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February Birthdays

- 1 George Moore
- 1 Terry Pampel
- 6 Judy Chamberlin
- 9 Jacque Olsson
- 11 Nicholas Collins
- 13 Rene' Marques
- 20 Bob Anderson
- 27 Al Manning



Anniversaries

- 8 Sabine & Allen Braddy

Message from ...

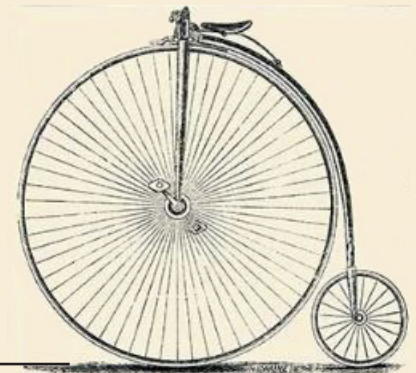
Hello all,

Hope everyone made it through this past weather event without too many problems.

As we look forward to this year's events, I'm hoping everyone gets a chance to be involved in some way. We'll be having planning meetings for the 2025 NAB, so those who are looking to get involved in prepping for this event, sign up with Charlotte. Make sure you keep up on our events calendar, as we've already got our quarterly meetings scheduled. We will talk about the 4th quarter meeting - Christmas meal at the March meeting. A reminder that we are having an Open House - Tech Talk visit over to the shop after the club breakfast in Pensacola, February 1st. 8:30am at Golden Corral and visit the shop afterwards.

Thank you to those who are working to help grow our club membership. I think we are slowly picking up momentum to have a great recruiting year.

Allen



Club Happenings



January Club breakfast was held at the Golden Corral in Pensacola with 11 in attendance.



On January 16 Nicholas Collins posted on Facebook: 94 years ago today, this beautiful vehicle rolled off the Baton Rouge assembly line... and she's still going strong!



January 21 Snow Day photo



Entertainment

Email to
Joe Allen Braddy
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@yahoo.com

Submission
date is the
20th of each
month

Car Shows, Events, Cruise Ins & More

Model A Facebook:

Private, by invitation only, Facebook group, "Todays Model A." This is for members-only group. Interested in joining the group, contact Scott.

Club Activities:

Monthly

Club Breakfast in Pensacola

February 1 8:30 am

Golden Corral 2260 Langley Ave, Pensacola

March

15 11am

GCMAC Quarterly Meeting

Baldwin County Heritage Museum. 25521 US-98 Elberta

June

14 11am-2pm

GCMAC Picnic and Meeting

Garrett Park. 18080 Pennsylvania St, Robertsdale

MAFCA Activities:

March

1 7am-2pm

Winter Swap Meet – Marietta, Ohio

15-16

43rd Annual Almost Spring

Swap Meet & Car Show –

Puyallup, Washington

23 7:30 am - 11:30 am

The Minuteman Model A

Ford Club 29th Annual

Winter Blah's Swap Meet –

Maynard, Massachusetts

April

3-5

CCRG 2025 Jamboree –

Visalia, California

11-12

19th Annual All Model

A Parts Swap Meet –

Greenwood, South Carolina

26 9:30am-2pm

Annual Model A Ford Dust

Off – Sanbornville, New

Hampshire

27 8am-12pm

Columbus Swap Meet –

Columbus Indiana

May

23-25

2025 Northern California

Regional Group Roundup –

Sacramento, California

June

11-14

67th Annual Car Show and

Swap Meet on Petit Jean

Mountain (2025 Feature Car Model A) Morrilton, Arkansas

Regional Activities:

February

22 10am- 4pm

33rd Orange Beach Seafood

Festival & MAAAC Car Show,

The Wharf, 23101 Canal Rd., Orange Beach, AL

March

1 8am-2pm

9th Collard Green Festival

Car Show, Evergreen Regional

Airport, 14134 Hwy 84,

Evergreen, AL.

1 11am - 1pm 2nd Annual

Charity Car Show 2499

South Ferdon Blvd Crestview, AL

7 8am - ???

Westgate Mardi Gras Parade

10050 Ashton Brosnaham Dr

Pensacola, FL

Quiz Time!

Read the newsletter to find the answers to the following questions.

1. What was Tom Emdy's Teck Talk About ?

A. brakes, B. tires, C. u-joints, D. headlights

2. Who was the pilot that flew the Spirit of St Louis?

A. Amelia Earhart, B. Douglas Bader C. Charles Lindbergh D. Orville Wright

3. How many Model As Were built?

A. 1,387,270 B. 5,085 C. 4,320,446 D. 1927-1931

I C, 2 C, 3 C,



Help Wanted

Car Shows? Car Events?
Email to Allen Braddy
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Submissions to
realracegrill1
@gmail.com

Classifieds

Submission
date is the
20th of each
month



1931 Ford Model A pickup truck for sale, \$21,000. contact Larry Nelson 251 323 8050 new tires, stone guard, new battery pictures on request. other item for sale, front axle, rear axle, frame, starters and genertors, and other items



ABOUT THE GULF COAST MODEL 'A' CLUB

The Traveler newsletter is published for the membership and friends of the Gulf Coast Model 'A' Club. Outings are held monthly at various locations and times. Views expressed in the Traveler are not necessarily those of the Club Officers or MAFCA. Club membership is \$25.00 per year and can be mailed to Becky Baisden at:

GCMAC,
PO Box 812
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Club dues are \$25 per year for individuals or families. We currently have a membership of 40+ families. We believe in doing maintenance on the cars, educating ourselves on the Model 'A', fellowship with other members, showing the cars, driving the cars locally and

on tours and having a great time seeing and driving Model 'A' Fords. We have fun and would welcome you as a member whether you own a Model A or not. Come join with us in a wonderful hobby that is historical and worthwhile. You will meet friendly people who are in love with the Model 'A' and love to drive, show and talk about these interesting cars.

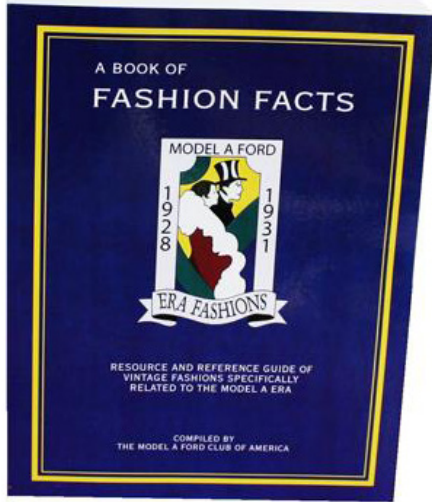




Era Fashions



Getting Started in Model A Era Fashions



By Sharon Johnson

Thinking about getting into vintage fashions? Where to start?? I would recommend that anyone interested in becoming active in fashions from the Model A era attend various club meets. Regional and National meets usually have seminars on fashions. They sometimes have handouts and informative displays so you can get hands on approach to whatever subject they are talking about. The fashion luncheon is always fun because you get to see categories of Model A era fashions.

Above are some of the publications for sale at the MAFCA website. If you are handy at sewing, the Fashion



Pattern Catalog is a must have.

There are also tests you can take to become a judge. They are listed on the MAFCA site. Judging is a lot of fun and you get an up close look at all the entrants and an education on what is right and what is wrong.

Don't think you have the money for original era fashions. You are in luck....there is a category that's called, Model A Era Image fashions. You will be amazed at the dresses, hats and shoes that are out there that have the Model A Era "look".

The items below would be suitable for attending club events and driving your Model A on tours but not suitable for judging.



Here are a couple of fun fashions that have a Model A look and jewelry from Roamans...website: www.roamans.com





The shoes are from
Aerosoles...website:
www.aerosoles.com



The hats are from Village
Hat Shop...website:
www.villagehatshop.com



Good luck and I hope
this will entice you to
start enjoying the Model
A "look".

The Model A Ford Club of America MAFCA

Serving Model A Ford owners since 1955



Our award winning magazine
"The Restorer"

MAFCA is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A and AA cars and trucks, as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. We are an active, family-friendly organization whose members share a passion for these historic vehicles, plus other aspects of life in that era, such as fashions.

MAFCA is a not-for-profit corporation with members and local affiliated chapters all over the globe. This makes us the largest car club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. We hope you enjoy looking through our site, and we invite you to join us! Membership in Model A Ford Club of America is encouraged. MAFCA Dues are \$50.00 and should be mailed to: MAFCA Headquarters, 250 South Cypress, LaHabra, CA 90631-5586 For more info visit: <https://www.mafca.com/>



Tech Tips

Reproduction U-joint

By Tom Endy,
Westminster, CA

Once again it appears the Model A Kingdom has been assaulted with an incorrect reproduction part that is causing considerable grief. A recent post on the Fordbarn web site described a Model A owner's frustrating effort to install a reproduction Model A U-joint only to discover that once all was back together the diameter was too wide and it contacted the inner shell of the U-joint housing.



The U-joint on the left is correct; the U-joint on the right is incorrect. Note the protrusion on the sides.

One of the posters on the Fordbarn web site string was Don Snyder, owner of Snyder's Antique Auto Parts. He

confirmed in his post that the new reproduction U-joints are made incorrectly and will not fit inside the U-joint housing. His quote is below.

That's why we quit selling new universal joints. They are not made right and they have a clearance issue. The OD of the assembled universal joint is bigger than it's supposed to be. I would try to find a good original one.

Don Snyder.

Many thanks to Don Snyder for confirming this problem; you can't get better conformation than from this quality supplier.

One wonders how many of these incorrect U-joints are being sold by other suppliers and how many of them are now out there.

I checked the diameter of my stash of seven used serviceable U-joints; some are the non-rebuildable type and some are the rebuildable type. All came off the back of transmissions I acquired. The non-rebuildable measure 3.630 inches across both diameters. The rebuildable type measure 3.640 inches across both diameters. The non-rebuildables do not have a part number on them, but do have an "M" stamped on

them, which I believe stands for Motocraft. One of the rebuildables has the part number B-7091 stamped on it, so it must be original Ford.

Before installing a U-joint, best to check the diameter to be sure you are not installing one of these incorrect U-joints. Before I would buy a reproduction U-joint, even a correct one (because of the cost), I would purchase a used one either from on-line or at a swap meet. There are still plenty around. At the big swap meets here in California they usually can be found for \$35- to \$45.

Good Grief!



Good grief! And that's what it was. That hairline crack shown on the top of this Zenith float caused it to fill up with gas over time until it finally sank and flooded the carburetor.



Era Photos



Spirit of St. Louis Enters its Final Resting Place



5-11-28 Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh;s famous Spirit of St. Louis, at the door of the National Museum where it will be placed on permanent display high up out of reach of souvenir hunters. The plane was moved under heavy police guard to prevent souvenir hunters from tearing int to pieces.



Lindy Flies 84 Year Old Father of Representative Leavitt

Left
3-21-28 Roswell Leavitt, 84, father of Representative Scott Leavitt, of Montana with Col Charles A. Lindberg after taking his first flight over the Capital.

- Photographer Bill Shrout



Lindbergh Flies Spirit of St. Louis to Washington, DC

4-30-28 Photo shows Colonel Charles A. Lindergh examining his plane Spirit of St. Louis after landing a t Washington on the final hop before the plane is placed in the Smithsonian Institution here.



Ford Model A production

December 7, 1931 – The Last Ford Model A

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On this day in 1931 the last Ford Model A rolled out of a Detroit auto plant. Ford introduced the Model A introduced to consumers on December 2, 1927 as the replacement to the Model T, which had been in production for 18 years. The new vehicle

sold one million units in just over a year, and hit two million only five months after that. Henry Ford initially resisted developing a new model to replace his beloved Model T, but pressure from his son Edsel and dropping sales figures eventually led him to give in. Edsel led the design team, although Henry would still take most of the credit for the car after it proved successful.

Following the end of Model A production, Ford shut its factories down to retool for all new models. When lines started moving again in March 1932 they began churning out the four cylinder Model B and the Model 18, the first Ford to feature the company's famous Flathead V8 engine.

Model A production numbers

Ford offered a variety of body styles of the Model A, with



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the most common being the Standard Tudor. Between the beginning of production at the end of 1927 and December 7, 1931 a total of 4,320,446 units left assembly lines worldwide. Of those 1,387,270 featured Standard Tudor body styles.

Another 539,786 wore truck bodywork and cabriolets made up 60,715 of that production figure. The rarest Model A Fords include the convertible sedan, of which 5,085 were built, and the Towncar. Only 1,198 of those ever left the factory.



A new Ford Model A at the Capital



A rare 1929 Ford Model A Towncar with Joan Crawford posing. Only 1,198 of this model ever left the assembly line

First of New Fords Turned Out After 5 Months' Preparation

Low Rakish Model Has No Resemblance to Old Car.

Following was carried by Leased Wire from the New York Bureau of the Globe-Democrat in Sunday's Paper:
Detroit, Mich., Oct. 22.—The first new type Ford car was officially turned out of the assembly line at the Fordson plant of the Ford Motor Company Thursday afternoon in the presence of Henry and Edsel Ford and other officials of the company.

After it had become a finished product, with a body it was taken to the office of the company in Dearborn, where it was placed beside the fifteen millionth model T, which officially ended the production of the long line of ancestors of the famous flivver family.

The new Ford no more resembles the car formerly turned out by the company than a graceful porpoise resembles a whale. It is a smartlooking automobile, low and rakish and is thoroughly up to the minute in appearance. It can make fifty miles an hour easily and sixty if pressed.

Henry Ford wore a happy smile as the first new car came to the end of its production journey. It was one of the first he had displayed since May 26 when the production of Model T ceased. In the meantime it is estimated he had expended many millions in re-arranging the Ford plant and business and that the 10,000 dealers without cars in the period have lost many millions. Though the Ford has been off the market nearly five months, it is in third position or better in retail sales in the low-priced field in several cities, and the company announces it already has tentative orders for 375,000 cars.




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