

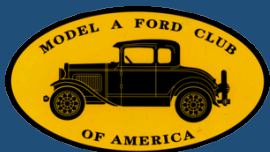
SULLIVAN TRAIL A's NEWS

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 ● November 2025 – Volume 17 Issue 3

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

Hello STAs members and friends!

Well, here it is...another November. But we end with a full year of activities and memories, beginning with our Safety Check and ending with a wonderful Fall Foliage Tour. Be sure to check out the beautiful photographs in this newsletter of the Fall Foliage tour as well as the rest of the newsletter.

Next month, on Saturday, Dec. 13, is our Annual Holiday Party. Be sure to attend this. More information is included in this Newsletter.

For next year, we already have events planned.



With driving season coming to a close, be sure your car is ready for winter. Your gas tank should be full as possible to prevent condensation and a cup of MMO in the fuel does not hurt either. Tires should be inflated and up off the ground if possible. Start developing a list of projects that need to be done on your car and complete them, so when we start driving again, you'll be ready to go. If you need any help, let us know.

Be sure to vote for our 2026 officers!

See you all soon.

aah-ooo-gah

Bill



Saturday, November 4, 2023 – Newfield Lions Club breakfast

MEETING MINUTES**MINUTES****October 14, 2025**

Vice-President Jim M. opened the meeting at 7 PM. 10 members present and 1 member joined on Zoom. Jim M. asked for just this meeting, we replace the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag with a moment of silence in which we could think about what we would like to see our country doing in the next few years. 30 seconds of silence.

The **minutes of the September meeting** were in the newsletter. Mark H. made a motion to accept, Steve O. seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's report - Mark H. stated income included dues, International Ford Day patch sales, and 50/50 income. Expenses included church rental for the meeting room and new fliers with the information on the club. Steve O. made a motion to accept this report and that the members pay \$10 for the holiday dinner, and the club treasury pays the balance for members only. Carried.

Discussion about Zoom background noise. If people are talking in addition to the main person speaking, it's difficult to hear the main speaker and to even know who is speaking. Suggestion to announce who you are before speaking, and the side conversation should be stopped. Just the main speaker should be talking so people can hear.

Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI) had 250 at the International Model A Ford Day at Gilmore Museum. In 2028, the 100th anniversary of the Model A Ford will be celebrated at the Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan. MAFFI, MARC, MAFCA will team up for this celebration.

The Fall Tour went well, starting at Newtown Battlefield and ending at Bradley Farms. It was a beautiful day, and the hills were colorful.

Old Business

6 cars were at Auto Zone on September 27th. Steve O. thanked the club for its support. There were enough cars to line the curb all along the front of the store. We thank Auto Zone and our Honorary member, Manager Brenda, for all the ways she has supported the club.

New Business

Saturday, December 13 at 12:30 PM is the holiday party in our meeting room at Horseheads United Methodist Church. The Christmas gift game will be played again this year. Everyone brings a wrapped gift. **In January**, we will revisit the car museum in Norwich, NY. More details will be in the newsletter. The visit will depend on the weather. Lunch at the Wild Owl. MARC will have a Finger Lakes Tour **in May of 2026**. For more information, contact Paul Ganninger-pnpganninger@gmail.com 314-852-559. On the MARC Facebook page under Mark Maron.

Suggestions for 2026 events-

- Steamtown National Park in Pennsylvania- probably could not drive the Model A's there unless it was an overnight trip.
- Pierce Arrow museum in Buffalo NY
- The National Warplane Museum on Geneseo, NY
- Howland Farm Museum? Or another farm museum located near Interlaken, NY? Has a huge dairy barn, antique tractors and farm equipment. Also has a quilt show.
- Trimotor should be coming again in 2026
- Letchworth State Park- waterfalls, trails, can drive through, a museum of articles from the area. There is a time when hot air balloons go over the park. There is a dam near the park and tours down to the dam can be arranged.
- Parades - Painted Post, Horseheads, Newfield Old Home Days

New Brochures are available. Some of the older ones were passed out to be kept in the car to give to people. They still have good information in them. Also, the hobby cards were available.

Election of officers- officers will be elected in November. We need nominees for Vice President and Director-at-Large. President: Bill W., Secretary: Ruth S., Treasurer: Mark H. Ginny B. will accept and count ballots.

Merchandise with the new logo - those present would like to have t-shirts and hats. Design to be determined.

Max R. Is doing a research experiment using an aluminum radiator for the Model AA. Will try to do Evan's cooling which doesn't use water and test the difference in cooling. He will also see if it can be painted to dull the shiny finish. He will present his findings at the May meeting.

Mark and Carole H. will bring refreshments in November.

Carole H. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8 PM.

Refreshments by George R. and Julie C.

Video of club activities 2008-2018 was shown and enjoyed by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Stoddard, Secretary

Editor's Note

NOTE

Newsletter Contributions Are Welcomed

The cover photo of the 1928 Model A, featuring a smiling Mom and child, is charming and belongs on the cover. The Fall Foliage Tour we enjoyed on Saturday, October 11, was fantastic. The weather was pleasant, and the Model As performed well during the tour. Julie and I had a wonderful time. See Tour photos on the Images Behind Us pages! If you can handle it, manure and Model As are on page 10... enjoy this stinky topic. Photos from Hershey 2025 will be in the December Newsletter. By the way, can you tell why the cover "A" is most likely a 1928 and not a 1929? The answer is on page 9. **Happy Thanksgiving, STAs!** - Jim

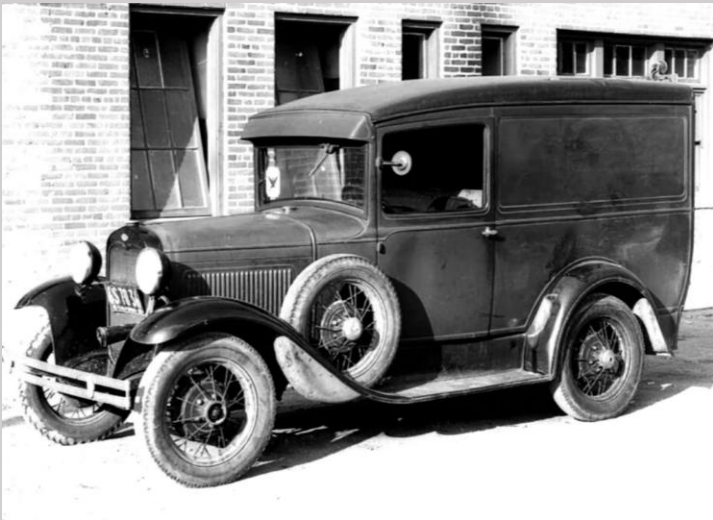


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LOVE THOSE A'S

Some Photos Courtesy MAFCA, MARC, and America in the 1930s Facebook Pages

~ Working Model As ~



STITCHES IN TIME



Butterick Fashion

By Julie Costie

Spying an online offer recently for original 1930 and 1931 Butterick home sewing design leaflets was akin to a 'barn find' for me. Fortunately, my treasures won't need restoration; they only need appreciation. But how did these thin paper pages survive 95 years? And did the collector show off her custom outfits in a shiny new Tudor?

When Model A Fords first rolled off the assembly line, Butterick had already been printing fashion magazines, instruction booklets, paper garment, and craft patterns for 60 years. The Butterick company built a 16-story building housing office and printing operations with Tiffany-designed interiors; it still stands today in Manhattan and was the largest publishing company in the US.

Sadly, paper sewing patterns are no longer being printed, likely due to the rise of online digital patterns and the fall of the fabric and notions industries. Will the last Butterick paper publications survive the next 95 years?

BUTTERICK
FASHION NEWS

SEPTEMBER
1930

For further information regarding these patterns see page 8

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COMPLIMENTS OF

Eastman Bros. & Bancroft
488-498 Congress Street, Portland, Maine

BUTTERICK
FASHION NEWS

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Pattern	Material	Price
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3369	1/2 yd. silk	1/2
3343	1/2 yd. silk	1/2
3357	1/2 yd. silk	1/2
3345	1/2 yd. silk	1/2
3345	1/2 yd. silk	1/2
3376	1/2 yd. silk	1/2
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3357 Frock with sectional flared skirt. Width 2 1/4 yds. Size 36, 4 1/2 yds. crepe Roma 39. Sizes 14 to 18 and 32 to 44 bust. 50 Cts.

3345 Frock. Width 2 1/4 yds. Size 36, 3 1/2 yds. silk crepe 39, 1 yd. 5-in. lace. Sizes 14 to 18 and 32 to 44 bust. 50 Cents.

3376 Frock with skirt attached at natural waistline. Width 2 1/4 yds. Size 36, 3 1/2 yds. printed silk 39; 1/2 yd. plain 39. Sizes 14 to 18 and 32 to 44 bust. 45 Cts.

3369 Frock. Width 2 yds. Size 36, 2 1/4 yds. light weight wool 54, with 1/2 yd. silk 35. Sizes 14 to 18 and 32 to 44 bust. 45 Cts.

3343 One-piece frock, with flare inserted at front. Size 36, 2 1/2 yds. wool 54. Sizes 14 to 18 and 32 to 44 bust. 45 Cents.

8 Printed in U. S. A.

Julie Costie worked in the clothing/fabric industry for several decades and is an accomplished seamstress. She enjoys sewing her own 1928 - 1931 dresses and wearing them on special occasions, such as MAFCA/MARC Meets, and motoring in a Model A with your editor.

Click here for more information: [history-of-butterick-pattern-advertising](#) [past patterns](#) [butterick-building](#)

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 2025/26 EVENTS

- **December 13, Sat, 12:30 - 4:00, Annual STAs Holiday Party**, at the Horseheads United Methodist Church. The food will be catered. The cost of your dinner will be \$10, the Club will cover the balance. More information to come.
- **January 23, 2026, Northeast Classic Car Museum, Norwich, NY.** Winter excursion (weather permitting) to see dozens upon dozens of antique and classic vehicles. STAs visited this museum in 2023, and we had a great time. Lunch at the Wild Owl Restaurant in Norwich will follow. More details will be in the December Newsletter. **See the text boxes below!**
- **May 2, 2026, Safety Check**

You might be surprised to find a car event in your immediate neighborhood if you click on Kevin's link and explore what's listed. If you've never followed the link, give it a try!

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

LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL 2025 EVENTS

- **September 17-20, 69th annual New England Meet** <https://wcneet.com/> Southbridge, MA



Wild Owl

Northeast Classic Car Museum

Over 170 classic and vintage cars and 28 motorcycles are displayed in five connected, climate-controlled buildings at the Northeast Classic Car Museum. <https://classiccarmuseum.org/>

MARC National Finger Lakes Tour

THE MARC NATIONAL TOUR

Join us in Beautiful
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Finger Lakes Region
of MARC

MAY 11-14, 2026

**EXPLORE
FINGER LAKES**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

For more information contact Meet Chairman
Paul Ganninger pnganninger@gmail.com
314-852-5591

TECHNICAL TIPS



Electrical Smarts

A Dead Battery!

by Tom Endy

A common occurrence:

It's not uncommon for a Model A Ford to incur a dead battery, especially those that are still operating on six volts. Model A's are usually not driven daily and prolonged periods of sitting around tend to run the battery down. It is usually discovered when you climb in to go somewhere. You push on the starter button, and nothing.

Modern inconvenience:

What a lot of Model A hobbyist may not understand is that we the modern day owners may be contributing to this phenomenon. In a modern car when you switch off the ignition it shuts off all the electrical systems in the car, except maybe for the digital clock. In a Model A Ford when you switch off the ignition, at least the original pop out type, all you are switching off is the power that goes to the ignition points. That may have been fine in Henry's day, but stop and think about what a lot of us have done to the Model A Ford to improve on Henry's design.

The cutout:

The cutout used with the generator disconnects the battery from the generator whenever the engine is shut down. Without it the battery would discharge itself through the generator and you would have a dead battery. The cutout has a simple set of contacts that are either open or closed. The problem with the cutout is that the contacts can sometimes become welded shut over a period of time and not open, thus draining the battery when the car is parked. This is highly likely with the poor reproduction cutouts that are on the market. Modern day advancements in electronics provided the world with the diode. The diode is like a switch (sort of) in that it has a high resistance to current in one direction and a low resistance in the other. The low resistance path allows the generator to flow current to the battery to charge it. The high resistance path is supposed to not allow the battery to drain itself through the generator. An abundance of diode mod kits were made available at all the Model A hobby stores. The cutout contacts are replaced with the diode (hopefully in the right polarity) and welded contacts are a thing of the past. However, that high resistance direction is still allowing a small amount of current to flow out of the

battery through the generator to ground. The amount of current is minute, in the milliamps, but over time it draws the battery down. Turning the ignition key off does not shut the circuit off. Only removal of the fuse on top of the starter (if one is installed) will open the circuit and prevent the drain.

The alternator:

Another modern convenience seen on many Model A's today is the alternator. It is much more efficient than the old fashioned generator. You can buy them in either six volt or twelve volt. In fact you can even buy a six-volt positive ground alternator. However, the alternator has six diodes in it and the high resistance path will eventually drain the battery. This arrangement is also not switched off with the ignition key and it sits there and draws a small amount of current from the battery.

A failed alternator:

It is also possible to have an alternator that from all appearances is working fine. You start the car up and the ammeter shows it is charging. However, you can have one or more diodes that are partially shorted. With this situation the current drain from the battery is considerably more and in just a day or so the battery is dead.

Good advice:

Whenever you park your car for the night or any other extended period of time. Pull the fuse out of the holder and stand it on its head in one end of the holder. This way everything except the starter switch is disconnected from the battery and there is no chance that a sneaky diode will ultimately cause you to have a dead battery. ☺

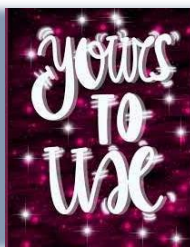




Looking for a car, selling a car? Have parts, want parts? Have other 'stuff' you need or want to sell? Free advertising right here. Contact your Editor to place your ad in next month's Newsletter.

Wanted:

For Sale:



YOUTH OUTREACH



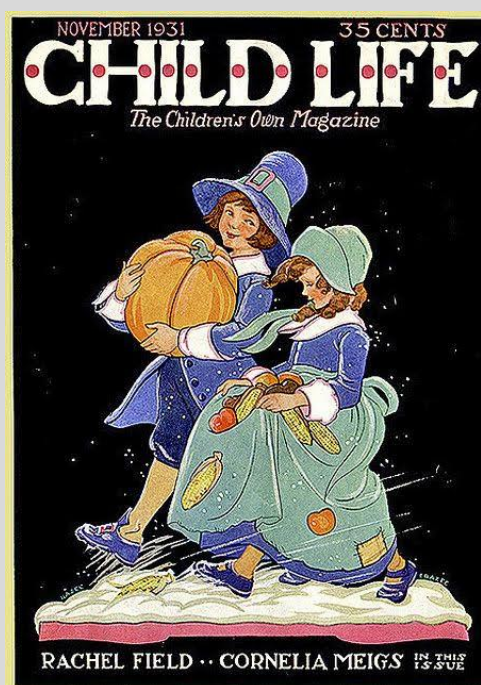
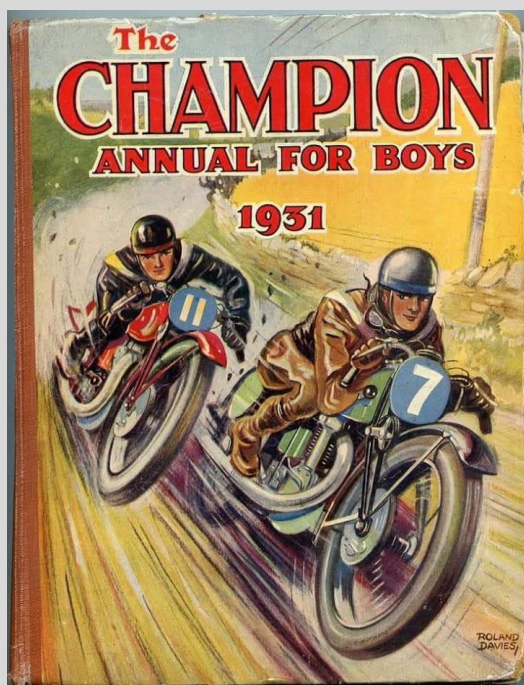
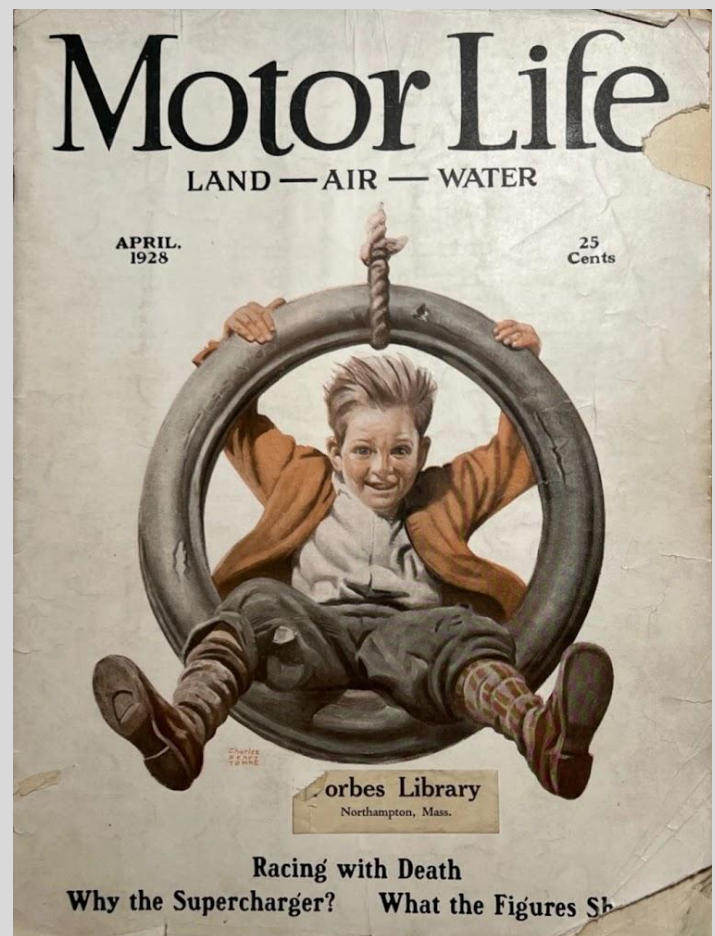
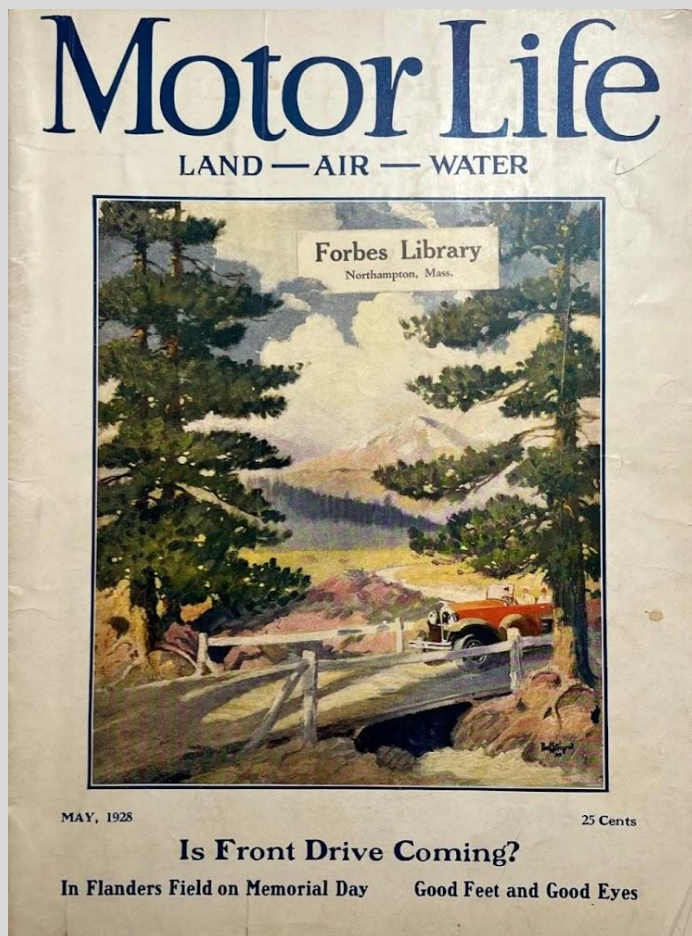
Give A Lift To The Kids!



ODDS 'n ENDS

ODDS
&
ENDS

From the "A" Era



Answer: The fluted headlight lens and round center bumper clamp indicate the car is from 1928.

~ News From The Era ~

NYC STREETS, TONS OF MANURE, HAPPY MODEL AS

In the late nineteenth century, New York City contained somewhere between 150,000 and 200,000 horses; cities around the country had horse “citizens” as well. All transport, whether of goods or people, was drawn by horses, from fancy carriages pulled by the finest breeds, to cabs and horse trolleys and countless carts, drays, and wains – all working to deliver the goods needed by the City’s rapidly growing population. Each horse produced up to 30 pounds of manure per day and a quart of urine. All of this ended up in stables or along the streets. That added up to millions of pounds daily and over 100,000 tons per year (not to mention around 10 million gallons of urine).

By the end of the 19th century, vacant lots around New York City housed manure piles that reached 40 or 60 feet high. It was estimated that in a few decades, every street would have manure piled up to the third story levels.



Late 1890s, NYC

In winter, manure mixed with the dirt of unpaved streets to form a detestable, smelly, gooey muck. In summer, the dried and ground-up manure was blown everywhere, and the smell was overbearing. When it rained, mini rivers of manure flooded the streets and sidewalks, often seeping into basements.

Horses also died. Often, from overwork in the middle of the street. When they died, their carcasses were often abandoned, creating an additional health issue. In 1880, New York City removed an estimated 15,000 dead horses from its streets.



Late 1890s, NYC

Electric streetcars were gaining traction. Rising land prices (for stables and farmland), combined with higher food costs, also made these new options more economical. Change was coming.

The rise of private cars, from Henry Ford’s Quadricycle to his Model T, signaled the end of horse-drawn transportation. Automobiles proved cleaner and healthier than horses. “The horse in the city is bound to be a menace to a condition of perfect health,” warned a leading urban health authority in 1901. By 1912, cars outnumbered horses on New York City streets, and by 1917, the last horsecar (street carriage on rails, pulled by horse or mule) was taken out of service, and the issue of horse droppings gradually disappeared.

By the time the 1928 Model A arrived, horses had mostly vanished from city streets, making pavement easier to clean, smoother to drive on, and less smelly while reducing breeding grounds for flies and disease.



c1928

There were consequences, however, that led to new problems, including noise from horns and loud engines, poor air quality from car and truck exhaust, and accidents caused by faster-moving vehicles colliding with each other and hitting pedestrians; fatalities increased every year.



Madison Ave, NYC, 1928

Without a doubt, Model As driven in suburban and country areas suffered from rough dirt roads, mud, and other elements, including some manure. Still, roads and city streets in 1928 were significantly better than those featuring manure-producing horses, bumpy wagons, and pedestrians who found it impossible to stay clean and safe in the early 1900s.

Source: [Unpleasant manure](#)

DEPRESSION ERA RECIPE

Peanut Butter Cookies

1 c. sugar
 1 c. brown sugar
 ½ c. butter
 ½ cup lard
 2 eggs
 2 T. baking soda
 ¾ c. peanut butter
 1 t. vanilla
 2 c. flour

Cream sugars and fats until fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Add baking soda, peanut butter, and vanilla. Stir in Flour. Roll with hands into balls. Place on a greased cookie tin. Bake in a 375-degree oven for about 10-15 minutes. Flatten with a fork before baking.



1930 NOSTALGIA

Cost of Living

New house... \$7,146.00
 Average Income... \$1,973.00 per year
 New Car... \$610.00
 Average Rent... \$15.00 per month
 Tuition to Harvard University... \$400.00 per year
 Movie Ticket... 25 cents each
 Gasoline... 10 cents/gallon
 First-Class Postage Stamp... 2 cents each

Food

Granulated Sugar... 65 cents for 10 lbs.
 Vitamin D Milk... 56 cents/gallon
 Ground Coffee... 46 cents/pound
 Bacon... 25 cents/pound
 Eggs... 15 cents/dozen
 Fresh Ground Hamburger... 13 cents/pound
 Fresh Baked Bread... 9 cents/loaf



\$1 in 1930 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$19.40 in 2025, an increase of \$18.40 over 95 years. The dollar had an average inflation rate of 3.17% per year between 1930 and today, producing a cumulative price increase of 1,839.98%. Price of a new Tudor in 1930: \$495

IMAGES BEHIND US***AutoZone & Fall Foliage Tour***

September 27, 2025, *AutoZone* – Our Appreciation Visit For Their Steady Support



On the way to AutoZone – fog, pink clouds, little traffic



Cracker Barrel for breakfast – Roger S.'s "A" around the corner!



Smiles = breakfast is on the way!



Nice



On our way to AutoZone in Big Flats, NY



STAs makes a statement – stop at AutoZone!



Time to take photos and to chat



In the sun and sharing the ride



Well done, ladies and gentlemen!

Fall Foliage Tour – October 11, 2025

Rendezvous at Newtown Battlefield Park, then drive through the countryside east of Elmira, NY. Have lunch at Maple Lawn Dairy and Restaurant, followed by a final stop at Bradley Farms. Sunny skies and warm.



Fall Foliage Tour



9 Model As and 17 passengers



Many thanks to **Jim and Wendy Burkhart**, campers from the Attica, NY, area, for taking several photos of the STAs members and their Model As, including the image above. A copy of this newsletter will be sent to them. We hope you had a great weekend! See page 20 for postscript #1.

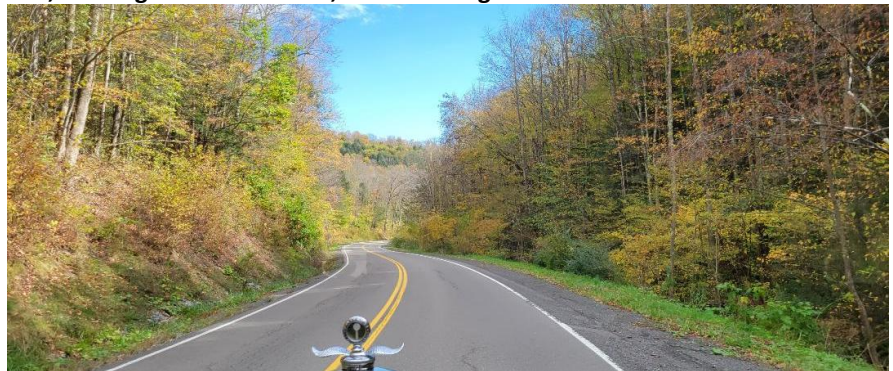
Fall Foliage Tour



Newtown Battlefield Park



After the Park...on tour through forests, up & down hills, viewing fields and farms, and admiring Mother Nature's Fall colors



Model As and Fall foliage make for enjoyment!

Fall Foliage Tour



What a glorious day



Ginny and Beth's unique stop, their special church



After the church...



...Steve and Jim and everyone else drove to...



...the Maple Lawn Dairy & Restaurant

Fall Foliage Tour



Maple Lawn Dairy & Restaurant



We were hungry! Next, the farm stand with tons of pumpkins!



Bradley Farms

Fall Foliage Tour



The Earls' first tour with their new STAs Club!



The weather for this tour was a gift we appreciated and enjoyed. The camaraderie that made all the fun possible, the Model As that carried us from forest to valley to hilltops, the colors and views, and the stops and talks, were fantastic. Thank you, Ruth, Louise, Beth, Julie, and Rich, for your photo contributions on the previous pages. Thank you, Gene, for the pumpkins. It was a treat to meet the Earl family and to share their first tour with our Club. We all know how to enjoy our Model As! – Editor

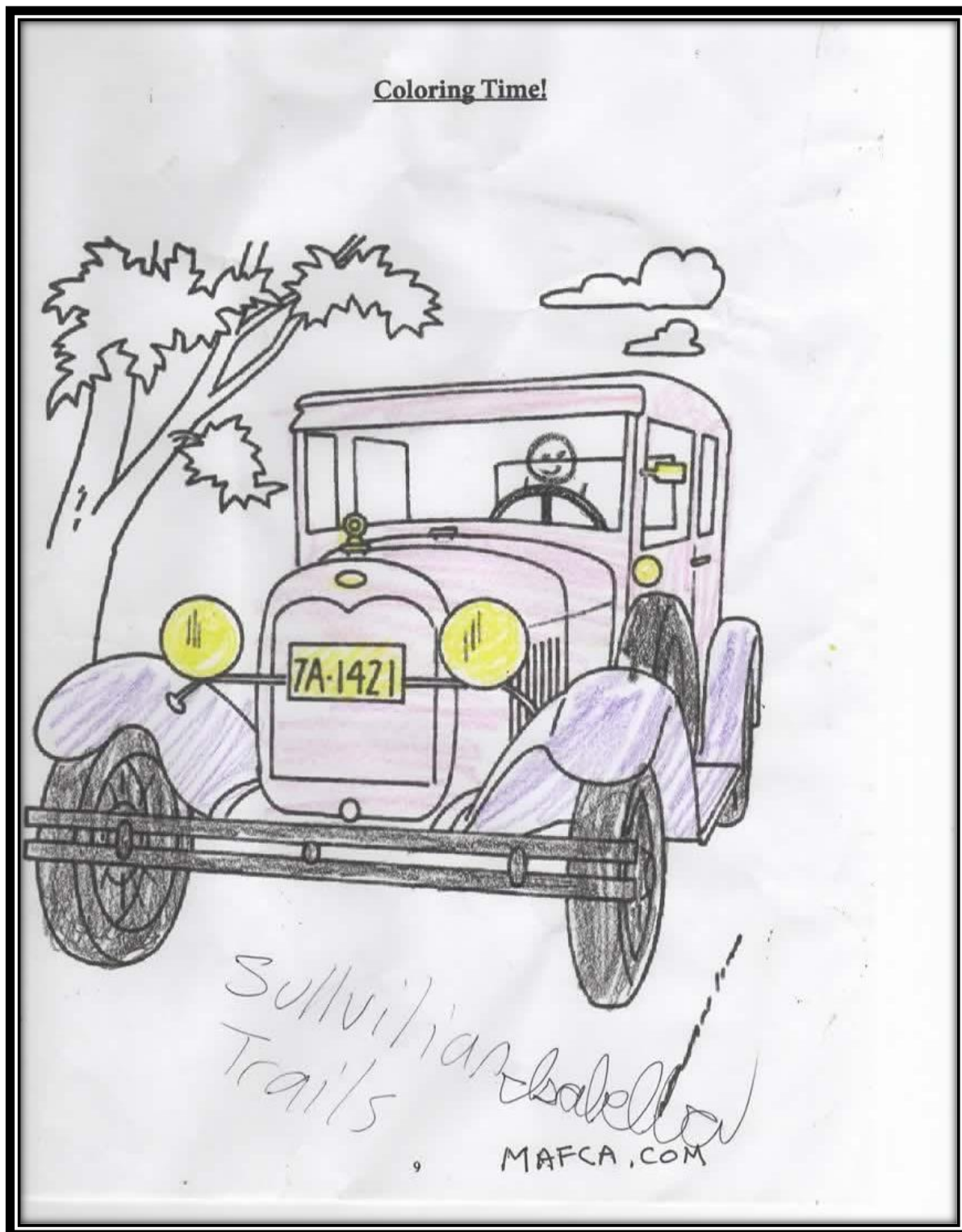
Tour Postscript #1

Thank you, Jim & Wendy Burkhardt, for taking a great photo of us!!!



Tour Postscript #2

Thank you, Isabella Earl, for the artwork you gave me and signed at
Maple Lawn Dairy & Restaurant! – Editor Jim



BONUS PAGES**Bonus****MORE GOOD STUFF**

The summer above c1929, and STAs' summer 2025, are in our past as fond memories

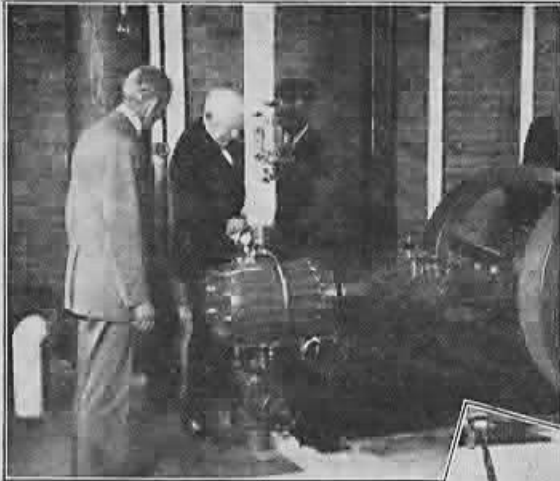


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Dearborn, Michigan, October 15, 1928

Number 23

America's Foremost Inventor Visits Dearborn



Edison turns wheel starting steam engine and dynamo in original Fort Myers laboratory, now set up in Dearborn as part of technical museum.



Edison writes his name and date in surface of block, to be preserved as keystone of museum. His footprints are also to be preserved



Side view of same scene as above, showing famous wizard setting the machinery in motion in the Fort Myers laboratory.



Thrusting into the wet concrete block the original spade used by Luther Burbank in his plant experiments in California.

Ford News

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Dealers' Supplement

OCTOBER 15, 1928



Advertising Campaign to Tell of Service

Dealer on High Plane

WHAT is considered one of the most important advertising programs ever undertaken by the Ford Motor Company is now under way in thousands of newspapers throughout the United States. It deals with one of the most important factors in the life and performance of a motor car, as well as in the success of a Ford dealer's business—Service.

The advertisements have been designed to tell the public something about the care of the new Ford and the service that Ford dealers are equipped to give. They will benefit two persons, the owner and the Ford dealer.

In them, the Ford dealer has been placed on a high plane. In return, the dealer is expected to provide the owner the kind of prompt, courteous, reliable and economical service that is promised.

This is not confined simply to doing a good, thorough mechanical job at a fair price. Special attention must be given to keeping the shop



One of the first deliveries to be made in the country of the Model AA truck with Ford panel body was to Peters & Company, cleaners and dyers in Detroit. The attractive lines of their new delivery truck, shown in the accompanying photograph, have won much favorable comment.

clean and to delivering the cars in spotless condition.

To the 5000 who daily become owners of the new Ford car



The service obligation of the Ford Motor Company and its dealer organization is now growing at the rate of 5000 cars a day. It is to these new car owners that this message is addressed.

The new Ford is a remarkably fine car for one that costs so little. It is simple in design, constructed of the finest materials, and built to unusually close measurements.

These are the reasons it gives trouble so wonderfully. These are also the reasons its service requirements are so few and the upkeep cost so low.

When you receive your new car, the dealer will explain the simple little things that should be attended to at regular intervals to insure the best performance. He will also tell you something of his own facilities for doing this work promptly and at small cost.

With the purchase of your car, you are entitled to Free Inspection Service by your dealer at 500, 1000 and 1500 miles. This service is due you and we urge you to take full advantage of it. Prepare your car during this inspection to period means a great deal to the life of your car.

Included in the Free Inspection Service is a checkup of the battery, the governor charging rate, the distributor, the carburetor adjustment, lights, brakes, shock absorbers, tire inflation and steering gear. The engine oil is also changed and checked for water.

No charge whatever is made for labor or materials incidental to this inspection service, except where repairs are necessary because of accident, neglect, or misuse.

The labor of changing the engine oil and lubricating the chassis is also free, although a charge is made for the new oil.

We believe that when you see the great effects of this inspection you will continue to have it done regularly throughout the life of your car.

You will find the Ford dealer very helpful in keeping your car in good running order for many thousands of miles at a minimum of trouble and expense.

His attention under close factory supervision and has been specially trained and equipped to do this work promptly, thoroughly and economically.



FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Opening advertisement in campaign.

This is particularly important in view of the growing number of women motorists.

The use of modern machinery instead of hand labor by the Ford dealer in his service work will reduce repair costs and help to increase the dealer's profits. A carefully planned follow-up for old customers and new prospects will help to widen the scope and volume of the dealer's business. It will establish him in his community as a live, progressive dealer.

As dealer-helps in this campaign, enlarged copies of six advertisements have been prepared and sent to the dealers for use in their windows and in the service room. The proper way to use them is to hang them up on the same day that the advertisement appears in the local newspaper.

Hello!

I am the new secretary of MAFFI, John Grossheim. I am the current Director of the Ohio Valley Region Model A Ford Club in Cincinnati, OH. I replaced (only in position) Cindy Ellenbecker at the MAFFI Trustee meeting this year.

Model A Days was a great experience for all who attended!

There were a total of 1100 people who attended and were able to see the ribbon cutting of the new expansion to the museum, including the Garage Learning Center. 210 model A's took over the Gilmore in support of the event, as well as registered 80 swap vendors at the swap meet, making this the largest swap meet to date!

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by John Begg, with former MAFFI President Stan Johnson and Brad Minners (on behalf of former MAFFI President Howard Minners) cutting the ribbon.

While we may be finished with the expansion, there are plenty of ways to still be involved with the museum for continued projects, such as the "My A Program" and the memorial bricks.

If you did not get a chance to get up to the museum or see the expansion yet, you can still check out the expansion on maffi.org under the "Cameras" section of the website.

It was really cool to see our hobby come together to celebrate our beloved cars! I know the Gilmore is equally proud to be partnered with us.

Happy motoring!

John Grossheim

MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary



Model A Days 2025



Greetings,

I'm writing this to you from the legendary AACA Swap Meet in Hershey, PA. It's my second year attending, and this time I made the cross-country drive from Southern California with a friend—just in case... and you know what that means. We're shopping!

Known far and wide as the *Grand Daddy* of all Automobilia swap meets, this four-day extravaganza is perhaps the largest of its kind anywhere in the world. It's a paradise for collectors, restorers, and enthusiasts alike, offering everything from rare parts to vintage literature—and, of course, plenty of good conversation.

The event wraps up with an incredible car show featuring everything from Brass Era beauties to 1980s classics. With well over 100 awards presented, it's a true celebration of automotive history and craftsmanship.

And the setting? None other than the expansive grounds of Hershey Chocolate World—more than 20 acres of pure automotive heaven. Officially, this is the AACA Eastern Division Fall Meet, but for many of us, it's simply "Hershey."

If you've never been to Hershey, add it to your bucket list. And if you have, then you already know: there's nothing quite like it.

Next stop: Las Vegas!

After the excitement of Hershey, I'm headed to another major automotive event—the SEMA Show in Las Vegas, running from November 4–7. I'll be attending with the Cardinal Speedvise Company, where they'll be displaying a unique line of vises designed for serious builders, tinkerers, and restoration pros.

To help draw a little extra attention to the booth—and to the hobby we all love—I'll also be showcasing my 1931 Budd Cab Pickup Truck. Not only is it a great conversation starter, but it's also a way to proudly represent the Model A Ford Club of America on a national stage. We may be in a sea of hot rods, custom builds, and cutting-edge tech, but there's always room—and plenty of appreciation—for the classics.

If you're planning to be in Vegas for the show, I'd love for you to stop by and say hello. We'll be in booth #39007, South Hall. Whether you're into tools, trucks, or just want to talk Model A's, we'll be there flying the flag for this great club and the cars that brought us all together.

Enjoy the Fall in your Model A while you still can!

Ed Tolman,

MAFCA President



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The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

November 2025

Members had a great time at Hershey this year. The chili/hot dog lunch was a great success and raised over \$1,000 that will be donated to MAYRA. This year we opened the tent early on Monday afternoon to allow existing members a chance to renew and new members to join. Look for additional changes for next year!

Also, the MARC National Meet for 2026 is just around the corner in July. Driver Class judging will be offered again this year. If you are proud of your Model A and would like to be recognized for the quality of work you have in your vehicle that has been modified from original to enhance your driving experience, please consider registering for French Lick next year. New improved judging standards will be published soon!

Remember that the 2026 Finger Lakes National Tour will be held in May of next year. This will be a very popular event based on the interest so far. Registrations will be limited due to the hotel and banquet capacity. The team is working hard to make this a memorable event for our members!

Certainly you read in last month's newsletter that Larry Shepard is compiling a list of Model A mechanical experts to assist members and potential new members with mechanical issues or restoration questions. I'm sure that every Region has at least one person that should qualify. If any of your members are willing to help, please contact Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org and provide your name, contact information and area of expertise. One of the best parts of being a MARC member is being able to tap into the wealth of Model A knowledge this club has to offer.



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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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[Sullivan Trail A's web site](#)



MODEL A RESTORER'S CLUB:

[MARC web site](#)



MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA:

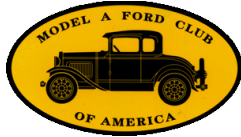
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Sullivan Trail A's APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____

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

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?

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

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

[website](#)

Our **Facebook** page:

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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.

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 _____