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Karen Haber	09/08	Michelle Kelly	09/14
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Anniversaries

Raul & Jeannie Salmon	09/23
Chili & Linda Canida	09/29

Monthly Meeting

September 11, 2023

NOTE! CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO LABOR DAY!!

**American Legion, 2607 NW State Route 92
Smithville, MO 64089**

**The Legion provides a dinner menu at a special price
one hour prior to the 7:00 PM meeting.**

Board Meeting

September 21, 2023

**The 3rd Thursday of each month,
7:00 PM, Woodneath Library Center
8900 NE Flintlock Rd, Kansas City, MO 64157
Visitors welcome**

Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-KC

Big Biscuit in Liberty

Please join us every Wednesday 6:30 am to "whenever"
at the Liberty Corner Shopping Center, at 840 Hwy 291
(816-429-5314)

Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-St Joe

Every Monday 7:00-10:00 AM

Hy-Vee 201 North Belt Highway, St. Joseph

President's Comments:

We've had a very busy August. I hope you've been able to join in on some of the fun activities we've had!

August 12 was the Platte County steam engine car show which I attended. Even though I was parked in the shade, it got pretty hot so I was not able to stay very long. August 16 the ladies had a nice lunch at Bravo in Zona Rose. August 19 we went to the Shatto Dairy Farm tour with Heart of America members. Also attending that day was the greater Kansas City Mustang club, so there were several beautiful Mustangs to see also. The farm tour was very interesting and informative. They showed us how they collect, bottle and mix their products. On August 26 we cruised over to the new Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum. It has a very informative presentation of her life and experiences on display. There is also a beautiful restored Lockheed L10 like the one Amelia was flying at the time of her disappearance. Only 14 of them were produced, and this is the last survivor.

September is looking fun! Plan on Joining us on September 9 for our next cruise to Rosecrans Airport outside of St. Joe. See info below.

A big Thank You to Jody for taking up the reins of the Cares and Concerns Position!

Reminder: our next meeting is September 11 the second Monday of the month, due to the Labor Day holiday. Hope to see you there!

Mike Owen, President

"Life always offers you a second chance. It's called tomorrow"

Editor's Comments:

I've had The Old Lady here in Nebraska with me all month, but it's been a little frustrating with the weather! Just too darn hot to drive! The over 100 degrees heat just doesn't agree with me although I'm sure she wouldn't mind. But this week it's supposed to be a little cooler before heating up again next week. So hopefully I'll have her out and around the village on some fun drives! My granddaughter has been excited thinking about that!

The other good news is my new garage is almost done! Next severe storm, I'll sleep a LOT better knowing she is under a secure roof. I was just lucky she wasn't here in May when that huge hailstorm hit. Still dealing with hailstorm damage to my roof and to my vehicle! The new house roof goes on next week, hopefully the garage crew won't conflict with the roofing crew. It will be busy at my house next week, but all good stuff that eventually will lead to more Model A time!

Happy A'ing—Sherry Wink,

Editor

NORTHWEST MO. MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING

American Legion Hall Smithville, Missouri

August 7, 2023

President Mike Owen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Vice President Bill Skaggs** introduced our guest speaker, a former member of the National Guard.

Treasurer Bob Martin read the Treasurer s Report: Checking Account \$2,904.94, Savings \$10,048.69 total \$12,954.94

Activities Director Chili Canida talked about the upcoming tour to Atchison to the new Amelia Earhart Hanger Museum.

Tech Director Tony Flieg talked about helping Junior with his transmission and things of importance to know.

Cares and Concerns: Jody Layne has volunteered to step into the Cares and Concerns position.

Membership Director Myron Schmitt reported there were 34 members present at this meeting.

Ladies Luncheon is being coordinated by **Loura Talley**. The August luncheon was a great success, the September lunch is scheduled for September 13 at Cascone's.

Director Junior Blakely updated us about a problem with his transmission, and the help Tony provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Secretary Terry Richardson.

September MAFFI Minute

MAFFI Model A Days, September 15-16, 2023: The planning is complete for this years' Model A Days. The theme for this year is "Open Cars". There will be a special gate access to Model A parking. A two-day swap meet is planned.

You will be able to "Ride-the-A" around the Gilmore campus in a Model A car, AA stake bed truck and/or maybe even a Model A school bus. There will be a Model A driving school for those who have registered for this activity. A catered dinner with a tour of the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary as well as a tour of the Kellogg Manor House is planned, (these require registration).

Seminars will include a fashion seminar; a technical seminar-The ABC's of the Model A Engine; a touring seminar-Road-Trip 101; and a special guest speaking on the Great Race. There will again be a MAFFI sales table. (It is requested shirts be pre-ordered to be sure your shirt in your size is available.) The Henry Ford Heritage Association will be in attendance. A Jazz Band will perform.

Some special rate rooms may still be available, although they are filling up. All of this is happening at Hickory Corners, Michigan. For more information and registration procedures, visit the MAFFI web page. Come visit, what a way for Model A folks to end the summer season for 2023!

Happy motoring,

Mike DuBreuil
MAFFI Board of Trustees
Secretary

WEBMASTER WANTED

MAFCA is seeking a volunteer to take over the position of Webmaster.

This person must have general knowledge of web infrastructure as well as a background in HTML editing using applications such as Dreamweaver.

Experience with PHP, CSS, and SQL, as well as other scripting languages, along with SFTP, will be helpful as well. Training with our current platform will be provided by interim webmaster Rick Black.

If your love of the Model A extends into the digital world, we could use your help. Here is an opportunity to contribute to the hobby you enjoy.

If you have an interest in volunteering for this position, please contact me at chaptercoordinator@mafca.com or directly at 405-812-8131 — or any current Board member. — *Will Langford, 2023*
Chapter Coordinator/Web Liaison





Activities

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

September 9th—Cruise to Rosecrans Airport
 Missouri National Guard 139th Airlift Wing, St. Joseph Missouri
 See details below

September 13th-Ladies Luncheon
 Cascones on North Oak 11:30
 Call Loura at (816) 632-1776 (leave a message!)
 to reserve your spot!

Save the Date!
October 7th—Weiner Roast at Smith's
(Note Date Change!) 4:00—6:00 pm

December 2nd—Christmas party
 11:30 am at Kozak's, 1018 US 169 highway, Smithville

December 2nd—Smithville lighted Christmas parade
 Lineup at 5 pm, details pending

Other Activities

Nov 30-Dec 2—MAFCA National Awards Banquet
 Santa Maria California
<https://www.mafca.com/calendar.html>

If you are planning on joining in on any of the tours or activities, please sign-up and include your phone number, or you can contact Chili Canada at 816-726-4101 (home phone.) That way if an event has to be canceled, or has a location or schedule change, he will do his best to make sure you are notified!

ALERT! 92 HWY is now closed from C Highway to WHB Rd. (The previously closed section of 92 HWY from Long road to Mount Olivet is now open.)



Last Meeting: Our guest, retired from the Missouri National Guard, entertained us with stories about the diverse activities of the Missouri National Guard. This included overseas postings, flood relief activities, and other critical support endeavors we probably never even thought about until his talk! (My apologies, I was unable to confirm our guest's name prior to printing!)

Next Meeting: Gary Dixon will talk about his heart transplant. There will also be a representative of the transplant organization to provide additional information!

Platte County Steam Engine Show

Mike Owen made an appearance with his A at the Steam show, although he admits the heat made it a short visit!



September 9th- Rosecrans Airport Cruise



Cruise to Rosecrans Airport Saint Joe Missouri to visit the 139th Airlift Wing, a unit of the Missouri Air National Guard, stationed at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base, St. Joseph, Missouri. Rosecrans is a WWII era airport that is named in honor of Guy Wallace Rosecrans, the only St. Joseph Airman killed during WWI. The 139th Airlift Wing currently operates C-130H2 Hercules theater airlift aircraft and provides current academic and combat flying tactics and training to C-130 airlift air crews of the Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserve Command, active duty USAF, sister services and allied nations.

We will meet at the McDonald's in Smithville for an 8:30 am departure. **Please let Chili know if you intend to participate! 816-726-4101.**



Sunshine/Concerns
Our Sunshine/Concerns position is vacant! If you know anybody that will step up to help out, let us know! If you know of anyone that could use a call or a card, contact any Board member@

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NWMO Model A Ford Club
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 Smithville MO 64089
 Or email:
nwmomodelafordclub@gmail.com

Shatto Dairy Tour

It was a good turn out on a very hot day! Perhaps it was the promise of the Shatto ice cream that drew such a big crowd. But it was definitely modern cars only for this event with the weather reaching towards 100! I hear the ice cream and other goodies from the tour and the visitors center did not disappoint!



Maysville Country Harvest Festival

Pictures from Fred Kiehl

Members of the club took part in the Maysville Country Harvest Festival on August 10th. They report it was a great time! Fred and Sharon Kiehl, Steve and Laura Talley, and Junior Blakley all drove their cars in the parade and displayed them afterwards. According to Laura, the Talley's were surprised to come back to their car to find a blue ribbon hanging on it!



August Ladies Luncheon—Bravo at Zona Rosa

From Laura Talley

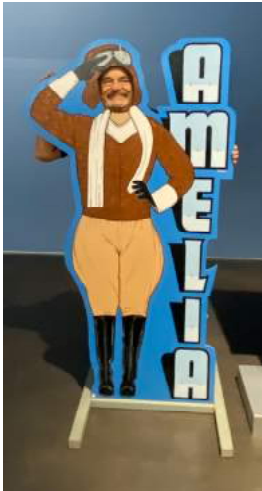
Another delightful lunch was enjoyed by the ladies, this time we sampled Italian north the river. A table of ladies chatted happily before, during, and after the delicious meal. Julie Parnell brought in a small portion of her collection of vintage mesh bags collected over her years as an antique enthusiast. She also brought a copy of *Antique Week*, a newspaper for those that collect, that highlighted Whiting and Davis purses. Sherry Wink was delighted to see that one of the illustrations on the front page matched one of the purses in her small collection of these bags! We all oohed and aahed over the beautiful items that Julie shared. We just might have to make show-and-tell a regular part of our outings! If you missed the fun, come join the next one happening September 13th

Also, we've been talking about getting together for an afternoon of fun to make some era appropriate accessories such as hat pins. Good ideas were exchange, and some of the ladies have already started gathering up broken jewelry to repurpose! Let me know if you might enjoy this or other type of activities!



Amelia Earhart Hanger Museum Tour

The weather was kinder to the participants of this tour to nearby Atchison Kansas, although about half still drove modern cars. This new museum is definitely worth a visit. The centerpiece is Muriel, the world's last remaining Lockheed Electra 10-E. It is named after Amelia's sister and is a twin to the one Amelia was flying when she disappeared. Add to that beautiful display a number of interactive exhibits exploring Amelia's life, and it was a fun interesting day!



Illustrations vs. Photos in Fashion Ads!

By Sherry Winkhofer



It's easy to look at the many pages of catalogs and ads of the Model A years and come to the conclusion that everyone was young and thin, and that everyone looked fabulous in the fashions of the day! But if you look a little further, you can find ads and promotions that made use of real life models, and the reality is a little different!

Here are a few ads from a publication called "Dry Goods Journal" from March 1929 that use photos. A little different from those glorified illustrations found many publications back then!



Don't get me wrong, these ladies look great (except maybe for that "dance romper" but it was a different time back then, so) But the point is that back then, just like today, the media did not represent reality as far as the normal woman's attire and body shape!



A typical fashion illustration of the era!

A 1929 Edition of Candy and Candy-Making Book by Mary B Bookmeyer included this yummy recipe for gum drops and many other interesting recipes. The author was said to be an expert in sugar crystallization which was the key to many of these recipes!

Gum Drops

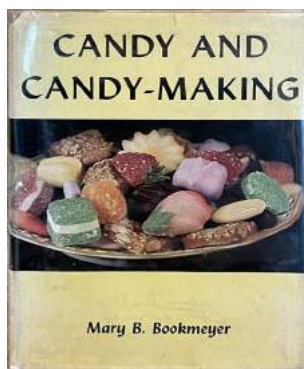
- 7 Tbsp granulated gelatine
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 1/4 cup cold water
- 2 Tbsp water
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- Coloring and flavoring

Soak gelatine in two tablespoonfuls of water.

Add sugar and corn syrup to cold water; stir until well dissolved; and cook to 280° F but do not stir while cooking . When this reaches 280° F add gelatine and lemon juice.

Remove from fire; divide the mixture into three parts, and color and flavor each mixture as desired.

Mold in cornstarch molds, or pour into square pan so that the depth of the gum drops will be about one inch. When firm, cut into squares, or strips, and roll in sugar or crystallize in sugar solution.



A selection of candies made from the recipes in this book.

Brands We Still Know

Gabrielle Chanel, famously known as Coco Chanel, and already a famous fashion designer, decided in 1920 it was time for a scent for the "new modern woman."

Working with master perfumer Ernest Beaux, who also created scents for the Russian Tsars, Chanel released Chanel No. 5 in 1921.

The usual fragrances of the time were soliflores, scents that focused on one flower.

Chanel wanted a perfume that was complex; a scent that was crafted and composed of many components, just like the clothing she designed. It was said that she was "the first to bring together, the woman, the dress, and the perfume."



1928 Chanel Bottle

The name Chanel No.5 came from several sources; Chanel thought of the number five as her lucky number. In fact her new design lines were always released on the fifth day of the fifth month. Beaux provided her a number of test fragrances during development; the scent she chose was sample number five. Chanel No. 5 has notes of rose, jasmine.

Interesting note: ,Chanel No.5 is classified as an "unstable" perfume, which means it smells unique on each wearer.

Model A Mystery Part

What is it?

Do you know?

For "Bragging Rights", Send an email to nwmodelafordclub@gmail.com
Or to Sherry Winkinhofer
PO Box 172, Table Rock NE 68447



Photo courtesy of Mike's A-Fordable
Antique Auto

Last Month's Mystery Part

This is the small backing plate for the center bumper clamp on a 28-29. This wider style was used on the 28-29's that used the round style center clamp. Did you know?!



Photo courtesy of Snyder's
Antique Auto Parts

Tony's Tech Tips

I've been working on compiling a "Club Rolodex" for a while now. Its purpose is to list many of the resources members have used in the past or have knowledge of someone who has used them with some degree of success. It will soon be in PDF form on our website and is also printed on the next page. If you have a resource you would like to suggest be added to this list, let me know! Both national clubs also have a list of vendors that can be a useful resource. Check these out at MAFCA: www.mafca.com/suppliers.html. MARC— <https://model-a-ford.org/top-page-1/resources/model-a-vendors/>.

Below is the newest addition to the Club Rolodex. I worked with Junior Blakley to get his transmission issue resolved, which involved getting Junior in contact with Steve Mitchell and eventually purchasing parts that resolved Junior's issue. This makes this company a verified resource for other club members. - Tony

Transmissions and Parts

Mitchell Manufacturing
1157 Parker St.
Colusa, CA 95932
(800)859-2088

mitchmanfc@frontiernet.net

Steve Mitchell is the owner and is very helpful and informative. They have all parts for shift towers, fully rebuilt shift towers, transmission dip stick kits, and transmission seal kits to fix those common leaks for the Model A transmission. They also sell the Mitchell overdrives and have fully synchronized transmissions.

Here is a link to a helpful video that explains transmission shift towers and their issues that Steve Mitchell and Paul Shinn go into great detail to repair. This was filmed at the

Mitchell Mfg building. This link will also be added to a page on our website.

[How to rebuild Ford Model A shift tower with Steve Mitchell](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bp2HPOYzn1M&list=PLMa6GqpJlm_PsMxLsQcndHysjw0uZg9HV&index=12&t=22s)

Printed copy, use this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bp2HPOYzn1M&list=PLMa6GqpJlm_PsMxLsQcndHysjw0uZg9HV&index=12&t=22s



McPherson College's student-restored car takes second in class

by: Laura McMillan

Posted: Aug 21, 2023 , www.ksn.com/news

MCPHERSON, Kan. (KSNW) — Students, faculty and staff at McPherson College are celebrating today after a student-restored car came in second in a prestigious competition.

On Sunday, the school's 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300S Cabriolet took second in the postwar luxury class division at the 72nd Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Thousands of car owners worldwide tried to get their cars shown at the event, but only 200 were invited to compete, including McPherson College.

This is the first time in the event's history that an entirely student-restored car has made it into the top three in class.

McPherson College automotive restoration students spent the last seven years restoring the Cabriolet.

"Many car collectors dream of just competing at Pebble Beach their entire lives, so for our students to earn second in class is truly an exceptional achievement," McPherson College President Michael Schneider said in a news release. "This is 10 years in the making, with students, alumni, and faculty pouring their heart and soul into this restoration project of the Mercedes-Benz to make this vision a reality. This accomplishment puts our students on par with the professionals of automotive restoration."



(Photos courtesy McPherson College)



McPherson College alums and friends gather for a photo by the school's 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300S Cabriolet at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Aug. 20, 2023.



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Mount Airy Md 21771
1-800-255-1929
www.brattons.com

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166 College Ave
Maysville, GA 30558
Phone: (706) 652-3866
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www.mike@mikes-afordable.com

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(330) 549-5313
www.snydersantiqueauto.com

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Independence, Mo. 64055
(816) 254-5635
www.autocolor.com
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Lee's Summit, MO 64086
(816) 554-1800
www.bobbondart.com

Rebuilder of Starters, Generators and Alternators

Kautz Electric
920 Commercial St
Atchison, KS 66002
(913) 367-1717

Batteries:

Best Battery
1112 Swift Ave.
North Kansas City, Mo. 64116
(816) 741-7816
https://www.bestbatterieskc.com/
good prices on batteries

Other resources that have been recommended by members!

Carburetor - Marvel Carb parts:

Smith & Jones Antique Auto Parts
60 Wisconsin Street
West Columbia, SC 29170
(803) 822-4141
WWW.snjparts.com

Carburetors - Zenith and Marvel SCHEBLER / ALLSTATE 2405 parts:

Renner's Corner
David Renner
10320 E. Austin Rd
Manchester, MI 48158
734-428-8424
www.rennerscorner.com
(very knowledgeable guy and extremely helpful.
Website has a lot of useful information)

General questions:

Melt Hessefort
Grain Valley, MO
816-590-4317
(Very helpful and has a wealth of knowledge on the Model A's)

Glass:

Santa Fe Glass
7302 N. Oak Traffic way
Gladstone, Mo.
(816) 631-2782
https://santafeglass.net
(Has patterns for Model A glass)

LED Lights for 6v and 12v systems:

Logo Lites
Creative Connections, Inc
3407 Duluth Highway 120
Duluth, GA 30096-3341
770-476-7322
www.logolites.com
(Easy plug and play install no other modifications necessary)

LED Lights:

(877) 283-5060
www.ledlight.com
LED replacements for all Model A bulbs, (Very helpful finding correct bulbs good prices)

License Plates - antique plates for your Model A year:

Larry Niederschulte
PO Box 751
Shawnee Mission, KS 66201
816-365-0447
www.larrylicenseplates.com

Machine shop that does welding and machining:

KC Machine
505 S. McCleary
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
816-630-2035
www.kc-machine.com

Model A Parts:

A-Z Model A Parts
808 S. Cypress
Stockton, Kansas 67669
(785) 425-8432
www.kestercustoms@gmail.com
(Very helpful finding parts, and available pick up at swap meets)

Parts for hot rods, but often has good prices on Model A Parts:

Speedway Motors
340 Victory Lane
Lincoln, NE 68528
www.speedwaymotors.com
(800)979-0122

Powder coating:

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816-383-0301
www.87pitstop.com
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B&D Radiator Shop
7310 Wellman Road
McLouth, KS 66054
(913) 796-6758
banddradiator@gmail.com

Rear view mirror repair:

Tint Master
7404 N. Oak Traffic way
Gladstone, Mo. 64118
(816) 468-8468
www.tintmaster.net
(has reflective product for rear view mirror, to replace silvering)

Repair of heads and exhaust and intake manifold resurfacing:

Noland's Cylinder Head Service
1519 Charlotte St.
Kansas City, MO 64108
816-471-5167
nolands1519@gmail.com
(4th generation shop - very knowledgeable)

Rivets, screws (oval head nickel - plated):

McMaster-Carr
600 N. County Line Road
Elmhurst, Ill. 60126-2081
(630) 600-3600
www.mcmaster.com

Transmissions and Parts

Mitchell Manufacturing
1157 Parker St.
Colusa, CA 95932
(800)859-2088
mitchmanfc@frontiernet.net

Trunk Parts:

Brettuns Village
557 Lincoln Street
Lewiston, ME 04240
(207)782-7448
www.brettunsvillage.com

How the 1928-1931 Ford Model A started the entire auto restoration hobby

It's the car that put a wrench in many a young enthusiast's hands

David Conwill, printed 11/22/2022

Like a lot of things, auto restoration has antecedents in the pre-World War II era, but is most strongly associated with the postwar period. Brass car enthusiasts were already preserving and fixing those machines by the late '30s, but the first thing that most would recognize as the hobby/industry of today really springs out of the post-war DIY movement centered on the 1928-1931 Ford Model A. Why the Model A? Well, a bunch of reasons...

What started out as a handsome new car for the masses finished its run as a quality, less-ostentatious, more-affordable car for middle- and upper-class folks who found themselves both strapped for cash themselves and wishing to avoid conspicuous consumption.

Like the early Mustang, the Model A was a sensation when it first came out in late 1927, and Ford was hard pressed to keep up with the demand. From an engineering standpoint, it was strictly evolutionary, not revolutionary: The chassis, based on transverse leaf springs and solid axles front and rear, was very much like that of the 1909-'27 Ford Model T but with the addition of shock absorbers and front brakes.

Stylistically, the new Ford was patterned after the Lincoln Model L, though today both cars are often confused with the Model T because the subtleties of styling evolution in the late-'20s/early-'30s have been lost to the non-enthusiast public over the decades. Regardless, what was perceived as a handsome car in 1929 has endured as a period icon to later generations. It's also more welcoming to most drivers compared with a Model T, both for the improved chassis and the seemingly more familiar three-speed, floor-shift gearbox—virtually the industry standard by then, though Ford had clung to a 1900s-tech two-speed planetary transmission through the end of Model T production.

To rectify the various perceived shortcomings of the Model T, a huge aftermarket industry had grown up around Ford in the 1910s and '20s. It turned its attention to the Model A immediately, though those attentions were severely interrupted by the October 1929 stock market crash (right about the time 1930 Fords arrived in the showroom) and the ensuing Great Depression. The resulting products were memorable, as they were intended to improve upon an already excellent, 40 hp car rather than bring a 20 hp 1909 car up to the present standard, and have been intermittently produced up to the present day.

From student jalopies like this phaeton seen at the University of North Carolina back in 1940 to the speedy roadsters of the dry lakes and circle tracks, the Ford Model A proved to be a durable and enjoyable used car that remained viable as everyday transportation right through the early '50s.



From student jalopies like this phaeton seen at the University of North Carolina back in 1940 to the speedy roadsters of the dry lakes and circle tracks, the Ford Model A proved to be a durable and enjoyable used car that remained viable as everyday transportation right through the early '50s. - Photo courtesy Library of Congress

Basic, stock Fords proved their durability in the Great Depression, and well-used examples are frequently seen in period photographic efforts by the Farm Security Administration, a New Deal Agency that employed many talented photographers to document the plight of rural immigrant families fleeing the Dust Bowl. While the Joad family may have driven a Hudson Super Six in *The Grapes of Wrath*, far more itinerant working families traveled the U.S.A. in Model A's held together by optimism and ingenuity.

A generation of kids who grew up watching those cars held together by resilient adults brought the learned mechanical skills into the heavily mechanized Second World War, where engine repair was as critical as gunsmithing for ground, naval, and air forces. Not a few of those veterans returned to the inflationary postwar world and elected to rebuild a Model A rather than get on a waiting list for a new car. Those hot rodded A's played on a family similarity with Ford parts right up through 1948, plus a pre-war interest in making them go faster, that offered relatively straightforward conversions of Model A's to incorporate things like hydraulic brakes, 16-inch wheels and tires, synchronized transmissions, and even conversions to the Ford and Mercury flathead V-8 engine.

While hot rodding, as it became known, predated World War II, simply keeping the well-engineered Model A on the road as stock transportation, perhaps slightly improved for road readiness (what became later on known as "touring" as A's ceased to be used as daily transportation), spawned the restoration hobby in the 1950s. Hemmings itself began as Hemmings Motor News out of the back room of Ernest Hemmings's parts store in Quincy, Illinois, where he perceived that a demand for Model A parts (plus any other old car parts folks felt like trading) would justify a classified-ad circular.

Thanks to the longstanding interest in the Model A, it has only gotten easier to restore a car like Bruce LeFebvre's Bonnie Gray and Chelsea Blue 1929 Model A Standard Coupe, which started out as the rehabilitation of an earlier, more amateur effort.

Hemmings was correct and the Model A remains a huge part of the hobby to this day. Prices for complete cars fluctuate, and attrition has whittled down the original population of 4 million considerably, yet availability remains high and there are plenty of opportunities to drive and socialize with other Model A owners.

Further, Model A ownership provides entry into other, multi-car opportunities. The exceptionally nice or interesting examples of the '28-'31 Ford that get invited to the Henry Ford's Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, each summer for Old Car Festival, for example, get to (figuratively) rub fenders with everything from horseless carriages to Duesenbergs. Hopped-up A's have also been a staple of events like The Race of Gentlemen, which celebrate the DIY car-modification attitude of the immediate pre- and post-WWII years.

The historical and continued popularity of the Ford Model A translates to an extremely robust and complete aftermarket supporting these cars on the eve of their centennial. Even in as-delivered form, the Ford Model A remains an eminently drivable car. Married with some improvements developed when it was nearly new, it can traverse virtually any 21st century road with ease.



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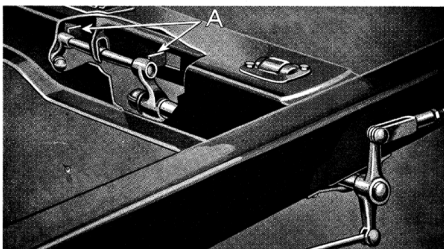


FIG. 412

Make all adjustments with brakes cold. Jack up all four wheels. Release hand brake lever. See that wheels revolve freely. Turn the adjusting wedge at each brake (not the pull rod) until the brake drags, then back off the wedge 2 or 3 notches or just enough to allow the

wheels to revolve without drag.

On new cars brakes will sometimes drag slightly for 1/4 or 1/2 revolution, due to slight high spots. Some judgment must be used in setting such brakes, for if the adjusting wedge is backed off sufficiently to allow the wheel to revolve freely, the brake pedal will go all the way to the floor board when the brakes are hot. A slight drag in one or two spots will do no harm, as the brake will soon free up when the car is driven a short distance and the brake drum slightly expands due to the heat generated. For this reason, brakes should not be adjusted with the drums hot, as when the drum contracts upon cooling it would cause the brakes to drag.

To insure correct equalization have one man only check the brake pressure by rotating the wheel.

If the above adjustments are correctly

made the brakes should operate as follows:

1-Rear brakes should just start to hold when brake pedal is depressed approximately 1 inch.

2-Depressing pedal about 1/2 inch farther should tighten but not lock rear brakes and cause front brakes to just start to hold.

3-Depressing pedal approximately another 1/2 inch should lock rear wheels and hold the fronts very tightly. With properly adjusted brakes this should not exceed one-half of the total possible pedal movement.

4-When brake pedal is applied with full pressure, rear wheels should slide and fronts should make a heavy impression or road print, which condition is obtained just before sliding.

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