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SPRING TIME

BY SHERRY WINK

It had been a long hard winter, but finally, the green was slowly creeping back over the landscape. The end of March couldn't make up its mind as to what temperature it wanted to be, but the thermometer was slowly staying up in the warm area more often than not.

Now for the Sitzman kids, that was both good and bad. It was good because, with warm weather, everything got easier. Getting up in the morning to do chores didn't mean going out in a frozen wintery storm, or slopping through mud and rain. It meant more time spent outside and not in a house filled with fourteen people. Larry considered that spending a winter in a house filled with all those brothers and sisters would make anyone go crazy if it lasted more than a few months. Even though he loved them one and all. A guy just had to have his limits!

The downside to the weather change was less but still noticeable. It was time to till the garden and get the soil ready for the spring planting. In fact, Dad Sitzman already had little seedlings started in the house that needed transplanting into the cold frame he and the boys had built down by the barn. He'd used an old window he'd bought from a neighbor. Larry and the twins had driven the Model A pickup over to pick it up and then helped build a base for it.



The cold frame kept the wind off the young seedlings, and when closed, helped build the heat to keep the temperature up on the cooler days and cold nights. By using this box, he was able to get the vegetable seedlings growing much faster in the spring than the weather would normally allow. He started some tomato plants and as a surprise, he snuck in some zinnias and snapdragon seeds for Mom Sitzman. And of course lettuce and other greens needed to get into the ground so there would soon be spring salads.



The girls were helping Mom Sitzman wash all the heavy winter bedding before folding it away for summer storage in the attic. And there was a lot of other work to do putting winter things away and pulling out spring and summer clothing and bedding. But it was outside work too, so they didn't mind.

As you can see, there was a lot of spring activity occurring at the Sitzman house, and it took all of them working together to get it all down. But somehow, no one seemed to mind. Working outside in the warm spring weather just seemed to make every job pleasant after such a long hard winter.

When the work at the Sitzman place slowed down, Mom and Dad Sitzman decided it was time to go give Grandma Roberts a hand with the same type of work at her place. Grandma Roberts was expecting them, and she had spent

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Saturday morning making the fixing for one of her favorite meals. Of course, I'm talking about fried chicken! Don't forget the freshly baked bread, mashed potatoes, and gravy from the pan drippings left after frying the chicken. When the Sitzman kid's got there, she sent a couple of the young'uns down to the root cellar to bring up some jars of green beans to add to the meal. They had helped can them last summer from Grandma's garden, and knew they would still taste as good as ever!



But Grandma had something else on her mind too. And after lunch, when she set the kids to doing chores, it wasn't just what you might have thought. No, instead, to Larry and Suzanne, she handed big long but dull-looking butcher knives. After all, it was dandelion digging time! Dandelions were Grandma Roberts favorite vegetable, and you could only dig them for a short time in the spring. You had to get them as soon as they came up out of the ground, but before the flower buds opened. Otherwise, the leaves turned bitter.

Now the rest of the kids got to help, but only Larry and Suzanne were allowed to use the knives. The rest of the kids stuffed the leaves in the baskets as the older ones dug. Then they ran the baskets back and forth to Mom Sitzman and Grandma Roberts, who carefully washed and trimmed the leaves. By the time Grandma Robert's let them stop, they had dug 3 bushels of the leaves. Grandma would spend the



entire next day finishing cooking these leaves with vinegar, bacon, and scrambled eggs! And then she canned them in jars, just like she did with the green beans, tomatoes, corn, pears, you

name it, if you could eat it, Grandma could preserve it in a glass jar!

Since the day was getting late, the whole family made another meal out of the leftovers of the noon meal. Grandma Roberts made up some of the dandelions to add to the meal, and if you were like the twins and didn't want any, why that was fine with her! It meant more for her to can and eat later, and Grandma Roberts didn't mind being a little selfish with her special greens, as she was getting a little too old to get down on the ground and dig them herself.

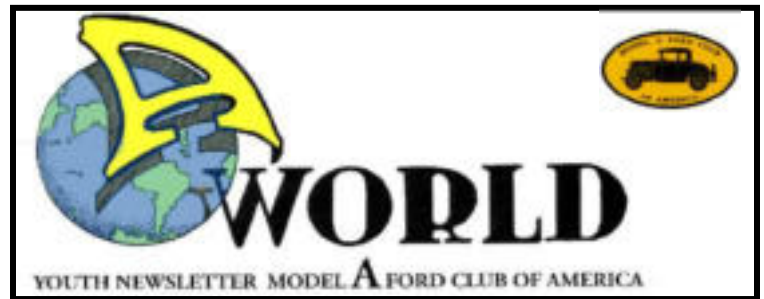
As the Sitzman family started heading out the Model A pickup and Tudor, the twins and Larry started grinning and elbowing each other. Why you ask? Well, they thought for sure that Grandma Roberts had for sure forgot the one thing about spring that none of the kids enjoyed. You see, Grandma was old fashioned about some things, and she always held that in the spring, a spring tonic was just the thing needed to throw off the effects of a long winter, stimulate the digestion and purify the blood. And each year,

she made her own. She never told exactly what was in it, but Larry knew it included sassafras roots, dandelion and violet leaves, cider vinegar, and lots of other bitter-tasting ingredients. And she insisted each and every member of the family get a very large spoonful each spring. This time, Larry and twins were sure she had forgotten it, but just then, out of the house came Grandma with the big crockery jug that held the unwanted potion.



The Sitzman kids all dutifully lined up in a row and went to take their medicine like the well-behaving kids they were. But they weren't happy about it, and each and every one of them met the spoonful of tonic with a gasp, gag, and a grimace! Even Mom and Dad Sitzman couldn't manage to keep the look off their faces as they also got a dose. And Grandma Roberts fussed at them all about being big babies who didn't know what was good for them. At least she passed around a big bowl of cookies to help get the taste out afterwards, then gave them all hugs, and waved goodbye as they drove away.

Then Grandma went inside, held her own nose, drank a big spoonful of spring tonic, and gasped, gagged, and made



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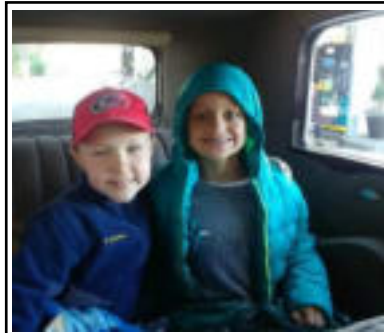
KIDS AND THEIR "A"s!



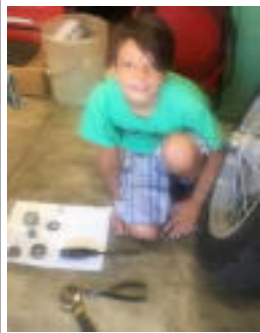
Savannah Clayton is 10 years old. She has ridden in her grandparents' Model A in the Brookside St. Patrick's Day Parade in Kansas City Missouri every year since she was a month old.



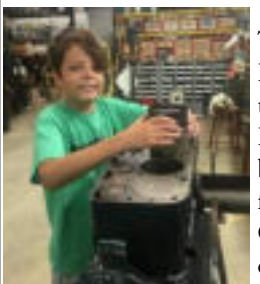
Violet Young, 6 years old, lives in Leander Texas. She loves to draw little pictures and especially on sticky notes! Here's her drawing of a Model A she recently shared with her Grandfather. Below, Violet and her sister Evie, age 10, in the back of Grandpa's Tudor.



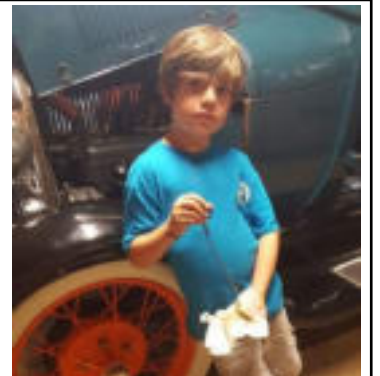
Parker Schuller is 9 years old and lives in Cary, North Carolina. His friend Sloan Beeman is 8 years old and lives in Cary also. They recently participated in their local club's scavenger hunt!



Brodie Welp lives in Charlotte North Carolina. He is the grandson of Bruce Haynes and spends a lot of time helping work on his Grandpa's Model A!



The Renaldi family, Chaz & Blaine Rinaldi, with their grandma Judy Rinaldi, top picture, on a day trip to Big Basin Redwood State park. Above left and bottom left, Blaine prepping Grandpa's car for the Kanab Utah Meet, above right, Chaz participating in History in the Park day.



MORE KIDS AND THEIR “A”s!



Alex Stolis, age 5, has been working on his family's Model A since he was "a little boy!" He lives in Blaine Minnesota.



It's a multi-generational family story with Model As. Top, Erika and Richard Brauch with their Dad Bill in 1977. Bottom, Max with Grandpa Bill a few years ago. Max is now 18 and in the Air Force!



Herb Clark held an event in his neighborhood in the St. Louis area called "A Ride to Remember." He invited the neighbors to come and ride in his Model A's. 144 people showed up to enjoy a ride!

See the article on page 7 to find out more about his work with kids and cars!

Restoring Grandfather's Tudor

Check out this beautiful Tudor. It has a long history with the Gremban family. The Model A belongs to the Jensen boy's grandfather Chris Gremban. It was purchased by his father when Chris was 14 and has been in the family for over 50 years! The last 30 years it has been sitting in a barn in Ohio. Recently, the Jensen's traveled to Ohio and trailered the Model A back to Tennessee. They have started the process of bringing the Tudor back to life. Owen Jensen, age 16 and Grant Jensen, age 14 are helping their Grandfather Chris with the restoration work. It is truly a family event!



SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This Model A is probably not as old as that cabin it's in front of. But the top picture looks like it's missing a few things compared to the bottom one. Can you find the differences? *The answers are on page 13 but don't peek too soon!*



The Archway Restoration Club

From Herb Clark
St. Louis Missouri

When I retired, I started a restoration club for seniors in Arizona. The original thought was this would be a club for seniors to work on building and restoring our own cars. We didn't have a building or meeting place. Just big dreams. Being a "Snowbird," I left Arizona in mid April of 2011 to head back to St. Louis. After being back for two days, I got a call from the Arizona Make-a-Wish Foundation. They told me of a young 15 year old boy who had cancer. He and his father were planning to rebuild/restore a 1972 Chevy Pick up. They asked if we would consider restoring it for the boy. I explained that ARC was new, we did not have a building, or any money. But after some club members looked at the truck, they decided to take on the challenge! They asked me to help raise money and they would find a place to work on it in the hot summer of 115 degrees in the Phoenix area. They pitched a tent at the local Metal Club and I began calling all the local area auto parts stores. They were very charitable!

I went back to AZ in late summer in time to be at the young man's high school annual Car Show. ARC had completed a very nice restoration on the truck. We parked it in with all the other cars at the show. When Zane saw the truck, he was shocked! I gave him the keys and it was a very emotional moment for everyone. Two local TV stations and the local newspaper were there to report on the Car Show. That night and the next day it was big news. I got calls from several companies wanting to help out. This included a new paint job, stereo system and air conditioning. All did an amazing job! The next time Zane saw his truck was when the Make-A-Wish Foundation took him to the Barrett Jackson Auction in Scottsdale. They pushed the unsuspecting Zane into the auction area where on stage (live) Craig Jackson handed him the keys to a VERY nice fully restored truck. That is what started our charitable work and ARC became a 501 C-3 club. Donations started coming in and we built a new state of the art facility dedicated to teaching kids of all ages how to restore. We also did numerous charitable activities in the area. They still do!



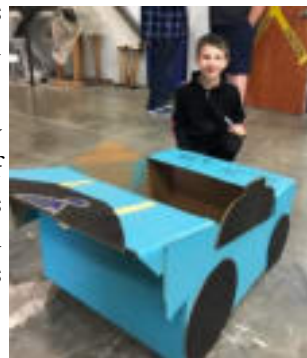
My wife and I decided to come back full time to St. Louis to spend more time with our grandkids. I decided to start another organization to use my time working to get kids (and their parents) interested in cars. Copying many of the same things we did in AZ, I called the new organization Archway Restoration Club (ARC). My entire focus has been to get "Kids of all ages" interested in cars. One event this summer was called "A Ride to Remember." (Pictures on page 4.) It was very successful and I will do it again. ARC has also put on several Cardboard Box Car Building events. The kids love it and the parents like to get in and help!

Fortunately, I have found a couple of great sponsors who have been supporting all of our events. Jim Butler Chevrolet and the Lift SuperStore have been so helpful. Jim Denny of the Lift SuperStore is the club's Vice President and is willing to help in anyway.



Archway has big plans for the upcoming year. We will continue to build cardboard box cars, shoe box cars and etc. This year we are planning a once month "Park N the Park." Instead of going to car shows, our plan is to find a new audience in the local parks around the St. Louis area. We will invite classic car owners to come to local area family parks for a picnic. ARC will furnish the food and beverages from 11:30 AM until 2 PM. We will invite park goers to sit in, take pictures, and perhaps even take a spin in a classic. We plan to do this once a month in several different parks.

ARC also has been going to car shows and furnishing a trophy for the "Kids Choice Award." The kids pick their choice of cars and THEY give the trophy to the winner! During the summer, we have seen so many kids being dragged around a car show with little interest of their own. We give them a chance to vote on their favorite car and they suddenly take a much bigger interest in the cars on display. Many parents have thanked us for making the visit to the show much more enjoyable...for the entire family.





Is There A Model A in Your Future???

*Bob Moore
President of MAYRA*

Do you like fixing things? Are you interested in seeing how things work? Do you enjoy getting your hands dirty? Do you like working with tools? Would you want to drive your own Model A when you are older? If you answered yes to each question and thought that someday you would like to work on a Model A and get it operational, the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) program may be able to help. Here is the story of one young lady who is restoring her Model A.

Brooke Lindsay is now 16 years old and lives in Vancouver, Washington. When Brooke was 14, she and her family visited her grandfather in California. Her grandfather asked her if she was interested in completing the restoration of his 1929 Model A Pickup. She and her dad took pictures of the pickup and all the parts. Brooke said her grandfather had all the parts as he had started the restoration on the frame and engine. However, there was plenty of work to be done on the gas tank, cab, and bed. She indicated that the largest expense would be the wood kit for the cab and then some missing sheet metal pieces and wood for the bed. Brooke received an award from MAYRA in 2018 and is applying again in 2020.

Last summer, her grandfather's pickup was moved to her home in Vancouver, Washington. She, her father and both uncles have been helping with the restoration. She learned some new skills... cutting out rusted door panels, stitch welding new panels in place and, using a grinder and sander.

Three challenges Brooke had to overcome:

Getting the bed on the pickup and getting all the bolt holes to line up correctly has been a struggle. They have had the bed on and off the truck many times.

Cleaning out the gas tank and sealing it and then wire brushing, sanding, and priming it.

Helping load and tie down the pickup on her dad's equipment trailer and move it to her house in Vancouver, WA.

When asked what she learned about herself, she said, " I can do anything if I put my mind to it" and "I can do anything any boy can do."

If you have the interest in restoring a Model A, it's a fun family project. See how MAYRA may be able to help. Check our website - www.modelarestorationaward.org/ .



Another Livingstone Grandson is driving his Grandfather's Model A Ford

Gwen Livingstone
Member of Model A Restorers Club of Australia
Model A Ford Club NSW

Colby was only 3 years old when his Grandfather Michael passed away. This year, on the weekend of his Grandfather Michael's Memorial run, Colby, age 16, had his first drive of a Model A Ford.

Colby is the son of our youngest daughter Amanda, and her husband Michael Owen. He is 16 years old and is on "L" Plates. "L" plates are Learner Plates in Australia. You must be at least 16 and pass the Driver Knowledge Test in order to earn this learner's license. Colby had his first driving lesson in the 1928 Ford Tudor and then the 1928 Model A Ford Station Wagon.

The Tudor looked great with "L" plates on the car. Guided by his mother Amanda, Colby was soon double clutching and shifting the gears in the Tudor, and was able to drive around the block a few times. It was very hot that day, 42°C (107°F), so the Tudor was put into the shed to cool while the Woody took a turn. The "L" Plates were put on and with Amanda's guidance Colby drove the Woody without any problems.

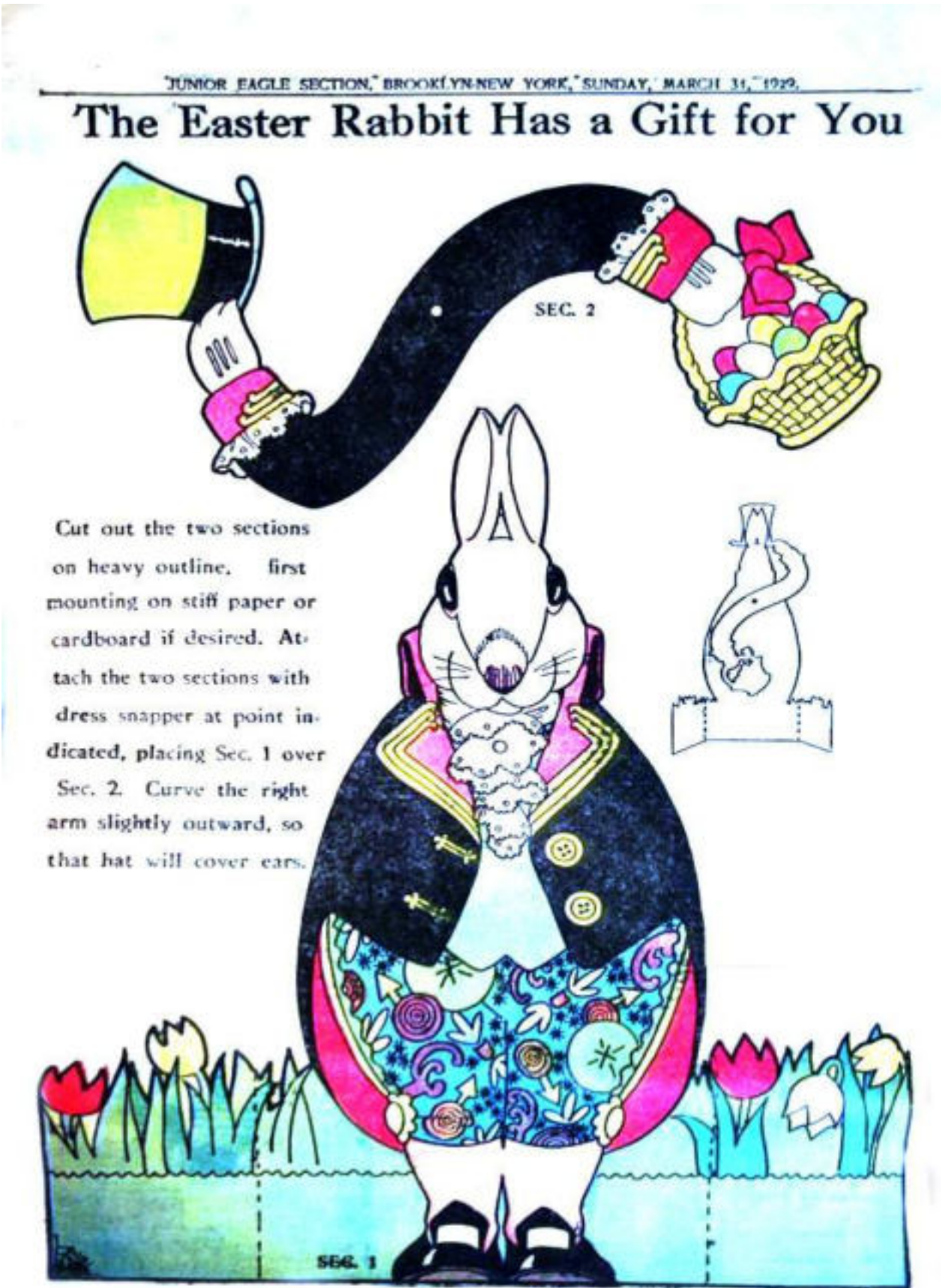


Even though they are both 1928 Model A Fords, they are quite different to drive.

The Woody has now had "L" Plates on for three of the seven grandchildren. It is great to see they are continuing driving these old cars. It is a great heritage we have left our children and grandchildren; "The Love of cars"



Kids in the Model A Days had a magazines and newspaper sections directed specially towards them with stories and games provided each month. Here's a fun Easter toy from one of those kid sections! If you want to try this, print this page out on cardstock and then cut it out. Where it says to use a "dress snapper", you can use a paper brad instead!

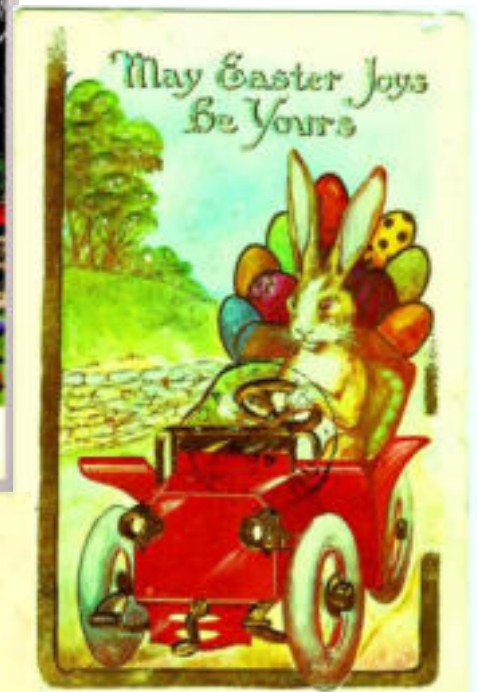


Happy Easter!

Here are a few old Easter Cards from way back when. Cars were new in the early 1900's so they became a popular design for holiday cards.



This is Hallmark card from 1929! It was very unusual in its day, as the wheels were riveted on and turned.



Model A Advertising

Ford was not shy about bragging about the changes they had made from the Model T to the Model A! This advertisement was all about the new motor and the new materials used to make it, and the accuracy of manufacturing this new engine.

This ad talks about the design of the cylinder head, the direct gravity gasoline feed, the newly designed carburetor, the new hot-spot manifold, chrome silicon alloy valves and aluminum pistons. Not to leave out the dynamically balanced crankshaft and flywheel and the electrical ignition.

They also point out the careful craftsmanship used in making the engine. The diameter of the piston pin was accurate within .0003 inches. The weight of the pistons were not to exceed +/- 2 grams of 17 7/8 ounces. In today's world, this doesn't seem that remarkable, but in the early days of automobiles, when parts were made individually for each vehicle, this was a big deal indeed!

THE NEW FORD HAS A REMARKABLE ENGINE

Value of simplicity of design shown daily in outstanding smoothness, acceleration, speed, power, reliability and economy. Low-priced car should not be complicated.

THE engine of the new Ford represents a new development in modern automobile engineering. It is unique in design and performance, giving unusual smoothness, acceleration, speed and power without sacrifice of reliability and economy.

Ford engineering has found the way to include every essential feature of good performance without the necessity of a high speed, complicated motor.

The design of the cylinder head is just one factor in this performance. Others are the direct gravity gasoline feed, the specially designed carburetor, the new hot-spot manifold, the carefully planned large valve diameter, the chrome silicon alloy valves, the aluminum pistons, the statically and dynamically balanced crankshaft and flywheel, and the simplicity of the electrical, ignition, cooling, lubrication and fuel systems.

Engine mounting reduces vibration

Of special importance is the manner in which engine vibration is absorbed before it reaches the chassis of the car, thereby preventing unpleasant vibration periods.

This is done in the new Ford through the introduction of a flexible frame coil spring that is both simple and practical—a truly remarkable improvement in engine mounting developed after many months of testing and experimenting.

Quality of materials and careful workmanship also have a great deal to do with the consistently good performance of the new Ford.



In the new Ford, for instance, the diameter of the piston pin is held within three thousandths (.003) of an inch. An equally close limit is followed in the hole into which the piston pin is fitted.

The weight of the chrome silicon alloy pistons is set at 17 7/8 ounces. No piston is permitted to come under this weight nor exceed it by more than 2 grams.

In the piston assembly, consisting of piston, connecting rod, pin and spring retainer, the four assemblies in each motor must match in weight within a limit of 5/16 grams. Every piston assembly must meet the weight of the other assemblies in the set within approximately 1/4 of an ounce. Main and connecting rod bearings on crankshaft are held true to within three one-thousandths (.003) of an inch.

Unusual accuracy of manufacturing methods

It is of course almost impossible to conceive of measurements so close as these. They are achieved only through the finest precision gages in the hands of expert workmen. The master blocks by which these gages are set are accurate to the almost incredible limit of a millionth of an inch.

The new Ford is distinguished by the fine, graceful engineering in lines and the beauty of its work. With our living economy, it has proved a new way to automobile styling. Here here is the new Ford Customer of the most popular of the new Ford cars. With complete details see it included in standard appearance.

All of this care and accuracy is an indication of the fundamental thoroughness of Ford manufacturing methods. If a part should be made accurate to a limit of .0005 of an inch, it is made .0005 of an inch. Margins of profit in such accuracy is small.

Expensive therefore is the quality of the new Ford. You can get but a part of it with your eyes. Beneath the hood are countless invisible values. Summed up, they count for more than any one spectacular feature.

Because of the value that it is in, the new Ford is more than just a new automobile. It is a part of the life, the progress and the prosperity of the country. Our policy has always been to see that you get the very best materials—the most careful workmanship—the soundest design that can be built into a low-priced automobile.

Today, more than ever, the new Ford is the stillness of that steel.



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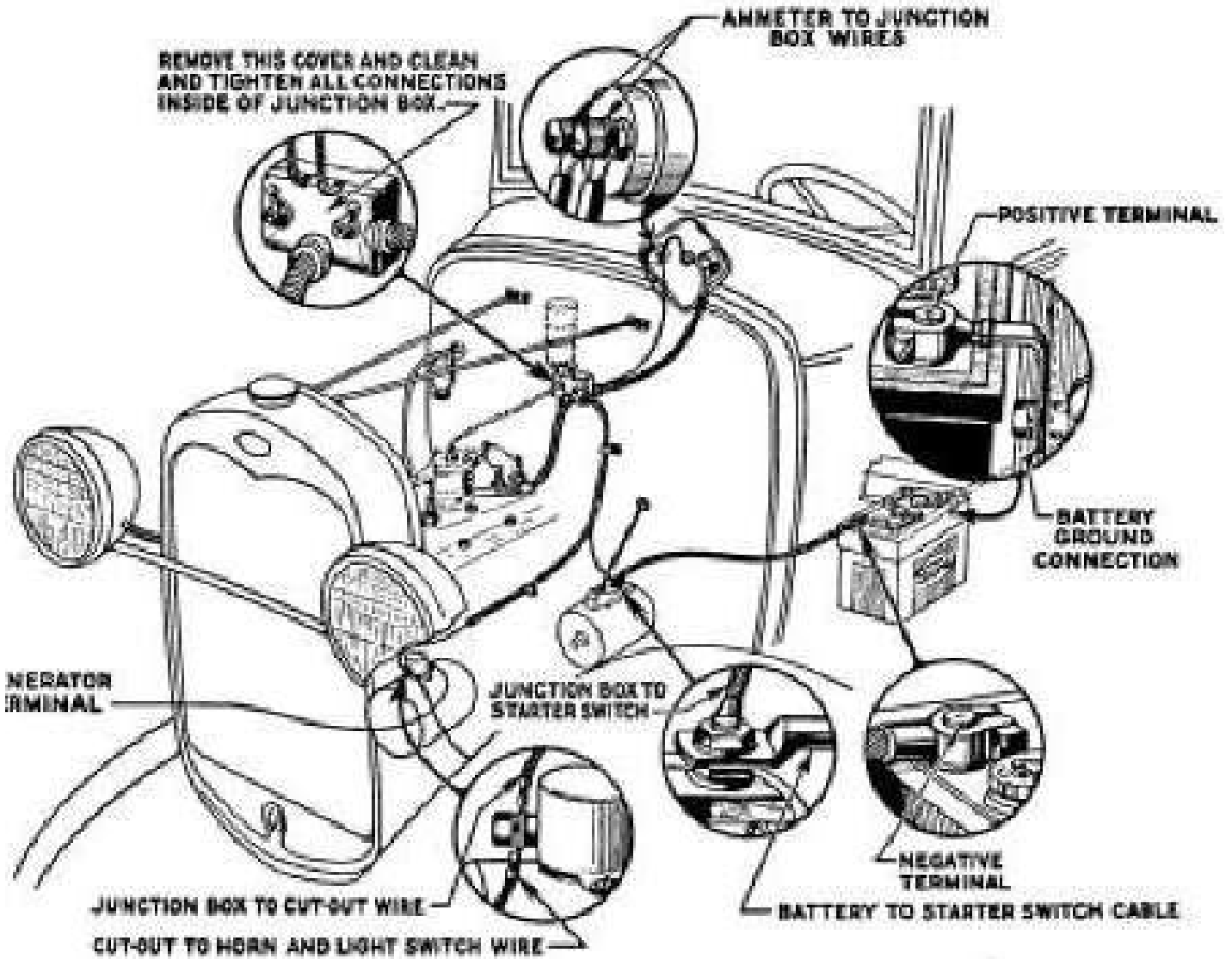


Beautiful low floor
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Remarkable acceleration
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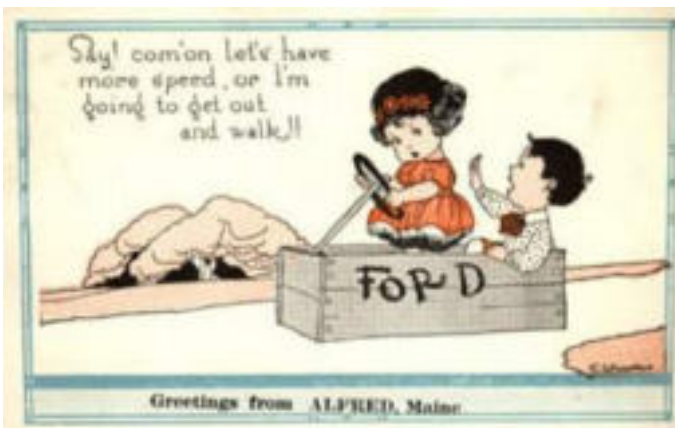
Price of the new Ford—Roadster, \$410; Tourer, \$460; Sedan, \$475; Business Coupe, \$515; Coupe, \$515; Sport Coupe, with running gear, \$530; Junior Sedan, \$575. (MSD prices F. O. B. Detroit.) General Credit Company Plan of Three Payments.

Model A Wiring

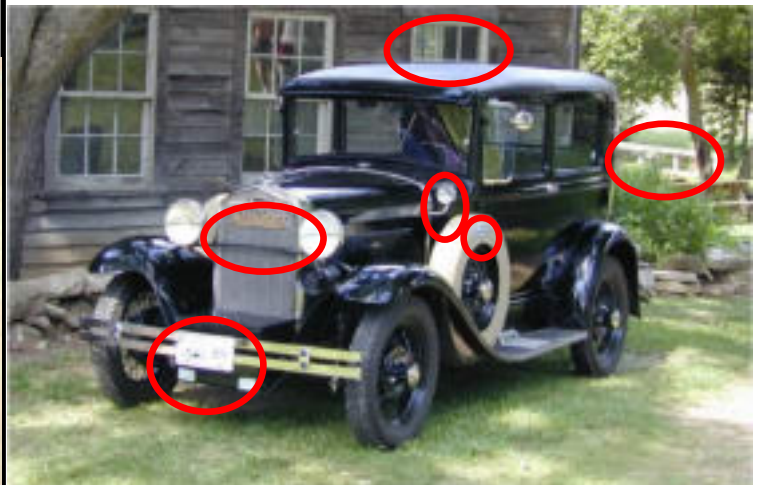
The original wiring for Model A's was a 6 volt system. Here's a diagram showing how the wiring was run. This diagram is interesting as it shows exactly where it goes under the hood, not an actual wiring diagram like I've usually seen.



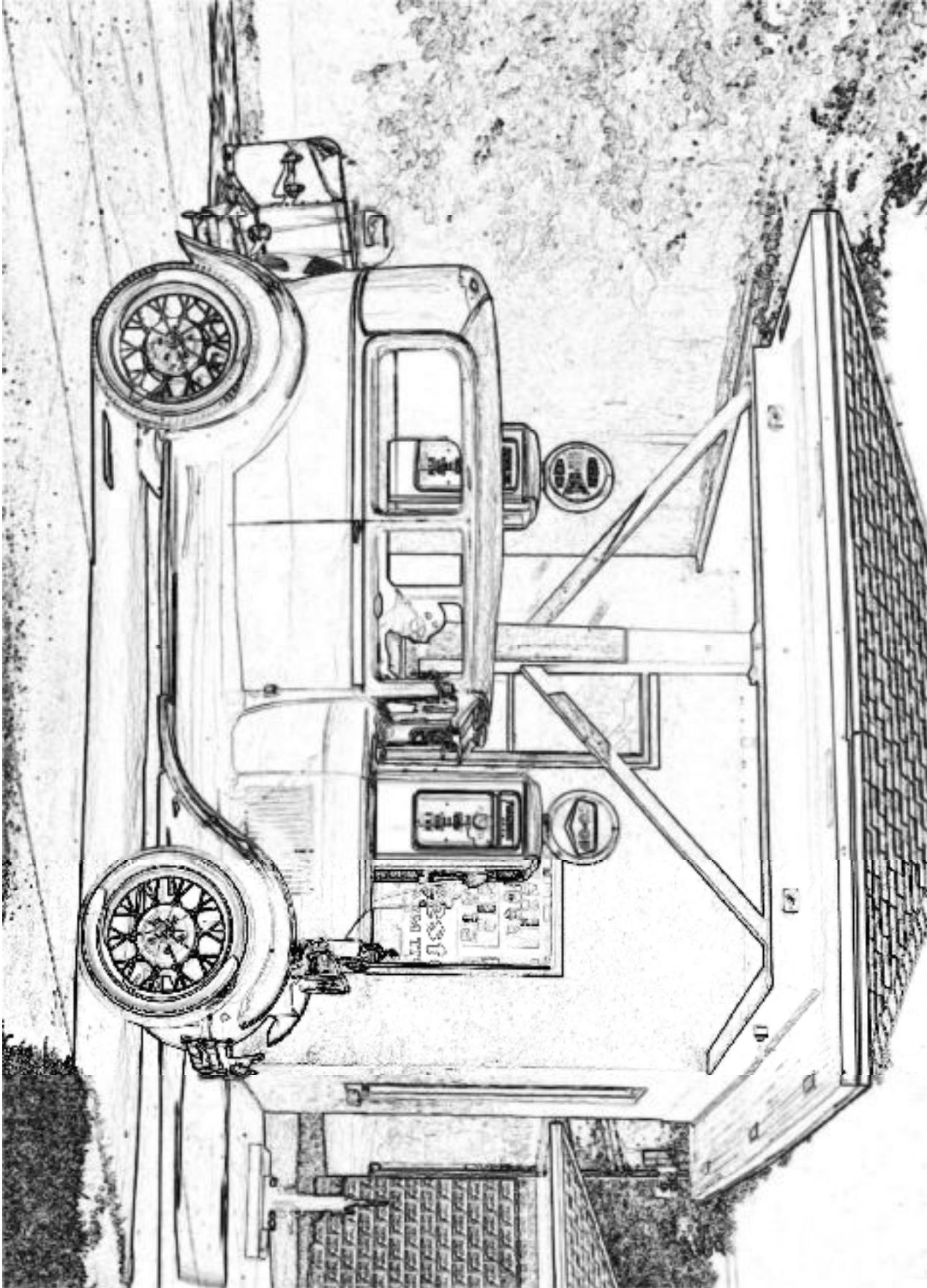
An antique postcard!



Answers to Six Different Things



Here's a picture of a 1929 Tudor at a 1928 gas station . This car is two toned green but you can color it any color you want! Have fun!





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

Well, the Model A season is not starting off well here in my part of the country! All the tours and events have had to be cancelled due to the medical stay-at-home orders. So that means I have to spend more time with my Model A books, websites, and newsletters. But hopefully, it will be just a short time before we can get our cars back on the road!

The Old Lady was laid up in the garage all winter with a bad exhaust manifold, but my brother Richard pulled her out and got her all fixed up just in time to get parked again! There were a few other issues he found and fixed too, so she's in better shape than ever. If the weather warms up, I'll probably take her out just to get out of the house. I have several family members sharing the isolation with me so I think they'd be ready to get out too! And it should start warming up soon here in southwest Nebraska, at least a few days here and there!

In the meantime, if you get your cars out on the road, send me pictures and stories! I think A-World is always much more interesting when there are stories from others being shared, not just me scratching my head to figure out what to put in all that space. If you read the rest of the newsletter first, you see that we have a lot of great submission this quarter! And I really appreciate that so much! It's great to see all you kids and families enjoying our wonderful Model A's and I hope you keep sharing with me!

Happy A'ing!



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 was Grandma Roberts favorite spring harvest?
 - A) Lettuce B) Green Beans C) Dandelions
- 2) What flower did Dad Sitzman plant in the cold frame?
 - A) Zinnias B) Snapdragons C) Both of these.
- 3) What is Violet Young's favorite type of drawing paper?
 - A) Sticky notes B) tablet C) printer paper
- 4) What state does Alex Stolis live in ?
 - A) Missouri B) Minnesota C) Maine
- 5) What style of Model A are the Jensen Boys working on?
 - A) Coupe B) Tudor C) Pickup
- 6) What does MAYRA stand for?
 - A) Model A Yes Really Aged
 - B) Model A Youth Restoration Award
 - C) Nothing—it's nonsense!
- 7) The Archway Restoration Club is based in what city?
 - A) St. Louis B) New York C) Phoenix
- 8) What is an "L" plate stand for in Australia?
 - A) Lazy B) Lost C) Learner
- 9) What part of the Model A was promoted in the ad on page 12? .
 - A) The Chassis B) The Engine C) The Tires
- 10) The Ammeter is part of the wiring diagram of a Model A—true or false?
 - A) True B) False

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