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Freedom to Roam: Honoring Our Veterans

By Bob Skrob

As we gear up for the upcoming holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, it is essential that we first hit the brakes and honor a milestone that makes all our gatherings possible: Veterans Day. Before we deck the halls or line up our classic rides for holiday parades, we pause to recognize the brave men and women who fought to protect the freedoms we enjoy every single day.

The history of this day carries deep roots. What we know as Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I fighting on November 11, 1918. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first Armistice Day, and in 1921, Congress authorized the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to honor fallen heroes. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 recognizing November 11th, leading to a 1938 public law that officially made Armistice Day a federal holiday dedicated to world peace. Following World War II, veteran Raymond Weeks

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November

Birthdays



3 David Ladnier
7 Mike Short
10 Joe Henderson
28 Charlotte Dahlenburg

Anniversary

19 Mike & Andria Short



Message from . . .

Dear Model A Family,

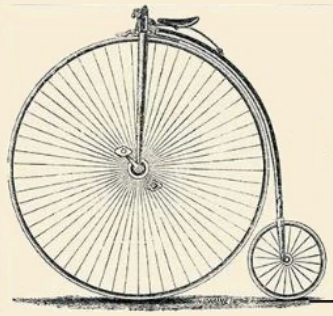
As November arrives and the air turns crisp, it brings a moment for us to pause, reflect, and celebrate what matters most. October brought its share of challenges with Hurricane Isaias passing through. Our thoughts and hearts go out to all our members, neighbors, and friends who were impacted. True to the spirit of our community, it has been inspiring to see everyone checking in on each other, lending a helping hand, and keeping each other lifted up.

Just like our beloved Model A's, our community is built on a foundation of strength, craftsmanship, and endurance. No matter the weather, we always fix what needs fixing, polish up the chrome, and keep moving forward together!

This month, we have the privilege of honoring our nation's heroes in the annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11! There is nothing quite like the sound of a classic Model A motor rumbling through the streets of Pensacola as community members cheer and flag-wavers salute our veterans. Let's make this our finest turnout yet.

As November draws to a close, we want to wish every member and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be grateful for this season:

The steady craftsmanship and passion that keep our vintage vehicles running smooth.



The lifelong friendships made in the garage, on tours, and at club meetings.

The opportunity to preserve a piece of automotive history for generations to come.

May your holiday be filled with warmth, delicious food, great company, and plenty of garage talk!

Thank You,

Allen

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organized a "National Veterans Day" celebration in 1947 to encompass all who served. Recognizing this broader scope, Congress officially amended the law in 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans." Unlike Memorial Day, which remembers those who died in service, or Armed Forces Day, which honors active-duty personnel, Veterans Day pays tribute to all U.S. veterans who have worn the uniform.

For our car club, this history hits close to home. The freedom to fire up our engines, set off down the open road, meet up with fellow enthusiasts, and celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with our families exists because of the sacrifices made by our nation's service members. Every highway we cruise and every car show we enjoy is a direct gift from those who stepped up to defend our rights and way of life. This holiday season, as we count our blessings and enjoy the road ahead, let's keep our veterans in the driver's seat of our gratitude.

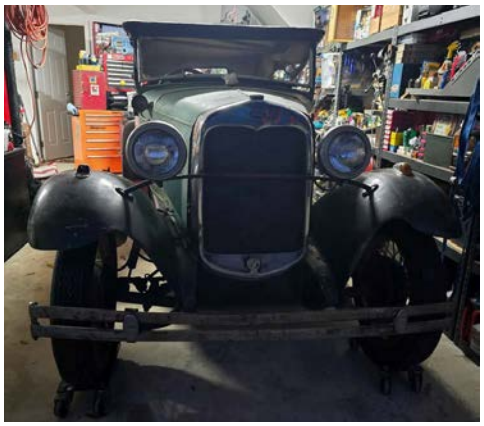
Email Submissions to realracegeil1@gmail.com

Classifieds

Submission date is the 20th of each month

Barn Find

1931 Model A Phaeton Deluxe 2-Door Convertible
Ford's most luxury sought after car (Body Style 180-A). Only 2229 produced. It's in "barn find" solid condition, motor Vin matches body. Clean Title.. Does not run. Needs restoration.
This car has right hand steering which can be easily changed to left hand. It was built in South America.
Location is Milton, Florida
Contact **954-288-2780**
$9250









Wear the club with pride this season

No better way to show season's here and there's no better way to represent Gulf Coast Model A Club at the next meet than gear made just for us. Every piece is designed around our club, our logo, our name. Order directly, shipped to your door. Pick yours up before the next event:

https://carclubtshirts.com/collections/gulf-coast-model-a-club

Email to Allen Braddy alnbraddy @yahoo.com

Entertainment

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
September 5 8:30 am
Golden Corral 2260 Langley Ave, Pensacola, FL

November

11 Veteranns Day Parade. RSVP to Allen if you plan to participate. Parade starts at 9 am. Line up 7:30. Check in at W. Romana St & Spring St.

December

5 11:30-1:30
Christmas Dinner and Officer Vote Ivey's Fine Dinning 18427 Pennsylvanian St., Robertsdale, AL

Have parts or a car you want to sell? Need a certain part for your restoration? Submit your ad and we'll run it in the newsletter for approximately 3 months. Email your ad with

MAFCA Activities:

December

2026 MAFCA National Awards Banquet Cincinnati, Ohio

2027

January

9 42nd Annual Winter Model A Swap Meet Sheperdville, Kentucky

June

13-18 2027 MAFCA National Tour Durango, Colorado

Regional Activities:

November

7 Jo Jo Jonhson Memorial Car Show. 8-2pm 1095 Dauphin Island Pkwy, Theodore at the American Legion Post 250.

7 11th Annual Pensacola North Charity Car Show 9-2pm. Eastgate Plaza 7135N 9th Ave, Pensacola, FL

14 Full Throttle for Vets 6th Annual Show and Shine Car, Truck, Jeep and Motorcycle Show 9-4pm. 5 Flags Speedway 7451 Pine Forest Rd, Pensacola, FL

Mark your Calendar

Christmas Dinner & Officers Election Luncheon

December 5 from 11:30 – 1pm

Ivey's Fine Dining

18427 Pennsylvanian Street, Robertsdale



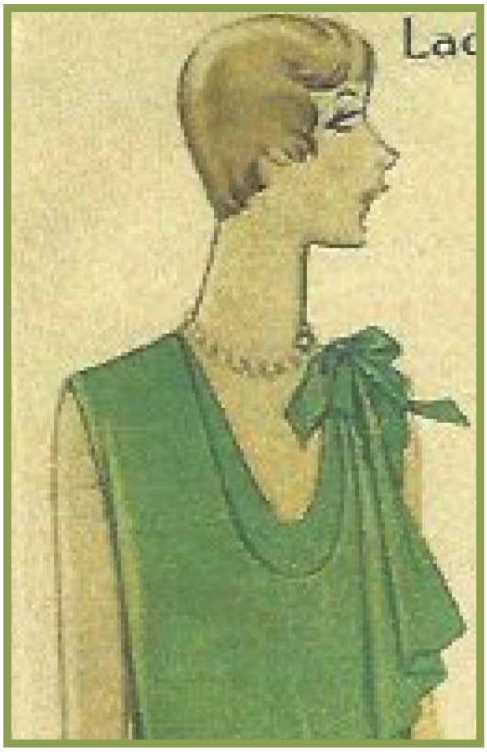
Era Fashions



Back to Basics
Excerpts from Paris Frocks at Home

Lois Przywitowski, Model A Ford Club of Colorado

This delightful book gives great hints that worked in the Model A era and still apply today. In addition to sewing techniques, it has valuable insights into how to select the style of dress best suited to your body type. The three patterns used to represent the following suggestions from the book are available for purchase from the Model A Ford Club of America.



McCall 5710, 1930



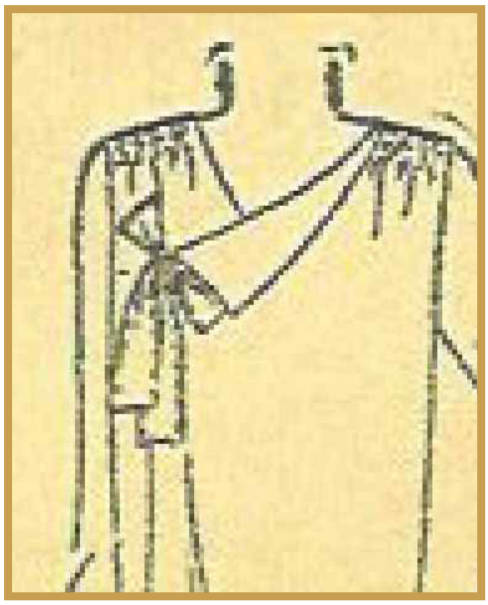
Pictorial Review 4638, 1930

Getting Started

"You must have a long mirror and use it unsparingly in the best possible light. Unflattering daylight is essential." (Yes, it really says unflattering daylight!) Examine your contours and proportions with a critical eye and plan accordingly.

The Neck and Neckline

Necks are short, long, thick and thin. "Short necks must be given space. Don't choke them or muffle them or put strings of large pearl beads around them. Give them air. Deep V necklinesadd inches

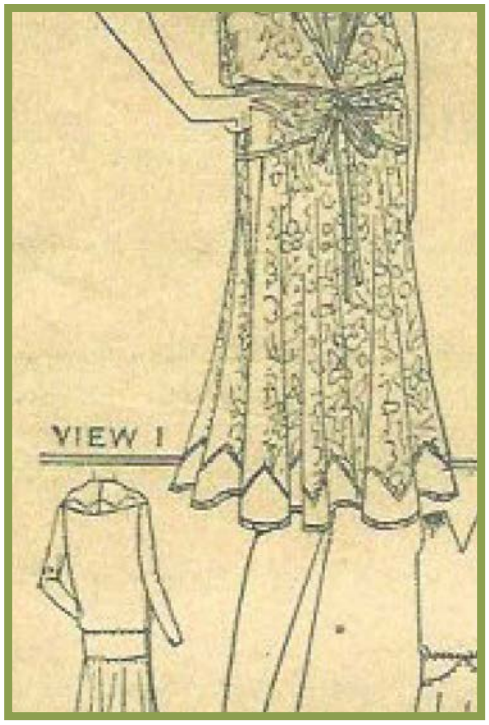


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to short necks, both front and back…" Rolled and frilled collars, draped blouses and asymmetric necklines flatter long necks.

Minimize the Hips and Legs

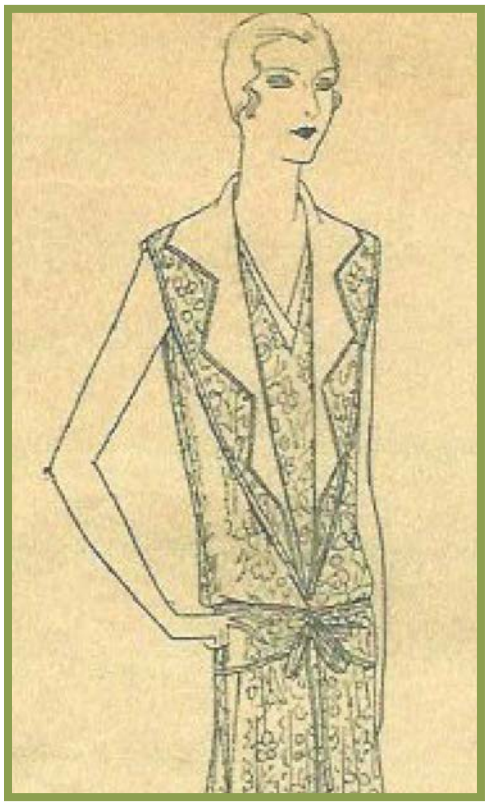
"Circular skirts with low flaring lines make both hips and legs appear smaller. Discreet exposure of legs by means of uneven hemlines or semi sheer materials is much more flattering to them than exposing them against a



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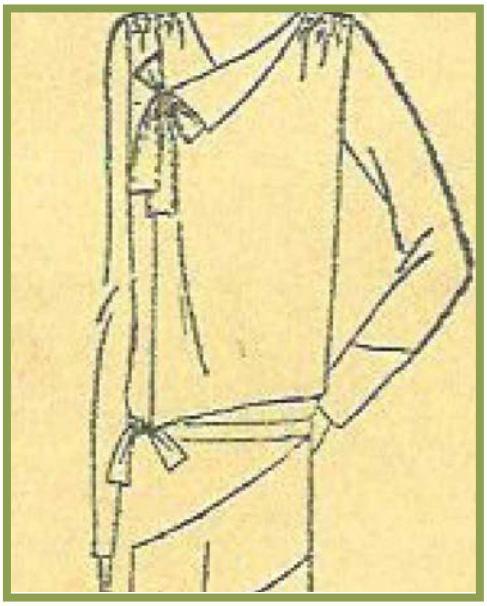
background of a skirt which is long in back and somewhat shorter in front."

Did your gaze in the mirror


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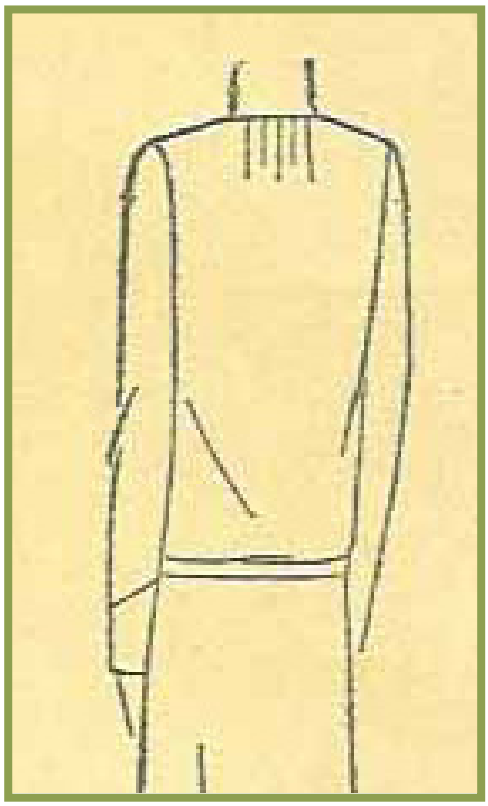
reveal broad hips and narrow shoulders? Then choose a pattern with a V bodice construction, making sure the V is "standing right side up, with two of its points somewhere near the shoulders and its third point centered somewhere below


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the waistline. Do not draw material tightly around any of your round rear contours, nor for that matter, over a round tummy. Boleros, cape backs and jackets have a little swing that distracts attention from rounded contours below the waist. Soft blousing over a judiciously placed waistline often produces the desired effect. Place bows discreetly: on flat places - yes, if you wish; on contours - never."

The Waistline

If your waistline is larger than you might like, Paris Frocks at Home has suggestions for you. If your frock is belted, the belt must be placed appropriately and not bound tightly. "A suggestion of a waistline obtained by some molded fitting somewhere near the waistline or groups of tucks front, back or sides, skillfully shapes


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a frock without defining the waist. Diagonal seaming or set-in pieces in a dress may often suggest waistlines and produce "slimming" effects as well, when they extend from a point slightly above the waistline and descend gradually into the skirt regions."

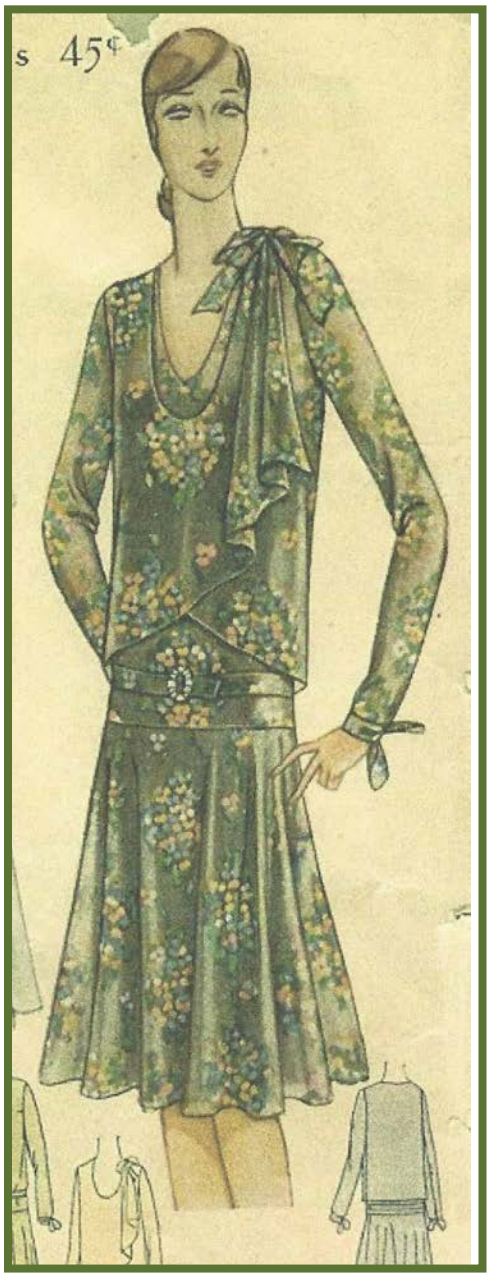
Shoulders, Hands and Arms

Broad shoulders generally make the hips appear smaller, thus, no adjustment is needed.

"Unusual breadth and squareness may be reduced by setting sleeves into a high armhole or by using raglan sleeves. This lady does not wear cap sleeves or patches of embroidery on her upper arm. Narrow shoulders, require sleeves set as far out on the tip of the shoulder as is consistent with a good fitting armhole. Capes are very acceptable. Shoulder epaulette yokes increase the apparent width of the shoulder."

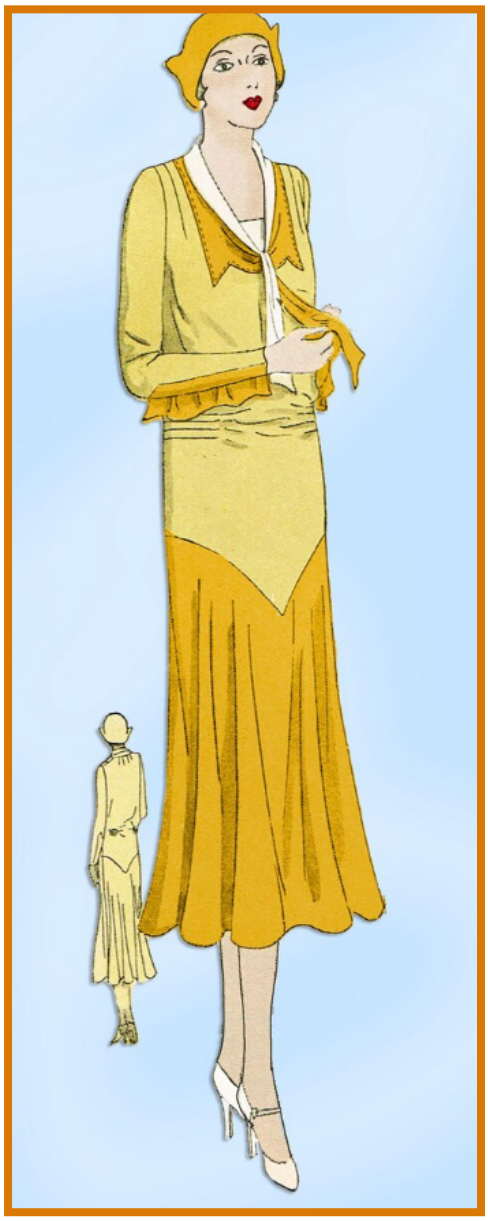
"Hands and arms cause real fits of depression at times, possibly because we can see them so plainly even when we are not studying the effects in the mirror." Small hands and short fingers will look both larger and longer by wearing tight cuffs and sheath-like sleeves. "If you hate yourself in a sleeveless evening dress, try fluttering squares of chiffon hanging from the shoulder at the back or a short cape sleeve reaching a little above the elbow."

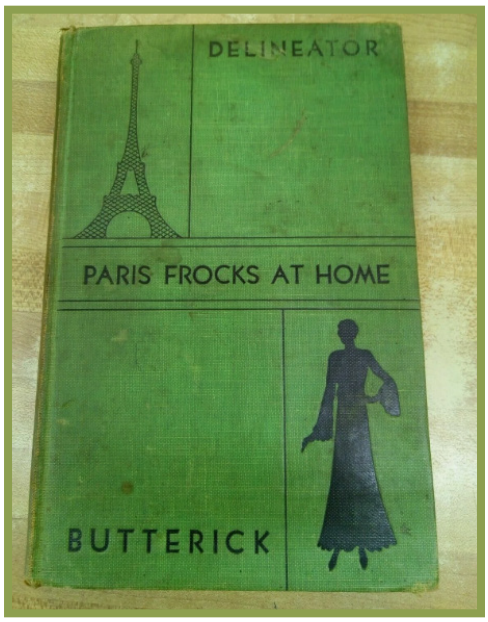
This article reflects only a few of the many tips contained in this book. For anyone interested in reading more of this book, a check of the internet revealed that used copies of Paris Frocks at Home are still available for purchase.



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Tech Tips

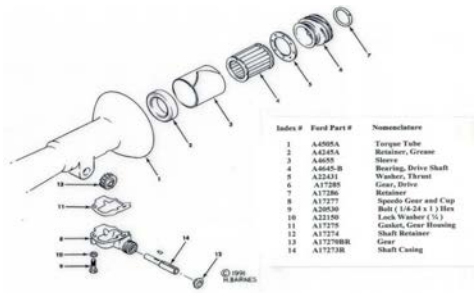
Outer Space

By Tom Endy,
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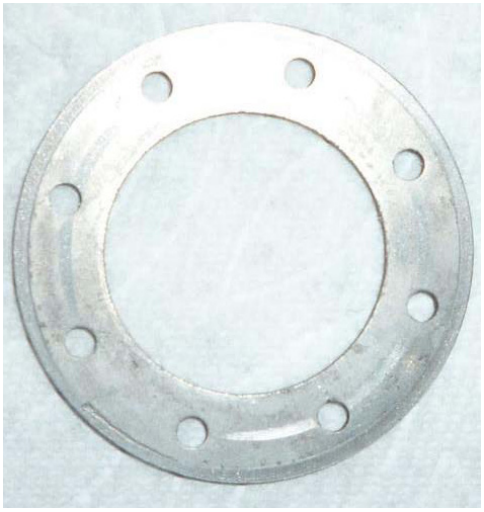
Quite often while overhauling a rear axle assembly I will discover that someone has added a spacer or a second thrust washer to the assembly at the front of the torque tube where the speedo drive gear and the roller bearing reside. The reason for this is a concern about the space observed between the speedo drive gear and the snap ring. I have also heard and read about people's concern about this space.



The area of concern is a space of about 1\8" that is observed between the speedo drive gear and the snap ring.



Index #	Ford Part #	Nomenclature
1	A4505A	Torque Tube
2	A4245A	Retainer, Grease
3	A4655	Sleeve
4	A4645-B	Bearing, Drive Shaft
5	A32431	Washer, Thrust
6	A17285	Gear, Drive
7	A17286	Retainer
8	A17277	Speedo Gear and Cup
9	A20530	Bolt (1/4-24 x 1) Hex
10	A22150	Lock Washer (¼)
11	A17275	Gasket, Gear Housing
12	A17274	Shaft Retainer
13	A17270BR	Gear
14	A17273R	Shaft Casing



The thrust washer with holes around the circumference

The snap ring serves no purpose once the speedo housing with speedo gear and cap is attached to the bottom of the torque tube as it will center the speedo drive gear and lock it into place.

I am of the opinion that the only reason the snap ring was included in the assembly was to facilitate assembly line production. More than likely the complete rear axle assembly traveled to the area where it was installed in a car by way of an overhead conveyer with the assembly hanging down in a T-shape formation without the speedo gear housing attached. The snap ring would then prevent the speedo drive gear, spacer, and rolled bearing from falling out.



The end cap of an original roller bearing is also notched to allow grease to migrate in.



This photo shows the sequence of installed parts. From left to right the grease seal, the roller bearing, the thrust washer, the speedo drive gear, and the snap ring retainer.



The bearing sleeve (race) is shown positioned above where it would reside in the sequence inside the torque tube.



The sleeve is shown positioned around the roller bearing. Note the dimple in the sleeve.



This photo shows the positioning of the thrust washer behind the speedo drive gear. The holes around the circumference allow grease pumped in the grease fitting to lube the U-joint to allow it to also flow to the roller bearing.



This photo shows the space between the snap ring retainer and the speedo drive gear. This nominal spacing is inherent in all Model A rear axle assemblies.

Inside the torque tube there is a machined stop where the seal comes to rest when it is driven in. The bearing sleeve is inserted next and it comes to rest near the top outer structure of the seal and is also positioned inside the torque tube by the dimple in the sleeve that locks into a recess inside the torque tube. The roller bearing is then installed inside the sleeve. The thrust washer is installed next and it comes to rest against the front edge of the sleeve. The speedo drive gear is then slid on and the snap ring retainer installed. There is always a space between the gear and the snap ring.

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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!

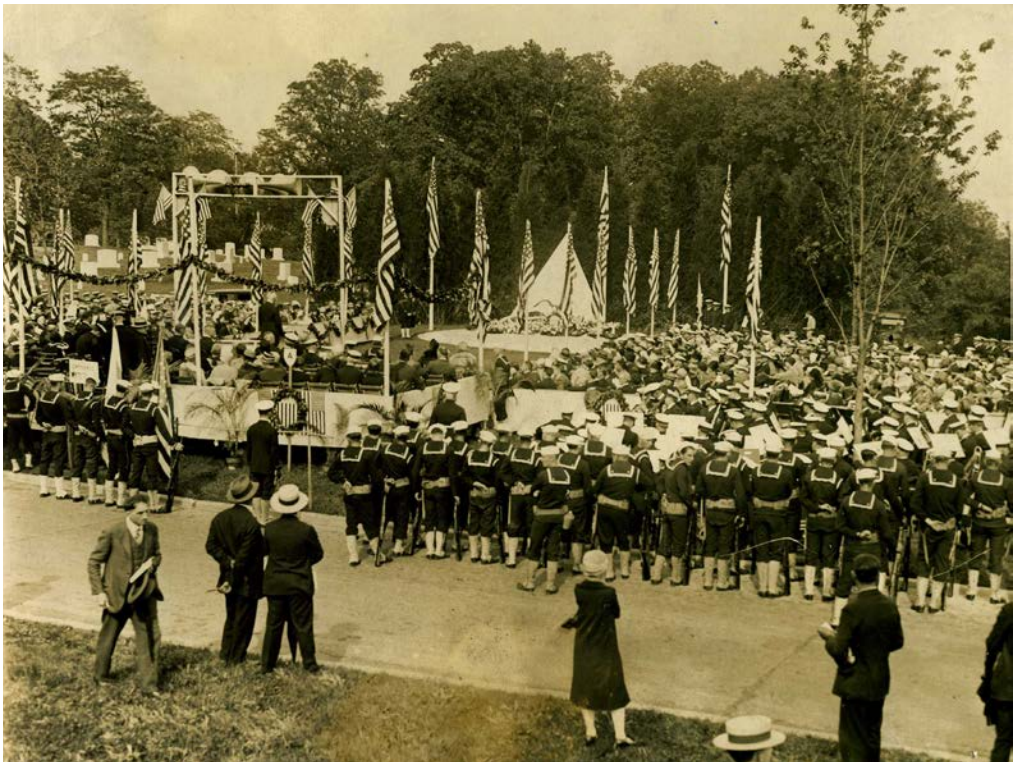
Membership in Model A Ford Club of America is encouraged. MAFCA Dues are $50.00 and should be mailed to: MAFCA Headquarters, 250 South Cypress, LaHabra, CA 90631-5586 For more info visit: https://www.mafca.com/





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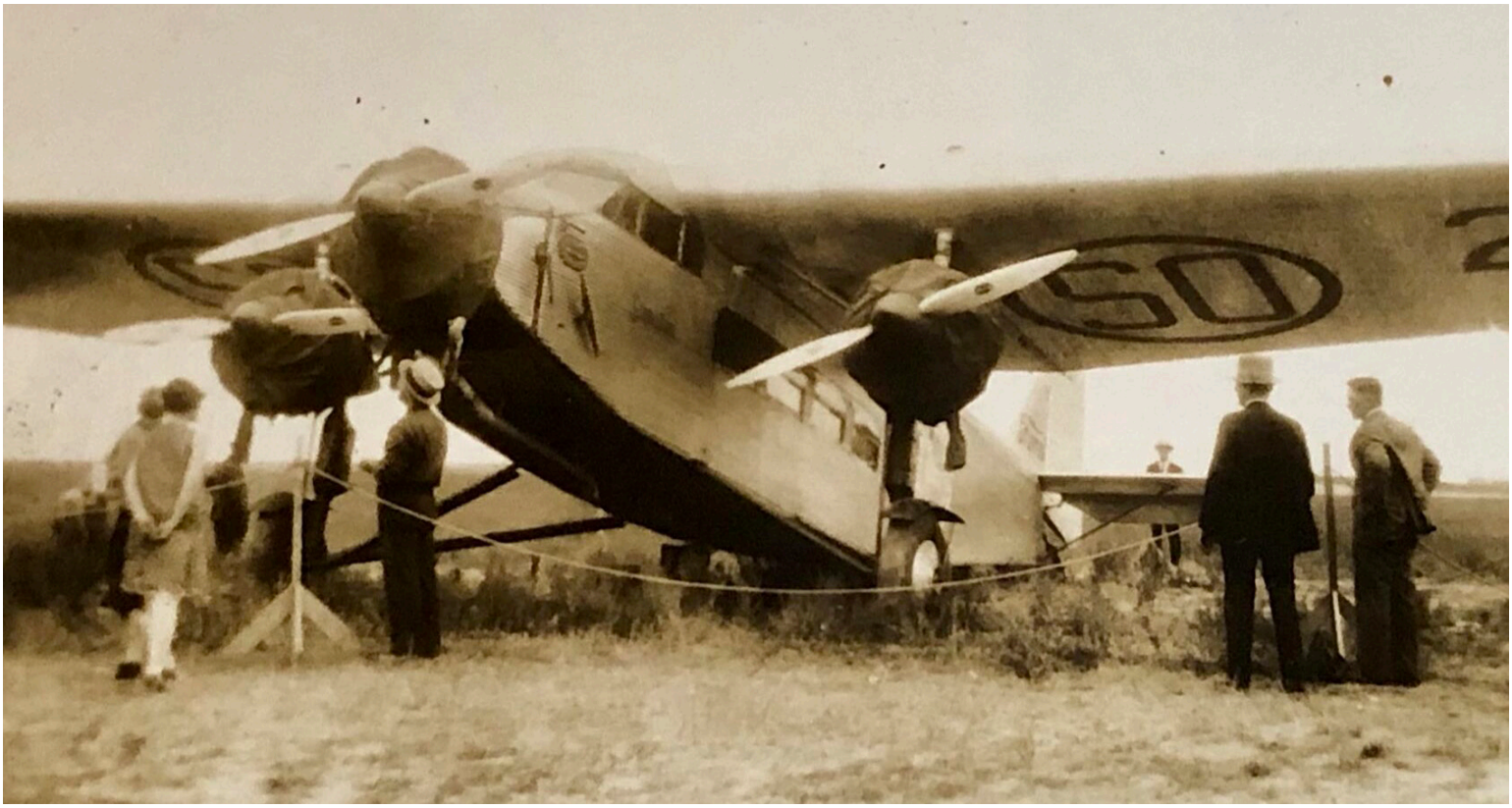
United States Coast Guard Memorial Unveiled at Arlington

5-23-28 - Arising majestically from the sacred soil of Arlington National Cemetery and with a grandeur marked by pronounced simplicity, the Coast Guard World War Memorial was unveiled today with appropriate ceremonies. The landing forces of several Coast Guard Cutter and the entire Cadet Corps from the Academy at New London, Conn. form the guard of honor.

President Confers Distinguished Crosses on Aviators After Official Greeting by Kellogg at Bolling Field

5-2-28 - President Coolidge with Captain Koehl; Baron Huenfeld and Major Fitzmaurice just after he presented them with Distinguished flying crosses at the White House.





A Ford Trimotor sits along the grassy edge of a dirt airfield. The location is unidentified in this vintage photograph, but it is likely to be somewhere along the West Coast.

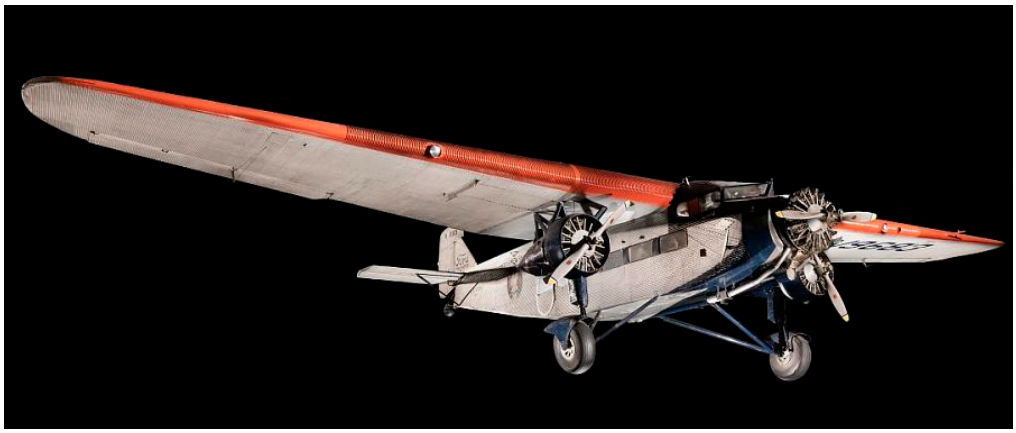
The Ford Trimotor 'Tin Goose'

By Mark Maynard - Mark Maynard has written about cars, their people, and products for 30 years. You can email him at MaynardsGarage@gmail.com or visit his website, MaynardsGarage.com.

The year is sometime between 1925 and 1933. This three-engine transport aircraft was in production by Ford Motor Co.'s aircraft division.

Nicknamed the "Tin Goose," the trimotor was designed for civil aviation market (passenger use). But it also could haul cargo (with seats removed) and the plane saw some military service.

"The original (commercial production) 4-AT had three air-cooled Wright radial engines, according to Wikipedia. "It carried a crew of three: a pilot, a copilot and a stewardess. And there were seats for eight







or nine passengers. The later 5-AT had more powerful Pratt & Whitney engines.

All models had an aluminum corrugated sheet-metal body and wings. The metallic construction made it "the safest airliner around," Henry Ford said.

"In the early 1920s, Henry Ford, along with a group of 19 other investors including his son Edsel, invested in the Stout Metal Airplane Company," according to the Wiki report. "Stout, a bold and imaginative salesman, sent a mimeographed form letter to leading manufacturers, blithely asking for $1,000 and adding: 'For your one thousand dollars you will get one definite promise: You will never get your money back.' Stout raised $20,000, including $1,000 each from Edsel and Henry Ford.

"In 1925, Ford bought Stout and its aircraft designs. The single-engined Stout monoplane was turned into a trimotor, the Stout 3-AT with three Curtiss-Wright air-cooled radial engines.

A total of 199 Ford Trimotors were made between 1926 and 1933.





Affectionately known as the "Tin Goose," the Ford Tri-Motor was the largest civil aircraft in America when it first flew on August 2, 1926. Its all-metal, corrugated aluminum construction and the prestigious Ford name made it immediately popular with passengers and airline operators. Highlighted in this image is the engine and propeller of the Ford 5-AT Tri-Motor.

Gulf Coast Model A Club

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Application for membership

Husband's name _____

Wife's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address _____

Cars owned(s) if any _____

You do not need to own a car to be a member

His DOB: _____ Her DOB: _____

Anniversary _____

Children under 18: _____

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Dues are $25 annually due at the end of the year. Send check to: GCMAC, P. O. Box 812, Cantonment, FL 32533.

WELCOME.

We have breakfast the first Saturday each month in Pensacola and the second Saturday each month in Mobile. The Traveler, our newsletter, is published monthly and will come by e-mail. It is also posted on our website at www.gulfcoastmodelaclub.net/GMAC Traveler.