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## School Day Friends

By Sherry Wink

In September, following the fall harvest, it was time to go back to school for the Sitzman kids. That meant that each one of them got a brand new pair of shoes, purchased from a mail order catalog. The girls spent a lot of hours in the evenings flipping back and forth in that catalog, trying to decide which pair to order. Mom Sitzman told them they were going to wear holes in the pages if they weren't careful! But the boys didn't care, they all just wanted a pair of no-nonsense work boots just like Dad's.

The girls couldn't resist and dreaming over the beautiful store bought dresses and hats too. But they knew that Mom was already sewing up their school clothes from the flour and feed sacks she had been saving all summer. So they each would have a brand new dress to start school in, and they were happy with that.

Most of the kids rode the big school bus each day, but since the older kids got out early to help finish the harvest, Larry drove the pickup.



At the end of the first day of school Larry met a new friend. It turned out Joe had just moved to a farm just a mile from them, and right on his way home. Joe was thrilled to have Larry offer him a ride. He jumped in the front with Larry and off they went.

Joe lived at the bottom of a big hill, and just before they got to his house, for some reason, the Model A just up and died at the bottom of the hill. Joe just laughed and jumped out, saying he had to go on home and do his chores. Larry eventually got the truck started again, and headed home not thinking any more about it, until – it happened again the next day; and the next day; and the next day.

There was just something about that hill down to Joe's farm. Everyday without fail, that pickup died at the bottom of it. Joe would jump out, laughing, and Larry would set there scratching his head. After a few minutes, it would start again, and then he would have no more problem.

Well, this went on for almost two weeks, and Larry was just about sick of it. He had spent hours under the hood, along with Richard and Robert's help and nothing seemed to help.

It was another night after school, and Larry was dreading going down that hill again. Sure enough, just before they got to the bottom, his motor started acting funny. But this time, for some reason, he happened to glance to his right and notice that his choke knob was slowly moving in and out all by itself. What the heck?

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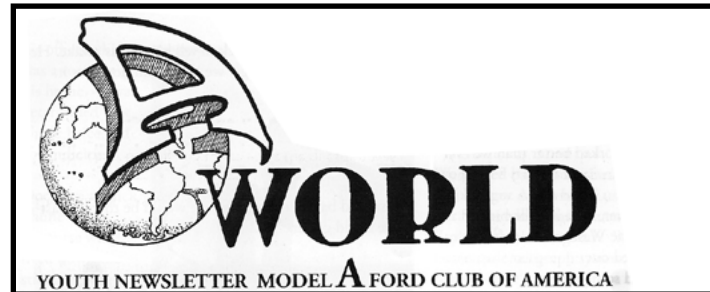
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He looked a little lower, and all of a sudden realized that Joe had his feet on each side of the choke rod down by the firewall and was slowly pulling it out with his feet when he thought Larry wasn't looking. The pickup wasn't just dying, it was flooding out because JOE was moving the choke lever with his feet.

Larry looked at Joe unbelievably, and Joe just burst out laughing, cause he knew he was caught! Larry had such a look on his face, that Joe just laughed even harder! If he hadn't been sitting down already, he'd of probably been rolling on the ground.

Larry was caught between wanting to punch him out, or join him laughing. The absurdity of the situation finally took over and Larry started roaring too! He had to admit that Joe had got him good. Larry and Joe became really good friends, but Joe's odd sense of humor brought them many more adventures and fun over the years.



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## FORD FACTS

Have you notice how many different color combinations Model A's come in? There's a good reason for that!

When Henry Ford decided to make the new Model A, it was because his previous car, the Model T was not selling as well. Although the T was originally available in a few colors, he soon started making them only in black. It was cheaper and it also dried faster than the colored paint of the day. That was important because the faster he made them the more he had to sell.

But by the late twenties, people wanted color. Henry's cheap black cars were considered old fashioned. He tried making them available in color again, but by then the Model T was out of date mechanically too.

So Henry Ford decided to make the Model A to replace the T. He made it with at least five color combos for each body style (and black wasn't one of them). There were new color paints available that dried faster so the speed advantage of black was gone. Now black was only available as special order for those that still wanted it.

However, when you see a Model A that looks all black be sure look really close! Some of the new colors such as Andalusite Blue and Deep Ford Maroon are so dark that they still look black! But catch just the right light and you'll see that flash of blue or red that tells the real story. But remember, it could really be black and still be an authentic color for an "A".



Is it black?  
Or does it just look that way in the picture!

## KIDS AND THEIR CARS!



This happy looking bunch of kids had just finished competing at the Hubley Races at the Overland Park KS regional in June. Looks like they were all winners (at least in my book!) (That's the officials in the back, not big kids!)



Cherylin Sherman proudly went to her 2010 prom in Nevada MO riding in Grandpa Marvin Taylor's 1930 coupe.

## 2011 Youth Awards



So far this year, I've only received three Youth Achievement award logs. Part of that is because of being new, I didn't print the them at the beginning the year and for that I apologize! But if you were on top of it anyhow, and have reached your goal, send your log in! And a picture too, that would be nice!

### Bridget Heiland

Bridget is in 8th grade and is a repeat Award winner! Bridget is not afraid to get her hands dirty! 30 her points came from helping to rebuild the engine on a 1931 deluxe Coupe. She also built her own Hubley model and raced it in a local race. She was a winner too! Add in a school essay, and a visit to school by Grandpa, plus a A-World notebook and other items, and Bridget earned 82 points (out of 72 required)! Great job!!

### Tara Heiland

Yes, you guessed it, she's Bridget's sister. And her accomplishments are almost a mirror image of her sister's. Tara too helped rebuild that 1931 engine, and if you don't believe it, check out the pictures on page 8 & 9! She keeps a great A-World notebook and of course Grandpa had to visit her class at school too. Tara's Hubley racer was also a winner, so this family is definitely an active Model A family! Tara earned a whopping 80 points with only 60 required for Fifth Grade level. Another great job!

### Ian Heiland

You didn't think you'd the last of this family, did you? This is Ian's first Youth Award, but I'd be willing to bet it's not his last! As the pictures on page 8 & 9 can testify, Ian was right in there up to the elbows working on the engine rebuild too! Ian earned 46 point and only needed 44 as a First Grader. Although he didn't compete in the Hubley races, he "helped" his sisters build their cars! One more "GREAT JOB"!

## Adirondack A's Youth Program

Submitted by Marv Livingston, President Adirondacks A's

The Adirondack A's, Model A Club sponsor a Youth Program, in conjunction with the Saratoga Auto Museum, Saratoga, New York.

The objective of this program is to get local young people interested in the restoration and preservation antique cars for future generations.

Our Youth Program had 14 young people ranging in age from 12 to 16 in the program.

The Saratoga Auto Museum provided a work area, which was open to the museum floor, where museum patrons could watch the restoration in progress.

The youths and Adirondack A's Club members work two days per month on the project car. The chassis was completely stripped, the engine, transmission, front end and rear end were removed.

All parts to be reused were cleaned, inspected, rebuilt and painted. The brakes and engine were rebuilt and the chassis was reassembled. New king pins and spring shackel bushings

installed.

The Huckster body, which is made of red oak wood, was assembled on to the chassis. The Model A Huckster was completed on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 and was the featured car at the Saratoga Auto Museum's Annual Car Show on May 15 & 16, 2010.

Our club has received national recognition for this youth project and has been reviewed by several national magazines. We had corporate support from LeBaron Bonney, Bratton's, Restoration Supply, NAPA, Hagerty Insurance and Universal Tire to name ta few.

We are in the process of planning our next youth program, which will be the building of a 1929 Speedster.



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## Adirondack A's Youth Program

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Multiple work days occurred as the Huckster project came together!



Old and Young Model Aers shared knowledge and enthusiasm on this great project.



As with all great restorations, the project started from the frame up!



## SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

Ok, time to quit clowning around and find the six things that are different!

The answers are on page 11, but don't peek yet!



## Grandma's games



Jacks is a game that uses inexpensive items to play. It uses a little bouncy ball, at least 10 jacks, and a hard, level playing surface. It has been played for hundreds of years all around the world.

In the old days, kids made games out of whatever items they had at hand. They used small stones or bones instead of the jacks we now use. They tossed them into the air in a way similar to today's version of jacks. Today, you can buy an inexpensive set of jacks at most toy stores. A "jack" are now usually metal or plastic 'stars' with six tips. Four tips are usually rounded and two are more pointed.

The easiest version of the game is: The player throws the jacks onto the playing surface, tosses the ball into the air, picks up a specified number of jacks and catches the ball with the same hand before it bounces more than once. The game can be played with two players, or one player can play on their own.

Here are more detailed instructions:

1. Sit on the ground or floor and toss the 10 jacks gently out onto the ground.
2. Toss the ball into the air with one hand.

3. While the ball is in the air, pick up 1 jack using only the same hand. This is called "onesies".
4. Catch the ball in the same hand before it bounces more than once.
5. Repeat this until you've picked up all 10 jacks.
6. Now toss the 10 jacks out onto the playing surface again, but this time pick up 2 jacks each time. (twosies)
7. Continue tossing the ball, picking up jacks and catching the ball - increasing the number of jacks you pick up when the ball is in the air until you pick up all 10 at one time. (threesies – tensies)
8. It's the other player's turn when you don't pick up the correct number of jacks or you miss the ball.
9. Begin where you left off when it's your turn again. If you were picking up 3 jacks at a time, toss the 10 jacks onto the playing surface and pick up 3 each time.

10. The winner is the first person to get all the way through "Tensies".

Have Fun!



## Model A Safety

Did you know that a Model A used to come complete with its own tool set? At the right is a set of all tools that came standard. Many people like to collect this old tools and often display them in a nice case like shown.

But remember, just like the Model A is now over 80 years old, so are these tools! And just like our cars can sometimes break, so can these tools. So although it's great to collect them, make sure that for safety's sake, you have a modern tool box along with you to use when repairs are actually necessary. The last thing anyone wants is for a jack to fail while you're under the car!



1931 Tool Kit Display

## A Proud Grandpa's Tale:

Submitted by Don Bowie

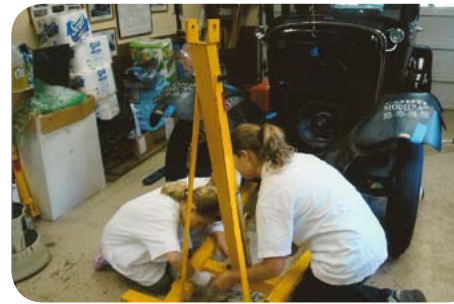
In Bridget Heiland's Essay 4.1, she mentions that she found "little silver pieces" in the Model A engine oil. This is a photo of the rest of those pieces plus the "main bearing" cap after the engine had been taken apart. Bridget was in the eighth grade and applied for entrance into a prestigious public high school just south of Seattle: Aviation High School. The school is funded by local industry (Boeing, Alaska Airlines, Esterline ...) and is a STEM school (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). The essay was part of the application process to show that she had an interest in technical items. She was accepted



The three Heiland children - Bridget 14, Tara 11, and Ian 7 - removed and replaced the engine in maternal grandpa's 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe. Yes, they did it themselves with Grandpa primarily in the role of mentor. This photo shows Tara using a magnet in an attempt to fish-out a bolt she dropped into the engine cavity. Ian was questioning if someone so "clumsy" would be able to retrieve the part. Tara was successful. All the photos herein were of the engine installation process, which took place during the 2010/2011 school year (The engine removal took place during the 2009/2010 school year.)



A minor miracle is being witnessed in this photo. A younger brother (Ian) is working as a cooperative team with his sister (Tara) to place the valves, valve springs, and valve stem keepers into the Model A engine. Grandpa had to help with only a few valves because of the restricted clearance in which to compress the valve springs. When you're only eleven years old, it takes a lot of force to compress valve springs.



It took all three kids to assemble the yellow engine hoist that was on loan from the Model A Evergreen (Seattle) Chapter Tool Library - there are some very heavy components. Bridget has been given authority from her parents to keep a normal seven year old boy (exuberant) in line; and she uses that responsibility with maturity. Therefore, the three-person team shown working together in this photo was able to fully assemble the hoist without assistance.

"Grandpa, If we can assemble the hoist a team, we can install the engine as a team - and they did! Grandpa's main functions were technical advice and safety maintenance. This is where the frame spreader, mentioned in Essay 4.1, came in. Bridget worked the frame spreader and, from that in-cabin position, directed her siblings on engine alignment so she could get the rear engine mounting bolts installed. They went right in!



Fourteen year old Bridget had to do the under-car tightening of the high-torque fasteners. When the two younger children tried to get the bigger bolts and nuts good-and-tight, their bodies just rotated on the garage floor. It was quite a sight to see a pair of feet emerge from under the Model A and then disappear at another location. They just couldn't get the torque wrench to "click" above forty foot-pounds.



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Model A Engine Number \*A3648056\* successfully installed! And three very proud children. The kids then disassembled the hoist and loaded it into Grandpa's SUV,

along with the frame spreader, and together we returned the tools to the Tool Library. The Tool Librarian, Frank Rosen, then shared a lot of other "neat" tools with us - but Grandpa says: "No, we're not checking out all that stuff just to see how it all works." And Grandpa has been so understanding up until now. Oh well, there will be the need for some of those tools another time when we have a different problem.

Then there came the process of re-attaching the entire engine's peripheral equipment. "I just don't understand grandpa. What's clockwise and counterclockwise got to do with the digital clock on my iPod? Just do it how Mom taught us: 'righty, lefty loosey' ."; "You've got the wrong end of the gasoline line connected to the carburetor, YOU DUMMY; no wonder it won't fit onto the firewall!" - "NO I DON'T, that's the way it came off - I 'remember!" "You're dumber than dumb and uneducable too."; "Grandpa, they're picking on me again."



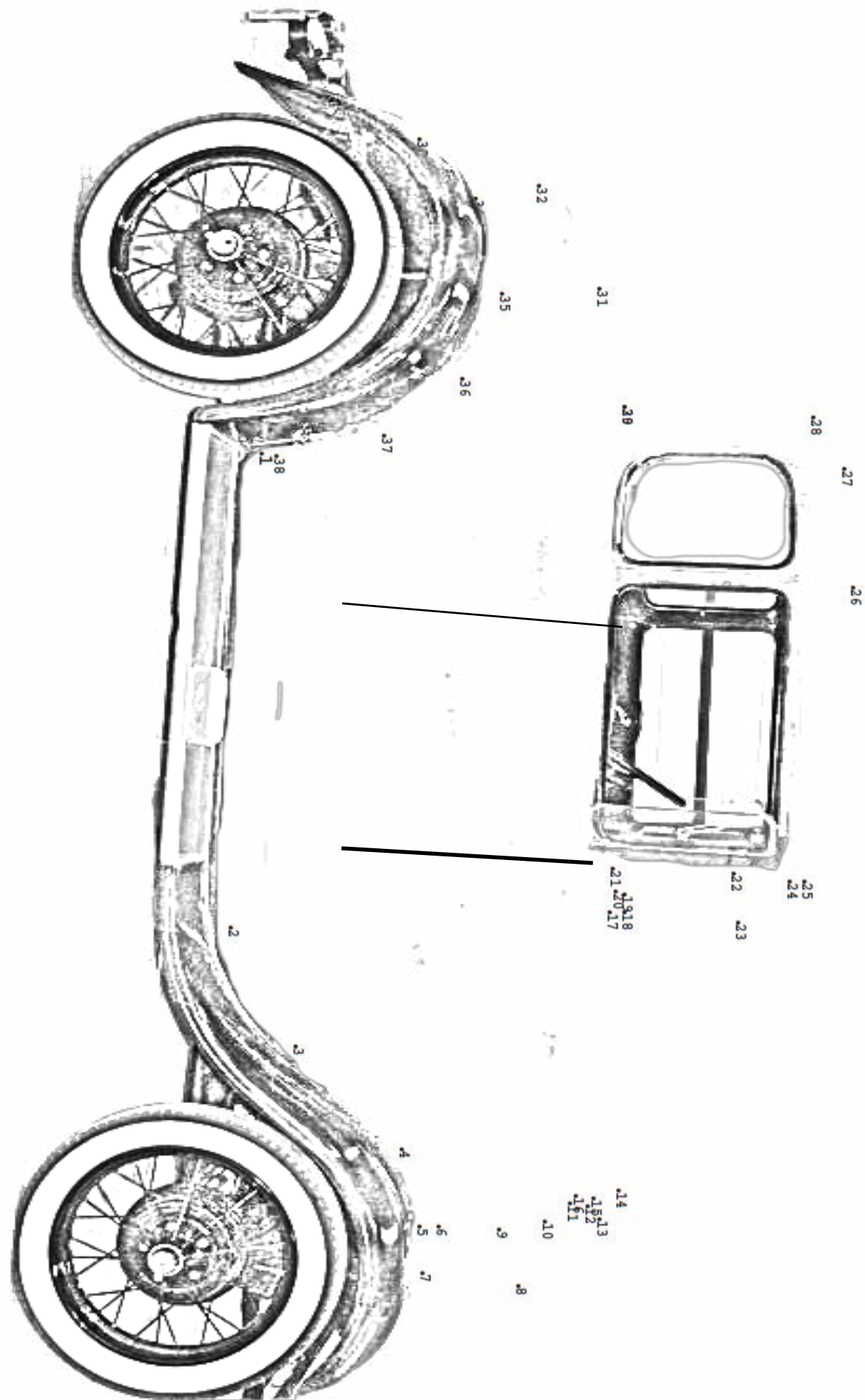
All finished and a "dressed up car" for the "Fourth of July Parade! Yes, the three children put on the decorations. The best part is that the Model A works great and the kids can ride in the rumble seat again. And they have! On July 4, 2011 Bridget and Tara - with Mom, Colleen Heiland, driving - participated in the annual Burien, Washington Independence Day Parade. The girls dispensed wrapped candy from the rumble seat. Mom says that she's the youngest driver in the parade with the oldest car. Grandpa made a placard for the Model A. It says: "Don't you hope you'll look this good when you're 80 years old?" It does look good!



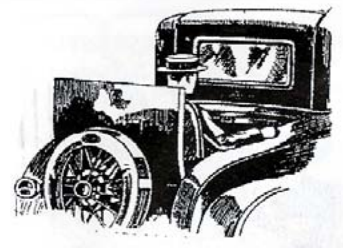
This is a photo of Tara's fifth grade class at Seattle Christian School (SCS). The class visit with the Model A was on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 2011. Since Grandpa is of Irish- Scottish ancestry, he wore his tartan. Tara is arms-out standing on the rumble seat. Grandma (Gayle) is behind and just to the left of Grandpa. Grandma is used to the Model A because it was purchased on June 20, 1959 for \$150 as a second car and she drove it to work. Bridget brought out her eighth grade teacher to show her the Model A and to take some photos. One of the photos ended up in the SCS Middle School Yearbook - Bridget, Grandpa and the A.



This is a photo of the Hubley model car that Bridget built. Tara built an identical Hubley. On Saturday, April 16, 2011 there was a Hubley racing contest between the Seattle Evergreen Model A Chapter and the Tacoma Gallopin' Gerties Model A Chapter. Both Bridget and Tara raced the Hubley phaetons they had constructed, and both were winners! The Hubleys had been purchased, in the original sealed boxes, from Archie Cress, then the coeditor of the A-World Youth Newsletter. Archie passed away December 12, 2010. Both Bridget and Tara, along with Grandpa and Grandma, attended Archie Cress's Memorial Service.



Most Model A's were built on the same chassis, but there were many different versions of bodies! Connect the dots to see which style of body this one is!



The Rumble Seat  
Sherry Wink

I'm so excited! I received my first pictures of summer activities for this edition, and they are great! Check out the Adirondack A's great program on page 4 & 5. And shortly after that, I got a great package in the mail with pictures and stories of the Heiland Family's Model A fun!

If everyone is having a much fun as these two groups, it's been a fantastic Model A year!

I'm sure that there are more pictures and stories waiting to be told, so be sure to mail or email them to me so you can let everyone know how much Model A fun you're having too!

It's been so hot this summer, that I haven't gotten near as much Model A time in the "Old Lady" as I would like to have. But I get in a few early mornings before that temperature climbs in to the upper 90's. That might not sound to bad to some of you, but throw in our 95% humidity, and it's like walking into a wet sponge when you go outside!

But it's almost fall, which means much nicer weather, so expect me to be out on the road a lot making up lost time! Maybe I'll see you out there too!

Hope you had a great summer!



Quiz Time

Take a half sheet of paper. Number 1-10. Name at the top right corner. If you share this A-World with others in our family or friends make sure you do not write on the newsletter pages. There are two ways to take this quiz: 1) Not looking back 2) Looking back as you take the quiz to find the answers. Try the "not looking" way first!

- 1) What was Larry's new friend's name?  
A) Jacob B) Joe C) John
- 2) What color of Model A blue is so dark it looks black?  
A) andalusite B) adirondack C) appaloosa
- 3) Where were the hubley races at in the first photo of Kids and their cars?  
A) Overland Park KS B) Erie MI D) Canton OH
- 4) How many people have submitted Youth Achievement logs this year?  
A) Four B) Two C) Three
- 5) What style of Model A did the Adirondack A's teens restore?  
A) Woody B) Huckster C) Fordor
- 6) How many tips does a jack have?  
A) eight B) six C) four
- 7) Model A's used to come with their own \_\_\_\_\_?  
A) tool kit B) rumble seat C) hat holder
- 8) What year car did the Heiland children rebuild the engine on?  
A) 1929 B) 1929 C) 1931
- 9) What car did you find when you connecteed the dots?  
A) A Coupe B) A Fordor C) A Roadster
- 10) What did all the sitzman kids get for a new school year?  
A) ice cream B) ipods C) new shoes

Answers: 1) B, 2) A, 3) A, 4) C, 5) B, 6) B, 7) A, 8) B, 9) A, 10) C



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