

The ROAD RUNNER

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Birthdays

Lonie Hank	03/01	Mike Blaney	03/25
Stan Mallory	03/03	Jim Shaw	03/26
Marquita Pace	03/07	Ester Felsburg	03/26
Donna Martin	03/12	Laura Cook	03/29
Marilyn Griggs	03/16	Belva Carson	03/29
Kale Payne	03/23	Walt Jones	03/30
John Osborn	03/24	Joe Wishon	03/30
Kay Lawlor	03/24	Brenda Meyer	03/30

Anniversaries

Ted & Dana Alexander	03/12
John & Elizabeth Osborn	03/13
Clyde & Marquita Pace	03/15
Mark & Melissa Graviett	03/16
Ronnie & Leslie Miller	03/17
Bob & Donna Dunham	03/18
Sonny & Stacie Norris	03/22

Monthly Meeting

March 2nd 2015

6:00 dinner available at special price, 7:00 meeting
The American Legion, 92 Hwy & DD, Smithville MO

Board Meeting

March 19th

(The 3rd Thursday of the Month, 7 pm , Mid-Continent Library
Boardwalk Shopping Center, Barry Road and I-29

Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-KC

Every Wednesday 6:00 -10:00 AM
Hy-Vee, 207 NW Englewood, Kansas City MO

Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-St Joe

Every Monday 8:00-10:00 AM
Hy-Vee 201 North Belt Highway, St. Joseph

Ice Cream & Socializing

Presidents Comments:

Perhaps in January, you reflected back to 2014 and remembered the warmth and comfort we all received from our Model A family..

Hopefully during the Month of Valentine you had an awareness of and expressed an appreciation for the presence of the one that accompanied us down the Model A road.

And now we are approaching March. March as the name implies, will be an orderly movement into the future. First we will encounter the WORLD FAMOUS SILENT AUCTION as presented by the equally famous SIR BILL AUCH. Bring your stuff and take home more..... March 14th will be our first encounter with the St. Patrick's parade in Atchison. If you are IRISH it is nearly mandatory to be there - every one else is encouraged to come along to support them. Remember to wear your green.... Rounding out the March activities on the 28th. Will be the WORLD FAMOUS BILL AUCH SHAKE-DOWN CRUISE led by the highly esteemed and legendary - the Hon. WILLIAM AUCH. "OLD GUYS RULE". You really wouldn't want it any other way, would you?? MARCH ON..

John Kunkle- President

"Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing "

Editor's Comments:

Almost time to get the Old Lady out of her cozy garage and get back on the road! And I think she is ready and raring to go. I had to move her a few days ago, and her motor turned over on first press of the starter button. Guess it's been a long winter for her too! But we have lots of fun things for the two of us to do starting soon!

And it's going to be a busy year too, with the Regional in June and all the other tours and activities planned for this summer. I'm not sure how we'll fit them all in, but I know I'm sure going to try!

And on the next nice day, I just might pull the Old Lady out of the garage and get her out on the road to start getting her in training for the season. You know, make sure she hasn't forgot how to flash that chrome and spin those spokes! Of course, fat chance of that happening! She was made to strut her stuff. So if you see a green two toned Tudor happily rolling down the road, check behind the wheel for a curly haired lady in a pink hat with a big smile on her face. That would be me!!

Happy "A"ing.

Sherry Wink, Editor



A's in N.W. MISSOURI



Activities & Regional Events

"Departure places and times for events will be published on the Web Site and Newsletter the month prior to the event".

March 14th—St. Patrick's Day parade

Atchison Ks—Meet at Pete's Steakhouse at 11:30 to eat lunch
Will leave to be in parade lineup at 1:00 for 2:00 pm parade
For more info—contact John Kunkle

March 28th—Shake Down Cruise

Meet at the American Legion for a 10:30 departure,
Lunch will be at a surprise place in Smithville. All parts that fall off are
the sole property of those who pick them up

April 18th—Sleigh Works =Denver Missouri Cruise

Meet at the Gladstone Hy-Vee for a 6:45 AM departure
See page 7 for more details

May 16th— Armed Forces Day Car Show

Our annual visit to Cameron Veterans Home
Meet at the American legion for a 9:00 am departure

June 8-12th Model A's in Missouri Regional Meet

Our regional is fast approaching!!!
Registration info at <http://www.2015regional.com/>
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Registrations before April 1, 2015 receive 2 Free Gas Pump
Raffle Tickets (\$10.00) value!

If you are planning on joining in on any of the tours or activities, but haven't put your name on a sign-up sheet, let John Osborn know!
Phone: 816-436-0452 or Email: techguy@nwmomodela.com That way if it has to be canceled or has a location or the schedule changed, you will be notified!

Next Meeting— Silent Auction!



Time to bring those great items to
donate for the benefit of the club.

As our only fundraiser of the year,
it's sure to be fun. There is
always time to visit while roaming
the bidding tables!

Check out page 5 for detailed rules and guidelines.

Regional Planning Meeting



The next 2015 Regional
Planning Meeting will be held
1:00 to 3:00 pm on Sunday
March 8, 2015. Please join us at
the St. Joseph public library,
located at 5002 N. Woodbine road.

The agenda will cover a complete update on our
Regional progress and continue on to review future
Regional plans.

All are welcomed and encouraged to attend this very
important planning meeting.



Sunshine/Concerns



Cheryl Taylor is our Sunshine/Concerns lady! If you know anybody in
need of a card or phone call, please let her know.

And, if you just want to share the news of a happy event, such as a
new grandbaby or a wedding, let her know that too!
Call 816-456-4978

Regional Goodies

Don't forget—Marilyn Griggs has volunteered freezer
space if anyone would like to bake cookies in
advance for the Hospitality Room at the June
Regional. Contact her to make arrangement to bring
them to a meeting or other drop points!

Deadline for the Next Road Runner The 20th of the preceding month

Email to roadrunner@nwmomodela.com

Or mail to: Sherry Winkinhofer
14900 Green Briar Dr
Smithville Mo. 64089



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Visit **www.nwmomodela.com** today!

The club website is maintained by
Webmaster Dave Telles
Please email any info, pictures, questions &
suggestions to **info@nwmomodela.com**



Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club Meeting

February 2, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance led by Vice President, Terry Richardson. Our program, held after the business meeting, was Jim Spawn and the Team String Band. They gave a concert of Gospel and Bluegrass music.

Bill Matteson thanked Jim Spawn for his 15 years as the editor of the Restorer magazine.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Vince Malvagna and seconded by Donna Martin to approve minutes of last meeting as published in the Road Runner. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as read.

President: John Kunkle suggested meeting for a Valentine Dinner on Friday Feb. 13 or Saturday Feb.14. Those interested contact John.

Vice President : Nothing to report.

Concerns/Calling: Cheryl sent Thinking Of You cards to Sherry Winkinhofer, Dave Allen, Laura Cook and Joe Wishon. Sympathy cards to Sylvia Donius, Janice Kunkle and Don and Lois Lobner.

Activities: Silent Auction will be next month's program. Bring your items to donate for the clubs only money making project for the year. Feb. 21 – Cook's Corner Café, March 14 – St. Patrick's Day parade in Atchison, Ks., (Meet at 11:00 Pete's Café). March 28 – Shake Down Cruise (10:30 meet at American Legion Hall). April 18 – Denver Sleigh Co., May 16 – Cameron Veteran's Home.

Merchandising : Marilyn Graves said she has the following items for sale: long sleeve shirts in navy, hoodies, zipper jackets, ball caps (mesh or regular material), stocking hats, head bands for the women, coffee mugs, magnets and decals. Contact Marilyn to purchase.

Properties: Inventory done. Call Lee Donius to borrow club parts and DVD's.

Web Master: Dave said to check out the web site as the raffle item for regional, gas pump, looks really good.

Regional Chairmen: Harvey said next meeting will be sometime the first of March. Committee is working on getting ads and goodie bag items.

Directors: Walt said to get regional registration forms in as soon as possible so club won't be swamped at the last minute.

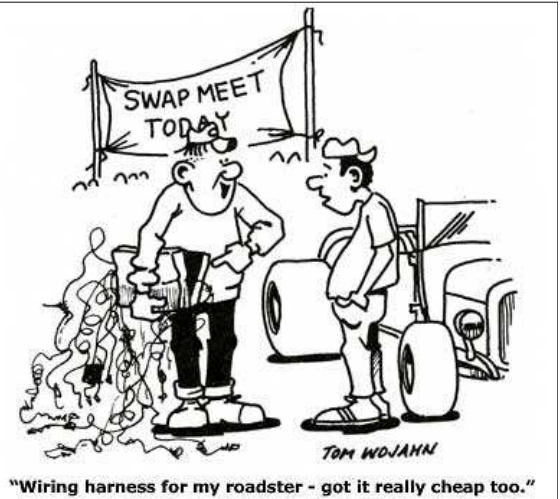
Malcolm said several members will be going to the Wichita swap meet and he will be driving. Signup sheet on back table for those wishing to go.

Bill Matteson thanked Jim Spawn for his 15 years as the editor of the Restorer magazine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Sandi Shaw.



A couple of Car-toons for you!
www.oneillvintageford.co.uk/



Monthly Meeting March 2nd 2015

Sherry Wink

The meeting entertainment was Jim Spawn and his A Team band. Good friends and good music, what more needs to be said! I was unable to attend, but I hear it was great!



Silent Auction Rules for the March Meeting

Just as a refresher, here's the rules we will be following for our annual fund raiser, the silent auction at the March meeting. They're short and sweet, but knowing them will help keep this a fun evening and everything flowing smoothly!

Step 1) Upon arrival pick up a bidder number

Step 2) Pick up a bidder sheet for each item you're bringing.

Step 3) If you don't care what the item brings, place it on the regular bid table with your bid sheet. Please fill in the item. What ever amount it brings goes to the club and the item goes to the highest bidder. If there are no bids you get to take it back home.

Step 4) If you feel the item should bring \$20.00 or more, put the amount in the reserve line on the bid sheet, fill in the item, and place it on the reserve table. If the bid meets or exceeds your reserve, the money goes to the club and the item goes to the highest bidder. If your reserve is not met, you get to take it back home.

Step 5) Minimum bid on all items must be \$1.00, all bids must be in increments of \$1.00.

Step 6) All items should have some intrinsic value to entice a bid, no junk please.

National Youth Restoration Award Update



The Awards Banquet at MAFCA National Convention in Puyallup, Washington, was the setting to announce the nine 2014 recipients of the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA). MAYRA provides financial assistance to youth who are in the process of restoring their Model A's. MAYRA believes that these youth will be future ambassadors of the hobby. Getting and keeping youth involved with the hobby is a key to its future.



Each recipient received \$2,000 in gift certificates. The Model A Ford Club of America and the Model A Restorers Club plus fifty three Chapters and Regions, provided 85% of the funds for the awards.

Nate Spears, 17 is from Smithville, Missouri and is restoring a 1929 Fordor Briggs. He is a member of the Northwest Missouri Model A Club. In May of this year, Nate was attending the regular Model A club meeting when Sherry Winkinhofer said she would give him a Model A if he was interested. He writes "The next weekend, my whole family went up to her place and towed it out of her outbuilding, taking some parts that would get me started, but wouldn't complete the project. My scope on the whole project is to get it restored back to its original form when it rolled of the assembly line in 1929. Hoping to get it done prior to my senior prom next year. So far, other than rust, grease, and mud, there haven't been any issues or challenges that faced me in this restoration."

Valentines Day Pictures!



TOURING GUIDE or "RULES OF THE ROAD" '

by Bob Russell

Finally! Spring is here and the Model A Touring season is about to begin. Since we have a lot of new members in our Club and we have all gotten a bit "rusty" over the winter a review of a previously published article on "Touring" might be appropriate.

To some of us touring is the epitome of the Model A hobby. To jump into our eighty year old cars and travel the roads as our ancestors did brings us back to a slow and simpler kind of life where all seems right with the World.

First, let's discuss the tour itself. Tours can vary from a short out and back for lunch to a several day excursion such as the upcoming "Wichita Regional's". One of the certain facts of touring is that the longer the tour, the more preparation and planning will have to be accomplished to make it a success. The reasons we go on a tour are as varied as the individuals that participate. Some tour just to enjoy the experience of driving and sightseeing while others like to partake of the camaraderie within the group while still others like to feel the adventure of the open road as our forefathers experienced it. Whatever reason we tour we would want it to be a pleasurable experience.



A few COMMON SENSE actions on our part while touring can lead to a much more pleasurable experience for all taking part with no hurt feelings or ruffled feathers to worry about.

Some guidelines to be adhered to in participating in a tour are as follows:

- a. A Leader must be appointed (whether it is two cars or twenty). The leader will brief the group as to route, rest/fuel and/or meal stops, destination and "touring etiquette".
- b. A Tail End car or "Sweeper" should be named whose responsibility includes the cohesiveness of the tour as a group. (The leader and tail end car must have operable two-way communications – it is desirable that all of the group have CB radios).
- c. Rest stops should be scheduled at least once every hour if not sooner.
- d. Absolutely NO PASSING of others in the tour while in route.
- e. Space should be left between tour cars so as to let "modern cars" pass the group safely if they so desire.
- f. All tour cars should be alert as to the car ahead of and the car behind him. If either has to stop for any reason he should also stop and pull off the road. In this way the leader will be able to eventually stop and keep the group together as a whole. (the most violated of touring rules)
- g. If anyone has to leave the tour he should notify the leader to preclude the group waiting on him. h. Consideration should be given in large groups (more than ten cars) to splitting the group up and proceed as separate groups with ten or fifteen minute intervals between them.

A few common sense courtesies can go a long way into making a tour very enjoyable and have it operate in a smooth and SAFE manner. Have a Great Model A Day!

Meet and Greet

The February 21st "Eat and Greet" had a great attendance! Cook's Corner Café in Dearborn was full of NWMO Model A'ers enjoying the good food and great companionship. And of course, the PIE! John Osborn's "Eat and Greet"s have been a popular addition to the winter months when it's been too cold to tour.



Color Matching 1928

Here are a few interesting excerpts from the January 1928 edition of Photoplay magazine. Carolyn Van Wyck wrote a monthly advice column and this is in response to a letter from a girl named Dorothy. This is just a few of the interesting paragraphs. To read the whole article or other interesting magazines, got to archive.org.



It is wise, of course, for the fair blonde with flaxen hair to wear clear whites, dark browns, all the blues and the delicate pastels. The red-haired fair girl can wear pale green, taupe, amber, yellow and pale blue. The chestnut-haired should favor bronze, darkest purple, pale pink and blue. The pale brunette, all shades of brown, sapphire blue, orchid, burgundy and dark red. The olive brunette, browns, apricot, beige and terra cotta. The highly colored brunette, pale shades, pale blues, silver grays, old rose, coral. But it is the manner in which these basically becoming colors are combined that marks the successful costume.

Dorothy should unify her costumes by means of color. Black alone is a successful ensemble shade. Black shoes, stockings, dress and hat make a chic outfit, but blue or brown similarly used will mark her as dowdy. Of course, too many colors may not be worn simultaneously. Three is the outside limit and two is better.

Dorothy's shoes should match either her dress or hat. Her handbag should match either her coat or hat, and the coat preferably because the two will be more used together. If her silk-stocking allowance is limited — and whose isn't? — She should buy only nude shades which blend with everything.

It is not the gown one wears, or the hat or shoes that makes for distinction. It is the manner in which these garments are

e successfully combined that makes for smartness. Cheapness comes not from price tickets but from the carelessness of combined colors, designs and models. You can't slam on a forty-dollar hat on your head and make it look smart. But a clever girl will pull a little three-fifty coral felt cloche carefully down over her left eyebrow, contrast it cleverly with her grey chiffon dress, her nude stockings and her well-heeled grey pumps and make the crowd notice her as she passes.

Last summer when I was in Hollywood I lunched with Adrian, the costume designer at the DeMille studio. We are old friends and he was confiding to me his discouragement about dressing a very beautiful girl recently put under contract by the studio. Finally he exclaimed: "An ugly woman should thank God. A pretty girl, no matter how dressed, remains merely a pretty girl. But a plain girl carefully gowned attains immediate personality." That is the secret which Paris knows and which Dorothy must learn. When you haven't a perfect face and figure, scorn commonplace prettiness and go in for chic and distinction. After all, the most important single thing to spend on clothes is thought.

This is an interesting recipe from a 1927 cookbook put out by General Electric promoting the use of their modern refrigerator!

Jellied Chicken—No. 13

Put 1 quart chicken stock in sauce with 3 1/2 tablespoons gelatin and 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice. Add more seasonings if necessary and 2 egg whites slightly beaten, with the shells.



Stir constantly over the fire until boiling point is reached. Let stand away from the fire for ten minutes or until a decided separation takes place. Strain through double cheesecloth and make a layer 1/4 inches deep in large refrigerator pan.

Chill in refrigerator and when firm place the refrigerator pan in a large pan surrounded with water and ice cubes.

Garnish with hard cooked egg cut in fancy shapes and cress leaves and stems. Add a little jelly very carefully to hold decorations in place and return to refrigerator until firm.

Cut 1 cooked chicken or fowl and 1 pound cooked ham in strips and place one layer lengthwise on the jelly. Cover with jelly and return to chilling unit until firm. Fill the pan with alternate layers of chicken and ham and jelly and place in refrigerator but not in chilling unit until time for serving. Loosen around the edge with a spatula and turn out on a platter. Garnish with lettuce and cress, the remaining chicken jelly chopped and hard cooked egg cut in eighths.

Brands We Still Know

Charles L. Griggs worked previously for another soda company but quit and started his own in St. Louis MO in 1920. After doing well with an orange soda called "Howdy" but losing the overall battle against "Orange Crush", he decided to try Lemon-Lime, a popular combination of the times.



A 1931 bottle label

In 1929 he developed a drink called "Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda". It actually contained the mood altering substance lithium (which remained an ingredient until the 50's). In 1931 the name was changed to "7up Lithiated Lemon Soda", and soon to just "7up". 7up was the world's third best selling soft drink by the 1940's. There is a lot of controversy about what the name stands for but most sources seem to feel it's due to the original 7 natural ingredients.

Model A Mystery Part

Question: What is this Model A part?

For "Bragging Rights", put your answer on a postcard and send it to:

Ray Meyer, 710 NW Rosaceae Drive
Blue Springs MO 64015

or email Ray at techguy@nwmomodela.com



Photo courtesy
of Ray Meyer

December Quiz Question

Question: What is this Model A part?



A Rear Seven
Leaf Spring
Bracket

Answer: - This month's winner was John Osborn

New! The first respondent correctly guessing the mystery part will win one raffle ticket for the monthly meeting! Must be present at monthly meeting.

Tech Article

Ray Meyer, Tech Director

I posted this last year in March, figured it would be a good idea to post again. A reminder spring will be here soon. It is time to start thinking about getting your Model A's ready for the road.

SEASONAL MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST

1. Inspect fan for cracks
2. Check water pump for leaks and end play
3. Check fan belt adjustment
4. Inspect radiator hoses
5. Check radiator water level
6. Oil generator bushings at each end of generator
7. Check carburetor and fuel lines for leaks
8. Drain/inspect sediment bowl
9. Check air cleaner
10. Check/change crankcase oil
11. Check generator charging rate, adjust as required
12. Check for tight electrical connections at generator
13. Test all lights (head, tail, stop, dash, dome)
14. Check for tight coil connections
15. Check for tight connections at ammeter and terminal box
16. Check distributor point gap (.016-.018)
17. Check engine timing
18. Check battery water level
19. Clean battery posts and clamps
20. Tighten battery ground connection
21. Check wiper blade rubber
22. Tighten accessory mountings (windwings)
23. Check tires for breaks, cracks, and abnormal wear
24. Tighten all wheel lug nuts
25. Inspect exhaust system for leaks
26. Adjust service brakes
27. Check toe in

Touring Update

Here are some of the activities and road tour is that we have planned for the next couple of months:

March 14th—St. Patrick's Day parade

John Kunkle has invited everyone to join him at the parade in Atchison to participate in the annual St. Pat's day parade. Join him for lunch at Pete's Steakhouse at 11:30 to eat lunch, and then leave to get in line by 1:00 for the 2:00 parade.

March 28th—Shake Down Cruise

Another great Shake Down Cruise led by Bill Auch. Meet at the American Legion for a 10:30 departure Gas up your old Tin Lizzy, charge your battery and let's go for a ride. All parts that fall off are the sole property of those who pick them up. Lunch will be at a surprise place in Smithville.

Saturday April 18 - Denver Sleigh Works

This is a road trip to Denver! Denver Missouri that is. We will be visiting the "Denver Sleigh Works". It is operated by a retired college professor that has collected over 100 antique sleighs. We have a great route planned out and will be traveling along very good roads .

The tour starts in Gladstone at the Hy-Vee departing at 6:45 AM (yes, A.M.!) with whistle stops in Smithville, St. Joseph, and points east all on US 169. Plan on enjoying lunch in Albany Missouri.

Saturday May 16th - Armed Forces Day

This outing is our annual scheduled visit to the Cameron Missouri Veterans home where we put on a car show for the veterans.

We will be leaving the American Legion in Smithville at 9 AM sharp to arrive at our planned 10:00 arrival. Don't miss this tour, it always a fulfilling time for all involved! Plan for lunch after in Cameron.



For Sale / Wanted

As a service to our members, the three area Model A clubs have decided to mutually share our classified ads sections! We are also now including items from our friends in the Central Iowa Model A Club (this will include Model A specific items only.) Ads will run approximately 3 months unless we are notified that the item is still available.

For Sale: Dan Wantland's 1929 Pickup \$12,000 or best offer

Wanted - Right rear fender for a 1930 - 31 Model A Sedan.

Wanted - Front and Rear (Complete Assembly) bumpers for a 1931 Tudor.

Contact: John Johnson 515-989-0380 (CIMA 12/2014)

For Sale: Various Model A Parts including rebuilt clutch assembly, flywheel and front bumper

Contact: Jim Witte 515-987-4490 (CIMA 12/2014).

For Sale: Unfortunately we do not have the time to enjoy our 1929 Model A Tudor. Therefore, we are putting it up for sale. Asking \$13,750.00 (no trades). Several members of the Northwest Missouri Model A Club are familiar with this car.

Contact: Bob Dunham 816-830-8270

For Sale: Model T-A and more parts for sale. Since my garage building is too full of cars and I have no more space to build more, I guess I am now quitting building cars. I now will share my parts -lots of parts!!

Contact: Dean Weller 913-585-3326 or 913-585-1313 (POA 10/2014)

MAFCA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING HIGHLIGHTS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014 LITTLE ROCK, AR

The Minutes of the September 6, 2014 MAFCA Board Meeting were approved. The Minutes of the October 7, 2014 Conference call were approved.

National Conventions 2014-
Puyallup, WA 2016—Loveland, CO 2018

Open National Tours 2015-
Lobsters and Lighthouses in Maine 2017
Northwest Tour in Washington & British Columbia

National Awards Banquets
2014- Little Rock, AR 49 Registrations
2015- Medford, OR
2016- Reno, NV

Policy Changes
P2S06-A President (revision)
P3S26-National Tour Guidelines (revision)
P3S08-National Awards Banquet Guidelines (revision)
P3S08-A National Awards Banquet Agreement (revision)
P1S00-A Creating and/or Revising MAFCA Policies (renaming and revision)
P2S06-C Secretary (revision)
P2S02 Financial Reporting and Investment Policy (revision)
P2S06- Treasurer (approved)
P2S05-I MAFCA Service Award (revision)

MAFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 10, 2015 LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

President Garth Shreading announced the following Board liaisons for 2015: Trudy Vestal Era Fashions Committee, Jim Cannon Judging Standards Committee, Dave Bockman Website, Doug Linden Insurance, Jay McCord SEMA and MAFFI, Mark Smith Restorers Class

National Awards Banquets
2015-Medford, OR.
2016- Reno, NV.

National Tours
2015 Lobsters and Lighthouses of Maine
2017 By Land, By Sea, By Model A- Olympia, WA.

National Conventions
2016- Loveland, CO.
2018- Open

Policy Changes
P1S04- MAFCA Website Policy
P1S09- Calendar of Events Policy

Facebook
1670 likes as of January 9, 2015 2015

Board of Directors Nominating Committee: The 2015 Board of Directors Nominating Committee was approved. They are: John Lavoy, Donna Lewis, Sherry Winkinhofer and John Firth.

New Member

Gil & Linda Wanklyn
1674 SW 212th Street
Plattsburg MO 64477

Address Update

Ronnie and Leslie Miller have moved! Please update your roster with the new info below!

Ronnie & Leslie Miller
1068 SE 971 Rd
Deepwater Mo 64740

All other information remains the same.

We Roamed West in a Ford Model A

By Letha Smith^L • Highland Park, New Jersey

When my friend Helen and I told everyone that we were “going West” in the summer of 1930, our families were worried and the neighbors were flat-out scandalized. The idea of two girls going off alone like that! Helen was 18, and I was 24. I'd just put a down payment on a \$600 Ford Model A, and we planned to drive to California to visit Helen's relatives.

On June 13—Friday the 13th—we drove out of Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, loaded down with a gas stove, folding table, food boxes that were bolted to the running boards, a burlap bag filled with canned goods, and draw curtains for the windows. What heady excitement we felt, alone on the open road, free to roam the West at will! We were thrilled to fly in the face of convention. We were pioneers! We'd show the folks back home we could take care of ourselves! Economy was our watchword. All we really had to buy was milk, bread and fruit. Gas was just 8 cents a gallon, and Helen became adept at servicing the car while I fixed most of our meals.



Camping in the Car; We stopped at municipal campgrounds to use the kitchen and showers. When we were ready to sleep, the Ford's divided front seats converted into our “beds.” We stashed the stove and provisions under the car, drew the curtains and locked the doors. Our adventure was going pretty well until we reached Carroll, Iowa. There, a car shot out from a side street and smashed into the front door, shattering the glass and destroying a food box. My heart sank. “So ends our adventure,” I thought. “The folks back home were right.” “Not so,” said Helen. “We'll get the car fixed and go on.” We found a repairman named Tony who fixed the door and built a new food box—all for \$30. We lost our canned foods that day, too. We'd tied the bag to the rear bumper, and the bottom wore through. That night at our campground, we overheard a truck driver chuckling about something odd he'd seen—a trail of smashed canned goods strewn along the road. Helena and I had to laugh, and the next day our spirits soared even higher as we took to the road again.

Sleeping in Splendor: Yellowstone was the high point of our trip. Camping in a grove of trees on the shore of Yellowstone Lake, we slept under four blankets to keep warm. Nonetheless, we had to tear ourselves away from the idyllic spot, where friendly bears roamed and the fish measured up to 18 inches long. We rolled south to Salt Lake City, Utah and into the desert. Here gas was priced at an exorbitant 12 cents a gallon, and we were forced to take cabins at \$1.50 a night! On to Lake Tahoe, Truckee Pass and Sacramento. We continued through the world's largest peach and apricot orchards, where we bought giant baskets of fruit for 10 cents. At Yosemite, we spread our blankets over soft pine needles and slept beneath the giant sequoias and a blanket of stars. Farther south, in California, Helen's relatives treated us to concerts, picnics, beach parties, museums and a lovely overnight trip to Catalina Island.

On July 30, we began the trip back home to Pennsylvania. It was a cool evening when we reached the Grand Canyon, which surely is the world's most sublime sight. Our second morning there, we were on a mule, heading into the canyon. We had pictures taken of us dangling our feet over the brink of a 1,100-foot drop to the river. “That'll shake up our folks,” Helen said. After the Grand Canyon, the rest of the trip was pretty tame. We just wanted to get home! On Aug. 17, we drove into Potter County, Pennsylvania. The daring wanderers of the West were welcomed home at last.

Coil Polarity

This article was submitted by Clarence Lawson, unfortunately he neglected to include it's source. If you can identify the source it was published in, I can give proper credit in the next newsletter!

Most coils are marked positive and negative at the primary terminals. When installing or connecting a coil, be sure to make the connections as shown in Figs. 15 and 16.

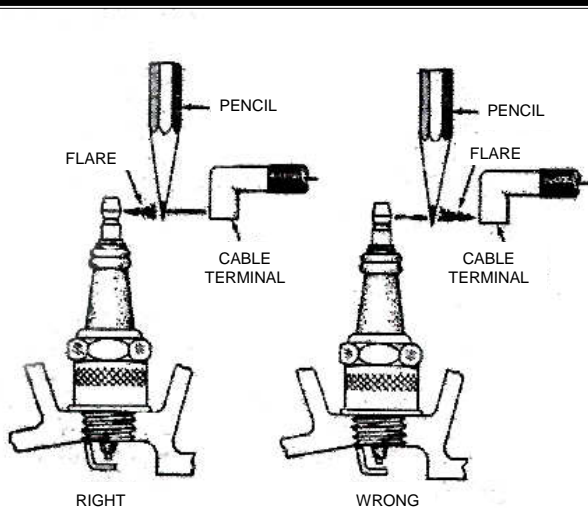


Fig. 17 Checking coil polarity

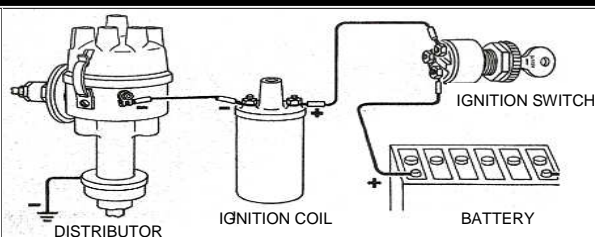


Fig. 15 Wiring connections for coil with negative grounded

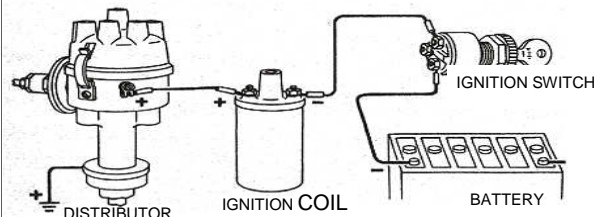


Fig. 16 Wiring connections for coil with positive grounded

If perchance the coil is not marked as to its polarity, it can be checked by holding any high tension wire about 1/4 away from its spark plug terminal with the engine running. Insert the point of a wooden lead pencil between the spark plug and the wire, Fig. 17. If the spark flares and has a slight orange tinge on the spark plug side of the pencil, polarity is correct. If the spark flares on the cable side, coil connections should be reversed.

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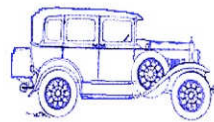
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