



# UTAH VALLEY

## - Model A Club -

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**2015 MAFCA AWARDS BANQUET**  
There's the Model A that Henry  
Built, then there's Ours

TATTON  
BAIRD  
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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 Club of America (MAFCA). Membership with MAFCA is encouraged.

## 2016 Club Officers

### CLUB OFFICERS

President	Nicholas Mack
Vice President	Vern Cope
Secretary/Historian	Robert Mack
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### APPOINTED POSITIONS

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Photographer	Greg Mack
Activities	Clyde Munson
Awards	Kelly Barker
Newsletter	Robert Mack

# A Message From Our President

## SPECIAL MOMENTS

With Valentine's Day coming up soon, I've been doing some thinking. Are you planning to take your sweetheart out for a good time on Valentine's Day? How about a nice drive, just the two of you? What about preparing a nice warm bubble bath for her, or taking her out for some premium nourishment? I've been thinking about spoiling her by getting her something she has wanted for quite some time, but I've not had the money to get. There's a long list, I just can't decide which she needs most. Give her something new to dress her up. New shoes might be the answer. Another gift she might enjoy is some time with her close friends -- friends of her own age, who have similar experiences and memories. They always enjoy that.

No matter what you do for your sweetheart, make sure you dawdle over her, let her know you love her, and spend time with her and take care of her. Oh, now that I think about it, you may want to invite your wife to come along as you and your Model A enjoy Valentines day together.

Regardless of what you do for Valentine's Day, make sure you join us for this month's meeting and activity — and bring your spouse along; we'll have a grand ole' time.





## 2016 Calendar of Events

### February

- 8th - Board Meeting
- 18th - Club Meeting, Larry H. Miller, University Pkwy, Provo
- 27th - Springville, Tatton Baird Hatters (see page 14 for more details.

### March

- 7th - Board Meeting
- 17th - Club Meeting, Larry H. Miller, University Pkwy

### April

- 11th - Board Meeting
- 21st - Club Meeting, Larry H. Miller, University Pkwy

### May

- 9th - Board Meeting
- 19th - Club Meeting, Larry H. Miller, University Pkwy

### June

- 19th-24th - Model A Ford Club of America's National Meet in Loveland, CO. You can find more details by clicking at this link: <http://www.milehighcountry2016.org/>



### September

- 10th - Model A Day. Mark your calendars now so nothing will get in the way of this fun event.

## 2017 Calendar of Events

### June

- 22nd-24th - Northwest Regional Meet, Coos Bay, Oregon. Hosts: The Myrtlewood A's

### September

- 10th-17th - MAFCA National Tour Pacific Northwest Tour, Olympia, Washington. Hosts: Lion's Gate Model A Club

### The Wisdom of Henry Ford



*One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do.*



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**CLIFF GODFREY - FEB 1ST**  
**DICK MCCULLOCH FEB 8TH**  
**OLGA BURR - FEB 13TH**  
**JOE FAZZIO - FEB 17TH**  
**JANELL TODD FEB 18TH**  
**ALLISON MACK - FEB 25TH**

# January's Monthly Meeting

## Attendance:

Pat Hansen, Joe Fazzio, Vern Cope, Reid and Elaine Carlton, Ron and Ellie Sessions, Bill & Colette Thompson, Howard and Gemma Eckstein, Kelly Lloyd, Bob Anderson, Richard Tucker, Karl Furr, Clyde Munson, Diane and Brim Brimley, Nicholas, Greg and Robert Mack.

## Guest/New Member:

Carl Pope visited last month and then gave it "another go" this month too. So at the beginning of the meeting he was considered a guest. After the meeting he must have decided we were okay after all because he joined (and paid his dues - have you paid yours?) He was also kind enough to bring some auto manuals and related material and gave them away! Thanks Carl!

## Club Business:

Club Director, Howard gave out the remaining awards to those who were not in attendance at the Christmas party: Elaine - presentation on era fashions, Reid - carburetor presentation, Vern - auto body demonstration.

Tony has been in the hospital. After several days they let him go home. Jan reports that he is feeling much better now.

Howard gave a Power Point presentation on his and Gemma's trip to Medford, Oregon where he accepted the Bill Reeder award for best technical article. If you missed the meeting, his Power Point can be viewed on pages 7-11 in this newsletter.

## Upcoming activities:

February's Activity will be a visit to a millinery, Tatton Baird Hatters, in Springville. See page 14 for more details. The activities committee has not unveiled the slate of events for this year so if you have a favorite you want us to do this year make sure Clyde knows.

## Awards:

- Ron Sessions – Spring Work
- Nicholas Mack – 500 Mile Patch
- Bent Rod Award – Clyde wanted to present it to Nicholas because of his gas situation during the Christmas light tour, but because it was Clyde's carb that leaked, he will keep it - for the time being.





### Presentation:

Clyde gave a great presentation showing the intricacies of the oil pump and the oiling system of a Model A.

Clyde explained how the oil pump worked. He brought one with him and took it apart to show us the inner workings of the pump; using the pump as a reference during his presentation.

The oil pump pumps oil from the pan into valve chamber and then is gravity fed past the dipper tray until it reaches the bottom of the pan.

The shaft is large enough that it limits a good supply of oil being pumped to the valve chamber. Because of this, Karl and Reid used a lathe to make the shaft smaller to allow for more oil to be pumped to the valve chamber

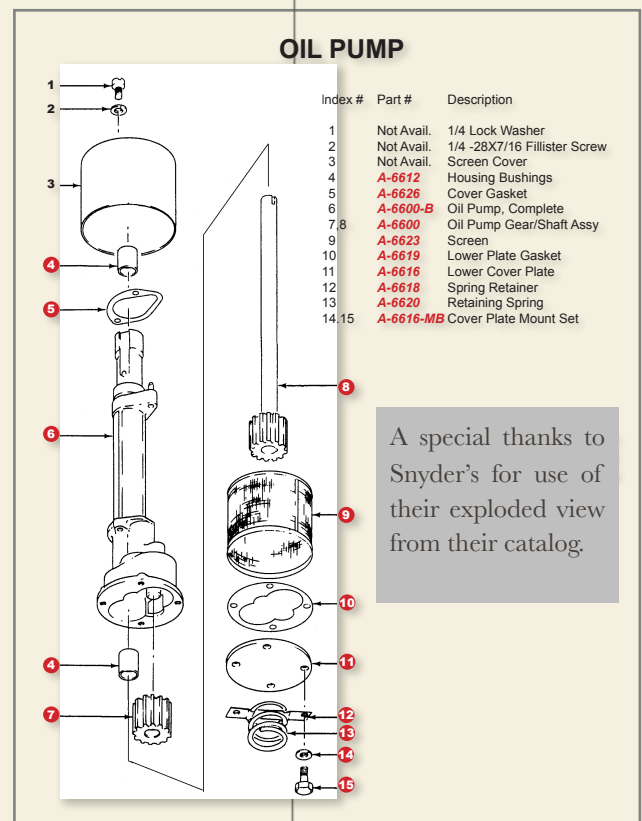
The center main takes the bulk of the weight, so having the center main well-oiled is very important. The center main is usually the first to fail. The rear main also gets some abuse, but that comes from the weight of the heavy flywheel.

The oil slinger has a small hole in it that directs the oil into the pan. If the hole is clogged, or the tube that reroutes excess oil to the pan has fallen off, the rear main will leak. The leakage is coming out of the flywheel housing, however, not the engine. A slight drip or two is common, but to have a large puddle means there is something wrong and should be checked into.

### Other Business:

Karl knows of a 28/29 chassis with hydraulic brakes, rebuilt motor and tranny for \$3,500.

Elaine provided refreshments. The sweet rolls by themselves were worth the time spent at the meeting. Robert will bring refreshments next month.



A special thanks to Snyder's for use of their exploded view from their catalog.

# Can You Guess?

MYSTERY SLEUTH

## Whose Car is This?

This month's mystery is a 1929. This picture was taken last year during the Driver's Education Activity.



This picture of last month's car belongs to Bob and Janell Todd.



## Trophy Case

### Club Awards

**Nicholas Mack**

**500 Mile Award**

**Greg Mack**

**Photo on cover of *Restorer* Magazine**

**Utah Valley Model A Club**

***Motometer* Newsletter  
MAFCA Certificate of Merit**

**HAVE  
YOU**



**RENEWED  
YET?**

Get your dues paid this month! On March 1st they go up \$5.00! Write yourself a note to bring the money with you to this month's meeting on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Dues should be given to Diane. Thank you for your support!



# 2015 MAFCA National Awards Banquet

ARTICLE & PHOTOGRAPHY BY HOWARD BECKSTEIN



Every year the Model A Ford Club of America has an awards banquet in a different city. These are hosted by chapters such as ours. The purpose of the event is to acquaint members with the national board officers, to visit some of the local points of interest, to announce the upcoming year's board and to present awards to club members. Among those presented are the literary awards for the *Restorer* magazine.

One of these is the Bill Reeder Award. Bill Reeder wrote many technical articles for the *Restorer* until his passing in 1981. The award has been presented to the author of the best technical article of the year as chosen by a panel of all the past presidents of MAFCA since its inception in 1982.

The article "Causes and Fixes for Death Wobble in the Model A Ford" was chosen for the Reeder Award for 2015. The author of that article is pleased to bring fame and glory to the Utah Valley Model A Club.

Gemma and I drove to Medford Oregon where the hosts had organized a 4-day event which culminated with the banquet. We were able to meet and get to know the

national board officers in an informal setting as fellow passengers on the tour busses.

We were taken to the Harry & David factory, the local Festival of Trees, and the old mining town of Jacksonville where we watched the Victorian Christmas parade. The local clubs provided their Model As for the parade and were a single entry. We were lastly taken to a rock museum which is a hot spot for rock hounds.

The best part of the adventure was the chance to meet the people whose names we read often in the *Restorer*: Alex Janke, Garth Shreding, Jim Canon, Les Andrews, Jim Spawn, Happy Begg and Dave Bockman to name a few. In addition, we met many others who are deep into the Model A hobby.

We met a couple who are part of the planning committee for the upcoming national meet in Loveland Colorado in June. After having met the people who run the national club and the other attendees at the banquet, Gemma and I have started making our plans to attend. We felt like we belonged and enjoyed making new friends.





### Making new friends



Bill Barlow of Bend Oregon re-pours Babbitt bearings.

It turns out his mother is an Eckstein. I introduced him to FamilySearch.org to help him learn more about his ancestors.

### This four-day event included bus tours



- First stop was to the Harry & David flagship store.



### Next stop was the Harry & David factory



- Making cheesecake

### Packaging truffles



- Most work is done by hand to provide more employment in the area





### Returned to the hotel for lunch



- The food was advertized as the best that southern Oregon has to offer. I feel sorry for the locals.

### The Festival of Trees



- Held at the National Guard gymnasium. About 30 trees on display. They raised \$90,000 for the Children's' Hospital.

### Bus tours continued



- Jacksonville, Oregon Victorian Christmas Parade

### The local Model A chapters participated



- The cars were a hit



### More cars



### More parade



One of these pictures is for Clyde

### The parade



### The last tour was to the Crater Rock Museum







### The awards banquet



### Alex Janke 2016 MAFCA President



### Getting the award



### Les Andrews – technical guru



## There's the Model A as Henry Built it - Then There's Ours

*by Bill Cassels from  
The Restorer, May/June 1991  
compliments of MAFCA*

some old

I came across this

Cassels, from the George Washington Chapter in Falls Church, Virginia are I are a lot alike (except he knows more about Model A's than I do). But he shares many of the same feelings about his club that I have about ours. So, I thought it worthwhile to share his story with you.

Have you ever been reluctant to get a physical for fear of what the doctor would find? Well, I get the same feeling when our Model A gets a checkup from a group of master Model A mechanics.

At the last meeting of our George Washington Chapter executive board meeting, hosted at our home, several board members took the opportunity to look over our car, which was on jack stands with its wheels off since my wife and I are in the middle of a brake restoration project.

"Look here," says one member. "The rubbing on your left front hub is because these bolts securing the backing plate are installed backward. It must have made a loud scraping noise."

"Oh," I say, faking total paralysis so as not to appear responsible for the installation. I don't mention that the

*Editor's Note: While reading issues of The Restorer Magazine, article that I felt akin with. Bill*

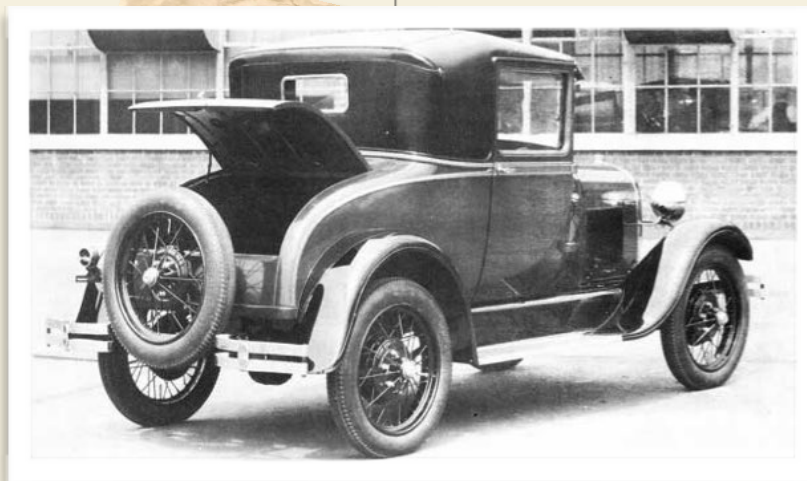
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reason I didn't hear the noise is probably because the car rattles so much I didn't notice it.

"And this bearing race on your right front hub is too loose - see, it's supposed to be tight like this other one."

"That shouldn't be much trouble to replace," I say, trying to give the impression that I am not a complete idiot and that I would have realized the problem if I had looked.

"Don't replace the race," another members says, "your problem's the hub, you need a new hub."



"Oh," I say, deciding I had better stick with one syllable responses so that I won't display my ignorance unnecessarily. Sensing that these problems are in indication of other

problems, more board members start scrutinizing my car even more closely, like a pack of hounds on the tail of a raccoon. A chill goes up my spine as I hear a muffled laugh coming from underneath the rear of the car.

"Look at these odd spring shackles - not right and no grease fittings. And what about this rear spring - looks like it only has seven leaves, that's not right for this car, should have eight; not strong enough for this Coupe."



I'm starting to feel faint. "Is that unsafe?" I ask quietly.

"No," comes the response I'd hoped for. "It'll just make your car ride low in the rear."

"Oh," I say dejectedly.

"But it won't have that effect in your case."

"Great," I say, feeling like something is finally going right.

"Yes, that's because your front spring is so old and sprung that it's almost flat too." I begin to wonder if there's a club for Model A low riders.

"Look at how this right front spindle arm moves - the king pin is loose," a member says.

"Yes," I say. I think to myself, at least that's one problem I knew of. I had already planned to replace the two spindle arm bushings which hold the king pin above and below the axle. I mention that I had planned to take care of that.

"No," comes the bad news. "The way that king pin and spindle are moving, it's loose in the axle itself."

I groan. I begin to crumble. I want to hide in my room and never see another Model A. I wonder if there is anything right on this car.

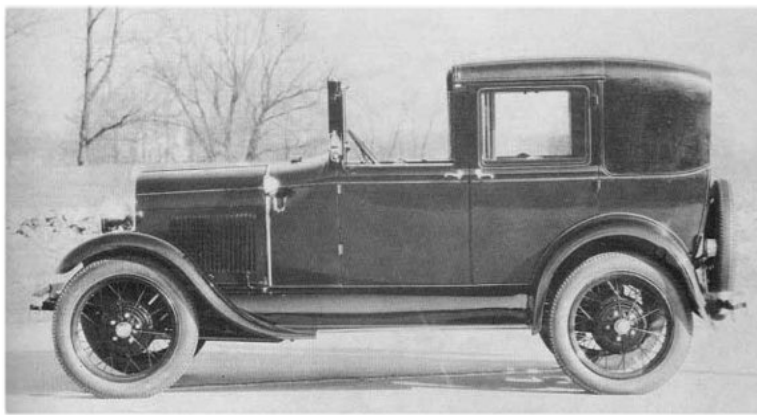
Perhaps sensing that I need encouragement, a board member says, "The right rear emergency brake linkage is correct." Great, I think.

"But," he continues, "it's installed wrong - it's been rubbing on your brake drum."

Later, inside my fellow board members reassure me.

"It's a good car," they say. "It just needs a little work. Don't get rid of it. We'll try to help. And after you finish the brake

work, that car of yours will drive great." It makes me feel good to be part of a great club, whose members are so generous with their time in helping those of us who need help, advising us who need advice, and, in my case, encouraging those of us with Model A's which fall way short of the car that Henry built.



# Tatton Baird Hatters

SPRINGVILLE, UTAH

This month's activity is a visit to Tatton Baird Hatters in Springville. They use the same processes and materials that were used during the 20's and 30's when the hat was the crowning piece of clothing for both men and women. The hat spoke volumes about the person wearing it. It defined who the person was, so choosing the right hat was very important. The

meeting place and time will be given at the club's February Meeting. We will visit the hat shop, take some pictures of the cars in front of the shop and then grab a bit to eat. You can visit their website at: <http://www.tattonbaird.com/lookbook/#1/1>





# The Cutout

## MODEL A BASICS\*



It is wise to check your ammeter periodically to make sure your car is not discharging once the engine has been shut off. If you turn off the engine and the ammeter does not read "0" you have a problem. If it reads in the negative, the battery is discharging. Turn the car back on and off again. If it reads "0" now, the cutout is likely the problem.

In its simplicity, a cutout is a magnetically controlled switch that provides a path for current flow from the generator to the battery. The cutout permits charging of the battery when the engine is running and prevents the battery from discharging when not.

### Testing Cutout on the Car

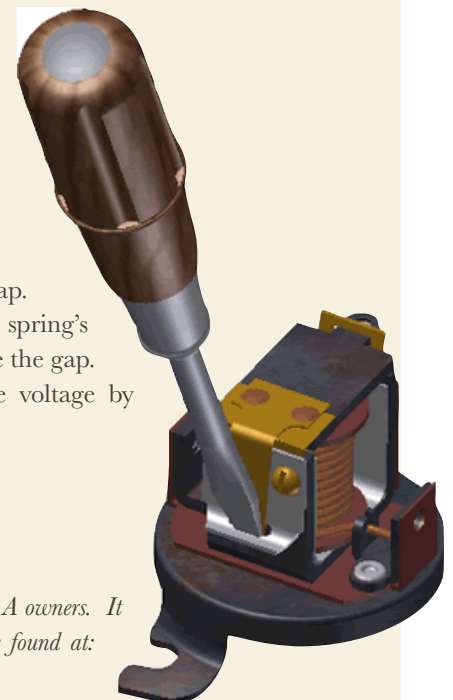
#### Equipment:

- 3/4 Ohm Resistor
- DC voltmeter

1. Disconnect the battery wire from the Battery Terminal on the cutout.
2. Install a  $\frac{3}{4}$  ohm resistor to the battery terminal of the cutout. Connect the other end of the resistor to a good ground.
3. Start the engine and slowly increase the engine speed.
4. The cutout should close between 6.1 to 6.3 volts. which will be  
evident by a sudden drop in the voltage reading.

### To Adjust

5. Remove cutout from generator.
6. Flip cutout over and break the two spot welds.
7. Remove the cutout's cover.
8. Slight adjustments can be made by changing the air gap.
9. If the voltage is less than 6.1, volts increase the spring's tension by bending the bimetal downward, or increase the gap.
10. If the voltage is more than 6.3 volts, decrease the voltage by bending the spring upward, or decrease the air gap.



*\*Model A Basics is an informative website for new fledgling Model A owners. It provides fundamental concepts of Model A mechanics. It can be found at: <http://modelabasics.com>*




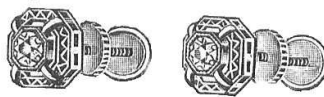





# The Ladies Fashion Journal

## ACCESSORIES OF THE MODEL A ERA AS SOLD IN THE SEARS CATALOGS

by Judy Lewis  
 compliments of MAFCA  
 fashion committee

For the most part jewelry, watches, camera's, belts and buckles changed very little during the era. Many of these items are also in the Fashion Guidelines and the Book of Fashion Facts.

Earrings are rather easily dated; the earliest were lightweight gold and were made with wire hooks which went through pierced ear lobes and screw-backs. Clip earrings were not sold during the era.

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|---|---|--|--|
| <p>A. Earrings for pierced ears in 10 karat solid yellow gold with ruby red color set.</p> <p>B. This earring looks like an earring you could find today and any department or drug store. It was made of 10 karat solid gold.</p> <p>C. Sears just sold this as an earring for pierced ears.</p> | <p>A                      B                      C</p>        | <p>D. 18 karat gold stud earrings with fine diamonds were sold with ear screws.</p>    | <p>D</p>   |
| <p>E. Gold plated with a roman finish. (matte finish) in colors of rose, cherry red, jade green or sapphire.</p> <p>F. Silver plated with imitation diamonds.</p> <p>G. Gold filled bright polished loops with a pearl knob.</p>  | <p>E                      F                      G</p>    | <p>H. Silver plated with imitation diamonds.</p> <p>I. Gold filled button earring.</p> | <p>H                      I</p>   |

All the earrings on this page were in the Sears catalogs for all 4 years of the Era. 1928 through 1931.





Necklaces were worn by all age groups of females. They sold jewelry for babies, young girls to age 12. I found no jewelry, including watches, for young boys.

Genuine crystal necklace and earrings. The set on the left are clear cut were in all for years of the Era.

The set on the right are called the new jap cut and have a rondelle between each bead. This cut was 1<sup>st</sup> seen in Sears catalog F/W 1931 - 32



5 strand pearl necklace with the shortest strand at 15" and the longest strand at 20". Uniform size beads with solid silver filigree clasp.



Senorita double strand twisted pearl necklace with very small and dainty seed pearls. "B" luster. The festoon is set with fine imitation diamonds and blue color sapphire. 10 karat white gold clasp. Length about 15 inches.

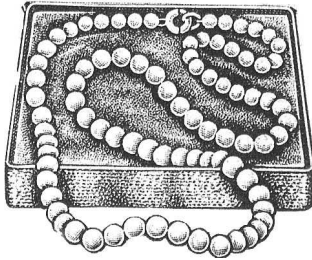
### Children's Locket

Left – Heart shaped pendant with colored stone. Silver. 13 1/2" long. Rose, Amethyst, sapphire or aquamarine.

Center – 10 karat natural color gold. 14" long.

Right – 10 karat silver with natural rose diamond.





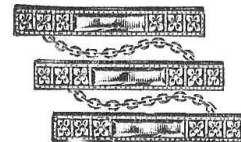
Gifts for Baby

10 karat solid gold clasp with indestructible dainty pearls. Length 12".



Birthday set for Little Miss up to 12

Ring, pendant and chain in 10 karat white gold. Choice of ruby, sapphire blue or amethyst.



Right Column – Babies Bracelets

Top – White gold filled flexible bracelet with indestructible pearls and colored beads.  
Center – Gold filled with bright polish.  
Bottom – 10 karat white gold about 1 1/2" diameter.

Center Column – Rings for Girls up to 12

Left – 10 karat solid white gold with topaz, sapphire blue or ruby colored stone.  
Center – 10 karat solid white gold. Yellow gold ornamentation. Ruby, sapphire or amethyst stone.  
Right - 10 karat solid white gold with aquamarine, ruby or sapphire stone.

Left Column – Babies Pins

Babies pin set, yellow gold filled, bright polish. Soldered link connection.





**Left Column – Vanity Cases**  
 Vanity cases usually contained powder, rouge, two puffs and a mirror. Some also contained a lipstick or comb. Measuring 1 ¾ “ to 2” square or 3” long. They had a carrying chain.

**Right Column – Ladies Bracelets**  
 Starting at the top.

Solid silver flexible bracelet, imitation diamond, ruby, sapphire or amethyst color stones.

Solid silver initial bracelet with openwork links.

Solid silver flexible bracelet with a choice of imitation diamonds and colored stones.

Same as above, just different style. Both bracelets have clasps.

Silver link bracelet with openwork pattern. Sapphire or ruby sets.

Solid silver slave bracelet in jade or cherry red.

Ladies silver plated slave bracelet with ruby, sapphire or amethyst stone sets.

Ladies silver plated bracelet. Jade green, cherry red or lapis (dark red) color sets.

Ladies indestructible pearl bracelet with spiral effect winds.

Gold filled bracelet with bright polish.



## 2016 MAFCA National Convention

**JUNE 19-24; LOVELAND, COLORADO**

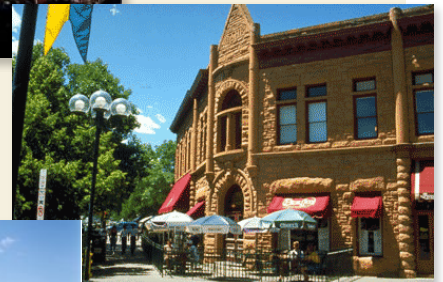
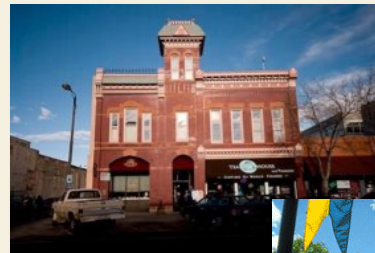
"The history of Fort Collins is rich with western lore, generations-old stories, and eccentric historical characters. Legend has it that in the early 1800s, French-Canadian fur traders were caught in a tremendous snowstorm. To lighten their load, they buried large amounts of gunpowder ("poudre" in French) in a hiding place ("cache") along the banks of a river – the Cache la Poudre River, which runs through modern-day Fort Collins.

In 1862, Camp Collins was built by the ninth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry to protect travelers and settlers along the Colorado branch of the Overland Trail. A flood in June 1864 sent the soldiers to higher ground near present-day Old Town. Less than three years later, the fort was abandoned. By 1872, the former fort site had a small hotel, general store and post office, a mill, school and brick yard.

The Colorado Central Railroad arrived in 1877, and Fort Collins became a thriving agricultural center.

Situated at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, Fort Collins is home to fabulous recreational opportunities, diverse cultural attractions, a vibrant nightlife scene and family fun. Experience world-class whitewater rafting on the nationally designated "Wild and Scenic" Cache La Poudre River (the best whitewater rafting near Rocky Mountain National Park).

Or, explore the fanciful creatures at the Swetsville Zoo with your family. Fort Collins prides itself on the plethora of restaurants and outdoor activities, a vibrant downtown and of course, our beer. Fort Collins is always full of things to do, no matter the season. Explore the links above to find what you need, or take a look at our suggestions for things to see and do!" For more information visit: <http://www.visitfortcollins.com>.







## The Tool Box

Listed below are tools club members are willing to loan. Of course it is expected that if you borrow them you return them in good condition and in a timely manner.

- **Brake wedge adjusting wrench** - Clyde
- **9/16 8 point socket** – for main bearing bolts and stubborn transmission plugs - Clyde
- **Offset head torque tool** – tighten the head without removing the distributor - Clyde
- **Timing gear nut socket** - Clyde
- **Carburetor jet wrench** - Clyde
- **Distributor bushing reamer** - Clyde
- **Distributor cam wrench** - Clyde
- **Brake arching machine** — still collecting all the parts necessary to operate it - Mack's
- **Spring Spreader** - Greg
- **Borescope** - Dale
- **King Pin Reamer** - Bill

## Classified Ads

- Tony has many Model A parts for sale. If you need something, call him before ordering parts. He may already have it. (801) 796-0396.
- Karl knows of a 28/29 chassis with hydraulic brakes, rebuilt motor and tranny for \$3,500. Give him a call if you would like more information.

If you would like to have an item included in the Classified Ads, call Robert at (801) 489-9808 or send him an e-mail (with pictures if you have them) to [mack4759@yahoo.com](mailto:mack4759@yahoo.com).

## UVMAC Mercantile

### *The Used Car*

30 minute DVD;  
only four left  
\$10.00



### *Club Logo Sticker*

\$2.00

### *License Plate Toppers*

\$10.00



### *IMAD Patch*

Complete your  
set only five left  
\$3.00



\$15.00



\$45.00

### *Club T-Shirts & Jackets*

Your car on club logo. Contact Vern for details



"All the News That's  
Fit to Print."

# Breaking News...

LATE CITY EDITION  
WEATHER—Partly cloudy to-  
day, tomorrow, increasing rain.  
Temperature—High, 60; low, 40.

## FROM THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE MODEL A ERA

**February 26th, 1928** — Born in New Orleans, singer and musician Antoine "Fats" Domino was one of nine siblings in a musical family. He spoke Creole before he spoke English. When he was seven, his brother-in-law Harrison Verret taught him to play the piano and introduced him to the New Orleans music scene; by age 10, Domino was already performing as a singer and pianist. At 14, he dropped out of high school and started working odd jobs, including working in a factory and hauling ice, while playing music for pennies in the evenings to get exposure. He is probably best known for Blueberry Hill.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ck1P7GM33so>

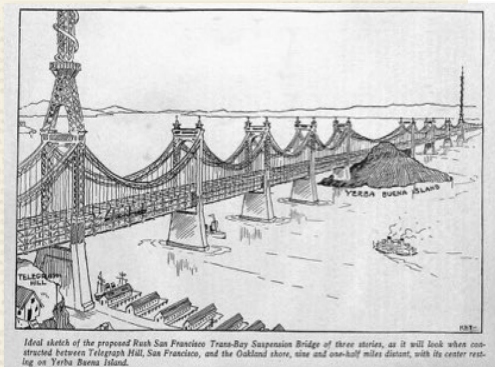
**February 5th, 1929** — The first 'They'll Do It Every Time' appeared. James Hatlo was a sports cartoonist at The San Francisco Call-Bulletin. He had to draw a cartoon when a package of cartoons from the syndicate failed to arrive. He chose the little ironies of everyday life as his topic. For seven years, Hatlo did the comics series for just that one paper. In 1936, King Features Syndicate gave it national distribution. It was an immediate hit.



**February 18th, 1930** — Elm Farm Ollie (known as "Nellie Jay") was the first cow to fly in an airplane, as part of the International Air Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri, United States. On the same trip, which covered 72 miles in a Ford Trimotor airplane from Bismarck, Missouri, to St. Louis, she also became the first cow milked in flight. This was done ostensibly to allow scientists to observe midair effects on animals, as well as for publicity purposes. Elm Farm Ollie's milk was sealed into paper cartons which were parachuted to spectators below. Charles Lindbergh reportedly received a glass of the milk.



**February 20th, 1931** — California received Congressional approval to build the Bay Bridge. The Bay Bridge was conceived as early as the gold rush days. But to make the bridge feasible, a route was chosen to pass through Yerba Buena Island, reducing the material and labor needed. Yerba Buena Island was a U.S. Navy base at the time, so the approval of the U.S. Congress, which regulates the armed services and supervises all naval and military bases, was necessary to use the island.







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I am deeply honored to serve as MAFCA President for 2016. Garth Shreading, 2015 MAFCA President and the 2015 Board of Directors did an exceptional job. Our club is strong and active.

2016 will be a challenging year in many

areas. For some time MAFCA has been struggling on how to best enter the digital age. Many of our chapters send out their newsletters digitally, and the trend is growing. There are some exceptional Model A websites available with a lot of great information on our cars. There will always be a demand for printed media but many magazines also offer electronic versions as well that can be viewed on tablets, computers, phones, Kindles, and other devices. Likewise numerous books are available electronically. This year we plan to explore the alternatives on how best to meet the needs of our current and future membership. If you have ideas or opinion in this area I would love to hear them.

The National Convention in Loveland, Colorado promises to be a spectacular event. The current issue of *The Restorer* contains detailed information and the registration form. You will want to register early to ensure a slot in all the wonderful activities. Driving your Model A to the Rocky Mountains will be a real treat.

The long awaited Revision 4 to the Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards is currently with the editor and will be coming out this spring. It represents thousands of hours of work by many dedicated individuals and will bring a lot of needed information to the hobby.

**June 19-24th, 2016: MAFCA National Convention**, Loveland, Colorado. In the tri-city area, Loveland, Greeley and Fort Collins.



**September 10, 2016:** International Model A Day.

**December 5-8th:** National Awards Banquet, Reno NV

**June 22-14th 2017: Northwest Regional Meet.** A 3-day event with a boatload of things to see and do. Plan to "Sea by the Bay in Your Model A."

**September 10-17, 2017: Pacific Northwest Tour**, Olympia, Washington. Hosted by Lion's Gate Model A Club.

**TBA 2018:** National Convention, Reno, NV

**TBA 2019:** National Tour, Canyonlands, Moab, UT

## Restorer Magazine

Between Howard writing articles and Greg providing photography, the Utah Valley Model A Club is doing our part to support *The Restorer*. Take a good look at the cover of the Jan/Feb issue and you will see that the photo was taken at the Bonneville Salt Flats by our own Greg Mack. This is twice his photos have been in *The Restorer*! If you haven't already, join MAFCA to receive the magazine.





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