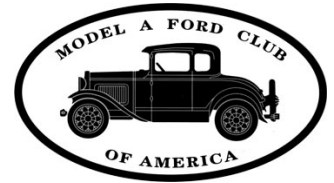




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## SCHOOL TIME/FUN TIME

BY SHERRY WINK

Harvest was over and school was back in session. The Sitzman girls loved school.

It was a great time to see friends that they didn't get to see in the summer and they all like reading and learning. Suzanne, a little bit of a tomboy also liked to play baseball with the boys at recess!



Now the boys, that was a different story! Not that they did bad in school, they just would rather be somewhere else. Sitting still that long was just torture to boys used to being active every minute. It was worst for Larry, because he had enough plans for places to go and things to do that he couldn't help but drift off into a daydream about the next adventure.

Of course this was always about the time the teacher would call on him with that difficult math question or for a comment on the subject she'd been talking about. Larry could hardly wait for recess, and he was always the last one back in the door. And the first one out the door at the end of the day!

Not that it got him home any faster. He still had to wait for all the rest of the kids. But he always made good use

of that time tinkering under the hood of the Model A pickup Dad Sitzman let him drive to school when he needed to get right home after school or needed to go help Grandma Roberts.

Not that the pickup needed any work of course. Dad Sitzman always kept it tuned up and ready to go. Larry had started trying to change the tires at age three and by now could take the whole motor apart and put it back together quick as a wink (and without any leftover parts!) But he enjoyed tweaking the carb trying to get just a little more power out of it, or talking with the other boys about how to make it backfire just at the right time to scare the girls. Important stuff like that!

Richard and Robert the twins were also not a big fan of sitting in the classroom. They got good grades, but they had a lot more fun playing tricks on the teachers and other kids. Being identical twins, they drove their teacher to distraction trying to tell them apart and make sure they did their own work. Mom Sitzman tried to help the teachers by sending them to school in different colored shirts, or socks, but that only lasted as long as it took them to go to the bathroom or step out for recess. Then the socks or shirts got traded with each other. Sometimes multiple times in the same day!

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Of course, at times the teacher would catch them and sternly scold them, but they were so good natured about being caught that she couldn't stay mad for long. And both the twins had such a great sense of humor that the jokes they played were never mean or caused any damage. A garter snake in girls desk wouldn't hurt her, and they made to sure to catch it and release it unhurt. And if all the shoe laces got tied together during nap time, at least they knew how to tie bows and not just knots!



The twins especially loved it when someone new moved to the area. Having a new person to fool was their idea of a great time!! Dressing identically, they would go to town, and try to catch the new person in the local service station. Richard would walk in, maybe start a conversation and then leave by the back door and Robert would quickly walk in the front door. They could do this several times before the new person would finally catch on that there were two of them, but it sure caused some head scratching to go on first!

One of their favorite tricks was always pretending to be the other one. Didn't matter if you got their name right, Robert always claimed to be Richard and Richard to be Robert. It got them out of a lot of little chores, because as soon as Mom Sitzman would say "Robert, take that box to the barn", the twin being addressed would say, "I'm Richard" and duck out the door! Sometimes the other one would come in the room right afterwards, and Mom, sure she had it straight this time would again tell Robert to take out the box, and once again would get an answer that "I'm Richard!" and out the door he would run. After a while, everyone just started calling them both "Twin" and this they would answer to!

One time, after school, this trick backfired on them! Larry was driving, and trying to make sure that all the kids were in the back of the truck. Suzanne, riding in the passenger seat, assured Larry that she walked out the door with Robert, so he was there. Larry yelled out the back asking "Richard, are you back there?", and Robert answered for him "Yep!". So Larry went ahead and left. Robert and the rest of the kids were laughing so hard, they had gone almost a mile before they could finally tell Larry he only had one of the twins. Larry was so mad he just stopped the truck on the side of the road and let Richard walk until he caught up with them. After that, he made sure he always asked "Are BOTH Twins here?" . He didn't want to end up having to do the twins after school chores just because he'd forgotten him!

Richard and Robert were also good mechanics even though they were four years younger than Larry. In fact, if anything, they were better mechanics than he was. And they loved to play tricks with the pickup when Larry would least expect it. From rewiring the horn so it honked backwards when Larry went on his first date (Larry had to hold the horn button down so it didn't ahooga until he could find a place to pull over to fix it), to tying little firecrackers that went off when Larry lifted the hood, they were always just around the corner to see the fun.

It wasn't just tricks that they pulled with the A. Some times when Larry wanted to use the Model A pickup, he would find that they had the wheel off testing a new idea to shell corn using a belt around the rim, or using that belt to power a rope pulling up hay into the barn instead of just using the rope and pulley. But while Larry would grumble, they would quickly and in the blink of an eye put it all back together again so Larry could get off on his next adventure with little delay.




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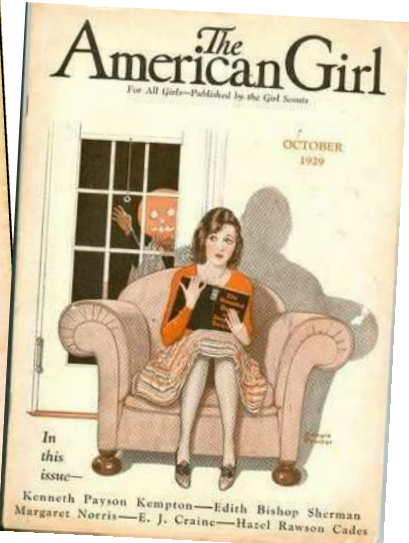
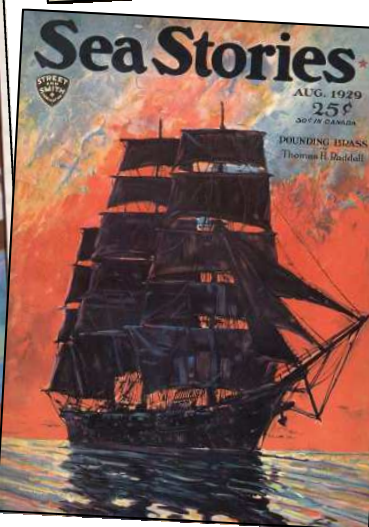
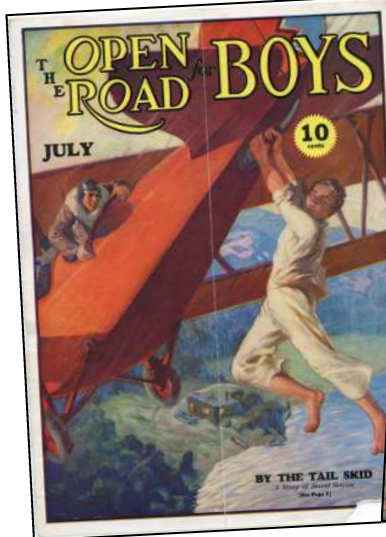
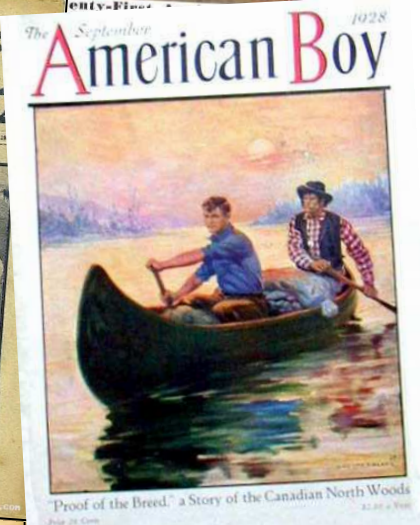
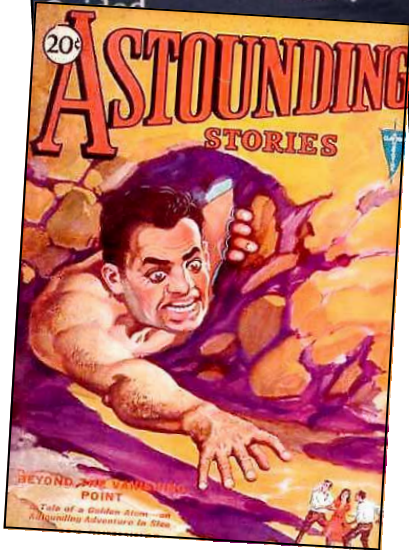
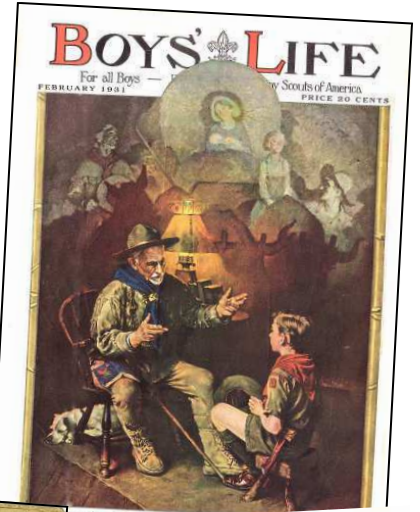
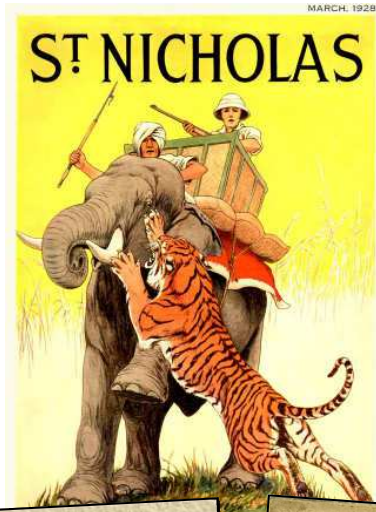
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## Adventure in the Pages

In the Model A years, there were no TV's, no video games, even the movies were just beginning to be talkies. There was some excitement to be found on the radio, serial stories that you could listen to a few hours a week, if you were lucky enough to have a radio and to be within broadcasting range.

But that didn't mean there wasn't other ways to have fun and find adventures. Kids did a lot more reading in those days it seemed. Check out these selections of magazines from those years. Many of them were targeted to young adults. Stories in these magazines included ghost stories, western escapades, Tarzan tales, movie reviews, sports, and even comics about fictional race car drivers! With these magazine to read, you could travel the world in your backyard or bedroom.



## Kids and Model A's—A Great Combination!

When I recently went of the MAFCA facebook page to ask for a few pictures of kids having fun in A's, I didn't expect the response I received. It was overwhelming, and outstanding! I have to admit I received so many, I'm not sure I was able to keep track of them! So if you sent pictures to me and I missed it in this issue, I apologize!!! Please send me a reminder email and I will ensure they get in the next edition! And if you didn't send some, why not go ahead and send a few now! I love to see how many Model A's are enjoying the company!



Here's a picture from sent to me from Mexico by Javier González Egea. Unfortunately he didn't provide names, but if you let me know who you are, I'll reprint it next time with the names!



Paul Shinn sent this picture of a carload of kids! Per his email: Here's some kids that had a blast in my Model A one afternoon. They were having a birthday party and one of the kids wanted to see my car parked outside. I told them they could get in and the parents could take their pictures if they wanted. That was met with great enthusiasm!



Cecelia, proud Model A'er and Granddaughter of Mark Westhoff.



Vincent is 8 yr old and played Henry Ford in a Transportation Musical assembly at The Avery Coonley School in December 2013. His Grandmother is Alice Koenigsmark, member of the Salt Creek Model A Club.



This is 17 year old Jamie McWilliam working on a 1931 Victoria. His Grandparents bought the car for his dad Chay McWilliam in 1965 when he was 14. As you can tell it's been a loved member of the family since!



Ian & Peyton Brockwell enjoying Grandpa Stewart Wolfe's 1931 Deluxe Roadster along with their Dad Eric in North Chesterfield Virginia



Kristina Davis and Britney Wolfe enjoy the rumble seat in Grandpa's 31, with Katie Davis sitting on the lap of Erin Wolfe.



Alan Brandon of the Seattle Evergreen A's sent this picture of kids enjoying the cars at International Model A Day in Redmond WA.



This is Noah McLaughlin, helping his grandfather, Carl McLaughlin, waking up their 1928 Tudor after a looong brutal Michigan winter's nap.



Kevin Parsley, from Sour Lake, Texas and his dad James learning how to tune up their first Model A.



A photo from 1999-A then 15 year old Adam Shreading painting the frame to his 1929 PU.

# SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

Ms. Glenda (the Model A) had a great time at the annual picnic. But it seems she lost a few details in the bottom picture. But the bottom picture has lost a few of the important details! Can you find them without looking at the hints?

*The answers are on page 9, but don't peek too soon!*



# Seat Belts for Everyone!

Submitted by Alan Bergman

In 2010, Australia passed new vehicle safety laws with no exemptions for pre 1965 vehicles. According to Alan, most Model A Ford Club members in Australia have been stopped from legally taking under 16 year olds in their cars since the cost to install them or the fine if caught is just too expensive.

Alan was determined to be able to legally take his grandkids in the car again, so he decided to add fitted front and rear seat belts and booster seat anchor points to his A. Easier said than done!

But being a retired Ford Dealer and a semi-retired automotive engineer, Alan was not to be frightened off that easy! He carried out some pretty extensive re-engineering under the chassis, including doing some innovative reinforcement underneath the car, and adding anchor point mounts for all the belts, front and back.

The project wasn't easy and it wasn't cheap. Alan says he spent over \$5000, which included the cost of using Government Certified Engineers to ensure his Model A Ford equaled or exceeded the prescribed Government Safety Standards .

As the photos will attest, Alan and his family fully agree that it was worth every penny! Alan's grandkids can now enjoy his Model A just as his three daughters did growing up with it!

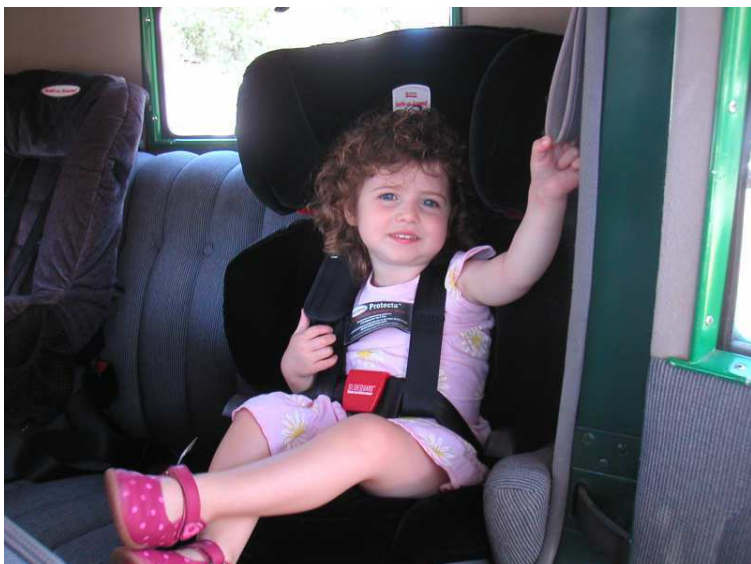
And as we all know, it took more than money and technical expertise for this project to happen. It took a lot of love too!!



A photo of Alan's 1928 Briggs Leatherback 4 door sedan. It is right hand drive as they drive on 'right side of the road' like UK, New Zealand, etc.



Donne, Alan's eldest daughter sitting in the front of the Model A. She is the grandkid's "Auntie Don Don". She has loved going in the Model A ever since she was a little girl. Son-in-law Ben sits in the back seat with granddaughter Tali. That's Alan on the front passenger side looking on.



Alan's daughter Fran who lives in Sydney, NSW sitting in the back seat with her daughter Tali (3 ½ yrs) and son Avi (1 year) in baby seats firmly anchored in.

# Grandpa's Games

## Leapfrog

No, not the electronic game you can buy at the toy shop. But good old fashioned LEAPFROG! Old fashioned leapfrog is a game that is played all over the world for centuries. In France it is called leapsheep, but in India it is known as horseleap, In Italy it is called "baby horse". However you call it, it is played the same!



You need at least two people, but you can have as many as you want. You will need an outside area or a very large room to play in.

You have two positions, the "Jumper" when you are jumping, and the "Back", everyone else on the ground!

The backs bend over and put their hands on the ground. Or you can use your hands to cover your head while bent over. If you want an easier version, or have a lot of differences in heights in your players, you can have your



hands and knees on the ground, and even hunch down tight..

The jumper then can place their hands flat on the back of the players on the ground, and try to leap over them spreading your legs like a frog. Try not to touch them with any part of your body but your hands on the back.

Legs have to go on both sides of the player on the ground, not swing around on one side.

When the Jumper reaches the end of the line of Backs, he bends down and becomes a Back and the last person in the line becomes the Jumper.

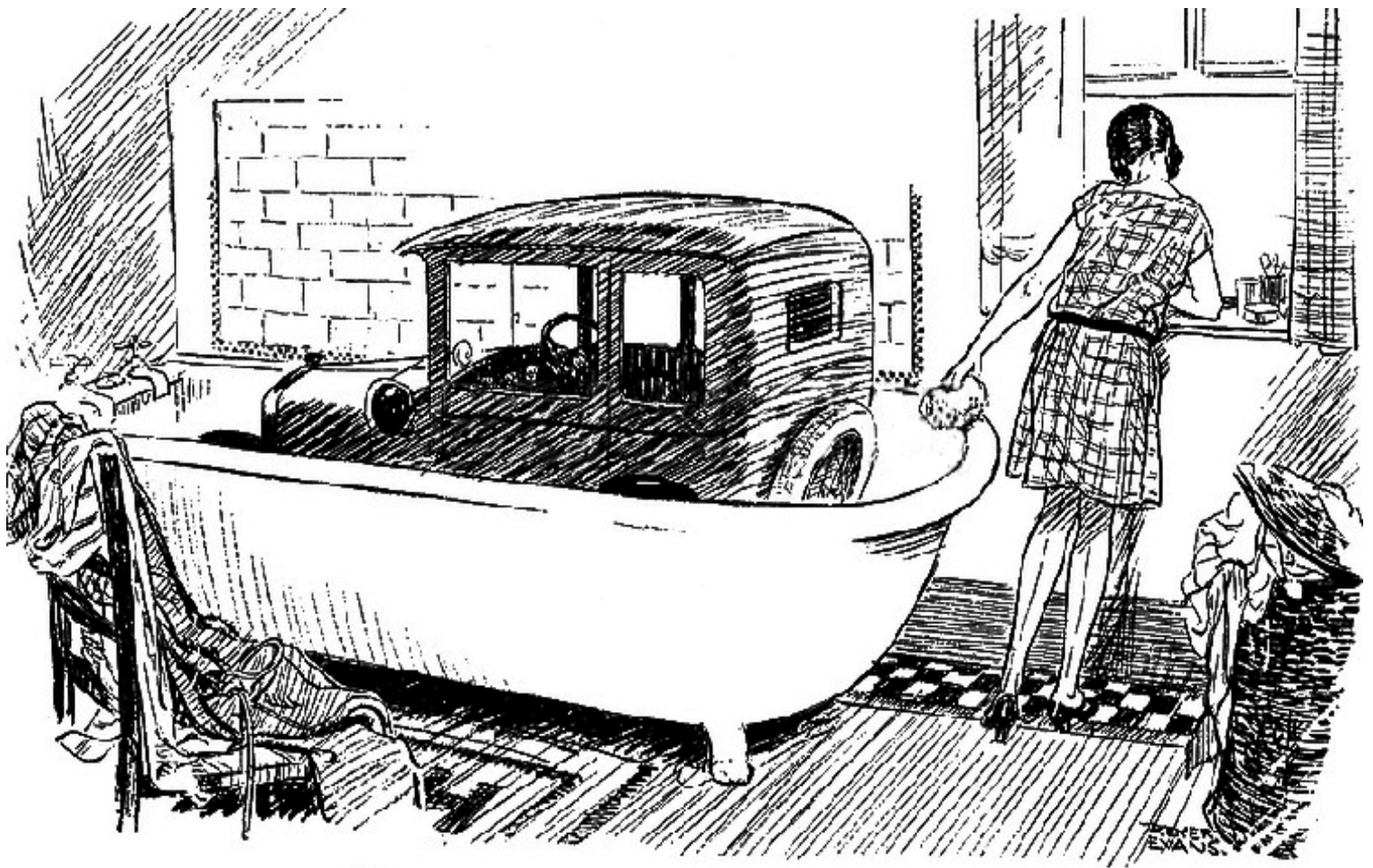
There are many variations on leapfrog. If you have enough players, you can have a race, with two groups trying to reach the end first. Or you can play it zigzag, with each Back at a angle to the last one. You can even play it in circle. There are no winners or losers, it's just a fun game!

## Halloween is Coming!

Halloween is just around the corner. This was a well celebrated holiday in Model A days too. But there weren't many store bought costumes or candy. Kids make their fun other ways! The picture and cartoon are both from 1929.







"I CAN'T COME OUT YET, DEAR; I'M WASHING THE BABY."

They might not have had as many car washes back then, but they still kept the cars clean! I find it interesting that it's a girl in this cartoon. I wonder if the joke was being made about women being fussy about their cars, or about how small the car was! What's your opinion?

## Crank up the Music!

No pocket radios or iPods in those days! But you could still take some music with you.



Check out this portable phonograph I found in a 1928 Braun's Auto Supply catalog.

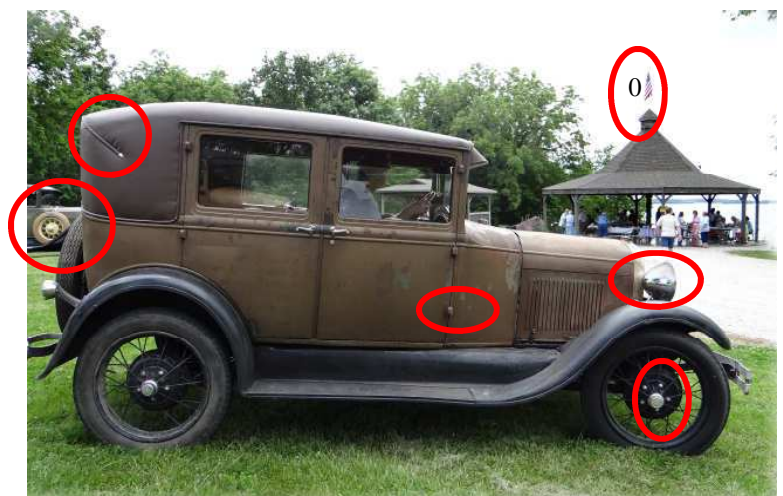
It give a whole new explanation to the term "crank up the music"

That's the crank stored in the lid. It fits in a hole on the side to wind up the player. No batteries

or electricity needed! Extra records could be stored in the lid.

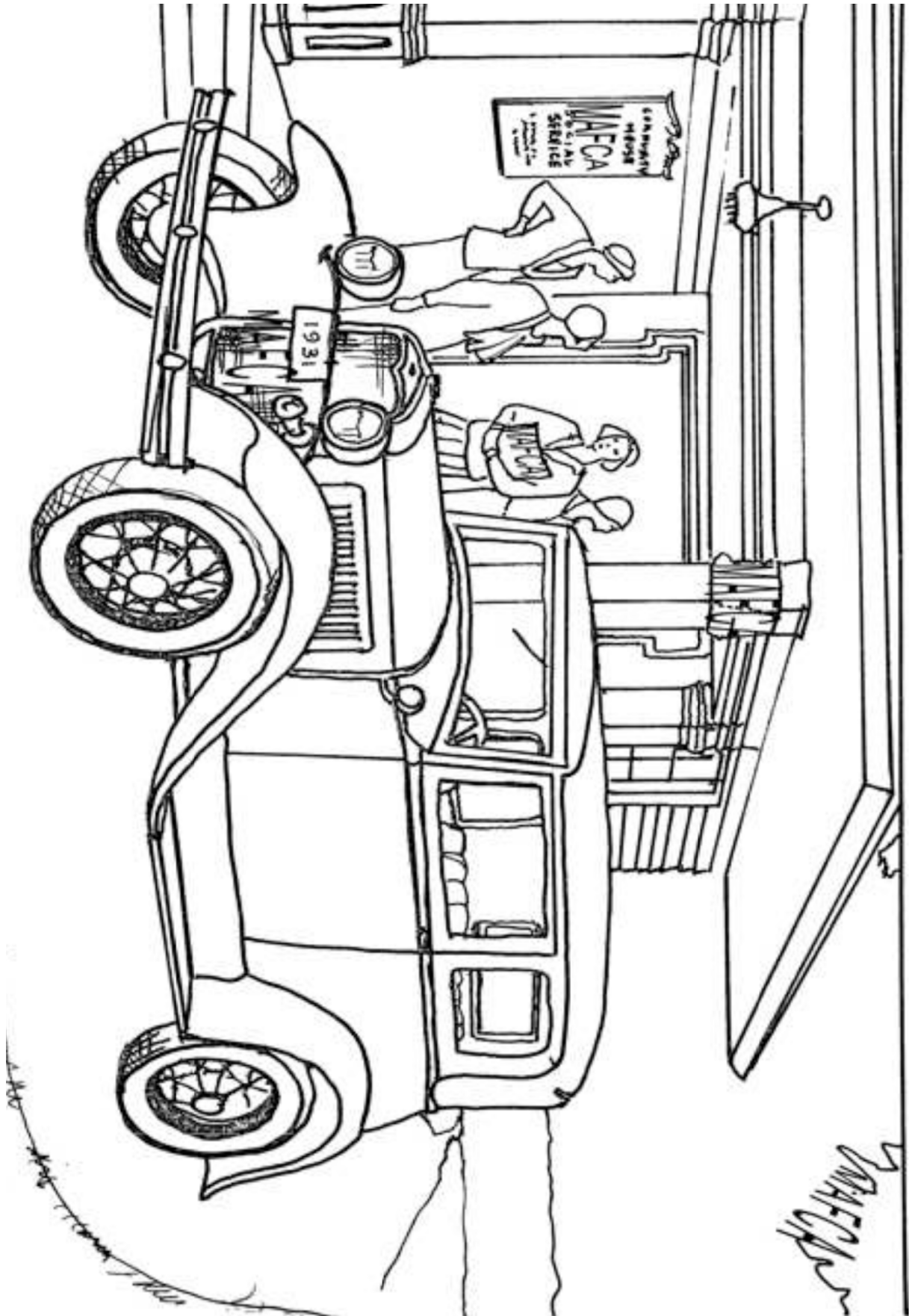
## Six different things:

Did you find them all?



Here's a 1931 Victoria for you to color!

If you like this, it's from the 2012 MAFCA coloring book that can be downloaded from [MAFCA.com](http://MAFCA.com)!





## Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

I can't believe the summer is almost over! I haven't gotten to have the Old Lady out on the road nearly often enough! But to be fair, as I mentioned last time, she did spend some time in the shop this summer. The oil leak was getting so bad, she just had to get some help.

Turned out the leak was just some missing gasket, so she was anxious to hit the road again to show off her newly painted fenders and her beautiful new powdered coated wheels. I had her down at a car show this weekend, and she was just soaking up the attention! She had so many people looking at her, that I'll have to be careful she doesn't get to thinking she's a V8 and try to take off down the road too fast!

The Old Lady and I also made a road trip earlier this year to Shawnee Town 1929 Museum in Shawnee Kansas. This great museum is now showcasing the year 1929 with a truck farm from that era already finished and "new" business being built on Main street. What a perfect place for Model A people!

I can tell from all the picture I receive for this issue that you are all having fun in you're A's too! I love all this pictures, send more!!! And thank you!!!!

### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Remember, A-World is YOUR newsletter! What would YOU like to see in it?

I'm looking for ideas, articles, and pictures to help keep this newsletter fun to read!

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I'm looking forward to all your wonderful ideas!

## Quiz Time

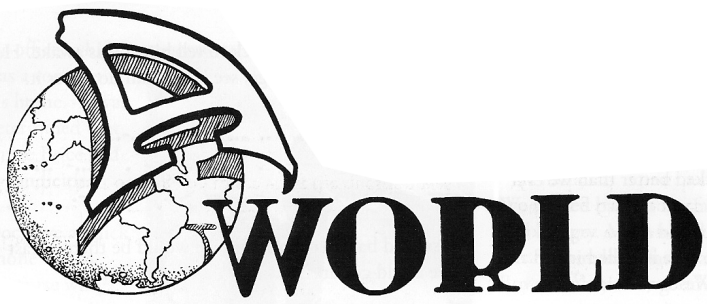


Take a half sheet of paper. Number 1-10. Name at the top right corner. If you share this A-World with others in your family or friends, make sure you do not write on the newsletter pages. There are two ways to take this quiz: 1) Not looking back 2) Looking back as you take the quiz to find the answers.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

- 1) What did Suzanne like to play at recess?  
A) Soccer B) Baseball C) Tennis
- 2) What was available to help kids find adventure?  
A) Magazines B) Gameboy C) Television
- 3) What country is mentioned in "Kids and Model A's"?  
A) Canada B) England C) Mexico
- 4) What's the name of the Fordor on page 6?  
A) Ms. Glenda B) Ms. Gloria C) Henry
- 5) What country does Alan Bergman live in?  
A) Australia B) Austria C) Asia.
- 6) What's the French name for Leapfrog?  
A) Baby Horse B) Horseleap C) Leapsheep
- 7) What's the player(s) on the ground called in Leapfrog?  
A) Back B) Front C) Ground
- 8) What powers the portable phonograph?  
A) batteries B) a plug in C) a crank
- 9) What car is on the coloring page?  
A) Victoria B) Phaeton C) Roadster
- 10) What's in the tub in the car-toon on page 9?  
A) a girl B) a child C) a car

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

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