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FAMILY DANCE

BY SHERRY WINK

All the excitement was at Grandma Robert's this weekend! It was time for the Spring Dance that Grandma traditionally held every year. It wasn't something she needed to do any more, but she enjoyed it!

The tradition had started when her own kids were at home. Every weekend, she would polish all the furniture, have the boys move it to another room out of the living room, roll up the rugs, and haul in the extra chairs out of the barn. Extra tables would be set up in the kitchen and back porch, and a big container of lemonade would set to cool in the ice house.



Then by 7:00 in the evening, the people would start to show up. Some carrying pies, some carrying cookies, all carrying something to share for a snack. And a goodly number of them carrying musical instruments. Guitars, fiddles, banjos, accordions, all were welcome on these nights. Because this was the Robert's family Saturday night dance! All the young-un's in the neighborhood and, if truth be told, just as many elderly, and everyone in between, would start pulling in to the driveway looking forward to a night of dancing and socializing. All the musicians would take turns playing with each other, and sometimes a singer would step up and take a turn. And everyone would dance, talk, eat, dance some more until all hours of the morning, when they would finally walk or drive away, tired but happy.



The next morning, it was time to clean up, and put all the rugs and furniture away, waiting for the next time in a few weeks.



More than one person had asked her why she did so much work for no return, it was a lot of time spent setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Of course, they all enjoyed it too, but they

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The real-life dance band and crowd at the Roberts Farm in Elk Creek Nebraska.

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just didn't see what was in it for her! Grandma Roberts would just look at them like they were a little dense, and proclaim "I KNOW where my kids are on Saturday nights!" And she was right! No Roberts kids ever got in trouble for



The crowd is arriving.

doing something they shouldn't have, at least not on Saturday nights! They enjoyed the music and the dancing too much to even think about missing all the fun. And anyhow, all their friends would be there!

But back to the current and upcoming dance; of course, Grandma Robert's kids were all grownup know, with kids of their own. There were more events to go to nowadays, and lives were full. But once a year, the old ways won out! Grandma needed a little more help now to clear out the furniture, but with all the Sitzman kids living nearby, that just wasn't a problem.

Mom Sitzman always came over for a few days before to help Grandma Roberts get her place polished up before all the company showed up. And of course, there were cakes and other desserts to make, Grandma wasn't going to let everyone else bring all the goodies, not in her house! The younger kids were put to work Friday night before help to juice the lemons for the lemonade.

Larry got tired of doing that by hand every year, and this time he had a new fangled press he'd put together using some carved wood for the lemon half to nest in, and a hand drill to screw another piece of wood down tight to press out the juice. Despite all the ribbing he got while working on it, the device worked remarkable well, and all the kids wanted to try it. So Larry just got to stand to one side and supervise, a situation that didn't bother him at all!

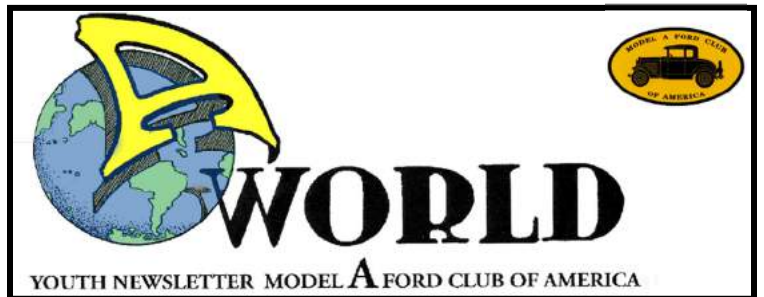


When it got time for people to start arriving, Larry and Dad Sitzman slipped out the door. It wasn't that they were avoiding anyone, they just had one more task to take care of! You see, a few of the older neighbors didn't care to drive at night anymore. And a few of the young ones didn't have anyone to pick them up either.

So Dad Sitzman and Larry, along with a few other friends, had set up a kind of taxi service to ensure no one would be left out. It wasn't really a taxi, but Larry considered all the cookies proffered to him on the trip to take the place of the fare! And since it was a nice night, no one minded that they had to ride in the back of the Model A pickup.

Friendly hands reached out and lifted up those that needed it, and a board bench along the sides help those that couldn't stand and balance enough. And of course Dad Sitzman made sure to pick up the older crowd in the family Model A sedan!

Even though the dance was only once a year, the musicians were up to the task, sometimes seeming to have half the audience playing along at times. And at the end of the long evening, the cry was heard as everyone reluctantly headed out the door "Same time next year!"



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KIDS AND THEIR A's!



Dante and Santino Lotuffo live in Funes, Santa Fe, Argentina, and as you can see, they really love their Model A! Especially their dad, Luis, who is shown here kissing it to celebrate its 94th Birthday! Luis shared a video of Dante driving the A, and as you can see, he's having a great time!



Jonah Mosher from the Paso Robles A's. Jonah is a fourth generation Model A'er. He was selected for a MAYRA Award last year. As you can see, he's moving right along on his Model A restoration skills!

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Greyson is the nephew of Daniel Clay, and they both live in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. As you can see, Greyson is already a big help to his uncle while working on the Model A.



Bridget Kelly is three years old and lives in Marceline Missouri. She really likes her family's Model A, and is the third generation to ride in this car!



Cadence and Camryn Schaefer, live in Creston, Iowa, and they are dreaming of the day they drive family "A!"



Severn, age 7, is from Audubon, Minnesota. He is not afraid to tackle any work that needs done on their Model A.

The Taylor Family Legacy

As submitted by Brandon Taylor



My grandparents, Buzz and Bev Taylor, owned and operated "Grandpa's Old Ford Parts" in the early 80's into 1999. After the passing of my grandmother, my grandfather built several cars of his own and won several trophies over the years. My grandparents were active members of MAFCA and the Chico Model A club.



I grew up with my grandparents and my father's restoration shops side by side for several years. We used to go on car hunts and swap meets all the time. Some of my earliest memories were "driving" the A's into the shop. Of course, I was just steering but it stuck with me my entire life.



My summers were spent with my dad restoring Mustangs but the best summers were spent working with my grandpa in the almond orchard building A's from parts and pieces. Grandpa used to wake up super early and head to the shop. He'd tell me I was burning daylight! He built so many Model A's and helped so many people, I can't count. His 29 2 door sedan "Ruby" went on several long distance trips to Canada.

Over the years of building cars I never drove one up until I got "Wednesday" my 31 slant window. Now I love getting my own Model A out on the road, and taking my own kids out for a Model A experience! They will be 4th generation Model A'er, carrying on a long family tradition!

Lily, Wesley, and Gavin Taylor out on a ride with their Dad in the family's Model A "Wednesday."



Zachary Taylor is determined to learn to drive the family's A as soon as possible!



SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

My friend Jody's Camelot (a tribute replica of a 1929 Phaeton) had a nice visit to the River Inn Resort in Brownville, Nebraska last fall. 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 10 but don't peek too soon!



A New Old Car

Tyler Lewallen, of Riverton, Utah, bought his first Model A early this month. You can't blame him for being excited. And doubly so when you consider the fact he is only 16 and doesn't even have his driver's license yet! Tyler found his 1930 Coupe with the help of an ad asking for any Model A's for sale in his area. The seller was nice enough to deliver it to him!

The coupe is in decent shape for a first project car. Tyler has already posted a video of it running, and shared a picture of him test driving it, so it's off to a good start! The restoration will be done at his home, in the family's shop, where I'm sure he'll have plenty of help. (Check out the picture of his "personal assistant!") Tyler says he has been studying up on the operation of the A, looking forward to when he can finally get his license. Double clutching, advancing the spark, he's got it down!

A little back history—Tyler says he has always been interested in cars, but it wasn't until he accompanied his grandparents to the California Auto Museum that he realized how much he likes the Model A Ford. His grandpa has a 1937 Ford Coupe, but no one in the family owns a Model A (at least not until now!).

Tyler already has some experience in the garage. He takes an auto class at school, but says that since he has already been working on mechanical stuff most of his life, it's more for fun than learning new stuff. In December 2021, he started converting bicycles into gas powered vehicles that can go up to 35 mph, with the addition of a 2-stroke motor. He's turned this hobby into a business, converting bikes for others. Looks like a solid background working with motors, which will come in handy working on his A!



Tyler and Sherman



The coupe in its new home



One of Tyler's motorized bikes.

While there are Model A clubs in the area, Tyler has not joined quite yet. But when the work starts in earnest on the restoration, he knows he has a local source of help with the ins and outs of the Model A. Good to know! And he says he is already saving for another Model A, so if anyone near him has one for sale, let him know at tylerlew1@icloud.com.

As to how he plans to finance this project, he's got that covered. With the bike business, and a job working for a friend of the family, Tyler is confident he can soon have his Model A out on the road! He was interested in hearing about the Model A Restoration Award program as well, and plans on putting in his application for the 2024 process. Looks like he is definitely qualified. I'm looking forward to updates on his project!



Sherman, Tyler's personal assistant!



A few close ups of the interior and under the hood. Looks like a good car for a first project!



Tyler on a test drive.

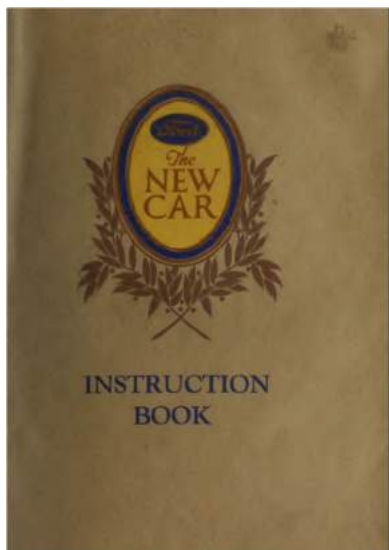
Sixth Generation Model A'er!

By Joe Allen Braddy

Our truck, an Early 30s AA Stake Truck, was purchased in April 1930. My great grandfather was a tobacco farmer in Sycamore, GA. The truck was fully restored by Bentley Bohanan in 2009. It was passed on to me, the fourth generation, in 2014. My daughters Nicole Woodward and Denise Tatum were the fifth generation to drive the truck.

We took advantage of their visit in January to allow Dallas Tatum to be the sixth generation to drive our family vehicle. His brother wanted to ride in the back for his portion of the fun. Dallas is 14 and Kellan is 7.





When a new Model A was sold, each car included an instruction manual. This version is a 1929 Canadian copy. a owner's manual.

Here's the information regarding caring for the exterior!

The Proper Way to Wash the Car (1929 style)

Always use cold or lukewarm—never hot water. If a hose is used don't turn the water on at full force as this drives the dirt into the finish. After the surplus mud and grime have been washed off, take a sponge and clean the body and running gear with a solution of water and linseed oil soap. Rinse off with cold water ; then rub and polish the body with a damp chamois skin. A body polish of good quality may be used to add lustre to the car. Grease on the running gear may be removed with a gasoline soaked sponge or rag. The nickel parts should be polished with a good nickel polish. An excellent body polish and nickel polish

can be purchased from any Ford Dealer.

Should the body or other pyroxylin finished parts of the car become spattered with tar or other substance used on roads, the spots can be removed with a solution of 2/3 gasoline and 1 /3 engine oil. Dip a soft cloth into the mixture and, using one finger, rub the spot gently until it has been removed. The rubbed spot should then be washed off with clear water.

Care of the Top

When putting down the top of open models, be careful in folding to see that the fabric is not pinched between the bows, as they will chafe a hole through the top. Applying good top dressing will greatly improve the appearance of an old top on either an open or closed car.

Storing the Car

Store the car in a dry place. Drain the water from the Radiator, then put in about a quart of anti-freeze solution to prevent freezing of any water that may possibly remain. Drain the old oil from the oil pan. Refill the oil pan with one gallon of fresh oil and run the engine enough to cover the different parts with oil. Draw off all gasoline. Remove the tires and store them. (See paragraph on "Care of Tires When Car is Stored," page 49). Remove battery and place in storage (see paragraph on battery, page 19). Wash the car and cover the body with a sheet of muslin to protect the finish

I think the art of washing a car has improved over the decades, and today, with modern age chemistry and new paints and treatments, the process would be totally different! No one now is recommending gasoline and oil to take off road tar at least!



I don't think this is what Henry had in mind!



Model A Youth Restoration Award—2023

Submitted by Bob Moore



Remember, May is Model A Youth Month!

All Model A clubs have been asked to hold an event during May to introduce Model A's to groups of young people. Ask your parents and grandparents if their Model A Club has plans to hold such an event. If so, make sure to tell them that you would like to go with them!

If they haven't, ask them if they would, and let them know what you think would be a fun thing to do to get other kids to come out and have fun! It's a great time to take that Model A out and really enjoy sharing it with your friends and family!

If you need ideas, there are suggestions about planning an event on MAYRA's website. Check out <https://www.modelarestitutionaward.org/>

You also email 1928MAYRA1931@gmail.com and ask for some ideas!

Editor's note: Here I've shared some pictures from a previous youth event I was part of with my car, The Old Lady. We had so much fun, we're ready to do it again! So in May, let's see some pictures of your events!



Ford Advertising

Lengthening the Arm of the Law

Found in Liberty Magazine, May 16, 1931

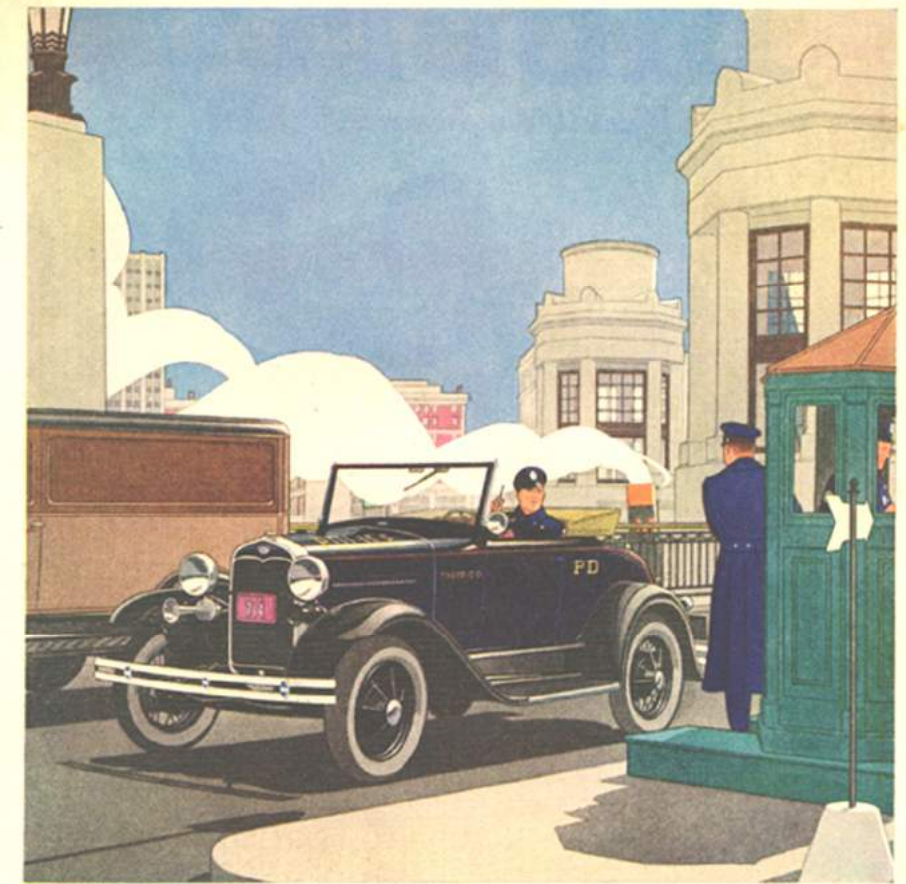
An interesting ad! This one sought to prove to the public just what a great car the Model A was, and durable. Look how police departments were filled with them!

“An interesting use of the Ford is by police departments for the detection and apprehension of criminals. In their ceaseless vigil, these cars are driven in all kinds of weather, virtually twenty-four hours a day.” reads the ad. It goes on to detail the many miles driven by many police department around the country.

“The police departments of New York. Chicago. Philadelphia, Boston. Detroit, San Francisco and other large cities use hundreds of Ford cars and trucks. In New York, the total exceeds four hundred and fifty.”

Even in the Midwest, Model A's were used for police work. The Missouri Highway State Patrol, which started in 1931, had 36 new Ford Model A roadsters, a Plymouth sedan, an Oldsmobile, a Ford sedan, a Buick, and three Chevrolets, as well as 12 Harley Davidson, three Indian, and two Henderson motorcycles.

The new commanding colonel wanted the public to be aware that these drivers were officers of the new Missouri State Highway Patrol, which is why there were so many roadsters. The officers driving the



Lengthening the Arm of the Law

The substantial worth of the new Ford is reflected in its alert, capable performance and economy of operation and up-keep. Men and women everywhere have found it ideally suited to their business and social needs. Its many uses make it truly The Universal Car.

An interesting use of the Ford is by police departments for the detection and apprehension of criminals. In their ceaseless vigil, these cars are driven in all kinds of weather, virtually twenty-four hours a day.

A fleet of 42 Model A Fords in Louisville covered a total of 2,620,500 miles



in twelve months, or the equivalent of 105 times around the world. Five new Fords on police duty in Niagara Falls have been driven more than 100,000 miles each. In Miami a police Ford has gone 120,000 miles.

The average for the eighteen Fords in Omaha is 35,000 miles per car for two years of police service. The superintendent of automotive equipment says the cost of repairs has been "very low."

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Large industrial companies operating large fleets of Ford cars and trucks report the same reliability and good service. Long, hard usage emphasizes the value of simplicity of design, high quality of materials and unusual care in manufacturing and assembling.

The first cost of the new Ford is low, and you can purchase it on convenient, economical terms through the Authorized Ford Finance Plans of the Universal Credit Company.



these were instructed to drive with the top down except in extremely inclement weather.

Answers to Six Different Things



Henry's Fleet

Did you know Henry Ford owned a whole fleet of ships? When he built the Rouge plant, he planned to use the Rouge River to bring in his raw materials from coal mines and lumber mills. By the mid-1920s, it had become such a large operation that multiple ships were required to keep up.

Henry started his own fleet by having two ore carriers built, the Henry Ford II and Benson Ford. They were named after his grandsons and they remained in service on the Great Lakes for over 50 years. By 1925, the Ford Company had a Marine Department to handle the overwater fleet. At one point, Henry bought 200 surplus WWI ships, and although he scrapped most, using the metal in the Rouge furnaces, he converted 22 to keep sea worthy. At least two of these, sister ships "Onondaga" and the "Onida" were used as freighters. The ship the Model A is being loaded onto (below left) is mostly likely the Oneida.

The fleet kept growing, and eventually expanded overseas to export Ford products. During WWII, most of Ford's ocean going ships were recruited by the US government. Both the "Onondaga" and the "Onida", along with others were sunk by enemy submarines in 1942.

The "Oneida", date unknown



Hull of Freighter "Onondaga" Loaded with Automobile Parts, circa 1929



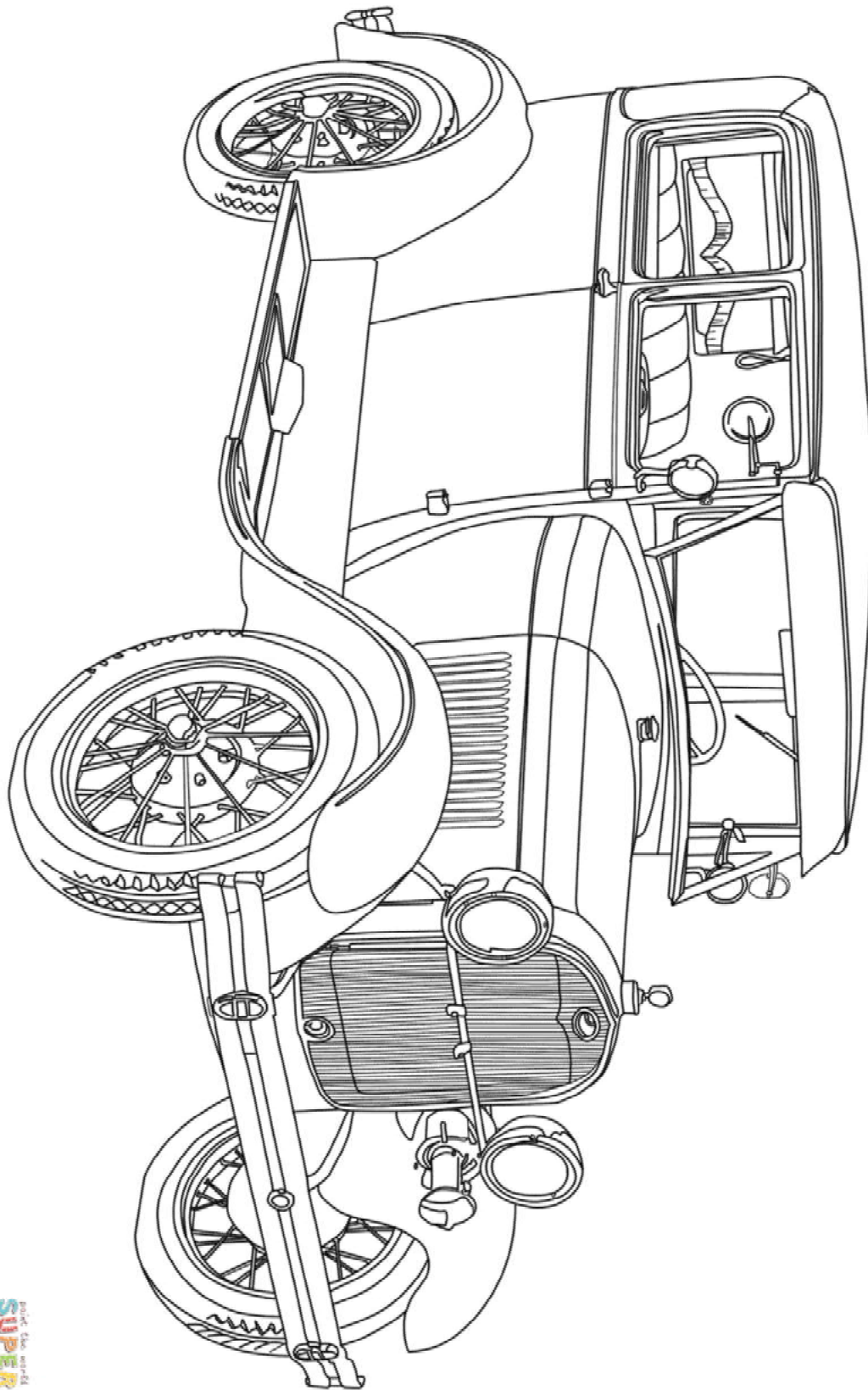
Model A being loaded onto what appears to be the Oneida, date unknown.



Ford Freighters in Boat Slip at the Ford Rouge Plant, April 28, 1931



This is a 1928 Model A Tudor found on supercoloring.com. Tudors were one of the most popular models of the New Ford Sold and can be found in many color combinations. What color will you color this one?





Rumble Seat

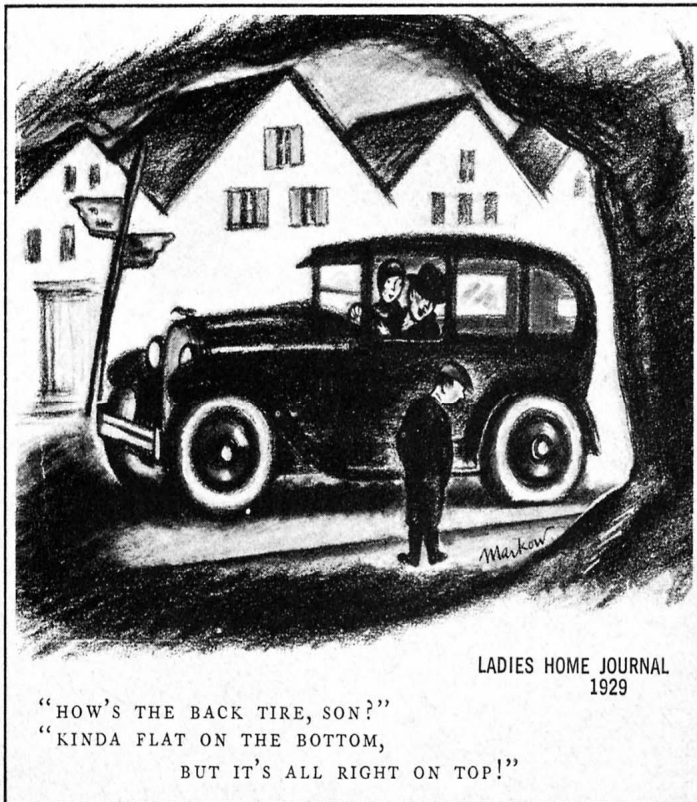
Sherry Wink

Finally, here come's spring! Time to get The Old Lady out of her rural retreat (my brother's barn)

and get her tuned back up for touring season. I can hardly wait!

We definitely have missing time to make up for after her being out all last summer waiting for a new motor. And that new motor still needs some breaking in, but putting a few more miles on her should not be a problem, not with a four-year old co-rider ready to go anytime!

It should be a fun year out on the road, and I hope to make it to the convention in Breckinridge this summer as well, although I won't be able to bring The Old Lady along, sadly. But if you run into me out there, or anywhere along the road, come say hi! I love to meet people who read this newsletter!



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 got rolled up before the dance could start?
A) Blankets B) Chairs C) Rugs
- 2) Dante and Santino live in what country?
A) Brazil B) Argentina C) Bolivia
- 3) What state does Bridget Kelley live in?
A) Nebraska B) Kansas C) Missouri
- 4) What was the name of the company that the Taylor family ran?
A) Grandpa's Old Ford Parts B) Grandma's Parts
C) Model A Parts for All D) They didn't
- 5) Jody's Camelot visited the River Inn Resort in what town?
A) Atchison B) Brownville C) Kansas City
- 6) Tyler Lewallen's personal assistant is named:
A) Sherman B) Sargent C) Colonel
- 7) How many generations have driven the Braddy's Model A?
A) Five B) Six C) Four
- 8) What year instruction manual is talked about on page 9?
A) 1928 B) 1929 C) 1930
- 9) What month is Model A Youth Month?
A) June B) April C) May
- 10) What Ford ships were sunk in WWII?
A) Onondaga B) Oneida C) Both

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