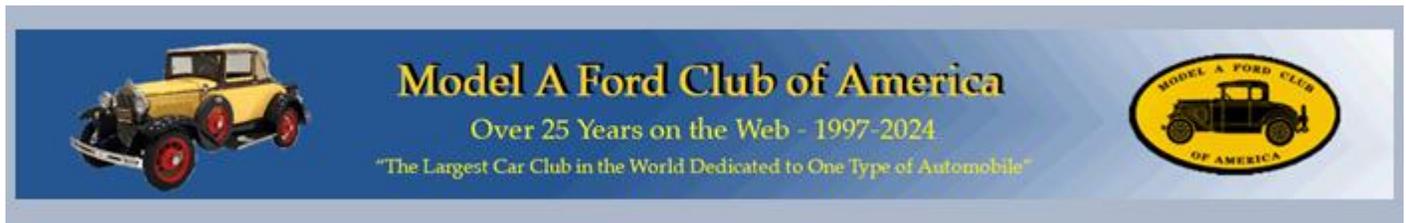


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Welcome to The Model A Ford Museum
 Founded by The Model A Ford Foundation, Inc. (MAFFI)
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Who is ready for Model A Day September 18-19th, 2026? Model A Days is always the third Saturday in September at the Model A Ford Museum on the Gilmore Car Museum campus in Hickory Corners, Michigan.



February 2026

The Prez Sayz...

As we begin 2026, I extend my sincere appreciation to all volunteers stepping up to serve as chapter officers. Your commitment is essential to maintaining your chapter as a welcoming space for socializing, touring in the Model A and sharing expertise – particularly with new and younger members. To ensure the future of our hobby, it is essential that we attract new members and share our collective knowledge.



At this time of year, many of us have our Model A's in the garage. However, when the weather allows, it is always rewarding to take the Model A out for a drive. Last year, I made myself a challenge to drive my Model A every month. While a little snow wasn't an issue, I had to be cautious about the salt on the roadways in our area. Fortunately, I was able to meet my challenge. This year, though, we have had too much snow and salt on the roads to continue that challenge. I'm hopeful that better conditions will return soon, so we can all enjoy more time behind the wheel. This is also a great time to get to those Model A projects that



you put off until the end of last year's touring season. I have a generator that I would like to install an electronic voltage regulator on. The only problem is that when I tested the armature on my growler, it failed, and another armature had to be found. Now it's time to finish that project.

Looking ahead, we will have a great opportunity to tour while attending the Pendleton National Convention taking place from May 31 - June 7, 2026. This will be a memorable event taking place in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Mountains in north-western Oregon. Jack Remillard and his team have planned something for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to join us and register for this event. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to better Model A weather.

Doug Linden
MAFCA President

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

February 2026

Members, our MARC Board has launched our new website as part of our new social media strategy. You can access it by entering our new url: modelarestorersclub.org. The site contains many new features including a members only section that members can access by entering your membership number and zip code. Once signed in you can update Region information, add events, access issues of *Model A News*, technical information and much more! Some have also noticed that we now have two Facebook groups, Model A Restorers Club, our public group and Model "A" Restorers Club (note the quotes), our members group where more MARC information is posted. Check them out!

Also, speaking about our new social media strategy, your Board is excited to announce that the response thus far has been overwhelming. Many more views on our new website and TWICE as many new members joining than last year at this time. Keep watching for new member promotions and encourage your Region non MARC members to join!

Regions, we still need your help to add content to the website. You can now update your Region information directly, update officer contact information, report your Region activities including creating technical videos to share with all of our members, schedules of your upcoming events to help YOU attract new members and much, much more. Larry Shepard is still asking for names and contact information for your technical experts who are willing to help fellow members with assistance in keeping their Model A's in tip top operational condition. Please contact Larry through our Contact Us section of the website. We are also in the process of creating an updated member roster. Please send our office your member rosters and indicate those members willing to be added to the MARC member roster.

Certainly more members are planning to attend the upcoming Finger Lakes Tour and the National Meet in French Lick. We are still accepting registrations for the Finger Lakes Tour. Registration forms for French Lick will be published in the next issue of the *Model A News* which will be available on February 1st on our new MARC website. The Columbus Indiana Region is also creating an online option that will allow you to easily, accurately and securely register for French Lick from your phone or computer. No more writing, adding or wondering if your registration form will make it through the postal system! Major credit cards and PayPal will be accepted through the secure MARC website. Coming soon!





Benefits in a car club include:

- ✓ **New friends and fellowship**
- ✓ **Learning opportunities**
- ✓ **Activities like tours, car shows, picnics, breakfast runs, holiday parties, and tech outreach help**
- ✓ **Great magazines and newsletters**
- ✓ **Tire kicking**
- ✓ **National Club news and activities**



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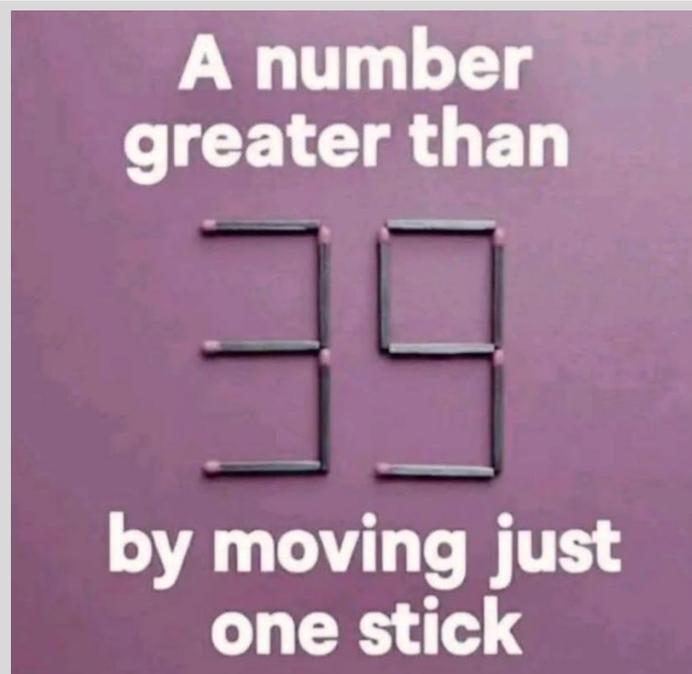
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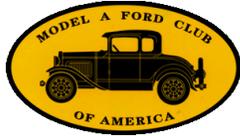
“Wonderbread” was sold nationwide pre-sliced and machine-wrapped in 1930. Before that, bread was less uniform in appearance, and people tore off pieces by hand at the table, which is why the phrase “break bread together” exists.



TODAY I SAW TWO JUMBO JETS CRACKING A JOKE



Cars today got way too many gadgets. I tried to reverse and it showed me a whole video of someone getting run over.



Where Friends & Model A's Meet - Northern Tier PA & Finger Lakes Region

**Sullivan Trail A's
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Name(s): _____
Address: _____

Home phone number: ... _____
Cell phone number: _____
Work phone number: _____
Email address: _____

The **Sullivan Trail A's** website offers more information about the Club (right-click, then click 'open hyperlink' for both):
[website](#)
Our **Facebook** page:
[Sullivan Trail A's Facebook page](#)

If you're a member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and/or Model A Restorers Club (MARC):
MAFCA Membership Number: ... _____
MARC Membership Number: _____
Annual dues for Sullivan's Trail A's: \$10.00

Do you own a Model A or A's? Would you like to tell us about it/them?

MAFCA AND MARC membership offers national "A" news, commentary, articles from technical to touring, photographs, classified ads, and more. **The Restorer** (MAFCA) and **The Model A News** (MARC) are terrific bi-monthly magazines included in the membership.

Do you have special knowledge, expertise, or interests you'd like to share at this time?

Sullivan Trail A's meets the second Tuesday, 7PM September – May, First United Methodist Church, 1034 West Broad St. Horseheads, NY. Bring your dues and membership application to one of our meetings or mail \$10 annual dues (please no cash, check made out to **Sullivan Trail Model A Ford Club**) and application to: **Mark Harth, 4860 Satterly Hill Rd, Burdett, NY 14818**

Dues paid: check _____ cash _____ rec'd by: _____ date _____