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UVMAC Mission Statement

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). Membership with MAFCA is highly encouraged. See MAFCA News at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Club meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the Larry H. Miller Ford Dealership at 1995 N. University Parkway in Provo.

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They are ready to get out their fur coat and skimmer and head for the frat house to cut a rug all night long. Go to page seven to find out the details!

President's Message

BY GREG MACK

February, the month of love! A time for those that are in a relationship to lavish their loved one with gifts and flowers. For us single folks it is the privilege of honoring single awareness day, and for that unfortunate soul who is somewhere in between, well...they may have to celebrate in the doghouse for forgetting that special moment. That said, I find it only fitting to share a story of my three loves.

It all started about 10 years ago when an unsuspecting love came into my life. Her name was Phae, she was "experienced" and much older than me; well beyond my age range. Yet somehow this did not stop us from seeing each other. Over time we learned a lot from each other and developed a special bond. We went random places, enjoyed short drives, made many ice cream trips and would even visit my grandparents on occasion. We had a great time and our relationship blossomed; I have never been the same since!

Unfortunately, despite things going really well, I kept being reminded that she was not my girl and that she actually belonged to my dad, yes I knew that this was his '29 Phaeton, but that did not mean I wasn't going to try and steal her for myself!

Eventually I realized that I wanted a love all for myself and finally found one online, a '31 sedan. When we finally met in person, we will just say that the online profile pictures were not quite as they seemed. Isn't that how they usually are? Things were a bit rough and needed some

attention. Since I did not want any jealousy between my two loves the sedan stayed at Clyde's house for some time. When I finally introduced the sedan to Phae, it went rather well. I think it also helped that Phae knew she had something the '31 didn't, a running engine. This really does make a big difference in a relationship.

After 5 years of trying to make things work with the '31, I realized our relationship was not getting to the stage I wanted so I was convinced to start looking for a new love. I was introduced to a '30 locally and we started going out.

The first couple weeks went really well, but on the third week she got really hot headed and blew a gasket. We have not spoken much since then, but I think it was because she knew I was still seeing Phae. This might be a long winter, especially when we get Phae back out as the '30 is in her spot. It looks like my Valentines Day plans will be to spend time in the garage trying to make one of these cars happy. Not saying that a day in the garage is a bad thing though.

Despite all of these indifferences, I still love all three of these cars as each one brings me joy in their own way. I hope during this month you can all find love, be it romance in your relationship or just finding love for something you are passionate about. Spend some time in the garage rekindling your love for your Model A, or take your significant other out for a nice dinner. Better yet, take both out for a night on the town!

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January Club Meeting

Attendance:

Amber & Dave Morrell, Diane Brimley, Wayne & Mike Carlton, Brad Christofferson, Howard & Gemma Eckstein, Buster Hansen, Tony Jacobs, Mark Layton, Nicholas, Greg & Robert Mack, Amber & Dave Morrell, Karl Pope, Bob & Janell Todd, Richard & Chris Tucker, **Welcome Fernando Gomez!**

Club Business:

Conducting was Greg Mack. This is his first club meeting as the new President of the UVMAC.

News and Updates

- Ron and Ellie Sessions have moved from Manti to Springville. They are now living at the Ashford Assisted Living Center. The facility is located on 400 S and about 800 W in Springville.
- Howard and Gemma participated in a New Years Eve Party in SLC. Their car was featured at the party as a photographic backdrop.

• Roger's 2nd and 3rd sliders were in terrible shape. He will rebuild his transmission while waiting for the his engine. The gas tank leaks, but has been sealed. He used Tanner's Transmission in American Fork and they did a great job.

- Becky's home and doing better. Still gets tired fast.
- Syd is on oxygen now.

13+ Award was earned by Clyde, Greg and Robert

Sign-up Sheets

Help is needed, so sign-up sheets were past around so that members could volunteer for the following areas.

- Tech Talks
- Refreshments
- Newsletter Articles

Clyde brought attention to the merchandise the club sells. Items available include: UVMAC stickers and metal mounting brackets, and International Model A Day patches from previous years. He also championed the cause for earning the various awards the club offers its members.

Past Activities:

The Christmas Party had a smaller than normal turn-out. Part of that is a result of several members in hospitals feasting on hospital





food because of health issues. Those who went had a good time. It was a held at Golden Corral. Several people walked away with prizes.

Next year, the Christmas Party will be a dress-up affair. It will be held on Friday, December 11th. Planned is a potluck, a talent show, and singing.

Future Activities

Activities Chairman, Howard Eckstein, discussed past and future activities. He highlighted some of the popular activities organized in the past and suggested some new ideas. A survey was past out asking what activities members might be interested in. (Editors note: see article by Howard on page eight.) It promises to be another exciting year for members of the Utah Valley Model A Club!

February

- 29th – Fernando is hosting our first activity of the year. Their family opened “The Museum of Mormon History.” It highlights the LDS Church in Mexico. We will meet at the museum at 10:00 a.m.. Following a tour of the museum, we will have lunch at one of the nearby Mexican Restaurants.



Tech Talk:

This month’s Tech Talk was an enlightening one. It showed us the YouTube browsing habits of Clyde Munson. He showed an entertaining (yet close to home) video of Redneck Model A repairs.

Amber capped off a great meeting with homemade banana nut bread. THANKS Amber.

Meeting adjourned just prior to the nine o’clock hour.



Heard it Through the Grapevine

OUT & ABOUT WITH CLUB MEMBERS

All good news this month. All club members previously in the hospital are now home recuperating.

Syd Crockett has had treatment for the blood clot in her lung. She is in Tim's care at home (hmm... that sounds dangerous!) although she is on oxygen right now.

The two photos (to the right) are Tim and Syd all dressed in the period dress they got for the Murder Mystery. Unfortunately, Syd went into the hospital before the dinner and they were unable to use it.

Becky Mack is home, but not resting like she should be. She is disobeying the doctor's orders by taking care of her two small grandsons who both weigh more than 10 pounds (the weight limit the doctor imposed for lifting). She also has the added burden of taking care of her aging parents.

Howard Eckstein has mastered the "one-fanged finger snake" and is even injecting himself with the insulin needed. Congrats Howard!

Roger Davis is still waiting for his engine to return. So, he is taking advantage of the time by fixing the leak in the gas tank. Clyde Munson took a look at Roger's transmission and determined that the 2nd and 3rd sliders needed to be replaced. He has now added that to his "to-do list."

Gemma & Howard Eckstein had a fun filled New Year's Eve at a party they were invited to in SLC. Their car was part of the backdrop and became the highlight of the party — the most photographed member of the crowd. See page seven for more info.

Ron & Ellie Sessions have moved up from Manti into the Ashford Assisted Living facility on 400 South in Springville. I'm sure they would enjoy a visit.



Happy Birthday

- 1st — Cliff Godfrey
- 13th — Olga Burr
- 18th — Janell Todd



Ringling in the 20's With Our Model A

HOWARD & GEMMA ECKSTEIN



We saw a message on our club's Facebook page from a woman wanting to know if anyone would rent a Model A for a photo shoot. I responded to find out where and when. A yoga studio in Sugarhouse was hosting a

Gatsby New Years Eve party and wanted the car for a backdrop so the guests could have their photos taken.

We volunteered to bring our car and they gladly accepted.

We drove to the Avenues Yoga Studio on 21st South in Salt Lake and arrived on time at 8:00 p.m. The outfits worn by the guests were beautiful. We stayed until about 12:30 a.m. New Year's Day and drove the 40 miles back home and arrived before the snowstorm. Not only did we receive the rent money for our car, but we were "comped" two tickets to the affair. We had a good time and our Model A was a huge hit with many of the party goers!



2020 UVMAC Activities

BY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN HOWARD ECKSTEIN

Our little chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America has built a reputation for having exceptional activities. A lot of effort on the parts of past organizers has left a legacy of memories for those of us who have participated in them. Not only do we enjoy the camaraderie that arises from shared experiences, but the educational trips and beautiful scenery that we pass through on our tours enrich us.

We as a group have settled in on a few favorite activities throughout the year. Some of our members have chosen events they like to come to. Specific events often attract different individuals. This tells me that there is enough variety in our activities that there is something for everyone. To create an event that attracts everyone is the Holy Grail of activity organizers; but like the famous chalice, has proven statistically unattainable.

PAST ACTIVITIES

At the January club meeting, a survey was distributed asking for input regarding the types of activities we should plan for this year. Eleven completed surveys were returned from which the following top 10 rankings for past events were derived:

1. Progressive Luncheon
2. Garage Days
3. Christmas Party
4. 4th of July Parade
5. Circumnavigate Utah Lake
6. Lindon Car Show
7. Vintage Iron Chef Cook-off / Fall Colors Tour
8. Photo Scavenger Hunt
9. History Tours (WPA, Provo and Orem)
10. Heber Valley Railroad

FUTURE 2020 ACTIVITIES

Top 10 choices for future activities are:

1. BYU Movie Studio Tour (Provo)
2. Garage Days
3. Lehi Historic Tour
4. Kennecott Copper Mine and Picnic; combined activity with Salty As
5. Visit the old Ford Assembly Plant in Salt Lake City
6. Ogden Union Station Tour
7. Kirkham Motor Sports (They build replica Cobras)
8. This is the Place & Pioneer Village Tour (Zoo too?)
9. Model A Driver Training
10. Antelope Island Day Trip

MULTI-DAY TOURS

The favorite choice for a multi-day tour was for Antelope Island and Promontory Point.

These represent less than half the selections listed, all of which received some votes. We would not try to plan all of these events in one year. But it shows the level of popularity for nearby half-day excursions. There are a few die-hards who would be ready to embark on a 1,000-mile journey at the drop of a hat.

A car club without activities faces a diminishing future. Due to our tours and great events, members have worked hard to get their cars more roadworthy. Thus, they can enjoy their Model A's more. This is evidenced by the responses for Garage Days.

Here's inviting you to join us on our upcoming activities this year. We're going to consume a lot of gasoline and see a carload of wonderments.



That's Entertainment — 1928 to 1931

Author's Note: Roger Davis had a great idea for a newsletter article. List the top 10 songs of the Model A era. I thought it was a great idea too. What I should have done was let Roger write the article. What started out as a simple idea kept growing and growing so, what we have is a rundown of each of the four years of Model A production describing the contemporary events of that year, the top five songs, the popular movies, radio shows and dances. The words in blue are links where you can learn more. Some YouTube videos have commercials, most you can skip after three to five seconds. There are songs or radio shows that I couldn't find original edition, so other renditions from other years are linked. There are no downloads necessary to stream the music, so if you see a download prompt, skip it and continue down the page to the correct link. You could spend a couple hours if you follow each link, so have fun!

1928

WORLD EVENTS

1928 saw the signing of the Kellogg-Briand Pact outlawing war, it is signed in Paris by 65 nations. Richard E. Byrd starts an expedition to Antarctica and returns in 1930. The first of Joseph Stalin's Five Year Plans imposes collectivization on agriculture in the Soviet Union. U.S. voters elect Herbert Hoover president.

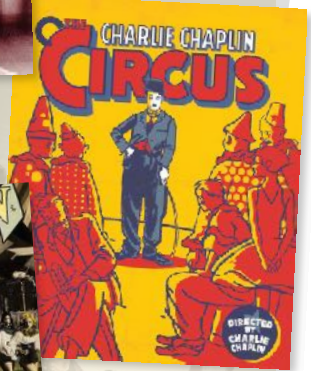
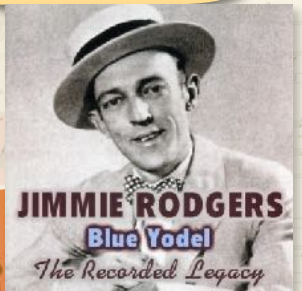
John Baird beams a television image from England to the United States. GE introduces a television set with a 3" x 4" screen. The first television, a Daven, is sold for \$75. Walt Disney introduces *Galloping Gaucho* and *Steamboat Willie*, the first cartoons with sound. Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin. The Aschheim-Zondek urine pregnancy test is developed.

TOP FIVE HITS

1. [I FOR TEXAS \(BLUE YODEL\)](#) by Jimmie Rodgers
2. [I WANT TO BE LOVED BY YOU](#) by Helen Kane
3. [BLACK AND TAN FANTASY](#), by Duke Ellington
4. [OL' MAN RIVER](#) by Duke Ellington
5. [SONNY BOY](#) by Al Jolson

OSCAR WINNING MOVIE

The Circus, a silent film starring Charlie Chaplin, was awarded the best picture of 1928, although that honor wasn't given until 1929 at the first ever Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awards



ceremony (now known as the Oscars). Although, the top grossing movie was *The Singing Fool*, starring Al Jolson.

RADIO SHOWS

1928 saw radio stations are cropping up across the nation, including NBC, who set up its first coast-to-coast network. *The Voice of Firestone*, *Amos 'n' Andy* and *Happy Station*, that ran from 1928 to 1995 had their debuts this year.

MOST POPULAR DANCES

Dance styles didn't change much from year to year. Dances like the Tango, from Argentina, and the Waltz that originated in Austria were still popular, but the Charleston, named after Charleston, South Carolina, was a Clarion Call to the young people of the 20's. The Lindy Hop, named after Charles Lindbergh and the Atlantic crossing of 1927 in an airplane came about in 1928. It was the first swing dance.

1929


WORLD EVENTS

In 1929, Trotsky is expelled from the U.S.S.R. The Lateran Treaty establishes an independent Vatican City. The first large-scale Jewish-Arab violence is caused by a clash at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. St. Valentine's Day gangland massacre in Chicago occurs on February 14th. Stock market prices plummet (Nov.-Dec.). U.S. securities lose \$26 billion, marking the first financial disaster of the Great Depression. The Museum of Modern Art opens in New York City. CBS is founded by William S. Paley. Penicillin is first used to fight an infection. Albert Einstein proposes the unified field theory. German psychiatrist Hans Berger develops the electroencephalogram (EEG) for recording brain waves.

TOP FIVE HITS

1. **MAKIN' WHOOPEE** by [Eddie Cantor](#)
2. **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'** by [Fats Waller](#)
3. **AM I BLUE?** by [Ethel Waters](#)
4. **SINGIN' IN THE RAIN** by [Cliff Edwards \(Ukelele Ike\)](#)

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CENTERFOLD OF THE MONTH
1929



TIM & JUDY ISAKSEN
45-B 1930 COUPE



Ain't Misbehavin'

Moderato ♩ = c. 46

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- 5. **PONY BLUES** by [Charley Patton](#)

TOP MOVIE

The top movie of 1929 was *The Broadway Melody*, although it was not allowed to compete in the “Oscars” because the Academy thought it unfair to allow “talkies” to compete with silent movies. This was the first year of the Academy Awards, which honored the movies of 1927 and 1928. In 1929 the 1927 movie *Wings* was the Oscar Winning Movie.



RADIO SHOWS

KSL, who started broadcasting in 1922, introduced *Music and the Spoken Word*, the longest-running continuous network radio program in the US. The *Empire Builders*, *Aunt Jemima*, *Fleischmann's Yeast Hour* also hit the air waves this year.



MOST POPULAR DANCES

As mentioned previously, dances didn't change from year to year but built on dances from the previous years. The foxtrot, which originated in the 1910's continued to gain in popularity through the 1920's and was at its peak in 1930. This, was in addition to the Tango, Waltz, Charleston, and Lindy.

1930

WORLD EVENTS

Nazis gain in German elections. Pluto is discovered by astronomers. The popular cartoon character Betty Boop made her debut as well as the Mickey Mouse comic strip. Twinkies are invented. The world is in the throws of the Great Depression. President Herbert Hoover goes before the United States Congress to ask for a \$150 million to fund the public works program. The world's first stewardess starts work for what is now American Airlines. The chocolate chip cookie is invented by Ruth Wakefield of the Toll House Inn.



TOP FIVE HITS

- 1. **HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN** by [Ben Selvin](#)
- 2. **PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ** by [Harry Richman](#)





3. **TEN CENTS A DANCE** by [Ruth Etting](#)
4. **THE PEANUT VENDOR** by [Don Azpiazu & his Havana Casino Orchestra](#)
5. **BODY & SOUL** by [Paul Whiteman](#)

TOP MOVIES

Tom Sawyer was the top grossing movie, bringing in \$11,000,000. *Hell's Angels*, *Whoopee!* and *All's Quiet on the Western Front* were also hits movies in 1930.

RADIO SHOWS

Believe It or Not, *Coca-Cola Top Notchers*, and *The First Nighter Program* all hit the radio waves this year. This is just three of the 11 radio programs that debuted in 1930.

MOST POPULAR DANCES

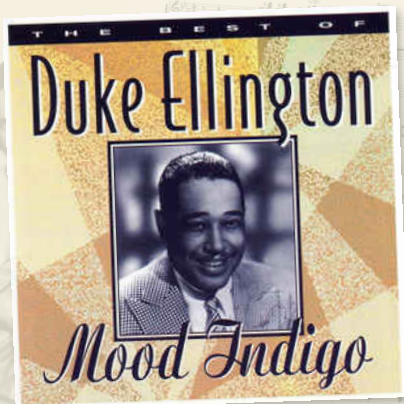
In 1930 The Balboa, debuting as the dance performed by the cartoon character Popeye, the Carolina Shag, or "man's dance (because the men did all the fancy footwork), and The Big Apple, where the dance caller called out the steps the dancer would follow, all became prominent dances by the younger generation.

1931 WORLD EVENTS

Spain becomes a republic with the overthrow of King Alfonso XIII. The planned capital of New Delhi opens in India. Gangster Al Capone sentenced to 11 years in prison for tax evasion. Scottsboro Boys Trial begins, exposing the depth of Southern racism. "The Star Spangled Banner" officially becomes national anthem. The Empire State Building is completed. General Electric's Frigidaire makes refrigerators safe for household use. The electron microscope is developed.

TOP FIVE HITS

1. **MINNIE THE MOOCHER** by [Cab Calloway & his Cotton Club Orchestra](#)



Ain't Misbehavin'

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2. **JUST A GIGOLO** by Ted Lewis & his Orchestra

3. **MOOD INDIGO** by Duke Ellington

4. **DREAM A LITTLE DREAM OF ME** by Wayne King

5. **OUT OF NOWHERE** by Bing Crosby

TOP MOVIES

In 1931 the movie with the highest ratings went to *The Champ* starring Jackie Cooper. But, the most notable movie that hit the silver screen that year was *Frankenstein*. It had the nation talking! The ever popular Charle Chaplin ranked second with his movie *City Lights*.

RADIO SHOWS

The Fred Waring Show, *Clara, Lu, and Em*, radio "soap opera" was one of the first late night programs, The Boswell Sisters and Metropolitan Opera made their first appearances on the radio.

POPULAR DANCES

The Shim Sham, a 1920's line dance was made popular once again with dancers by the King of Swing, Frankie Manning. The Shag continued to rise in its popularity on the dance floor.

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Model A Gaps

COURTESY OF THE PALMETTO A'S

Editor's Note: I've been following Howard around as he helps Model A owners bring their cars to a road-worthy condition. Many times the cure is resetting the point gap. I recently ran across this article which isn't about point gap but close.

When the word "gap" comes to mind you probably think of the spark plug gap or distributor point gap. These are very important settings to provide for an efficient running engine and if not set correctly you or your engine are not going to be happy.

Well, there is another gap that doesn't get much publicity and that is gap between the rotor and the distributor body. Just as you count on the spark to "jump" between the electrodes in your spark plugs or the contact points on your distributor upper plate, it must also "jump" between the rotor tip and the contacts in the distributor body housing.

When we install a new set of plugs or points we automatically adjust them, but when we replace a rotor or distributor body we "take for granted" that the manufacturer in Taiwan has good quality control and knows what the specifications are. WRONG!



You MUST adjust this gap if you expect good performance. That requires bending the rotor tip and/or filing the contact points so they are all as close to .025 as you can get them. The result will be a smooth running engine when you "wind out" second gear and as you continue down the road at 45-50 MPH.



Riding High: 1928 Ford vs. Chevrolet (pt. 3)

BY ARCH BROWN, SPECIAL INTEREST AUTOS #102, DECEMBER 1987

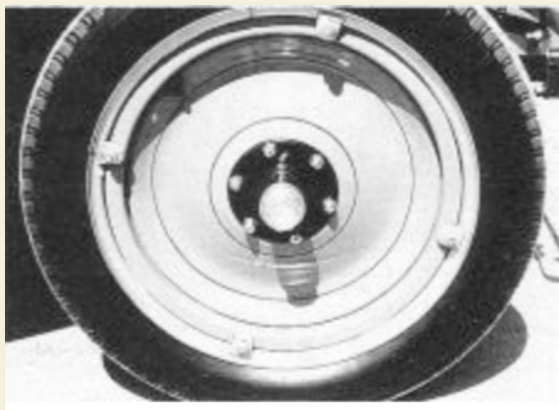
The first Model A to leave the assembly line was reportedly delivered to Thomas A. Edison, a gift from his friend Henry Ford. But Ford's publicists made much of the fact (or at least the purported fact) that the first sale was made to screen star Douglas Fairbanks. The car, a sport coupe like our comparison-Report subject, was delivered in time to become a Christmas gift to Fairbank's wife, "America's Sweet-heart", Mary Pickford. Today, that same machine is proudly displayed by the William F. Harrah Automobile Foundation at its museum in Reno, Nevada.

Other celebrities who purchased Model A's included Hollywood luminaries Dolores Del Rio, Wallace Beery, Lon Chaney, Lillian Gish and Joan Crawford. (Crawford's, as you might expect, was a town car.) Also on the list were humorist Will Rogers and a fast-rising New York politician named Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Ford was riding high! Not for more than a year would there be enough Model A's to go around.



The A's welded steel spokes give cars a rich lighter appearance than the heavy Chevy disc,



Chevy uses faceted reflectors and clear lens; Ford used smooth reflectors and gridded lenses.



Specifications: 1928 Chevrolet *National* and 1928 Ford *Model A*

	1928 Chevrolet National	1928 Ford Model A
Price, f.o.b. factory	\$595	\$550
Body style of test car	Coupe, 2-passenger	Sport Coupe, 2-4 passenger
Standard equipment	Automatic windshield wiper, Fisher "VV" windshield, inside mirror, parking lights, stop light, oil filter, fuel gauge on tank	Automatic windshield wiper, inside mirror, stop light, lever shock absorbers, bumpers, fuel gauge on dash
Engine	4-cyl., in-line	4-cyl., in-line
Bore and stroke	3 11/16" x 4"	3 7/8" x 4 1/4"
Displacement	170.9 cu. in.	200.5 cu. in.
Compression ratio	4.5:1	4.22:1
Max. bhp @ rpm	35 @ 2,200	40 @ 2,200
Max. torque @ rpm	n/a	128 @ 1,000
Taxable horsepower	21.7	24.0
Valve configuration	Overhead valves	L-head
Valve lifters	Mechanical	Mechanical
Lubrication system	Splash with pressure	Pressure
Cooling system	Pump	Pump
Main bearings	3	3
Induction system	Carter 1" updraft carb, vacuum feed	Zenith 1" updraft carb, gravity feed
Exhaust system	Single	Single
Electrical system	6-volt	6-volt
Clutch	Single dry disc	Single dry disc, replacing multiple disc
Diameter	9"	9"
Actuation	Mechanical, foot pedal	Mechanical, foot pedal
Transmission	3-speed selective	3-speed selective
Lever on	Floor	Floor
Ratios	3.32/1.77/1.00 (4.20 reverse)	3.13/1.86/1.00 (3.71 reverse)
Differential	Spiral bevel	Spiral bevel
Ratio	3.81:1	3.70:1
Drive axles	Semi-floating	3/4-floating
Brakes	Internal/external 4-whl mech	Internal 4-wheel mech
Drum diameter	11"	11"
Effective area	190 sq. in.	225.5 sq. in.

Driving Impressions

Ron Delucchi has a special affection for his '28 Chevy coupe. His father bought this car in 1930, and drove it for eight years before trading it in. One might expect that to be the end of the story, and indeed ten years passed before the elder Delucchi saw his old car again. At that point, by sheer coincidence, he saw it being towed to a wrecking yard. Delucchi recognized the coupe by a set of Pontiac wheels that he had installed many years before; and he flagged down the tow-truck driver.

So the Chevy was returned to the Delucchi family in 1948, and for 30 years it lay, neglected and nearly forgotten, in their barn. Finally, Ron took on the task of restoring it — his first experience in such an endeavor. The engine went to a machine shop and the cosmetic work was farmed out to Bill Borba, of Turlock, California. The rest of the job Ron tackled himself, with his father's help. A set of authentic Chevrolet disc wheels were located by the elder Delucchi, and in three years' time the little coupe was on the road again. Ron's parents enjoy reliving the old times as they take it for short drives to points near their Stockton, California, home.

So often, in driving these older cars, we've found them to be difficult to board. Typically, too little space was provided between the seat and the door frame. This was true of our comparison-Report Ford, but somewhat less so in the case of the Chevrolet. On the other hand, once in place the driver finds the seat more comfortable in the Ford. Both cars have fixed position seats, and while leg room is no better than marginal in the Ford (from the perspective of a tall driver), that of the Chevy is downright cramped.

The Chevrolet engine fires promptly. It sounds as though the timing is a little retarded, an impression confirmed by the car's performance. The clutch is smooth, and by double-clutching it's very easy to change gears, up and down, without clashing. Acceleration ought to be reasonably brisk; these little Chevys were built for good performance. This one isn't bad, but it's handicapped somewhat by the timing. In proper tune a '28 Chevrolet should do close to 70 miles an hour, flat-out, if anyone cares to take the risk.

Steering is very quick, and quite heavy. The brakes are far superior to the two-wheel binders of earlier Chevrolets, though they're not as competent as the internal brakes of the Model A. Not that the Ford is all that great in the stopping department, at least by modern standards!

The ride is surprisingly comfortable for a 60-year-old, inexpensive car. We give the Chevrolet a distinct edge over the Ford in this respect. It corners flatter than the Model A, as well. Altogether it's quite a pleasant little car to drive.



The Chevy corners flatter than its rival.



There are some nice features to this machine. For instance:

- The Fisher V-V (vision/ventilation) windshield: Crank the glass up just a little and the breeze is directed to the occupants' feet. Crank it a little further and the cool air comes in at cowl level.
- A pair of tiny parking lamps are mounted on the cowl, an unusual feature in 1928 for a car of this price class.
- The trunk is remarkably spacious, especially by the standards of 60 years ago.
- The hardwood steering wheel is a beauty, adding a touch of quality.

Thanks to the body's wood framing, doors close with

a satisfying "thunk." The downside to this feature, of course, is that in the course of restoring the Chevy nearly all the wood required replacement. The all-steel Ford body makes the restorer's job a lot easier.

Dashboard instrumentation in the Chevrolet is limited to the speedometer, ammeter and oil pressure gauge. An accessory Moto-Meter, mounted on the radiator cap, keeps the driver apprised of the engine temperature. But to assess the fuel supply it is necessary to trudge back to the rear of the car for a look at the float gauge, mounted on the gas tank.

The Ford was much more familiar to us than the Chevrolet, for we owned a Model A during our college days. Gene Jameson purchased his sport coupe in 1959 from the estate of the original owner, a reclusive bachelor who had driven it only 29,000 miles.

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The Chevrolet has an easier entry than the Ford

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In the coldest part of the year, with snow on the ground in many parts of the country our Model A's are sleeping snugly in their garages. Now is a good time to plan the annual reawakening maintenance that must be done before we begin our next touring season.

So, when you plan your garden for next spring, why not plan your maintenance for the Model A, too? Order the parts you know you will need. Put together a list to be done like changing the oil, repacking the wheel bearings, lubricating all the joints and back flushing the radiator. These are just a few of the steps to take so that your touring experiences will be exciting rather than disappointing.

2020 will be a great MAFCA year. We have two exceptional programs coming. The **National Convention** in Kerrville, Texas (near San Antonio) will provide some great tours through the Texas Hill Country. We will also have the chance to visit San Antonio's River Walk and the Historic Alamo. If these are destinations you already have on your bucket list, you won't be disappointed. Save June 20 through 26 on your calendar for this special event.

In December we will return to Texas to visit Fort Worth for the **National Awards Banquet**. Please put December 3 through 6 on your calendar for this annual event. There will be wonderful seminars, educational era fashion events, tours through the greater Dallas-Fort Worth vicinity and, of course, announcement of the

literary awards, fashion awards and the new Board of Directors for 2021.

Lots to look forward to. I hope to see you there.

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