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INDEPENDENCE DAY

BY SHERRY WINK

The morning of the fourth of July was an early one on the Sitzman farm. There was so much to be done! All the chores had to be done before tucking in for breakfast! And that was going to be a simple meal, unlike most days. Mom Sitzman had just made a big kettle of hot oatmeal for everyone, although there were hot biscuits with butter and jelly. It wouldn't be breakfast without that!

But today, no one worried about there not being much of a variety for breakfast, because today was a holiday! And the best kind of holiday, one with a big parade, followed by a huge town picnic in the square, and then a great concert at the bandstand in the middle of the square.

Everyone was in a hurry because everyone of the Sitzmans had a part to play in the day's festivities! Half of the Sitzman kids were in the school band, and they had to meet at the school at least an hour before the parade started at 10:00. And the other half were all marching in the parade somehow. The twins were dressed as soldiers to honor the brave men who fought to keep our country independent. The little ones such as Shannon and Nick were dressed in red white and blue and had flags to wave as they walked. Suzanne had wanted to dress as the Statue of Liberty, but decided it was more important to play in the marching band. Larry was not marching, but he was driving the Model A pickup in the parade. He had spent over an hour decorating it with red, white, and blue crepe paper and bunting. He had the honor of driving the oldest Veteran of

the county in the procession, Colonel Bill Pickering, who was 92 years old. He was riding in the Model A sitting in his rocking chair, and waving at everyone enthusiastically! He'd been the oldest Veteran for a few years now, so he had a lot of practice, but it never grew old for him!

Mom Sitzman had been busy in the kitchen since four o'clock in the morning, and had baskets of fried chicken ready to take into town with them. There were also plenty of cakes, pies, and cookies to add to the pot luck picnic. Grandma Roberts had been there and helped too, but she had left the night before to "get a good night's sleep" since she always claimed she couldn't sleep the night of the fourth due to all the fireworks and worrying someone was going to burn down a barn or a house. But she'll be in town bright and early to claim a prime spot to watch the parade from!

It took two cars and one pickup truck, but finally the whole family made its way to each individual's needed starting place for the parade, whether it be at the school for the band, or over behind the bank for all the little kids to gather.

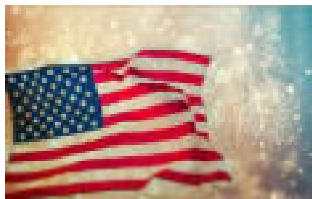
At ten-o'clock sharp, the parade started with a bang! A real bang, as old Mr. Jones shot off his small cannon to signal the start of the



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celebration! And first in line was the Color Guard of the American Legion, carrying the United States flag. Everyone stood, hats off, hand on their hearts, except for former soldiers, who saluted, to honor the flag as it went by. The band was next, proudly playing the Star Spangled Banner to start, and then every patriotic song they knew as they marched through the town. Larry slowly drove the Model A pickup among a crowd of veterans wearing their old military uniforms, with the Colonel proudly waving to both sides of the packed streets. The kids and bicycles, and other decorated vehicles followed, with cheers and waving from all!

Following the parade, the Mayor gave a short speech (too long, if you ask all the kids), Mr. Jones shot off his cannon again (a little too quick, it made the Mayor jump!) and then it was time for the picnic to commence! All the food was set out ready on long tables made of sawhorses and long planks, that had been set up in the park the night before. And the tables groaned with the weight of all the good food that had been piled on it. Tons of fried chicken, ham sandwiches, and pulled pork too. Potato salad, beans, coleslaw, and Jello salads sitting on ice. And more cookies, cakes, and other desserts that any kid could hope for! Nobody went home hungry on a day like this!

There was also lots of ice cold lemonade to be had, along with pitchers of ice tea, and ice water, all staying cool in the shade, with piles of straw helping to insulate the jugs and containers of drinks, and keep the blocks of ice longer in the hot summer heat. And let's not forget the watermelon! Kept in the ice house overnight, it was ripe and sweet, and plenty for everyone! What a treat!

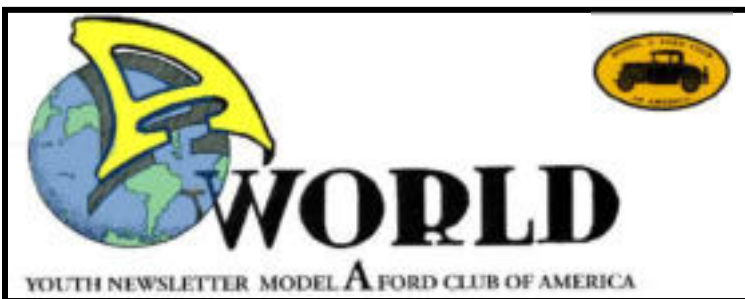
The rest of the afternoon, the whole family sat on their blanket in the park, and enjoyed the afternoon. The Sitzman kids had fun playing baseball and other games with their friends, while the adults just sat around and talked, or played horseshoes, or even took a chance to take a short nap, to make up for that early morning and large meal. The whole square was full of families doing the same thing. And at about four o'clock, the bandstand started filling up with the town orchestra for the afternoon concert. Lots more speeches filled in around lots of grand music. Between that and the noise of the kids playing, the park was finally too loud for even the most dedicated sleeper to stay sleeping. And of course, we can't forget the fireworks! Lots of snaps and pops went off all over the place all afternoon!

There was no official supper, it was just still eating the food set out for lunch, although the ladies quietly brought out

more sandwiches to add to the tables. But no one complained about there being any lack of food! Everyone was just waiting for it to get dark for the final celebration—the fireworks!

Every year, the businesses in town got together and put on a big fireworks show. They shot it off from outside of town, but lying on a blanket in the town square was the perfect viewpoint. And this year, it was another marvelous display! Mom Sitzman had to hold Nick's ears for a while, since the big booms scared him but he soon conquered his fear and enjoyed the brilliant colors, as did the whole Sitzman family, from oldest to youngest!

But, as must happen, it was finally over, and time to head home. Mom and Dad Sitzman piled some very tired kids in the back of the Tudor and the Pickup, and by the time they reached the Sitzman homeplace, only the drivers were still awake. And that only for as long as it took to climb the stairs and tumble into bed! It was a great day!



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KIDS AND THEIR “A”s!



Alex Stolis, age 4, lives in Blaine Minnesota and has been helping with the family Model A since he could walk!



Calvin, age 6 & Taylor, age 12, are from Apple Valley Minnesota. They are the 4th generation to ride in this Roadster. It was originally their great grandfather's car. It now belongs to their Grandpa, Steve Greene, shown driving.

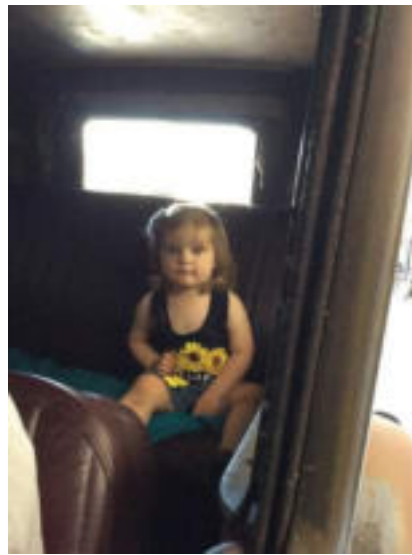
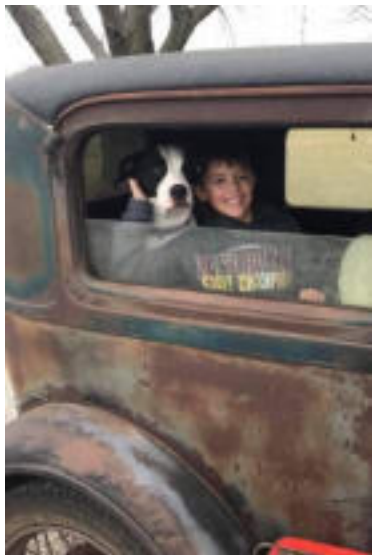


Jasper and Violet Boshart were recently visiting the Kansas City area and got to go on their first Model A ride! They went for ice cream in their Great-Aunt Sherry's 1929 Tudor, "The Old Lady."

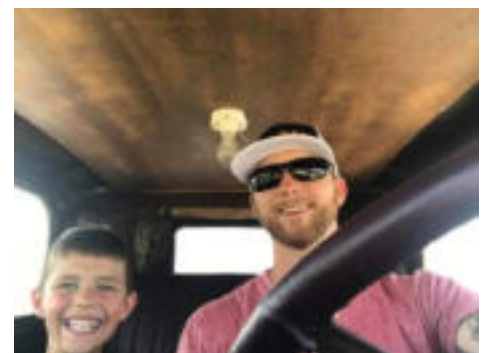
MORE KIDS AND THEIR "A"s!



Everett Carrillo, Age 3, is from San Antonio. He was visiting the Texas Tour at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Convention center In Kerrville, Texas with his grandparents, Tom and Carol Richards. And I just have to ask—is that dog and armadillo under the car? What the heck? Bet that's an interesting story!



The Stewart Family is from Seward Nebraska! Pierson, age 10 and Evaila, age 2, are enjoying their family's 1929 Tudor that their dad Will inherited from their great-grandfather. The black and white fur kid is named Blu!



AND EVEN MORE KIDS AND THEIR "A"s!



Zoe and Zack Schmitt are enjoying Don Bushart's 1929 Pickup. Zoe and Zack, as well as Don, are members of the Sullivan Trail A's, the Model A Ford Club of the northern tier of Pennsylvania and the southern Finger Lakes Region of New York.



Jim Morris, of the Sullivan's Trail A's shared these pictures of kids enjoying his A at a recent show!



SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

The Neon Gas Man has recently been restored in Menlo Iowa. But the top picture looks like they missed things compared to the bottom one. Can you find the differences? *The answers are on page 10 but don't peek too soon!*



Model A Youth Fashion

The recent Texas Tour 2019, sponsored by Lone Star Model A Ford Club took place June 13-15. It took place at the Y. O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas. This great event included a MAFCA sanctioned Fashion competition. Lynda Davis sent me pictures of these three young ladies, who were entrants, and award winners!



Bethanie Knight
2nd place
Era Image



Kinsley Lloyd
Award of Excellence
Original class
Children's



Callie Evans
Award of Excellence
Original class
School girls dress.



The fashion contestants group photo .



At the judging table.

Being Henry Ford

From Eric Sandberg

Trevor Sandberg is a 6th grade student at Fremont Elementary in Glendale, California. Every year at open house, the graduating 6th graders perform a live wax museum of famous and historical people. Each student also creates a diorama display centered around the achievements for their selected figure.

Trevor chose Henry Ford to emulate for the night and his diorama project. He studied over five books, and watched two films in preparation to make a 1:30 minute speech and one-sheet from the perspective of being Henry Ford.



He, and other students stood on chairs and attendees could walk them and push a fake button. When activated, Trevor would spring to life and talk about his (Henry Ford's) life. .



Throughout Trevor's presentation, he was completely in character. He made this diorama out of many materials to make a miniature replica of an assembly factory and an early '30s Ford dealership. He used miniature 1/32 scale Ford Christmas decoration cars on the diorama.

Trevor's grandpa, Brad Balmot, lent him authentic period clothes for the event. The sweater was over 100 years old! He was the only one in to be wearing authentic clothes.



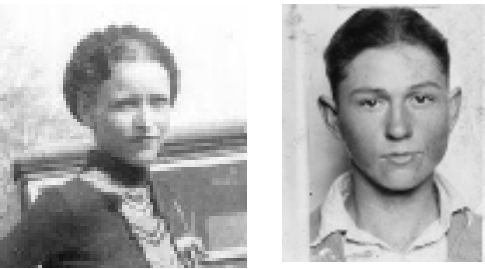
Trevor's family owns 1930 Deluxe Roadster. Trevor has let his dad know that he wants to learn to drive using this car.



Fun 1930 Facts

You know, the years 1928-1931 were not just about Model A's! Other things occurred in the world that also changed the way we live. Here's a few of them

Bonnie met Clyde for the first time. The famous outlaws Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker met in January of 1930. He was 21 and she was 19. They died in a gunfight with the law in May 1934.



The first radio broadcast of "The Long Ranger" show occurred, with the music of the *William Tell Overture* and a shout of "Hi-yo, Silver! Away!" This "masked rider of the plains" became one of the most popular and enduring western heroes of the 20th century, joined by his trusty steed, Silver, and loyal Indian scout, Tonto.



US astronomer Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto February 18th. The name Pluto was given because the dark, distant planet resembled the abode of the Greek god of the underworld.



Babe Ruth signed a 2-year contract for \$160,000 with the New York Yankees. This made him the highest paid player in baseball, a salary greater than the President of the United States was making at the time.



Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) is founded by Colonel Harland Sanders in North Corbin, Kentucky. The Colonel began selling fried chicken from his roadside restaurant during the Great Depression.



Ellen Church becomes 1st female airline stewardess aboard a United flight from San Francisco to Cheyenne. She had promoted the idea of women as stewardess to help put the public at ease about the dangers of flying



Hostess Twinkies invented by bakery executive James Dewar. He concocted the Twinkie by filling a shortcake with a sugar and cream mixture. He came up with the name based on an advertisement for "Twinkle Toe Shoes."



The 1,046-foot (319-meter) Chrysler Building in New York City, the tallest man-made structure at the time, opened to the public. The Empire State Building soon out ranked it, but it is still the world's tallest steel-supported brick building



Richard E. Byrd and the polar expedition team return to the United States following the first exploration of the interior of Antarctica



Lou Gehrig's errorless streak ends at 885 consecutive games

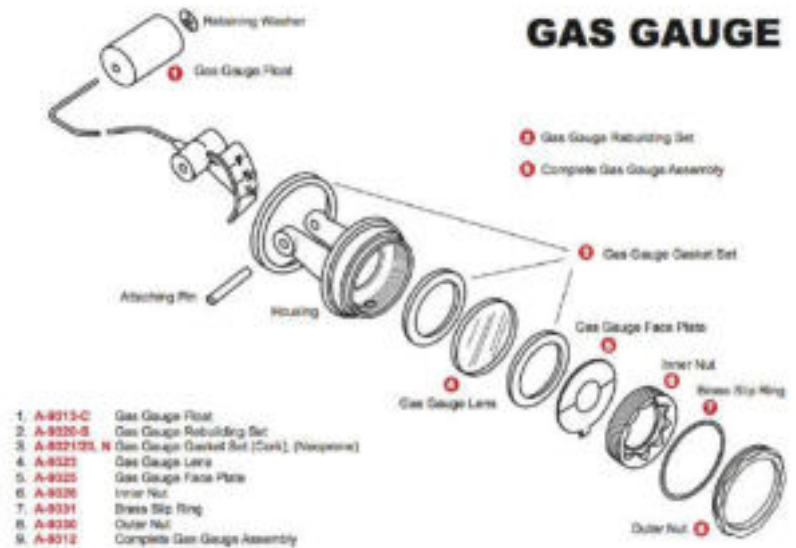


The Model A Gas Gauge

Have you looked closely at the Model A fuel gauge? Looks pretty simple doesn't it! A little window with marking showing full, 3/4, half, etc. But what else do you know about it. Did you know that the fluid you see in the window is actually gas from the tank? And that the gauge is actually attached to a rod with a cork at the end of it that floats in the gas tank to move the gauge itself? And that there are numerous nuts, rings, lens, and gaskets involved in keeping the gas from leaking out? Check out the below diagram, there are over a dozen parts involved in this process of measuring the gas in your tank!



The gas gauge in your instrument panel



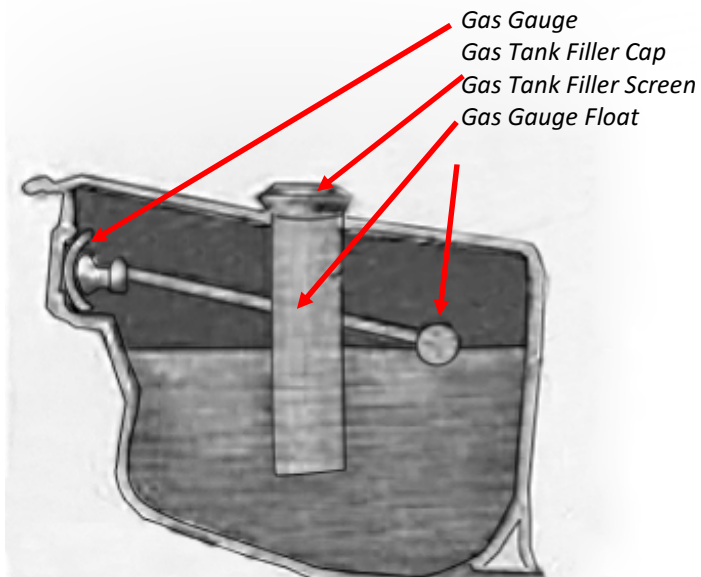
The actual gauge



The part you see from inside



The rod and cork attached to the gauge



Model A gas gauges are made to show "E" for empty when there is still about a gallon of gas in the tank. If yours doesn't, you can adjust it! Here's an easy way to check it. Make sure you do this with an adult! First, remove the gas cap and the inner screen (if still there). Make a long wire hook by straightening out a coat hanger. Reach inside the tank, and hook the float wire and lift it up gently until it touches the top of the tank. Now have someone look at the gas gauge. If it show "F", you're good! If not, use a yardstick to gently bend the float wire, until it matches. Careful now, little bends go a long way on the adjustments!

The Model A's Big Brother—the Model AA

Did you know Ford made a larger version of the Model A? It had a longer wheelbase and heavier frame but the design for both shared many common parts and materials! The AA's were work vehicles and so had plainer interiors than the Model A, but they had the same engine, carburetor, six-volt generator, and electric starter, just to name a few. It did have heavier duty components such as a bigger radiator, different gear ratios (to pull heavier loads) and different rear suspension (again, due to heavier loads). AA's had spoked wheels in 1928-29, but much heavier than the Model A. In 1930 and 31 new style slot disc wheels were used.

Here are a few pictures of AA's made for different commercial uses!



Model A Advertising

Ford AA Trucks were the work horses of the Model A era. From farm trucks to road constructions, they could be found where heavy hauling was needed.

The stake bed on this AA allowed much larger loads to be hauled on this long bed truck. The advertisements says: "This type is widely used by manufactures, contractors, and shippers, and for industrial hauling generally." It sure looks like they are using it on a very busy and active work site. It appears to be window frames they are unloading for a new building.



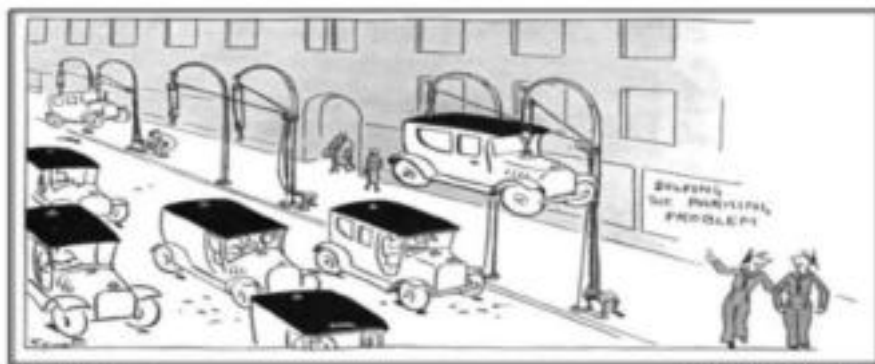
Put the Ford Truck on your pay-roll

Road construction was a fever pitch all through the Model A era, due to the ever increasing number of vehicles on the roads. Here are two AA trucks helping out with workload. Notice the truck on the right is a style of dump truck, although with a shorter walled truck bed then we are used to seeing now. The truck on the left appears to be used to haul heavy bags, probably of cement, although this seems to be a strange way to deliver that material to a road construction site! Maybe it's for that strange looking machine behind the two Ford trucks! The ad reads "Ford platform bodies and dump bodies are used extensively in highway building, general construction and excavation work. In addition, Ford dump bodies are used for hauling coal, coke, and garbage."



The Ford Truck is good hauling-value

Here's another dump body. This one appears to be full of heavy rocks. Looks like a massive construction project going on behind it, with all those wooden supports and boulders. That seems to be a large crane behind the truck loading the rocks on. Imagine when they had to do this with just man power and horse drawn wagons!



Cartoonist: Al Frost

The New Yorker, May 8, 1926

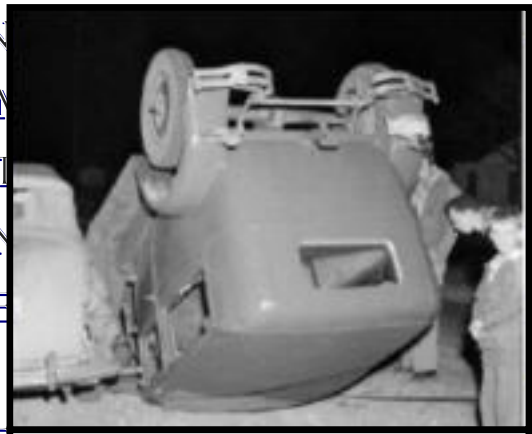
Answers to Six Different Things



A List of What Not To Do with Your Model A When You Get One!



Always check the thickness of the ice when going ice fishing. Otherwise you'll be fishing



Please don't get creative when parking. If it doesn't fit in the parking space, it doesn't fit!



If feel the need to recycle your car, this isn't the way to do it! Just put an ad in the Restorer and find a new owner that will be glad to take it off your hands!



Please don't forget to dust off your Model A once in a while! A good run on the road will blow most of that dust right off.



Repeat after me—Model A's do not float!

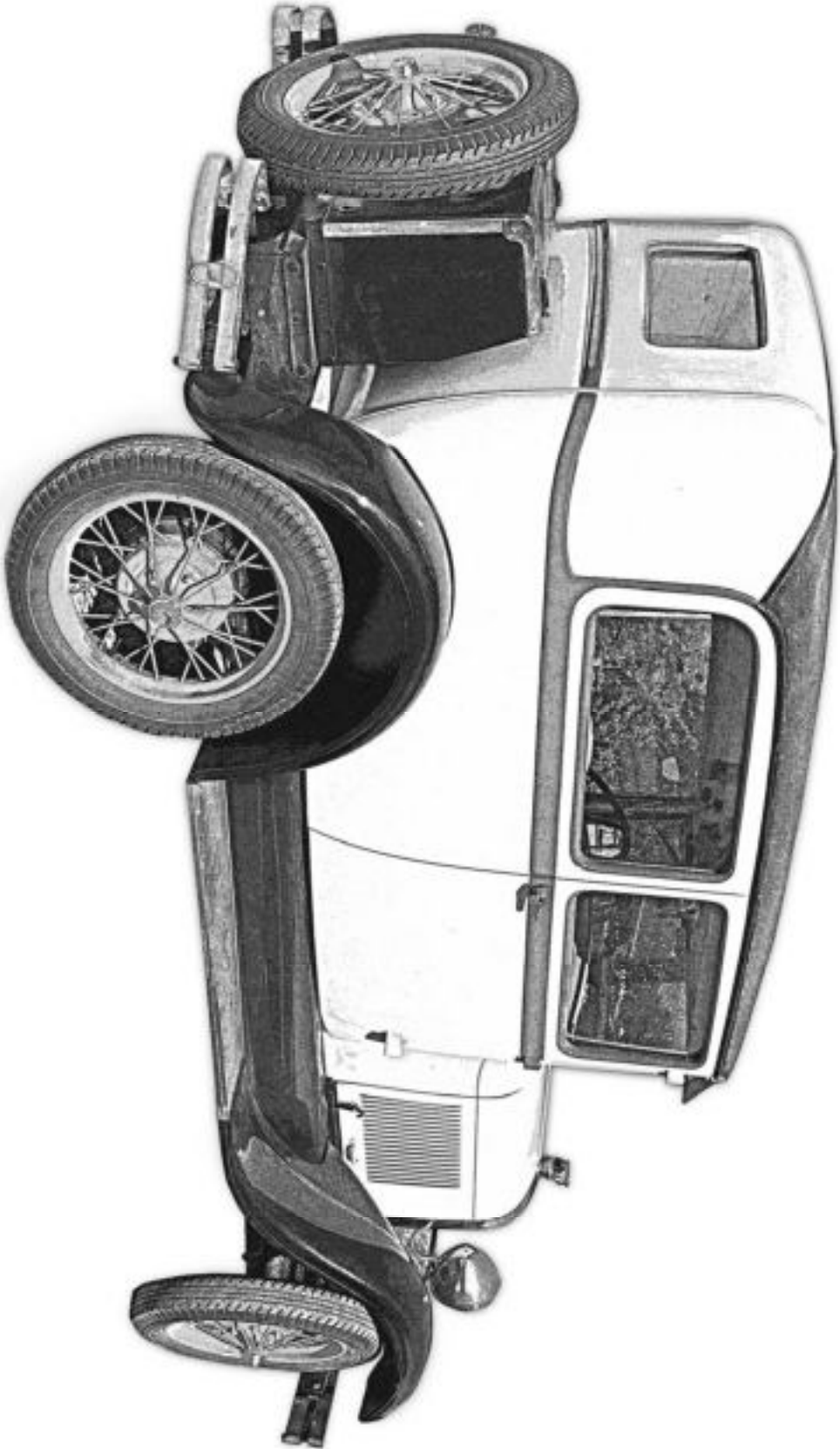


A Model A is not a good bleacher seat. Just bring your lawn chairs and let the Model A be itself. Your roof will thank you!



Please don't over inflate your tires! A little air goes a long ways! You don't want to have to use a step ladder to get in to your Model A.

This is a picture of a Model A Tudor. You can color it any color you want! Have fun!





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

What a busy year it has been so far! And much of that fun has been in a Model A! Earlier in June, a friend and I took her 29 Shay up to the Regional in Des Moines for a few days and drove the White Pole Road tour. Then, later in the month, the Old Lady and I are making appearances at Shawnee Town 1929, a museum just over the state line into Kansas. Their museum is based on Shawnee Kansas in 1929, including a working truck farm, barbershop, grocery store and more. And they are building a Dodge automotive dealership (too bad it's not a Ford dealership, but that wouldn't have been historically accurate). I go in character as Clara Ford and give rides on the museum grounds to kids and their families. We all have a good time!

I hope you are having fun in your Model A this summer also! Please don't forget to send me some pictures to share with everyone next you get to go riding in your A!

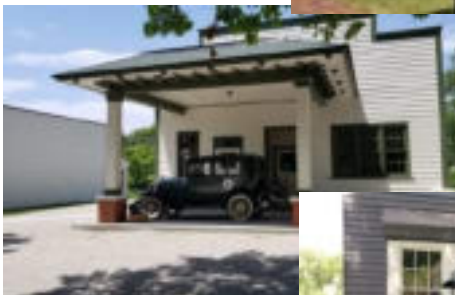


The Old Lady, me, and some of the other volunteers at Shawnee Town 1929.

The Old Lady by the 1929 Farmhouse.



The 1929 gas station currently under construction at Shawnee Town 1929.



One of my passengers last week. I provided hats for all who wanted them for the ride!



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 was the Sitzman's celebrating?
 - A) Christmas B) New Years C) Independence Day
- 2) What did Mr. Jones do for the celebration?
 - A) Nothing B) Shot off a cannon C) Sang
- 3) Calvin and Taylor are what generation to ride in their family's car?
 - A) First B) Third C) Fourth
- 4) What animal appears to be attacking Everett's Model A?
 - A) Armadillo B) Dog C) Bear
- 5) What kind of hat is young "Henry Ford" wearing on page 5?
 - A) Stetson B) Straw Boater C) Fedora
- 6) What planet did Clyde Tombaugh discover?
 - A) Pluto B) Saturn C) Earth
- 7) What is the White Rose Gasoline man doing?
 - A) Pumping gas B) Waving C) Paying
- 8) What floats in the gas tank on an original Model A?
 - A) Water B) a cork C) Nothing
- 9) AA trucks had a bigger radiator than Model A's.
 - A) False B) True
- 10) What body type is the Model A on the coloring page?
 - A) Tudor B) Fordor C) Roadster

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