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THE TURKEY DILEMMA

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It was almost Thanksgiving and little Stanley was getting worried! He'd been thinking and thinking about how to save his friend Tom, but he just didn't see how he was going to do it. Tom's life was at stake, and Stanley wished he was a lot older than six. Like at least sixteen, so he could sneak out, borrow the Model A pickup, rescue Tom and take him to somewhere safe! But alas, that just wasn't going to happen. So he sat behind the barn thinking, and getting more and more discouraged.

That's because his friend Tom was actually Tom the Turkey, which was being raised for Thanksgiving Dinner!

Back in June, Dad Sitzman had come home with several little poults (that's what a baby turkey is called!). He called the kids over to show them, and let them know immediately that these birds were being raised for Thanksgiving. So he told them "whatever you do, don't name them!" He knew that if you named your farm animals that were destined for the table it would be that much harder when it was final time.

For most of the Sitzman kids, that was no problem. As the poults grew, they started looking like a normal turkey. And although some might disagree, that meant when you got close up, it wasn't a very pretty sight! The snood, that red dangly thing over the beak is



strange. The wattle, that flap of skin under the neck, is definitely not pretty! I think you get the idea!

But Stanley looked past all that. Everyone knows that looks aren't important in friends. And Tom was Stanley's friend for sure. As one of the younger kids, it had been one of his chores to help feed and water the birds. So he got to know them. And one, by one, the other birds were given away to other families to raise until finally there was just Tom. He was a big turkey, with beautiful feathers, and just as big personality. When Stanley fed him, he petted his feathers and talked to him. And Tom really seemed to respond. He followed Stanley all over the farm now, eating bugs and poking around, but never far from his human friend if at all possible. Tom had quite a personality, and a great curiosity that sometimes got him in trouble with the farm dogs, but Stanley was always there to rescue him!

Tom also helped Stanley with his chores. Stanley had always thought weeding the garden was boring until Tom came along. Now every time he pulled a weed, Tom inspected it for bugs. And when Stanley would shake the plants, Tom had a heyday chasing all the grasshoppers! The tomatoes that summer were the best ever!

Stanley's favorite trick was hooking Tom up to the red wagon! Tom was so big, he had no problem pulling it, wearing the rope harness that Stanley had put together for him. The other kids laughed at him at the time, but they

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stopped laughing when they saw Stanley walking along with Tom pulling the wagon of feed out to the chicken house. They tried to get Tom to do it for them, but he was only interested in following Stanley!



But now to the root of the problem. Summer was over, and November had just arrived. That meant Thanksgiving was just around the corner, and that meant the end for Tom. Stanley had always known Tom's destination was the dinner table, but somehow he had never let himself think that far ahead. But now, now it was almost too late! He'd seen Dad Sitzman watching Tom in the farmyard, and Grandma Roberts too! He was more afraid of Grandma than Dad since Dad Sitzman was a gentle soul who hated even killing the chickens for Sunday dinner. But Grandma Roberts had no problem with it. She grew up when you had no choice but to raise your own food or starve. So she would usually take care of the job. And Stanley had seen Dad sharpening the ax, and Grandma sharpening her knives. That meant no good for Mr. Tom!

Stanley had tried talking to Dad, and to Mom too! But they gently told him that he know that Tom wasn't really a pet, and had always been planned to be the Thanksgiving centerpiece. So he did his best to act grownup and not cry, but he still felt like he had let his best friend down. A few times lately, he had seen Dad or Mom watching him, but when they saw him look at them, they just shook their head and walked away.

Finally, today was the day. Stanley had slipped outside early, to at least tell his friend goodbye, but he couldn't find Tom anywhere! "Oh No" he thought, panicked! Had Grandma already come and took Tom away without letting him see him one last time? Now Stanley felt even worse than ever.

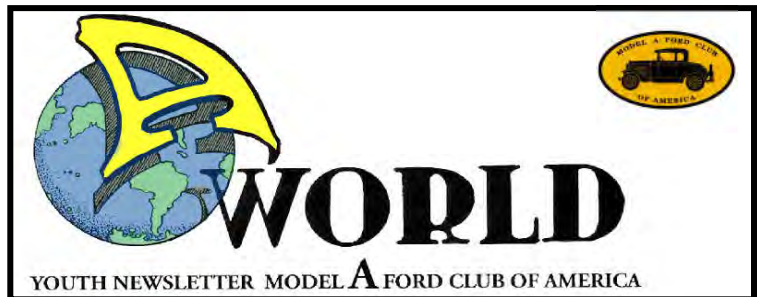
Normally Stanley joined his brothers in anticipating the great food they would have for the big meal. Mounds of mashed potatoes, green beans that Mom Sitzman had canned straight from the garden this summer, big pumpkin pies that smell so heavenly, the list went on and on. But Stanley just didn't have the heart to even want to eat this year. The idea of seeing Tom as the main course just ruined it all. He wasn't even sure he was going to get through the meal without crying. And he definitely wasn't going to eat any turkey this year!!

At one o'clock, Grandma called everyone to the table. If you didn't keep up, you would have gotten run over by most the kids. But Stanley just slowly walked into the house like he was headed for a spanking instead of a great meal. He sat

down at the kid's table in the living room and wished the meal was already over. It was now time for Dad Sitzman to proudly carry in the big roast turkey to main table, and everyone to exclaim about how it was the biggest one yet!

But something strange happened. Instead of Dad carrying in a big golden turkey, there was two smaller birds on the platter. A closer look showed that instead of turkey, it was roast goose! Stanley couldn't believe his eyes! When he looked up at Mom, she just smiled and turn her head away. Grandma just looked a little miffed. Then he looked at Dad Sitzman. Dad had a funny little smile as he said, "You know, I looked and looked and just couldn't find that darn turkey!"

But Stanley know that they didn't have any geese on the farm, so that meant Dad had purposely bought them to save his friend Tom! Dad leaned over to him and said quietly "when dinner's over, check the back of the Model A in the barn". And then Stanley happily dug into the best Thanksgiving meal he'd ever had!



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Model "A"cessories

One of the more interesting Model A accessories available were the tracks and skis to convert your Model A into a early version of a snowmobile or snow cat. Believe it or not, these were actually very popular up north, and even today, there are still quite a few of these converted A's to be found. These snowmobile kits were very popular with mail carriers, farmers, and even doctors (they still made house calls in those days!) If you go to YouTube, you can find some great videos of these strange machines in action as there are still clubs and activities today focused on these unique hybrids.

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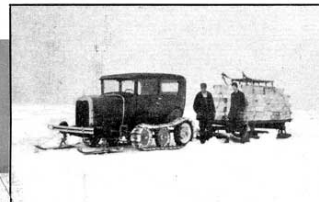

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Capt. Wm. Jepsom, Washington Island, Wis., hauls 3 1/2 tons of fish regularly 20 miles to mainland on Trailer and SUPER SNOW BIRD.

Frank Kull, Manitowoc, Wis., doesn't worry about 12 ft. snow drifts when he uses his SUPER SNOW BIRD. He says it's great sport.



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KIDS AND THEIR "A"s!



Ethan Hubert is really enjoying his Halloween pumpkins!. And the family Model A!



Ken Tuc sent in this great vintage shot but without any names. I swear that from looking at the clothes and haircuts, this could have been a few of my brothers and sisters in the 70's!



Holden Simmons will soon be driving AJ Simmons around in this model A. Holden and AJ live in Oklahoma.



Miles Stevenson is looking forward to driving his Aunt Susie's 1928 Roadster. This Model A has been in the family since the 40's and has never been repainted!



Taven Stevenson also really enjoys his family's Model A's.



A few more shots from the Stevenson family. As you can see, they are real car enthusiasts!



Three generations of Model A'ers! Taven and Miles Stevenson, along with their dad John and their Grandfather Stetson!



Taven Stevenson and his dog Bo are ready to hit the road.





Lars Hedström of Sweden sent in these great pictures of kids in Model A's . Love of these great cars is not just a USA thing!



Russ Cochiolo invites kids to sit in his Model A at events. Here are few taken at the Clovis Event in California.



Sophie and Anna in the Veteran's Day Parade in, Fresno, 2014.



Tim Zavacki sent in this great picture of his kids in their Model A. The family lives in New Jersey



Sophie in a recent Christmas Parade



Rhyse Goode and Ella Serpico enjoyed a Model A on a nice fall afternoon!



Randy Turner also enjoys letting kids sit in his car at events. To most, this is their first chance to experience the first taste of the pleasure of Model A's!



The Rozny family definitely gave Ella Serpico a spark. She's here in the rumble seat here, but they let her drive it just prior. She's been shifting for me for several years in her step-dads model A as well as their old vw's but this was her first time driving. I was told she did a very good job using the clutch. Guess she has been paying attention !



Emma, Aven and Ava, and in the second picture, their dog Lucy, with their uncle's 1929 Ford Phaeton. Their Uncle Ryan lives in Alberta Canada.

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

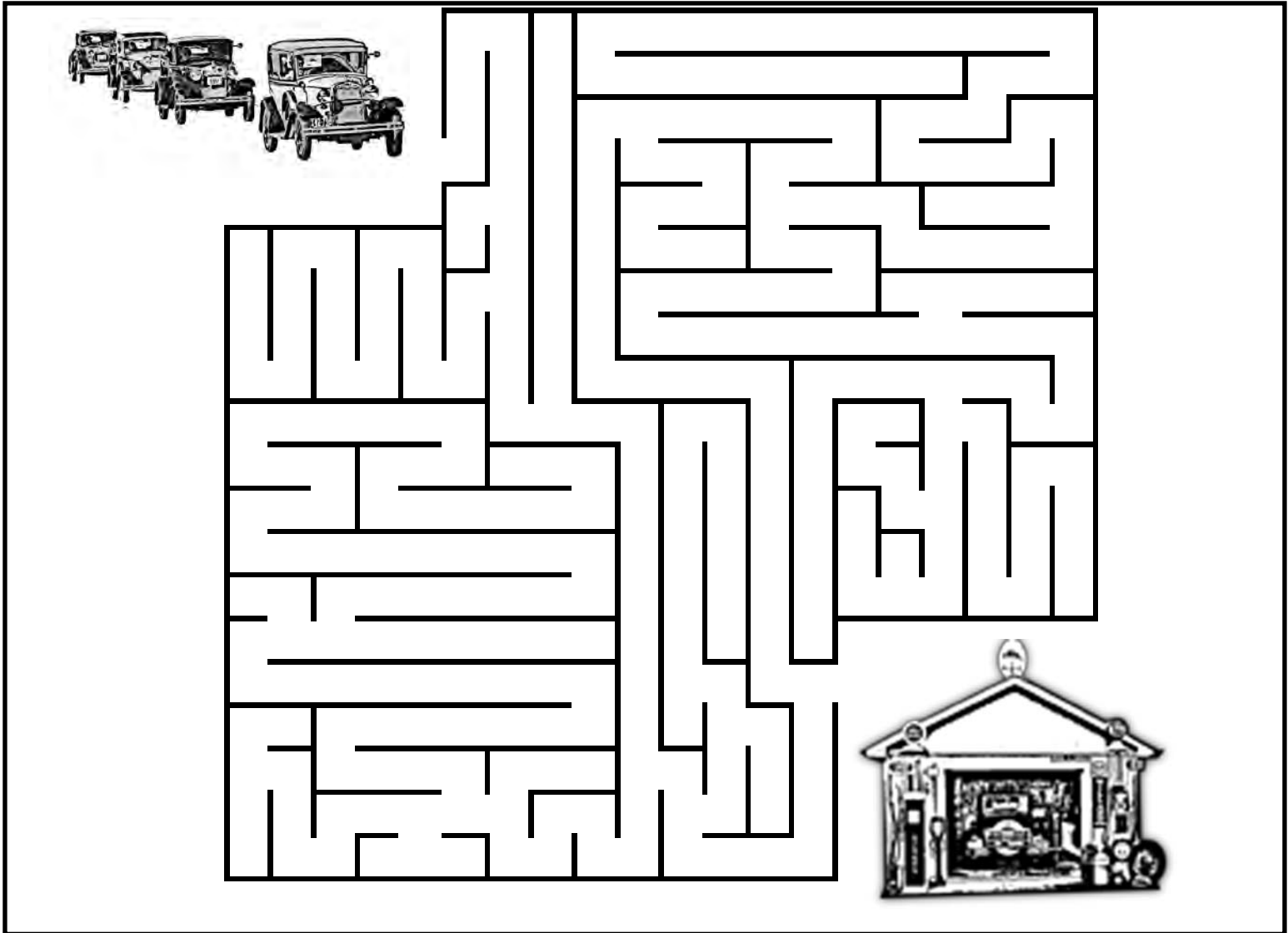
Ethan's been doing a great job working on this coupe, BUT the picture on the top seem to have lost a few items during the repair job! Can you find them without looking at the hints?

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



Model A Maze!

These club members want to visit their friend's Model A Garage, but they got lost on their tour. Can you help them find their way to the fun?



Car-Toons

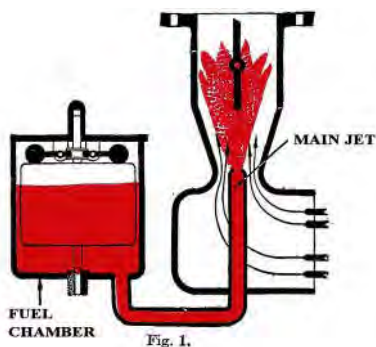


How the Fuel Jets Work in a Carburetor

The carburetor is the part on your Model A that mixes gasoline with air. When liquid gasoline is mixed with enough air to form a fine spray, the fuel becomes explosive and very easy to burn. A carburetor works to make sure the right amount of air and gas are mixed together to meet the needs of your engine at different speeds. The Model A carburetor uses suction to do this.

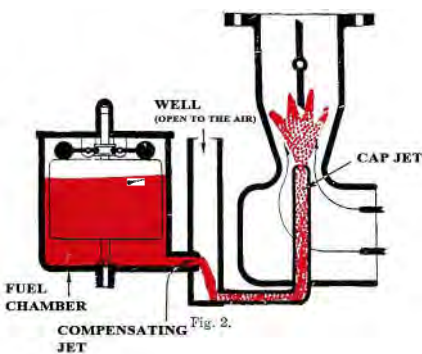
The suction is created by each alternate downward stroke of the pistons which pulls the fuel and air mix through the carburetor into the engine. But as the engine gathers speed, the flow of fuel into the engine increases much faster than the flow of air. To solve this problem, Model A carbs have multiple fuel jets. A jet is basically a special tube or pipe with an exact size opening and shape. Each jet has its own job to do. The carb these illustrations were drawn for was a Zenith Carburetor, which had four jets.

The **idling jet** operates only when the throttle is barely cracked open. It pulls gas from the secondary well as well and provides the right mixture of air and fuel to keep the motor running while idling only.



The **main jet**, which varies in flow with the suction, is directly connected with the fuel chamber (Fig. 1).

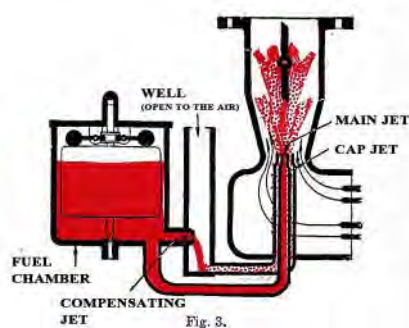
Compare the fuel chamber to a bottle and the main jet to a straw. Now, if you put a straw down to the bottom of a full bottle (Fig. 1A), you will find that the harder you suck on the straw the more liquid you will get. The suction of the engine will act on the fuel in the bowl through the main jet the same as your suction on the straw acted on the liquid in the bottle.



The **compensating jet** (Fig. 2), which has a constant flow regardless of the amount of suction, or the speed of the engine, empties into a well that is open to the air. The **cap jet** connects with this well.

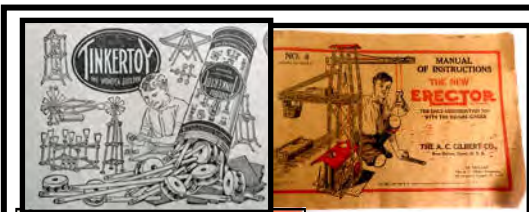
Compare the well to a glass, the compensating jet to a bottle, and the cap jet to a straw. If you pour a tiny stream of liquid into a glass from a bottle (Fig. 2A), you can only suck out from the glass as much liquid as the tiny stream allows you, no matter how hard you suck on the straw. The cap jet can only draw as much fuel in as

is provided in the well by the compensating jet. Since the flow through the compensating jet is constant, the flow through the cap jet is also constant when there is fuel in the well.



In (Fig. 3). You will see Figs. 1 and 2 combined. In this view the cap jet is surrounding the main jet forming a "compound nozzle." Combining the first straw, or jet, that gave more liquid under increasing suction, with the second straw, or jet, which gives the same amount of liquid regardless of the amount of suction creates this compound feed or nozzle. This will permit the total flow of liquid to increase only as desired by the design.

Era Christmas Ideas



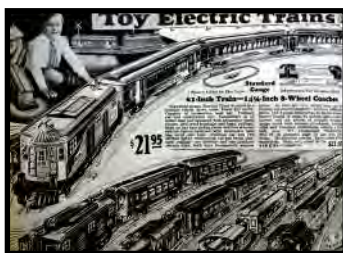
While today you might ask for Legos, back then boys and girls enjoyed many different construction types of toys, like Lincoln Logs (closest to Legos), Tinkertoys and even Erector Sets.



Loving that MP3 player or iPod?

That's how Model A era kids felt about getting a radio or portable record player!

Model Trains? Well, actually that's one thing that really hasn't changed!



Aside from wireless controls and new types of rolling stock! Model Trains aren't just for kids either, I know a LOT of grownups that play with them too even now!



Board games have been having a great comeback lately. Back then they also enjoyed great board games like this Parcheesi.

They had lot of others too, but alas, most of them have not withstood the test of time!



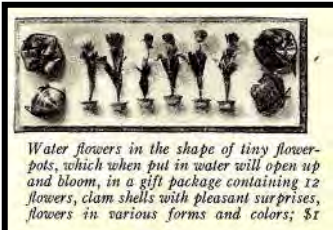
Today we have RC places and helicopters, but I bet the kid that got this "Silver Ace" monoplane was really excited that it actually flew up to 800 feet! Of course with a 30 inch wingspan, once it was up it could probably coast a long way.

Ever want a scooter? Well, so did the kids back then. Of course they hadn't figured out to make them foldup yet, but that never slowed them down!



Okay, how many of you had a "Tickle Me Elmo"? Well little kids back then had something similar in this "Funny Feller". According to the ad, "first he laughs, then he sobers his face only to burst out laughing again. See him wiggle his ears as he waddles along from side to side." I wonder how well he actually worked.

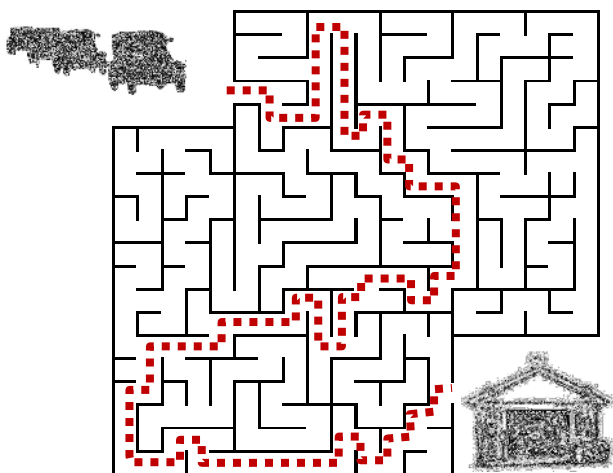
Today-American Girl Dolls; Then-Baby Dolls that said "mama".



Did you ever get any of these little capsule that grew into dinosaurs when you soaked them in water? This was the Model A era version of that toy! Soak them in water and the clam shells opened up or the flowers bloomed from flower pots.

Puzzle Answers

Model A Maze!

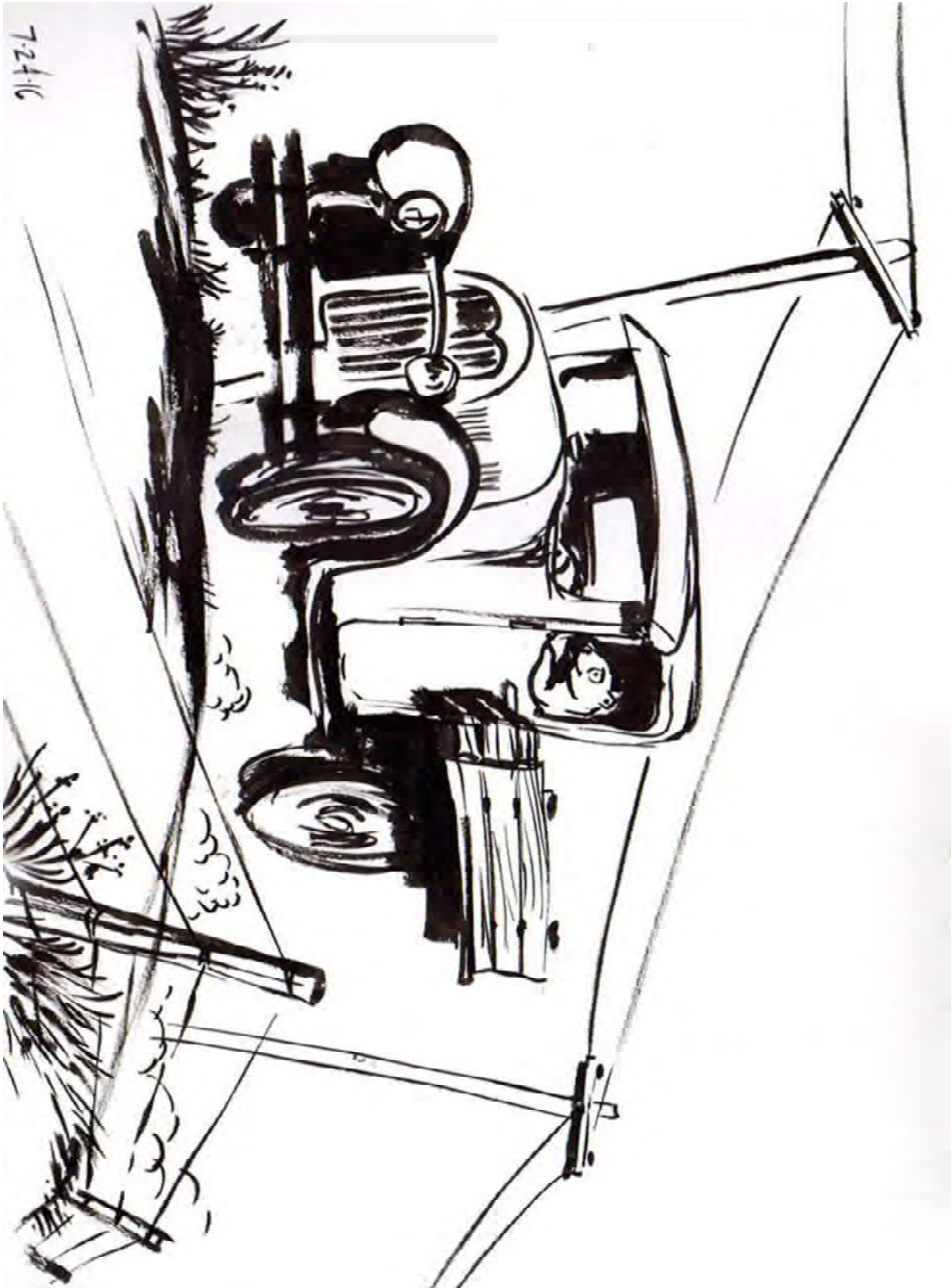


Six different things:



Here's a fun Model A pickup for you to color!

It was drawn by my Nephew Carmen as part of his "Art of Mouse and Friends" series! Have fun!



Model A Ads

You know, today many Model A owners wouldn't dream of taking their Model A out of the garage in the snow. They worry about it not being good for it or damaging it. But you know, Henry Ford did not have any hesitation about these cars and snow. Check out some of many the Model A ads that included snow scenes. Ford's point was that this car was ready for any type of conditions, not just a sunny drive in the summer country side!



Of course, like any generalization, there are those that break that mold! There are a few hardy drivers today that have no problem letting their cars out to play in the snow! Check out some of these adventurous Model A'ers!!



These two have something a little extra add to their A's for even more fun in the snow!



This guy even has a snowplow on his, although I do believe this is an AA truck. Still cool!

I've heard many stories of Rural Mailmen driving Model A's right into the 50's because of how well they handled snow and mud. Back then many roads were not paved or graveled, and the Model A spokes helped spin that mud and snow pack right off the tires!

This picture is from a 1936 advertisement. Can you see the Model A just behind the mailman? We know it's a mailman because just above the license plate on the front, it says "U. S. Mail"!



THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

Had to include this one of the Old Lady and me in the snow!



Sherry Wink



Looks like the holidays have caught up with us again! By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will be over (late on my deadline again!) and Christmas shopping will have begun in earnest. Are you ready? I'm hoping to get the Old Lady out of her garage next week and take a trip up north to my home town of Table Rock Nebraska. If I do, I need to dig out the wreath to hang on her radiator, and pull my Santa hat out of the Christmas decorations! That was something my husband loved to do and I try and keep the tradition going.

Really, in many parts of the country, it's not too cold to keep our cars running all year round. It does get cold in Missouri, but we also have some very nice days occasionally in the winter. Those are great days to take the A for a spin!

A few years ago, my husband and I were driving around at Christmas time, in the snow (wearing Santa hats too!) We actually had a gentleman walk up to us in a parking lot and tell us we shouldn't have that beautiful old car out in that kind of weather! I pointed out to him that the Old Lady was over eighty years old and had quite a lot of winter driving under her wheels. So I had no doubt she would be just fine! He had to agree I had a point.

But seriously, the Old Lady never had a problem running in the heat or the cold. If it had snowed recently and the streets were still wet, we made sure to rinse her undercarriage to wash off any salt. And of course, the manifold heater definitely helped when we made that Christmas trip to Nebraska one year in 0 degree weather!

So no matter what part of the country (or world) you are in, keep enjoying your Model A no matter what the weather. That was they were built for!

Have fun out there, and be safe. And send me some pictures of you and your favorite A's!



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 is a baby turkey called?
A) Gosling B) Poult C) Turkette
- 2) What replaced Tom on the Thanksgiving menu?
A) chicken B) Duck C) Goose
- 3) What country other than the US is mentioned in Kids and their "A's"
A) Spain B) Sweden C) Australia
- 4) What does the Carb article compare a fuel chamber to?
A) a Glass B) A bottle C) a Straw
- 5) Which toy back then was equivalent to our Legos?
A) Tinker Toys B) Lincoln Logs C) Jacks.
- 6) True or False: Henry Ford thought his cars should just be driven in nice weather.
A) True B) False
- 7) What are the kids doing in the middle Ad picture on page eleven?
A) Snowball fight B) Skiing C) Sledding
- 8) Who was driving an A in the "There is a Santa Claus" ad?
A) a Police Man B) Santa Claus C) A Rural Mail Carrier
- 9) What type of hat does your editor plan to wear soon?
A) a Bonnet B) a Cloche C) a Santa Hat
- 10) What Model A is on the coloring page this issue?
A) a Victoria B) a Coupe C) Old Blue!

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