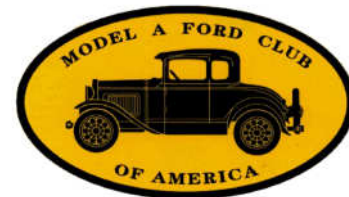




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FAMILY EASTER

BY SHERRY WINK

The Sitzman Family was looking forward to a special Easter this year! It was the first time in a long time that big sister Sharla was going to be able to make it home for Easter. Since marrying Carmen, she had moved to the big city and it was difficult to find time to get home, especially since baby Christopher had been born.

Christopher was now four years old and all the Sitzman kids were proud of being Aunts and Uncles, even Nick who was wasn't much older than his nephew! Each and every one of them had plans on how they were going to spend time with Chris, although some of those were not quite realistic. Larry had decided it was time for Chris to learn to climb trees, and the twins wanted to take him bike riding. But the most realistic plans were being laid for Saturday, from who was going to get to sit by Chris, to who was going to help him find the Easter eggs vs. who was going to hide them! Mom Sitzman just listened quietly and smiled, but she knew such plans were not likely to survive one the weekend started!



Finally, the big day arrived, the Saturday before Easter. The Model A Fordor crunched up the gravel driveway, with the ahooga horn a blaring. The whole family surrounded

it, with the kids yelling and hollering, and Mom and Dad Sitzman standing back, but with big smiles on their faces. Grandma Roberts was there too, no one was going to stop her from seeing her first great-grandchild anytime she could!

The first business of the day was to feed everyone lunch. After the long trip from the city, Sharla and her family were ravenous, and it had been a while since they had gotten to enjoy Mom Sitzman and Grandma Roberts' cooking. So a meal of fresh fried chicken, fluffy mashed potatoes with pan made gravy, and jars of green beans from the cave hit the spot with everyone! Add in some of Grandma Roberts' deviled eggs and Mom Sitzman's apple pie, and no one left the table hungry!

The highlight of the afternoon was the Easter egg hunt. The kids spent a happy few hours dying boiled eggs, and also the empty shells that Mom Sitzman had collected by making scrambled eggs every morning for a week. Poking a hole top and bottom of the egg, she had all the kids helping blowing the egg out of the shells into a bowl. It was fun to watch the little kids with their cheeks puffed out and their eyes bulging as they tried to compete with the older ones who could do it in one quick burst of air!

Larry, Dad Sitzman, and Carmen all went out a little early after lunch to hide the eggs while the rest of the kids waited anxiously. Mom Sitzman kept them occupied and away from the windows by having them help dig out various baskets and bucket to collect the eggs in.

Finally, it was time for the hunt to begin!! Dad Sitzman had all the kids line up on the porch, cautioned the big kids to watch out the little ones and then counted off.

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1...2...3... GO!

And off they went, across the yard and behind the barn, all around the house, everywhere they could think of that an egg might be hidden! Now, for the little guys like Chris and Nick, Dad Sitzman had made sure to hide plenty in full site. The big kids knew to leave those for the babies, they were after the harder to find ones. They had their pride after all!

Larry had been very creative in hiding the eggs this year. Up in tree branches, up the gutters, even a yellow hollow egg sitting atop an early daffodil. That one



was missed by more than one kid before Shannon's sharp eyes finally discovered it, and she swooped in with a delighted yelp!



Chris and Nick were just frantically running around, whooping with joy every time they found another egg. Their baskets were overflowing and eggs started spilling to the ground, but they were too busy to notice. So Larry started grabbing those eggs, racing around the oblivious boys and hiding them ahead of them for them to find them again! He even started sneaking up behind them and stealing eggs directly from their baskets, and they never caught on! The adults were all standing on the sidelines, laughing at the antics!

As the rest of the eggs were found, the other kids joined in the group on the sides, laughing as Chris and Nick continued to find their seemingly endless supply of Easter eggs. It came to an end when Larry was finally caught stealing from Chris' basket and Nick fell down laughing as he realized what had been going on. He let Chris in on the joke, and both boys had a good belly laugh as they picked up the last few eggs and finally admitted to being done.

Once the hunt was done, the kids took all their eggs and put them in the middle of the yard and took turns comparing their favorites. More than a few of the boiled eggs were eaten during this session, as most of them had worked up an appetite with all the running around. Quite a few of the hollow eggs did not survive the frantic throwing of eggs in the baskets. The ones that did were then promptly disposed of by the kids running around smashing them on each other's heads. It was a family tradition! Even Mom and Dad Sitzman each smashed an egg on each other, with lots of laughter involved. Grandma Roberts just stood to one side and insisted she was too old for all that nonsense, but it was obvious she really wanted to join in the fun, and finally, when Larry got a little too close, she couldn't help herself.



Larry was astonished to find his head covered with shell from an such an unexpected opponent!

As the afternoon drew to a close, it was to feed everyone again. This time it was big ham sandwiches on fresh toasty bread, with lots of vegetables and of course, boiled eggs! As everyone was happily lined up after washing their hands, Richard and Robert, the twins, yelled for the little kids to come look out the window! And would you believe it, there across the back yard hopped large white rabbit! It was the Easter Bunny, just finishing up his rounds! At least that's what the little kids believed with all their hearts!

The grownups and older kids just looked on disbelieving. Only the twins knew that the rabbit was the pet of their friend Junior down the road, and that the three of the boys had spent the last month teaching Bugs that if he hopped across the



yard, there would be great treat waiting for him on the other side of the fencerow! And as Bugs aka the Easter Bunny hopped out of sight to the sound of kids yelling and laughing, the twins looked at each other with a twinkle in their eyes, and silently agreed that this was one of the best tricks they had ever pulled off!

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KIDS AND THEIR "A"s!



Joe and Cheryl Linneman gathered up their grandkids Ryland age 7, Grayson age 5 and Adalyn age 2, for this Christmas shot with their 1930 Ford Deluxe Coupe. The family lives in Minnesota.



Juan M. Villagrana, age 4 and Jonathan Medina, age 10 year live in Novi Michigan and love their Tudor! As you can see, they are already practicing for when they can drive it!



Jase Bush, age 2, lives in Fayetteville Tennessee and can't wait until he can take their Model A on the road with him behind the wheel!



Lily Owns, age 2, lives in Mendon Michigan and already had big plans for their Model A. Practice has begun!

KIDS AND THEIR “A” PAGE 2



Levi Cain, age 6, lives in Michigan. The family just recently bought their Model A truck, and he also is already working on getting behind the wheel!



Brody, age 5, is well on his way to being a Model A mechanic!



Cora Mueller dressed as “Cindy-Lou Who” in this Christmas parade. Her little sister Ronnie rode in the front, and the whole family participated as gifts!



Cadence Schaefer, age 5, and Camryn Schaefer, age 3 live in Creston, Iowa.

Model A Youth Month!

By Jim Lank

Hey, check this out! Do you know you have a whole month dedicated to YOU? Well, okay, it is a pretty new thing, but the Model A Youth Restoration Award program has made the month of MAY your month – Model A Youth month! If you read A-World, you probably know someone who owns a Model A Ford -maybe your parents or your grandparents. And you probably love that old car – the sound of the motor, the smiles from folks you pass by, the gyrations to start it up!

This May, share your love. Grab a friend or two and set it up with the Model A owner to take you guys out for a ride. Go get a Big Mac or a Fro-Yo (make sure you finish the Fro-Yo before you get back in the car!) and point out to your buddies the things you find wonderful about the car. You be the guide. And fellas, it's not just for boys only. Let's share the happiness with the girls! MAY is your month! Celebrate the magic of the Ford Model A with young people all around the world! *(Below, a random selection of many happy kids from last years' issues of A-World-too many to include all!)*



Skyler Lynch from Virginia



Billy from Colorado



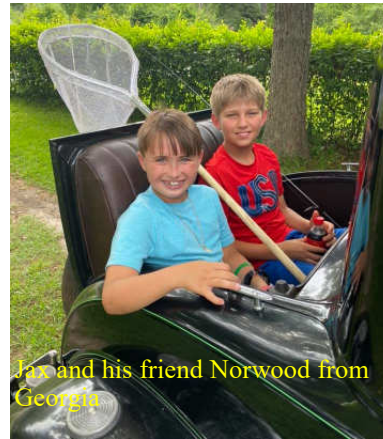
Jacob Hawkins from New Zealand.



Johnny Rob Morgan, Montana.



Levi and Silas Cain from Michigan



Jr. and his friend Norwood from Georgia



Ethan Hebert from Texas



Morgan Eggers from New York



Jintel and Rune, from the Netherlands.



Ivy, Willow, and Denver Baemel from Ohio



Lochlan and Lily from Australia



Kory G Kom Canada.



Jackson Quesnel



Kaisen Lutey from Michigan



Agostina Camejo from Argentina!



Owen and Penelope White from Canada



Sam, Henry, and Mitchell, and friends, in Indiana.



Taylor, Avery, Rode, Laurita in Minnesota



Alex Stoliz from Minnesota.



Brayden Ostby, from Michigan.

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

These cars are visiting a 1928 gas station in Julian Nebraska. But the top picture looks like it's lost a few details compared to the bottom one. Can you find the differences? *The answers are on page 12 but don't peek too soon!*



This Lady Wants to Drive a Model A! - Sydney's Tudor

Sydney Thompson, 8 years old, lives in Palmdale California and is not shy about telling you how much she likes the family's 1929 Model A Tudor! It's been in the family since the early 2000s when her grandpa got it. In 2021, when Sydney's family moved to California, he gave it to them knowing it would be able to be used more in the California climate than it would in Wisconsin.

At first, Sydney just loved going for rides. A favorite memory is when they were driving at the mall. She says they didn't stop, but they were showing off, and if someone waved, they would ring the bell or give a thumbs up!

Sydney says she loves sticking her hand out the window and letting the air run through her hand and smelling the air. She says she feels "free" doing this. One of her favorite tours was a ride through Bouquet Cannons in southern California. When asked why she loves the Model A, Sydney just says she loves everything about it, but especially the color, and the big back seat where she can take a nap!

Shortly after bringing the Model A home, Sydney's dad James caught her sneaking outside to clean out the car, just to be able to be in and around it. So, he decided to see how she would do actually working on it by having her help with an oil change. Sydney took to it like a pro. He says the only thing he really had to do was break the drain plug free, and she spun it off to the last few threads. They worked together on the project, with him showing her each step. After seeing how she was so interested in doing the oil change, her parents went out and bought her a pair coveralls for future repairs.

Sydney has recently helped rotate tires and helped change the differential and transmission fluids. She is also eager to learn how to drive it but has a few years before she can actually take it on the road. But she is not shy about telling you what she has learned so far: "I know how to ring the bell, I know how to turn off and on the gas valve, I know how to turn off and on the keys, I know how to shift it with my dad's hand on top of mine. The shifter makes my hand tingle, and it feels like bugs crawling up my arm!" When asked where she would go first if she could drive it, she quickly answered "McDonalds!"

It should surprise nobody that Sydney plans on the Tudor becoming HER car when she gets her license at sixteen!



A Real Family Project Continues!

The Lutey Family, from Marquette, Michigan is still working on amazing restorations projects! “Papa” Dick (great grandpa), Granddad Tim, and Grandson Kaisen, age 3, are pretty much through with the Model A Woody we featured in the 2nd Quarter 2021 A-World. Now they have moved on to “new” projects.

One of these projects is restoring a wood canoe to carry on the roof of the 1929 Woody. He actually cut three feet out of the middle to make it more manageable on the Model A. It will be sanded and varnished and will be completely usable! Kaisen and his granddad have been stopping by as often as possible to help with the work.



1929 Woody's restoration is complete

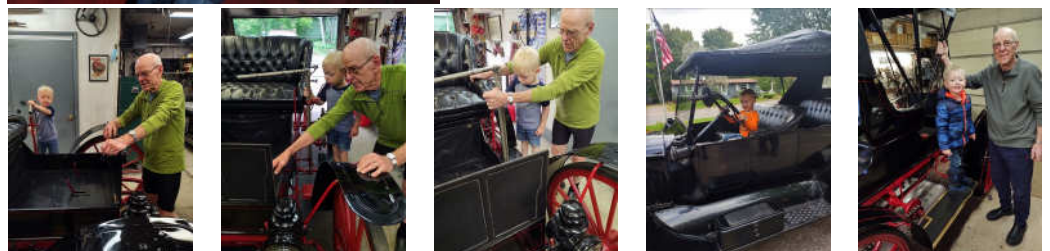
As with many families, the love of old cars goes beyond just Model A's. The family also owns a 1923 Model T, and two Sears cars. One has been in the family 40 years, but they just recently acquired a new 1909 model. Papa Dick has been working polishing it up and doing needed repairs and improvements.



Working on the trunk lid for the Sears



Kaisen, Papa Dick, and Granddad Tim taking a ride!

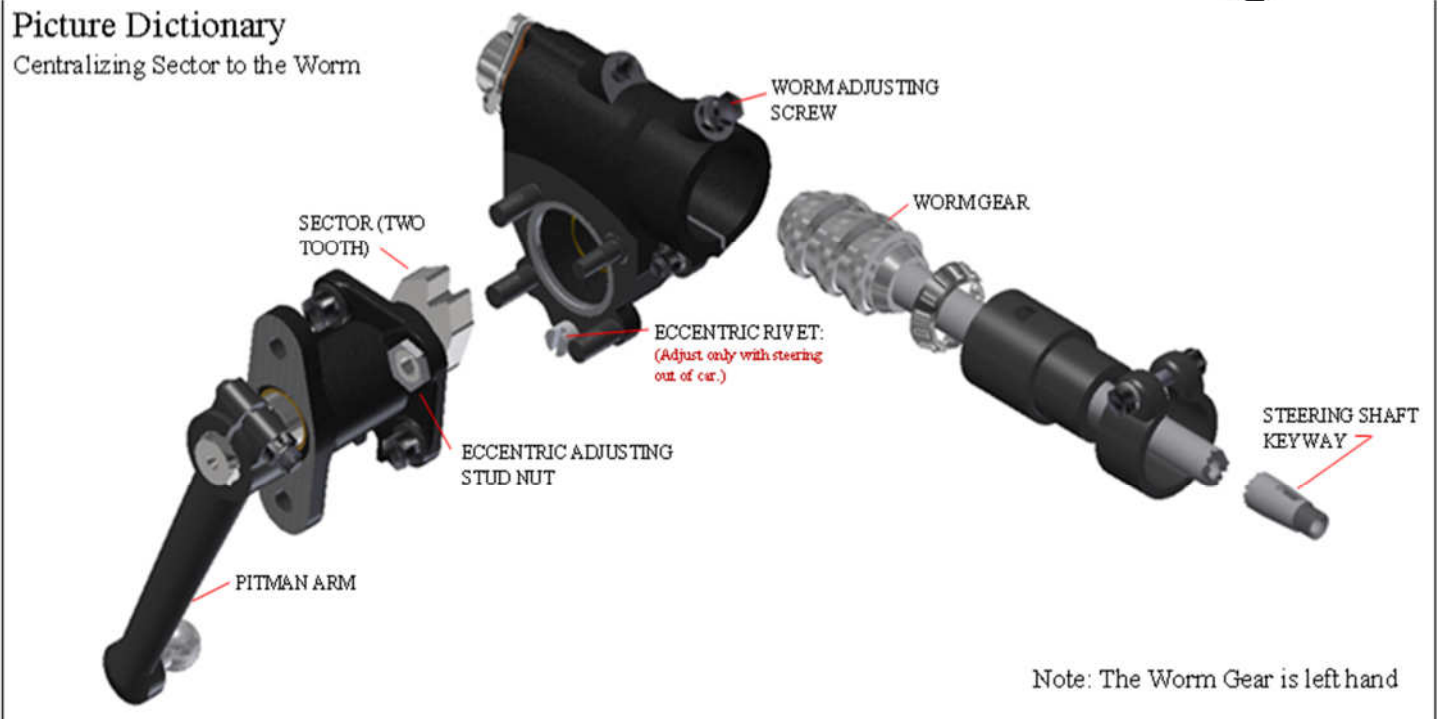
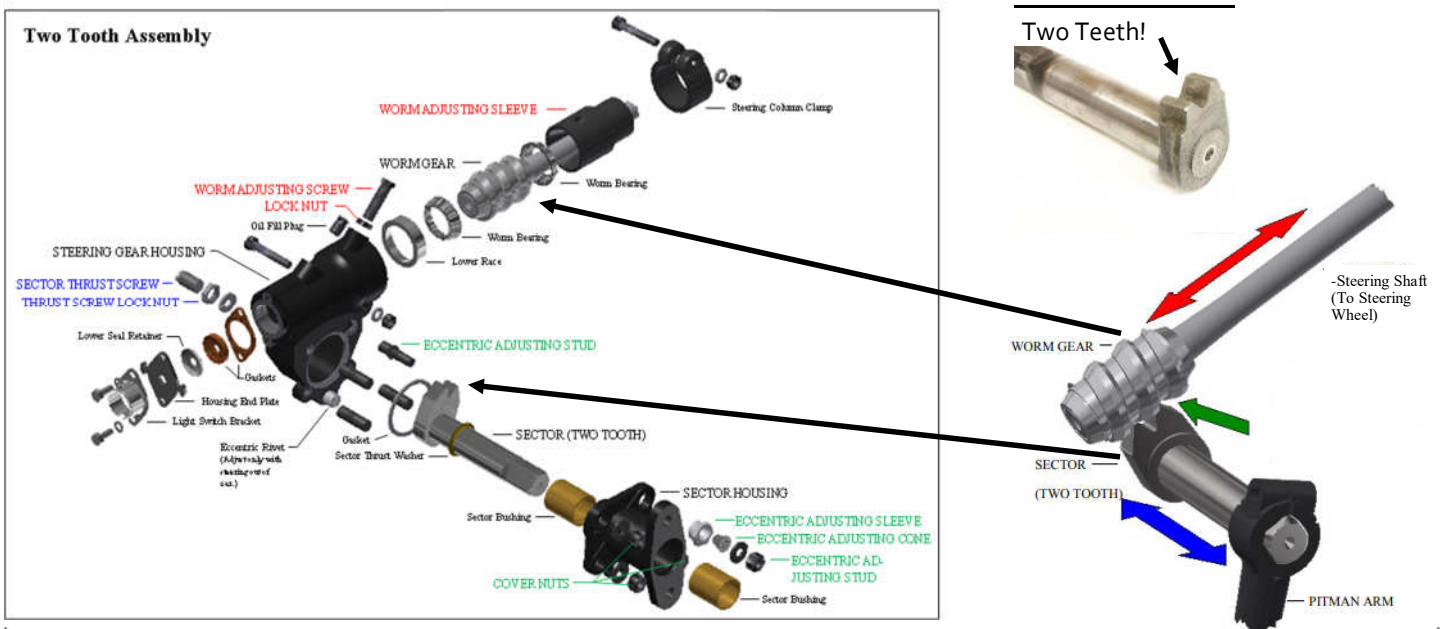


Work on the new 1909 Sears Model.

Two-Tooth Steering Basics

Have you ever wondered how the steering works on your Model A? When you turn the steering wheel, what transfers that movement to the tires? Well, an essential step in that process is the steering assembly.

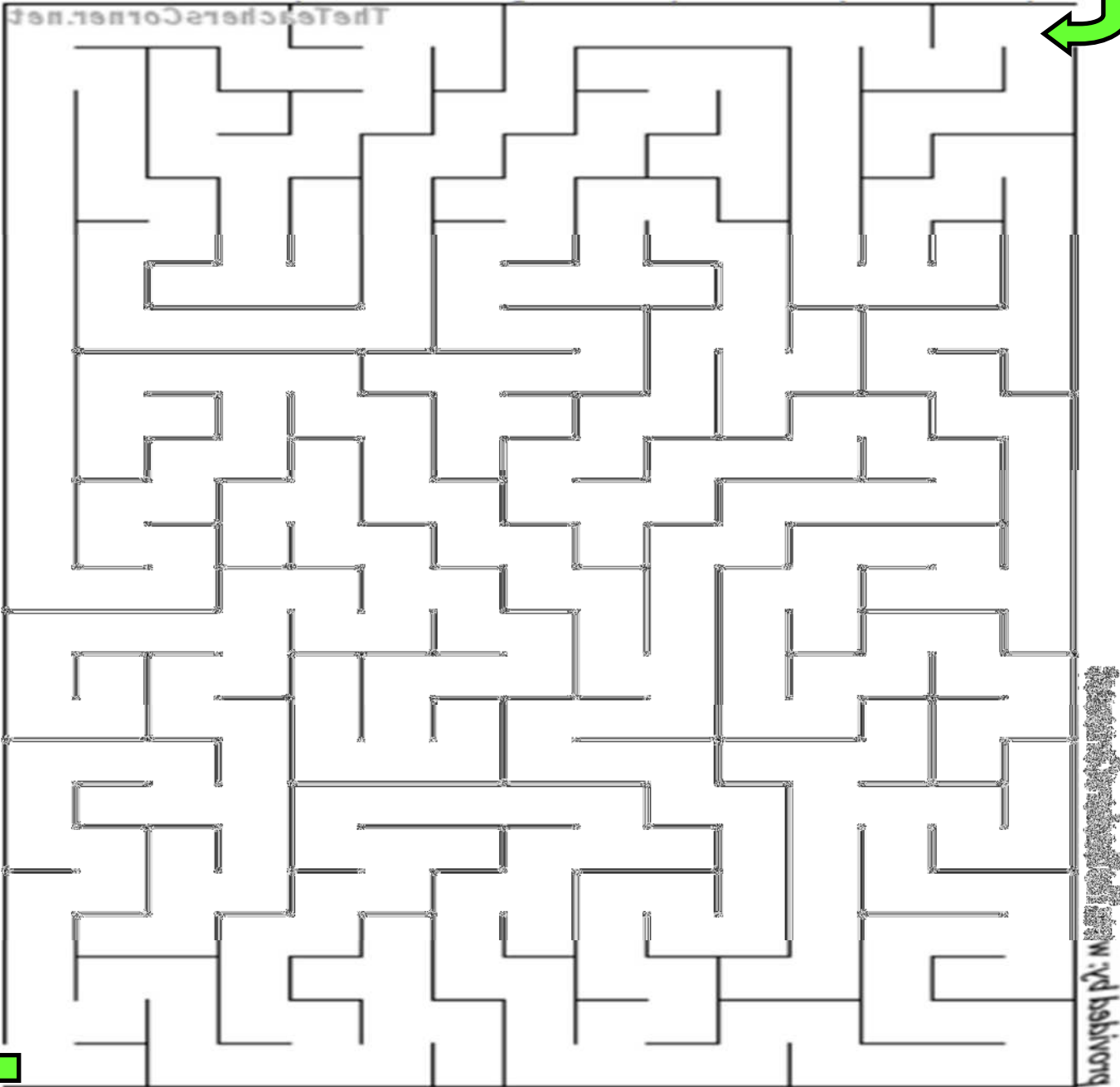
Ford used two different designs on the Model A, but the most common was the “Two-Tooth” assembly as pictured below. There are a lot of parts involved, but for this article, let’s focus on the steering worm gear and the two-tooth sector shaft. When you turn the wheel, the worm gear turns. That causes the two-tooth sector shaft, interlocking at a 90 degree angle to the gear, to turn in the desired direction. That movement is transferred to the pitman arm, which finishes the job of changing the motion into the direction required to turn the wheels. There are a number of adjustments that can be done to help the steering be smoother, but that’s another article for another time!

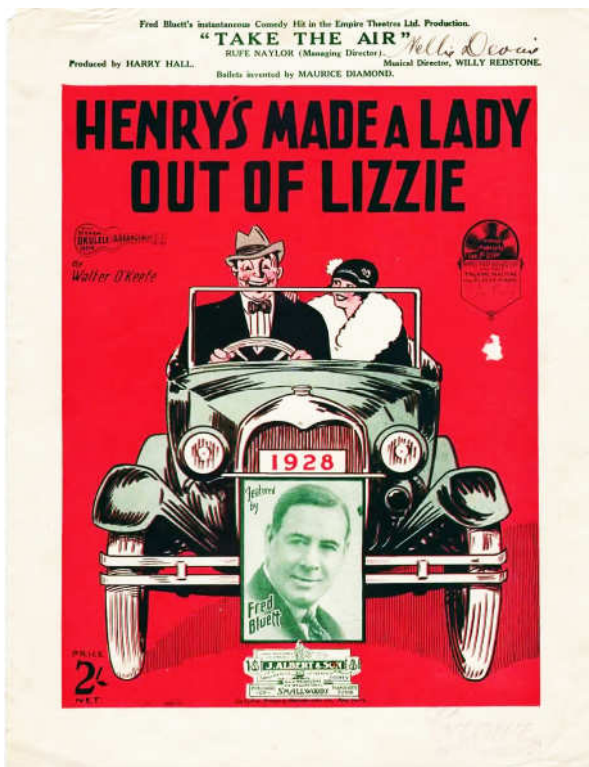


The below pictures are from Info found on ModelABasics.com, by Paul Modlin and Mishawaka High School students: Tim Glasco, Bradley Howe, and Christian Mestach

Can You Help?!

This Model A got lost on its way to the National Convention in Kerrville Texas! Can you help it find it's way back to its tour group?





Henry's Made a Lady Out of Lizzie!

Did you know the Model A had a song written just for it when it brand new? It was written in 1928 by composer Walter O'Keefe to commemorate the release of the new Ford. It was recorded by a variety of musicians across the world. Interestingly, the sheet music was written not only for the piano, but included chord fingering for the ukulele, a popular instrument of the day! My favorite version is performed by the Happiness Boys. You can listen to it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ow8ZRF4vjD4>

HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE
 Tune Ukulele
 A D F# B
 Put Capo on 1st fret
 By WALTER O'KEEFE

Moderato

Piano.

Talk of this and talk of that,
 Boys you must take off your hat,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 Has she plenty, has she much?
 Got the "tin" you love to touch,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 They used to park her in a lot,
 For that they charged two bits,
 But now they charge you nothing,
 And you park her at the Ritz.
 She once had rattles in her wheel,
 But now she's full of "sex-appeal,"
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !

She's like all the other vamps,
 Pretty shape and lovely lamps,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 Since she's taken on some weight,
 Honest, folks, she's looking great,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 Her dash-board has a clock,
 That's made a hit with all the Scotch,
 A Scotchman saw the clock,
 And so he promptly stopped his watch,
 You've all heard the Frenchman song,
 Fifty million can't be wrong,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !

Just a girl who knows her stuff,
 Plenty fast but never rough,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 Always tidy, always clean,
 Faithful as an old Marine,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 She's not the kind who tries to get
 Your money all at once;
 She only wants ten dollars down,
 The rest in fourteen months,
 Good for sister, nice for Ma,
 Ev'rybody rides but Pa,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !

Ev'ry groom and blushing bride,
 Now enjoy their buggy ride,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 No one curses, no one swears,
 Lizzie never needs repairs,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 She used to kick and jump around,
 On ev'ry trolley track,
 But now she's very ladylike,
 And never answers back,
 She will surely catch your eye,
 You know salesmen never lie,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !

No more chug-chug-chug-chug-bang!
 No more cuss words, no more slang,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 Not the noisy flapper kind,
 Simply quiet and refined,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 They used to say "We own a car,
 It looks like one, I mean,"
 But now they say, "I'll have you know
 We own a Ford machine,"
 No more playing Jack and Jill,
 No more tumbling down the hill,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !

When she's coming down the street,
 All the boys say, "Ain't she sweet?"
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 Every man will go for her,
 She's the kind that men prefer,
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !
 Why, even Thomas Edison,
 The wizard that he is,
 Could not resist her charms,
 And was the first to take out "Liz."
 He said, "She's Okay to me,
 All she needs is company,"
HENRY'S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE !

Ford Advertising

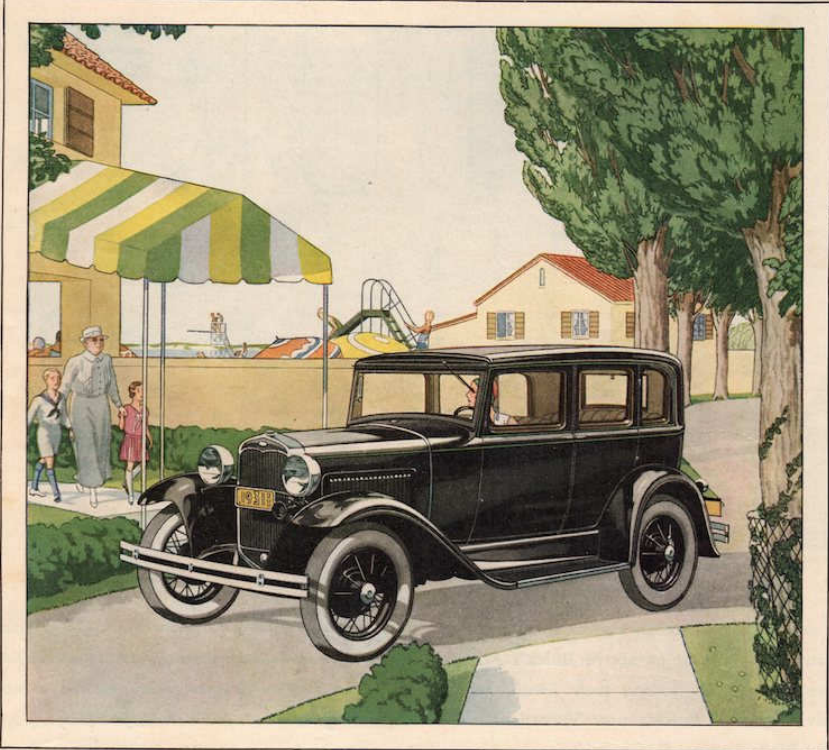
This advertisement is from June of 1931 and is promoting the Fordor Sedan as a family vehicle. A close look shows that Mom is driving, and picking up the children after a day of fun. See the slipper slide and umbrellas on the far side of the car? It appears to be either a lake or seashore playground.

The young boy and girl are being escorted to the car by what is most likely a nanny or maid, from the look of her white outfit. So Ford is implying that this car is quite acceptable for the well-to-do.

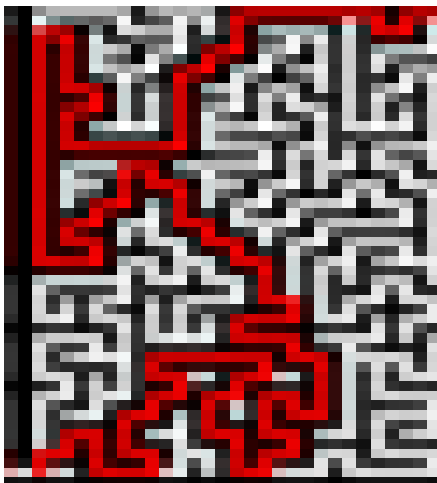

An interesting thing about this ad is that it not only promotes the safety glass in the windshield, but promises that for just a "slight additional cost" you can have safety glass in all the windows and doors. Certainly a attractive option for a family oriented person. Who wouldn't want to make their family just a little safer!?

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The Beautiful Ford Standard Sedan



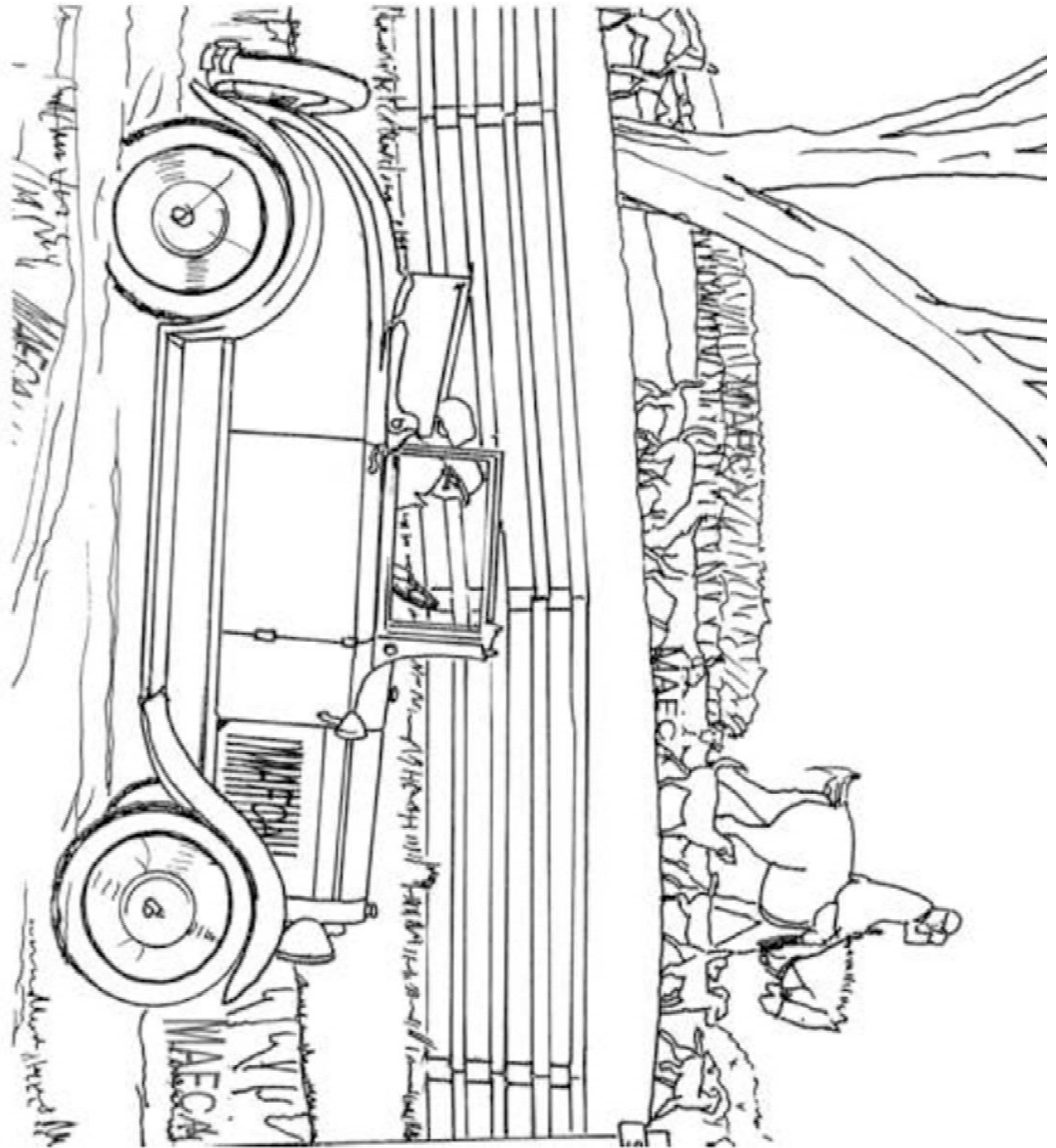
A beautiful five-passenger car, with longer, wider body, and attractive, comfortable interior. The slanting windshield is made of polished plate safety glass. You can now have the new Ford delivered with this glass in all windows and doors at slight additional cost.



Answers to Six Different Things



This is a 1928 Model A Cabriolet. It was a fun car to take a ride in the country on a nice day! This picture is from the MAFCA coloring book. You can find it at <https://www.mafca.com/downloads/Publications/2012%20Coloring%20Book.pdf>



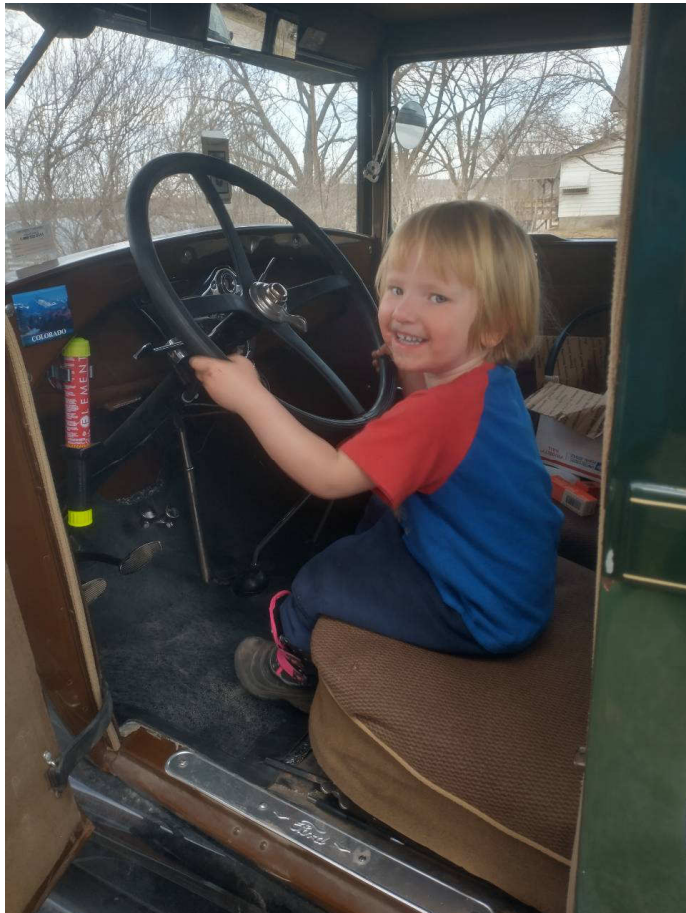


Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

Spring is sprung and it's great to get The Old Lady out of winter storage and ready for the summer tours! I haven't been able to drive her yet due to a knee injury and a issue with her electrical, but both are being looked at and I anticipate great improvement soon! The Old Lady's mechanic (my brother) hasn't been able to check her out due to his busy schedule, but a friend is taking her to his garage this weekend to get a tune-up and look-over, and I know she'll be on the road quite quickly!

She better be, my granddaughter Rosie is eager to get back on the road with her. When she came up last weekend, and saw the Model A in the driveway, she was ready to go RIGHT NOW PLEASE! We couldn't do that, but she got in anyhow and drove around for a while with her imagination!



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) Who trained the Easter Bunny?
A) Larry B) The Twins C) Dad Sitzman
- 2) What car did Carmen drive ?
A) Fordor B) Tudor C) Coupe
- 3) What state are Juan and Jonathan from?
A) Minnesota B) Tennessee C) Michigan
- 4) Who Dressed up as Cindy Lou Who?
A) Cora B) Levi C) Ronnie
- 5) What month is Model A Youth Month?
A) April B) May C) June
- 6) What year is the gas station in these pictures?
A) 1928 B) 1929 C) 1931
- 7) What was the first maintenance that Sydney did on her Model A?
A) Tire rotation B) Transmission fluid C) Oil change
- 8) Kaisen's great-grandpa is restoring what to go on top of the Model A?
A) canoe B) Bicycle C) Wagon Wheel
- 9) What kind of gear is used in the steering assembly?
A) Worm gear B) Dog gear C) Snake gear
- 10) What did the song claim Henry made out of Lizzie?
A) A Gentleman B) A Lady C) A Princess