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The purpose of the club is two-fold:

- 1. To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information, and parts for admirers of Model A Ford cars and trucks and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve these vehicles in their original likeness.
- 2. To unite in a central organization, all individuals who are interested in restoring the automobile in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community. It shall further be the purpose of this club to help these individuals become better acquainted and encourage and maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship, sociality, and fair play through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

The Utah Valley Model A Club is a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA).



2013 Club Officers

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We meet every third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Larry H Miller dealership at 1995 N. University Parkway in Provo.



President's Message



Well, we did it! We made it through the first full year as a club. I **thank** all of you for your support and interest in the wellbeing of the club and appreciate each and everyone of you for your efforts. The club's board has worked to blaze the way for our group to try and find things that would be fun and include as many as wanted to participate. I hope you enjoyed the club activities this year.

Think about volunteering for office. New blood is always good. It brings in new ideas and a fresh perspective. Give it a try!

This year's meeting will be a "Christmas Dinner" at Golden Corral on December 5th at

7:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy the meal as well as a look back at 2013. Be sure to come and enjoy the fun. After all, you don't want to be volunteered as a board member the military way!



Robert

Member Spotlight

Joe and Maxine Fazzio



Born in Helper, I grew up in Utah until going into the Military in 1957. I had missed a year in high school due to a bone disease caused by playing football, so I quit school and joined the Army.

When I was fifteen, I bought my first Model A, it was a '31 Deluxe Coupe that belonged to a old school teacher. It came with 21 extra wheels she bought during the war for the tires. By the time I was 17 I had purchased two more; one was for parts and the other to drive. When I entered the Military, I was forced to sell them for the money. I always regretted selling those A's, so after leaving the Military, while working in Price, I bought two more Model A's. One was a '30 coupe and the other was a '29 2-door sedan.



I then moved to Provo for work so I did not pursue restoring these cars at that time.

Maxine was born and grew up in the Roosevelt area. In 1962, we were both going to BYU. We met and got Married in Dec

1930 Coupe got Married ir of 1963. We are celebrating our 50th this month.

The next summer I transferred to the University of Utah to pursue an engineering degree. I continued to work in Provo. While driving to work one day, I spotted two in Lehi. Needless to say I

stopped and bought them; one was a Blindback



Before



After

Sedan and the other one was a Special Coupe. I restored the Special Coupe and drove it thru college. This is the only time that my wife and I disagreed over buying a car. We were struggling students at the time. However, by time I graduated in 1968, I had bought another '29 coupe, a '28 AR Sports Coupe and a '29 Roadster. I restored



1928 AR Sports Coupe

1929 Roadster

the Sports Coupe in 1967 and it drove and my Special Coupe until I graduated. After moving to California I came back and got the '30 Coupe and then restored it.



Between then and now I have bought, restored and sold many cars, and accessories. I've been involved with several Model A clubs and gotten adults and kids





involved in the hobby; some by selling them cars. I helped a young man who, at the age of 12, bought his first Model A, then I gave him his last one -- a '29



Steve's First Car

roadster pickup. He is now a Grandpa of three triplet girls and still active in the hobby.

My last A restoration occurred in the

mid 90's. It included many improvement s not typically found in a restoration and included



a Model B Russian engine. The final picture can be found in an earlier news letter. Picture 12 shows the detail of disassembly and prep. work.

In spite of all my restoration work, I have also been interested in having at least one original non restored car. The following two pictures are two of the three of the cars that I have owned in this category.

When I decided to move to Utah, I had to scale down my collection. After a lot of soul searching



1946 Desoto

I decided to keep just three Mustangs and one Model A and even though it was not one of my rarest cars. Due to



1947 Lincoln

memories, I could not let my '31 town sedan go. Hopefully it will go to a good home when I'm gone. But right know the two of us enjoy each other's company.



November 2013 Meeting

Attendance: Kelly & Lloyd Barker, Diane & Brim Brimley, Syd and Tim Crockett, Vern Cope, Joe Fazzio, Wendell Gadd, Tony Jacobs, Clyde Munson,

Becky, Greg, Nicholas and Robert Mack, Daniel Salazar, Richard Tucker.



Club Business:

Welcome Richard Tucker!

Yup, if you read the attendance list and didn't recognize the name, it's because he is a new member. He is the first member that wasn't recruited! He was looking for an economy car on the Internet, selected "Ford" on the screen and looked down through the Ford options and stopped at "Model A." He wasn't actively looking for a Model A but when he saw there were three of them in Utah for sale he went and looked at them. One in Roy, SLC and the third in St. George. After looking at all three he picked the first one he looked at and headed back to Roy and bought it. It is a 1930 Coupe. Welcome Richard, we're pleased to have you!

<u>UVMAC 13</u>+: If you've driven once a month for 12 months plus at least one additional time you qualify for the 13+ award. Please let Greg or Robert know so you can receive your patch at the December Dinner meeting. Our number is (801) 489-9808.

Name Tags: Everyone has received their name tags except Richard, Wendell and Jim. If you haven't received it please let Robert know at the above phone number or send e-mail to mack4759@yahoo.com.

<u>T-Shirts</u>: Vern is preparing an order for T-shirts that will be submitted in January. If you would like a shirt or want more for you, grandkids etc. Please contact Vern at the Dinner Meeting or call him at (801) 377-0567 or e-mail him at <u>vern@byu.edu</u>.

<u>Instagram</u>: Daniel reports that we are receiving messages from international visitors. We can say now that our club has gone international!

Newsletter Advertising: To build club revenue we are going to allow advertising at the back of the

newsletter. This will be a good opportunity to raise funds and a chance for us to learn about local businesses that deal with classic cars. For example there is a great upholster in Spanish Fork that specializes in classic cars and has upholstered several



Model A's; good car detailer in Payson; a body shop that does excellent work and has lots of experience with old cars. If you know of anyone who might be a good advertiser, please contact them. Costs are \$5.00 an issue or \$50.00 for the year. If they advertise for the year we will include free advertising for any special events they host (open houses, car events etc.).

Elections: A review of the elected offices vs. the appointed offices was given by Joe. The duties of each officer were explained. Afterwards each member was asked to list on a piece of paper the office they would be willing to run for and what talents we were willing to offer the club and it's members.

The Bent Rod Award: Kelly has put together a great award to be given out to unlucky members who have had problems with their cars. It is a great looking trophy and the editor wouldn't mind displaying it on his mantle piece . . . it's just the stigma and bad karma that is associated with that the editor would like to stay away from. Thanks Kelly!

The last thing discussed at the monthly meeting was a discussion led by Joe. We talked about preparing our cars for winter and came up with the following items in addition to those found in last month's winterizing article. They are:

1. Store car with a full tank of high octane gasoline. Then add a gas stabilizer like Lucas or Stabil.

- 2. Run the car once a month enough to get the engine warm.
- 3. When preparing for winter, flush the cooling system and add 50/50 coolant to make sure there is enough antifreeze in the system to keep from freezing.
- 4. Fill tires to 35 lbs pressure. It was also suggested that if you are not going to jack up the car to at least place pieces of carpet under the tires.
- 5. The hand out said to clean the car thoroughly. This means to wax it too.
- 6. Change the oil as well with a 10-30 detergent oil.
- 7. To keep the clutch plate from rusting in place, depress the clutch petal a couple of times each month.
- 8. After car is jacked up, place overturned buckets over the jacks. Then slide the jacks under the car and lower it onto the jacks. This will keep mice from climbing up the jacks.
- 9. Mice can also get into the tailpipe. To prevent this place a mothball in a small plastic mesh bag and place in the tailpipe. Keep a portion of the bag outside of the tailpipe, this way you can easily extract it once spring arrives.
- 10. Dryer sheets work just as well as mothballs and they don't have the strong smell, nor does it take as long for the smell to dissipate when you are ready to use the car.

After refreshments the meeting was adjourned.

2013 Calendar of Events

December 5th at 7:00 p.m. is our **annual dinner meeting**. It will be held at the Golden Corral in Orem on University Parkway. Last year we had a lot of fun and it looks to be just as much fun this year! We've even been working on a new Model A Christmas song.

2014 Calendar of Events

January 13th is our next meeting. It will be held at the Larry H. Miller dealership. We will have a guest speaker talk about insurance.



March 9-14th. MAFCA's National Tour. This year it will be held in the Hill Country of Texas. During your visit, you will have the occasion to visit San Antonio's River Walk and

the historic Alamo where the battle for Texas's independence began. Then it will be a drive into the hill country, full of great scenery and great Model A roads.

July 14th - 18th, 2014 MAFCA National Convention,

Puyallup, Washington. The last four pages of the newsletter is an Early Bird Newsletter from the National Committee. Read through it to see the adventures that await you.



June 19th -24th, 2016 MAFCA National Convention, Loveland, Colorado. Start saving NOW! Clear your schedule and don't let anything get in the way of this convention. It is very close! This is a fantastic opportunity that we shouldn't miss -- especially if you don't go to Puyallup.

Let's Celebrate!



December Birthdays:

Dan Berg -- Dec 6th Clyde Munson -- Dec 8th Diane Brimley -- Dec 9th Kelly Barker -- Dec 17th

We missed a birthday in November. Daniel spent his 14th birthday at the club meeting. Happy belated birthday Daniel!

History of the Model A Part 3 By Tom Eldhardt courtesy of Columbia Basin Model A Club

(Continued from November, 2013 issue.)

The average Model A contains around 5,500 parts. During the life of the Model A over 5,000 minor and 150 major changes were made. The new Model A Fords were the fastest cars made in the 0-30 mph range. The new 40HP motor had a high torque on its low end. Model T car drivers who had learned how to operate the planetary gear transmission had to learn how to operate the double-clutching sliding

gear 3-speed transmission. The grinding of gears when shifting was common (and still is today). Cars get a average of 20-30 mpg dependent on speed driven.



For the general car buyer in 1928, the Ford models were: Phaeton (Standard), Roadster (Standard), Coupes (Standard, Special, Sport and Business), Tudor, Fordor (2-window) and Roadster Pickup truck. Prices for 1928 cars ranged from \$385 to \$550. Buyers were allowed to order cars painted in color schemes that they wanted from the local Ford dealer's color combination charts. Listed price did not include: spare tire & tube, bumpers, shipping, taxes, gas and oil from the dealership.

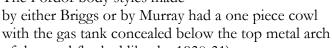
Henry decided the new Model A cars would sell for the same price as the similar models available in the Model T cars. Ford lost \$72 million during the first year of production. Two of the major contributors to these losses were the \$495 Tudor (sold at a \$320 loss) and the \$395 Phaeton (sold at a \$335 loss). Other than the emergency/parking brake problem encountered in the early 1928 cars, some other changes to the new Model A in 1928 included replacing the Abell starter (1/2" shaft) with a Bendix starter (5/8" shaft), the multi-disc clutch with a single-disc clutch, the Red steering wheel with a Black

steering wheel, and updating the four point engine suspension system to a three point floating system.



The 1928-29 Model A Fords had a short radiator, screw-on type radiator and gas caps, a heart shaped illuminated dash panel with oval speedometer and

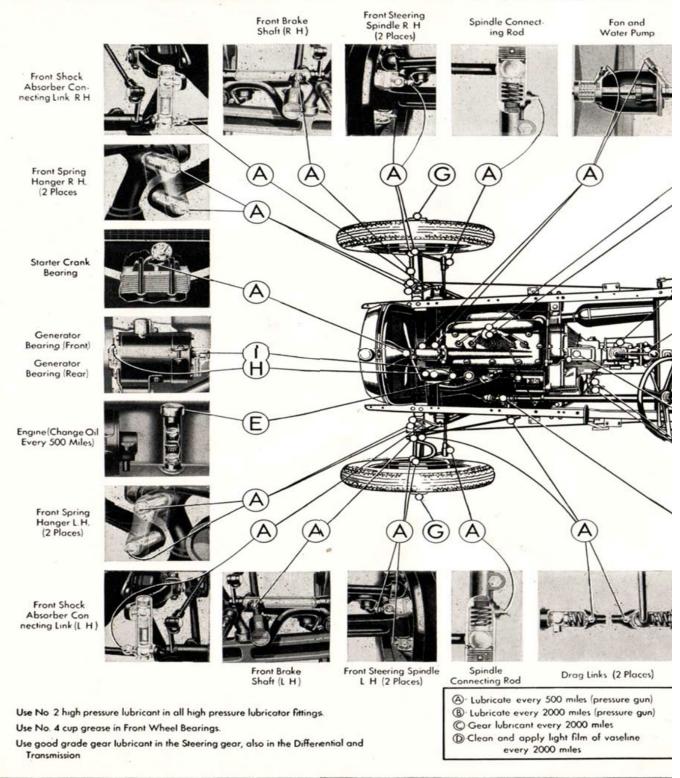
21" wire spoke wheels. The back of the headlight buckets were in an "acorn" shape. Ford-built car bodies had the distinctive coupe pillar brace next to the lower cowl area below the exposed gas tank. The Fordor body styles made





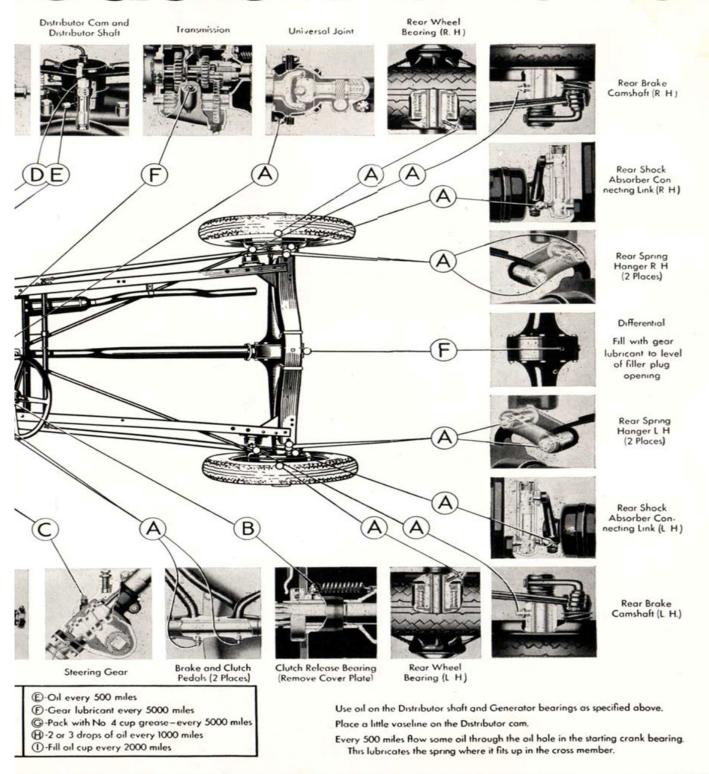


Model "A" Lubri



Thorough lubrication of the chassis is assured by fittings at all points

cation Chart



s, permitting lubricant to be forced into the bearings at high pressure

Breaking News ... from the Newspapers of the Model A Era

December 26, 1928 -- Johnny

Weissmuller announces his retirement from amateur swimming. Weissmuller was one of the world's fastest swimmers in the 1920s, winning five Olympic gold medals for swimming. Yet he is probably best know as Tarzan in 12 movies.



December 1st, 1929 -- The Game of Bingo, as it is known today, was introduced by Edwin S Lowe a toy merchandiser. A game similar dates back to 1530 in Italy. Lowe saw the game performed in a traveling carnival by Hugh Ward. Lowe saw how engaged people were in the game known as Beano and went on to introduce the game as we know it today.



Breaking News ... (continued)

December 23, 1930 -- Bette Davis arrives in Hollywood under contract to Universal Studios. Ruth Elizabeth Davis was born on April 5, 1908 in Lowell, MA. Often referred to as "The First Lady of the American Screen," Bette Davis created a new kind of screen heroine. She was a liberated woman in an industry dominated by men. She was known as an actress that could play a variety of difficult and powerful roles, and because of this she set a new standard for women on the big screen. She is ranked second behind Katharine Hepburn as leading ladies of the silver screen.



She died on October 6, 1989 at 81 in France from breast cancer.

December 3, 1931 -- Alka Seltzer goes on sale. "Effervescent analgesic alkalizing tablets" Promising "quick relief," Alka-Seltzer was first marketed in 1931 by Dr. Miles Medical Company of Elkhart, IN. It was once marketed as something of a cure-all; at one time its ads even suggested taking it for "the blahs."



How America Has Changed One Century Ago...



1910 Ford

The year is 1910, over one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1910:

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.
- Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone
- ❖ There were only 8,000 cars − only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
- ❖ The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.
- ❖ The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

- ❖ More than 95 percent of all births took place at *Home*.
- Ninety percent of all Doctors had No College Education! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press And the government as 'substandard.'
- Sugar cost four cents a pound.
- **&** Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
- Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month – used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- ***** The five leading causes of death were:
 - 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 - 2. Tuberculosis
 - 3. Diarrhea
 - 4. Heart disease
 - 5. Stroke



- ❖ The American flag had 45 stars.
- ❖ The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
- Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
- There were about 230 reported murders in the *Entire* U.S.A.!

Era Advertising:

NOMA was formed in 1925 in New York and is best known for making Christmas lights. It was once the largest manufacturer of holiday lighting in the world. You may remember the lights that bubbled as a low wattage traveled through the bulb's base. They are still sold today.



Eatonia, a Canadian brand, is more widely know for their .22 boy's rifle than their other toys. Here's a wagon for \$6.95 delivered. That was pretty pricey for 1930.





T. Eaton was once Canada's largest department store retailer. The chain controlled almost 60% of all department store sales in Canada in 1930. Here they are trying to make their mark in the U.S. market.



In 1930 The Coca-Cola were just as iconic as they are now. Originally intended as a patent medicine when it was invented in the late 19th century by John Pemberton, Coca-Cola was bought out by businessman Asa Griggs Candler, whose marketing tactics led Coke to its dominance of the world softdrink market throughout the 20th century.

Technical Clue (for those of us that are clueless)

Orange County Model A Distributor

Have you ever had your head under the hood and wished someone (wife) was nearby to engage the crank to slowly turn the engine over? Let's say you are scraping the carbon off the piston tops or trying to line up the distributor with number one at TDC? Well, perhaps the following will help with that.

Pick up a cheap ½ or 12mm 3/8 drive socket at the swap meet or elsewhere. You will also need a 2 inch by 3/16 or ¼ inch roll pin or rod. Drill a matching hole through the socket roughly in the center of the length and insert the pin (see the photo below). The pin should be a tight fit or peened so-as not to slide out.







Now, by fitting the socket to your handy 3/8- drive ratchet you have a substitute for the engine-crank and

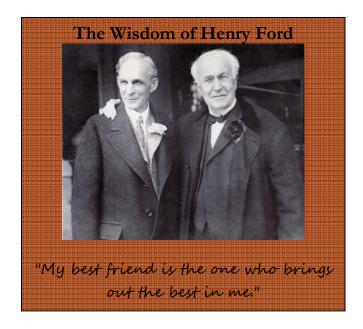
can use it under the hood (see photos). Now doesn't that just make your day?





Out & About:

We haven't heard much about club member's activities or their progress on their cars. That's understandable this time of year. But let us know about your progress so we can pass it along to other members of the group. That way if members have an expertise in that area, they can help. We do know of one instance, Tony is getting with Joe about an electrical problem in his phaeton.



Model A Ford Club of America Dues

If you are a member of MAFCA (and we highly encourage membership), this is the last month you can pay your dues (\$40.00) without missing an award winning issue of *The Restorer*

magazine. You can call them (562) 697-2712, go to their website



https://mafca.com/cart/index.php?mafca_new_mem_ber=yes or use the order form on page 13 to renew your membership.

Model A Fashions

We try to offer articles that have more appeal to the ladies. The following article was provided by Judy Lewis and the Model A Ford Club of America.

The Princess Silhouette is Important for Winter By Judy Lewis

For all the ladies, including myself, who do not find the 1928 dresses, with wide girdles around the hips or belted around the hipline, flattering to their figure, *Delineator*, October 1928 featured the princess silhouette evening gown. The dress was a Butterick pattern #2257.

It outlines the figure and flares outward at the hem; it has the deep U décolletage in front and a deeper V in back and features a huge bow at the side. The hem in back flows to ankle length. This silhouette is very new and extremely smart.

The model shows spike heel pumps and a long single strand necklace; although you can't see them she would be wearing matching earrings. To complete the outfit, above the elbow evening gloves, evening bag and wrap would be appropriate.

16 to 22 button silk gloves with 3 gores. The button count is not about how many buttons it has but how long the gloves are.



Evening bag of white or black silk moiré with high grade imitation diamonds. Sears S/S 1928

This evening wrap, Butterick pattern #2210 also featured in *Delineator*, October 1928, was made of metal cloth and featured a blue fox mushroom collar and cuffs. If the wrap were made of ivory velvet, sable would have been tremendously smart.





New Officers!

At the December Dinner we will be voting for a new board. Robert will be the new board chairman since he is the out-going president for 2013, but all other offices are open. Please think about which members you would like to see in these offices and prepare to nominate them. If you would like to serve in one of these capacities we would love to have you volunteer. This is also a good reason to attend the December Dinner because not only are we going to reminisce about 2013, but we will be electing officers -- some may be the military way. So, if you would like to see a person serving in a specific capacity, or you want to make sure you are not volunteered to serve, you'll want to attend. We will be voting for:

President Vice President Secretary/Historian Treasurer



Classifieds

Wanted: Joe Fazzio is looking for a pair of 1931 Utah license plates. (801) 491-8439.

Wanted: New members! Our club is growing, but as the ole adage says, "There is strength in numbers." If you can think of anyone else who owns, or is interested in Model A's please invite and bring them to a meeting or activity.

Wanted: Vern is looking for a new "front end" for his pickup. It would make it much easier for him if he can find one assembled so all he has to do is bolt it in. (801) 377-0567.

Wanted: 1931 window molding garnishes for Greg Mack's newly acquired 31 Slant Window Sedan.

If you want to include something in the classifieds send your items to





Final Thoughts

Now that the club organization is complete and the club is functioning, we can turn our attention to getting our cars out on the road and driving them.

Several club members have stepped up to the plate and gone



the extra mile to help others get their road worthy. We really appreciate their wilingness to help others, their knowledge of the cars and the long hours they have spent in their behalf.