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Joe and Terri Stephens



Our 1930 Ford Model A coupe was bought by Terri's parents (Basil and Elizabeth Bates) in Illinois in the mid 1990's. He had bought it in Peoria, Ill from a kid whom was making it a hot rod. It had mag

wheels, was painted purple, and had shag carpeting inside hanging from the roof. Terri's Dad and Uncle(his brother) worked on it in the evenings and welded individual parts together using parts from

another 1930 Model A. All the parts were from another Model A sold in the same area. The body had to be replaced as it had so much body putty and

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May Birthdays

11 Allen Braddy



Anniversaries

16 Ron & Bunny Cummins
 17 Paula & Gator Gould
 28 Ray & Katherine Harper

Not Listed?

Send me your birthday. I don't need the year you were born after all we all are 28-31! Also, send me your anniversary date. realracegril1@gmail.com

Message from ...

Hi all,

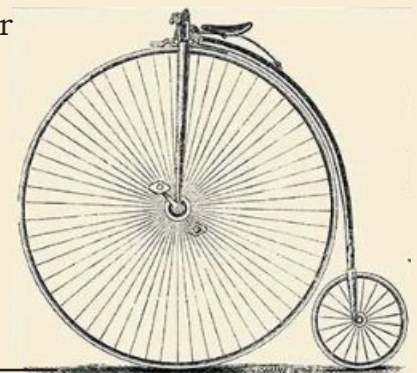
Hope everyone is enjoying those good days when the weather allows us to get out and enjoy time with family and friends.

There are a lot of activities going on around the area, so if you see an opportunity for a group to gather, please let us know.

Don't sit on the sidelines, be an active part of the club and your community.

Thank you

Allen Braddy



Club Happenings



First car show

The most exciting thing about my first car show with my new car was the excitement we had on the way to the car show that we decided to drive to. My Husbands 29 AA truck engine caught on fire and I got to watch it from the safety of my 1930 model A. Other than that I found



out that car shows are not for this girl and I would rather go touring even if it is just with my hubby. I hope this explains my first Car show to you and our awesome Club Members that want to know the journey of my 2023 Christmas present. Not very exciting on my end so far but I guess sitting on the side of the road watching from a



safe distance as the flames go up over the roof of the car in front of you is a blessing in disguise. I hope everyone has a safe and fun spring and summer planned and remember to turn off your gravity fed fuel system when your vehicles engine catches on fire "before trying to extinguish the fire."
- Sabine



Pensacola Civitans Picnic



We had 4 cars attend the Pensacola Civitans picnic on Saturday, April 13. The crowd loved the exhibit. The group answered questions and had plenty of pictures make with the cars. Thanks to Mike and Debbie Fowler, Joe and Terry Stephens, Allen and Sabine Braddy, and Ron Cummings for displaying their cars.
- Allen Braddy



rust. It was painted to the original colors and detail as it originally was green with black pinstripe. The rumble seat was installed (as a kit) as it was reconstructed as there was no seat in the rear. The interior was sewn/reconstructed by the Amish whom make furniture in eastern Illinois. They used the original seat framework to reconstruct the seating and the interior work. From different locations in Illinois, the interior rear shade/curtain was made using material from the 1930's, the vases on either side of

the cabin was found as the original vases were long gone. The etched glass on either side was found from another old Model A from central Illinois. Joe and I bought the Model A from my parents in 2013, they had another car they used (a 1931 4 door sedan) as neither of them could get in the 1930 easily. They belonged to the Ford Model A Club, The Forever Fours in Illinois and made several trips as a group to Niagara Falls and various different locations in the Midwest. Detroit was visited as was Tennessee. When they went to Detroit, they had a tour of the Ford factory from

the CEO and he took all the Club members out to eat that night and paid for their dinners himself. There were 12-15 couples in the group. As I said, we bought the car from my parents as they weren't using the car as much, so the car had sat for approximately 10 years. Joe and our son John picked it up in October 2013. We've used the car in several parades and went in 2019 on the Sweet Home Alabama tour and a trip on the Natchez Trace in 2022 with other Ford Model A members. We also have done static shows at Azalea Trace and for Civitan in Pensacola.

-Joe



Al Manning at the 35 Annual Strawberry Festival Car & Truck Show April 13. Hosted by Pharoahs Alabama Chapter.



Progress

Progress on my 1931 Roadster! Ready to start bodywork - Mike Fowler

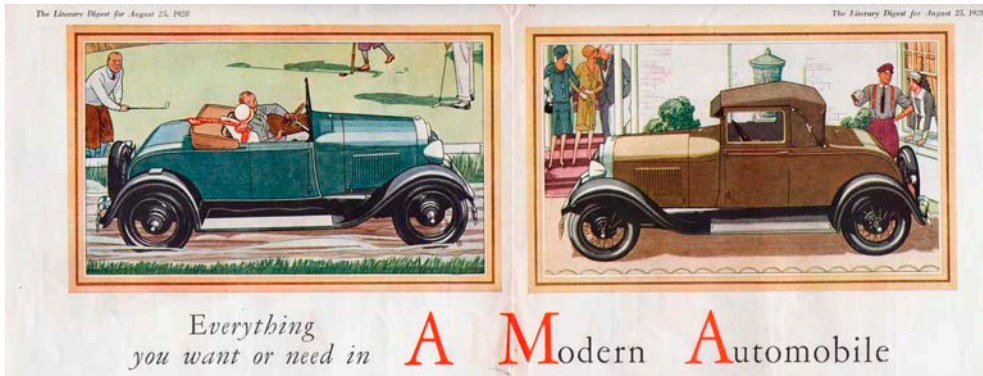


Old Henry

Old Henry has been out of commission for a while as Joe Stephens and I are trying to figure out why he was running so poorly. We've been through the distributor, condenser, and the carburetor. We might be getting close to an answer!

Joe has been extremely helpful and knowledgeable in helping me understand how things work.

I'm glad he is helping me! I'll let you know when Henry is back on the road - Robin



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Entertainment

Car Shows, Events, Cruise Ins & More

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Submission
date is the
20th of each
month

Model A Facebook:

Private, by invitation only, Facebook group, "Todays Model A." This is for members-only to communicate within the group, ask questions, make suggestions or complain about how annoying your event coordinator is. So if you're interested in joining the group, Please contact Scott.

Club Activities:

April

Saturday April 27, 11am

Club Meeting at the Baldwin Heritage Museum, 25521 US-98, Elberta, AL 36530

There will not be a breakfast gathering at Cracker Barrel this month

May 4 8:30 am

Pensacola Breakfast. Golden Corral 2260 Langley Ave.

Model A Activities:

May 3-5 27th Spring Opener
Keleyville, California

June 13-16 Texas Tour
Nacogdoches, Texas

June 23-29 MAFCA 2024
National Model A Convention
Ruidoso, New Mexico

Dec 11-14 National Awards
Banquet Salt Lake City, Utah

Local and Regional, Activities:

April

28 (Sunday) Our Lady of the Lourdes Annual Lawn Party Open Car Show, 1621 Boykin Blvd., Mobile, AL. 10- 3pm.

May

2 (Thursday) Advanced Auto

Parts Grand Opening Car Show, 3808 Gulf Shores Pkwy, Gulf Shores, AL. 10- 1:30pm

4 Fight with Andie Kate Show & Shine Car Show, Double D's Burger, 29001 Bass Pro Drive, Spanish Fort, AL. 12- 4pm

4 Sawmill Day Festival & Car Show, Historic District, 610 4th St., Century, FL. 8:-4pm

9-12 The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Baldwin County Coliseum, 19477 Fairground Rd., Robertsdale, AL.

11 GCRMC and Mega Car Show at OWA, Downtown OWA, 1501 South OWA Blvd., Foley, AL. 8- 5pm -

11 Lenox-Springhill VFD Fundraiser Car Show, Lenox-Springhill VFD, 3021 County Hwy 7, Lenox, AL.

11 10:30-3pm Swamp Rangers Car Show, The Gator Lodge, 6069 Walkers Lane, Eglin AFB, FL.

11 Woodlawn Baptist Church Car, Truck & Bike Show, Woodlawn Baptist Church, 824 N. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, FL., 8-2pm

18 Cruisin Through the River Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, American Legion Post 250, 10950 Dauphin Island Pkwy, Theodore, AL., 10- 4pm

18 Johnny Boggs Memorial Car Show, Dealers Auto Auction, 3030 McVay Dr. N., Mobile, AL. 8-3pm

18 Morri's Car Show, Downtown, Evergreen, AL. 9- 3pm

18 Order of the Rolling River Car & Motorcycle Show,

American Legion Post 250, 10950 Dauphin Island Pkwy, Theodore, AL. 10- 4pm

18 17th Show by the Shore Car Show, Beach Park, 600 City Park Street, Pascagoula, MS. 8-3:30pm

25 Silverhill Memorial Car Show, Town Park Square, St Hwy 104 & Co. Rd 55, Silverhill, AL. 8-4pm

30-June 1- Battle In Bama and OBS Nationals, Talladega Superspeedway, 191 Champion Ln., Lincoln, AL.

June

1 Celebration of Corvette, Preston Hood Chevrolet, 212 Hollywood Blvd., Ft. Walton Beach, FL., 9-2pm

1 3rd Cruising for Christ Car Show, Saraland Baptist Church, 712 Williams Ave., Saraland, AL., 8- 2pm

15 Alabama Blueberry Festival Car Show, Jennings Park, Downtown Brewton, Brewton, AL. 7- 2:30pm

22 Throttle Up for Freedom Open Car Show, Seville Square, 311 E. Government St., Pensacola, FL. 8- 3pm

28-29 1st NSRA Mobile Bay Street Rod Nationals, The Grounds. 1035 Cody Rd. N., Mobile, AL., Fri. 9- 6pm, Sat. 9-12pm

July

12-13 Bubba Cruz Cruise and Car Show, Lottie Road Kustoms, 60234 Lottie Rd., Atmore, AL. 8am

12 (Friday) National Collector Car Appreciation Day. 1-7pm



Tech Tips

The Alternator

From Sara-Mana Model A Club
by Tom Endy 2022

The automotive alternator came into being in the early 1960's, before that automobile electric power was produced by a generator. The early generators used on the Model A Ford did not have a regulator, the output was at a fixed constant rate that could be initially adjusted. In the old days people traveling across country during the day would turn on their headlights to absorb the excessive current so as not to overcharge the battery. The later generators had a regulator that mounted on the firewall and with a series of magnetic relays regulated the output of the generator so it would not overcharge the battery.

The alternator was developed after the automotive industry had changed from 6-volts to 12-volts, therefore all alternators were originally a 12-volt device and were a negative ground. Alternators produce AC power instead of DC power and require a rectifier circuit to convert the output power to DC. Along with the rectifier circuit there is a regulator circuit that is built into the alternator. Most Model A suppliers today provide alternators that are 12-volt negative ground and a 6-volt positive ground alternator to accommodate Model A's with an original

6-volt electrical system.

Many people in the Model A kingdom have an aversion to an alternator. The argument is they do not look authentic. I don't understand this thinking, the alternator on my Model A is under the hood and nobody ever sees it. An alternator was always one of the first thing I installed on any Model A I acquired.

The alternator regulator circuit is always monitoring the battery and if it requires charging it sends current to charge it. When the battery is fully charged the regulator stops sending current. The ammeter in a Model A will tell you if the battery is being charged by the alternator. When the car is started up power stored in the battery is depleted by the starter turning the engine over. For the first few miles the ammeter will show an amount of current flowing to the battery to charge it back up. When the battery reaches full charge the alternator stops sending current to the battery and the ammeter needle returns to zero and remains there. If you turn on some electrical device, such as the headlights, the regulator circuit senses it and sends additional current to the headlights. You may see an initial flicker of the ammeter needle, but it will remain on zero because the battery does not require charging.

If the ammeter needle does not return to zero after a few miles there could be several reasons. 1. The battery may be reaching the end of its serviceable life and not able to achieve a full charge. 2. The battery may be low

on water. 3. There may be a corroded battery connection. The connection of the ground strap to the frame is the most notorious. It is out of sight and out of mind. It should be periodically thoroughly cleaned.

There is one negative aspect to using an alternator on a Model A. The design of Henry's electrical system is such that the alternator is always connected to the battery. The



alternator contains six diodes that make up the rectifier circuit. The property of a diode allows current to flow in one direction, but not in the other. However the "other" allows a little current to sneak past and if you don't drive the car often the sneak can slowly deplete the battery. After a few weeks you could easily find the battery dead, and batteries that sit around less than fully charged don't last as long as those fully charged. It is prudent with any Model A to remove the fuse on the top of the starter when finished driving the car for the day. This way the electrical circuit, including the alternator, is disconnected from the battery. It will also prevent an electrical fire caused by a short circuit in the wiring that the fuse will not protect if the flow of current is below the rated value of the fuse.

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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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Era Fashions



Shoes for the Beach and Other Casual Activities

Trudy Vestal, Huntington A's Placerville, CA

When dressing in era styles, finding the appropriate shoes can be difficult. Even more so if you have a beach or sports outfit.

Well, look no further than your Keds shoe store of 1931. Right out of the vintage catalog are the following styles. The illustrations and descriptions are off the pages of the Keds Catalog for 1931, United States Rubber Company, Buffalo, NY.

Fin ding the right look in modern shoes is often challenging, however, these styles have not changed much. Good Luck!



These Beach Clogs and Paloma shoes are made of striped awning cloth. The strap on the left shoe is self-adjusting. Strap on the right shoe can be tied around the ankle as well as over the instep.

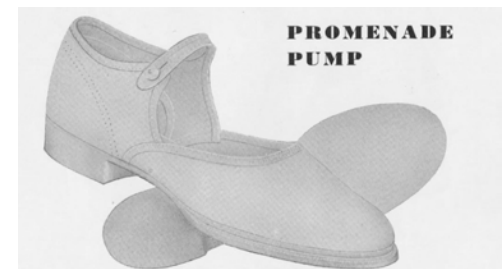


A colorful sport oxford for women. Bleached and mercerized combed duck upper with black, tan, jade, blue or crimson saddle straps. White small

ridges on the sole and white molded heel on shoes.



A dainty, stylish one-strap pump. Made in white linen with covered Cuban heel, and a light-weight sole.



An attractive oxford and one-strap pump. Upper of bleached white or black duck. Outsole and heel matching in color with the duck upper. Low heel and welt-type sole.

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I am looking for 1929 Model A cylinder head to use as a pattern to build a head puller. I tried the commercially available one and it bent the bolts and did not move. I am going to try and build one from a 1/2 metal plate but need a pattern to use. I am in Navarre. Robert Collins 850-396-1975



CHASSIS NEEDED

I am planning a new speedster project, I will need a few parts. I am looking for a Model A chassis with or without an engine and transmission. I am looking for quality here so the chassis must not be minimally pitted and pock marked from rust. Maybe a member has a speedster project not completed? I am sure that there is a particular member out there that has been thinking of downsizing for any number of reasons.

I am hoping that I may have come along at the right time.
You may reach me at 954-325-5215 and info@vintagemodela.com
Cliff Glansen



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Pickup in Foley,
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The Attitude of Indifference

SLUMPING down in one's chair in company, especially that of older people, or at the table, is very impolite. This does not mean it is necessary always to sit up perfectly stiff and straight, but merely that we should not appear uninterested and indifferent. What if you are bored? At least you can keep people from thinking the talk is above your head. Rapidly growing children, at a loss to know how to dispose of their suddenly elongated bodies, acquire the slumping habit very readily. A kind reminder now and then will save them hours of uncomfortable readjustment later, if not actual deformity. It is a habit not easily broken when once firmly established. This posture may look restful, but actually tires the body anew.





The Story of Hollywood's Most Famous Lion

There has been seven of them. Jackie is our Model A Era Model

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Jackie, the second MGM "Leo the Lion," was recorded in 1928. [Wikimedia Commons](#)

Leo the Lion has been the most regular star of MGM Pictures since it was founded on April 17, 1924, and his roar is probably the sound most commonly associated with the studio.

It's one of the noises most reminiscent of the Golden Age of Hollywood, when Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (generally known as MGM) was one of the biggest studios around. What better symbol than a lion? But the first MGM lion was actually named Slats, not Leo, and he didn't roar once in the "bumper"—the technical term for the little clip that's like a moving logo for each studio involved with a film. With the sang froid that befits

movie royalty, Slats just looked around.

That's because Slats made his first appearance pre-sound. He was born at the Dublin Zoo and had previously appeared in the Goldwyn Pictures Corporation bumper, writes Matt Soniak for Mental Floss: "Designer Howard Dietz chose the lion as a mascot as a tribute to his alma mater Columbia University and its athletic team, The Lions," he writes. Volney Phifer, who was MGM's choice animal wrangler, trained Slats. "The two became close, and when Slats died in 1936, Phifer had the body sent to his farm and buried it there, marking the grave with a granite slab and a pine tree to 'hold down the lion's spirit,'" Soniak writes.

After Slats came Jackie, who Phifer also trained. Jackie's roar, which appeared on movies between MGM's first sound feature in 1928

(White Shadows in the South Seas) and 1956, was captured via gramophone. Jackie was also the first lion to appear in Technicolor, opening *The Wizard of Oz*.

Several other lions have appeared in the MGM logo, according to Soniak: Tanner and George, followed by Leo, who has appeared in MGM's logo from 1957 to today. In the 1980s, MGM trademarked the familiar lion's roar, although that "sound mark" is now expired.

As Soniak notes, the MGM logo has received its share of official and unofficial spoofs, from the Marx brothers appearing in the lion's place to Mary Tyler Moore Enterprises adaptations featuring a kitten and even a tipsy lion at the start of *Strange Brew*. All these remixes are in line with the Latin motto that surrounds each Leo's face in the logo: "Ars Gratia Artis" means "Art for Art's Sake."

Meet Jackie

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To date, there have been seven Leo the Lions, one of whom was actually named “Leo”.

Slats (1924-1928) was born in Ireland, and came to Hollywood via private zoo in California. Slats didn't roar in his footage, which made him an anomaly in the MGM Lion Hall of Fame.

Jackie (1928-1931) was born in Sudan. He became a

movie star in his own right, and appeared in over 100 films. They say Leo survived two train accidents, an earthquake, and a plane crash which earned him the moniker “Leo the Lucky”.

Color “Test” Lions: Bill, Telly, and Coffee (1927-1935), were hired for animated and two-strip color shorts.

Tanner (1934-1956) was employed for all MGM three-strip Technicolor films during this period. (Many black-and-white films of this era, though, still used Jackie's image.) He

did appear in a few films, but didn't enjoy the extensive film career of his predecessor.

George (1956-1963) has a rather thin bio, but he was known for his thick, heavy mane.

Leo (1957-2021) was born in Ireland, like Slats, and had the longest career of any of the lions to date. He appeared in films, television shows, and even a TV commercial.

CGI Leo (2021-present). Yes, the new Leo is fake, and not even the shiny, updated MGM logo can disguise it.



Jackie with his trainer, 1927. Photo: public domain.

Slats appeared in the constantly changing credits of the studio, until he retired in 1928. He was replaced by Jackie the lion, whose roar the audience could already hear — pictures with sound were gaining ground. Jackie came from a family of actors: his mother was featured in several dozen Hollywood movies, and his grandmother must have been the first lion to ever be featured on screen. Jackie himself did not only roar in the credits: in his lifetime, he acted in about a hundred Hollywood blockbusters from 1928 - 1956, including the legendary Tarzan. This was not the only thing he was famous for, though. Jackie is also known for having survived a record number of accidents. He was twice in a train crash, he was on a sinking

boat, and he also lived through an earthquake, an explosion in the studio, and even a plane crash.



The plane for the promotional flight. Photo: San Diego Air and Space Museum Archive



A lion in the cage of the promotional aircraft. Photo: San Diego Air and Space Museum Archive

MGM ruthlessly used their lions for promo purposes: the poor animals had to spend months on end touring around the country in a wagon-cage with barred walls. In 1929, the producers went even further: they remodeled a small single-engine plane, mounted a case on

it so that it would be visible from all sides, wrote Leo, MGM Flying Lion on board of the plane, and sent Jackie on a multiple-hour promotional flight from San Diego to New York City. The plane did not make it to the destination though: it crashed in the desert in Arizona (luckily from a low height). The pilot had to leave the lion alone for several days to get back to civilization and call for help. But even after this kind of adventure Jackie survived, so he was dubbed 'Leo the Lucky'.



Greta Garbo cautiously posing with Jackie



Recording Jackie's roar, 1929.



01. The first MGM logos: 1924-1939

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer



The earliest static logos, from 1924; an opening titles logo showing Jackie as Leo the Lion in 1928; Groucho Marx temporarily replacing the lion on screen in 1935. (Image credit: MGM)

The first parodies of the MGM logo began to appear, promoting a Marx Brothers film, *A Night at the Opera* (1935), by swapping a roaring Leo for various roaring Marx brothers and changing the motto to incorporate their name, as 'Marx gratia Marxes'.



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 Cantonment, FL 32533

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

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