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MEMORIAL DAY

By SHERRY WINK

The Sitzman kids woke up to wonderful smells coming up the stairs from the kitchen. Mom Sitzman was already up cooking platters full of fried chicken for the picnic planned that afternoon. Of course, she had already finished getting breakfast ready, because she know there would a lot to do that day. It was Memorial Day, and there was a lot of big events planned!

Larry and the twins hurried through eating and headed out to wash and polish the Model A pickup, Larry was driving it in the parade later that morning, and they wanted it to shine. It had an important part in the celebrations. Mr. Conroy, the towns oldest veteran, couldn't walk easily so they were putting a rocking chair in the pickup. Mr. Conroy would be able to be in the parade in style! Mom Sitzman had picked up some red, white, and blue bunting to decorate the Model A with so it fit the occasion.



Suzanne, Richard and Robert were riding their bikes in the parade. They had been busy polishing and decorating them too! Once the "A" was washed, they loaded them into the truck. They didn't forget to leave plenty of room for the hamper of fried chicken, and the cakes and pies that Mom

Sitzman had been baking the last several day. Her fried chicken was famous, at least as far as the Sitzman kids were concerned! And her pies had won blue ribbons at the County fair. It was going to be a wonderful picnic!

First, in the morning, families put flowers on the graves of loved ones and veterans. The older Sitzman girls had spent the night at Grandma Roberts, as they had volunteered to help put flags on all the veteran's graves early before everyone else came.

Grandma Roberts and Mom Sitzman always grew a lot of peonies, big pink or white blossoms bigger than a fist. They would cut all the flowers the day before and put them in water in buckets ready to go. Any other flowers in the garden were gathered up to use too. This year had been a good spring and all the flowers were abundant. So there were lots of bouquets to go around, which was good, because Grandma made sure every family stone had flowers by the end of the day.

Once at the cemetery, Grandma and Mom would visit each grave and explain to the Sitzman kids just how that person was related to their family and leave flowers at each one. At Grandpa's Roberts grave, Grandma Roberts always spent just a little extra time there after everyone else moved on.

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Visiting the veteran's graves was also important to the whole family. Dad Sitzman always made sure to talk about the great sacrifices made by all veterans, but especially the ones that didn't make it home. There were some family members among that list, and dad always had some stories to share of their bravery. He made sure all the Sitzman children knew and respected what it meant to be a service man. Since Dad Sitzman himself had served, they knew he knew what he was talking about!

Once the solemn visit was over, it was time to head to the town square for the big celebrations. The parade was magnificent! The street was lined with people waving flags. The local band marched and played John Sousa marches. The veterans of the town marched in formation right behind Mr. Conroy in the Model A. All the Sitzman kids were proud of Dad Sitzman, marching in his uniform. It still fit, although Mom Sitzman had to let a few seams out first! Dad Sitzman claimed the fabric had shrunk over the years. Mom Sitzman just smiled and kept sewing.

Following the parade came the part the Sitzman kids like the least, all the speechifying, as Grandma Roberts called it. The mayor and others got up and made long speeches about the importance of Memorial Day. It was originally called Decoration Day and was started to decorate the graves of soldiers that died in the Civil War. But now, it was a great patriotic event that recognized all veterans as well.

Finally, the speeches were over, and the fun began. The veterans loaded and shot a small cannon, with a real cannon ball and black powder. It was a lot smaller than the cannon that was on display in the park and it was only shot once a year. All the boys in town anticipated this for days! They had arguments over how far the cannon ball would fly. It never went out of the park, but that didn't keep them from hoping it would some day!





The cannon shot was the official signal for the picnicking to begin! Every family had spread a blanket on the town square, although some of the older people sat at tables. But everyone was digging into the wonderful food they had brought. All the food was put on a community table so everyone could share. The twins always made sure they got some of Mom Sitzman's chicken before it disappeared, as it was famous with more than just her family! There was so much variety that the twins almost couldn't make up their mind what to try besides the chicken. . But when Larry started piling his plate up high, they quickly decided before he got all the best stuff!

After the picnic, the kids all got together a quick game of baseball, while the adults visited. Even some of the girls played, although the older ones claimed they were too grown up for that. Suzanne was known to be a great pitcher so she had no trouble convincing the boys to let her play. Even her little brothers respected her skills at throwing, not in the least because if they didn't, she usually would throw walnuts or other things at them until they did. She rarely missed, and those nuts smarted!

As the sun set, the younger children spent the early twilight chasing lightening bugs in the tall grass. The older people just spent their time with some final visiting. Once the sun was completely down, it was time to leave.




It was a tired but happy group that finally loaded in to the vehicles for the ride home. The Sitzman kids all agreed that this was the best Memorial Day celebration yet. They said that every year! But they always really meant it too!



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Model "A"cessories

Continuing our theme from last edition, gas pedals weren't the only thing to have accessories made for them. The other pedals in the cars were also catered to. The first ad below has pedal pads specifically for the Model A's. B342 was a pair of pads for the A that cost only 30¢.

PEDAL PADS FOR ALL POPULAR CARS



Vise-like Jaws Grip the Pedals

Rubber, with steel frames. Installed in less than ten minutes. (B330) Fit all cars. **89c** Per Pair

Pads for Individual Makes

B338—Super-quality pad, Chev., '28-31, pair **.52**

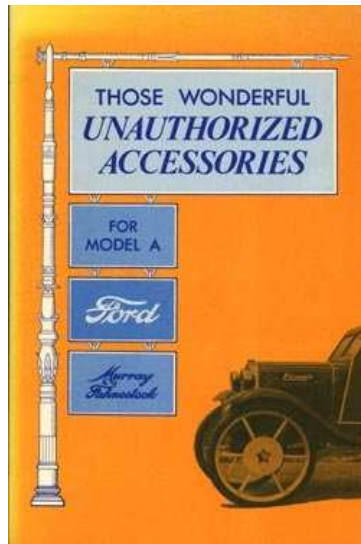
B337—Pedal pad, Chev., '28-31, pair **.39**

B336—Pedal pad, Chev., '17-27, Buick, Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge 6 and 8, Durant '30, Erskine, Marmon, Packard, Plymouth, Studebaker and Roosevelt, pair.. **.39**

B340—Pedal pads, Ford '26-27, pair **.35**

B342—Pedal pads, Ford, '28-31, pair **.30**

We've talked a lot about Model A accessories that were available from non-official sources. - did you know there is a book out there about these?



It's called "Those Wonderful Unauthorized Accessories" and it's available from many sources.

It seems from the very first year the Model A was built, there were still ways to "improve" it! You could change the wheels, the body, the visors, the radiator cap, you name it, somebody has the stuff to change it or add to it!

This is a fun book to look through. Check and see if someone you know already has it. If not, may you can add it to your Birthday or Christmas gift list!

"PERFECTION" PEDAL PADS FOR ALL MAKES OF CARS

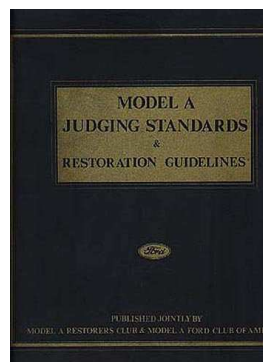
They give safety and protection to every occupant of the Car. Did you ever stop to think when the driver of a car has to push out the clutch and push on the brake to avoid an accident what the result might be or what it might cost if his foot slipped? "PERFECTION" PEDAL PADS are adhesive and resilient; they kill vibration and are a non-conductor of heat; as a protection from rough metal they prevent wear and tear on shoes. Attached in a few minutes by simply bending the metal clamps around the backs of the pedals. Made of Live Black Para Rubber. Rubber fits snugly in polished metal frame which clamps securely around pedal.

Made in various patterns to fit practically all makes of cars. In ordering be sure to specify make, model and year of car. Ship. wt., pair 1 lb.

B457—"Perfection" pedal pads, for any make of car, pair*** **.95**

B464—Combination Set, pedal pads and accelerator foot rest, as illustrated above (The Accelerator foot rest is the J262 shown and described below.) **1.75**

The above ad is not quite so specific, but it says that you just need to specify the make, model and year of your car. That's smart, it lets you keep the ad smaller, but cover more models. Notice you pay more for "Perfection", these pads cost 95¢! But for 80¢ more, you could get a matching accelerator pad so maybe that made it worth it!



There were also many authorized accessories sold only by Ford dealers. To see what these are, the best resource is the "Model A Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards". Someone you know probably already has a copy. Check it out when you can!

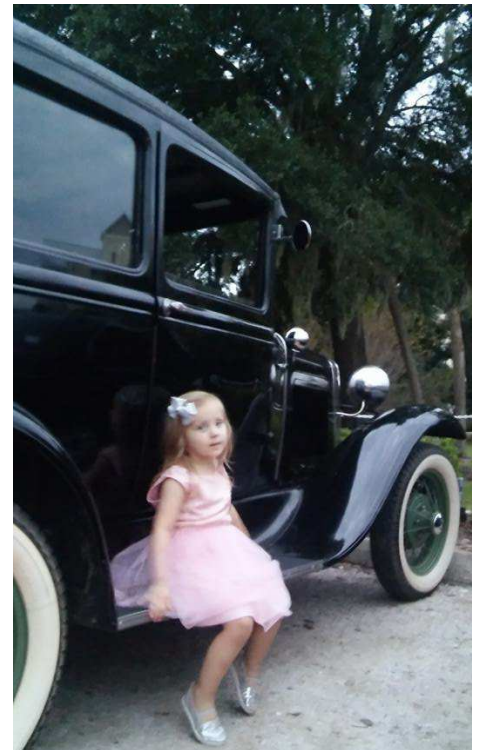
One example of an authorized accessory is the quail radiator cap. This was an additional item you had to purchase if you wanted it for



KIDS AND THEIR "A"s!



Jacob is Zoe's brother Here he is thinking about where to start on this 1929 AA barn find!



Khloe is pretty in pink posing with her favorite Model A .

Zoe is 10 years old and isn't afraid to try anything. She lives in Connecticut. Way to go Zoe!



Owen (left) and Caden (right) enjoy checking out their great Uncle Ed's 1930 Model A.



Nate (left) and Joey (right) are always ready to ride in their Grandpa's Model A.



Greyor York age 5 in his Grandpa's pickup!



From left to right—Emma, Aven and with their uncle Ryan's 1929 Ford A Phaeton.



Ty Brooks is 8 years old, and is quite proud of his Grandpa's award winning car.



Cole is a neighbor of John Maiorana in Louisiana. Cole loves coming over to visit Molly, John's Coupe.



Hunter with his grandpa's car at the Oklahoma Sooner's 2015 Spring Tour.



Madeline Hebert poses in front of "Millie"



Ethan Hebert, here with his mother Caitlin, is a future Model A'er!



Patrick Bourassa is 6 years old and is from Oregon. He likes the rumble seat!



Elijah & Ruby Medders are riding in a friend's 1928 Model A Ford Open Cab Roadster Pickup in the Saline County Fair Parade.. They live in Arkansas.



Ella Hebert is pretty in purple, posing with her mom Caitlin with their Model A "Millie".



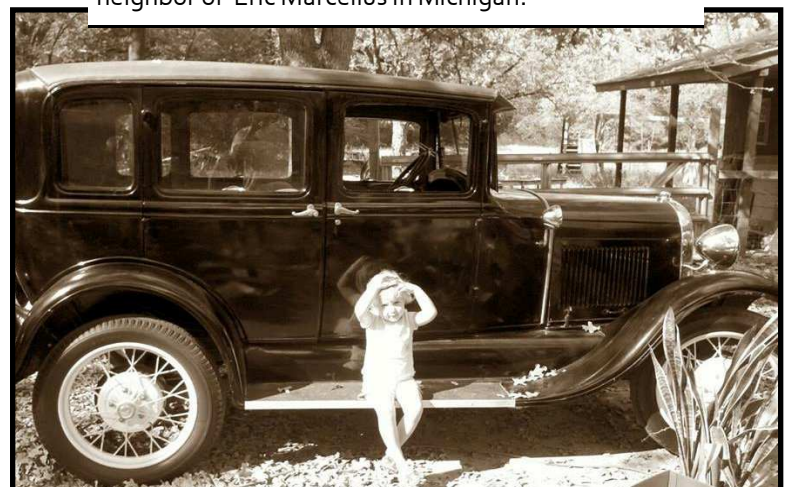
Angela Orlando is 10 and lives in Delaware. Here she's in their 4 generation 31 model A. Her grandpa & dad did a complete restoration of it so it will be ready for her to drive too!



I don't have a name of this happy kid, but he's a neighbor of Eric Marcellus in Michigan.



These are the grandchildren of Ben LeBlanc riding in "Archie". He claims there are way too many names to list, but they know who they are! Ben lives in Saskatchewan Canada.



Rachel Hudson loves to visit her Uncle Matt & his 1929 Town Sedan.

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This line up has been waiting so long for the parade to start that they've love a few of the detail! Can you find them without looking at the hints?

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



Art and Model A's!

This is "Old Blue", a Model A pickup that occasionally is featured in cartoons drawn by my nephew Carmen Cerra. With Mouse as the primary character in these cartoons, these friends have a lot of adventures, although they are more likely to drive the piano than Old Blue! (I can't explain it, just go with it!) Old Blue is driven by Marmot, the crew chief for Team Quick Pickle when it's race season (The drivers are Eggs and Raccoon.) I love that he put a Model A in his art!

As you can see by the menu below, Carmen draws anytime the inspiration hits him, and uses whatever paper is at hand!

Someday, Carmen hopes to put all of his characters together in a book, but until then, you can check them out on Facebook at "The Art of Mouse and Friends".



M J F V J B P Q C M B K D T E
 Z J N E J F H A Y B U R N E R
 A H A L W Z P L L A M H F U D
 I P S T O P X M P O N O N W J
 Z Z P A T L O T E B O Z I C M
 J S A L W A L D X M G K T J D
 A J U L E B B Y O W L E A A U
 R A B Y V S U O G J S R S L C
 S M Q X N W A C Y A T F X O K
 C S W A N K Y U K S G H M P Y
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 W T F M B A L O N E Y G J R O
 Y I D K S Q P H P I F F L E G
 P B W Y X S A Z B R E E Z E R

MODEL A Slang!

Word List

SAWBUCK
 PALOOKA
 GAMS
 SCREWY
 BALONEY
 LOLLYGAGGER
 PIFFLE
 OWL
 SWANKY
 BREEZER
 APPLESAUCE
 DUCKY
 ATTABOY
 HAYBURNER
 JALOPY

(Answers on page nine)

Model A's and Trains!

Have you ever thought about how Model A's and Trains just seem to fit together? Maybe I think that because my husband and I were train nuts as well as a Model A fans, but then again, maybe not.

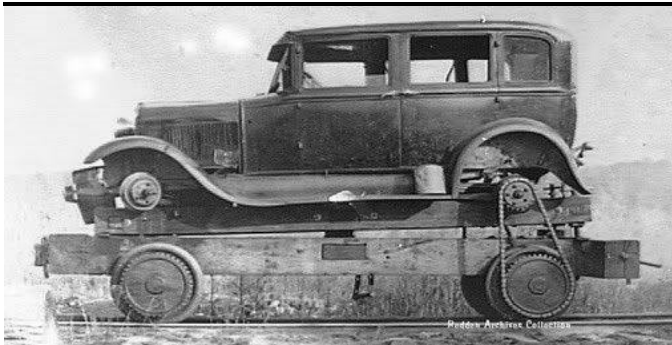
A search through the internet found a lot of interesting pictures of Model A's with trains, on trains, and as trains! Check out a few below:



A classic shot of a steam train with a Model A running beside it



An "A" as an actual train car



A Model



Another classic style shot of a steam train with a Model A



A Connecticut Model A club's recent tour



A model of a Model A pickup on a model train layout!



An "AA" Railbus



I have no explanation as to why a Model A was taking this train ride!

An Unusual Way to Entertain!.

In many catalogs in the 20's and 30's, there were advertisements for various musical instruments. One of the more unusual I've ran across was "The Magic Nose Flute". The below 1928 ad claims that you "can play a tune with very little practice.....in a manner that would be enthusiastically applauded even on a concert platform".

The Magic Nose Flute
Anyone Can Play It!
No Knowledge of Music Needed
Small Enough to Carry in the Pocket!
Loud Enough to Lead the Band
Sweet Toned and Musical

The MAGIC NOSE FLUTE is a very novel style of musical instrument, differing from almost any other. It is made entirely of metal, and with care should last a lifetime. There is nothing to wear out or get out of order. It is placed over mouth and nose as shown in our illustration. It takes but a few minutes to learn how to play it, there is just a little "knack" that you can easily acquire. You can play any tune after a little practice, and the tone is very musical and flute-like. It is capable of the most charming modulations, and the most popular melody of the most elaborate operatic air can be played, either as a solo or accompanied, in a manner that would be enthusiastically applauded even on a concert platform. Anyone can play it, and the performer with the true "gift of music" will find it, with very little practice, the most easily controlled sound producer it is possible to imagine. Many imitations of bird calls and warblings can be produced, and it cannot be excelled for teaching a canary to whistle. By special arrangement with the manufacturer we are now enabled to offer this remarkable instrument for less than half the price formerly asked, at which price it is surely worthwhile to give it a trial, if only to see just what you can do with it.

No. 3478. THE MAGIC NOSE FLUTE.
 Price postpaid 10c
 Three Flutes for 25 cents, or a dozen for 75c postpaid.



I'm not sure how accurate that is, but it's hard to picture going to a concert to listen to an instrument that is played by holding it against your nose!

So imagine my surprise to find out that this unique instrument is still being made! Today's version is plastic not metal. Other than that, there haven't been many changes. I even found a website noseflute.org that is dedicated to what they call "the sublime instruments called nose flutes and which produce the most divine sound ever." I think somebody really likes them!

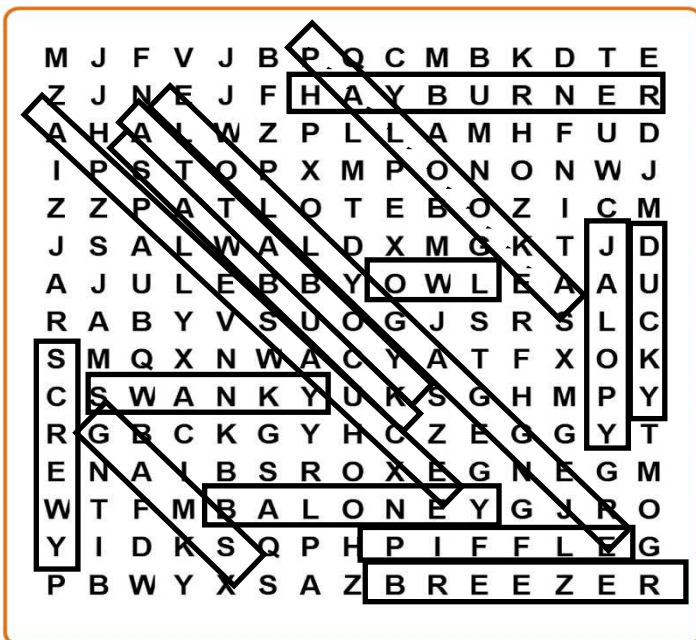
There are even YouTube videos of these strange little instruments being played! Just search nose flute for some interesting listening!

If you'd like to give one of these instruments a try, send me a note or email to enter a drawing for a nose flute. There will be 5 winners drawn August 1st! Be sure to include your mailing address so if you win your prize can be sent to you!

Want to know what the below slang words meant? Here's the definitions!

sawbuck: ten-dollar bill
 palooka: a social outsider; from the comic strip
 gams (1930): legs
 screwy: crazy
 lollygagger: an idle person
 piffle: baloney
 owl: a person who's out late

swanky: elegant
 breezer : a convertible car
 apple sauce: flattery, nonsense
 ducky: very good
 Attaboy!: well done!; also, Attagirl!
 hayburner: a gas guzzling car
 Jalopy: a dumpy old car



Six different things:

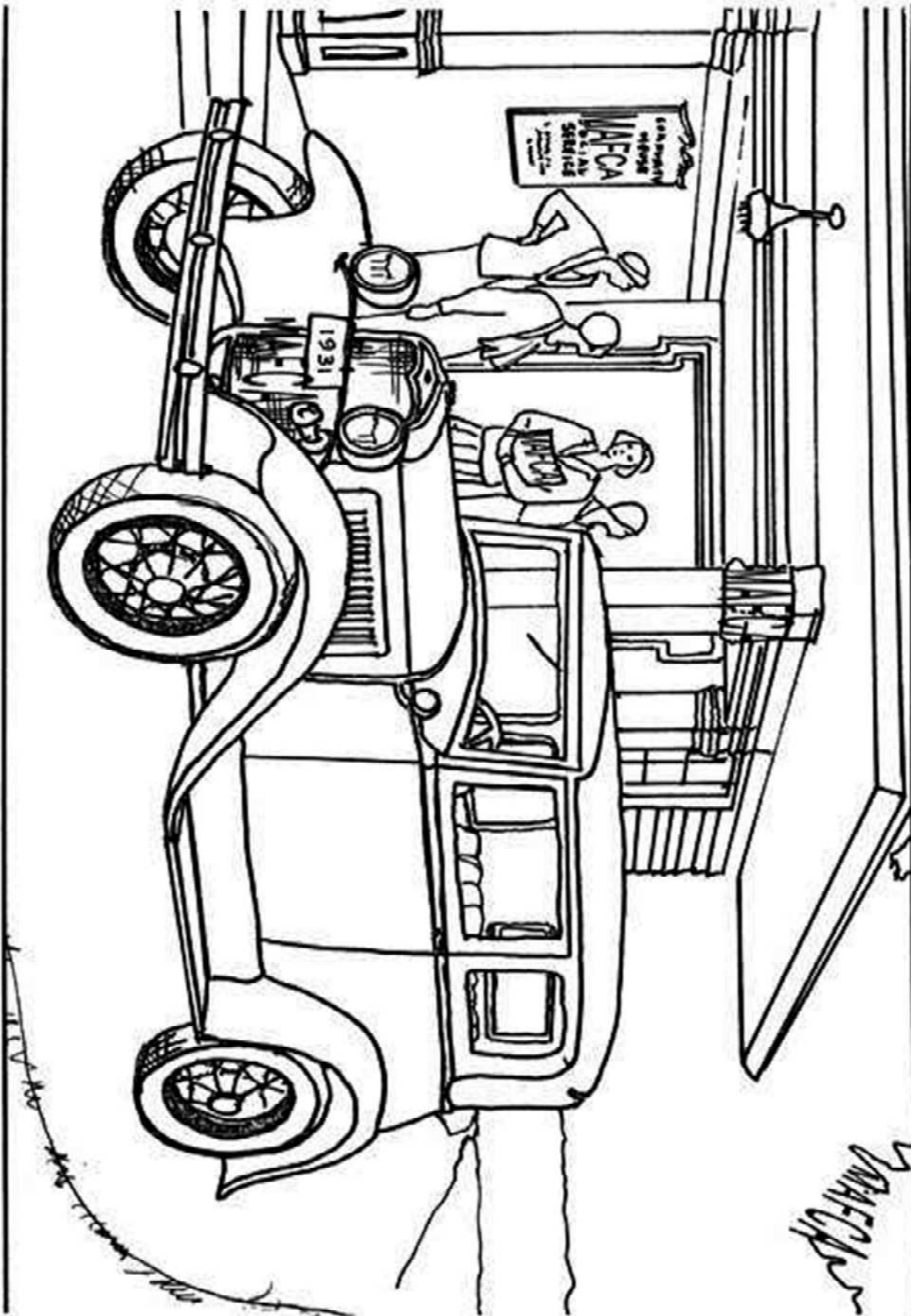
Did you find them all?



Here's a 1931 Victoria Model A for you to color!

If you like this, it's from the 2012 MAFCA coloring book that can be downloaded from MAFCA.com!

1931 VICTORIA⁵





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

First of all, I need to say “THANK YOU”! I was overwhelmed by all the great pictures you have shared with me! I had so many, that I had to save some for the next issue. So if you don’t see yours there, don’t worry, they WILL be in the next issue!

I’ve already had the Old Lady out and about for a number of activities this spring. Nothing fell off on the shakedown tour, which was wonderful. We had a wonderful day at Shawnee Town 1929, which is a nearby museum that is converting its focus from pioneer days to exhibits from 1929. They already have a full farm from that era with a Model AA in the barn! They also have a barbershop, typewriter store, and other businesses now converted to 1929 furnishings and details. The Old Lady feels right at home while driving around this museum’s grounds!

I’ve also had the Old Lady up to my hometown of Table Rock Nebraska for a road trip and checkup. She was making a strange noise, which ended up needing a new babbitt bearing installed. Thank goodness my brother Richard can fix anything!

While in Table Rock, I spent an afternoon at the local Senior Center giving rides in the Old Lady. Talk about some smiling faces! I don’t know who had the most fun, the riders, or me!

A-WORLD MOVES TO ONLINE ONLY

At the last MAFCA Board of Director’s meeting a difficult decision was reached regarding A-World. Due to the rising costs of publication and mailing, it was determined that A-World would become a web based publication only. The newest copy can always be found online at:

<http://mafca.com/aworld.html>

While I’m sorry to see the direct mailings discontinued, the plus side is that on the web, the issues will be in full color.! If you’d like a copy sent directly to you via email, just send a note to me at AWorldEditor@hotmail.com and I’ll put you on my email mailing list!

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 holiday were the Sitzman’s celebrating?
A) Christmas B) Easter C) Memorial Day
- 2) What was Mom Sitzman’s award winning food?
A) Fried Chicken B) Jelly C) Pie
- 3) What example of an authorized accessory was shown as an example?
A) Quail B) Mirror C) Spotlight
- 4) What is the name of Madeline’s car?
A) Henry B) Millie C) Susy
- 5) What is Zoe doing in her picture?
A) Riding B) Change a Tire C) Welding.
- 6) How many generations has Angela’s Mode A been in her family? ?
A) 3 B) 4 C) 5
- 7) Hunter was attending a tour in what state?
A) Oklahoma B) Colorado C) Kansas
- 8) Who drives “Old Blue”?
A) Rabbit B) Mouse C) Marmot
- 9) What musical instrument can you win?
A) Trumpet B) Drum C) Nose Flute
- 10) What Model A is on the coloring page this issue?
A) 1931 Victoria B) 1931 Coupe C) 1929 Tudor!

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



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