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Hot Summer Days

It was the last week of June, and there had been a pretty hot spell going on for most of it. There had been enough rain that the crops were not suffering, but the Sitzman family, like everyone else, was really feeling the heat.

It was so hot that Dad Sitzman had decided to get up earlier than usual to try and get his work day mostly done before the heat of the afternoon. Of course, that meant the Sitzman kids had to get up earlier too!

This summer, Dad Sitzman was cutting down trees in the back timber and sawing them up to put boards away to dry out for a project he wanted to do next year. It was hot and dusty work, but it had to be done now so the boards would be ready when he needed them. Larry and the twins were helping, but the heat was wearing them out. Dad showed them how to take their straw hats and bandanas and soak them in water before putting them on their heads. The evaporation process helped provide some cooling relief, and they kept a bucket of water nearby to use periodically. Still, the boys were always happy when Dad Sitzman called a halt



around ten o'clock when the sun was glaring down.

They were even happier when Dad stopped the Model A next to a nearby pond on the way home and suggested they take a quick dip to rinse off the sawdust.

At the house, Mom Sitzman had her own way of cooling off. For her, this was a perfect time to organize the basement. Their old house had thick limestone foundations, and the basement was always much cooler than the outside. The older girls were happy to help with this work as well. Those basement shelves got reorganized a couple of times by the end of the week!

In the afternoon, the older kids would head to the creek to wade in the water or lay under some shady trees. The little ones couldn't be trusted to stay out of trouble, so Mom Sitzman kept them home. They still had fun, however, as she would pull out the galvanized tin bathtub into the yard and fill it with water from the hose. The youngster had a blast splashing in the cold water, and Mom Sitzman got wet enough from the fun that she stayed cool too!



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At Grandma Roberts' house, she was handling the heat fairly well by pulling chunks of ice from her ice house, putting them in a dishpan on the table, and setting her little electric fan to blow over the ice directly at her chair. She admitted to herself, but to no one else, that she was probably spending more time than she ought to sitting there, but she tried to keep busy with sewing or other tasks to appease her conscience.



Each day, the Sitzman kids argued over whose turn it was to visit Grandma that day because they wanted to set there with her and enjoy that iced breeze! And Grandma Roberts always had a pitcher of ice tea, or Kool-Aid, to share with the lucky winner. Mom Sitzman finally had to step in and make a list of whose turn it was to "check on" Grandma.

That Saturday, as the heat wave continued, Mom Sitzman raided her egg money and announced to the family that she wanted to go see a movie in the next town over. The kids were puzzled, as this was not something Mom Sitzman usually cared to do, but what she knew that they didn't was that the movie house had recently been modernized. All their advertising was topped with a big "Cooled by Refrigeration" banner, and Mom Sitzman decided there was no better time to check this out.

Mom Sitzman called Grandma Roberts to come over with her Tudor to help ferry everyone to the theater and to come enjoy the day as well. Grandma Roberts was skeptical about going to a movie in this heat but decided, "What the heck."



That evening, heading home, no one really had much to say about the movie itself but agreed that the advertised refrigeration was worth the price of the ticket! Grandma Roberts had no idea what the movie

had been, but she had enjoyed the best nap she'd had in days. She wasn't alone; snores could be heard from all around the theater, but no one really minded.

That night, like most of the week, the Sitzman family took their pillows and some light sheets to keep off the mosquitoes and slept on the porch and in the backyard, hoping to catch the night breezes.

This night, however, they had to quickly retreat back inside in the middle of the night when a thunderstorm blew in. No one minded as the temperature dropped drastically, and this time, it stayed that way the next day. The heat wave had finally broken, and relief could be felt across the area!

Grandma Roberts suddenly became an avid theater buff, although she could rarely give any details about the movies themselves. And the movie theater? Their "senior" discount ticket became a best seller!




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Kids and Their "A"s!



Macealynn, 5 years old, in "her red car". Grandpa Dusty says he will never be allowed to sell it, and looks forward to teaching her to drive it some day!



Riley Green Right & Brayden Green Left, live in Superior Wisconsin with mom Katie and dad Kevin. Kevin says there will be lots more pictures to be shared as time goes on!



Clyde Munson enjoyed showing his two visitors the ins and outs of his Model A. They look quite impressed!



Joe Bright, Springfield Missouri, took a few of his grandchildren out for a time-honored tradition for many of us Model A'ers—An ice cream run!



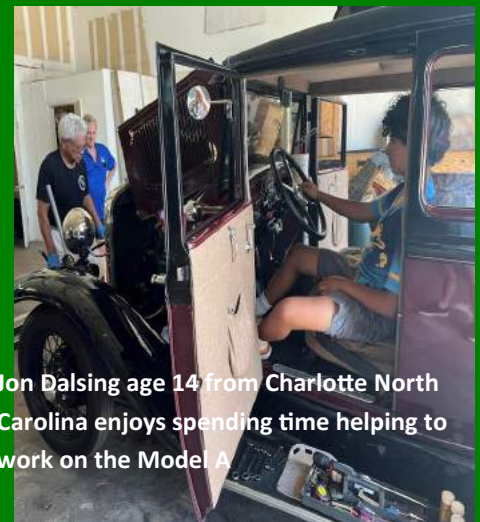
Jackson and his grandpa Randy helped work on his great-uncle Mike's car, in Smithville Missouri.



Orianna Scheer got to ride with her daddy in Uncle Dave's 1930 Coupe! Ride? Heck, she's ready to drive this thing!



George Schnyer (age 5) lives in Hanover Massachusetts. He's pretty proud of their family's 1930 AA Dump Truck!



Jon Dalsing age 14 from Charlotte North Carolina enjoys spending time helping to work on the Model A

No Business like Show Business!

The VAHS Theatre in Van Alstyne, Texas recently put on the play "Cry Me a River". Garrett Icenhower was in the cast, and he and his dad Heath brought their Town Sedan out for some unique cast pictures! Looks like it was enjoyed by everyone! How fun!



Six Things are different!

This lineup makes a great display! 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 10 but don't peek too soon!*



How to talk using “Model-A-Speak”

by Cliff Hughes, as found on the MAFCA Facebook page

When a new person enters into the Model A Kingdom, they are initially confused by a number of terms and acronyms they hear that they are not familiar with. These terms are what I refer to as “Model-A-Speak” which is a type of language that is spoken at most swap meets, MAFCA club meetings, tours and parades by Model A owners. It is a relatively easy language to pick up provided that you have secret decoder list of terms to figure out what people are saying. The following is that list, or at least my version of it. Good luck.

- Vickie = A rare body style of Model A Ford built in 1931 that has an extended rear end compared to a normal sedan. Vickie is short for Victoria.
- Flat head = this is not a haircut, it describes a motor that does not have overhead valves.
- Four Banger (sometimes just “banger”) = the original cast iron four cylinder block/engine that is contained in a Model A Ford, as opposed to a V-8. Example: “He’s running a banger.”
- It ran when it was parked = engine has seized and won’t turn over, and will require a major overhaul.
- It’s a Survivor = Implies that it has never been restored and is still in its factory condition. Realistically, this is used to describe a rusty, worn out vehicle that someone is trying to sell, in order to get the price up.
- A Barn Find = A Model A Ford that someone finds in an old barn that has been sitting for 50 to 70 years. Similar to A Survivor.
- A town car = The most rare and most desirable (arguable) body style of the Model A Ford series of vehicles. It looks like a four door sedan which has had the top part of the front doors cut off, and the rear section sealed off as to prevent the chauffeur from overhearing discussions by the passengers. This was Henry Ford’s attempt to get into the upper class types of cars, and it did not catch on.
- A Rumble Seat = the rear trunk area of a coupe that, when retrofitted with hinge adapters and seat cushions, can allow two people to ride in the trunk.
- Running board = A flat metal stepping plate bolted to the side of the vehicle that is used to help people climb into and out of a Model A. I am not quite sure why it is called a “running” board. Maybe you can run fast and then jump onto the side of the car, like they did in those old gangster movies.
- A Klaxon = Horn that goes Aaa-ooo-gaaa.
- Spark adjust = handle on the column that allows the driver to advance or retard the distributor spark
- The Gav = This is the adjustment knob on the bottom right side of the gas tank. GAV stands for “Gas Adjustment Valve” and must be properly adjusted to start and run a Model A Ford.
- Rust Bucket = A Model A that literally has not even a shred of paint left on it, and is completely covered in rust.
- How to count: Model A people count a bit differently than non-Model A people. This takes a bit of getting used to at first but I’m sure you’ll pick it up after a while. For example: a 5 window coupe has 6 windows. A 3 window town sedan has 8 windows. A 4 door sedan has 4 doors. A Tudor sedan has 2 doors.

There you have it. With this primer list I’m sure you’ll be talking “Model-A-Speak in no time. Good luck.

Passing on the Joy!

Nicholas Collins

My grandfather is one of my biggest examples of who I try to be today and who I want to be tomorrow. He inspired my passion for classic cars and is the reason I am pursuing an education in automotive engineering. Even at a young age, I would always be excited to get to be with “Paps” and his cool Model A. Ever since I have inherited my grandfather’s 1931 Deluxe Roadster, I have tried to follow in his footsteps. He would let me ride with him in the Veteran’s Day and Christmas Eve parades and include me in the many events he would participate in. My grandfather was a very involved member of our local MAFCA chapter—even serving as president for a time—and, as a result, I got to tag along for many club events. Sometimes, I even think that Paps loved showing off his little buddy more than his car at the meetings! However, the most memorable moment I had with him was near the end of kindergarten.



I attended most 5-year-olds’ dream school, an elementary school on stilts with an open breezeway, a sandy playground, and a 3-minute walk from the beach. Every month, each of us would have our own “lifeguard day,” where we got to be in charge. The lifeguard would be at the front of the line, get to sit in a tall lifeguard chair, and get a whistle we could blow if the class got too rowdy. In addition to this, we could bring something to show off to the entire class. For my last lifeguard day, I brought my grandfather’s cool car. I still have the picture of 25 kindergarteners crammed into the Model A, with my grandfather proudly standing beside us. I remember how much joy that day brought me and how special that was for everyone in the picture.



Fast-forward 12 years, and now I am graduating high school. I and some of the other “Beach School Kids” decided that we wanted to visit our old elementary school to see our old teachers and thank them for the amazing 6 years they gave us. As fate would have it, I had just so happened to bring Paps’ Model A to school for the last day of school. After carefully sneaking out of 4th period, I took the Model A over that beach bridge for the first time in 12 years. When I arrived at the Beach School, I met with my friends and reminisced with our old elementary teachers. While I was there, I remembered that lifeguard day from kindergarten and had the idea to pass that special feeling forward to the next generation of kindergarteners. I explained my idea to the new teacher, who wasted no time in rounding up the kids. In just a few short minutes, I was in my grandfather’s shoes, trying to fit 23 hyper kindergarteners in a very cramped and hot car. Admittedly, I didn’t do as great of a job as Paps, but I still had a mile-wide smile on my face, answering a million questions a minute. “Where’s the computer?” “This car was made before they had computers.” “Is this car older than my parents?” “Yes, and probably your grandparents, too!” “Is this a Willy Wonka car?” “No, but it’s about as old.” I might have come home that day with a few unexcused absences, but I also came home with a picture that made it all worth it. I am so proud that I could recreate that special photo and pass on the joy my grandfather brought me.

Editor’s note: Nicholas was thrilled to let us know that he was one of the winners of this year’s Model A Ford Youth Scholarship! He plans to pursue an automotive engineering degree at Clemson University.



Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) 2024 Recipient Alexander Chiniaeff

From Bob Moore



Alexander is the first of our 2024 award recipients. He is 14 years old and lives in Temecula, California. Alexander is a freshman in high School, and is a member of the Temecula Valley Model A Club.

Alexander is lucky enough to live next door to Stu Mclaughlin, the Temecula Model A Club president. When Alexander expressed interest in what Stu had in his garage, Stu was more than happy to teach him everything about a Model A.

Stu became intent on finding a Model A of his own for Alexander. One day in 2023, while driving, he saw one parked in a garage. He stopped and found out that the owner had tried to donate it to the high school, but they wanted a newer car. With the help of the Temecula club, Alexander became the new owner of that 1929 two-door sedan!

Alexander has been working on the Model A since 2023. He has sanded the rust off the bumpers, painted and installed them, removed rust from inside the gas tank, and did the electrical wiring. While there is much remaining to complete, he has the time, for it will be two years before he can get his driver's license.

Congratulations, Alexander!

Auto Shop Italian Style!



Paolo Massari is a teacher in a professional school in Italy, teaching auto repair. Recently the school had a special event featuring old cars. Paolo owns a 1929 Phaeton, and the kids in the school were thrilled when he brought it in as part of the event. Paolo says he likes to share his passion for old cars with the students!



A Unique Model A Vision

Submitted by Shannon Edwards

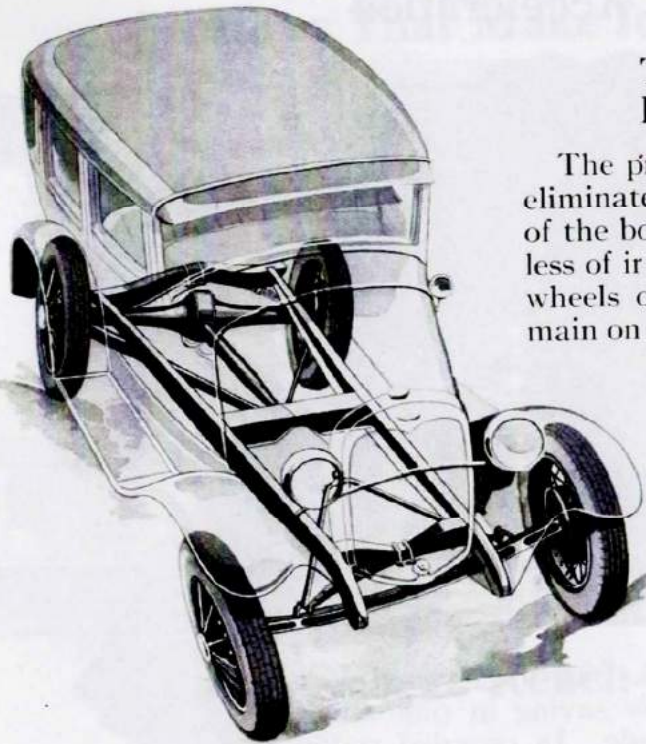
We ran across this unique Model A customer vehicle while visiting Omaha, Nebraska. When we pulled over to take pictures, the owner, William Haire invited us over to see it up close. He said he didn't make it unnoticed! Like most Model A owners, William was happy to talk about his vehicle and the work he had done to make this amazing conglomeration.

The vehicle started life as a 1928 Tudor, purchased when William was just fifteen (many, many years ago, he said). He did all the carpentry and most of the other work himself. William hands out cards explaining that the vehicle is a "Ford Haire Weymann-bodied shooting break" made by him in 2018. I'm sure that's the final finished date.

It is modeled after the type of vehicle that the aristocrats would use to go bird hunting, and he made it tall enough for him to stand up in it and long enough for him to sleep in it. He also kept it light by using the techniques used in aircraft of the era.

Shaye, my daughter, was delighted for the opportunity to inspect and set behind the wheel of such a one-of-a-kind vehicle!





Special Features

Three-Point Suspension Prevents Body Weaving

The principle of three point suspension has eliminated practically all twisting and weaving of the body or frame in the Ford car. Regardless of irregularities of the road that place the wheels on different levels, the body will remain on an even keel. This not only makes the car easier riding, but also prevents looseness of the body through twisting, thus eliminating squeaks and rattles which might otherwise develop. The frame rocks naturally on the axles on the same principle as a rocking chair.

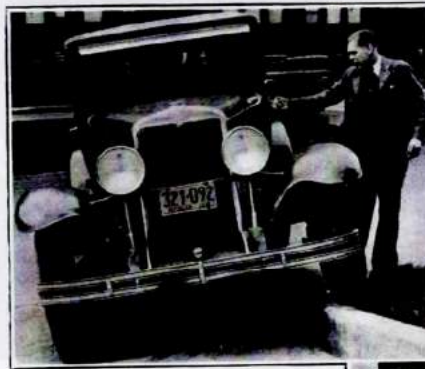
Three-Legged Stool vs. Four-Legged Stool

A practical example of three-point suspension in contrast to the usual four point is found in the three-legged stool. Even though the legs are on different levels, they will maintain a solid foundation. In the four-legged stool, however, if one leg is placed unevenly the chair will rock.



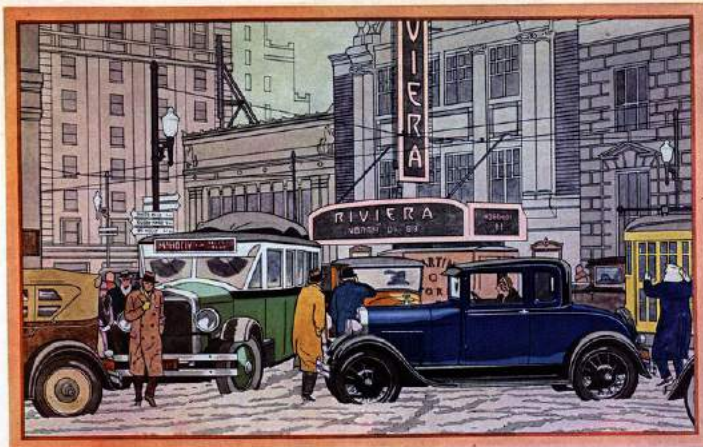
Three-Point Suspension vs. Four Point

The accompanying photographs clearly illustrate the advantages of Ford three point suspension over four point. Even though one Ford wheel is raised higher than the others, the body remains almost level. Notice how, on the four point chassis, the entire body tilts when one wheel is raised, bringing discomfort to the passengers and strain on the car.



Ford Ads

I love the congested city scene displayed in this ad. Many road rules are still being ironed out at this point, and traffic was, quite frankly, a little scary in the bigger cities.



The new Ford has a very simple and effective lubrication system

If you could look into the engine of the new Ford, you would be surprised at the simplicity of the lubrication system. It is a combination of pump, splash and gravity feed—an exclusive Ford development.

The oil pump draws the oil from the bottom of the oil pan through a fine mesh wire screen or filter and delivers it to the valve chamber. Even when you are traveling at thirty miles an hour, the five quarts of oil in the pan pass through the pump twice in every mile.

From the valve chamber the oil flows by gravity to the main bearings of the crankshaft and the front camshaft bearing. Reservoirs of oil are provided for each main bearing pipe opening through a series of ingenious dams placed at the bottom of the valve chamber.

After filling these reservoirs, the surplus oil flows down an overflow pipe to the front of the oil pan tray. In this tray are four troughs into which dip the scoops on the connecting rods. These scoops pick up the oil and throw it into the grooves of the swiftly moving crankpin bearings. They also send an oil spray over the cylinder walls, camshaft and timing gears. From the tray the oil flows back to the oil pan, whence it is again drawn through the oil strainer into the pump.

The oiling system of the new Ford is so simple in design and effective in action that it requires practically no service attention. Like every other Ford part, it has been built to give you many thousands of miles of use at a minimum of trouble and expense.

There is only one thing to do, but that is a very important thing . . . watch the oil!



Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Michigan

Keep enough oil in the oil pan so that the indicator rod never registers below low (L) and change the oil every 500 miles. If the oil level is allowed to fall below low,

the supply becomes insufficient to oil all parts as they should be oiled. The oil also loses its lubricating properties more rapidly because it is used faster.

The lubrication of the chassis is also important. It has been made simple and easy in the new Ford through the high pressure grease gun system. To insure best performance, the chassis should be lubricated every 500 miles.

Every 2000 miles the distributor cam should be cleaned and given a light film of vaseline. At 5000 miles, the lubricant in the differential and transmission should be drained, the housings flushed with kerosene and new lubricant added.

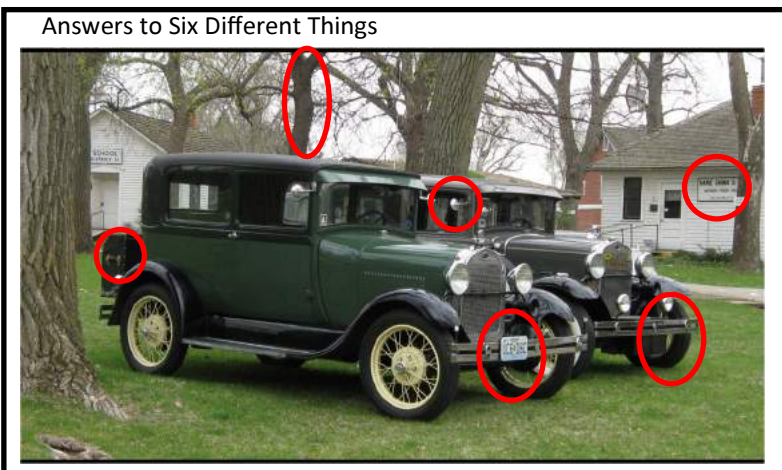
The oiling and greasing of an automobile is so important and means so much to economical, satisfactory performance that it ought not to be neglected or carelessly done.

Ford dealers everywhere have been specially trained to oil and grease the new Ford. They know the best oil to use for each part during each season and they have special equipment to do a good and thorough job at a fair price.



There's an air of rugged strength in the low, trim lines of the new Ford. Other features are 1/2 in. 16 miles an hour, special acceleration, smoothness at all speeds, fully enclosed, silent new blade system, Hindustan shock absorbers, triple shock-proof windshield, economy and long life.

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Answers to Six Different Things

In this illustration, we can see at least four Model A' cars, a Model A bus, and a trolley car, not to mention the pedestrians everywhere! In the right corner with the white hat, there appears to be a policeman attempting to bring some order to this chaos, but it looks like a hopeless task! From what I've read, this is a quite accurate depiction of city traffic. Traffic jams are not a modern invention!

This ad also had a surprisingly detailed description of the lubrication system of a Model A. It describes it as a pump, splash, and gravity feed, claiming it was an exclusive Ford development.

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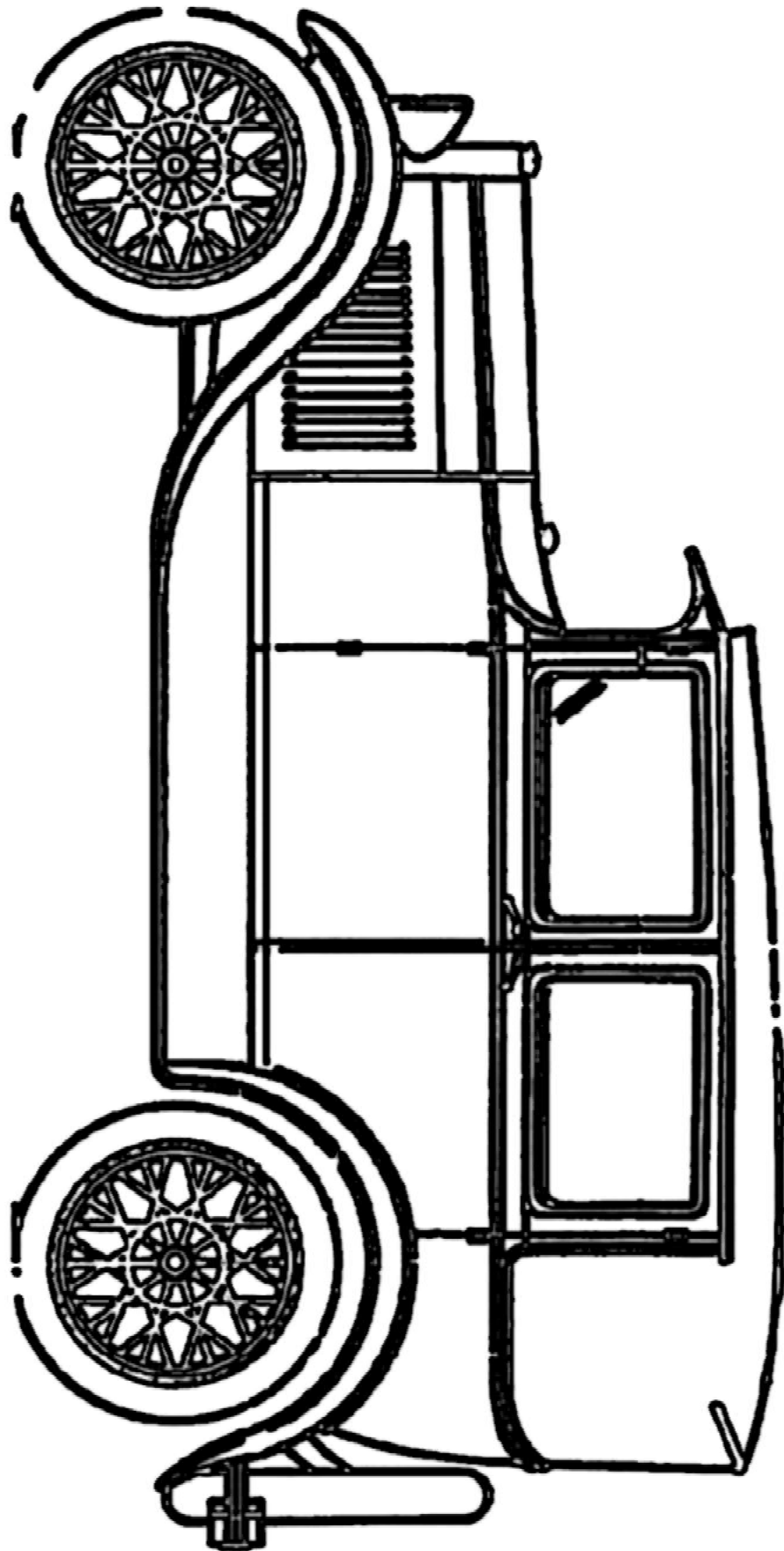
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The remainder of the ad includes a warning on how important it is to keep your oil level at the correct level and why.

The ad finishes with an admonishment that, to have it done right, take it to a Ford dealer. They know the best oil to use for each part during each season, and they have special equipment to do a good and thorough job at a fair price. Good sales pitch for a brand new car design!

Here's a fun Model A Fordor to color! What color will you make it?





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

Another hot summer, but with the Old Lady in her garage, she doesn't get so hot! That's nice on a toasty Nebraska June day. My granddaughter Rosie and my nephew Rethan have had quite a few fun rides already this summer, once I got the new battery installed with a little help from a friend. I still need to switch out the carb and see if she runs better!

The summer has been so busy that there really hasn't been a lot of time to take Model A tours, but I'm determined to find a few to partake in. I was looking forward to perhaps a ride in one of the tours at the National in New Mexico, but sadly, that entire event was canceled due to wildfires. My sympathy to those affected by that terrible situation!

In July, I will be back at the Shawnee Town 1929 Museum for a few days. I'm really looking forward to that. It's always fun to drive the kids and their families around the grounds and talk about the Model A's. I'm starting to have kids that come every summer just for a ride in the Old Lady. That makes it an extra special day!

My friend Jody will be joining me with her Shay, and between us, we will probably give several hundred people rides over several days. It's a great way to get kids excited about our great old cars!



Some happy kids from last year!



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 did the Sitzman Boys do with their hats to cool off?
A) Wear them B) Soak them in water C) Nothing
- 2) What Grandma Roberts drive?
A) Tudor B) Fordor C) Roadster
- 3) What are Joe Bright's grandkids eating?
A) Dinner B) Watermelon C) Ice Cream
- 4) What year is George Schnyer's AA Dump Truck?
A) 1928 B) 1930 C) 1931
- 5) What play was Garret in?
A) Cry Me a River B) Cats C) Hamilton
- 6) How many Model A's are in the picture on page 6?
A) 3 B) 2 C) 5
- 7) What does "GAV" stand for
A) Get A Voice B) Go Around Valley C) Gas Adjustment Valve
- 8) What car did Nicolas share with the kindergarteners?
A) Roadster B) Coup C) Tudor
- 9) What country is Paolo from?
A) USA B) Chile C) Italy
- 10) The Model A has a "_____" suspension system.
A) 4-point B) 2-point C) 3-point