

Excerpts from MAFCA Chapter Newsletters

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My husband and I met a very nice gentleman one day when he followed us out of a Taco Bell. We thought he wanted to talk about our car but he actually had an old car trunk he wanted to sell. One thing led to another, and the next day we were on our way to Maryville to check it out. (Yes, we bought the trunk, great price, beautiful shape, and ½ inch too big to fit our trunk rack, darn it!) Once there, Randy proceeded to show us around his place and showed us his old car, a 1927 Buick. It was a beautiful car, but when we asked him how often he drove it, it turned out he hadn't had it out in years!

Turned out there was no club or group for him to drive with, and for the last several years, he'd been trying to find a replacement spark plug to even make it drivable! Well, as a Model A' driver, all you have to do is go to one of our get-togethers, mention you need a spark plug, and 14 guys will tell you which one you need, why one company is better than the other, and 3 other guys will be headed to their car to get you a plug to use until you can get one ordered!

This experience made me realize just how lucky we are as Model A owners! We have a world wide community of fellow "A" owners, and I've meet great people from all over the country that I know we have at least one thing in common with. Thanks to our national clubs, we can find friends and resources no matter where we are. We have outstanding parts availability, and multiple catalog companies to order from, and even an abundance of original parts still available, thanks to the vast quantity of Model A's manufactured and their longevity. There are outstanding webs sites and forums offering technical assistance and discussions. And let's not forget the most important factor of all, the hand's on knowledge and skills of Model A owners and club members everywhere! Our club members are some of our most important resources as they share their skills with those of us just now finding out about the joys of Model A'ing. It's easy to take all this for granted until you meet someone with a different model of vintage car and listen to them talk about the difficulty of finding even minor parts!

So as we start the new year, take a minute to be thankful for this wonderful group of people that make up the Model A community! It's a unique and special thing, just like our cars! "

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