

Breakfast June 6



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## The Gulf Coast Model A Club Picnic June 13, 2025

10 am - 2 pm

**GARRETT PARK PAVILION**

18080 Pennsylvania St, Robertsdale, AL

The Club is providing fried chicken!  
Sign up to bring the wonderful side  
dishes and yummy desserts.

Email or Text what you will be bringing to  
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text 678-499-3370  
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text 256-783-2261





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## June

### Birthdays

- 7 Darrin Dahlenburg
- 19 Mike Weeks



### Anniversary

- 2 Steve & Betty Tubbs
- 2 Arthur & Mary Astel
- 6 Tom & Jane Frazier
- 7 Bill & Kitty Ross
- 20 Robert and Michelle Collins
- 20 Terry & Nancy Pampel
- 25 Rene' & Charlie Marques



## Message from ... \_\_\_\_\_

Hello Model A'ers,

Hope everyone is doing well. For those traveling, we wish you safe and enjoyable travels.

We have several upcoming events coming up:

**Club Picnic Meeting** – June 13 at Garrett Park in Robertsdale, AL. We have the pavilion reserved from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The club will be providing the chicken, so please bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP to Allen or Charlotte so we can get an accurate meal count.

**Azalea Trace Father's Day Car Show** – June 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please let me know so I can provide a tentative head count.

**3rd Quarter Meeting & Car Photo Update** – September 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Baldwin Heritage Museum. The museum will be helping promote this event to bring additional attention to the museum and will also have a food truck and a few vendors on site. Since they generously provide us with a free venue for our meetings, I believe this is a great way for us to support them in return.



Allen



# Gulf Coast Model A Club Swap Meet

Well, the weather tried to scare everybody off, but the Gulf Coast Model A Club Swap Meet still turned out to be a pretty good weekend.

Our swap meet was held May 1 & 2 at Model A Ford Vintage Parts in Pensacola. This was only our second year doing the event, but this year we decided to stretch it into a two-day swap meet instead of just one.

Friday morning started out with some light rain, and I think that forecast probably kept a few vendors at home. The vendor count was a little lower than we hoped for. The rain cleared out things started picking up. Before long people were walking around, visiting, digging through parts, and doing what old car people do



best standing around talking cars and telling stories.

The lunch crowd stayed pretty steady on Friday, which was nice to see. Saturday attendance was lighter than we expected, but the vendors still seemed happy and most of them sold quite a bit. That's

always good to hear after people take the time to load up trailers and spend the weekend with us.

One thing we were really happy about was the food sales. We sold more than enough lunch plates to cover our costs and even made a little profit for the club. In today's world, that's a win all by itself.

All in all, I'd call it a successful weekend. - Charlotte



# Boyington Oak Festival May 16

The 7th Annual Boyington Oak Festival was held May 16 at the Oakleigh House Museum. The event included a play "The Truth is in The Tree," Oakleigh House tour, Trolley tour and Antique Car Show and Procession.

Back Roads Members: David and Joyce Ladnier (1963 Galaxie 500), Mac (1971 Austin FX4 - London Cab) and Mike Palmer (Volkswagen and Chevrolet).

Fickle Finger of Fate, once again, goes to Mike Palmer. Last year his Chevrolet threw a belt. This year the Volkswagen came in reminding me of 1983-1988 and a Ford Anglia: great



4 cars were available for actors to ride in May 16th at the Oakleigh Boyington Oak Festival.

gas mileage, poor oil mileage, no mosquitoes around the running "people's car" due to blue smoke! - Mac Macnamara

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# Classifieds

Email Submissions to [realracegrill@gmail.com](mailto:realracegrill@gmail.com)

Submission date is the 20th of each month



For Sale 1920 Model A 5 window coupe. Great car as is however; it's in need of restoration. Asking \$7,500.00. For details contact John Taylor 850.530.6960.



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# Entertainment

Email to  
Joe Allen Braddy  
alnbraddy  
@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

June 6 8:30 am

Golden Corral 2260 Langley Ave, Pensacola, FL

#### June

13 10:30am-2pm

#### GCMAC Picnic and Meeting

Garrett Park. 18080

Pennsylvania St, Robertsdale

#### September

19 11am

#### GCMAC Quarterly Meeting

Baldwin County Heritage

Museum, 25521 US-98 Elberta

Drive your Model A's club

photo and more!

### MAFCA Activities:

#### September

10-17

#### Model A Days

#### 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:

#### June

19 Father's Day Celebration

#### Antique Car Show at Azalea

Trace, 9-1pm. 101000 Hillview Drive Pensacola, Florida 32514

#### 20 Brewton Blueberry

Festival. 8-3pm. Jennings

Park Brewton, AL

#### July

#### 24-25 Hot Rod Nationals.

Destin, FL. 1958 Lewis

Turner Blvd, Fort Walton

Beach, Purchase tickets

or register your ride at

thetrodnationals.com.

#### 25 SEMCC Tillmans Corner

Kids Day Car Display 5055

Carol Plantation Rd, Mobile,

AL

#### August

8 Wilmer Community Car

Show 8-2pm. 12140 Moffett Rd, Wilmer.

#### September

12-13 7th Annual Sparks in

#### the Park Car, Truck & Bike

Show. 8-1pm, Mullet Festival Grounds, Niceville. Reg \$40

#### 19 Hammers & Hotrods Car

Show. 8am -2pm. Fort Walton

Beach High School. Email:

jgf@biaow.org

#### October

4-11 30th Anniversary of

#### Cruisin the Coast.

<https://cruisinthecoast.com/>

## Quiz Time!

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

### 1. Where is our annual GCMAC Picnic?

A. Pennsylvania, B. Foley, C. Mobile, D. Garrett Park

### 2. How long has the Boyington Oak Festival been going on?

A. Since 1835, B. 50 years, C. 7 years, D. Forever

### 3. What year did the New York City heat wave happen:

A. 1927, B. 1938, C. 1931, D. 1911

I. D. 2. C. 3. D

## Help Wanted

Car Shows? Car Events?

Email to Allen Braddy

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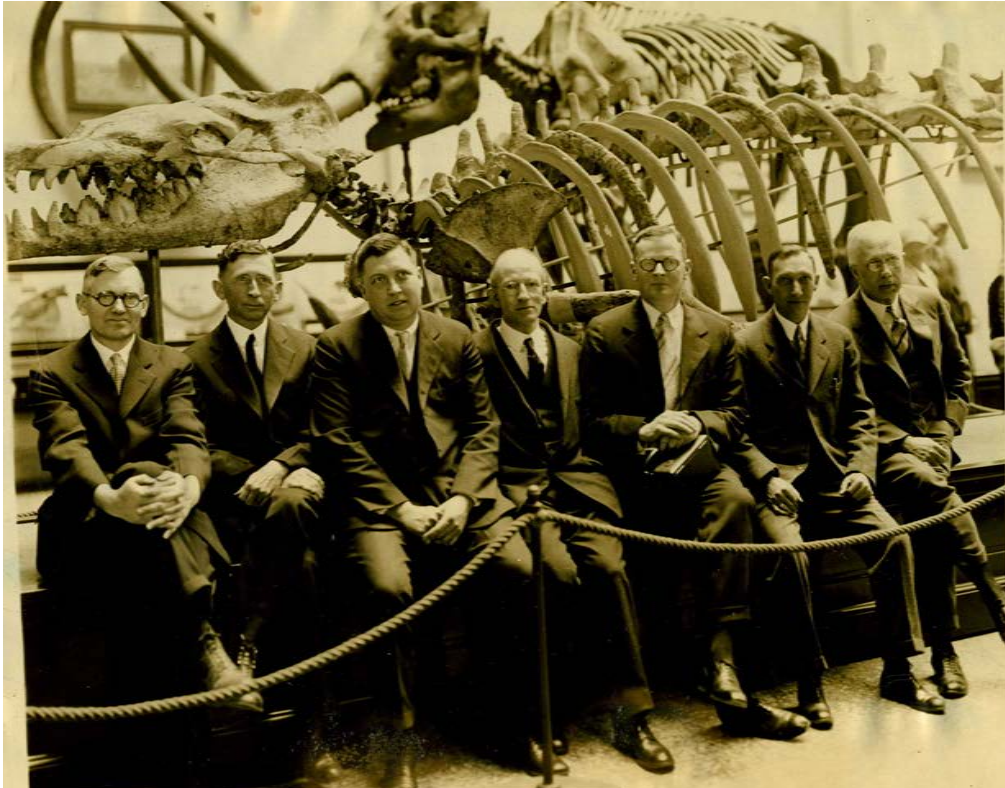




# Era Photos



## American Society of Mammalogists Holds Annual Session at National Museum



4-11-28 - Group of delegates to the tenth annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists in the New National Museum at Washington, seated in front of the skeleton of a Zeuglodont, or sea-living mammal about 3,000,000 years old, one of the exhibits in connection with the study of the work of American Mammal Artists. Left to Right: Lee R. Dice, of the University of Michigan; H.H. Lane, Recording Secretary; Remington Kellogg, of the Bureau of Biological Survey; G.M. Allen, President; A.B. Howell, Corresponding Secretary; A. J. Poole, Treasurer and M. / W. Lyon Jr.

- Photographer Bill Shrout

## Navy Varsity Crew Has Spring Workout on Severn River

4-19-28 - Members of the U. S. Navy Varsity Crew, under the direction of Coach Dick Glendon, worked out yesterday on the choppy waters of the River Severn at Annapolis Naval Academy. From Left to right they are: Pieozentkowski, bow, S. C, Strong, K. Jung, P.L. Woerner, S.C. Anderson, P. W. Russell, S. Butts, W. H. Mc Clure and W. Miller, Coxwain.



# Era Fashions



## Romany Reversible Top Rings

By Janet Gundlach  
 ROMANY RINGS were made for both men and women. They were advertised as two rings for the price of one and with the touch of the finger, the stone would reverse. They were considered great value and nice gifts. Women also had necklaces with reversible stones.



An internet company is manufacturing new Romany style necklaces.

### Romany Rings

REVERSIBLE TOP  
**FOR MEN**

ONE SIDE      OTHER SIDE

OPEN  
*A touch of the finger reverses the top*

ROMANY MEN'S RINGS are massive, sturdy and bold. Each ring has a reversible top. Displaying either side of the top gives the effect of a different ring. ROMANY RINGS are really two rings in one. Yet they sell at single-ring cost.

Many ROMANY MEN'S RINGS have an interchangeable initial attachment. Any initial desired can be permanently placed on one side of the reversing top.

For value ROMANY RINGS are really unbeatable. They make the perfect gift to any man. Combining two rings in one they are not only beautiful to look at—but serve a useful purpose. Look over the rings shown on this page.

No. 220—\$25.25  
 14kt White Gold Synthetic Ruby shown  
 Raised Masonic Emblem on other side

No. 222—\$25.50  
 14kt White Gold Raised White Gold Initial on Genuine Black Onyx shown  
 Synthetic Ruby on other side

No. 226—\$26.50  
 14kt White Gold Genuine Carved Bloodstone shown  
 Raised White Gold Initial on Genuine Black Onyx on other side

No. 223—\$24.00  
 14kt White Gold Plain Signet top shown  
 Synthetic Ruby on other side

No. 224—\$20.25  
 14kt White Gold Raised Masonic Emblem shown  
 Genuine Black and White Cameo on other side

No. 227—\$21.00  
 14kt White Gold Plain Genuine Black Onyx shown  
 Signet on other side

No. 221—\$20.25  
 14kt White Gold Genuine Black and White Cameo shown  
 Raised White Gold Initial on other side

No. 225—\$20.25  
 14kt White Gold Raised White Gold Initial shown  
 Raised Masonic Emblem on other side

**A Touch of the Finger Reverses the Top**

ONE SIDE      OPEN      OTHER SIDE

A slight pressure of the finger on the top of the ring will reverse these MEN'S ROMANY RINGS.  
 Those with initials are easily interchangeable

The Masonic Rings as illustrated above are made in any emblem desired, on special order requiring two weeks delivery. All White Gold Rings on this page are made in Green Gold

Fort Dearborn Gift Book and General Catalog, 1930

# ROMANY RINGS

## REVERSIBLE TOP FOR MEN

A TOUCH OF THE FINGER REVERSES THE TOP



SS-167—\$29.50

14kt White Gold  
Reversible Top  
Genuine Black Onyx



ONE SIDE



OPEN



OTHER SIDE

SS-168—\$28.00

14kt White Gold  
Reversible Top



SS-169/BW—\$33.75

14kt White Gold  
Reversible Top

Oskamp Nolting Catalog, 1931/1932

## Romany Rings

REVERSIBLE TOP FOR WOMEN

DOUBLE VALUE DOUBLE BEAUTY  
SINGLE COST

Every ROMANY Ring is two rings in one. Each ring has a reversible top either side of which, when displayed, gives the effect of a different ring. A touch of the finger turns the top over. The workmanship, finish, and stones in ROMANY RINGS are of the finest quality. Every ring is guaranteed in every way. There is no bigger ring value on the market today.

No. 358—\$18.75 14kt White Gold Mounting; Genuine Corallian Cameo above Genuine Diamond and Real Onyx on other side Sizes 4 to 7	No. 650—\$18.75 14kt White Gold Mounting; Crystaline Emerald above Genuine Diamond and Real Onyx on other side Sizes 4 to 7	No. 312—\$21.00 14kt White Gold Mounting; Synthetic Ruby above Genuine Diamond and Real Onyx on other side Sizes 4 to 7	No. 313—\$24.75 14kt White Gold Mounting; Genuine Corallian Cameo above Genuine Garnet on other side Sizes 4 to 7																																																
No. 314—\$22.50 14kt White Gold Mounting; Genuine Amethyst above Genuine Diamond and Real Onyx on other side Sizes 4 to 7	No. 603—\$27.75 14kt White Gold Mounting; Synthetic Ruby with Genuine Diamond above Real Onyx with Diamond on other side Sizes 4 to 7	No. 808—\$25.50 14kt White Gold Mounting; Genuine Onyx with Diamond and raised Eastern Star above Genuine Black and White Cameo on other side Sizes 4 1/2 to 7 1/2	No. 641—\$17.25 14kt White Gold Mounting; Genuine Corallian Cameo above Synthetic Ruby on other side Sizes 4 to 7																																																
No. 406—\$21.00 14kt White Gold Mtg. Genuine Black and White Cameo above Genuine Diamond and Real Onyx on other side Sizes 4 to 7	No. 697—\$27.75 14kt White Gold Mtg. Genuine Diamond and Real Corallian Cameo above Genuine Diamond and Real Onyx on other side Sizes 4 to 7 1/2	No. 623—\$21.00 14kt White Gold Mtg. Genuine Corallian Cameo above Genuine Diamond with Real Onyx on other side Sizes 4 to 7 1/2	No. 625—\$27.75 14kt White Gold Mtg. Genuine Diamond and Real Corallian Cameo above Genuine Diamond with Real Onyx on other side Sizes 4 to 7 1/2																																																
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Fort Dearborn Gift Book and General Catalog, 1930

## ROMANY Rings & Pendants

FOR WOMEN

REVERSIBLE TOP

Every ROMANY Ring and Pendant has a reversible top, either side of which when displayed gives a different effect, a touch of the finger turns the top over. The workmanship and finish in ROMANY RINGS and Pendants are of the finest quality. The mountings are delicately pierced and yet very substantially constructed. They are guaranteed in every way. There is no bigger value on the market today. ILLUSTRATIONS ARE ACTUAL SIZE

SS-140—\$28.00 14kt White Gold Reversible Top Synthetic Zircon above Genuine Onyx and Diamond on other side	SS-141—\$30.50 14kt White Gold Reversible Top Genuine Corallian Cameo with Diamond above Genuine Onyx with Diamond on other side	SS-142—\$25.50 14kt White Gold Reversible Top Genuine Onyx with Diamond and raised Eastern Star above Genuine Corallian Cameo on other side
SS-143—\$30.50 14kt White Gold Reversible Top Genuine Diamond and Real Onyx above Genuine Corallian Cameo with Diamond on other side	SS-144—\$24.75 14kt White Gold Reversible Top Genuine Crystal with Diamond above Genuine Corallian Cameo on other side	SS-145—\$30.50 14kt White Gold Reversible Top Synthetic Ruby with Diamond above Genuine Onyx with Diamond on other side
SS-146—\$23.00 14kt White Gold Reversible Top Synthetic Ruby above Genuine Onyx with Diamond on other side	SS-147—\$24.75 14kt White Gold Reversible Top Genuine Amethyst above Genuine Onyx with Diamond on other side	SS-148—\$20.50 14kt White Gold Reversible Top Genuine Corallian Cameo above Genuine Onyx with Diamond on other side

SS-149—\$28.00 14kt White Gold Reversible Pendant Genuine Crystal with Diamond above Genuine Corallian Cameo with Diamond on other side 16 inch neck chain	SS-150—\$30.50 14kt White Gold Reversible Pendant Genuine Black Onyx and Diamond above Genuine Crystal and Diamond on other side 16 inch neck chain
SS-151—\$28.00 14kt White Gold Reversible Pendant Genuine Corallian Cameo with Diamond above 16 inch neck chain	SS-152—\$30.50 14kt White Gold Reversible Pendant Four Genuine Aquamarines with Diamond above Genuine Corallian Cameo with Diamond on other side 16 inch neck chain

These Pendants Fit Up In Attractive Case Box

14kt White Gold ROMANY BIRTHSTONE RINGS—Reversible Top

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All Diamonds Mounted in ROMANY RINGS Are Brilliant Sparkling Stones

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# Tech Tips

## Stop Light Switch Anatomy

By Tom Endy,  
Westminster, CA

The original stop light switch on the 30-31 cars was very well made. There was a bronze bushing at each end of the actuator shaft. However after 90 plus years few are still in service. My Victoria is an exception, it has an original switch installed and it works very well.

The design is such that when installed on a car the switch is activated and the contacts are open and it is in the off position and the stop lights are off. When the brake pedal is depressed the switch is deactivated and the contacts close and turns the stop lights on. The drawback to this design is when removing the transmission, bell housing, and pedals care must be taken as it is easy to bend the shaft when reinstalling everything.

Years ago the only reproductions available were made in China, and they were very poorly made and did not have bushings and could easily and did short out. If it did not take out the fuse, when one was installed, it could easily burn the car down. About 20 years ago A&L Parts Specialties located in Canton, CT began manufacturing 30-31 stop light switches per the original design. The price then was \$35 and they were originally introduced at a MAFCA meet. Al Lepore, the owner of A&L

passed away in 2010, he was known as the maker of quality Model A parts. Al's son still runs the business but now only sells wholesale to the Model A suppliers.

Bratton's Antique Auto carry both the A&L product and the Chinese product. Inflation has increased the A&L product price significantly. Photos are from Bratton's on-line 2023 catalog.



The Chinese product	The A&L product
p/n 19410	p/n 19411
\$10.95	\$64.95

Prudence dictates that an owner of a 30-31 Model A should check and see which stop light switch is installed on their car. The 28-29 cars use a stop light switch of a different design.

When we obtained my grandson's 1930 Tudor, it had the Chinese stop light switch installed. I took it off and threw it away and purchased the A&L stop light switch from Bratton's. During the recent removal of the transmission, "someone" was not careful and the shaft got bent. The bent shaft later jammed and there were no stop lights, not a good thing. We removed the switch and were able to straighten the shaft and restore the switch to

a serviceable condition.



The bent shaft. On the opposite end of the shaft there is a hole for the purpose of hooking a length of bailing wire through it and pulling the shaft to extend it and then tying it off out of the way when the transmission is removed. This will ensure the shaft does not become bent when the transmission is reinstalled.



The shaft has been straightened



This shows the installation of the 30-31 stop light switch. The switch is bolted to a cross member with the actuator shaft protruding through a hole in the crossmember. On the front side of the crossmember is a rod that is attached to the brake pedal that pushes on the actuator shaft. The bailing wire on the rear of the stop light switch can be temporarily connected to the E-brake cross shaft to pull the actuator shaft away from the hole in the cross member and tie it off out of the way.



Coney Island, the Beach; Bain News Service, publisher; between ca. 1910 and ca. 1915; 1 negative : glass ; 5 x 7 in. or smaller; Library of Congress

## When the Heat Wouldn't Let Go

The summer of 1911 became one of the most miserable hot spells the Northeast had ever experienced. Temperatures in New York City climbed into the upper 90s and stayed there day after day. Brick apartment buildings trapped the heat, city streets baked under the sun, and nights brought little relief.

For working families living in crowded tenement apartments, there was no air conditioning and often not even electric fans. Windows were opened wide,

but the air that drifted inside was just as hot as the rooms themselves. Families searched for any place that offered even the slightest breeze.

Many escaped to fire escapes high above the street. Others carried blankets to parks or waterfronts and tried to sleep outdoors. Historic photographs from the period show entire families sitting quietly on iron fire escapes late into the night, hoping for cooler air that never seemed to arrive.

As conditions worsened, New Yorkers looked toward one



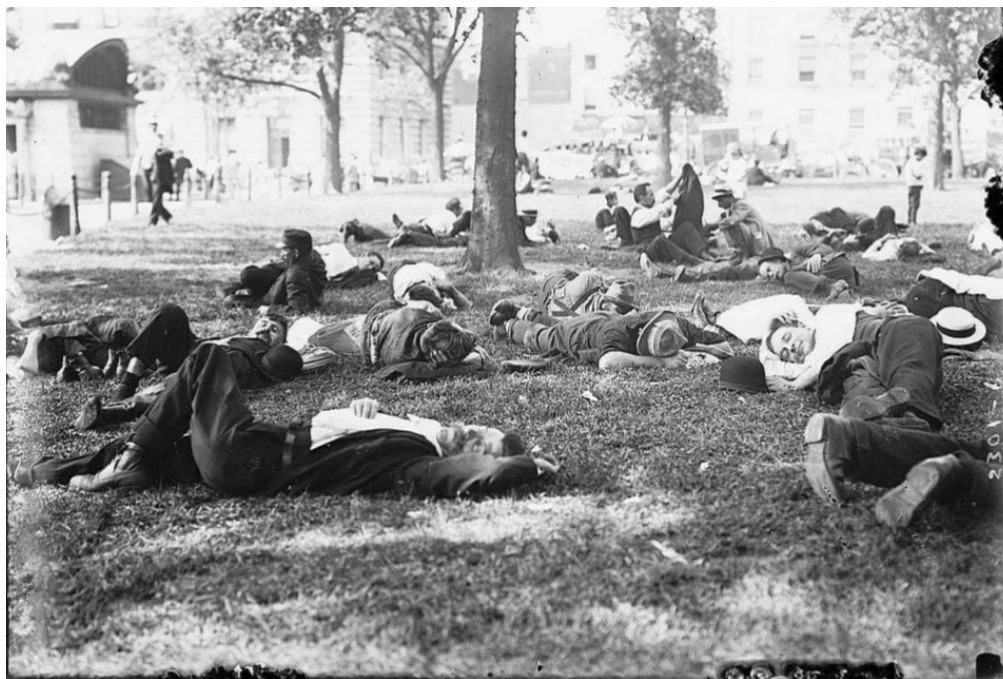


Coney Island, the Whole Darnd Family (LOC); Bain News Service, publisher; between ca. 1910 and ca. 1915; 1 negative : glass ; 5 x 7 in. or smaller; Library of Congress

place for relief, Coney Island.

During the worst days of the heat wave, hundreds of

thousands of people crowded onto trains, trolleys, ferries, and elevated rail lines headed



Battery Park on a hot day; Bain News Service, publisher. Battery Park on hot day, between ca. 1910 and ca. 1915; 1 negative : glass ; 5 x 7 in. or smaller; Library of Congress



for the beaches. Some arrived in the morning and stayed all night. Newspapers reported that so many people slept on the sand that there was barely room to walk between them.

Steeplechase Park even opened parts of its grounds so mothers and children could rest safely overnight. Police officers were assigned to patrol the beaches, not for rowdy crowds, but to protect exhausted families trying to sleep in the open air.



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Coney Isl Races-start of 100 yd. (women's); Bain News Service,, publisher.; between ca. 1910 and ca. 1915; 1 negative : glass ; 5 x 7 in. or smaller; Library of Congress

The heat affected nearly every part of city life. Horses pulling wagons through Manhattan streets had to be watered constantly. Factory workers collapsed on the job. Elderly residents suffered badly in the overheated apartments, and



hospitals quickly filled with heat victims.



Hot day — watering horses 1911 July 7 (date created or published later by Bain); Bain News Service, publisher; 1 negative: glass; 5 x 7 in. or smaller; Library of Congress

The newspapers of the day described scenes that sound almost unbelievable. Men jumped into rivers to cool off. Crowds packed parks late into the evening. People rode streetcars for hours simply to feel moving air. Even after midnight, the city remained alive because homes were too hot for sleep.

Reading these accounts gives a better appreciation for how different daily life was during the brass-era automobile years and the early days leading into the Model A period. Cars themselves were not exactly cool or comfortable by modern standards, but they offered something important, mobility.

By the late teens and into the 1920s, more Americans could finally escape crowded



Asleep in Battery Park on hot day; Bain News Service, publisher; Asleep in Battery Park on hot day; between ca. 1910 and ca. 1915; 1 negative : glass ; 5 x 7 in. or smaller, Library of Congress



picnic baskets, filled water jugs, and searched for shade wherever they could find it.

Model A owners would soon continue that tradition. One can easily imagine a family in 1929 loading their Ford for a Sunday drive simply to catch cooler air beyond the city streets.

cities and head toward beaches, lakes, and country roads. Touring became part adventure and part survival during the hottest weeks of summer. Families packed





Looking back at these heat waves also reminds us how resilient earlier generations

were. They endured conditions that would test anyone, yet communities still found ways

to help one another. Parks stayed open late, beaches welcomed overnight crowds, and ordinary people shared what little comfort they could find.

In many ways, that spirit feels familiar to old car hobbyists. Whether it is helping a stranded driver on a tour, sharing tools at a swap meet, or gathering for fellowship on a hot summer afternoon, the old car community still carries some of that same neighborly spirit from another era.

Historical source material and period photographs courtesy of Library of Congress archives, The New York Times historical reporting, and historical articles from ESPN's "The Diary of Myles Thomas" project and Medium history features.

# The Model A Ford Club of America MAFCA

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# Gulf Coast Model A Club

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