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UVMAC Mission Statement

T he 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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President's Message

BY GEGE MACK

N ews flash - touring season is well underway! Are you ready?

Earlier this year we had a family gathering at my grandparents home. After dinner my grandpa asked us to setup a fence around his flower bed to keep the deer out. While looking at the patch of bare dirt and shivering from the cool evening air, we thought that the fence was a bit premature as the flowers would not be up for some time.

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A couple of weeks later grandpa experienced a mishap and broke his leg, landing him in the hospital and an extended stay in a rehab center. He was finally able to return home late in May. Upon arriving at his house he asked me if I would help him over to the flower bed so he could see his tulips in bloom. I had to be the bearer of bad news and inform him that he was a couple of weeks too late for his flowers as they had already lost their blossoms. I felt bad for him as he had been waiting all winter for them to come, but missed it altogether due to his misfortune.

Later that day he asked me how things were going with the Model As. As I thought over my list of things that I was going to work on over the winter, I was surprised that I had not accomplished any of them. Wait, what happened? Oh yeah... I was too busy, too tired, it was too cold, I was waiting until it warmed up etc. Although I had good intentions to work on the cars, I always seemed to have some reason that I could not. At that moment I realized that touring season was already here! I had kept telling myself that I still had time, thinking that April was still a ways away. Meanwhile March and April had come and gone and May was just finishing up. Ah oh, it is already June! I have been waiting all winter for this time to come and now run the risk of missing some of the fun because I am unprepared.

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I hope that you are better prepared with your Model A and were able to accomplish your winter list of things to do. There is still a good portion of the season ahead, but depending on what you still need to do to your car, someone might be giving you the bad news that, "you missed it!" Let's hope that does not happen to be the case! I will see you on the road, drive safe!



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May Club Meeting

BY AMBER MORRELL

Attendance:

Diane Brimley, Richard and Olga Burr, Reid Carlson, Mike Carlton, Brad Christensen, Roger Davis, Howard and Gemma Eckstein, Buster and Josh Hansen, Tony Jacobs, Brian Lindenlauh, Greg, Nicholas and Robert Mack, Curt Martinson, Amber Morrell, Clyde Munson, Karl Pope, Bill and Colette Thompson, Bob and Janell, Todd, Carl Vernon

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Guests:

Some of the Salty A's board joined us tonight. I don't know if they were just spying on us, or if they were here to announce the Highland Cove Retirement Community Car Show. Regardless, we are happy they found the time to join us.

News:

- Andy Sheer, Editor of MAFCA's *The Restorer*, has Lymphoma. He has completed three of his six chemotherapy sessions. The club sent him a get well card. Andy expressed appreciation for the card and well wishes. He will update us later this month as to his progress.
- On Greg's behest, Mike Carlton talked about his progress cleaning and repairing his Cabriolet (it barely survived a garage fire).

Club Business:

- **Introductions:** As mentioned earlier, some of The Salty A's board of directors were in attendance tonight. Those individuals were: Bruce Bogges, Chuck Evans, Roy Vanorman, and our own Curt Martinsen.
- Financial Report: Treasurer Diane was not present tonight.
- **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 one 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.
- **MAFFI Bricks:** Three members are purchasing MAFFI memberships for \$25.00 each which will earn the club a brick. Amber Morrell, Roger Davis and Robert Mack agreed to pay for membership.
- **Mileage and Repair Log:** Are you using your UVMAC Mileage & Maintenance Log? Remember, it is an organized way to keep track of the



work you've done on your car. It is also an easy way to keep track of your mileage. You need your odometer readings to earn several club awards and MAFCA's Chapter Mileage Awards.

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- **Club Library:** We have a small library that is available for members to checkout. Some of the items include:
 - 1. Past issues of MAFCA's The Restorer magazine
 - 2. The Ford Service Bulletins
 - The Ford Model A Car & Model AA Truck: Construction, Operation, and Repair 1931 (binder)
 - 4. Those Wonderful Unauthorized Accessories
 - 5. UVMAC Motometer Newsletters
 - 6. Judging Standards
 - 7. Rebuilding a Ford Model A Differential (video)

Club Goals: One of the club's goals is to have members become more confident with their cars. Those reporting their work on their cars are:

- 1. Roger put on the correct lettering on the Mail Truck
- 2. Dave and Howard have solved the oil leak problem on Amber's car
- 3. Dave and Howard repaired and adjusted the brake system in his truck
- 4. Mike finished the preliminary cleaning of his Cabriolet

Club Awards:

Several members are waiting for their Mileage Awards, in addition to those listed last month, Curt Martinson has earned his 500 Mile Award and is quickly approaching the 1,000 Mileage Award. Buster has reached the 2,500 benchmark.

Another award earned this month is the dreaded Bent Rod Award. The "well deserving" recipient this month is Roger Davis. He had several mishaps last month. 1. Painting his Mail Truck Handles and then going for a ride with them dangling from the bumper. 2. He burned up his wiring harness which then needed to be replaced. 3. Possibly doing business with a crook who said he would repair and return his shock absorbers.

Other candidates include Buster Hansen. Syd Crockett's car wouldn't start so Buster thought it was an electrical problem so he worked diligently to find the culprit. As he worked, his son Joshua said, "Hey dad, I think I've found the problem, the car is out of gas."

Amber Morrell was the second candidate because of a huge oil leak they were trying to solve. During tonight's meeting, Nicholas Mack made the comment, "There is any easy fix to this. If you quit adding oil, the leak will stop." This led



- 1. Get more cars roadworthy
- 2. Have more confidence in our cars
- 3. Drive 10,000 miles collectively as a club



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to a comment from Bill Thompson, "This is Nicholas' motto concerning gasoline. (He has run out of gas several times during club activities.

Nicholas isn't the only one will gas problems. Clyde, the third candidate, confessed to running out of gas on his way to tonight's meeting. He was lucky, and circumstances allowed hun to made a 3/4 mile trip with no gas. Coasting down hills, squeezing through busy intersections, and sliding through a red light. This allowed him to reach a gas station before the car came to a halt along the side of the road.

Past Activities:

Bill Thompson reported that the West Mountain Tour was a lot of fun, enjoying the peaceful drive and enjoying time with other club members. He said the only draw-back was the lack of blossoms in the orchards.

Activities:

June

- **5th** Highland Cove Car Show Saturday at 10:00 a.m.; it will be held at 3750 S Highland Drive, Salt Lake City
- 9th Orem Summerfest at the Scera Park; from 6 to 9 p.m.
- **12th** Mountain Driver Training meet at the Christoffernson's home (3020 North 600 East, Lehi; we will drive in hilly territory, play car games; bring your own lunch

July

- **5th** Provo Freedom Festival Parade Howard has invited the Salty As. He is hoping to fill two blocks with Model As. Howard will provide more information when it becomes available.
- **10th** American Fork Steel Days, parade at 9 a.m. with a car show afterwards

August

- **2nd** Lindon Car Show, Monday at the Lindon Park, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- **27th -28th** Nine Mile Canyon Tour, This exciting trip will take us to Helper, and Price, Utah, visiting museums in both communities. The next day we will drive up Nine Mile Canyon. 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** Historic Tour of American Fork, details to come
- **November** We will tour Kindig-It Designs. It 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

The **Salty A's** have invited our club to join them on their trip to Ely, NV. They will spend one night in Delta and two nights in Ely and return via the same route. This will occur on September 1st through the 4th (on the Labor Day weekend).

TechTalk:

Clyde Munson provided us with this month's TechTalk on driving in hilly country without the car boiling over. He said there are three critical components:

- 1. **Point Gap and Timing**: The point gap should be checked often. The correct range is .18 to .22. Clyde recommends .20 for Utah Driving. Double check your timing, making sure it is correct with top dead center.
- 2. **Radiator:** Your radiator should be in good condition. Make sure the radiator is blockage free. Be mindful of the water level and refill when needed.
- 3. **Proper Down Shifting**: If your car looses power or acts sluggish, double-clutch and shift down. Listen to the sound of the engine, it will tell you when to engage the clutch. After you engage the clutch, rev the engine until it sounds like it did right before you stepped on the clutch. When you do, shift and take your foot off the clutch.

Refreshments:. Tony Jacobs treated us to Creamies tonight. Thanks Tony!



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Heard it Through the Grapevine

OUT & ABOUT WITH CLUB MEMBERS

Andy Sheer, (Editor of MAFCA's *The Restorer*) "I'd like to update you on my treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma. At noon today I met with the oncologist who gave me encouraging news from last week's PET scan. The chemotherapy is doing its job! Everything pertaining to lymph nodes that had been enlarged before treatment is now either normal or well on its way.

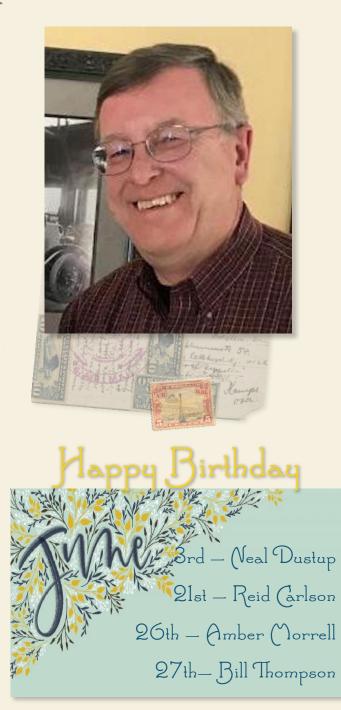
Tomorrow I have chemo treatment #4 -- but with the assurance it's working and that I'm on my way to being done with this nasty stuff. I still have until July 7 for the final treatment, but I can look forward to that with the knowledge that this marathon is accomplishing its purpose."

A new arrival will occur at **Nicholas and Natalie Mack's** home, and I'm not talking about their baby. The new arrival is that of Nicholas' Model A engine. He has waiting a long time for the engine rebuilders to finish it.

First he had to wait for a back ordered camshaft, once it arrived, they found that the crankshaft was back ordered as well. Finally he received word of another delay. The pistons the rebuilders were going to use were unavailable.

His engine went to Antique Engine Rebuilders in March. He patiently waited through March, April and May. Finally, he received news on June 1st that his engine had been shipped. Now he is hoping for a safe delivery of both his Model A engine and their baby boy.

Watch for an engine installation party invitation soon!



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BY ROBERT MACK

What does the club do best? Nope, it's not telling fish stories, nor is it teasing one another, and it's not even driving our Model As together. Read on, and you will find out. Although I think you have already guessed that.

MOTOMETER

One of our more popular Model A activities is a Progressing Dinner or Luncheon. When we first started this activity, we went from one member's home to another, but, we realized that it made it hard for those member's hosting to participate in the drive as well. So, we changed that and started dinning out to various restaurants. This worked well. Everyone who wanted to, could participate in the entire activity, and we were able to sample sample new and unique restaurants in our area.

This has been a great experience, trying new foods at different eating establishments. Since we started doing this we have never visited the same place twice.

This year's menu took us to Shirley's Bakery for an appetizer, R&R BBQ for the main entree and Sweet Rolled Tacos for dessert.

We had a whole smorgasbord to choose from so it made choices very difficult. We all found it within ourselves to make those arduous decisions however. In fact, those who couldn't decide, made up for it by picking several treats.

We started our adventure with 12 Model As and several modern vehicles. At Shirleys, most members enjoyed the wonderful sweet rolls. This was enough to satisfy all of us for a few hours.

While we were waiting for our food to settle, Howard Eckstein provided treats of another variety. He took us on a history tour of Pleasant Grove. The highlight of the tour was going to the Pleasant Grove Pioneer Museum. We had a private tour of the facilitates and learned a lot of interesting history. After our historic tour, we traveled to R&R BBQ. For many of us this was a new experience. The portions were large and very filling, but, we saved room for dessert. Our dessert stop took us to Sweet Rolled Tacos in Ore. There we were served specially prepared ice cream. You picked your flavor and what toppings you wanted. It was all rolled together in a type of waffle cone. I think we will probably make this a regular stop for the club from now on.

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As the 5:00 p.m. hour approached, we parted ways with smiles on our faces and food in our stomachs. So, what is it that we do best —eat!



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Alan & Pat Justesen 45-B Deluxe Coupe







Handling Your Car Like a Professional

BY ROBERT MACK



In preparation for our August overnighter to Helper, Price and Nine-Mile Canyon, Our Model A experts and master mechanics (namely Howard Eckstein and Clyde Munson, along with a few others), decided it would be a good idea to practice mountainous driving, namely, up-shifting and down shifting on hills. In addition to this, Howard has pulled together a few car games so we can practice other aspects of driving, such as cornering, estimating distances, stopping etc. As the flier above states, we will be holding this fun, educational activity at Brad and Laura Christofferson's home in Lehi at 10:00 a.m. Our activity will end with FOOD, so bring your own picnic lunch, and if you would like, you can bring a treat to share with everyone else.





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Boiling Over

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BY HOWARD ECKSTEIN

Tony Jacobs has been building a hand-made truck from swap meet gleanings he's collected over the years. Because it is made up of parts that have previously never been assembled with each other, it has been given the nickname of Frankenstein. "Frankie", as Tony calls it, has been a monster as far as cooperating for its master. Sometimes it will start when asked; other times it will balk and refuse to wake up.

MOTOMETER

Tony had an engine that was rebuilt many years ago and kept in storage that he installed in the truck. It ran OK, but boiled over easily. After changing cylinder heads in an attempt to eliminate the cause of air bubbles in the coolant, the problem returned. It was assumed that the block must be cracked.

Recently Tony bought a running 1930 Tudor which is now undergoing restoration. He has a spare engine that he sent out for rebuild that is earmarked for the Tudor. Tony removed the boiling-over engine from Frankie and installed the running engine from the Tudor with the intent of having a trouble-free engine in the truck.

After installation, Tony ran the engine to test it. To his dismay, tiny bubbles that resembled the head from a mug of beer blew out of the top of the radiator. This was a mystery because that engine didn't boil over when it was in the Tudor.

The probability of two engines in a row having a boiling-over problem was a statistical monstrosity. There had to be a common denominator between both engines that caused air to find its way into the coolant and then boil out when the engine reached operating temperature.

Tony used the same hoses and lower water pipe from the truck on both engines. It was proposed that since the lower hoses and water pipe are part of the suction side of the cooling system, that it was possible that air could be getting into the system from a faulty connection. This was a grasp at a straw that we decided to investigate before digging into the engine that was donated by the Tudor.

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Tony rounded up a new water pipe and hoses, filed the surfaces of the water inlet to assure that there were no irregular surfaces that would be hard to seal up with clamps on the rubber hoses. He filled it with water and started the engine to watch for bubbles in the radiator.

There were bubbles that appeared as the engine warmed up, but they diminished as time went on. When filling an empty engine and radiator, air gets trapped in various places in the engine and has to be bled out. That is what we observed. Happily, there was no foam or boiling over. A test drive confirmed that everything was normal and the boiling-over problem was solved.

Curiosity led us to investigate the water pipe and hoses that Tony replaced. We found that there was a ridge of metal about an inch beyond the end of the pipe. We removed the hose and were shocked at what we found. Someone had welded a piece onto the end of the pipe! The weld was rough and fell in the area where the hose clamp goes. There is no way that a hose would seal against such an irregular surface. That was our smoking gun.

The lesson learned: use new parts when building your Model A. For want of a \$20 water

pipe, Tony changed cylinder heads, bought head gaskets and changed engines chasing a boil-over issue that had a simple but hidden cause.



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Just When You Think You've Seen Everything

BY HOWARD ECKSTEIN

Life is full of surprises. So much so, that nothing should surprise me anymore. But this week, I was taken aback by a Tillotson Carburetor. Tillotson carbs are easily recognizable due to their rectangular float bowl and pot metal casting. The ones we're familiar with were made for the Model A aftermarket. The parts suppliers sell rebuild kits for these units. Here's a photo of one: years and have never seen a Tillotson like this one. With those statistics, I doubt I'll see one again in my lifetime. One feature I find interesting is the power valve for wideopen throttle. When the throttle is wide open, the lever works against a rotating "L" bracket that lifts a power valve which is a needle and seat arrangement to provide more fuel under high-speed conditions. I didn't open the



While looking through a box of parts that accompanied a 1930 Fordor at a use car lot, a pile of carburetors looked interesting. I saw what looked like a pot metal Zenith in the mix. I've been around Model As for 55 carburetor to look, but I suppose it has only one jet for all speed ranges.

I took some pictures to share with the club. Enjoy.





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When Howard submitted this article he wrote this comment, "As you may know, 'Out and About' best describes my retirement. I get to see a lot of things Model A, some that I share with the club. Just this week I saw two things ... that struck me as odd." Because of this, he wrote this article about a rare Tillotson. Each time he comes across something new or unusual, he will write about those too.

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July 5th 2021 Freedom Festival Parade

BY HOWARD ECKSTEIN



Get Your Car Ready for the Freedom Festival Parade 2021



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Meet in the parking lot north of the BYU Practice Facility, the same as in previous years 1100 North University Ave Provo

Bring your splash apron signs
Call Clyde @ 801-376-0594 if you need them



2019 Freedom Festival Parade

2018 Freedom Festival Parade

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FREEDOM FESTIVAL PARABE REGULATIONS

I just took the Parade Participant Certification Training and am required to pass this info on to our parade drivers.

- 1. No candy, flyers or other items are to be thrown or distributed along the route.
- 2. Do not stop or slow down to entertain parade guests.
- 3. Our entry (all of us as a group) is to maintain a maximum of 50 feet behind the entry in front of us. They want a tight parade.
- 4. All our cars should keep a tight formation, yet maintaining a safe following distance for walking speed.
- 5. Pay attention to your driving, I've seen little kids dart out in front of us before their parents could catch them.
- 6. No commercial signs or any other signs that contain phone numbers, websites or "for sale", etc.
- 7. Our splash apron signs should be OK since they are not commercial in nature.
- 8. We need to be at the staging area by 6:30 am on the 5th. (The postcard says 6:00.)
- 9. Take time at the staging area before roll-out to be sure all cars are running OK. Adjust horns as necessary.
- 10. The first car will have the entry number attached. I'll bring tape to stick it on.
- Along the route, a short informational announcement about our club will be broadcast over loudspeakers in about 6 or 8 locations. We should refrain from using our horns during these introductions.
- 12. I'll bring a copy of our training certificate. (It was never asked for before, but just in case...)

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TAKE A LITTLE TRIP

Traveling in a Model A is one of the highlights of our hobby. Combining an interest in Model As, travel, and era fashion is about the best thing I can think of to experience all aspects of this hobby. Where are you going? Is it for the weekend? What's the weather forecast? A few things to ask yourself before beginning to plan your wardrobe and luggage requirements.

"Each year motoring becomes more and more a favorite pastime as weekends grow in popularity..."



MOTOMETER

Figure 1; Picnic set

according to the June 1931 issue of Good Housekeeping. This sentiment is very similar to the short tours so many of our chapters take each year. Do you and a few Model A friends like to take day trips and pack a lunch? Have a little fun with it! One of my favorite trips involved the Southeastern Touring group and a trip onto the Blue Ridge Parkway. My husband and I packed a lunch and brought our picnic set along. Add some fried chicken, potato salad, and lemonade for a trip you won't soon forget. (Figure 1) These luncheon kits were suggested for anyone "motoring much". This cobra-grained Fabrikoid kit was setup for six-place settings and to fit June 1931, Good Housekeeping



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By Melanie G. Whittington courtesy of Era Fashion

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Figure 2; Luncheon kit ad from

the running board. (Figure 2) Kits like these were available during all years of the Model A era. They range from simple sets to more elaborate. I have seen kits with eight-place settings, multiple thermoses, tin, or enamel boxes to carry a variety of items, cups, and various other accessories. They are not the easiest to find at antique stores, but I have seen several in my travels. It may look like a

suitcase if it is setting on the floor closed. Look a little closer and you may find a treasure.



Figure 3; York Daily Record, July 1927, "new zippered cases"

"Talon Hookless Fasteners," "slide fasteners" or "Zip-O-Grips" were all names for what we would call a zipper. These started showing up in luggage before the Model A era. Here is an ad from July 1927 in the York (PA) Daily Record. (Figure 3) The same ad, two months earlier, from Austin, TX did not mention the "new zippered cases" noted in the "For Long Trips" section.

Of other interest is the mention on short trips using "light luggage for feminine travelers". Not only were motoring trips becoming commonplace, the ads were focusing on females and the needs of traveling with multiple dresses, shoes, and hats.

In our effort to reproduce an authentic trip in our Model As, we may not be able to go into every aspect, but pick something you enjoy and try it! If you love hats, find a nice hat box and throw it in the back seat, trunk or rumble seat. If you're lucky enough to have a truck, you have plenty of room for luggage. Be sure, if you're using originals, to keep them protected from the elements. They aren't making any more "Wheary Wardrolettes of buffalo rawhide." (Figure 5)





Figure 4; Luggage from June 1931, Good Housekeeping

"Brimmed hats having returned to fashion importance, a large hat box is required, as proved by the Mendel-Drucker model, covered in Scotch tweed duck." Also shown, is the Oshkosh duffle bag of orange and red striped cord duck which is great for shoes. In the lady's hand you see a Zip-O-Grip handbag made of bright-colored goat skin. At her feet is the Revelation suitcase of black cobragrained cowhide with locks and adjusts to 14 sizes. The Seward Aero-Pak suitcase, to the far left, included wardrobe conveniences.

Hanging over the Seward is a Snuggle Rug of English plaid woolen, which, on motor trips, is a "wise precaution". This rug is bag shaped and uses a Talon Hookless Fastener closing. (Figure 4)

The items in Figure 5 include the Oshkosh hat box, with cord duck to match the duffle bag mentioned earlier. Trunks were used for longer trips, usually rail or sea travel. Wardrobe trunks would keep your clothes

organized and less wrinkled. Dresses of lace, such as Chantilly, were invaluable for travel as they don't show wrinkles as easily as silk. Wool suits were also great for cool days and less prone to wrinkling. Bringing along wraps or "tiny jackets" which can be used with multiple outfits is also a smart idea. Those with light fabric such as chiffon or "transparent velvet, require almost no space at all."



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Figure 6; February 1930 ad from Kansas City newspaper, Aerolite Bags featuring Zip-Lock fasteners This February 1930 ad from the *Kansas City Star* for Aerolite Bags

Figure 5; Luggage from June 1931, Good Housekeeping

specifially mentions they are "designed for air travel." It also featured a Zip-Lock fastener. (*Figure 6*)

Next time you travel in your Model A, think about your luggage and packing for the era. Many of these suitcases, duffles, and trunks can be found on eBay or in antique stores, for a decent price. Even if you only use it as a prop in your "A," or for your next trip down the runway at a fashion judging event, you'll be adding a little more authenticity to the occasion.

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Sherry Winkinhofer, from A-World





The Kid's Corner

FOR KIDS YOUNG AND OLD

Can you find the nine things that are different?





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MAFCA News



Bill Truesdell

GET THE MUSTARD AND PICKLES READY

Here in the San Francisco Bay Area the tomato plants are beginning to show some signs of bearing fruit. Cucumbers and green peppers have fruit budding

also. It is so nice to have longer days and warmer temperatures. All-in-all, I'd say we have some fine Model A weather.

It's time to polish the old car and get ready for tours and parades. The picnic basket is waiting to be pulled from the shelf where it has been sitting for over a year. The ice chest is ready for a new batch of hot dogs and brats, beverages of choice and some great chocolate chip cookies

I even have an inexpensive moving blanket to put on the ground for our picnic once we get to our destination. I might have scored more points if I had picked a location with picnic tables, but blankets are romantic. Getting up again is the challenge and not at all romantic. I look really funny as I maneuver into a vertical position.

Getting behind the wheel of Billy-Bob once more isn't quite like riding a bike. I find that I have to stop and think about the mental checklist for the Model A starting procedure. Even the battery is eager to get going. It has held its charge for several months longer than anticipated. Check the oil, still clear and up to the full line on the dipstick. Transmission, differential, brakes and front hub lubrication are all up to snuff. Time to take the jack out from under the car and run the old boy around the block just to test all systems. Then, try to remember the shut down procedure. I'll tell you, Model As are so different from model iron that they actually get the driver "involved" in operating the vehicle. What fun is that? Even the horn works with a little tweak of the adjustment screw. I think we're ready to chill the drinks and get the show on the road. This time,, we are going to cook the hot dogs on the manifold as we drive.

I hope to see you along the Model A 😽 roads.



The much anticipated national tour in New Hampshire is finally here. A great time is anticipated for all those attending. Hope you are there and we get a chance to meet and exchange ideas on how to keep MAFCA great.

Elaine and I will be the couple driving, or maybe on the side of the road working on, a red Deluxe Sedan Delivery. If you pass us give a honk at the very minimum.

A brief update on chapter registrations. MAFCA has 277 Chapters, Special Interest Groups, and Regional Groups on record. For 2021, 242 chapters have returned all the required paperwork along with their frees and are in good standing with MAFCA.

It is great to see in the May newsletters how many of the clubs and special interest group are restarting face to face meetings. It is very rewarding to read the joy our members are having getting together again for good Ol' Model A fellowship. With all of the country out of winter, now it the time together with your friends and get out on the road! Just don't forget to honk when you go by me!

Robert Bullard, 2021 Chapter Coordinator







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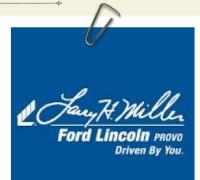
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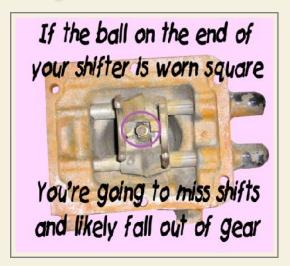
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Puzzle Key (pg 22)

- 1. Trees missing in upper center
- 2. Cabin door moved
- 3. Stair porch post missing
- 4. Right building's window missing
- 5. Right building's smoke stack missing
- 6. License plate missing on 2nd car from left
- 7. Sign over door gone
- 8. Dark area going up stairwell different
- 9. White stain on right side of left building changed



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