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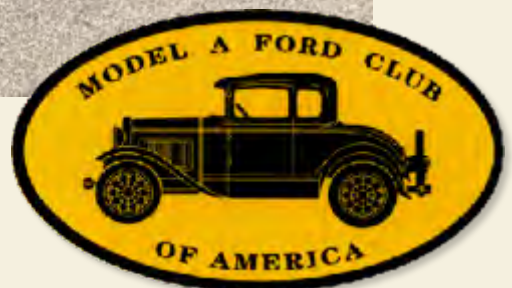


Remember...

Club Dues are past **due** – Now **\$30 for 2026**

Start recording your car's mileage in your log book.

Previous editions of the Motometer are available on the club's website.





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 membership application at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Club meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month — 7:00 p.m. in the Clyde Companies building at 730 N. 1500 W. Orem, Utah. Use the north side entrance. The meeting room is on the immediate right.

2026 Club Officers

CLUB OFFICERS

Board Chair	Roger Davis
President	Howard Eckstein
Vice President	Andy Hudspeth
Secretary	Robert Mack
Treasurer	Diane Brimley
Activities	Roger Davis
Membership	Amber Morrell

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Awards	Theon Lancy
Facebook	Clyde Munson
Librarian	TBD
Merchandise	Paul Jerome
Photographers	Howard Eckstein
	Amber Morrell
	Buster Hansen
	Greg Mack
	Nicholas Mack
	Robert Mack
Tech Talks	John Salzi
Meeting Refreshments	TBD
Web Page	Greg Mack
Newsletter	Jeff Niven
Restorer Chapter News	Clyde Munson

Past and Current Club Presidents

2013 Robert Mack	2020 Greg Mack
2014 Clyde Munson	2021 Greg Mack
2015 Howard Eckstein	2022 Brad Christofferson
2016 Nicholas Mack	2023 Brian Lindenlaub
2017 Reid Carlson	2024 Roger Davis
2018 Clyde Munson	2025 Roger Davis
2019 Clyde Munson	2026 Howard Eckstein

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President's Message

From Howard Eckstein



Our Model As were never expected to last 100 years. In fact, the New Ford was introduced at the end of 1927 to fill the market with Ford cars while the company continued development of the V8. Notwithstanding, the buying public responded with enthusiasm to the Model A; so much so that 4.8 million were sold during the four years of production. From 1932 through 1934, the Model B four-cylinder was built. In addition, Ford introduced the first V8 in 1932. During those three years, about 1 million units were sold.

Our Model As were left behind as the Ford Motor Company charged ahead with improvements to the V8 engine and yearly body changes. Left behind or not, our Model As are a testament to the skill of the engineers who knew they were working on an interim car. I'm always amazed at the robustness and hence, the longevity of our cars.

Soon after they were produced, it was Bernard London who is credited with formally introducing the idea of planned obsolescence. Today's cars, in spite of their exorbitant expense, are throw-aways.

I suspect, given the popularity of Model As today, they will still be on the road when the upcoming generations are our age. I'm enjoying my Model A now. But I'm getting older and I know that someday, I won't be able to drive it anymore. But that old car will keep on going.



Outside Model A Organizations

Model A Ford Club of America

250 South Cypress Street
La Habra, CA 90631 - 5515

Dues are \$50 per calendar year, which includes six copies, of The Restorer magazine, published bimonthly. mafca.com.



Model "A" Restorers Club

6721 Merriman Road
Garden City, MI 48135

Dues are \$50 per calendar year (\$60 Canada/\$70 International), which includes six copies of Model "A" News magazine, published bi-monthly. More information at model-a-ford.org



Model A Ford Foundation Inc.

P.O. Box 28
Peotone, IL 60468-0028

Preserving Model A Fords and memorabilia through research, education, and various programs. Family membership is \$35 for one year, \$100 for three years, or \$500 for lifetime. maffi.org.



Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Jo Johnson, President
375 High Head Road
Harpwell, ME 04079
jo.johnson@comcast.net

Sponsored by the Victoria Association, funds come from financial contributions and various fund-raising efforts from MAFCA and MARC members and chapters. All scholarship winners receive \$1,000 every year for up to four years upon submission of satisfactory grade requirements.



Model A Youth Restoration Award

Bob Moore
529 Winston Avenue
Bradbury, CA 91010
bobmoore1@aol.com

This program has been around since 1994. The award is presented every two years at either a MAFCA or MARC national convention. The grant amount awarded to each applicant is determined by the amount of money in the program's bank account, and is divided equally among all the applicants. This includes items donated by the participating Model A Ford vendors. Any MAFCA/ MARC youth restoring a Model A Ford may request an application form.



UVMAC March Club Meeting

16 April 20256

By Robert Mack

2026 Goals

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| 1. 25% of membership will earn <i>13+ Award</i> | 5. 25% of membership earn <i>Lucky 7 Award</i> |
| 2. At least two service project in 2026 | 6. Youth members apply for either the Restoration Award or the Scholarship. |
| 3. 25% membership will join an overnight trip | 7. 75% of Model As are roadworthy |
| 4. Club drives 26,000 miles collectively | 8. 250 USA Celebration - 250 Members in Cars |

Members Present

Jason Beate, Diane Brinley & Margaret Griffis, Bruce Boggess, Garth & Jill Christenson, Brad Christofferson, Dean Davis, Roger Davis, Stephen Dutton, Howard Eckstein, Rodney Gardner, Buster, Josh & Clark Hansen, Larry Harrison, Judd Houser, Andy & Janna Hudspeth, David Kern, Sam & Tia Korlogos, Theon & Laurel Laney, Greg, Becky & Robert Mack, Nicholas, Natalie, Gavin & Shelby Mack, Amber, Karen & Dave Morrell, Clyde Munson, Jeff Niven, Par & Patsy Palmer, John Salzl, Nathan Swenson, Bill & Colette Thompson, John & Weston Warby. (44)

Opening

1. **Called to Order:** 7:14 p.m. at the Clyde Companies building in Orem, Utah (A/V technical problems caused the late start)
2. **Conducting:** President Howard Eckstein
3. **Members Present:** 44 (see list above)

Business

Old

1. Roger Davis used photographs on the big screen to report on the recent Moab Model A Tour hosted by Bill Thompson. Seven Model As participated and 21 members enjoyed a couple of days together. Two drives along the Colorado River provided exceptional scenery, and a drive through Arches National Park was very enjoyable as we kept our eyes open for any arches hidden along way.
2. Although it was a very rainy day, the crowds enjoyed seeing the Big Boy Locomotive as it sat on a siding in Morgan, Utah. Six Model As traveled to Morgan to enjoy a bit of railroad history.

New

1. **Financial Report:** Treasurer (Diane Brimley) Checking contains \$300.00 and the CD stands at \$3,500.00. Money in savings total \$1,720.24.
2. **Awards:** (Theon Laney)
 - a. **Mileage Awards** were given to Andy Hudspeth who earned a 500, 1000, and 1500 mile awards.
 - b. **Bent Rod Award** was deferred until next month because of the Hubley Races.



3. **Riley Player** died recently. His wife invited the club members to join them in a celebration of his life on April 18th.
4. **Future Activities:***
 - a. April 25 - Sparks Petrolania Museum in Provo with the Salty A's. Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the right side of the road. Entrance Fee is \$5. Afterwards participants will drive over to the Purple Turtle in Pleasant Grove for lunch.
 - b. May 9 - Lehi City Tour
 - c. May 31-June 6 - Pendelton National Convention
 - d. June 8 - Oremfest Car Show (service project for the American Legion)
 - e. June 13 - Art City Days Parade
 - f. June 20 - Strawberry Reservoir Tour
 - g. July 4 - Provo Freedom Festival Parade
 - h. July 26 - Mona Parade
 - i. August -TBA
 - j. September - Nebo Loop Fall Color Tour
 - k. October - Multi-day tour
 - l. November TBA
 - m. December - Christmas Party

*These activities are not set in concrete and may change.

5. **TechTalk** was cancelled this month in order to have enough time for the Hubley Races.
6. **Hubley Races** were a great success. Everyone, both participants and onlookers seemed to enjoy watching the Model As rush to the finish line. Unfortunately some didn't make it to the checkered flag. The biggest cause were wheels flying off the cars.

Winners were:

Biggest Cheater/Fastest – Jeff Niven (he used wheel bearings)

Best Paint Job - Garth Christensen

Most Unassembled Car - Nicholas Mack

Most Like Owners's Model A - Roger Davis

Best of Show - Roger Davis

Slowest Car - Clyde Munson

Best Dressed Couple - Laurel and Theon Laney

To the surprise of many, there were nineteen Hubley Cars that participated in the race.

Refreshments: Nicholas and Natalie Mack provided refreshments tonight. The peanut butter bars and milk were a big hit.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Photos from the Club Meeting – 16 April 2026



Andy Hudspeth and Theon Laney Received their 13+ Awards



John Warby Received His 5000 Mile Award



Andy Hudspeth Received His 500, 1000, and 1500 Mile Awards



Article about the Hubley Derby reported separately on page 12 of this newsletter



FORD MODEL A "THE MODERN ANTIQUE CAR"

- **AVAILABLE:**
 - 5 MILLION MODEL A's PRODUCED, OVER 200,000 STILL ON THE ROAD
 - REASONABLY PRICED
 - NUMEROUS BODY STYLES & COLORS

- **EASY TO DRIVE:**
 - ELECTRIC STARTER, 4 WHEEL BRAKES
 - 40+ HORSEPOWER, 3 FORWARD GEARS
 - CRUISE ALL DAY AT 45 - 55 MPH

- **EASY TO REPAIR:**
 - PARTS ARE READILY AVAILABLE FROM VENDORS ALL OVER THE USA!



THE FORD MODEL A, A CAR THAT IS RELIABLE & FUN.



Big Boy Locomotive Activity

2 April 2026 – Morgan, Utah

The Big Boy Locomotive (No. 4014) is the largest operating steam locomotive in the entire world. In last month's Motometer, you can read some of the specifications and facts about this giant steam locomotive. It was originally built in 1941 to haul heavy freight over the Wasatch Mountains during WWII. It was retired from service in 1961 and then carefully restored by Union Pacific Railroad in 2019.

Members of the Utah Valley Model A Club as well as from the Salty A's and the Beehive A's weathered the rain and a snow storm to travel to Morgan, Utah to catch a glimpse of this mammoth locomotive, as it stopped briefly on April 2nd. Here is a short video which shows it as it pulled into the station in Morgan. (Just double click on the photo to the right to receive instructions on how to view it.)





Immediately after the train arrived, a number of men climbed out of one of the cars behind the tender and began greasing and lubricating the bearings between the large connecting rods and other mechanical linkages.



Before the train arrived at the station, all of the Model A gang walked down the street for breakfast at a favorite eatery. A great time was had by all and it was a rare opportunity.



Hubley Car Derby

16 April 2026

The high-lite of the UVMAC club meeting on April 16, 2026, was the Hubley Car Derby, which took the place of the Tech Talk that was normally held during the latter part of the meeting. The suspense was thick in the air as members of the club brought their precious metal cars to the meeting to compete in a number of categories including, Best Paint, Unfinished, Most Like the Car Owner's Model A, Fastest, Slowest, and Best of Show.

Buster Hansen had procured a Pinewood Derby race track for the event and it was assembled before the meeting in the atrium of the Clyde Building, adjacent to the meeting area.



John Salzl took care of the cars' registration and each participant's vehicle was assigned a number prior to the competition. The cars were placed on a long table for member judging and pre-race display. As you can see from these photos, they were all colors and models and most of them matched the car owned by the participant. Some had been spray painted and some had been painted with a brush, while one or two had received numerous coats of hand rubbed lacquer that had been finished to a high gloss.







At least three or four of the cars contained 3-D Printed components and one was made entirely on a 3-D Printer. Roger's mail truck was a beautiful creation. Howard Eckstein's coupe even had license plates that matched his own and the station wagons had simulated wood siding.





Hubley Derby



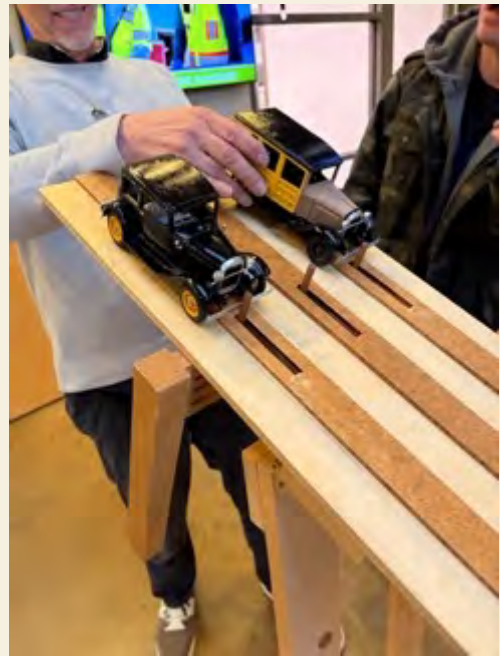
The rules of the event were simple. The club members could race anyone they wanted to race, but as soon as they lost three races they were out of the competition. The members received a score card (upper left) to record both the number of times they raced, as well as their losses. Each loss was to be recorded by coloring one of the stars pink, indicating the loss race as shown here (lower left).

The track accommodated two cars at the same time, due to their width, and were released simultaneously by a single lever below the track, as shown here (upper right).

If you “double click” on the photo (below right), you should be able to view a short video of one of the exciting races.

After all of the cars except for one had been eliminated by at least three losses, the club members retired to the next room for presentation of the awards.

The Best Paint Award” went to Garth Christensen, with his shiny Roadster which looked like it had received numerous coats of hand rubbed lacquer. (see two photos below)



Hubley Derby





Nick Mack and his son, Gavin, received the award for the best “Unfinished Car” (see photos right). It was clear to all that Gavin thoroughly enjoyed his evening at the Hubley Derby!

Club member, Roger Davis, received two awards, both for his Mail Truck that was “Most Like the Car Owner’s Model A” and “Best of Show” (see photos below). Nobody, including Roger, will ever know how many hours Roger spent working on the truck body with his 3-D printer at home, but his custom Hubley Mail Truck sure was a beauty! (see close-up photo below right)





The award for the “Slowest Car” was presented to Clyde Munson, for the replica of his green 1931 Deluxe Coupe



Now for the “Special Award” trophies. During the time that the two previous club presidents, Brian Lindenlaub and Roger Davis, were club presidents, they struggled with where to store the two giant trophies that our club had received for city parades. For a while, Brian kept them on his fireplace mantel. Then Andrew Watson stored them for a while in his garage in Pleasant Grove. When Andrew moved, they ended up in Roger’s house. Finally, Roger discovered a way to get rid of them. He would present them to two club members at the 2026 Hubley Derby as “Special” awards.

The competition for the “Best Era Fashion Award” was strong, coming from club members like Andy and Jana Hudspeth, Bill and Collete Thompson, and Theon and Laurel Laney, but the first of these trophies was finally presented to Theon and Laurel Laney. They received the tallest of these two trophies as you can see here (right).

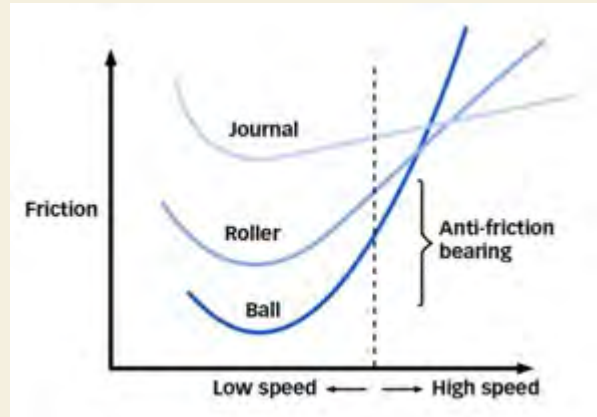


The next of these “special” awards accompanied a bit of controversy, and was related to the award for the “Fastest Car”. Jeff Niven, had made no secret of his plans to fit one of his two Hubley Models with ball bearings. He planned to use the red 1930 Hubley Roadster that he had received as a birthday gift from his parents back in 1963. Work to incorporate miniature ball bearings into the hubs of the Red Roadster began months before the race. When he mentioned his plans to some of the club members, they suggested that this was cheating. At this point, Jeff stopped work on the



design and planned to enter both of his cars without ball bearings. After conferring with Roger Davis, however, Jeff went ahead with the design changes to incorporate the ball bearings into the wheel hubs.

As was discussed in a previous technical article in the Motometer, one of the biggest advantages of rolling element bearings over journal bearings is the significant reduction in starting torque. With a journal bearing, there is essentially no lubricant between the two bearing surfaces until the two bearing surfaces start to move. This causes increased friction when starting the rotation and also contributes to increased wear during the initial movement. Installing ball bearings in the Hubley car reduces the starting friction and thus allows for a quicker start. Then depending on what type of lubricant is used, ball bearings can also have lower friction as the car continues to roll down the track.



The ball bearings that were installed in the Red Roaster were purchased from McMaster Carr and with a minor increase to the inside diameter of the hub, the bearings fit nicely inside the back side of the wheel hub, as shown here. Then instead of using a screw with threads as the axle, tiny shoulder screws, like the one shown here,



were also purchased from McMaster Carr. The shoulder screws basically eliminated wheel wobble as well as the need for precise tightening as was required with the threaded screws.

In the end, Jeff was awarded a trophy for the “Fastest Car” but also a giant special trophy for the “Biggest Cheat Award”.

Thanks to all the participants and to the club members and spectators for a wonderful Hubley Derby.



Major Inventions from Utah

By Jeff Niven

Years ago, a Scottish friend of mine gave me a small book (right) that discussed many important inventions that came from people from Scotland. As I flipped through the pages I was amazed to learn that Alexander Graham Bell (Telephone – 1876), Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Sherlock Holmes – 1887), John Boyd Dunlop (Pneumatic Tyre – 1887), Sir Alexander Fleming (Penicillin – 1928), Lord Joseph Lister (Antiseptic Surgery – 1860), John Napier (Logarithms – 1614), and James Watt (Steam Locomotion – 1769) all came from Scotland.

Another name in that little book caught my eye. It was John Logie Baird, who was born in Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire Scotland in 1888. The book claimed that Baird was the first to demonstrate mechanical television in 1926.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLZFnWjw1Fs>

Since I had always understood that the person who invented the television was a farm boy from Utah named Philo T. Farnsworth in 1927, I was interested in finding out more. What Philo invented was how to use a Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) to make a Television Camera, or an Electronic Television, which he accomplished in 1927. Instead of using an expensive CRT John Logie Baird used a spinning disk with holes in it, which he demonstrated a year before Philo Farnsworth, but it was Farnsworth who demonstrated the first working electronic television that we know today.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philo_Farnsworth

I wondered, what other modern inventions came from the state of Utah? Let me present a few of the inventions from my list.

Electronic Guitar (Bar Pickup) – Alvino Rey was born in California in 1908, but later moved with his wife to Salt Lake City Utah in the early 1990's. Alvino was hired by Gibson to design an electronic guitar pickup, which he did in 1935. The pickup was immediately incorporated into Gibson's very first Electronic Guitar, the ES-150.

Electric Hearing Aid – Harvey Fletcher was born in Provo, Utah in 1884. He later enrolled at Brigham Young University where he graduated in 1907. Later, while working for Western Electric, Fletcher invented the 2-A Audiometer, which was the first hearing aid.





Electronic Traffic Light – Lester Wire was born in 1887 in Salt Lake City. He became a Detective for the Salt Lake City Police Force where he saw a need to protect fellow police officers who were standing in the middle of intersections to guide traffic. In 1912, Lester designed the very first electronic traffic light using a four-sided wood box and light bulbs dipped in paint to create red and green lights.



Video Games – Nolan Kay Bushnell was born in Clearfield, Utah, in 1943. He attended the University of Utah and graduated in Electrical Engineering. For two summers, he worked in the gaming department at Lagoon. As a very successful businessman, Nolan created a number of companies one of which he named Atari. There he produced the first commercially successful Video Game, called Pong.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pong_Game_Test2.gif

Zamboni – Frank Joseph Zamboni Jr., son of Italian immigrants was born in Eureka, Utah, in 1901. In 1927, he and his brother started a block-ice making business. In 1940, they expanded their business and built one of the largest ice skating rinks in the United States. To resurface the ice took 5



employees 90 minutes and it had to be done numerous times during the day. During the next 9 years, Frank worked to design a machine that would resurface the ice automatically. Using a Jeep chassis (see photo above right), Frank’s machine could now resurface the ice in 15 minutes with a single employee. He patented the design in 1953 as the Ice Rink Resurfacer Machine and the Zamboni machines are still used to day. Although the name Zamboni is trademarked, it is often used to refer to any brand of ice resurfacing machine.

Frisbee – Walter Frank Morrison was born in Richfield, Utah in 1920. One day at the beach he and his wife were throwing metal cake pans between each other and it looked so fun that someone offered them 25 cents for the pan. (equivalent to \$6 in 2025). The design’s name evolved from the cake pan in 1939,





to the Whirlo-Way in 1946, to the Flyin-Saucer in 1948, to the Pluto Platter in 1955 and finally to the Frisbee in 1957. Frank eventually sold the rights to the Wham-O Toy Company. Frank died at the age of 90 in 2010 in his home in Monroe, Utah.

Artificial Heart – Robert Koffler Jarvik was a Medical Scientist who was born in 1946. At an early age, he showed great interest and talent in the fields of medicine and mechanics. By age 17 he had already received 5 patents. After being admitted to the University of Utah’s School of Medicine in 1969, he joined the University of Utah’s Artificial Organ’s Program in 1971. In 1976, he received his MD from the University of Utah, and in 1982 an artificial heart that he designed, called the Jarvik-7, was first implanted inside a man named Barney Clark (photo below), who lived for 112 days with his artificial heart. The second Jarvik-7 was implanted in William Schroeder who lived 620 days with the artificial heart. Robert Jarvik died in 2025 at the age of 79.



Barney Clark



Synthetic Diamonds – Howard Tracy Hall was born in 1919 in Ogden, Utah. He always dreamed of working for General Electric. He enrolled at the University of Utah and in 1942 he received his BS Degree. He received his MS Degree in 1943. After serving 2 years in the US Navy, he returned to the University of Utah where he was Henry Eyring’s first graduate student and earned his PhD in 1948.t



Brigham Young University Library University Archives, UAF 2

Upon graduation, he finally went to work for GE where he began work on a project with the objective of making a synthetic diamond. In 1954, Tracey, using a press of his own design, achieved the goal of making a synthetic diamond. The next year, he left GE to become a full professor of chemistry and director of research at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. While at BYU, Hall perfected his Tetrahedral Press (right) and eventually started a company called MegaDiamond in Provo, Utah. Tracy Hall died in 2008 in Provo at the age of 88.

Day Trip to Strawberry Reservoir

Spanish Fork to Strawberry Marina Grill
 Guided by John Mendenhall
 Water Commissioner

June 20th - 9:00 a.m.
 Meet at The Little Acorn
 2600 East Canyon Rd
 Spanish Fork

Jennifer Pratt
 @UtahHikingBeauty



Recipe of the Month - Banana Cream Pie from Pudding From Taste of Home

Banana Cream Pie with Pudding

Total Time Prep/Total Time: 10 Min.

Yield 8 Servings ★★★★★  Test Kitchen Approved

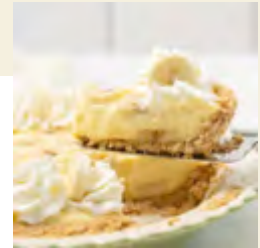
This easy banana cream pie with pudding requires only six ingredients. Even better, it's no-bake and ready in 10 minutes!

Ingredients

- 1 cup cold 2% milk
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 carton (12 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided
- 1 graham cracker crust (9 inches)
- 2 medium firm bananas, sliced
- Additional banana slices, optional

Directions

- 1 In a large bowl, whisk milk, pudding mix and vanilla for 2 minutes (mixture will be thick). Fold in 3 cups whipped topping.
- 2 Pour 1-1/3 cups pudding mixture into pie crust. Layer with banana slices and remaining pudding mixture. Top with remaining whipped topping. If desired, garnish with additional banana slices. Refrigerate until serving.



Club Meeting Refreshments

For the Year 2026

March	Andy Hudspeth
April	Nicholas Mack
May	Gemma Eckstein
June	The Macks
July	The Palmers
August	John Salzl
September	Amber Morrell
October	Buster Hansen
November	Ronia Lewman
Alternate	John Weston
Alternate	Diane Brimley
Alternate	Colette Thompson
Alternate	Jeff Niven



Have Some Fun

Taken from The Big, Big, Big Book of Brain Teasers

By The Grabarchuk Family

In this standard QWERTY keyboard layout, which two consecutive letters of the alphabet have keys that are further apart than every other pair of consecutive letters?

(Solution on page 34 of this Motometer)



Lehi History Tour

Saturday May 9
10:00 a.m.
Meet at Lehi
Bandwagon Park
West Pavillion
900 N. 300 W.

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Model A – Model of the Month

1930/1931 Town Car Delivery - 295-A



This model was of special interest to exclusive retail shops for city or town deliveries. The body was made of metal. Veneer panels, in natural colors, covered the wooden frame of the interior. The driver's seat was upholstered in black genuine leather.

Loading spaces: Length - 46 inches
 Width – 43 ½ inches
 Height – 42 inches

The bodies of these special vehicles were produced exclusively by Briggs in 1930 and 1931. Only 122 of these vehicles were produced, making them very rare.





UVMAC – “A” of the Month

The Utah Valley Model A Club “A” of the Month for May 2026 belongs to John and Pam Warby of Spanish Fork. It is a beautiful 1930 Coupe (Body Style 45-B -std). This particular body style is the updated version of the 1927-1929 Standard Coupe which was one of the six Model A body styles that were introduced by Ford in their December 2, 1927 ad. The original advertised price in that ad was \$495 (F.O.B. Detroit) and by 1930, the price was \$500.

Between the years 1930 and 1931 Ford produced more than 305,000 of this model, which, when added to the earlier model Coupes (45-A) and the Deluxe Coupe with the same body style number, came in a close second behind the Tudor in the total number of Model A’s produced between 1927 and 1931.

This photo was taken at the recent Club Garage Day in Orem.



Sign Up Today for the Annual Oremfest Car Show

June 8, 2026 – 6 to 8 pm – Scera Park



June 8, 2026 | Scera Park | 6-8pm

Register for the Oremfest Car Show

The Oremfest Car Show is a benefit event on behalf of the American Legion Orem Post 72, which supports veterans in our community. They provide flag retirement, grave dedicatory services, Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies, and much more.

The donation for participating in the car show is \$15 per vehicle. This donation includes:

- Priority parking hours
- 1 space per paid entry in the priority parking area
- Car Show Participant swag
- Entry into the Car Show contest
- Free hot dog dinner

All proceeds from this event will go to support American Legion Post 72.
Online registration will be open until June 7, 2026.

Day of registration will be available for cash and credit card payments. No checks please.

We thank you in advance for your generous support of the American Legion and the Oremfest Car Show!

Please contact events@orem.gov with any questions.



Period Fashion

From MAFCA – November 2014

YOUR CROWNING GLORY

By Mary Carlson

Are you tired of your hair? Is it feeling listless? Does it need a bit of a pick-me-up? Well, there is help! During the Model A era, women had a multitude of products to choose from which promised to make their hair better behaved and more beautiful. Some suggestions from 1927 through 1931 are:

First of all, you needed a good shampoo. Watkins Mulsified Coconut Oil Shampoo was featured in magazine ads as well as *Montgomery Ward* and *National Bellas Hess* catalogues. Another advertised shampoo was Golden Glint Shampoo. They promised luster, sparkle, glossiness and beauty.

This is from the *Montgomery Ward* Fall Winter 1927 – 1928 catalogue.

Lustrous Healthy Hair
Depends Upon Proper Care

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Shampoo weight 5 c.
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 Color of my hair _____



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34 D203—To bring out the real beauty of your hair use Mulsified Coconut Oil Shampoo. It renews the life of faded hair; feeds roots and keeps scalp clean and healthy. Clear, pure and entirely greaseless. Regular 50¢ size . . . **33¢**
Postage 5¢ extra.

34 D204—Regular \$1.00 size **69¢**
Postage 7¢ extra.

The listing from *National Bellas Hess*, fall -winter 1928 – 1929 catalogue. Note that the sizes of the bottles were not given.

Once you had shampooed your hair, you might have wanted to give it a treatment of some sort. You could color it or apply a color restorer.



*"Bring back my
BLONDE HAIR
.... to me!"*

DRY your eyes, little used-to-be blonde. You'll be singing another song—when you've had a Blondex shampoo! For Blondex will gently coax back all your natural golden beauty—give your hair new sparkle, new bewitching lights. Prevents darkening, too. Contains no harsh dyes—no harmful chemicals. Stimulates scalp. It's safe. At all reliable drug and department stores.



GRAY HAIR

THROW away messy, old-time, "crude dyes." They are dangerous and noticeable. Call back natural shade by clear, colorless liquid combed through hair. Does not wash off. Leaves hair live looking and lustrous. Keeps easy to curl. May apply only to gray parts.

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Name _____
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MARY T. GOLDMAN'S



The Empress Hair Color Restorer promised to give the desired shade to faded or grey streaked hair. Easily applied to black, chestnut, light, dark or medium brown, and it's harmless. Glostora was said to give your hair a high luster and keep it in place.

Empress
IMPROVED

BLACK

Hair Color Restorer \$1.59

Easily Applied at Home : Harmless
34 D775—Empress improved instantaneous Hair Color Restorer. Gives desired shade to faded or grey streaked hair. Easily applied at black, chestnut, light, medium or dark brown. State color desired. **\$1.59**
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Now, it was time to dry and style the hair. Hair curling liquids as well as hair dryers were available. Wardgrade curling fluid was delicately perfumed and was added to the hair before styling, whether by iron, fingertips or curlers. Wildroot Wave Set was the talk of the professional hairdressers, as it was greaseless, non-sticky and fast drying, while resetting the wave firmly. The lightweight hair-dryer threw a steady current of warm air, at a whopping 440 watts. If you had bobbed hair, there was a brush just for you.

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Hair Dryer
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A remarkable new wave-setting fluid

Professional hair dressers everywhere are talking about this amazing new hair-setting fluid. Greaseless, not sticky, very fast drying down to a grain, it sets the wave firmly and forms a protective shield, so that it remains lustrous and gray hair, try it today! Send ten cents for trial box to Wildroot Corporation, Inc., Dept. 3119, Buffalo, New York.

WILDROOT WAVE SET

Send 10c today for trial bottle.

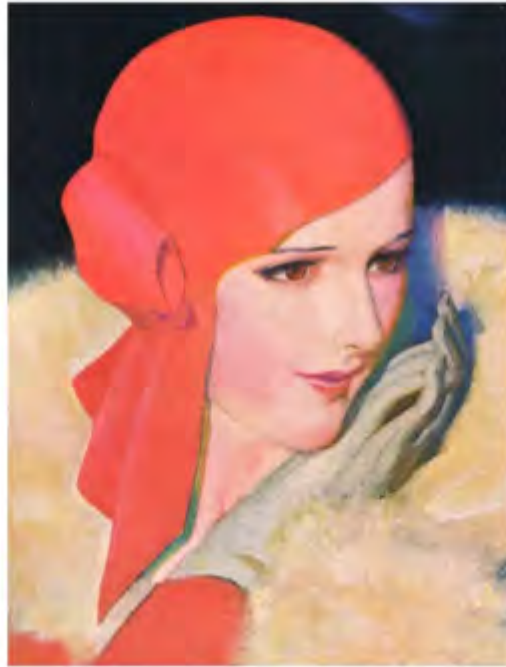
Bobbed Hair Brush
Ebony back, Size, 1 3/4 by 7 1/2 in. Shipping weight, 10 ounces.
53 G 3955—Black extra stiff hand drawn bristles. **\$1.19**
53 G 3956—White bristles. **1.35**

For a Beautiful Even Wave That Stays In

Wardgrade Curling Fluid
Moisten your hair with the Fluid, before curling, whether you use an iron, your fingers or curlers. Serves as a dressing, giving the hair a soft, glossy appearance. Delicately perfumed. Equally satisfactory with bobbed or long hair.
53 G 1756—4-ounce bottle. Shipping weight, 14 ounces. **37c**
53 G 1757—8-ounce bottle. Shipping weight, 2 pounds 6 ounces. **57c**



But, if you still were not satisfied with the way your hair looked and behaved – the easiest thing to do was to cover the whole mess with a hat!



Annual Bathing Girl Parade of 1920

From America's Yesterdays by Oliver Jensen - 1978

“This photo was taken by M.F. Weaver in 1920 at Balboa Beach, California....

“Bathing suits and female figures improved rather abruptly in the 20’s after the first nightmare of revelation brought about by the kind of swimwear flaunted here. In fact, the beauty contest itself was a product of the 20’s, quite unthinkable to most women a decade or two before.”





Lucky 7 Award 2026 Personal Tracking Sheet

Utah Trikes Bike Factory Tour
Impromptu Lunch Brick Oven
Garage Day
Thanksgiving Point Butterfly House/Lunch at Sol Agave
Moab Tour
Big Boy #4014 Ogden
Sparks Petrolania Museum Tour
Lehi City History Tour
Art City Days Parade/ Car Show Springville
Oremfest Car Show
Day Trip Spanish Fork to Strawberry Marina Grill w/ John Mendenhall, water commissioner
Freedom Festival 4 th of July Parade
Mapleton Parade
Mona Parade/ Lunch with Lynn's
Spanish Fork Parade
Lindon Car Show/ Parade
American Fork Parade/ Car Show
Eureka Parade
Lehi Parade
Santiquin Parade/ Car Show
Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Tour
Nebo Loop Color Tour lunch in Mona
Multi Day Trip
Hale Center Theater matinee
Christmas Party Lunch and old Movie @ Springville Art City Cinema



Solution to Have Some Fun (From Page 25)

Letters P and Q are further apart on a QWERTY keyboard than any other pair of consecutive letters of the alphabet.



America's Yesterdays

By Oliver Jensen - 1978

“Much less aplomb characterizes the Model T Ford at the right, which in some unrecorded manner has come to rest half on and half off of a streetcar boarding platform in Washington, D.C., with its front wheels wearily splayed apart like a partly peeled banana. No one seems to care in the slightest or take any notice except for the alert cameraman...”



Calendar of Birthdays, Activities and Holidays

MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Jana Hudspeth Board Mtg	5	6	7 Karl Pope	8 Will Jerome Andrew Watson	9 Lehi City History Tour
10 Mother's Day	11	12 David Ludlow	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19 RaNae Hansen Conner Crockett	20 Becky Mack Larry Laxman	21 UVMAC Club Meeting	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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www.GrabCalendar.com

Upcoming MAFCA Events

- Worldwide International Model A Ford Day – September 19, 2026
- MAFCA National Awards Banquet – Cincinnati, OH – December 10-12, 2026
- MAFCA National Tour – Durango, CO – June 13-18, 2027

A Note on Authenticity

By Roger Davis



We'll continue our discussion about original Model A batteries from last month. You'll recall that I finally found an old battery case that appears to be from an original Model A. (See photo 1 below)

On the advice of Dennis Thompson, I contacted a local battery seller in the Ogden area to see if they could rebuild a new battery inside that old case. They couldn't but referred me to a business in Idaho Falls who referred me to a company in Boise. Given a lead on Facebook, I queried a couple of battery specialists in the Detroit area—all dead ends. Finally, I called one of the Model A restoration gurus who told me there was one guy who restored Model A batteries but hadn't responded to emails or phone calls recently.

I asked, then how did you rebuild the battery you showed me. His reply, "We just took an Optima brand battery, created a top for the battery and sealed it up inside." You can imagine what I was thinking... Thus, I decided to pursue trying to 3-D print an original-looking battery case that would house a modern 6-volt battery.

I was able to work past the kinks I mentioned last month and printed a plastic case and fake battery top. I feel pretty successful. (See photos 2-6 below)



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

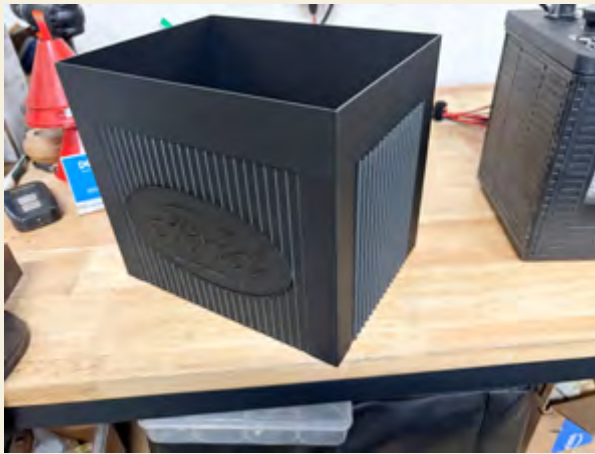


Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 7



Photo 6

I sure had a lot of fun and I'm pleased with how it turned out. Two items of note:

1) I have 3 original cell caps that are threaded. The cell caps on the modern battery are push in and smaller. I created a reducer to hold the caps in the holes. That makes the battery caps unnaturally elevated (Compare the cap placement on photos 2 and 3). I could cut the threads off the originals but I hate to destroy

original items. I'm thinking I might be able to 3-D print some caps myself that look original.



Photo 8



Photo 9

2) An article about authenticity of the Model A battery in the Mar/Apr 92 Restorer, pages 12-15, indicates there is Ford script on each rectangular cell panel. I don't see this on the batteries rebuilt by the gurus. I added this to my reproduction. (See photos 7-9)

As with all things with the Model A, the Club members are what makes this such a great hobby. Andy and Jana Hudspeth suggested I could sell these but I'm pretty sure the Ford lawyers would find that I was selling them and demand I pay for use of the Ford logos—Ugh!

Also, Howard Eckstein suggested I could remove the existing cells from a modern battery and place them in that original case. Hmmmm... I still haven't given up on using that original casing yet. Be authentic!

Antique Car Batteries

Antique batteries are highly sought after by classic car restorers for their historical accuracy and distinct industrial aesthetic. In 1911, Exide made the first battery used in a car equipped with standard electric starting and lighting system. It was a Cadillac.

Early 20th-Century batteries often featured glass cases for radio, farm power and telegraphs before being phased out in the 1950s.

By the 1940s and 1950s batteries were typically hard rubber containers molded under heat and pressure, with raised lettering and external connectors.





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Sparks Petrolania Activity



25 April 2026

By Jeff Niven

Thanks to the Salty A's for organizing this wonderful activity to the Sparks Petrolania Museum on Saturday, 25 April 2026, in Provo, Utah. Due to an unexpected detour, I arrived a few minutes late, but when I pulled into the parking lot, what an incredible sight met my eyes! I saw Model A's and Model T's everywhere!

Double Click on the photo to the right, to lanuch a short video that I took as I scanned the parking lot shortly after my arrival. The cars came from the Ogden area (Behive A's) and from the Salt Lake City area (Salty A's) as well as our own local Utah Valley Model A Club.





After paying my \$5 admission to the museum, I walked inside into a huge open room, that is normally used for events such as weddings, dances, socials and receptions.





Sparks Petrolania is a massive private collection of vintage gas station memorabilia owned by Lavern "Sparky" Sparks. It features hundreds of rare porcelain signs, antique gas pumps and vintage automobiles, and other Americana that Sparks began collecting when he was a teenager. His collection of gas station pole signs is one of the largest collections in the United States.

After visiting the museum, we all went to the Purple Turtle and Chubbys in Pleasant Grove for a bite of lunch.

Thanks to the Salty A's for organizing this event and to everyone who participated.







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Riley Player Passing

Published by Rasmussen Mortuary

Riley Dee Player was born on September 26th, 1944 to Leo and Ann Oakeson Player and joined their growing family of boys. He lived for most of his life in Bennion, Utah, and other than the years in the Air Force he never wandered too far afield -- except for camping and hiking his beloved mountains and deserts, and especially the Bonneville Salt Flats. To say Riley gathered friends wherever he went is an understatement. It would be impossible to list them all, but they each should know he always kept them in his heart. Riley married Kathleen Crook (Kathy) and together they had two beautiful children, Josh and Elizabeth, and a second daughter who came into his life when Josh was smart enough to fall in love with Michelle -- or as we call her Mitch. Riley and Kathy and the kids made wonderful memories together with their love for nature and history as members of Rocky Mountain Fur Company, and Riley's first enduring love -- anything that ran with an engine. That love for engines turned into twenty years as a mechanic with Swain's repairing John Deere and other tractors and farm equipment, and then his own business for twenty more years, Riley's Rod and Relic Repair in Murray, Utah.



While that first marriage ended, as some do, his love of life and family never wavered. Riley married Sue Emmertson in 2003, on his birthday so he wouldn't forget the date, and inherited an additional family. Over the next two decades they have shared love, friendship and happiness, moving in 2006 to Fountain Green where a new host of friends joined those whom he loved and who loved him. Riley was preceded into his next chapter by his mother and father, brothers Don, Val and Doug, and very recently a grand-nephew Cody. Riley is survived by his wife, Sue, his children, Josh, Lizzy, and Mitch, two amazingly talented granddaughters, Sawyer Rain and Amelia Dutch Player, and grandson, Fox, who we are assured is every inch a Player. Riley is also survived by his brother Jack and his wife Gayle, brother Glade and his wife Dendra, Caroline Player (Val), and Todd Bertagnolli (Doug), sons Deng Ahoachngar and Chol Dau Ayuel, many of those called the Lost Boys of the Sudan who found a home in Utah, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

As he struggled the last several years with COPD, caused as he knew from too many cigarettes, smoky engines and dusty fields, he never lost his will to live, and still had his list of things to do.



Celebration of Riley Player's Life 18 April 2026

By Jeff Niven

On Saturday, 18 April 2026, a few members of the Utah Valley Model A Club attended the Celebration of the life of Riley Player at the home of friends Cheryl and Tony Kogianes in Fountain Green, Utah. Riley was a long-time friend to many of the club members, so his wife had extended the invitation to the club members to attend.

The weather was sunny, warm and clear on Saturday, as Jeff Niven drive the 75 miles down from American Fork in his 1930 Model A Tudor while Bill and Collette Thompson drove 30 miles from Manti in their 1929 Model A Special Coupe, to attend the event. Tony Kogianes was pleased to see the two restored Model A's and had the two cars park close to the festivities.

Tony and his wife Cheryl had arranged for a splendid Bar-B-Q and over 50 friends and family came together to remember Riley and share memories of his life. Here are some of the photos taken at the occasion.



Do You Remember this Car Song?

It is estimated that there have been hundreds of songs written about automobiles before and since the time of the Model A. This new monthly feature of the Motometer will highlight one of those songs along with a Hyperlink which you may use to listen and enjoy the song.

This month, the car song is “One Piece at a Time” sung by Johnny Cash in 1976. In this song, Johnny Cash tells the story of how when he was working on a Cadillac assembly line in Detroit, he always dreamed of owning a long black Cadillac. So, he decided to steal one by hiding the individual car parts in his lunch bunch and taking them home, “One Piece at a Time”. Since this took him 24 years, he found that he had difficulty when time came to put this car together as nothing fit. It is a fun song!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=uErKI0zWgig>

Lyrics:

I'd get it one piece at a time
And it wouldn't cost me a dime
You'd know it's me when I come through your town
I'm going to ride around in style
I'm going to drive everybody wild
Because I'll have the only one there is around



Would Your Model A Pass This Test Drive?

From the April, 2026 Script News (Page 24) -

- Start the Model A - it should start easily.
- Move the spark advance lever all the way up and all the way down, you should notice a difference in the sound of the engine.
- Close the GAV and the engine should want to starve for gas.
- Check to see if the generator is charging.
- Check all lights.
- Check to make sure the horn works.
- Check operation of windshield wiper.
- Check gas gauge to make sure it works.
- The clutch should have about inch of play before engaging.
- The clutch should not chatter when engaged.
- Before moving any distance, check to make sure you have brakes.
- Bring the vehicle up to speed and check your stopping distance. It should stop smoothly and in a straight line.
- The steering should not have more than 2-inch play.
- The Model A should steer easily and not shimmy.
- The vehicle should run smooth/strong and relatively quiet.
- Wind the engine out between shifts and listen for excessive gear noise.
- The transmission should never pop out of gear. Test: going uphill, downhill and over a bump.
- When traveling over a bump the A should not pull, jump or shimmy.
- Take it up a long hill to see if it boils over.
- A stock/restored Model A will easily do 5 mph and ride very close to a normal car.
- After test ride and being parked, there should not be more than a quarter coin sized puddle under the flywheel housing.



Gwen's Thistle Memories

From the Scrapbook of the late Gwen Gerber Dockstader
1932-2022



Gwen Dockstader

This is a new feature of the Motometer. Each of the entries comes from the scrapbook kept by Evelyn "Gwen" Gerber Dockstader as she documented her life growing up in Thistle, Utah. Gwen was born in 1932 and passed away in 2022. Gwen allowed me make a copy of her scrapbook when I visited her in November 2019. Gwen made her own drawings and often wrote poems about her life.

Editor

Dear Grandma (Ranch Day's remembered) IX.



The Railroad Gate, Sylvester Anderson, Mom's old beau, Aug. 10, 1926. The same gate Grandma would swing me on in the mid 1930's.

Whenever the railroad gate, we'd go through
I'd coax you to swing me a time or two
And as we'd walk, you'd kick the dirt about
And reach down and pull a mushroom out.

We strolled down through the meadow,
One day when the grass was green,
And there on a little sapling tree,
A robin's nest we seen.



When you lifted me up to look inside
With joy, some little blue eggs, I spied,
I begged, "oh please let me keep just one,
And against you will the deed was done."



I held it in my hand, with childlike care
 And didn't see the barbed wire there
 That caught my foot as I ran up the hill
 The egg it broke, when I took that spill.

And like Humpty Dumpty, was broke for good
 And couldn't be fixed, cry as I would.
 That night I heard a bird call out in the black
 And you said "It wants its Baby back,"

And I thought "If ever I get another chance
 I'll be glad just to get glance
 And next time leave the egg alone
 and never, never bring it home."

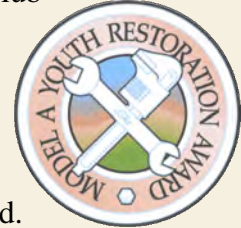


Then I remember another nest
 But these were chicken eggs,
 And just as soon as I found it,
 I bout ran off my legs

Up to the house I ran to you
 "I found a nest, it's full of eggs too!"
 "I know of that nest Gwenie," and you wisely shook you
 Yes, I know of those eggs dear, but they're no good, you
 continue

May Is Youth Month Model A Youth Restoration Award

May is Youth Month at the Model A Ford Club of America, and our club is fortunate to have a number of youth members who actively participate in the club and its activities. One of the unique opportunities of being a youth member of MAFCA is the Model A Youth Restoration Award, which awards selected youth members with funds, which they can use to restore their Model A Ford vehicles. Tyler Lewallen, who is one of our club's youth members, received this award twice and used the money to restore his 2nd Model A Ford. If you are interested, please refer to the information and link below:



<https://www.modelayouthrestorationaward.org/Applications>

The Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) provides financial support to young people who demonstrate a genuine interest in the Model A Ford hobby through hands-on restoration work. The purpose of the program is to encourage youth to learn mechanical skills, understand the operation of the Model A or AA Ford, and build a lasting connection to the hobby that will help sustain Model A restoration for future generations.

Awards are granted annually and presented as gift certificates purchased from approved Model A Ford parts and service vendors. Award recipients are announced at the national conventions of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) and the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA). Recipients do not need to be present.

Application deadline: May 31, 2026

Eligibility Requirements:

- * Applicants must be at **least 14 years old but not yet 22** as of May 31 of the application year.
- * Applicants must be actively restoring, or ready to begin restoring, a **Model A or AA Ford** at the time the application is submitted.
- * The applicant must be the **primary individual performing the restoration work**. The intent is for the youth to lead their own restoration, not assist another person.
- * The restoration must be for **personal use only** and not for resale or contract work. Hot rods, speedsters, or modified vehicles are not eligible.
- * Proof of current ownership, or written certification from the current owner stating the vehicle will be transferred to the applicant upon completion, is required.
- * The applicant must be a current member of **MAFCA or MARC**, or be a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a current member.
- * The applicant must maintain an active relationship with a local **MAFCA or MARC-affiliated club**. During the award year, applicants must attend at least two club meetings and present progress updates on their restoration.

Questions about eligibility or the application: Info@MAYRA.biz

(Please include your name and phone number)

Classified Ads

Wanted: Open air car hauling trailer (two axles) to borrow or rent for the MAFCA Model A Convention. Call Nicholas at (801) 836-0979

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From Restorer”

Parts for Sale. 2 original fans, \$75 each; fan shroud (1928) original, not repro., \$125; '28-'29 dash rail, \$90; rumble seat gutter rail, \$75; pair of '28-'29 headlights (complete, needs plating), \$150; 19-inch spoke wheel, \$100; '28-'29 gas tank (no dents, been blasted outside, no holes), \$200; fox tire lock (band around tire and wheel), \$150; original tire pump, \$75; original jack, \$75; 1928 (Twolite) wiring harness for headlights, \$50; '28-'29 wiring harness for headlights, \$50; 8 Zenith carburetors (been cleaned) \$150/each, \$1,000 for all; original high compression cylinder head, \$300; reproduction steering wheel (never used, black splined), \$125. Carl, 980-432-9063 or 704-788-3753. In North Carolina.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read your final installment of the gas station history, with interest, especially the part about the "Vapor Recovery System". I used to live in California and we had to use those giant nozzles with the long black bellows like you showed in your article. I used to hear stories about people who would turn on the gas pump assuming that it would shut itself off when the tank was full, and then they would leave their car and go into the store to go to the bathroom or to buy some snacks.

Occasionally, the automatic gas shut off valves in the nozzles malfunction and the gas pump continues to pump gasoline into the car's gas tank. Instead of over-flowing fuel onto the ground, the vapor recovery system would suck the extra fuel back into the bellows through the vapor recovery hose and back into the underground tank. This would continue until someone noticed what was happening and shut off the pump.

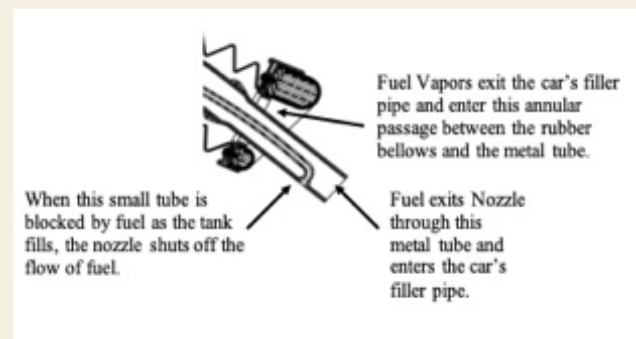
I had a friend who claimed that this happened to him and the gas station attendant insisted that he pay over \$200 for the gasoline that had gone back into the underground tank. He tried to convince the attendant that his car's gas tank could not hold that much gasoline, but the pump read-out showed that it had pumped that much fuel into his car's filler pipe. There was no way to figure how much gas had flowed back into the bellows, and into the tank, so they finally agreed that he would only have to pay for a completely full tank of gas.

Is there any truth to these stories?

Just Wondering

Dear Wondering,

Yes, there certainly is truth to these stories. The problem you described has been observed and well documented with Vapor Recovery Systems. In most of the documented instances, the malfunction is blamed on the person who is using the nozzle and overfills their car's gas tank, by adding additional gasoline after the pump automatically shuts off. The manufacturers of these nozzles may also blame the owners of the filling stations who fail to



properly maintain their equipment as required.

When this problem occurs, the pump will continue to circulate fuel out of the metal nozzle pipe and back into the bellows, as long as power is applied to the pump, as shown in the detailed drawing (left) taken from the drawing above.

Editor .



- Model A Club -

Application for Club Awards

Today's Date _____

Club Member's Name _____

Award Requested:

- Bent Rod - [] (trophy for avoidable or self-inflicted Model A mishap)
- Crying Towel - [] (for Model A mishap - unavoidable or caused by others)
- Mileage - 500 - [] 1000 - [] 1500 - [] 2500 - [] 5000 - [] 10K - []
- 13+ Award - [] (Driving car 13 consecutive months including to club mtg)
- Golden Wrench - [] (writing newsletter article re. your Model A car work)

Justification/Details/Information, etc. _____

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