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A Message from the President

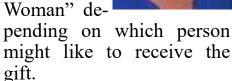
X inter is here and the beled forecast indicates it is planning to stay. Fresh snow looks lovely and is ushering in the Holiday Season.

Our Annual Christmas/ Holiday Party is coming up very soon. It will be held at reservation with Bonnie bethe Horizon Center on State Street in Saginaw on December 13th. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. You should plan on arriving a little early. The planning committee promises it will be a good time had by all.

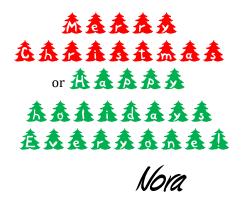
Remember our fondness to dress in Era Fashion. The more Era Fashion you wear, the greater chance you have of winning amazing prizes. And a greater chance you will have more fun.

There will also be a Dirty Santa Gift Exchange this year. Everyone who brings a wrapped gift will receive a different wrapped gift. That is how gift exchanges work. The gifts should be worth approximately \$10.00 and it should be la-

with "To a Man" "To



Don't forget to make a fore attending. She must have a final count to the Horizon Center before the event.



Why did the little girl plant the Christmas lights?

Because her mom said they were bulbs!



The Script "A" News is the official publication of the Script "A" Club, Ford Model "A" of Michigan. This Club is a member of the Model A Restorers Club and Model A Ford Club of America. The Script "A Club is a non-profit organization formed to encourage the members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and make use of the Model A Ford vehicle, model years 1928 to 1931 and all things pertaining to the Model A Ford including literature, technical, and historical information and to promote the 1931 and all things pertaining to the Model A Ford including literature, technical, and historical information and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among its members. The provides information on meetings and activities that have taken place and schedules of coming events. Members may publish, at no cost, items for sale, trade, or wanted. The membership is invited to submit articles of interest. Material must reach the Editor by the 3rd of the month to assure publication in the next issue. Dues for both the Script "A" Club(\$10 includes emailed newsletter); MARC (\$50) and MAFCA (\$50) are due to the Script "A" Club Membership Director on or before December 1st. If you would like to receive a mailed Script "A" News, please add an additional \$40 per year.

NOTE: Some materials printed in this newsletter, including cartoons, diagrams and articles, may be borrowed from other publications. We wish to take the other charges the interest We wish to take the other charges the interest when for a publication.

tions. We wish to thank the other clubs for sharing their newsletters with us. We are also happy to share our articles for publication in other club's newsletters. Where known, sources of items used will be included with the item.

Meeting Minutes by Cathy Thompson

Minutes from the Nov. 19th meeting

The regular club meeting was held at the Bridgeport Community Church and called to order at 7:00pm. Nora led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We welcomed (and voted in) some new members: Gary and Pam Braylski, Shane and Angela Atkinson, and Debbie Ellsworth!

Thank you to Ken Roy for November door duty. We passed around the sign-up sheet for 2026 and filled all open slots. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!

The Secretary Report was approved as printed in the newsletter.

Bonnie Prado gave the Treasurer's Report sharing the checking account balance as of October 31, 2025 was \$4,306.64. Bonnie is collecting \$25/person (or \$35/guest) for the Christmas party. You must choose your entree by December 6th!

The November Sunshine Report was given by Cheryl Roy. Shirley Burghardt is having heart and blood pressure issues. She could use some prayers her way. Leonard and Shirley Hammermeister both have Covid. Our condolences to Fred and Sandy Tryles as their brother, Jim, died after a long battle and spending 46 days in ICU. Jim Brugger had surgery on his knees and the healing is slow. Also, he may have had another mini-stroke. He is in Isabella County Medical Facility. Rusty reported that Leonard could use some prayers for pneumonia. And, the "no-name" person that had knee surgery is doing well and is back to work as reported from a little birdy. Lastly, Mark and Cathy Thompson's daughter, Emma, was married to John Ford on October 24th...She's officially a "Ford" girl!

CLUB ACTIVITIES —

• Davison Library Trick-or-Trunk was a good time! There were 10-12 cars, and they have invited us back for next year's event!

• Trunk-or-Treat at the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center for special needs students was a very heart warming event. Rusty and Rita's daughter, Renae, and Mark and Cathy's daughter, Emma, both work at the school. There were 5-6 cars in attendance and they hope to have more next year.

NATIONAL NEWS —

- MARC NEWS: 102 new members gained in 2025! Watch New website coming. Look for the December 1st digital magazine for info on the 2026 tour May 11-14th.
- MAFFI NEWS: Planning is taking place for the 100-year Anniversary of the Model A happening in 2028. This will be a 4-day event in Hickory Corners, MI.
- MAFCA NEWS: 2027 National Tour, Durango, CO (more info to come).

UPCOMING EVENTS —

- December 1st Membership Dues are DUE!
 Please get your membership form and check
 to Connie by the due date NOT at the Christ mas party. REMINDER: You will need to pay
 your National Membership Dues to MARC/
 MAFCA directly this year Script A will not
 be collecting dues on your behalf.
- December 13th Annual Christmas Dinner at Horizons Center in Saginaw. You must be an active member to get your meal paid for. Please give \$25/person to Bonnie to hold your spot! Era dress is encouraged, and even "rewarded"! Bring a \$10 wrapped gift for either a male/female for Dirty Santa Gift Exchange.
- JANUARY (last weekend) 43rd Annual Swap Meet.

Board Election Results - After votes were tallied at the meeting, Nora Petriches will continue as our fabulous President, Cathy Thompson will stay on as Secretary, and our returning board trustees will be Connie Green and Ken Roy. Thanks to everyone that threw their hat in the ring!

Nora reminded everyone to turn in their 2025 mileage for the Mileage Awards!

Some years back, Script "A" purchased a brick for the downtown Flint road restoration project.

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With plans to do more road work in the downtown area, the bricks are being returned to those that purchased them. So, our brick was returned to Rusty Gould, and he brought it to the meeting where it was auctioned off to the highest bidder, Julie Cooper!

Last month, John Dros won the Membership Drawing... this month he won 50/50 for \$77.50! Take that guy to the casino!! Melvin and Geraldine Greenwald were drawn for the Membership Drawing. Since they were not present, the pot will grow to \$20.00 for our January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. See you at the Christmas Party!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Cathy Thompson, secretary



DECEMBER

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

25th MENNY CHRISTMAS

2026

JANUARY

21th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

24th Swap meet set-up

25th **Swap Meet** at McDonald Cadillac/GMC, 5155 State St., Saginaw, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

6th-**7**th Swap Meet, Kalamazoo County Expo Center,Kalamazoo

18th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, potluck

MARCH

18th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

APRIL

15th Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community





It's like my
mom always
told me...
"You might not
be the dumbest
guy in the world,
but you better hope
he doesn't die."



December



January





DECEMBER

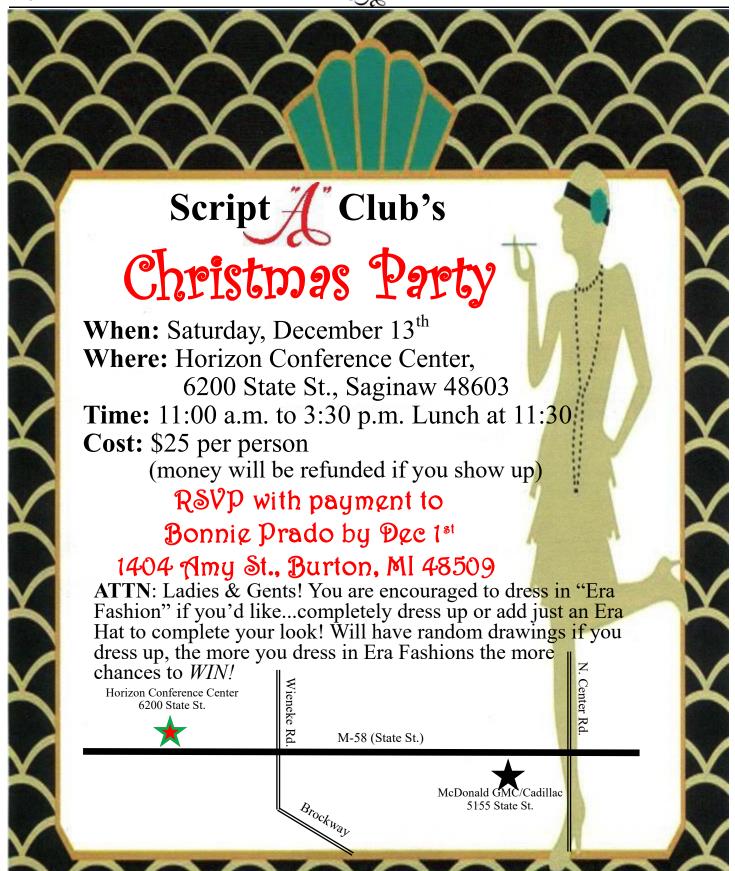
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- **5** Beth Delay
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- **10** Jesse Kendall
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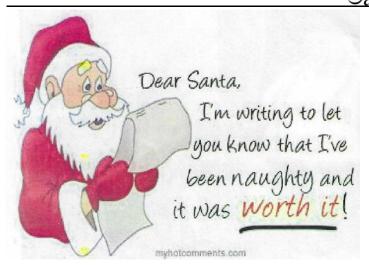
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- 8 Connie Rau
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- **16** Alice Neubecker
- 17 Gerry Carson
- 18 Jim Thomas
- 24 Bob Ortman
- **24** Cathy Thompson
- 26 Leonard Hammermeister
- 26 Ken Roy
- **28** Gregory Boggs
- 29 Mary Stucky
- **29** Don Wilkinson

Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water?

Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE



NEW this year we will be playing a 'Dirty Santa' game. If you would like to participate, please bring a gift wrapped for a gent or gal... \$10 gift limit. (ex. Connie & Chris will each bring a \$10 gift, one gal and one gent). Please mark gifts for man or woman. When you arrive, you will place your gift on a table and be given a number, Rita will explain more about the game when we are all in attendance!





As grandma was getting ready to leave the house on Christmas Eve, Olivia looked at her with concern. "Make sure to be really careful on your way home. Santa will be delivering presents."

Her grandmother smiled at her. "I don't think I have to worry about Santa."

Olivia looked at her with disbelief. Starting to cry she asked "Haven't you heard? It was all over the radio. One Grandma has already gotten run over by those reindeer so going home you have to be careful."

Get your relatives speaking to one another again by sending a heartfelt Christmas card with a picture of your family with an extra child nobody knows.



To avoid taking down my Christmas lights next year, I'm turning my house into a Italian Restaurant.

- Sierra A's

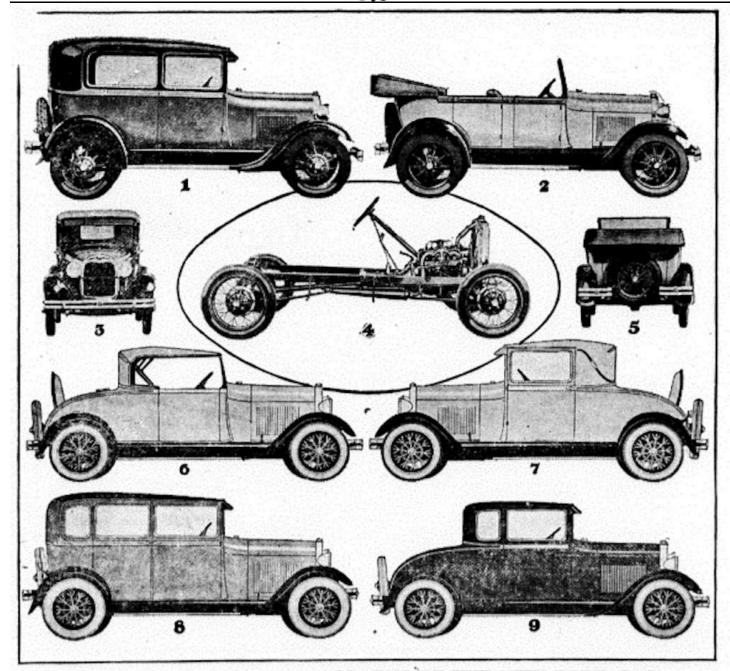
ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?



FIRST AUTHENTIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE NEW FORD CAR

The six body models and chassis of the new Ford carare shown above. The new car has graceful, distinctive lines, exceptional power, unusual speed and getaway. It has been driven at more than sixty miles per hour; accelerates from 5 to 25 miles per hour in 8½ seconds in high gear; travels 40 miles per hour in second gear; is fitted with three-speed transmission of Lincoln design and is completely equipped. Each model is offered in a number of bright optional color combinations. No. 1 is the new Tudor; 2 the new Phaeton; 3, front view of the new Tudor; 4, the new Chassis; 5, rear view of the Phaeton; 6, the new Sport Roadster; 7, the new Sport Coupe; 8, the new Fordor Sedan and 9, the new Coupe.

I asked a supermarket worker where they kept the tinned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away. I asked another and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away.

In the end I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.

THE MOST EXPENSION VEHICLE TO OPERATE IN 2025





ENGINE LUBRICATION

The engine lubrication system is an exclusive Ford development and is a combination of pump, gravity feed and splash system with oil reservoir in the valve chamber.

The pump is located in the bottom of the oil pan and is run off a gear on the camshaft on the same shaft which operates the distributor. It is enclosed in a fine mesh wire screen through which the oil filters before it is pumped up into the valve chamber. The screen is surrounded by a shield so that the oil is pulled through it. The oil flows into the valve chamber in a continuous stream whenever the engine is running, but it is in no sense a "forced feed".

The oil in the valve chamber provides direct gravity feed lubrication to the main bearings of the crankshaft and the front end of the camshaft bearing. Small pipelines lead down from he valves to these bearings. The bottom of the valve chamber is so designed, through the use of small inbuilt dams, to provide reservoirs of oil for each bearing. As the engine rests in the chassis, on a three-degree angle sloping to the rear, the oil arriving in the valve chamber flows back, filing each reservoir, the overflow oil being carried by an external pipe down to the front end of the oil pan, where it flows back into the pan, filling the troughs through which the connecting rods are lubricated and from which all other moving parts are sprayed by the splash system. From the pan the oil flows to the bottom of the case to be pumped back again.

Ford Motor Company, 1928

Suzy Curtis sent in a bunch of snow people pictures and I'll include some in the newsletters for you to enjoy.

Thanks Suzy for putting a smile on our faces!

Kids Having Some Winter Fun - Calumet A's

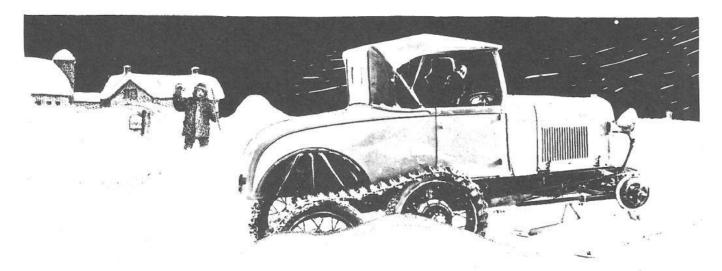


I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.



You can ewinter travel the Super Power with Snow Flavor

50% More Road Clearance

The construction of the Snow Flyer provides 50% more space between road and housing.

Light-Speedy-Easy Steering

In spite of its great strength, the Snow Flyer unit is exceptionally light. And because it rides over the snow, it is speedy and easy to steer. Regular Ford steering equipment is utilized.

Easy to Install

Putting on a Snow Flyer is merely a matter of replacing the regular rear axle with the Snow Flyer unit. No drilling or fitting. Everything goes into its place easily and quickly. Yes sir . . . you can positively guarantee to go over the roads . . even when the telephone poles alone are left to mark the way. That's how sure you can be of this great Snow Flyer with its Super Power gears and its remakable traction belt.

For eight years, up and coming dealers have found physicians, mail carriers, farmers, deliverymen, ice fisherman, power and telephone companies, and scores of others, ready buyers of SNOW FLYERS. Now, with Super Power Gears, SNOW FLYERS are even more powerful. Now you can give even more sensational demonstrations of Snow Flyer dependability.

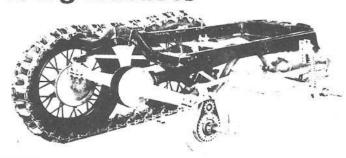
Send at Once for Literature The field is hardly scratched. Cash in on the memories of last year's tie-ups. Write at once for our fully illustrated literature and complete details on prices. No obligation.

SNOW FLYER CORPORATION

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NEW HOLSTEIN, WIS.

2 big features



SUPER POWER GEARS

Here is a view of the Snow Flyer SUPER POWER GEARS which give a ratio of practically 7 to 1. An exclusive feature that makes SNOW FLYER the most powerful unit ever built for snow travel.

Note, too, how Snow Flyer construction provides for greater road clearance naturally greater ease for going over any drifts. These features have already been proved. Now you can capitalize on them in making winter sales.



Narrow Gage Chassis

This specially designed unit enables Snow Flyers to travel in the same path with narrow gage sleighs which are still used in some parts of the country.

MAFFI Minute

November 2025

Winter is approaching here in the Midwest, and the museum is still rapidly working on new and updated exhib-



its! Darwin Schafer donated a really special unrestored and fully original 1930 De Luxe Delivery which was originally used by a funeral home for flowers. See picture below. This will be used during Model A Days to demonstrate corn shelling since it has a power take-off system for a belt (though personally, I might try and sneak an ice cream maker on it!).

Andrew Oliver of Connecticut won the sweepstakes on the 1928 Phaeton, and Kris Wilson of Missouri won the rebuilt engine.

Now that the trustees have had a chance to go over the numbers for the 2025 Model A Days, it looks like it was a great success thanks to all our hobbyists who came to support the museum. There are plenty of ways to get involved with helping and still plenty of ways to donate to the museum between the My-A-Program, Brick Memorials, and even regular donations. As we get towards the Holiday Season, this is something great to keep in mind, es-

pecially for your local club. Keep on motoring! John Grossheim,

Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI

1928

MEMORABLE EVENTS

December 13: The clip-on tie is first designed.

- Joliet A's

Jesse, my son sent this to me...

I used to play piano by ear. Now I use my hands.

He's real good when he has the time to sit down to play.

Happy Birthday Son!



The material in our clothes is skimpier now, especially around the waist and hips which makes it harder to bend down to put your shoes on.

Murphy's Law —

"The man who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone he can blame it on."

December 21st - Winter Arrives

WOOLY BEAR CATERPILLAR WINTER PREDICTIONS HARSH WINTER, THE MORE BLACK THE MORE HARSH MODERATE WINTER MILD WINTER, THE MORE BROWN THE MORE MILD WINTER BEGINS HARSH, ENDS MILD (MORE BLACK NEAR HEAD) WINTER BEGINS MILD, ENDS HARSHLY (MORE BLACK NEAR TAIL)

I heard 5/4 of people are bad at fractions.

What kind of murderer has moral fiber? A cereal killer.

What time is it when the clock strikes 13? Time to get a new clock.

Festivus Pole

Festivus the Holiday for the Rest of Us.

- Seinfeld

December 23rd

So, enlighten yourself...

- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- And lastly, All the ants in Africa weigh more than ALL the Elephants!!
- Now you know (a little) more than you did before.



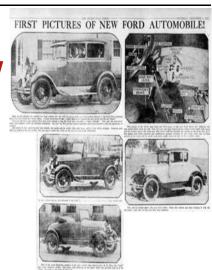


WHAT WAS HAPPENING On...

DECEMBER 2, 1927

SPECIAL EDITION!
THE NEW FORD ARRIVES!





December 2, 1927 United Press International

FORD'S ENTRY INTO THE FIELD IS A DRAMATIC ONE

The new Ford car, for months the greatest mystery of the commercial world, made a dramatic appearance before the world today and was accorded such a reception as has rarely been achieved by the most adept press agency. From all parts of the United States and from abroad came reports of the impatient thousands standing in line for a chance to see the successor to the flivver, the trim, conventionally designed car which replaces the familiar if ungainly machine so dear to the cartoonist and the jokesmith.

They saw a car with some individualities, yet not essentially different in general appearance from a dozen others. From the driver's viewpoint, as from the spectator's, it seemed similar in many ways to other cars. Great power and speed, economy and long service were promised for it by Ford representatives.

In New York, night owls searched out the show rooms at 3 a.m. to see the new model, and thousands upon thousands jammed past the show places after daylight came. A steady rain did not discourage the curious. In Chicago less wild enthusiasm but great interest was shown. A line stretched a block from the main show room on State Street by noon and uncounted thousands had been shoved through the display room.

Police called out! Mounted police were called out in Cleveland to protect windows from the crowds. In Detroit forty of the new cars were displayed in the convention hall while music from two bands entertained the crowd.

Special trains carried observers from all parts of the British Isles to London where the new models were on display at Holland Park Hall. Newspapers made the display of the new car their principal story and British motor manufacturers were quoted as predicting a bitter fight to hold the market.

The new car distracted Washington's attention momentarily from politics and from 7 a.m. prospective buyers and would-be buyers streamed past the display.

In Oklahoma City, business men, farmers and housewives jammed the street in front of the display room.

In Indianapolis 2,000 persons saw the car at the fair grounds in the first three hours it was on display. Six thousand saw the Ford in St. Paul before 11 a.m. and exhibitors expected 25,000 before night despite sub-zero weather. *END*



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1929 Tudor



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Pam—12/08/65

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1929 Fordor Steelback



Legend Says Husband Waited in the Car for Wife to Get Ready for Christmas Lunch.



Jackson's Auto Swap Meet Show

January 17, 2026 - 8am to 1pm Michigan Sports Facility 3055 Shirley Dr. Jackson, MI 49201

Set-up Friday January 16, 2pm to 6pm & Saturday January 17, @ 6:30am

Mail your contract & payment in early to secure your tables.

More info (517) 524-8899

Christmas Legends

By Elizabeth Palmer

CHRISTMAS tree as part of the holiday observance originated at the time of the conversion of the German tribes, when St. Boniface came, one Christmas Day, about 1,200 years ago, upon a pagan group gathered under the great "Thunder Oak," about to sacrifice a little boy to their god, Thor. All eyes were fixed upon a priest in white robes who held a great hammer poised over the head of the child. When it was about to fall, St. Boniface strode up to the priest, stayed his hand, and cried out to the people to cease their false worship. He told them the story of the birth of the Child of Bethlehem, and felling a small fir tree, gave it to them saying:

"Take this for your Christmas tree, and each year, when the feast day arrives, set it up in your homes and with joy and song celebrate the birthday of Christ." The tree at first was not used as a gift-bearer, but was purely symbolical—the tree itself of Christ's grandeur and majesty, and the green of His immortality.

The custom of placing lights on the tree is generally



attributed to Martin Luther who, on walking home one Christmas Eve, was filled with awe at the beauty of the stars. Going home he tried to describe it to his wife by placing some lighted candles in the branches of the Christmas tree, saying: "This is like the Christmas sky."

- Farm Journal, December 1925

In the Spirit of the Season

It is likely that all the year round most people wish others well. Good fellowship is quite widespread and genuine these days. You seldom meet a prototype of Dickens' famous old grouch, "Scrooge".

But the best part of Christmas is that it is a season when nearly everybody takes time off to express the good will which they hold towards others.

In the hustle and rush of the balance of the year we toss casual and trite expressions of well-wishing without a whole lot of thought behind the formality. But when the holly wreaths begin to appear — and we catch and scent of fir trees in the market — and Santa Claus divides himself into so many personalities on various street corners and in stores — and mother does some excellent smuggling or packages right under the eyes of the kiddies who are blinded by faith — well, then we begin to think of all those old friends. We remember that, even with incidental faults that some might have, they are pretty good fellows.

We hope that they all do well and we put a lot of sincere good wishing into the phrase which never wears out, tarnishes or loses its full meaning — the well-known:

"Merry Christmas"

For many years we have been privileged so to greet our friends among the readers and advertisers. Our contact has been so close, and in many cases personal, that we feel a bond of real friendship which goes beyond mere business contact. So to these friends at this time goes our greeting with the wish of all good things for you.

Sincerely,
Staff of the Script "A" News

Ford Dealer & Service Field for December, 1928

What did the cow get for Christmas?

A COWculator!

What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet.

What did the
Gingerbread Man
put on his bed?

A cookie sheet!

What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A puddle!

If you're not called crazy when you start something new, then you're not thinking big enough.

Only in math problems can you buy 60 cantaloupe melons and no one asks, "What the Hell is wrong with you?"

When the pool re-opens, due to social distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5. Was Moses there?

Tip: Save business cards of people you don't like. If you ever hit a parked car accidentally, just write, "Sorry" on the back and leave it on the windshield.

A Treasured Wift at Christmas Time



DREAMS will come true in many homes this Christmas. For there, among the holiday gifts, will be a gleaming new Ford. From Dad to Mother. Or from Mother and Dad to Son or Daughter.

Not a gift for the day only, but one that will be used and treasured throughout the year. A practical, lasting gift that will bring countless happy hours and shorten the miles to friends and distant places.

Illustrated above is the new Ford Coupe. There are many other body types to select from, in a changing variety of beautiful colors. A choice of soft, luxurious mohair or fashionable Bedford cord upholstery is offered in the Town Sedan, the De Luxe Sedan, and the De Luxe Coupe.



An Old-Time Ford Christmas

The spirit of Christmas was always apparent in the pages of Ford's in-house publications, *Ford Time* and *Ford News*.

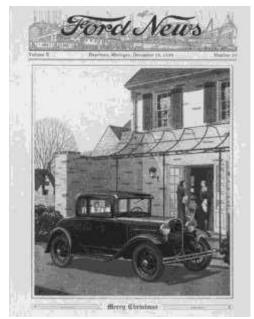
From 1910 to 1942, the spirit of Christmas was always apparent in the pages of Ford's in-house publications, *Ford Times* and *Ford News. Ford Times*, for example, featured Santa holding a Model T Ford on the cover of the December 1913 issue, and a stocking with a Model T stuffed in it appeared on the cover of the December 1916 issue. The cover of the December 1914 issue showed a boy hanging up his Christmas list by the fireplace. Inside, there was a greeting to more than 1 million readers "with the earnest wish that they and theirs may surely enjoy 'A Merry Christmas."

The front cover of the Dec. 15, 1930, *Ford News* featured a Model A coupe with packages on the shelf behind the seat.

-"To glance from the window Christmas morning, to see outside a Ford car, polished black finish contrasting smartly with white snow, to dash out for the first spin, knowing that it is only the beginning of a joyous possession — such will be the experience of the happy recipient."

-"And there is another side — the joy of giving and bringing happiness to others which hardly can be expressed better than with a Ford present."

A sampling of *Ford News* issues shows that the Christmas theme was continued by the company well into the period before World War II. The Dec. 15, 1930, is-sue of *Ford News*, for example, featured a 1931 coupe with Christmas gifts. In 1932 and again in 1934, 1936 and 1937, the last page of each December issue was devoted to a Christian look at the significance of Christmas.



Mindful of the importance of attractive window displays, the Ford Motor Co. frequently reminded dealers to keep their showroom, store windows and parts displays eye-appealing and well-ordered. The company used both Ford News editorials and letters to dealers to point out the importance of attractive and well-arranged displays, and did not hesitate to stress bad, as well as good, examples.

A two-page spread in the Dec. 1, 1930, issue of *Ford News* featured seven photos of Ford dealer show-rooms at holiday time. One window presented a decorated Christmas tree, a snow-covered Model A

tudor and Ford accessories spread on the floor nearest the window as suggested Christmas gifts.

"Do your window shopping early," read the sign in the window. Another photo featured two 1929 models flanking a decorated Christmas tree. Elsewhere, a Charleston, S.C., dealer placed Santa in a drop-top Model A next to a cabin for an effective window display.

In these examples, as in all dealer and branch displays, the intent was to capture the notice of the person walking by and, hopefully, tickle their curiosity enough to entice them into the show room for a chat with a salesman.



1930-31 Model A Ford in a Christmas Display at Renear's Showroom, Martha's Vineyard, MA (from the 1930 Renbear's Sales and Service Calendar



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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

- Happy
- 2. Holidays
- 3. Christmas
- 4. Vacation

- Family
- 6. Friends
- Presents
- 8. Decorations
- 9. Shopping
- 10. Candy canes
- 11. Cookies
- 15. Movies

13. Santa

14. Songs

- 12. Milk
- 16. Fun

The Legend of St Nicholas or how Santa Claus Came to Be...



There are many legends about Saint Nicholas. One story tells how he helped 3 poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times St Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put bags of money inside. The man used the money so that his daughters could marry.

Saint Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6th 343AD. Over the years, stories of his miracles for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and was asso-ciated with gift-giving.

The Dutch continued to celebrate the feast day of St Nicholas on December 6th. It was a common practice for children to put out their shoes the night before. In the morning, they would discover the gifts that St Nicholas had left for them. This tradition was brought to America and St Nicholas became known as Sinterklaas.

St Nicholas went through many transformations in America. Sinterklaas became known as Santa Claus, and instead of giving gifts on December 6th, he became a part of the Christmas Holiday. In the 1820 poem, "An Account of A Visit from St Nicholas" by Clement Moore, He described a jolly, heavy man who comes down the chimney to leave presents for deserving children and drives a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer.

In 1881, Thomas Nast added to the legend by drawing Santa as wearing a red suit with white fur trim. Once a kind, charitable, Bishop, Saint Nicholas had become the Santa Claus that we know today.

Merry Christmas!!

- Santa Maria A's





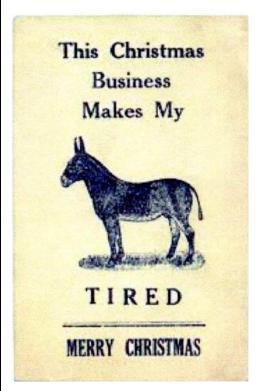




Things you need to know if you move to the South —

- 1. A possum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road.
- 2. There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 of them live in the South.
- 3. There are 10,000 types of spiders. All 10,000 of them live in the South, plus a couple no one's seen before.
- 4. If it grows, it'll stick ya. If it crawls, it'll bite cha.
- 5. Onced and Twiced are words.
- 6. It is not a shopping cart, it's a buggy!
- 7. Jawl-P? means: Did you all go to the bathroom?
- 8. People actually grow, eat, and like okra.
- 9. Fixinto is one word. It means I'm going to do something.
- 10. There is no such thing as lunch. There is only dinner and then there's supper.
- 11. Iced tea is appropriate for all meals and you start drinking it when you're two. We do like a little tea with our sugar. It is referred to as the Wine of the South.
- 12. Backwards and forwards means I know everything about you.
- 13. The word jeet is actually a question meaning, "Did you eat?"
- 14. You don't have to wear a watch, because it doesn't matter what time it is. You work until you're done, or it is too dark to see.
- 15. You don't PUSH buttons you MASH 'em.
- 16. Y'all is singular. All y'all is plural.
- 17. All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect or animal.
- 18. You carry jumper cables in your car for your OWN car.
- 19. You only own five spices: salt, pepper, Cajun seasoning, Tabasco, and ketchup.
- 20. The local papers cover national and international news on one page, but require 6 pages for local high school sports, motorsports, and gossip.
- 21. Everyone you meet is a Honey, Sugar, Miss (first name) or Mr. (first name).
- 22. You think that the first day of deer season is a national holiday.
- 23. You know what a hissy fit is.
- 24. Fried catfish is the other white meat.
- 25. And lastly, why did the chicken cross the road? To show the stupid possum how it's done.





What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches?

A nervous wreck.

Why can't you explain puns to kleptomaniacs?

The always take things literally.

How do you keep a bagel from getting away?
Put lox on it.

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between you and me, something smells.



Funny Christmas Greetings

- This holiday season let us treasure what is truly important in all our lives. The reason for the season: Cookies!
- It's beginning to cost a lot like Christmas!
- Once I bought my kids a set of batteries with a note on it that said, "Toys not included."
- You know it's the holiday season when your pants start fitting tighter than Santa's. Merry Christmas!
- Why did Santa get a parking ticket on Christmas Eve? Because he parked in a snow parking zone!
- I am dreaming of a white Christmas but if the white runs out, I will drink the red!

For your significant other:

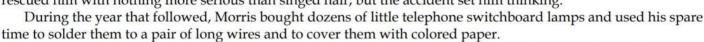
- I hope you love the present you told me to buy for you. Merry Christmas!
- Christmas is all about spending time with good people. So make sure you spend the entire day with me tomorrow. Merry Christmas, sweetheart!
- I would say all I want for Christmas is YOU but, I could really do with some money!
- May the Christmas season fill our home with joy, hearts with love and everything I put on my wish list!



The First Christmas Tree Lights

We all know Thomas Edison invented the electric light, but history tells us it was a telephone worker who devised the first Christmas tree lights-to replace the dangerous wax candles people used to use to decorate their trees.

His name was Ralph E. Morris, and he worked for the Cambridge, Massachusetts, phone company. And his inspiration arose from a near tragedy-his little son crawled under the candle-lighted tree and upset it. Morris rescued him with nothing more serious than singed hair, but the accident set him thinking.



Come Christmas of 1908, the Morrises had the most beautifully-and safely-illuminated yuletide tree in Cambridge. Or anywhere else. It was the forerunner of the tree lights you'll soon be trying to disentangle.



Jim's Tech Tip

on Brake and Wheel Bearing Work

Whenever I pull a brake drum to inspect the brakes, replace worn parts, or to clean and repack the grease in the wheel bearings, I like to keep all of the parts clean and organized at each wheel. I also want to keep the floor of my shop clean.

I have found that the cardboard "flat" from a case of soft drinks, drinking water, etc., provides the perfect place to capture the wheel and brake parts as they come off the car. If the flat has a plastic wrapper over the outside of it, leave that in place to trap any liquids that might spill in the tray. I also line the bottom of each flat with

newspaper.



I write on the newspaper with a big marker "RF", "LF", etc. to help keep track of which parts came off of which wheel. I dispose of the messy newspaper after the wheel work is complete, but I can reuse the flat box itself a few times.

Until next time,

Have a Model A Day!

Jim

I receive newsletters from other Model A clubs in the states and overseas, Australia and New Zealand. If you would like to receive these, just let me know and I'll email them to you.

Era Fashions: Christmas in 1928 - 1931

A kid during the Great Depression was happy to get a single orange in a Christmas stocking, as oranges weren't affordable during the rest of the year. Other treats in stockings were bananas, nuts and candy. If the kids were really fortunate there may have been a toy such as a doll or a toy wagon.

Most gifts were either homemade or homegrown. Mothers and grandmothers made dresses and aprons for girls from flour sacks that were imprinted with designs. Boys got socks, maybe gloves, perhaps even a hand knitted scarf. There wasn't fluff and bling; the gifts were handcrafted for practical purposes. Christmas was about family and being grateful for what you did have. Many product ads and magazines featured colorful holiday illustrations. In fact, 1931 was the year that Coca-Cola introduced the rendition of Santa Claus as we know him today!







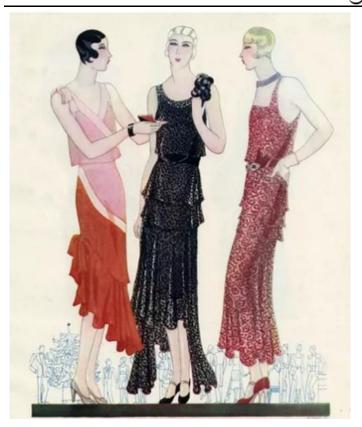






Western Lake Erie A's Joe Fox, editor





What Shall I Wear For New Year's Eve?

As New Year's Eve 1929 approached the end of the Roaring Twenties, the question women were asking was, "What shall I wear for New Year's Eve?"

According to research, Evening Attire in 1929 was characterized by glamorous, ornate dresses that often featured beadwork, sequins, and embroidery. While some evening dresses still reached the ground, many followed the hemline trends of day-wear.

Check out the advertisement to the left titled "Favors of the Evening Mode" that de-tails what the modern woman would be wearing for the most important evening of the decade.

- San Diego A's

When a meeting ain't running right, why, the thing to do is to adjourn, reorganize and meet some time when the ones that are against you don't know you are going to meet.

WILL ROGERS



Did you hear the rumor about the butter? Never mind, I shouldn't spread it!

I'm really good at sleeping. I can do it with my eyes closed.

What do you call a fake noo-dle? An impasta.

Why can't a bicycle stand on it's own? It is two tired.

What is the opposite of a croissant? A happy uncle.

What is brown and sticky? A stick

HOLIDAY FUNNIES

What happened when the snowgirl fell out with the snowboy?

She gave him the cold shoulder!

What's an ig?

An eskimo's home without a loo!

Where do snowmen go to dance?

Snowballs!

What do you get if cross a snowman and a shark?

Frost bite!

How do you call an Eskimo cow?

An Eskimoo!

THE FIRST REINDEER IN THE BAR

One evening, in a busy lounge in the deep south, a reindeer walked in the door, bellied up to the bar and ordered a martini. Without batting an eye, the bartender mixed and poured the drink, set it in front of the reindeer, and accepted the twenty-dollar bill from the reindeer's hoof.

As he handed the reindeer some coins in change, he said, "You know, I think you're the first reindeer I've ever seen in here."

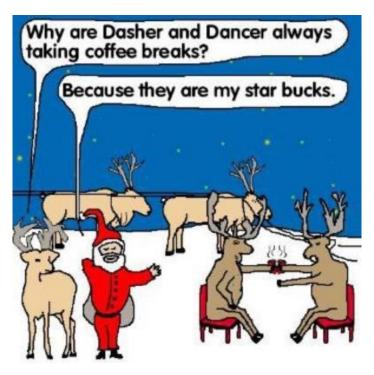
The reindeer looked hard at the hoofful of change and said, "Hmmmpf. Let me tell you something, buddy. At these prices, I'm the **last** reindeer you'll see in here."

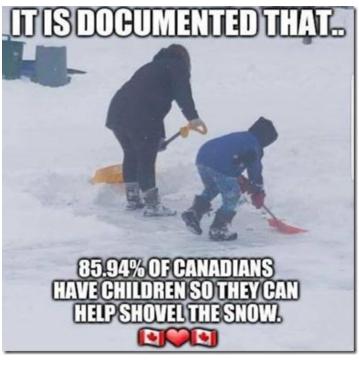
WHAT IS A STABLE?

Every Christmas morning, when my kids were little, I read them the nativity story out of the big family bible.

When my son was old enough to talk, he asked me what a stable was.

I thought for a moment how to explain it to him in terms he could understand, then told him, "It's something like your sister's room, but without a stereo."





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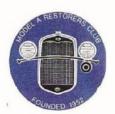
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embers had a great time at Hershey this year. The chili/hot dog lunch was a great success and raised over \$1.000 that will be donated to MAYRA. This year we opened the tent early on Monday afternoon to allow existing members a chance to renew and new members to join. Look for additional changes for next year!

Iso, 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!

emember 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!

ertainly you read in last months 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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Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Ford Foundation and of our museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore Car Museum. Through your membership and donations, we have established a world-class museum featuring authentic vehicles, era fashions, and memorabilia celebrating the Ford Model A.

If you haven't visited the museum recently, at your next visit you'll discover many exciting additions. Our recent expansion includes new exhibits such as a period schoolhouse vignette, a Dust Bowl—era display, a photo opportunity in one of the Museum's Phaetons, a recreated Mercantile Store, and an educational garage area designed to teach Model A maintenance and repair. More exhibits and displays are already in development for the coming year.

We're proud to share that the Model A Ford Foundation has built and expanded the museum without incurring debt—thanks entirely to the generosity of members and donors like you. Our funding comes primarily from annual memberships, the sale of commemorative museum items such as engraved bricks, proceeds from our annual Model A Day, and contributions from clubs and individuals.

We also maintain an endowment fund, where earned interest helps support ongoing operations. As we continue to strengthen that fund and enhance our exhibits, we ask that you consider making an additional gift to help us maintain our endowment and sustain our operations. Your generosity keeps the Model A legacy alive, allowing us to share this important chapter of automotive history with generations to come through one of the finest museums in the world.

Thank you again for your loyal support and enthusiasm.

Happy Holidays!

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embership in MARC has increased this year over last year. This after declining for many years. This is Very Encouraging for our hobby! Many thanks to Regions who have encouraged their new and existing members to either take advantage of our free 12 month membership (non MARC members, digital magazine) or take our regular membership and receive the award winning *Model A News* magazine. Please continue to invite your members and anyone interested in our hobby to join.

s you may know, we are updating the *Driver Class Judging Standards*. For example, some of these changes include the acceptance of fiberglass fenders, later Ford front and rear axles and leather or vinyl upholstery material for all years/models. The updated standards will be published soon. Make plans now to enter your Model A in Driver Class judging at French Lick in July!

ecently we asked Region Presidents/Directors to email your Region's logo, in an image, PDF or similar format, for inclusion in our updated website. We have received many, but are missing many more. You will want your logo to be proudly displayed! If you haven't already, please email a copy of your logo to the MARC office at modelarestorersclub@gmail.com or to Jim Zimmer at jwzimmer9119@gmail.com.

Additionally, Larry Shepard Is looking to compile a list of Model A Mechanics to use as a resource to help fellow Model A owners with mechanical questions. Please volunteer by emailing Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org.

ertainly we are all looking forward to the upcoming MARC Finger Lakes Tour next May.

Online registration forms will be available on December 1st and hotel reservations will open on December 10th. Plan now to attend another great MARC event in a beautiful part of our country!



Closing Remarks - from MAFCA President

As my tenure as president of the Model A Ford Club of America winds to an end I look back fondly on the past year. I feel blessed to have worked with so many great and wonderful Model A family members, volunteers full of caring gestures that can only be compared to a family. When Monika and I first rejoined MAFCA some 15 years ago we were immediately taken in by the members of our local chapter like the Branam's, Briggs, Munday's, Cornelius', Blackwell's and so many more. And this continues to this day on a National level as we have met and been accepted by wonderful people like the Lindens, McCord's, Shinn's, Whittington's, Begg's ... well you know how it is. And although my service has



been difficult at times, wonderful folks have stepped up to serve on the MAFCA Board including Jay McCord, Doug Linden and David Frazee. All three of these individuals volunteered to serve after three vacancies appeared. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention Sherry Winkinhofer, Dave Krill, Paul Shinn, Happy Begg and Bill Truesdell. Thank you all for your support.

All three specialty committees will soon be functioning at full capacity and revision 5 of the Restoration Guidelines will also be completed, a task that has taken several years to achieve. Thanks to all these folks that serve our membership with no compensation other than a pat on the back and a favorable mention. Thanks to Dan Morris who stepped up to chair the Restorers Class committee and will serve as Chief Evaluator at the National Meet in Pendleton Oregon. And a huge thanks to Robert Mack for stepping up as editor of this publication, the Flying Quail and to our new webmaster, Shelby Solomon of Dallas Texas. Look for great things from Shelby!

As most of you know, the month of June was a busy one for me as I endeavored to drive my 28' Tudor across America, Eastbound with my grandson Max and the homebound with friend and fellow Model A enthusiast Doug Diller. Great memories were made and new friendships forged as we met and interacted with MAFCA members all across the US. And this won't be the last grand adventure with a grandson; Max's younger brother Pip has expressed interest in doing a similar drive but this time in a Northerly direction through the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada. Plans are to leave immediately following the National Convention in Pendleton. I'll be sure to include you all in the adventures through Social Media so stay tuned for whatever comes our way.

And you who are reading this know of the importance of staying connected through this publication, the Flying Quail, but it seems to be a best kept secret. Any and all MAFCA members can be included in it's distribution and so it's up to us to spread the word. But at the same time we would like to hear from you as to content you would like to see here. Signing up is as easy as pie. Just tell your friends to visit the MAFCA website and find the dropdown menu for Publications and then click on the Flying Quail button. If there is something you'd like covered or topics to be discussed just contact the FQ editor via email at: flyingquail@mafca.com Please spread the word. Only 20-25% of my home chapter even knows it exists and many of them aren't even registered to receive it.

And finally I'd like to welcome the newest members to the National Board of Directors for MAFCA in 2026: Trisha Evans from Texas, Dennis Thompson from Utah and Doug Clayton from California and returning to serve out another two years, Paul Shinn. All of these folks bring great depth and experience to our National Board. There is so much ahead of us in the coming years with the 100th anniversary of Route 66 and the 100th anniversary of our beloved Model A Ford. The folks in the Blue Mountain A's of Pendleton Oregon are planning a stellar Convention with all the trimmings of a National Meet. And as Jack Remillard says: "This ain't our first rodeo". Visit their website to sign up as soon as you can and book your accommodations so you don't miss out on all the fun! https://www. 2026mafcanationalconvention.com/

Farewell until we meet again on the highways and byways!





Editor's Desk

John Hoffman

2025 is winding down and I've winterized one Model "A" and the other is almost done. Soon the cold and snow will stop us from driving Model "A"s. Ninety years ago Model "A"s weren't pampered. They were everyday drivers for everyday people. People who had to get to work or people who had to run errands no matter the weather. If you had an old weak battery, on a bitterly cold morning you may have had to hand crank it to get it started. My first Model "A", in unrestored condition, had a wire sticking out of the radiator with a loop on the end. It was attached to the carburetor choke. I finally figured out it was there so the poor soul could choke the motor while they were hand cranking it to

get it started. I'll bet 30w oil gets pretty thick at low temps, not making cranking very easy. If the thermometer was going to drop below zero your an-



ti-freeze was 50% denatured alcohol and 50% water. Alcohol boils off quicker than water. You had better stay on your toes and keep on adding alcohol. If you didn't have any home-made anti-freeze solution, you drained the radiator after use and refilled the with water heated on the wood stove in the kitchen before and while doing your errands you left the engine running. Those were the days!

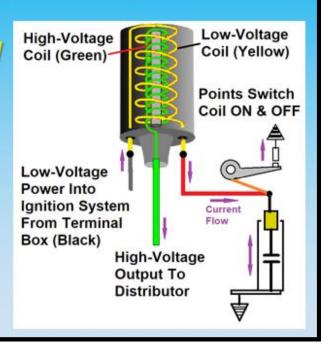
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TECH TIPS BY BOB BIDONDE

- from Long Island A's

How Coil Makes High-Voltage

- Ignition points close & current flows thru Yellow Coil
- Current flowing thru /ellow Coil builds magnetic field
- Points open & current stops flowing thru Yellow Coil
- Magnetic field collapses inducing high-voltage in



Last of the Self-enforcing life rules... from Jill Thack, Santa Barbara A's

Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Law of Public Speaking - A CLOSED MOUTHG GATHERS NO FFFT!

Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it OR the store will stop selling it!

and finally... Doctor's Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sic.

MICE ATTACKING YOUR STORED MODEL "A"?

Over time, enthusiast have come up with a variety of ways of keeping rodents out of their street machines while in storage. Some use dryer sheets while other use soap.

However, I haven't had the best luck with either of those methods. To ensure I don't have flat spots on my tires, I always put my car on jack stands. Mice and rodents can climb jack stand, so to prevent that I place a small drip pan under each jack and fill it with about an inch of oil. Mice and other rodents either don't' want to try or can't walk through oi, so my street machines remain rodent-free while in storage.

I've also used anti-freeze instead of oil, but it isn't safe for pets. That's any I switched to oil,



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May I quote the lyrics from a Judy Garland song? I think that it's apropos:

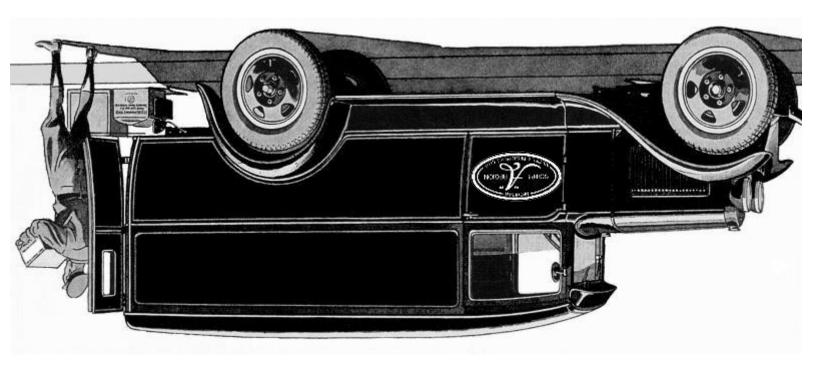
Have yourself a merry little Christmas Make the yuletide gay From now on Our troubles will be miles away Hugh Martin, 1944 by Leo Feist, Inc.

The Happiest of Holidays from all of us at the staff of the *Script "A" News*. We look forward to sharing more restoration hints, tips and articles with you next year.

MARK



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