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LET'S PARTY!
Happy Valentines Day

THE AHOOGA
ORIGIN

INSTALLING THE
BENDIX DRIVE





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 usually 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. Club meetings will resume this month on February 18th.

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We, as club members, want to thank last year's board of directors for willingly taking the reins of leadership for 2021!

You can thank them for their service by making their load lighter. "Many hands make light work." So, please participate in as many of the club activities as you can, get your dues paid and become involved!

President's Message

BY GREG MACK

I love the mountains
I love the rolling hills
I love the flowers
I love the daffodils
I love the fireside
When the lights are low

Chorus
Boom-dee-ah-da
Boom-dee-ah-da
Boom-dee-ah-da
Boom-dee yay
Boom-dee-ah-da
Boom-dee-ah-da
Boom-dee-ah-da
Boom-dee-ah-da
Boom-dee yay

I love the ocean
I love the open sea
I love the forest
I love the bumblebees
I love the stars at night
When the moon is shining
bright

(Chorus)
I love the sunshine

I love the butterflies
I love the wind blow
I love the river flow
I love the city lights
When the moon is high

(Chorus)
I love the clouds,
I love the fresh wind,
I love the shiny sun,
I love the singing birds,
I love the rainbow
When all the rain stops.


(Chorus)
I love the daisies
I love the sugar peas
I love the meadows
I love the summer breeze
I love to walk on by
With My head up in the
sky

(Chorus)
Boom Boom Boom

This is a song that has been around for a long time. Mostly you hear only the first verse repeated over and over again, but if you read (sing) all the verses, there are so many more things to love. We live in a beautiful world and especially in this area. Besides loving all the beauties of nature, I love being able to drive my Model A through it all with my club friends. So, I'll add a verse or two to the song of things "I love."

*I love my Model A
I love a sunny day
I love to drive around
I love the ahooga sound
I love the friends we make
When together the time we take*

(Chorus)
*I love the squeaky brakes
I love the sound the motor makes
I love the club activities
I love all the festivities
I love to work on it
Even when I throw a fit*

(Chorus)
Boom Boom Boom 



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January Club Meeting

BY ROBERT MACK (VIA ZOOM)

Attendance:

Reid Carlson, Roger Davis, Howard Eckstein, Buster Hansen, Tony Jacobs, Brian Lindenlaub, Greg and Nicholas Mack, Clyde Munson, Richard Tucker; via Zoom, Alan Justesen, Ed Stilson, Bill and Colette Thompson, Robert Mack

Guests/New Members:

Carl Vernon, from Orem, joined us for tonight's meeting. He owns a 1929 pickup. He came as a visitor and left as a member. Welcome Carl! We are glad to have you join the club.

News:

- Richard Burr has contracted Blood/Bone Cancer.
- Diane Brimley fell AGAIN! She tore a muscle in her left leg and fractured a disc, which later collapsed.
- It sounds like Wayne Atkinson is falling apart. He has been receiving treatments for bone cancer. Now he is dealing with sciatic nerve, back and stomach issues and has had a pace maker put in.
- Brad Christofferson is in the hospital with COVID-19.
- Club member, Kurt Mortinsen is the new vice president of the Salty As in SLC. Congratulations Kurt!

Please keep Richard, Diane, Wayne and Brad in your prayers.

- On a good note, Tony Jacobs bought a 1930 Tudor to restore. (See out and about for photos.)
- Nicholas Mack talked about the progress he is making on his engine. He purchased a diamond block engine from Bill Richard Poel to send to the engine rebuilders.

Club Business:

- **Financial Report:** Due to the fact that Diane was convalescing, Greg reported in her stead. The club funds are down due to the fact that prizes and gifts were purchased for the Christmas Party. (These items will be presented during the Valentine's Party.)
- **Leadership:** The club board members will stay the same this year. We appreciate their willingness to devote their time and talents to the club. Some board members have been on the board for five years. Please consider stepping up to the plate next year. At some point they will want to step down from their positions. We don't want them to "burn-out."
- **Dues:** Membership dues should be paid by the end of March, otherwise a late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed.

- **MAFCA Membership:** The Model A Ford Club of America is again offering a free one-year membership to any club member who has never been a member of MAFCA. Contact a member of the club board of directors and they can tell you how to join. The benefits of joining are many and benefit not only the member but also UVMAC. Even if you have been a member in the past and are not a current member, we encourage you to consider rejoining.
- **Refreshment Sign-up Sheet:** A sign-up sheet was past around the room for refreshments. If you weren't there, or weren't able to sign-up, it will be passed around at the next meeting. Please sign up so that every member has a turn to provide refreshments.

National Awards:

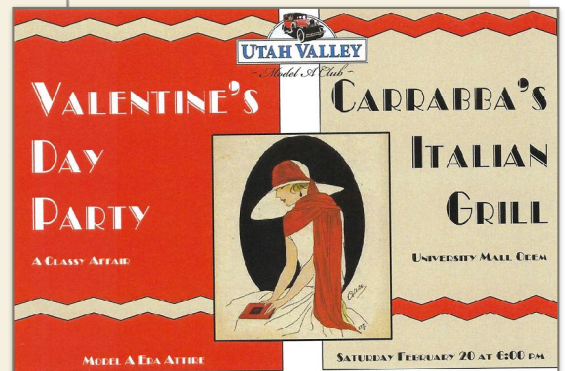
- MAFCA has bestowed two awards to the Utah Valley Model A Club. An award was given to Howard Eckstein for his technical writing skills. The *Bill Reeder Award* was given to Howard for the fifth year in a row. (He recently learned the *Chapter Service Award*. In the past, he and Gemma also won an *Era Fashion Literary Award*.)
- The other award the club received was *The Newsletter of Excellence*. This is the third award *The Motometer* has received from MAFCA.
- One of the club goals this year is to earn the MAFCA Milage Award. To achieve this award the club's cars must be driven 500 miles in the year 2021. However, miles can be shared. For example, if one car has driven 700 miles, and another car has driven 300 miles, the two cars can share the mileage. This would give both cars credit for 500 miles each. If the club accomplishes this goal, all cars who participate will receive a decal for the front window.

Club Awards:

The club offers a number of awards as well. For the benefit of new members, and members with poor memory, please see page 18 for details.

Activities:

- **February — Valentine's Party** at Carrabba's Italian Grill next to the University Mall. It will start at 6:00 p.m. It will be a "classy affair" so "era" or best dress is encouraged. Games, prizes, and awards will follow dinner. Don't miss it. Masks are required. Watch for the flier in the mail.
- **March —** We will be touring **D & D Plastics**. Meeting time yet to be determined. We have an "in" with this company, since it is owned by fellow member Karl Furr.





- **April** — Progressive Luncheon, TBA.
- **May** — Howard says that the Kirkham Motorsports tour is back on. Their mission is to build "... the finest replicas in the world." More details will follow.
- **June** — There are two possibilities. Bill Thompson suggested a tour of the movie set in Goshen, or Howard recommended "Wild Wonders," a rehabilitation facility for exotic and wild animals. It is also in Goshen.
- **July** — We are still waiting to see what the Freedom Festival committee in Provo is going to do. In the past, they have asked us to participate in Provo's Freedom Festival Parade on July 4th.
- **August** — Our first overnighter of the year. This exciting trip will take us over to Helper, Utah and up Nine-Mile Canyon. This will be a combination of historic and prehistoric discovery. The canyon is home to abundant prehistoric rock art.
- **September** — We will continue with the annual Vintage Iron Chef that corresponds with National Model A Day.
- **October** — In the past we have had historic tours of Provo, Orem, and Spanish Fork. This year, Clyde and Diane are working on an historic tour of American Fork. If you have enjoyed them in the past please consider getting together with another club member that lives in your community to come up with an historic tour of your community. We would like to continue this popular tradition for years to come.
- **November** — Kindig-It Designs is a custom car builder in SLC that is so popular they have their own television show on Motor Trend TV.
- **December** — Annual Christmas Party

Alternate Activities:

- Two-day trip to Dinosaur National Monument
- A new "tech" activity proposed by Brian Lindenlaub. It will be somewhat similar to Garage Days.

TechTalk:

Brian Lindenlaub gave tonight's TechTalk. It was very informative and entertaining. You can see why with the title alone, "How I Destroyed my Distributor." Watch for more next month.

Thank You:

- Reid Carlson for providing and setting up our Zoom meeting.
- Roger Davis for offering his garage as well as tonight's refreshments.

Don't feel bad if you see your ex with someone else. Remember, our parents taught us to give the things we don't need to the less fortunate.

—Unknown



Heard it Through the Grapevine

OUT & ABOUT WITH CLUB MEMBERS

Here is a picture of the Model A that new member **Neal Dastrup** is working on. We are excited to have the Dastrup family join us.

COVID-19 has hit the club again. The **Morrell family** has all been quarantined because they have come down with the virus.

The Morrells aren't the only ones inflicted by the disease. **Brad Christofferson** has been in the hospital with breathing and oxygen issues because of COVID.

Wayne Atkinson, is still dealing with health issues. Besides bone cancer he is also plagued with back and stomach pains. That's not all, he has also had a pacemaker inserted.

Tony Jacobs bought another car. It's a 1930 Tudor. Howard went over to look at it. This is what he had to say, "We got it running and took it for a spin around the block. It has a rust-free body with weather-crazed paint. The rear fenders need a little work but are not bad. All-in-all, a good restorable car."

Welcome to the club **Carl Vernon!** Carl bought his '29 pickup truck 15 years ago and has recently gotten it to the condition it's in now. Before that, it sat for 20 years, neglected by the previous owner.



Howard called Larry H Miller Ford in Provo. They said we can meet in their conference room again so long as we wear masks. There was no stipulation about sitting six feet apart. With the board's approval we plan on resuming our meetings there beginning February 18th.





Thank You Fellow Model A Club Editors!



Last year, as well as last month, we have had limited meetings and activities because of the national health crisis (I am so tired of that "C" word).

Because of that, this month I have had nothing to report. For this reason, I have leaned on fellow Model A club newsletter editors for material.

If you have any material or stories you would like to submit for next month's issue, I would appreciate your input.

Dues Important to Club Success



It's time to pay your dues.

The club relies heavily on the dues and donations the club receives. The majority of funds the club acquires are from you, members of the club. Awards, activities, printing and monthly mailings are all paid for by your dues. The highly successful Murder Mystery Dinner was paid for through dues.

Dues paid between now and March are \$20.00 for each voting member. After March, dues are late and are \$25.00, so please get your dues in as soon as you can.

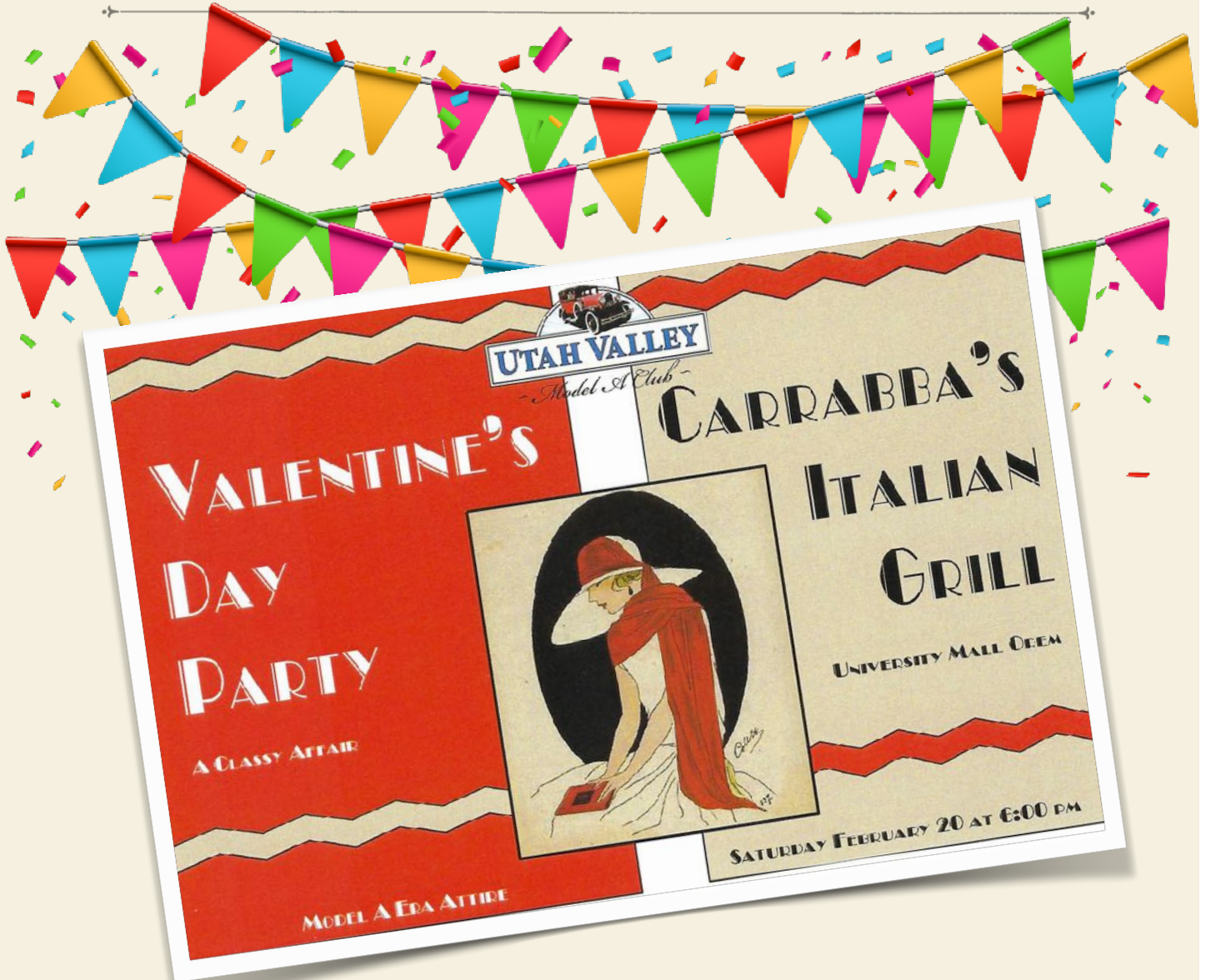
Diane Brimley is our treasurer. You can pay your dues directly to her, and she will give you a receipt.

Thank You!

CORRECTION: *In last month's issue I included the article "Push Start!" listing the author as "Unknown." Thanks to Jill Thach, she found the author. His name is Keith Smith of the San Fernando MAFC.*



Let's Party!



Every year we have enjoyed an annual Christmas dinner and a Murder Mystery night where we dress in era attire or best dress. Unfortunately, we didn't have that opportunity last year. With the vaccine count rising, the board has decided that a party is needed. ASAP. So, we are going to have a dinner where period dress is worn.

We will have prizes, gifts, awards an FUN. Howard is preparing a PowerPoint presentation to recap the events of 2020. We hope you will join us for a "night out on the town." 🍷





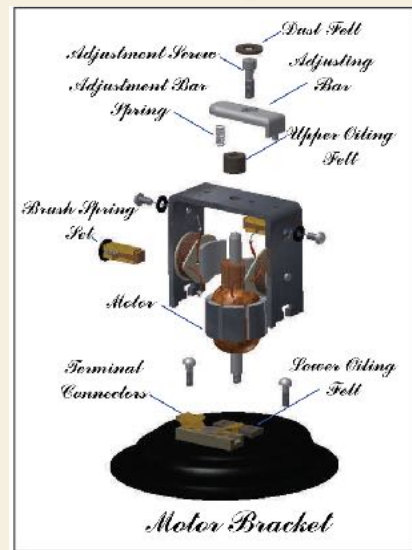
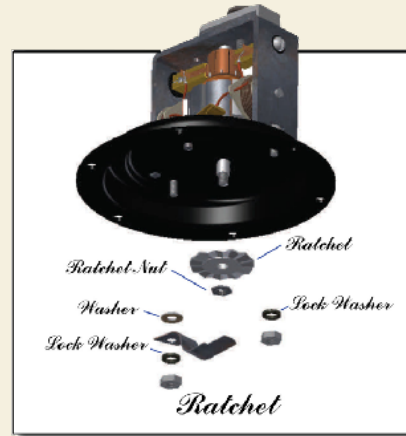
The Ahooga Origin

BY TOM ENDY

The ahooga horn, also known as a Klaxon horn, was developed and patented by Miller Reese Hutchinson, an inventor of the early 20th century. Hutch, as he was known, patented the mechanism in 1908. The Lovell-McConnel Manufacturing Company of Newark, New Jersey bought the rights to manufacture the device and it later became standard equipment on motor cars. Franklin Hallett Lovell Jr., the company founder, coined the name *Klaxon* from the Ancient Greek verb *klazō*, meaning shriek. Klaxon horns produce an easily identifiable sound, often described in English as “ahooga.” Like most mechanical horns, the Klaxon has largely been replaced by solid-state electronic devices, though the memorable tone has persisted on in classic cars of the era. Klaxon later became a brand name.

The Klaxon horn was used on U.S. submarines during WWII. The Klaxon horn’s characteristic sound is produced by a spring-steel diaphragm with a rivet in the center that is repeatedly struck by the teeth of a rotating cogwheel. The diaphragm is attached to a horn that acts as an acoustic transformer and controls the direction of the sound. In the first Klaxons, the wheel was driven either by hand or by an electric motor. Hutchinson went to work for Thomas Edison in 1909, and was the chief engineer for Edison from 1912 to 1918. The ahooga sound is usually heard today when a Model A Ford goes rolling down the road.

Courtesy of the Harbor Valley Model A Club’s Newsletter. Horn exploded drawings by Paul Modlin at ModelABasics.com





Got A Gas Leak?

BY DAVID BOCKMAN, COURTESY OF BLOSSOM TRAIL 'AS

Smell gas in your car? The gas line from the fuel tank shut-off valve to the firewall fuel filter has a flare fitting on each end of the fuel-line. The flare fitting frequently does not fit tight enough on one or both ends to completely seal, and a small amount of gas will seep out and you will smell gas inside the car.

I have found that the 3/8" Flaretite 45-degree cone-seal is the perfect solution to these pesky gas leaks in our Model As.

These cone seals are frequently used by air conditioning companies and also by the space industry to seal high pressure flare connections. The Flaretite seal is a thin stamped copper ring with concentric ridges formed by a baked-on Loctite Vibra-Seal coating.



You can purchase the cone shaped Flaretite seals from an air conditioning shop or order them from various dealers via the Internet. If you only need two of the seals, then a good buy is the Mini-Split Kit Model MSP-0406 for about \$14.00 from Amazon. The kit contains two 3/8" seals and two 1/4" seals.



Buying the seals individually can cost up to \$15.00 each. 🍷

The Missed Spot

BY JIM BOOTH, COURTESY OF SCRIPT A NEWS

Last summer while on our weekly Sunday cruise, I noticed a slight rattle coming from under the hood of the "A."

It was one of those things that would stop when you tried to find it. It turned out to be in the distributor. So, after changing a loose rotor and a faulty cam, and getting nowhere, I decided to remove the distributor from the engine. Well, it was rusted in place and wouldn't budge. After about five days and lots of WD-40, it finally came out.

I took it apart, cleaned it and checked the bushings for wear. Luckily, there was very slight wear, and not enough to worry about. I oiled it up, and reinstalled it. It ran great, and was quiet.

I then talked to our Model "A" guru (Leonard Hammermeister), and he told me that when you oil your distributor through the spout on the side, you are only getting the lower bearing surface. To lube the top one, you must remove the distributor cap and rotor. Then you can add oil through the hole in the top of the distributor shaft.

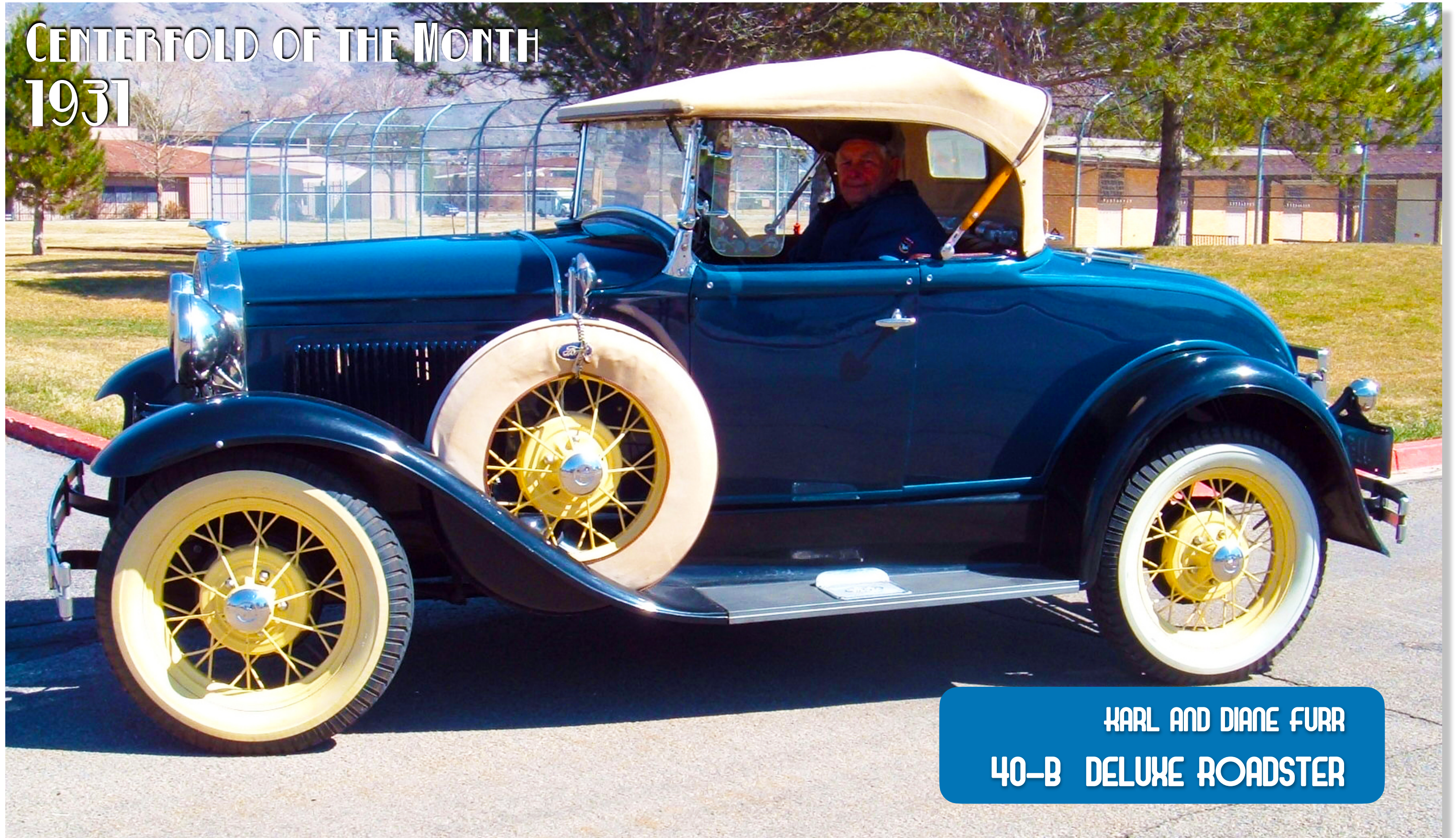


Image from Bratton's Antique Auto Parts

I talked with several members in the club, and no one seemed to be aware of this. So, put this on your check list of things to remember when you lube your "A."

Editors note: this hole is not on original shafts, but is on current aftermarket shafts. 🍷

CENTERFOLD OF THE MONTH
1931



KARL AND DIANE FURR
40-B DELUXE ROADSTER



A Temperature Gauge

BY TOM ENDY

The Model A Ford did not come equipped with a temperature gauge. Knowing the water temperature is very important as you can then take steps to avoid overheating the engine. Early in the Model A era an accessory radiator cap was offered that incorporated a thermometer on the top of the cap, visible from the driver's seat. If the early attempt was inaccurate, the reproductions are even worse. The temperature probe associated with the thermometer is not actually immersed in water. It is located above the radiator baffle and is at best measuring only steam and an occasional splash of water.

For an accurate measurement of the water, a probe for a temperature gauge should be inserted into the water as it is leaving the engine. This is best accomplished by placing it in the water outlet casting that bolts to the top front of the head. Water is entering this casting from the head on its way to the top of the radiator. The water at this point is about as hot as it is going to get (Water boils at 212 degrees at sea level.)

Electrical temperature gauges are only available in 12-volts. If a Model A has a 12-volt system, the electrical type can be used, however you will need to figure a way to shut off power to the gauge as turning the ignition key off won't do it.

Most mechanical temperature gauges on the market come with a six-foot length of mechanical cable that cannot be altered. Therefore the trick is to mount the gauge in a location on the dash that will allow for adequate routing of the cable between the gauge and the probe. A variety of temperature gauges are readily available from most auto parts dealers.

It is also a good idea to install a thermostat in the water system. Most Model A suppliers carry them. They come in 160-degree and 180-degree temperatures and mount inside the water hose just above the water outlet casting on top of the head. The thermostat will bring the water temperature up to the proper operational temperature (either 160-degree or 180-degree) quickly and will maintain it there. 🚗



A 1 1/2" SunPro mechanical temperature gauge is installed with a custom made bracket up under the dash rail of a 1931 Victoria.



The little switch in the upper right corner of the bracket is a momentary push button switch wired to the meter that will give you a quick peek at the gauge while driving at night.



The six-foot mechanical cable is routed from the gauge to the Dan Eubanks reproduction water outlet casting that has been cast with a temperature gauge boss and has been drilled and tapped for your favorite size pipe fitting. 🚗



Installing the Starter "Bendix Drive"

BY JIM CANNON, COURTESY OF MAFCA

Installing the Starter "Bendix Drive"



The small Bendix Drive gear that's bolted to the starter motor puts up with a lot of use (and abuse when you forget to retard the spark before starting). Eventually you will be working on yours and I have a tip for you about installing it back on the starter shaft.

The Bendix is bolted to the shaft with 2 special bolts and lock washers, as shown in the photo below. One bolt has a specially-shaped end that goes down into a hole in the starter shaft. This is critical, to lock the Bendix to the shaft; do not substitute a plain bolt for this.



The other bolt is "special" only because it is only 11/16" long. This allows the bolt to lock the spring in place, without having the bolt actually touch the starter shaft. Don't be tempted to use a 3/4" long bolt instead of the correct shorter one. See the comparison photo of a 3/4" bolt and the correct bolt.



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When this longer bolt is used, it presses against the starter shaft when tight and it messes up the Bendix operation.

Don't forget to install the half-moon shaped Woodruff key in the shaft before slipping the drive on the shaft. You may also use 2 spring clips (optional). Be sure to lock the bolts down tight by bending the ear of the special lock washer up against the bolt head. If you don't, these bolts will work loose and fly out of the starter drive.

I carry a spare Bendix spring (they are known to break) and a set of these special bolts and lock washers with me in my parts kit on tours. If I don't need them, someone traveling with us might. This will help quickly get them back on the road 🚗

Have a Model A Day! Jim



The 1930s ‘Pedestrian Catcher’

BY MICHAEL WATERS VIA WEBSITE [ATLAS OBSCURA](#)

Ever since Londoner Bridget Driscoll became the first pedestrian to die in an automobile accident in 1896, companies have raced to solve the problem of car deaths. The 1930s saw the introduction of a particularly novel solution: the pedestrian catcher.



Also known as the safety scoop and the car catcher, this device was designed to bring pedestrian deaths to a permanent halt. “This Roller Safety Device Sweeps Away Fallen Pedestrian,” declared a triumphant *Modern Mechanix* headline in 1931, elaborating that it “will literally sweep a fallen pedestrian before it and thus save him from being crushed to almost certain death beneath the heavy wheels.”

According to [CityLab](#), the device featured a “grooved roller” attached to an extension beam on the car. Inactivated, it acted akin to a bumper. But when a pedestrian was in danger of getting hit, the driver needed

only to pull a lever, and the grooved roller deployed to the ground.

“A flick of the lever, and the scoop has another mouthful,” the [British Pathé](#) narrator says, as the video shows a pedestrian catcher scooping up a jaywalker, demonstrated by one of the inventors. “When the scoop is



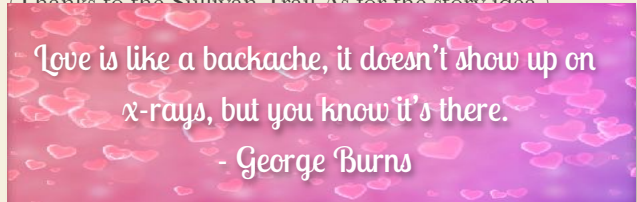
open, a jaywalker simply can’t get run over, and sometimes that’s more than he deserves.”

(double-click on the white arrow to view video)

The pedestrian catcher, however, was not as foolproof as it claimed. If the car was going too fast, or if the driver didn’t pull the lever fast enough, the pedestrian was in trouble.

Yet the pedestrian catcher of the 1930s is not the only incarnation of this car safety advice. [This one from 1927](#) is perhaps even more impractical.

[CityLab](#) also [uncovered](#) a “shovel on a car” being tested in Paris in 1924. And still another pedestrian catcher, which trapped people on the hoods of cars, [was tested](#) in 1934. (Thanks to the Sullivan Trail for the story.)

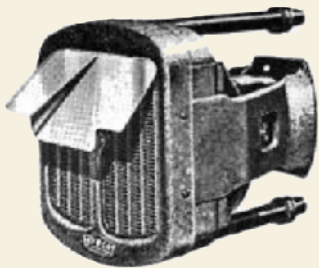




The New Red Cat Hot Water Heater

FORD DEALER & SERVICE FIELD VIA THE SCRIPT As NEWS


The Red Cat Hot Water Heater, made by the Red Cat factory, pioneer makers of hot air heaters, is now on the market. It is listed at \$19.50 for Fords. Its prominent features, as pointed out by the company, are: a powerful and silent motor, large radiator core, and an improved method of mounting that obviates strain.



The heater is mounted to the dash and its weight is carried by strong metal brackets. This leaves the core full floating and prevents strain on the water tubing. To insure silent operation, the motor is

cushioned to the motor mounting; and where the heater is fastened to the dash, felt gaskets are used on both sides of the dash. The radiator, pure copper, is of new design, with elliptical water passes.

The heater is equipped with an airplane-type fan blade, two-speed switch and new-type adjustable heat deflector. The finish is black "cracker," which harmonizes with any color scheme. The deflector is chromium plated.

Dealers may get a sample Red Cat Hot Water Heater at one-half list price by sending the coupon from the G. A. Roth Mfg. Company's Red Cat advertisement in Ford Dealer & Service Field. 

Ford Dealer & Service Field, July 1931

Doctor: "Madam, your husband needs rest and peace, so here are some sleeping pills."
Wife: "Doc, when should I give them to him?"
Doctor: "They are for you!" *from the Script As*

The New
Red Cat
HOT WATER
HEATER



"A" Fords \$19.50
All Others \$21.00

For Quicker, Bigger-Volume Heat!

An amazing new quick-acting hot water heater. Far superior for purer, bigger-volume heat. Priced sensationally low to catch VOLUME business. A regular gold-mine for dealers. A heater that will double your heater profits. A heater that will sell fast because it is the greatest hot water heater value ever offered to the trade!

Many Selling Points

Larger, better-built radiator core. Attractive black-crackle finish. Chromium heat deflector—newly designed to give 100% heat control. Airplane type fan blades. Powerfully built, quiet-running motor. 2-speed switch. New method of mounting insures full floating core. Thermostat furnished at slight extra cost: Ford and Chevrolet \$1.50; others \$2.50.

Sample—1/2 List

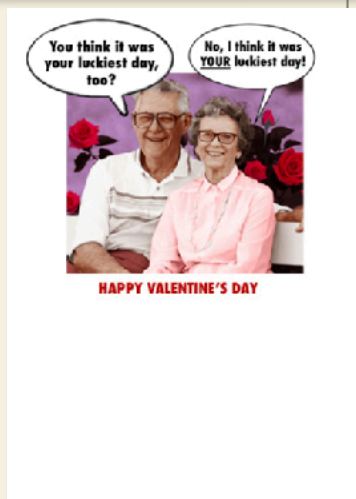
Send coupon below for sample Red Cat HOT WATER HEATER for your car. See for yourself what an amazing heater Red Cat has built. Enclose check.

SEND COUPON AT ONCE



Happy Valentines Day

FOUND ON THE INTERNET



I love you more than chocolate, but please don't make me prove it.
- Elizabeth Evans

Awards

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO STAND ON THE WINNERS PLATFORM

We have a lot of new members in the club in recent months. So, I thought now would be a good time to introduce our new members, and reacquaint veteran members, to the club, and national awards.

The start of a new year is a good time to think about earning some of the awards the club has to offer. The goal of each of these awards is to promote the Model A hobby and have fun doing it. These awards are also a way to recognize you for your efforts and participation in the hobby, and specifically in the club. Some of the awards are recognized on a local level, but others are sponsored by MAFCA on a nation-wide basis. Here's what's available:

MAFCA Chapter Touring

The club drives a combined total of 500 miles. This is accomplished by adding the miles driven of all cars in the club. The total is then divided by the number of MAFCA members within the club. Membership in MAFCA is required to earn is award.

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This award is a year-long effort. A member must drive their car once a month for 12 consecutive months in addition to one club activity. You can earn this award even if you don't have a car of your own, just ride in someone else's car. This award can be earned yearly.

Golden Wrench

To earn this award you must work on your car and report about it at a club meeting and write an article for the newsletter. Someone can give you advice, or step you through the repair, but you must do the work yourself. You can earn this award as many times as you wish.

Mileage

There are several Mileage Awards. These are awarded to the car, and not the club member. The awards are given when the car is driven 500, 1,000, 1,500, 2,500, 5,000 and 10,000 miles. Soon there will be club members who will earn the 10,000 mile award.

The Crying Towel

This is literally a towel given to the member who has a very sad story to tell that was the result of someone else and was no fault of the member. An incident or accident, not caused by you, that may potentially have caused damage or harm.

Bent Rod

This award is the exact opposite of the "The Crying Towel." In the case of an incident caused by the member due to oversight, neglect or other negative factors, will receive win this award. It is a traveling award that must be prominently displayed in your home until another unfortunate member carries out a similar fiasco.





Kid's Corner

FOR BOTH THE YOUNG AND THE OLD(ER)

There are eight differences between the two photographs. Can you find them? A key can be found on the last page.



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Jenn was taking an afternoon nap. After she woke up, she told her husband, Clyde, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he said. That evening, Clyde came home with a small package and gave it to Jenn. Delighted, she opened it only to find a book entitle, "The Meaning of Dreams."



Ladies Fashion Journal

CLIP ON SOME ELEGANCE

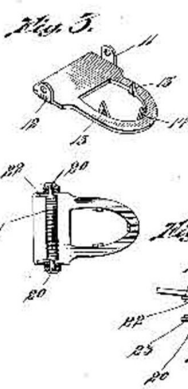
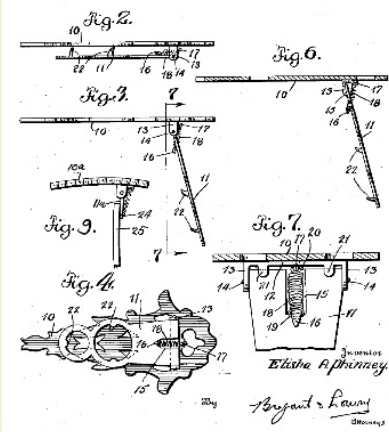
Sherry Winkhofer
courtesy of Northwest
Missouri Model A Ford Club

"When a woman can't afford a new dress, she buys new costume jewelry to brighten up her old ones." I found this quote in a 1930 article discussing fashion. To me, it highlights the austerity of many of the working-class women of the Model A years. While a working woman could not afford to buy a new dress frequently, she could be a master at changing her looks with accessories. Dress clips were a new fashion embellishment that could be purchased inexpensively to bring new life to last season's wardrobe.



A "whitestone" dress clip from the Chas. L. Trout 1931 catalog

Dress clips, also known as clip-pins or pin clips, appeared in the late 1920s as the concept of costume jewelry was just becoming fashionable. Before the twenties, only the rich had access to "real" jewelry, with gemstones and precious metals. But due to new manufacturing methods and the social and economic factors following WWI, costume jewelry entered the market and grew trendy quickly among the public



By definition, a dress clip is a piece of decorative jewelry that has a triangular or elongated spring back clip with spikes. The spikes secure the item to the underside of the garment. The pictures below are from 1931 patents showing clip mechanisms.



The wealthy appear to have embraced the concept of dress clips first. The earliest pieces I have found are from Louis Cartier. He also patented a design for a double dress clip/brooch in 1927, although I do not believe it was put into production until after Model A days.



A Diamond Clip Brooch set by Cartier circa 1928.



A Cartier Clip Brooch, with sapphires, rubies, emeralds, and diamonds. Circa. 1928.



Diamond Clip-Brooch, Cartier, London, 1929



Cartier Diamond, Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald dress clip, circa 1930.



The only examples of dress clips in costume jewelry I have found are from 1931. Perhaps it took a while for the style to reach down to the working class. Dress Clips were made from many materials, but rhinestones and crystals were a stylish option, with some type of pot metal, or perhaps silver as a base.



Dainty Clip
For dresses, hats, etc. Spring clip back for fastening. Large (Chanel) crystal stone and glittering rhinestones set in non-tarnishable white metal. Size, 1 3/4-in. length; 7/8 in. wide at top. **25E5131** Each, Post-paid. **45c**

Bellas Hess Catalog Spring/Summer 1931



Montgomery Ward & Co. Spring/Summer 1931



26W321—Clip Pins are the rage in Paris—wear them on your shoulder, your hat, or where you will. Three baguette shaped brilliants and two large full cut stones in a background set entirely with sparkling white rhinestones. Postpaid. **\$1.00**

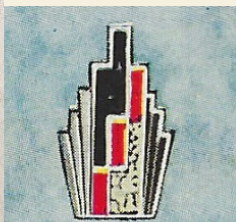
Sears, Roebuck & Co. Spring/Summer 1931

Cloisonné or Enamel could also be found in novelty clips. These have a non-tarnishing chrome finish.



EC505—Clip ornament, French enamel front with genuine Cloisonné enamel decoration, non-tarnishing chrome finish. **\$3.00 ea.**

Cloisonné dress clips from the Chas. L. Trout 1931 catalog



EC506—Clip ornament in modernistic design, French enamel with egg shell effect, non-tarnishing chrome finish. **\$1.50 ea.**

Dress clips were often worn as a pair.



Sears, Roebucks, and Co. Fall/Winter Catalog 1931-32. "Any Two for 65c."

Costume



Wear two of these exquisite Clasp-Ons says fashionable Paris. One perched on the hat, the twin gracing the frock. White metal with sparkling imitation diamonds. Clasp them anywhere. Postpaid. **14K608A** Price, each..... **79c**

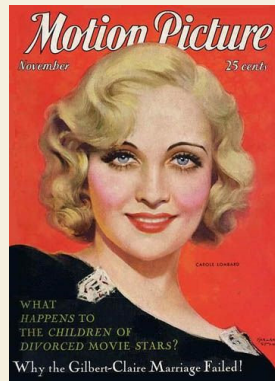
Montgomery Ward & Co. Spring/Summer 1931 "Wear two of these exquisite clasp-ons says fashionable Paris"



A pair of Cartier diamond clips, circa 1930



The prevalence of dress clips was helped by their visibility on Hollywood stars. In the 1920s, going to the moving pictures was a favorite leisure activity in the United States. Seeing all those sparkling items on the screen or in the movie magazines and then being able to go to Sears and buy a similar one for 35 cents helped dress clips surge in popularity.



Carole Lombard on the cover of the "Motion Picture Magazine", November 1931.



Another publicity shot of Carole Lombard from 1929. Note the dress clips on the wrap-around collar.



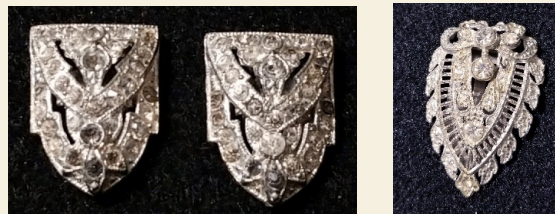
Claudette Colbert wearing dress clips on her straps. From "The "New Movie Magazine", July 1931



Carole Lombard wearing a dress clip as a hat ornament, 1931.

Dress clips could be worn in many ways. While they looked wonderful on the neckline, especially on a square collar, they were also at home on a lapel, a shoulder strap, or even as a hat ornament.

The widespread wearing of dress clips lasted into the late '50s, and as such, they are still an easy item to find in antique stores, or online sites such as eBay, and Etsy. Be aware that they are often misidentified as shoe clips, but dress clips usually have a much larger clip, with more aggressive spikes to secure them. Look for classic art deco designs, and you will have a nice accessory for your Model A wardrobe. 🍷



Several antiquing and eBay finds from my collection.



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MAFCA / MAFFI News



Bill Truesdell
MAFCA President

Well, one month of the new year is behind us already. I hope those of you who want to get your vaccination against COVID-19 have had a chance to get an appointment. We all look forward to the time when we can get out into the world again with more confidence.

In the West, we are receiving some much-needed rain. That has made it a bit difficult to get our Model A's out of the garage, if even to go around town for a little exercise of the old 40-horsepower motor. This month is Valentine's Day. Please remember to tell your special someone how much you love them. And, remember your Model A with a special gift even if it is just a dusting-off. Once the weather clears a bit we will be able to do some traveling using good common sense. It will be nice because just being in the good outside air will be a treat.

President's Day will be here on the 15th of this month. It is a good day to fly the American Flag celebrating the work done on behalf of our country by George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. It is likely that the normal annual parades and celebrations will be suspended for this year. But all of us can fly our national flag. If you live outside the United States, pick a date when your country celebrates something this month and fly your nation's flag.

Our MAFCA Board of Directors will be meeting via ZOOM on **February 6th**. Check our website in mid-February for highlights of that meeting. You will find them posted on our [Communications Page](#). 📺

Happy New Year from the Model A Ford Foundation! We are looking forward, as many of you are also, to a better and more active year. Hopefully, you have been able to get in your A's and do some driving before the weather makes it impossible. Many clubs have had some "No Contact Tours" which have been nice. We live in a beautiful world and there is no better way to see it than from a Model A!

Last year the Museum had to say goodbye to a beautifully restored Woody belonging to Tim Wiggins that had been on loan to the Museum for several years. As luck would have it, a 1931 Woody has just been donated to the museum by Rob Gibby from Pennsylvania. Rob has owned this car since 1963 while he was in school. We hope to have it safely installed in the Museum by February.

Did you know that you can get a tour of the museum right from the comfort of your own home? Go to our website: www.maffi.org and click on the link "Tours."

There is a tour that was filmed in September, led by Begg and others. It was focusing on the First Responders Display but also gives you an idea of what's inside. You truly have to see it in person to appreciate all that is there. You could spend an entire day if you looked at every exhibit and read everything. We hope to have other short videos coming soon so check back often. 📺





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