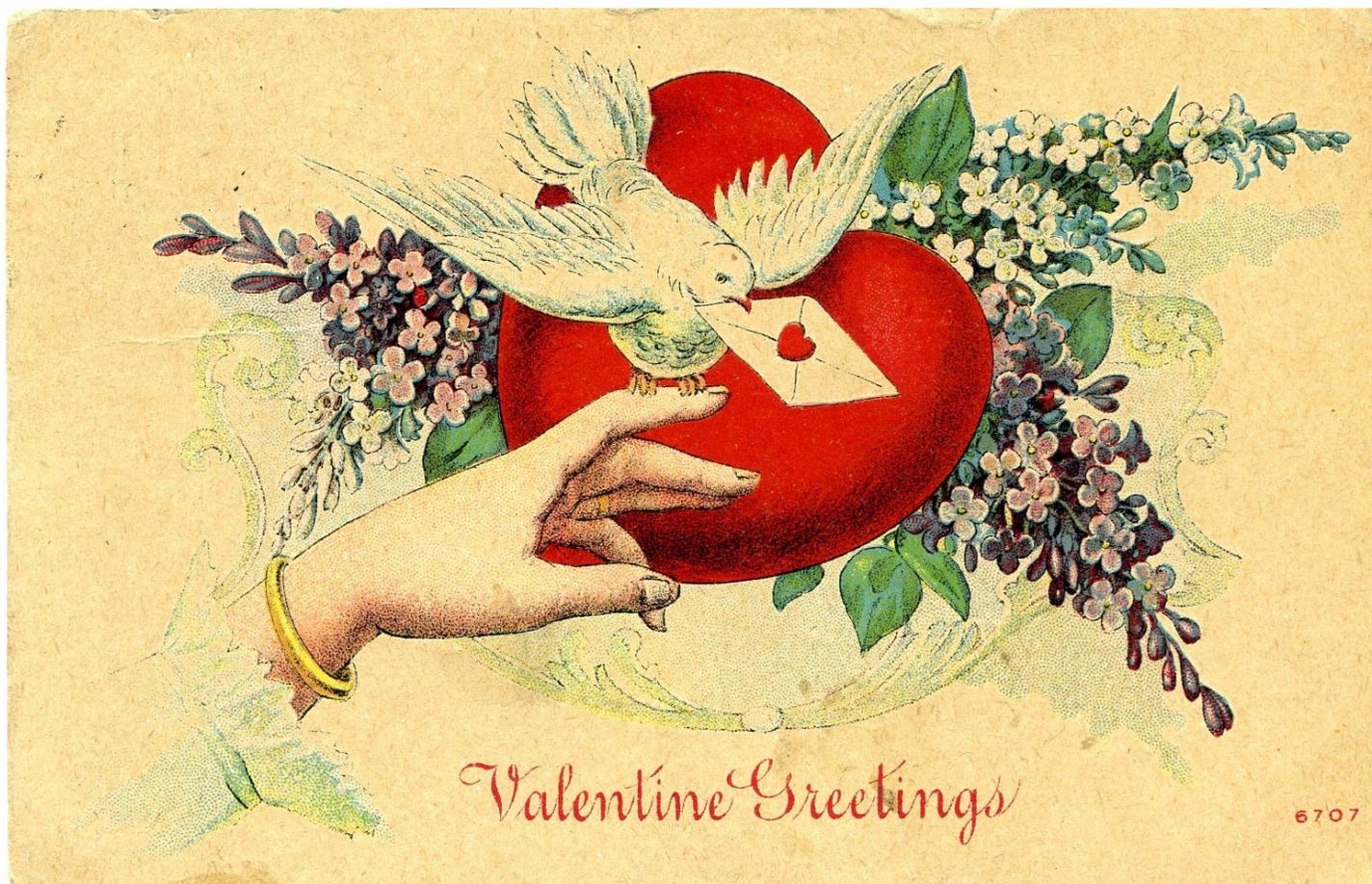




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## *Sweet Model A Ford*

**Why does coffee always taste better in the second month of the year?  
It's Feb-BREW-ary!**

**What do you call an amphibian born on February 29th?  
A leap frog!**

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# Notes from Nora

## A Message from the President

Happy Dead of Winter Everyone,  
The cold weather has certainly affected our lives here in Michigan. By the time you read this, I hope to be in Florida, soaking up some sun with all my sisters.

Our Annual Swap Meet is our biggest moneymaker and helps fund our events throughout the year. Script "A" has been doing this swap meet at the end of January for 43 years. The vendors love it, the shoppers love it, the members love it, until the weather hits us with weeks of freezing temperatures. Vendors cancelled because they had difficulties getting their parts together due to the extreme cold. The Weatherman predicted more freezing temperatures and lots of snow and more vendors cancelled.

This year decided to throw a nasty flu our way, causing more vendors and Script "A" members to cancel. The members who attended needed to fill several positions left empty by those who were ill.

This year, I had every space sold for the swap meet and had people on a waiting list. Four days before the swap meet, I started receiving calls from vendors wanting to cancel their space due to the weather or illness. I filled as many as I could from the waiting list, but we still ended up with 17 empty spaces. The weather also contributed in reducing the number of shoppers who attend. Those that braved the weather found a half-empty garage and several went away disappointed. This is really bad for our reputation. Vendors and shoppers start to drop off year after year until we have an empty

building.

To prevent this from happening, we conducted a survey of the vendors and club members who were at the swap meet and decided to change the date of the event to the second Sunday in March. McDonald GMC has agreed to allow this change and I believe this date should not have us competing with anyone else's swap meet or show. Can the weather still affect the attendance? Absolutely. But we are hoping the change will be an improvement.

Chris Green will make flyers announcing the change. All members are encouraged to pass out these flyers throughout the year at every car show or event you attend so we can attract as many vendors and shoppers as possible.

Krista will be leading the February meeting and potluck dinner. The doors will open at 5:15 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting may start earlier than 7:00 if everyone is done with dinner. I encourage anyone who is not going to the dinner but is planning on attending the meetings to contact Krista ahead of time to let her know you are coming. That way she will not start the meeting without you. She will be wearing many hats that day with her regular duties, my duties, and probably Bonnie's also. Poor Krista!

Have a great February everyone, see you in March.

*Nora*



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NOTE: Some materials printed in this newsletter, including cartoons, diagrams and articles, may be borrowed from other publications. 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 Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting

The meeting was held on January 21, 2026 at the Bridgeport Community Church. Nora Petriches called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. giving a

few extra minutes for those who might be running late due to the icy road conditions. Secretary, Cathy Thompson, was ill, and Krista Oshust volunteered to act as secretary for the meeting.

The meeting was started by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no new members or guests present. Larry Wallace was on door-duty. Thank you, Larry. Chris Green will be the door man for our February meeting. Doors will open at 5:25 p.m. A potluck dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:00-ish.

There was no December meeting so the minutes from November were approved as printed in the December newsletter.

Treasurer's Report was approved as presented by Bonnie Prado.

The Sunshine Report was presented by Cheryl Roy: Jim Brugger is home from rehab after a recent stroke. Cathy Thompson is home with a bad case of the flu. Leonard Hammermeister celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, January 26, 2026.

Discussed the recent Christmas Party held at the Horizon Center in Saginaw. Pros and cons about the plated dinner verses the buffet style. We will decide in October how the food will be served. Everyone seemed to be in favor of having the Dirty Santa gift exchange again this year. The date has been reserved for the 2027 party.

MAFFI - Larry Wallace reported that the Gilmore Museum has a live feed showing what is happening inside the museum. This can be viewed by going to the MAFFI website. [MAFFI.org]

MARC - Curt Hillman reported that MARC has a new website and Facebook page. The Finger Lakes Tour has over 100 registrations with 85

Model A's registered to drive around the Glen Watkins Racetrack. There is still room for more to join but you should send your registration soon.

Sign-up sheets were passed around for attendance record, potluck for February, and work assignments for the Swap Meet. Nora read the rules of using McDonald GMC dealership and asked everyone to assist in keeping an eye on the vendors. Nora mentioned she might not being able to attend the Swap Meet and she asked everyone to cooperate with her partner in crime, Debbi Ellsworth, as she had assisted with the vendors for several years. The New Machine at McDonald GMC will be blocked off and guarded by Ken Roy and Curt Hillman for the day. The Café will be open for the first time in many years with breakfast and lunch specials.

Nora asked members to bring brooms and two-wheel carts to assist in helping vendor and clean-up after the meet. Need lots of help to make the swap meet run smoothly with volunteers to man the doors, patrol the parking lot and help with set up and clean up. A cake was ordered by Krista and Georgia will provide a thank you gift for the secretary who spends weeks answering the phone calls about the swap meet.

February's meeting will be a potluck with the doors opening at 5:15, dinner starts at 6:00. If you are not coming to the dinner and only to attend the meeting, please let Krista know in advance so she does not start the meeting without you.

Discussion was held on a few budge items. First was the newsletter. The cost of printing the newsletter for those who pay extra for a hard copy, is three times the amount that those members pay. The members voted to reduce the size of the newsletter to no more than 26 pages. All printed copies will be printed in black and white only. We will no longer include advertising from other organizations. We will include the information on our calendar with the website so members can access registration forms. A color copy of the newsletter will still be available to all members online. No extra copies of the newsletter will be printed as they have been in the past. These changes should trim approximately \$2,000 from

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our budget.

MAFCA charges their chapters for the cost of insurance. This fee is optional if we have our own coverage. After some discussion, the members voted to keep our insurance coverage as it is currently.

Nora suggested we could invite Livingston A's and Oakleaf A's to our spring "Get Ready to Roll and Safety Inspection" seminar located at All Automotive. While the guys work on their vehicles, the women will gather at a local church to work on crafts and socialize. When the men finish their work, we could all gather at the church for lunch. The members discussed having the seminar on May 2, 2026. (Nora talked to the pastor Don, and agreed to hold it on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.)

Connie Green handed out the new 2026 Ros-

ters, one per membership. She also has name tags with the new club logo available for purchase. please contact her if you would like to order one.

Steve Burton suggested that we consider hosting a Michigan Round-up. The members were in favor of looking into it. Details to follow.

Curt Hillman informed the members that Ahooga A&T Reproductions is back in business. Contact them by going to [ahoogaparts.com](http://ahoogaparts.com).

Membership drawing was won by Curt & Wendy Hillman for \$20.00

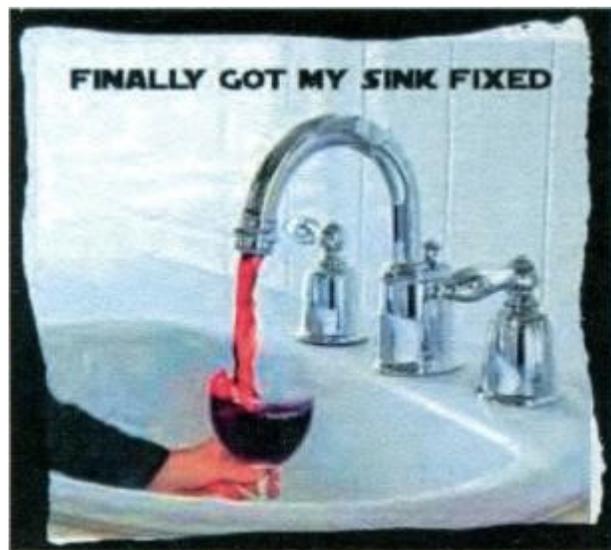
50/50 was won by J Wallace.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Krista*

Krista Oshust

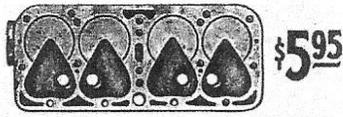


**Valentine Gifts**

Taken from Fall/Winter Montgomery Wards, 1931  
By Patti Jones

**Gifts for Him**

O.K. ladies, what would our "Men" want for Valentine Day in 1931 for their Model A Fords? Looking at a 1931 Montgomery Wards catalog, I came across items that any Model A'er would like to accessorize his car. Upper left (A) is a high compression cylinder head; also known as a Police head, that law enforcement agencies have put on their Model A's for speed. It will give a Model A 5.9 to 1 compression ration to a stock Model A head. Another fancy added on was a heat and oil pressure gauge accessory mounted under the dash of your Model A, upper right (B). For easy starting, a starter-pedal, giving easy reach and little effort to help your Model A man (C). Last, is another gadget aid to the "Model A man of your life". It's an emergency brake extension lever so your Model A man doesn't have to have a long reach in releasing and setting the parking brake (D). Many of these 1931 gifts would be still greatly appreciated today by our guys ..... except the prices indicated here; especially the \$5.95 police-head, would go for over \$225.00!



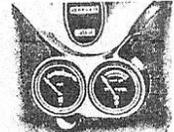
**More Speed—Power—Pick-Up For Fords, Models A-AA**  
A high compression Cylinder Head similar in construction to those supplied by the Ford Motor Co., for Police and Highway Patrol Cars. You will be able to out-perform other cars like yours on the highway. You will thrill at the extra surge of power and speed. Installation is easy with Cylinder Head Gasket and instructions furnished. Not Prepaid. Ship. wt. 40 lbs.  
461 C 2500 ..... **\$5.95**

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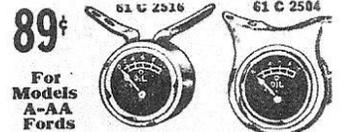


**Starter Pedal For Fords A-AA**  
Puts Starter pedal within easy reach and increases leverage so that little effort is required to start.  
42¢  
61 C 2510 ..... **42¢**

(C)



**Heat Indicator and Oil Pressure Gauge For A-AA Fords**  
Two needed instruments in one unit. Motor temperature registers on one dial; oil pressure shows on other—one glance only is needed. Easily installed—held by screws in panel. Postpaid.  
Fits cars with plain or ribbed panels.  
61 C 3602. **\$4.25**



**89¢ For Models A-AA Fords**

**Dash Mounting Oil Gauges**  
Tell whether your motor is being lubricated. All have harmonious nickel finish cases; easily installed with instructions; held by screws already in panel. Ship. wt. each, 1 lb. 4 oz.  
61 C 2504—De Luxe Model as used on finest cars. For Models A-AA Fords with plain or ribbed panels ..... **99¢**  
61 C 2516—Standard Model Gauge. For Models A-AA Fords with plain or ribbed panels ..... **89¢**

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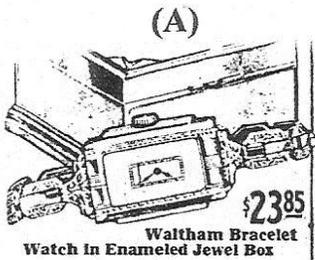


**For Fords A and AA Brake Lever Extension 98¢**  
Brings emergency brake within easy reach. A slight pressure releases it. Quickly installed—no drilling. Black enamel and nickel.  
61 C 2536—Ship. wt. 1 lb. **98¢**

(D)

**Gifts for Her**

It's very easy, gentlemen, to please a Model A lady.... We'd love a new Waltham Bracelet Watch in white gold (A). Or, we'd even take a new compact with lipstick in any of these styles (B). Of course, a "girl's best friend" is a diamond and here are various ring selections I'm sure she would love; many set in platinum. Lastly, any of the enameled mesh bags below would certainly win your Model A lady's heart.



**Waltham Bracelet Watch in Enameled Jewel Box**  
**\$23.85**

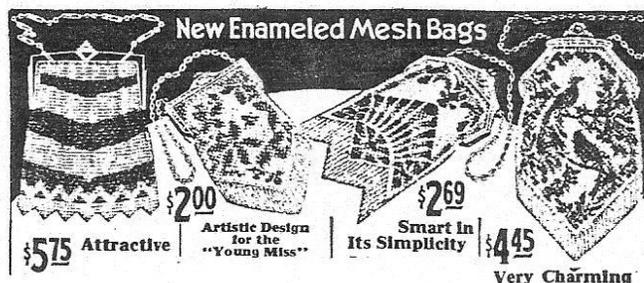


**\$36.50** Exclusive Design



**\$79.50** Modernistic Effect

**Have A Happy Valentines Day!**



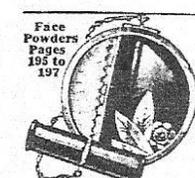
**New Enameled Mesh Bags**  
\$575 Attractive | \$2.00 Artistic Design for the "Young Miss" | \$2.69 Smart In Its Simplicity | \$4.45 Very Charming



**75¢** enameled compact and Lipstick Container  
Easily enameled on front and back. Lipstick container attached. Mirror 2 1/2 in.  
61 C 6900—Cream with red solution.  
61 C 6901—Cream with black solution.  
Each. Postpaid..... **\$4.75**



**(B)** Compact With Lipstick  
Decorated with basket in green enamel inlay; genuine Marquise. 2 1/2 in. square.  
545 C 6897—French blue.  
545 C 6898—Red.  
545 C 6899—Black and red.  
Each. Postpaid..... **\$3.98**



**Face Powders Pages 195 to 197**  
Compact With Lipstick  
Striking enamel design on top. Non-staining finish on back and chain. 2 1/4 in. diameter, chain 1/4 in. long.  
545 C 6862—Black and red.  
545 C 6863—Black and green.  
Each. Postpaid..... **\$2.19**

## Gas Shut-off Valve — Design Change and How to Make It Work

By Tony Flieg, taken from *The Road Runner*, Northwest Missouri A's newsletter

If you're in need of a gas shut-off valve, the one that screws into the tank from the inside of the car on your Model A, the manufacturer of these valves has made a change in the design.

According to a few of the Model A parts suppliers, this new design is actually the original design that Henry Ford used when the cars were being produced back in the late 20's and early 30's. The problem is that the original gas shut-off valve did not use a screen when the tanks were new, so this new design does not accept the aftermarket tank screens as the hole is too large and not the correct shape.

The gas tank screen came about years later when the tanks started to rust and debris began to get into the valves and subsequently the carburetors causing issues. To address this problem aftermarket suppliers started to make the tank valve screens and modified the gas shut off valves to accept these screens. Fast forward to 2023 and the manufacturer of these gas tank shut-off valves have gone back to the original design which has a different opening that is hexagon shape, not round and will not accept these aftermarket gas tank screens.

According to Mike's 'A'Fordable, Bert's and Snyder's, the gas shut-off manufacture has changed the design of the gas shut-off valve to accept new internals to be more of a nylon ball shut-off instead of brass. This is an improvement from the old brass tapered valve design that would get scored and then leak if debris was introduced from the gas tank. According to these parts suppliers the fix to be able to use the new gas tank valves with the gas tank screens was to come from the tank screen manufacturer not the gas shut-off manufacturer, however, they are still working it. While there is no definite plan it was speculated that it was to be a sleeve of sorts that would be sold as another component with the gas tank screen. However that 'fix' is still forthcoming with no real date given. (\* See note below—Snyder's does not sell a new part)

With that in mind, here is a fix that I came up with to resolve the issue, and get the newly designed gas shut-off valve to work with your existing tank screen. This fix is only applicable if you are replacing your gas tank shut-off valve with this new design. If you have an old valve that accepts a screen you can still replace the screen with that gas tank shut-off valve with no modifications. Basically. This fix is creating your own sleeve to work with your newly purchased gas shut-off valve and gas screen.



Gas valve with sleeve



Gas valve with sleeve installed

This will require the following items:

A drill press (standing or workbench style)

1/4 inch Allen wrench (this will be a donor part as we'll be drilling and cutting it)

1/8" drill bit for a pilot hole

7/32" drill bit

Tube of Permatex Permashield part number 85420 fuel resistant gas-ket dressing and sealant 2 oz tube (or equivalent)

**The steps that I took are the following:**

Use a 1/4" Allen wrench (one that you will use as a donor part.) This will fit the opening of the gas shut-off valve that is hex shaped.

Using the drill press, drill a pilot hole in the Allen wrench (let's refer to this as the 1/4" stock) approximately an 1/8" or slightly bigger, but just enough for a good pilot hole. I cut a piece of the Allen wrench off that I put into a drill press vice to hold it in place. It should be approximately 1", as you'll only need about 3/8" of the drilled Allen wrench stock for the sleeve.

After drilling your pilot hole, finish drilling out the hole with a 7/32" drill bit, being careful not to have the bit walk on you. Keep it in the center of the 1/4" (Allen wrench) stock.

Taking the drilled-out piece of the 1/4" stock, I cut the piece at approximately 3/8" - this will be



Gas valve retrofit components



Valve with sleeve & screen installed

your sleeve that will go into the gas shut-off valve. I used a file to smooth out any burrs or rough edges to ensure that the sleeve fit into the shut-off valve with slight pressure. I used a small amount of Permatex Permashield around the sleeve (that we just made) and the gas shut-off valve to ensure that I don't have any leaks around this area. It fits pretty snug, but it's always good to be sure.

\*Since the writing of this article Snyder's has a new gas valve screen that they are selling that does have the new design to work with the newer gas shut-off valves. So depending on what you're skill level is and adventurous nature you can either create your own sleeve and use your existing screen or purchase the new gas valve screen from Snyder's:

Part # A-9193-TX | Model Year 28-31. This little screen presses into the gas shut-off valve where it goes into the gas tank. Prevents sucking gas off the bottom of the tank, and keeps junk out of gas lines. This particular screen is made for reproduction A-9189-A gas valves made after January of 2023. The inside diameter of the fuel valve inlet has a hex shape instead of being perfectly round. U.S.A.



*“People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full are missing the point. The glass is refillable.”*

## DID YOU KNOW...

100 years ago, Ford Motor Company lowered the price of the Model T to \$290 in December 1924, making it affordable for the average factory worker and school teacher.

Other facts:

- that 17,115 1930 Model A's were built in 1929?
- the last Model A built in the U.S. was a Deluxe Roadster built at the Edgewater, N.J. plant in April of 1932?
- The last Model A's built outside the U.S. were a group of 160 Standard Phaetons built in Santiago, Chile in 1934?
- The Model A was assembled in 32 plants across the U.S. and 19 other plants around the world?
- All the engines for the Model A were built in the Rouge plant except for England, which were cast at the Ford foundry in Cork, Ireland and assembled at the assembly plant in Manchester, England?

These are just a few of the facts from Steve Plucker's book "The 1928-1931 Ford Assembly Plants and Their Production of the Model A Ford Passenger Car".

- from the Diablo A's newsletter via Beaver A's newsletter via Cowtown A's newsletter

This is for women who have a sense of humor and who can handle it and to the men who will enjoy reading it.

## Men Are Just Happier People

### Nicknames:

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Dickhead and Shit for Brains.

### Eating Out:

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

### Money:

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

### Bathrooms:

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

### Arguments:

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

### Future:

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

### Success:

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

### Marriage:

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

### Dressing up:

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

### Natural:

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

### Offspring:

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

### Thought for the day:

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

## Jim's Tech Tips

### "Infrared (IR) Thermometer Guns"

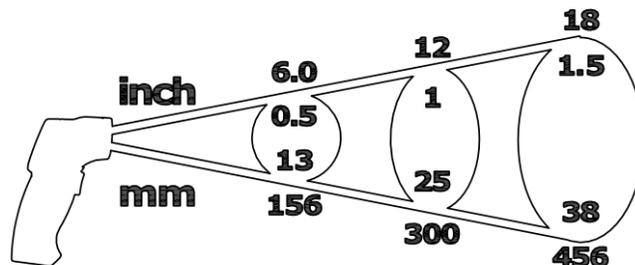
These little IR thermometer guns are amazing. I use mine to check coolant temperature at the outlet of the engine, look for cool spots on radiators, check tire sidewall temperatures, and to see if all of my brake drums are at about the same temperature after a hard brake (to confirm even braking action at each wheel).

If you are going to get a reliable, consistent, and reproducible reading with these guns, you need to understand a bit about how they work. When you aim the gun at something and press the button to read the temperature, the gun reports to you the average temperature of everything within its "Field of View".

### Field of View

The meter's field of view is 12:1, meaning that if the meter is 12 inches from the target, the diameter of the object under test must be at least 1 inch. Other distances are shown in the diagram below. Make sure that the target is larger than the unit's spot size. The smaller the target, the closer you should be to it.

When accuracy is critical, make sure the target is at least twice as large as the spot size.



If you want to read the temperature with a spot circle diameter of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (a very handy size), you must hold the gun 6" from the object. I have seen some guys hold the gun several feet from a radiator hose and not understand why the reading is so low; their 3" diameter spot circle includes a lot of cool air on either side of the radiator hose. Get in the habit of holding the gun up close to the object for the best readings.

Some guns have a laser pointer built in that helps you see where the temperature readings are being taken. The laser does not read the temperature, it just helps you see where the reading is from. You have to visualize the spot circle size, depending on how far the gun is from the object.

I hope this helps you get more out of your IR thermometer. If you don't have one, they are handy to have around the shop and on the road.

Until next time, Have a Model A Day!  
Jim

**This is an original bottle of Ford Tomato Juice, a product that many don't associate with the American automaker, however Ford produced its own tomato juice for years back in the 1930s.**

The reason the Ford Motor Company got into the juice business was that it owned thousands of acres of farmland near its factory in Michigan. Henry Ford grew up on a farm and remained interested in farming for the rest of his life, any Ford Motor Company employee who wanted it could be assigned a plot of land that they were free to work, and they kept the produce or profit for themselves.

“We cultivate several thousand acres at Dearborn; we also have a dairy herd of around three thousand cows; and near our coal mines in Kentucky, on mountain soil that was not supposed to be good for much of anything, we are growing garden vegetables and fruit.”

“Most of my own life has been spent on a farm. We are in touch with farming nearly everywhere through the sales of automobiles and tractors.” – Henry Ford, published in *The Canadian Countryman*, circa 1926

There's no publicly available information on exactly how long Ford tomato juice was in production, or how much was sold, however this is the only one we've been able to find that still has the actual juice in the bottle – all the others have been empty.

The label reads:

**Ford TOMATO JUICE**

Rich in Vitamins A,B,C

Made from SELECTED TOMATOES

Grown on the FORD FARMS Dearborn, Michigan

Also good in Tomato Cocktail, Cream of Tomato Soup, Meat Dressing, etc.

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Ford Motor Company Dearborn, Michigan

- Gulf Coast A's



**My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I'm right.  
—Ashleigh Begres**



**Our February 18<sup>th</sup> is our traditional pot-luck dinner meeting. Starting at 5:30 p.m. Below is a list of dishes that members have volunteered to bring:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Dish to Pass:</b>
Krista Oshust.....	Cake
Gwen Schlorff .....	Mac & Cheese
Connie Green.....	Cheesy Potatoes
Chris Green .....	Bakes Apples
Fred Barden .....	Lasagna
John Dros.....	Tuna Noodle Salad
Sandy Palmreuter .....	Beef Tips & Noodles
Larry & PJ Wallace .....	Soup
Steve Burton.....	4 Bean Salad
Barb Brown.....	Cookies
Nancy Gonyea .....	Lettuce Salad
Ken & Cheryl Roy .....	Meatballs
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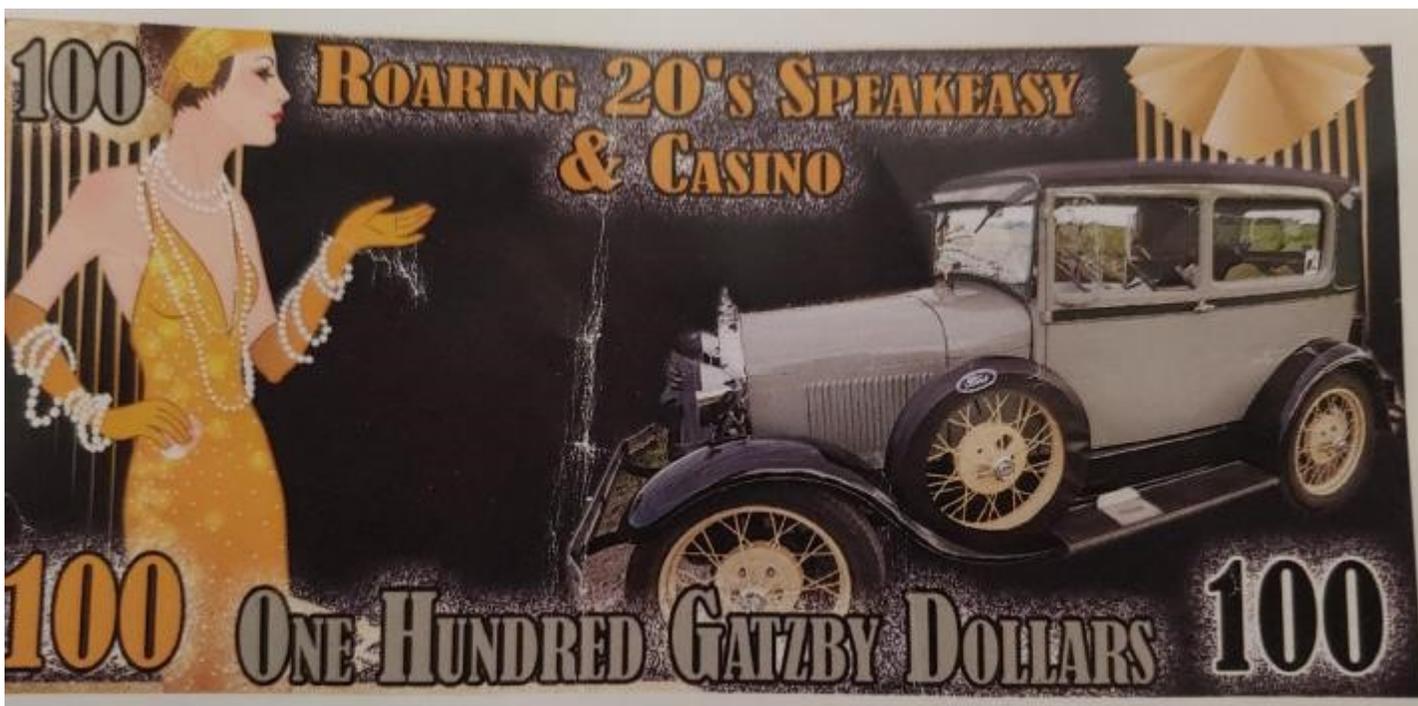
### 2026 Door Duty

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| <b>January 21<sup>st</sup> ... Larry Wallace 6:00</b> | <b>July 26<sup>th</sup> ..... Picnic</b>            |
| <b>February 18<sup>th</sup> ....Chris Green 5:15</b>  | <b>August 19<sup>th</sup> .....No Meeting</b>       |
| <b>March 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Bob Davies 6:00</b>    | <b>September 16<sup>th</sup> Rusty Gould 6:00</b>   |
| <b>April 15<sup>th</sup> .....Curt Hillman 6:00</b>   | <b>October 21<sup>st</sup> ... Fred Barden 5:30</b> |
| <b>May 20<sup>th</sup> ....Mark Thompson 6:00</b>     | <b>November 18<sup>th</sup> .. Nick Palmreuter</b>  |
| <b>June 17<sup>th</sup> ..... John Dros 5:15</b>      | <b>..... 6:00</b>                                   |

## Roaring 20s in Florida

- Reported by Rita Gould

Our local senior community hosted a Roaring 20s Casino Night on January 13<sup>th</sup>. They had requested that I bring my 1929 Tudor Sedan and give casino goers rides. So, of course, that's what we did. Each casino guest received a \$100 bill (gambling money) with a photo of my car on it. (Apparently it's legal in Florida to print your own money) lol. Everyone had a great time and it's going to become an annual event.



### YOU KNOW YOU ARE GETTING OLDER

- Everything that works hurts and everything that doesn't hurt doesn't work...
- Your little black book only contains names ending in M.D...
- Your knees buckle and your belt won't.....
- Your mind makes contracts your body can't keep....

**My kids used to believe my kisses healed their Boo-Boos. I wonder if they realize now, their hugs magically heal my heart!**

# MARC-MILEAGE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

## Purpose:

The purpose of the MARC Mileage Program is to offer national recognition for all miles driven in a Model A Ford. There is no intent to supersede or cancel any regional or local driving programs now in existence. The program seeks to further them by offering a mileage-based recognition for all registered MARC vehicles.



## General:

- 1) All Model A's owned by MARC members and registered in the MARC Mileage Program, and which meet the following standards, are eligible.
- 2) Of original manufacture from 1927 through 1931
- 3) Titled or registered as a Model A in accordance with respective state requirements.
- 4) Authentic in overall appearance, with a minimum of the following basic features:
  - A) Original Ford four-cylinder engine produced from 1927 through 1934.
  - B) Body style for year of manufacture.

## Rules for Miles Driven:

- 1) All ground mileage is credited, except for non-emergency tow.
- 2) All credited mileage is cumulative from year to year and to each higher award level.
- 3) Mileage to be credited must be attested.
- 4) No mileage is credited for any period of time that the owner is not a member of the Model A Restorers Club.
- 5) Mileage does not have to be updated every year to maintain eligibility.
- 6) Mileage is accumulated through the reporting of the odometer reading as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 7) The MARC Mileage Program Chairman is the final authority on mileage credit and awards.

## National Awards:

- 1) Award recognition begins at 2,000 miles; the second award level is 5,000 miles and subsequent levels are each 5,000 miles thereafter.
- 2) A round blue plaque is awarded with the first mileage level, and a replacement mileage tab is awarded thereafter.

## Registration:

A fee of \$1.00 is required at the time of vehicle registration. MARC shall maintain the original registration form as a permanent record of each vehicle registered in the program. A Vehicle transferred to a new MARC member who re-registers the car may, if the new owner wishes, maintain it's mileage award level and continue eligibility for further awards in accordance with the rules.

## Brochure and Registration Form:

Questions concerning the MARC Mileage Program may be directed to Nora Petriches, Script "A" Club Mileage Program Coordinator at [norapetriches@gmail.com](mailto:norapetriches@gmail.com)



# February

## FEBRUARY

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet, Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo

18<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, potluck

## MARCH

18<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

## APRIL

15<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

## MAY

20<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.

## JUNE

17<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting, Bridgeport Community Church, 7:00 p.m.



6<sup>th</sup> Mark & Cathy Thompson  
14<sup>th</sup> Leonard & Shirley Hammermeister

# March



## FEBRUARY

12 Karen Fuelling

15 John Dros

19 Robert Payman

## MARCH

6 Alice Hine

10 Jerri Gavord

17 Nancy Gonyea

24 Andy Burton

28 Michael Lloyd

29 Sara Burton



4<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Ann Gilkes

*(Editor's Note: Errors, omissions and blatintlley oblivious missteaks only become visible after the newsletter has been published and distributed.)*

- Cape Henry A's



Chad Roy, Cheryl & Ken Roy and Curt Hillman were assigned as *machine guards* to McDonald's new fancy car scanning machine as pictured behind the CAUTION tape! Parking attendant Steve Burton is most likely trying to warm up while listening to Curt Hillman's sales pitch or just hot air!

Well, we DID IT, we survived the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Script "A" Club Swap Meet! A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to McDonald Cadillac/GMC for the use of their facilities! Also THANK YOU for Nora and ALL the participating Script "A" Club members who braved the elements to make this swap meet happen, we could not do it without you help!

Conditions were *COLD & Snowy* but the majority of the vendors and Script "A" Club members did show up to support our club's MAIN FUNDRAISER! According to Treasurer Bonnie we greeted a total of 32 happy swap meet goers that made donations to our fundraiser! Script "A" Bakers made a total of \$364 at the bake sale, way to go! Overall the swap meet was a success hope to see you all next year!



Chris & Connie Green were at their usual spot working the East door and trying to stay warm!

*Connie Green*



Here's proof our SWAP MEET sign made it out front this year!



Mike & Krista Oshust with Nancy Gonyea help Bob Davies select from the delicious goods!



Fred Barden & John Dros collect donations at the back door.



Krista opens the bake sale.



The WEST door appeared to be busy. How many Script "A" Club members does it take to collect a donation? Leroy Truman and Dale Fulkerson coming in to shop for some deals. While Bonnie Prado, Gwen Schlorff, Debbie Ellsworth and Nora Petriches welcome them in to shop!



Our Script "A" cake to McDonald's, unfortunately the bakery forgot to add our wonderful design to the top of the cake! Good thing Krista had a printed copy of what the cake was supposed to look like!!!

It looks like we are getting to old for the WINTERLY COLD, enough, enough, we are moving our swap meet to the second Sunday in March next year, same location but it's **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. See you there!



PJ won the 50/50 at the January meeting so she teased Larry with the CASH!!  
Did you treat Larry to dinner at your favorite restaurant?

I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts.  
I won't lie, it was a rocky road.

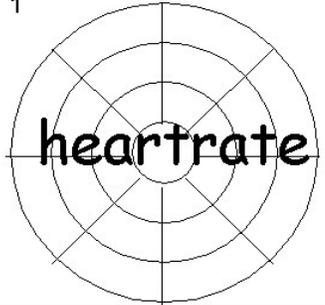
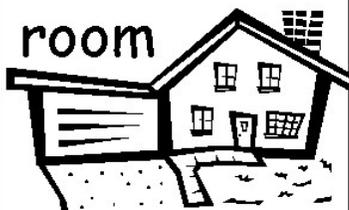
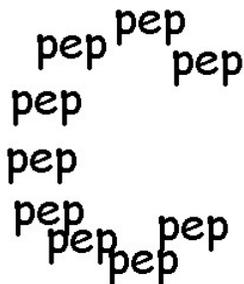
*Welcome*

David Powell  
2020 Mosher Rd.  
Kawkawlin, MI 48631  
Joined: 01/25/2026  
Phone:  
MARC #: 82525077  
E-mail:  
Birthday: 06/23/53

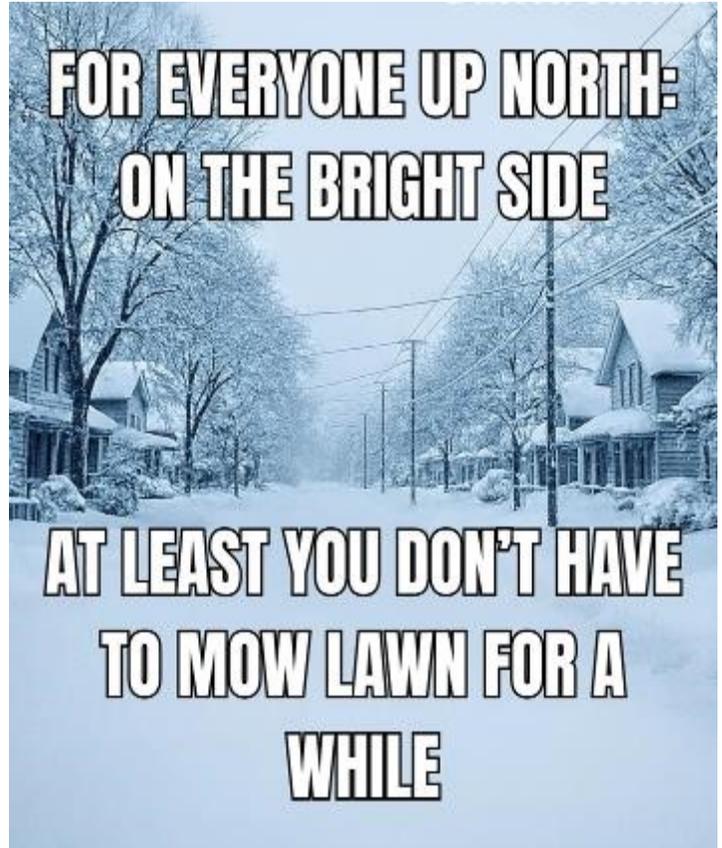


Scott Binkley  
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Flint, MI 48506  
Joined: 01/29/2023  
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MARC #:  
Email: scottbinkley75@gmail.com  
Birthday: 10/08

**JUST "A" THINK'N**

<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> 
<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> 
<p>5</p> <p><b>MOMANON</b></p> <p>- from Tyler A's newsletter</p>	

From Chad Suppes —



A lady went to her doctor for a checkup. The doctor asks her if she is having any problems.

“Yes, doctor,” she said. “I have to fart a lot. Fortunately, no one can hear them or smell them. In fact, I’ve broke wind twice since you came in and they were silent and odorless.”

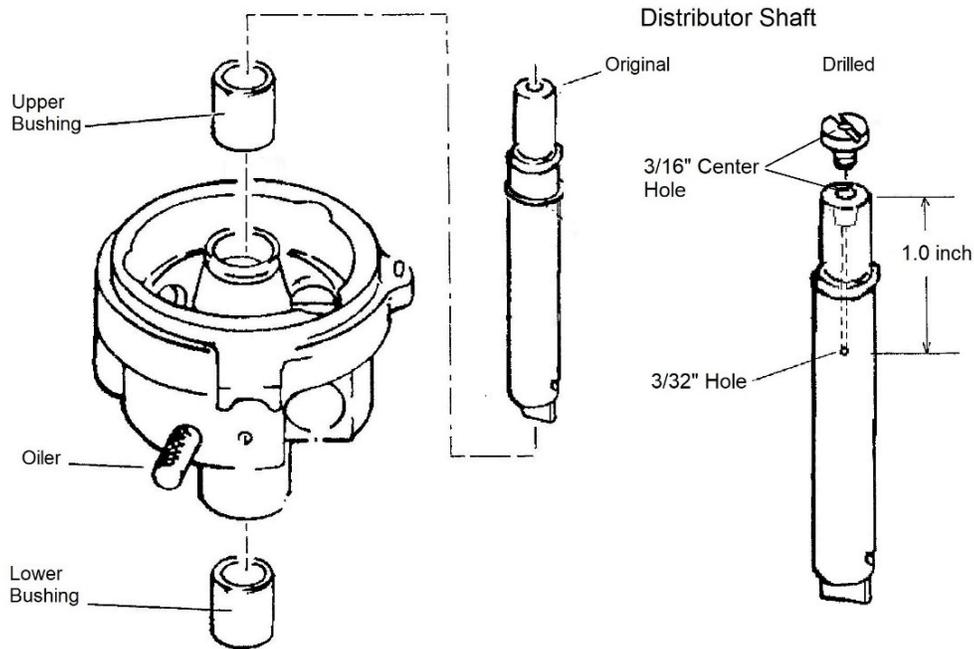
The doctor nods and replied, “I can treat this problem with an over-the-counter medication, a prescription, and a referral. The medication will help your body produce less gas. The prescription will help you recover your sense of smell. I’m giving you a referral to an audiologist to see if they can help you hear better.”

1. Target Heartrate 2. Bearings 3. Room over the garage 4. Pepsi 5. Man in the moon

## Distributor Shaft Lubrication

From Willie Priaulx, Central Iowa A's

Ford recommends lubricating the Distributor Shaft every 500 miles by adding a few drops of oil at the spring-loaded oiler on the side of the distributor. This effectively oils the lower bushing only. Proper lubrication of the upper bushing is a problem however. The distributor shaft and cam screw should be drilled to allow oil to the upper bushing. You may order already drilled shafts from the parts suppliers or do it yourself.



Drill a 3/16" hole down the center of the shaft 1" deep, and a 3/32" hole through the side. Drill a 3/16" hole through the center of the cam screw. Drilling the shaft is not difficult as the drill centers itself for the 3/16" hole.

If it squeaks it's just asking for attention - Willie

**THESE BIG CHEERIOS ARE WAY BETTER THAN THE SMALL ONES. AND YOU DON'T EVEN NEED MILK.**



# Sweetheart Candies

## Always Fashionable

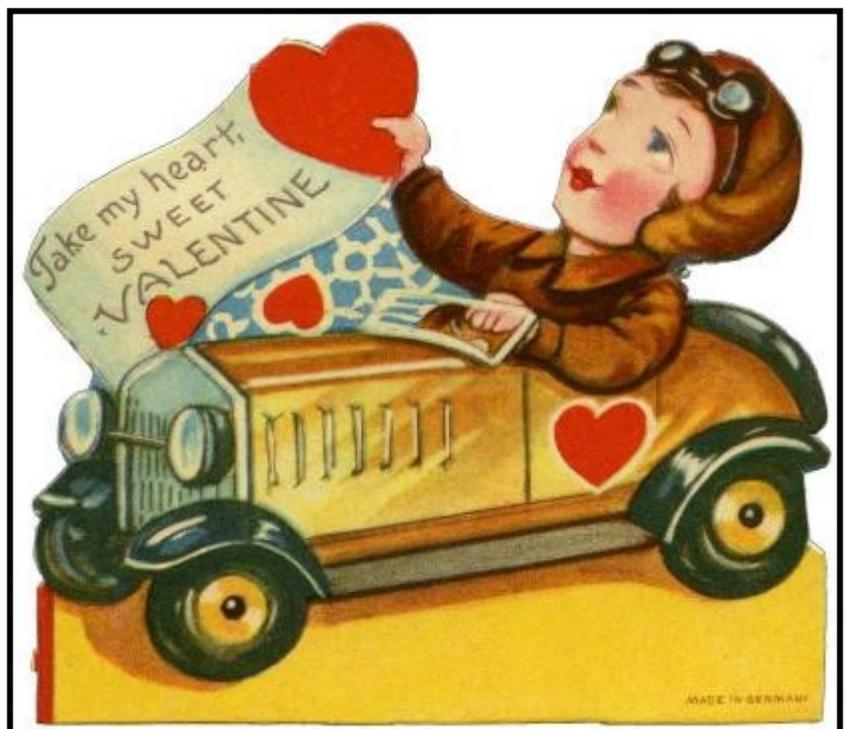
### [The Strange History of Valentine's Day Conversation Candy Hearts](#)

Whether you love them or hate them, there is no doubt that those little heart candies are synonymous with Valentine's Day. Some call them conversation hearts, while others refer to them as Sweethearts or candy hearts, but no matter what you call them, they are little pastel heart candies with short messages on them like "Be Mine." Over the years, the messages have gotten crazier and crazier with the changing times, but the premise remains the same. So, where did these adorable little candies actually come from?



Turns out, they were made by accident. A pharmacist named Oliver Chase invented a machine that would make it easier to create lozenges to ease sore throats and bad breath. Eventually, he started creating candy with them. He invented the Necco Wafers and teamed up with his brother, Silas Edwin to create a company to sell them. In the 1860s, their brother Daniel, created a machine that would stamp words on the candies using red vegetable dye. For a while, the words were added to candies shaped like baseballs, horseshoes, etc. It wasn't until 1901 that they began creating heart shapes.

Their company NECCO began making smaller candy hearts with phrases such as "Kiss Me" and it became the most popular non-chocolate candy sold for Valentine's Day. At one point, over eight billion hearts were sold in the six weeks before February 14<sup>th</sup>. It took NECCO almost a year to create that many candies, so they had to prep way in advance to be able to sell that many. Unfortunately, as years went on and so many new candies were being made, their popularity waned and NECCO shut down in 2018. The candies were bought out by Spangler Candy.



- Nancy Gonyea

# 2026 Script "A" Club Daily Drives & Outings

## January

21<sup>st</sup> Script "A" meeting, Bridgeport  
 24<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet set up, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
 25<sup>th</sup> 43<sup>rd</sup> Script "A" Swap Meet, McDonald GMC,  
 Saginaw, 6:00 am. - 2:00 p.m.

## February

18<sup>th</sup> Script "A" Potluck/meeting, Bridgeport, doors  
 open 5:15 p.m.; potluck 6:00 p.m.; meeting 7:00  
 p.m.

## March

18<sup>th</sup> Script "A" meeting, Bridgeport, 7:00 p.m.  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Eastside A's 54<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet, Packard Proving  
 Grounds,, 49965 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Twp.  
 48317

## April

15<sup>th</sup> Script "A" meeting, Bridgeport, 7:00 p.m.  
 25<sup>th</sup> Shepherd Maple Festival Car Show  
 TBD Model A Clinic at All Automotive, Burton

## May

9<sup>th</sup> Hazen Run (breakfast) - Lapeer (Greens lead)  
 Leave McDonald's 12237 S. Saginaw, Grand  
 Blanc - 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at aprox. 9:00  
 a.m. @ Apple Tree Family Ding, 845 S. Main,  
 Lapeer, RSVP by May 1<sup>st</sup> to Connie Green 586-  
 917-5983  
 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Model A Roundup - Monroe  
 20<sup>th</sup> Script "A" meeting, Bridgeport 7:00 p.m.  
 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Honor Drive (Greens lead)  
**Leave 9:00 a.m. SHARP** from Menards, 7410 E  
 Court St., Davison; 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Physi-  
 cians Park, 218 Reid Rd., Grand Blanc; 10:45  
 a.m. Great Lakes National Cemetery Committal  
 Shelter #2; 12:30 p.m. Culvers, 9090 Holly Rd.,  
 Grand Blanc.

## MARC Event

11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> National Tour, Finger Lakes, NY

## MAFCA Event

22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Sonora Model A Roundup, California  
 31<sup>st</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Pendleton, Or-  
 egon

## June

3<sup>rd</sup> Flag Day Parade Davison  
 6<sup>th</sup> Brookdale Car Show (Greens) 11:00 a.m. - 1:00  
 p.m.; Meet at Brookdale, 5080 Baldwin Rd., Holly  
 @ 10:30 a.m.; Lunch included - Vintage Era  
 Dress encouraged; trailer parking available;  
 RSVP by May 28<sup>th</sup> to Connie Green 586-917-  
 5983  
 13<sup>th</sup> Davison Museum - Car Show'  
 17<sup>th</sup> Script "A" meeting, Bridgeport, 7:00 p.m.  
 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 54<sup>th</sup> Sloan Auto Fest at Crossroads Vil-  
 lage & Huckleberry Railroad.

## July

11<sup>th</sup> Standish Depot Show (Curt & Wend Hillman),  
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 TBD Otisville Car Show (Goulds lead)  
 19<sup>th</sup> Flushing Depot Show (Bob Davies & Nancy  
 Gonyea)  
 26<sup>th</sup> Club picnic @ Churchgrove Park, Franken-  
 muth; RSVP Nora 810-962-2146

## MARC Event

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> National Meet, French Lick, IN

## August

No meeting  
 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Back to the Brick - Tune up Week  
 12<sup>th</sup> BTB Rolling Cruise, Faith Lutheran Church  
 Car Show, 12534 Holly Rd. GB - FREE Goodies,  
 RSVP by Aug 5<sup>th</sup> to Connie Green 586-917-5983  
 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> BTB Rolling Cruise, Twin Cities Baptist,  
 5339 S. Saginaw Rd., GB - FREE Hotdogs  
 15<sup>th</sup> Back to Bricks MAIN Event - Potluck (no  
 chicken, RSVP)

**September - December on next page**

## September

7<sup>th</sup> Emmanuel Baptist, Labor Day Pancake Breakfast & Car Show

16<sup>th</sup> Script "A" meeting, Bridgeport, 7:00 p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Gilmore, Model A Days

19<sup>th</sup> International Model A Ford Day

20<sup>th</sup> Golden Memories

Possible Bay City Tour to USS Edison with lunch at Gatsbys

23<sup>rd</sup> or Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Possible tour to Michigan Central Station, Detroit

## October

21<sup>st</sup> Script "A" meeting, TURKEY BINGO & Nomi-

If anyone is interested in hosting an event or drive, please contact Fred Barden at fbarden7651@gmail.com or 989-551-7651.



nations, 6:00 p.m.

TBD Trunk or Treat

Possible color tour to Metamora

## November

18<sup>th</sup> Script "A" meeting, Bridgeport, Elections, 7:00 .m.

## December

12<sup>th</sup> Script "A" Christmas Party, Horizons Center, 11:00 a.m. Happy Hour; 11:30 a.m. Lunch

## MAFCA Event

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> National Awards Banquet, Cincinnati, Ohio

## THE WORD "SERVICE"

At one time in my life, I thought I had a handle on the meaning of the word 'service.' It's the act of doing things for other people. I then heard these terms which reference the word 'service:'

- Internal Revenue 'Service'
- U.S. Postal 'Service'
- Telephone 'Service'
- T.V. 'Service'
- Civil 'Service'
- City & County Public 'Service'
- Customer 'Service'
- and 'Service' Stations

Then I became confused about the word 'service... This is not what I thought 'service' meant. So today, I overheard two farmers talking, and one of them said he had hired a bull to 'service' a few of his cows.

**BAM!!!** . . . It all came into perspective. Now I understand what all those 'service' agencies are doing to us.

I hope you now are as enlightened as I am.

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

**THE** *running* **BOARD REPORT**

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

February 2026

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

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

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

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



**From the Desk of the  
MAFCA Chapter Coordinator**

It's hard to believe that 2026 is already here — how did that happen? I hope your Chapter enjoys a wonderful holiday gathering. These events are perfect for sharing stories from the past year, catching up on family news, and celebrating with Model A friends.

2025 was a successful year for MAFCA, as we welcomed several new chapters. I'm pleased to announce that the Board approved another new chapter at our December meeting. Please join me in welcoming the "Northern Valley A's" of Lisbon, NH to our family. It gets pretty cold in northern NH, so I'm sure the Model A's are put away for the winter — unless, of course, they have Model A Snowmobiles!

As we begin the new year, please remember to return your Chapter Registration form. Keeping your chapter's officer details up to date helps headquarters stay in touch and support your activities. Please send in your form as soon as possible.

For many of us our Model A's are resting in the garage for the winter months. However, this is a great opportunity for maintenance work to get ready for the 2026 touring season. Many clubs conduct winter technical sessions during the winter months.

These are great opportunities to repair different parts of the Model A together or observe repairs, while providing valuable learning opportunities. It is something for your club to consider during the winter months.

Until the snow melts up north we wish our friends in the warmer areas happy touring.

*Doug Linden*

**MAFFI  
Minute  
January 2026**



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

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

Keep on motoring!  
John Grossheim  
Trustee and Secretary of MAFFI

Mike walked into a post office just before Valentine's day, he couldn't help noticing a middle-aged, balding man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Then the man got out a bottle of Channel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes. By now Mike's curiosity had got the better of him, and so I asked the man why he was sending all those cards.

The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asked Mike.

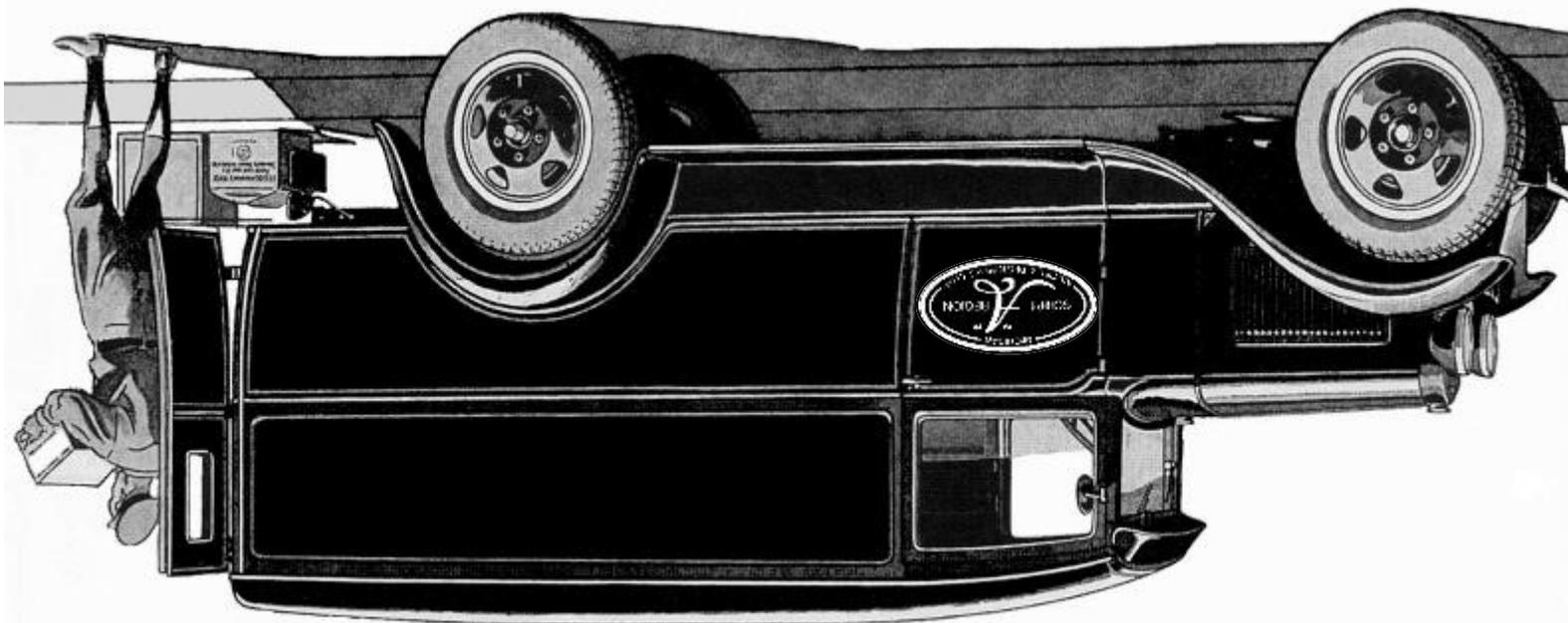
"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.

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What did the girl cat say to the boy cat on Valentine's Day? A. You're purrr-fect for me.

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