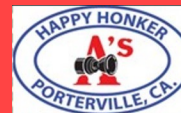


“HORNBLOWER” NEWSLETTER”

January 2026



Happy Honkers Model A Club

Since 1984.....43 Years

2026 OFFICERS

President:

Phil Kneeland...(559) 679-1980

Vice President:

Ray Ramos.....(559) 471-6957

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Ofelia Armendarez(559)788-8938

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Louie Armendarez.(559) 786-7796

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Renee Pratt....(559)303-7887

Hospitality

Rosa Ramos....(559)741-5908

Temp. Hornblower Editor:

Phil Kneeland..(559)679-1980

Meeting Place:

East Meets West Restaurant,
224 N. Kaweah St, Exeter, CA,
Second Thursday @ 5:30pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Happy Honkers,

Well, we have arrived. It is already 2026. Boy how time fly's.

We had a great two years, 2024 & 2025, under Ray Ramos's guidance. Ray did a fantastic job with his terrific work schedule.

I am looking forward to a busy Happy Honker year. More Happy Honker based Tours and Events; more new members and a lot more fun.....

Our first meeting of 2026 will be on Thursday, January 8th. Bring a new member with you.....!!

A few new ideas.....Let's try to drive our Model A's more, to meetings and other events.

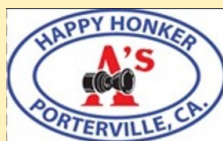
Speaking of new events, I'm asking you, the membership, to give me ideas of fun outings. You don't necessarily have to lead these tours but I need input from you, the members, to make this upcoming year a stupendous year!! Let's make 2026 a new revival for an "Old Club"...

Happy Model A New Year to you and your families.

*President, Phil Kneeland
Lady Linda*



**Become active....Get involved....
Check our calendar to find a
function to attend!!**



January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Every Tuesday Breakfast 6:30am		1 	2	3
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Happy Honkers

December Minutes



Happy Honkers Minutes, December 11, 2025

President Ray Ramos opened our December Annual Meeting and Christmas Party at about 4:36pm at Chinas Alley Restaurant on a foggy (high fog) cold and dark winter evening.

Linda and Phil Kneeland drove their Model A but I do not know who else might have driven theirs.

President Ray's aim for this meeting was to elect a new set of officers and committee chair persons for 2026.

Of course there was the usual discourse on nominations but it finally came down to Ray Ramos volunteering to be Vice President and Phil Kneeland nominated for 2026 President. Phil had been Secretary during 2024-25 and so with his being nominated President that left a vacancy for a 2026 Secretary. Several suggestions were put forth but each suggestion was shot down... until, faithful Gordon Oakley volunteered to take the 2026 Secretary's office (Gordon is always there to step in and help). All of the above were unanimously voted into our 2026 line-up.

We then needed to appoint a Hospitality Chair Person and a Sunshine Chair Person. After a little hemming & hawwing...thankfully Rosa Ramos consented to continue in the Hospitality role and also thankfully, Renee Pratt consented to be our new, long-needed Sunshine Chair Person.

At this point our 2025 Vice President, Gary Gallian presented our outgoing President a beautiful "Gavel-Plaque" with a especially designed, and inserted, small Happy Honker logo on the plaque.



Several great "rounds of applause" were given to Ray for his dedication for two years of devotion to this office. Ray set forth a real "example" for Phil and any other future President to Happy Honkers to follow.

All of our 2024-2025 Officers were given a round of applause for their assistance to Ray.

After installing our new line of officers Ray then adjourned the Annual Meeting and then opened up the real fun portion of our Christmas Party. He began the special gift exchange.

All 19 members present had a glorious time at our 2025 Christmas Party.

This great time was just a kick-off to our 2026 Happy Honkers "Great Year" coming up!!!

Sincerely Phil Kneeland, Secretary 2024-2025

P.S. The Kneelands had a fun time trying to get home from Lindsay with the "Brake light shorting out the headlights." Every time Phil stepped on the brake pedal the headlights would go out because of a blown headlight fuse.

We Had A Great Happy Honker Christmas Party and Annual Meeting at China's Alley Restaurant in Lindsay, CA



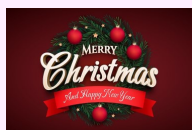
Happy New Year

Sunshine Report
Renee Pratt.... Sunshine Chair Person
Or Clouds!



Great News.....Larry Mase announced at the Happy Honker Christmas Party that he is "Cancer Free"!!!!!!

Please keep all members in your thoughts and prayers.
Sunshine Reports call: Renee Pratt; (559) 303-7887



*HAPPY Birthday's &
Anniversary's
January 2026*



*4 Rosíe Huerta
5 Ray Ramos
24 Darleen Marks*



17 Terry and Danielle Healy



Last night I ordered a glass of wine with my dinner and the waiter asked for my ID. I replied, "Do I look that young?"

And the waiter replied, "No. I just wanted to see if you qualified for the Senior Citizen discount!"

... and you think traffic is bad today...



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The Happy Honker A’s is a chapter member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). Although membership to MAFCA is not required, it is encouraged. The monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at The East Meets West Restaurant, Exeter, CA. We thank the various clubs for the use of the many articles, jokes, fashion, and technical advice.





Getting ready for winter...

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The *Friend Telegraph* on December 11, 1925, remarked in an editorial entitled "How Times Change": In Christmas seasons gone by, it was not considered good form for a young man to give his best girl articles of wearing apparel. To do so indicated that her people neglected to clothe her. A man's gift had to be an album, a toilet set or something along that line.

In the 1920s Christmas giving grew more sensible giving the recipient gifts they could use. People bought more for the home. Rather than pictures and mementos, a chair, a new rug, dishes or silverware, labor-saving devices and even new-fangled cooking utensils became favorite gifts. "Give a woman something serviceable to wear or something she can use in her home and you gladden her heart. Give a man something for his auto, or something he can wear besides neckties, and you win his thanks."

The 1920s became the age of flapper fashion and jazz music. New fashions in art and architecture, from art deco to modernism jumped into fashion. Frank Lloyd Wright built his ultra-modern homes. In 1927, Lindbergh made the first flight across the Atlantic. Hot toys included die-cast metal toys, the Raggedy Ann doll, and, toward the end of the decade, the yo-yo. —Read more at www.hbhistory.com/2013/12/christmas-during-1920s.html



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Ladies Fashion



1930. Hedda Hopper



1931. Irene Dunne



1932. Greta Garbo



1933. Jean Arthur



1934. Bette Davis



1935. Kay Francis



1936. Alice Faye



1937. Ottilie de Harland



1938. Marie Oberon



1939. Joan Blum



1940. Joan Bennett



1940. Minnie Anne Constance

1930's Hat Fashion - timeline - 1930 to 1940



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Sausage and Peppers Sandwich

🕒 Total Time Prep: 20 Min. Bake: 30 Min.

Yield 6 Servings

★★★★★

👩 Test Kitchen Approved

These sausage and pepper sandwiches are sweet and savory and they're finished with a layer of molten provolone to make it even more decadent.

Ingredients

- 1 pound uncooked sweet Italian turkey sausage links, roughly chopped
- 3 medium sweet red peppers, seeded and sliced
- 1 large onion, halved and sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 hot dog buns, split
- 6 slices provolone cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Place sausage pieces in a 15x10x1-in. sheet pan, arranging peppers and onion around sausage. Drizzle olive oil over sausage and vegetables; bake, stirring mixture after 15 minutes, until sausage is no longer pink and vegetables are tender, 30-35 minutes.
2. During the last 5 minutes of baking, arrange buns cut side up in a second sheet pan; top each bun bottom with a cheese slice. Bake until buns are golden brown and cheese is melted. Spoon sausage and pepper mixture onto bun bottoms. Replace tops.

Nutrition Facts

1 sandwich: 315 calories, 15g fat (5g saturated fat), 43mg cholesterol, 672mg sodium, 28g carbohydrate (7g sugars, 2g fiber), 18g protein.

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Pumpkin Apple Pie

Total Time: Prep: 20 Minutes Bake: 50 Minutes Servings— 8

This cozy pumpkin apple pie combines the best aromas and flavors of two signature fall desserts into one irresistible treat.

INGREDIENTS

Dough for single-crust pie	1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch	1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt	1/3 cup water
2 tablespoon butter	3 cups sliced peeled tart apples
Pumpkin layer	3/4 cup canned pumpkin
3/4 cup evaporated milk	1/3 cup sugar
1 large egg, room temperature	1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
(optional; whipped cream or vanilla ice cream)	

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/8-in-thick circle; transfer to a 9 in pie plate. Trim crust to 1/2 in beyond rim of plate; flute edge.
2. In a saucepan, combine the brown sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon and salt. Stir in water until smooth. Add the butter; bring to a boil. Add apples. Cook and stir for 4 minutes.
3. Add apple mixture to crust. In a bowl, whisk the pumpkin, milk, sugar, egg, cinnamon and salt until smooth; pour over apple layer. If desired, decorate edge with crust leaves.
4. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 50-55 minutes. If necessary, cover edges with foil during the last 15 minutes of baking time to prevent overbrowning. Cool completely. If desired, serve with whipped cream or ice cream. Store in the refrigerator



Apple Blackberry Pie

🕒 Total Time Prep: 20 Min. Bake: 50 Min.

Yield 8 Servings

★★★★★

👩 Test Kitchen Approved

This apple blackberry pie recipe combines fresh, vibrant blackberries and tender sliced apples for the ultimate dessert.

Ingredients

- Dough for double-crust pie
- 5 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples (about 5 medium)
- 1 pint fresh blackberries, rinsed and drained
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon water or milk

Directions

1. On a lightly floured surface, roll out half the dough to fit a 9-in. pie plate; trim to 1 in. beyond rim of plate. Top with a thin layer of apples. In a large bowl, combine blackberries and remaining apples; sprinkle with lemon juice. Combine sugar and cornstarch. Add to fruit mixture; toss gently to coat. Spoon into crust; dot with butter.
2. Roll out remaining dough; make a lattice crust. Trim, seal and flute edges. Beat egg with water; brush over lattice top and pie edges.
3. Bake at 375° for 50 minutes or until filling is bubbly and apples are tender. Cool on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Nutrition Facts

1 piece: 415 calories, 18g fat (8g saturated fat), 44mg cholesterol, 238mg sodium, 62g carbohydrate (32g sugars, 2g fiber), 3g protein.



Pumpkin Biscuits



Ingredients

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| 1. 1-3/4 cups all purpose flour | 2. 1/4 cup packed brown sugar |
| 3. 2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder | 4. 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 5. 1/4 teaspoon baking soda | 6. 3/4 cup canned pumpkin |
| 7. 1/2 cup plus 1-1/2 teaspoons cold butter, divided | 8. 1/3 cup buttermilk |

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda. Cut in 1/2 cup butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Combine pumpkin and buttermilk; stir into crumb mixture just until moistened.
2. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; knead 8-10 times. Pat or roll out to 1-inch thickness; cut with a floured 2-1/2 inch biscuit cutter. Place 1 inch apart on a greased baking sheet.
3. Bake at 425 for 18-22 minutes or until golden brown. Melt remaining butter; brush over Biscuits. Serve warm.





From Jill Thach - Santa Barbara A's

The truth about women our age



We've seen it all, done it all,
and been around the block.
We're living large and so
in charge. Old ladies?
What a crock.

We've just begun to have
our fun and earned each
little wrinkle. Say it loud!
We're downright proud, and
when we laugh, we tinkle.

Real women feel it's no big deal
to add another candle. We're old!
We're bold! We're solid gold...
There's nothing we can't handle!

Serenity Raven Wolf.com

Who knew the hardest thing of being an adult is figuring out what to fix for dinner and doing it every single night for the rest of your life until you die?

Pro cooking tip:
If you stir coconut oil into your kale, it makes it easier to scrape it into the trash.



A Woman's Random Thoughts

One of life's mysteries is how a two-pound box of candy can make a woman gain five pounds.

A friend of mine confused her valium with her birth control pills. She has 14 kids but she doesn't really care.

Household tips:

- 1) Run your hands under cold water before pressing Rice Krispie Treats into the pan and the marshmallows won't stick to your hands.
- 2) Spray Tupperware or other plastic containers with non-stick cooking spray before putting tomato based food into them and there won't be any stains.

“Where Are We Going”???



January

EVERY SATURDAY.....Cars & Coffee...

8:00am til 10:00am



Every Tuesday Model A Breakfast at IHOP - 6:30



1/1 New Years Day

1/4 HCCA Meeting



1/8 Happy Honkers Meeting



1/10 CCRG Board Meeting

1/12 Charter Oak Meeting



How About Some Ideas For A Happy Honker's Model A Clinic!!

Contact Pres. Phil Kneeland: (559) 679-1980

With Your Ideas!!



FIRST RELEASE OF THE MODEL A FORD DECEMBER 2, 1927

In late November came the announcement that Americans had been waiting for: On December 2, 1927, the still –unnamed Ford automobile would be shown to the public, at locations revealed to each and every Ford dealer. Pricing was announced on December 1, the eve of the showing, and to the delight of potential buyers, the new Model A would be priced comparably to the Model T. On the day of the car's reveal, *FordNews*, claimed that 10,534,992 people came to see the Model A, a number that represented 10 percent of the U.S. population at the time.

The Model A offered buyers elegant styling (described as a “downsized Lincoln” by some), four-wheel brakes, improved fuel economy, a laminated safety glass windshield, hydraulic shock absorbers, and a 200-5 cu.in. four-cylinder engine rated at 40 horsepower, enough to deliver a top speed of 65 MPH. Seven body types were offered at launch, including Sport Coupe, Coupe, Roadster, Phaeton, Tudor sedan, Fordor sedan, and truck, and buyers could choose from four colors (Niagara Blue, Arabian Sand, Dawn Gray and Gun Metal Blue).

Deposits from eager customers poured in, and in the first two weeks the automaker had reportedly accumulated 400,000 sales orders from dealers (adding to the thousands of orders that had been placed prior to the car's reveal). Though the Model A would only be produced from 1927 through early 1932, Ford sold over 4.3 million examples, and the car would help Ford transition from pioneer to modern automaker. The Model A would also go on to inspire generations of collectors, hot rodders and shade tree mechanics, helping to popularize the hobby that we've all come to know and love.



Era ad for Cabriolet



The New Ford Convertible Cabriolet

ROUDLY you will drive the new Ford Cabriolet because of its distinctive grace of line and alert, capable performance. It has the further advantage of being a most practical car. * * *

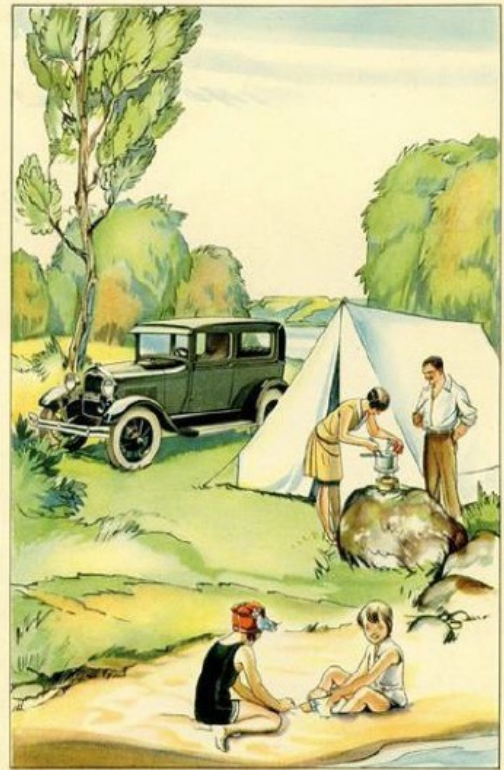
On clear, brisk days, the blue sky overhead, you can enjoy the airy freedom of a roadster. When dark clouds come, it takes but a few moments to raise the top and command the snug comfort of a coupe. It is thus a splendid car for all the year, for every changing mood of mind or weather. * *

Ease of control, comfort, the safety of fully enclosed four-wheel brakes and a Triplex shatter-proof glass windshield, reliability, economy and long life are among the other outstanding features of the new Ford Convertible Cabriolet. * * *

June 1929 Good Housekeeping

Ford Model A Advertising

This picture is from a 1928 Danish Booklet, extolling the beauty and practicality of the new Ford. It's apparent from the location that they are rough camping - no road, no fire pit, no other campsites. This implies the new Ford is good at getting you where you want to go!



Tudor Sedan

The accompanying text from the booklet: TUDOR SEDAN The new Tudor Sedan is remarkable for its beautiful, strong construction. You can see from this car that it is up to the most difficult tasks. The seats are wide, deep and comfortable, the backrests are adjusted in such a way that, according to experience, they give the body the best rest. Both front seats can be folded up, so that one can easily get in and out from both sides. The driver's seat can be precisely adjusted to the size of the driver.

Ford News



Henry Ford in the act of stamping the number on the first Model A motor completed on the Fordson motor assembly line, October 20, 1927.

Mr. Ford Numbers First Model A Car

As the first Model A Ford motor left the Fordson assembly line late in the afternoon of October 20, 1927, it was numbered by Henry Ford with a hand stamp and machine hammer. When finished, the first car, a Tudor sedan, was driven to the Dearborn Laboratory and put through a series of tests. Eventually this car will be placed in the Ford Museum.

2027 MAFCA National Tour

June 13 - 18, 2027

Durango, Colorado

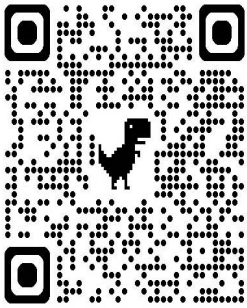
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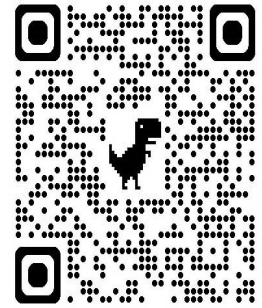
4 Days of Driving Tours to: Aztec Ruins National Monument (New Mexico) - Mesa Verde National Park - Million Dollar Highway - Pagosa Springs/Wolf Creek Pass

A fun Day on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (a can't miss event)

Car Games, Ice Cream Social, Model A Car Display, Hubley Derby, Welcome and Farewell Dinners, and More



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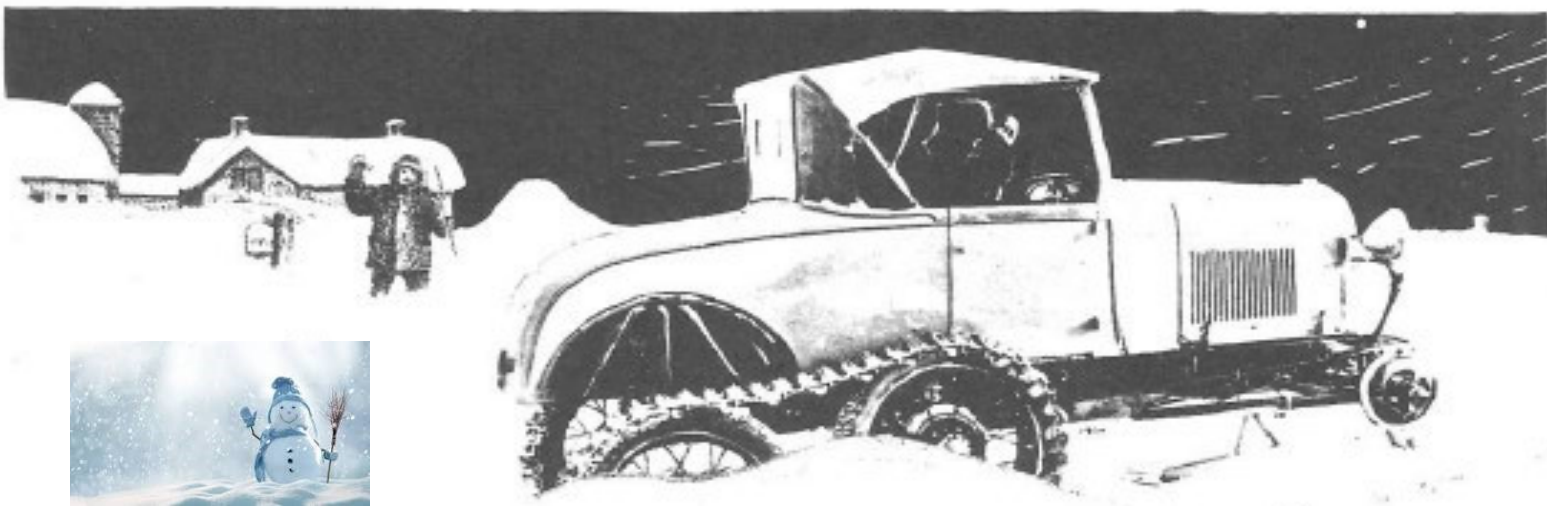


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A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. "

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked **"NO REFILLS"**."



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2 big features

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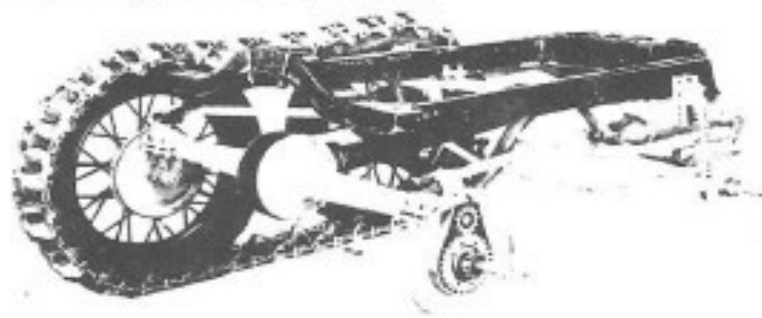
Here is a view of the Snow Flyer SUPER POWER GEARS which give a ratio of practically 7 to 1. An exclusive feature that makes SNOW FLYER the most powerful unit ever built for snow travel.

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 Gauge Chassis

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



Tech For Your Model A Ford

Model A Technical Info

FORD MODEL "A" MECHANICAL TIPS



How to Cure Backfiring & Overheating

(From the Tulsa, Oklahoma Chapter MAFCA)



How to Cure Backfiring

Back firing is usually caused by the condenser failing, or the points may not have sufficient gap. Make sure they are set at .018 to .020". Make sure they are not burnt.

Backfiring can be caused by intermittent firing of the ignition system or very lean fuel mixture. If the car has been setting for a while, the carburetor float valve may be sticking. Clean the float valve good and set the float level. Backfiring due to intermittent ignition can be caused by a frayed wire on the bottom side of the distributor plate . . or .. by intermittent connection of the ignition switch.

Potential Solutions:

Check point setting first.

Replace condenser next (unless you are using modern points). Make sure the condenser you buy is the right length, some are too short. Make sure that it is good quality.

Check that the carburetor float valve is operating correctly.

Sometimes the pop out type ignition switches get intermittent. As a last resort, replace the ignition switch/cable.

Check the GAV to make sure it is not set too lean

How to Deal with Model A Overheating

There are several things that can cause a Model A to overheat. The main cause is usually the radiator. First you can check to see if your radiator has 3 rows of tubes. Some of the older replacement radiators had only 2 rows. That will not provide sufficient cooling. If the radiator is old and has been in the car a long time, the fins of the radiator become loose and cannot dissipate the heat. Also, if the radiator is old calcium deposits in the radiator will reduce the cooling efficiency of the radiator.

Like many Model A owners we had to replace a radiator as once we got the car over 40 MPH it would get hot. The radiator had 3 tubes but only 6 fins per inch (normal) plus the flow rate was quite slow. The new core that was put on has 12 fins per inch plus they are crinkled to provide maximum cooling surface area. Replacing the radiator along with slowing the rate of flow (installed a Thermostat) stopped the overheating on our "A".

Other potential causes of overheating: First make sure the timing is set correctly. Then make sure nothing is blocking the front of the radiator, like a license plate. If you have a new engine, it will sometimes run hot until it is broken in. There are several books and articles that have been written that will tell how to correctly set the timing. A blown head gasket can also cause overheating. Check for bubbles in the water at the filler neck. This may indicate a blown head gasket. Running your car too lean (Gas Adjustment Valve, GAV) can also contribute to your motor running hot. In hot weather there can be many contributing factors.



Tech For Your Model A Ford

Tech Tips

Mounting Wheels on Brake Drums

Too many people don't know the importance and the correct way to mount a wheel on the brake drum.

Sometimes the threads on the bolts are dry and screwing the lug nuts on pull the threads off and could break the bolt. A little lubrication can prevent this. If the threads are slightly damaged a die nut can be run over the threads to straighten them up and then a new nut should be used. Some of the lug nuts in our V-8's are hard to come by. If the threads are too badly damaged the bolt has to be replaced by pressing out with a press (without distorting drum or hub). The bolt then needs to be pressed back in with a special tool used in the press called a swedging tool. This tool enlarges the portion of the bolt that sticks through the brake drum. This aligns the bolt and keeps it from falling out.

When tightening the nuts you should do it in a criss-cross pattern, tighten to about one half the specified torque then tighten to the full torque specified. On our V-8's the torque is 70# to 80# ft/lb. If this is not done, the wheels, drums and hubs could be distorted. If bolts are lubricated you should stick to the lower torque as threads have less friction and are easy to over tighten.

Dick Flynn, December 1982



Cold Weather and Batteries -

When adding water to a battery in cold weather, the engine should be run at a charging speed for at least five minutes after the water has been added.. This is so the water will mix with the electrolyte.

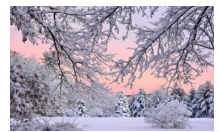
Repair Fuel Tanks - Do not try to repair leaky fuel tanks unless you know what you are doing. Gas fumes are dangerous due to their explosiveness.



Thanks to Script 'A' News

I learned why the screwdrivers have this specific shape...! How did I not know this for the last 40 years?

A Little Fun !!!



They say every
piece of chocolate
you eat shortens your
life by two minutes.
I've done the math.
Seems I died in 1537.



Chocolate is vital for our
survival!! Dinosaurs didn't
have chocolate, and look
what happened to them...



What's this lady doing, adjusting the visor?

Things I learned from my mother...

1. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION. *"Just wait until we get home."*
2. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. *"You are going to get it when you get home!"*
3. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE. *"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."*
4. My mother taught me ESP. *"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"*
5. My mother taught me HUMOR. *"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

KitchenFunWithMy3Sons.com

**TO ALL MY FRIENDS
WHO WILL BE ASLEEP
BEFORE MIDNIGHT!**

**Exercising can add YEARS to your life. For example, I
jogged 4 miles today and now I feel like I'm 73.**

England doesn't have a blood bank. But it does have a liverpool.



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