Congratulations Nicolas!



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Nicolas wins the Model A Youth Scholarship



I wanted to share some exciting news with you and with the Gulf Coast Model A

Chapter. In the fall, I will be attending college at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina. They have one of only a few undergraduate *Continued on Page 3*



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July Birthdays

13 Kitty Ross

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Anniversaries

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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. realracegril 1@gmail.com

Message from ...

What does it mean to be a car enthusiast?

(noun) — A person who is passionate about cars and sees them as more than a mode of transportation. An enthusiast likely finds one or more of the many aspects of car culture appealing and starts to learn more about their automotive area of interest. Synonyms: car aficionado, auto addict, gearhead.

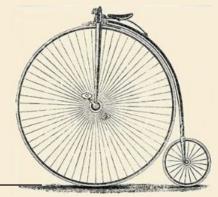
I grew up with our truck sitting outside the house on a trailer. I spent many a day crawling all over it as a little boy. As I grew up, I learned what this truck meant to my dad. Watching it get attention when they had time and money. Showing interest as the years go by, waiting for the day it would be completed and ready to roll. Once it was complete, first

thing my dad did was take it to my great uncles house to show him it was finally done. The look on my father's face watching his uncle regain a piece of his childhood was tear jerking.

That was the day I truly became a CAR ENTHUSIAST.

I'm glad I get to share my experience with you all and can't wait to hear more of your stories.









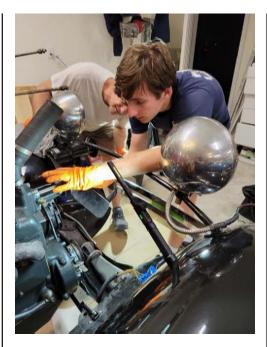
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Engineering programs in that offers a specialization in Automotive Engineering. Attending Clemson will allow me to pursue my passion, but it comes with a hefty price tag. So, this spring, I applied for the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship offered year by MAFCA. Each winner receives \$1,000 for each year they attend college provided they maintain their GPA. Given the cost of education today, this scholarship would be very helpful in paying towards the cost of tuition and books.

Last week while I was at work, I received a phone call from Jo Johnson, Treasurer of MAFCA, informing me that I was one of four individuals from MAFCA chapters across the nation awarded the scholarship! I could hardly



contain my excitement through the rest of my shift! Part of the application process requires a member recommendation, for which our President -Allen Braddy- wrote an amazing brag sheet. In addition, I want to thank Joe Stephens and Mike Fowler who helped me and my



dad get our Model A running in the first place. This summer, I plan to get more involved in the club and take on more projects with my Model A. When I head off to college, I will do my very best to make our chapter proud as I pursue my degree.

-Nicholas Collins

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/









Club Happenings

The Alabama Blueberry Festival



At the Alabama Blueberry Festival in Brewton, Alabama Sabine received her first win. Best Ford.

The annual Alabama Blueberry Festival is more than arts and crafts - It's cars, too! The Festival will feature a car show with plenty of antique and collectible cars to view during the event.

Don't miss out on the fan favorite blueberry ice cream that draws crowds each year!

This is the only time you can experience this flavor.

The festival features arts and crafts, a car show, live entertainment, blueberries, blueberry bushes, t-shirts, and delicious food. Festival goers can explore a variety of vendors and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere.

The event is held at Jennings Park in downtown Brewton. - Charlotte











Let the LADIES do it!



These recipes are from my Great Grandmother's 1926 White House Cookbook. She was a secretary at the White House in Washington D.C. at the time. I was lucky enough to spend my first 13 years learning to bake from her. I learned to measure using my hand instead and to read cakes as they rise in the oven. Above is a photo of Lela (Honey) and William Shrout -Charlotte



Brides Cake

Cream together one scant cup of butter and three cups of sugar; add one cup of milk, then the beaten whites of twelve eggs; sift three teaspoonfuls of baking powder into one cup of cornstarch mixed with three cups of sifted flour and beat it gradually with the rest; flavor to taste. Beat all thoroughly,

FROM THE LITCHEN

then put in buttered tins lined with letter paper well buttered; bake slowly in a moderate oven. A beautiful white cake. Ice the top. Double the recipe if more is required.

Boiled Frosting

To one pound of finest pulverized sugar add three wine-glassfuls of clear water. Let it stand until it dissolves; then boil it until it is perfectly clear and threads from the spoon. Beat well the whites of four eggs. Pour the sugar into the dish with the eggs, but do not mix them until the syrup is luke-warm; then beat all well together for one-half hour.

Season to your taste with vanilla, rose-water, or lemon juice. The first coating may be put on the cake as soon as it is well mixed. Rub the cake with a little flour before you apply the icing. While the first coat is drying continue to beat the remainder; you will not have to wait long if the cake is set in a warm place near the fire. This is said to be a most excellent recipe for icing.

Pure Ice-Cream

Genuine ice-cream is made of the pure sweet cream in this proportion: Two quarts of cream, one pound of sugar;



beat up, flavor and freeze. For Family use, select one of the new patent freezers, as being more rapid and less laborious from small quantities than old style turned entirely by hand. All conditions being perfect, those with crank and revolving dashers effect freezing in eight to fifteen minutes.

Johnnie Cake

Soft one quart of Indian meal into a pan: make a hole in the middle and pour in a pint of warm water, adding one teaspoonful of salt; with a spoon, mix the meal and water gradually into a soft dough; stir it very briskly for a quarter of an hour or more, till it becomes light and spongy; then spread the dough smoothly and evenly on a straight, flat board (a piece of the head of a flour-barrel will serve for this purpose); place the board nearly upright before an open fire and put an iron against the back to support it: bake it well; when done, cut it in squares; send it hot to table, split and buttered.







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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 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:

July

6 8:30 am

Pensacola Breakfast. Golden Corral 2260 Langley Ave.

27 11am

Club Lunch at Magnolia Blossom in Robertsdale

Model A Activities:

August 16-17 - Thomson, GA Model A Swap Meet. 1818 Augusta Hwy, Thomson, GA 30824.

August 24-September 14 -

Columbus IN. Traveling Route 66 Join the Columbus, Indiana Chapter on a tour of the full length of historical Route 66. September 14 - Worldwide International Model A Ford Day Dec 11-14 National Awards Banquet Salt Lake City, Utah

Local and Regional, Activities:

July

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

Car Appreciation Day. Cruise In at 5-8pm. Bob's Speed Shop Parking Lot 1530 West Interstate 65 Service Rd S, Mobile, AL

August

17 Low N Clean Pensacola, Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds, 3257 Godwin Ln., Pensacola, FL.,

7th OWA Labor Day Car 31 Show, OWA Park & Resort, 1501 S. OWA Blvd., Foley, AL., 8-4pm. Early registration ends August 22 September

(Sunday) Labor Day Showdown, The Grounds, 1035 Cody Rd. N., Mobile, AL.

14-15 6th Sparks in the Park Car, Truck & Bike Show, Mullet Festival Grounds, Hwy 85 & W. College Blvd., Niceville, FL., 8-3pm

14 3rd Veterans Helping Veterans Car Show & Jeep Bash **on the Bay**, Battleship Memorial Park, 2703 Battleship Pkwy, Mobile, AL. 7-2pm.

Anything Auto Swap Meet/Grand Bay Country Cruisers Car Show, Abba Shrine Center, 7701 Hitt Rd., Mobile, AL., 7-3pm.

28-29 3rd Fords and Friends in the Fall, Pensacola Fairgrounds, 6655 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola, FL

October

4-5 4th Bama Coast Cruisin at Orange Beach Freedom Fest, The Wharf, 4671 Wharf Pkwy W., Orange Beach, AL.

6-13 28th Cruisin The Coast, Mississippi Gulf Coast, Cruise \$75 Early Reg. Ends August 15



International Model A Ford Day

This day provides an opportunity for enthusiasts around the world to all drive their cars and participate in events on the same day, Commemorative patches are available for \$3 each. Minimum order of 20 from Bruce Adams, PO box 45

Northport, New York 11768. All profits to the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship fund.

2024 Florida
Model A Day Event
October 4-6
In Florida
Admission is free with a
Model A or Model T including
passengers.
Friday starts with music and
Hors d'Oeuvers
Saturday includes classes,
history, trivia, lunch. and
evening wrap of with 50/50







Tech Tips

Driving in the Heat

By Mark Barrett Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Santa Clara Valley Chapter I learned a few things on our trip to the NWRG in Walla Walla in early June. Because of the heat that was in the triple digits that started on our first day, I had vapor lock issues before we even left California. A trick I learned from Bob Meneely was to use aluminum foil on the fuel line and carburetor to help keep the fuel from boiling. It worked, but it would have worked better if I had installed the foil before it got to the boiling point. Instead, I waited for the car to cool down on the side of the road going up Yankee Hill on Highway 70.

Something else I learned



was to richen the fuel mixture when the engine temp starts to climb. Adding more fuel than is necessary for optimal combustion with the mixture knob helps cool the flame slightly in the cylinders. Turn the knob out until you notice the engine running rough from getting too much gas, then turn it in just to where the engine smooths out. Again, this type of trick works best if you do

it just as you notice the temp starting to climb. I shared this tip with some club members at the parade on July 4th with great results.

Another tip that seemed to work for me was to retard the engine timing to the lever position more proportional to the speed the engine is turning. I think that most of us know that you advance the timing lever as your engine speed increases, but it seems that once the lever is set for that higher speed (and more power), the lever doesn't get moved again. I found that retarding the timing while driving at slower engine speeds helped the engine cooling slightly.

I wasn't able to tame the heat completely, but by using the tips listed here, I am convinced that I minimized the problems that I had. Hopefully you can use some of the information here and maybe learn something else by playing with the controls of your baby and being observant to the results.











Era Fashions



Slide Fasteners



Although not common during the Model A Era, the slide fastener, or what we now refer to as a zipper, could be found in an array of items. One example is the Saks Fifth Avenue advertisement to the left which is from 1931 The New York Times, featuring a Sports Wear outfit with a suede blouse with the "convenience of a talon fastener".

History

The story begins when Elias Howe, Jr., inventor of the sewing machine, received a patent in 1851 for an "Automatic, Continuous Clothing Closure." Howe's device was more like an elaborate drawstring than a true slide fastener, but because of the success of the sewing machine, Howe did not pursue marketing his clothing closure system.

Forty-four years later, inventor Whitcomb Judson marketed a "Clasp Locker" device, similar to the system described in the 1851 Howe patent. Being first to market, Whitcomb got credit for being the "inventor of the zipper." However, his 1893 patent did not use the word zipper. The Chicago inventor's "Clasp Locker" was a complicated hook-and-eye shoe fastener. Together with businessman Colonel Lewis Walker, Whitcomb launched the

Universal Fastener Company to manufacture the new device. The clasp locker debuted at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and was met with little commercial success. The Universal Fastener Company moved to Meadville, Pennsylvania, where it operated for most of the 20th century under the name Talon, Inc.

It was a Swedish-born electrical engineer named Gideon Sundbäck whose work helped make the zipper the hit it is today. Originally hired to work for the Universal Fastener Company, his design skills and a marriage to the plant-manager's daughter led to a position as head designer at Universal. In his position,



he improved the far from perfect" Judson Curity Fastener."

When Sundbäck's wife died in 1911, the grieving husband busied himself at the design table. By Decemberof1913,he came up with what would become the modern zipper.

Sundbäck's new and improved system increased the number of fastening elements from four per inch to 10 or 11, had two facing rows of teeth that pulled into a single



piece by the slider and increased the opening for the teeth guided by the slider. His patent for the "Separable Fastener" was issued in 1917.

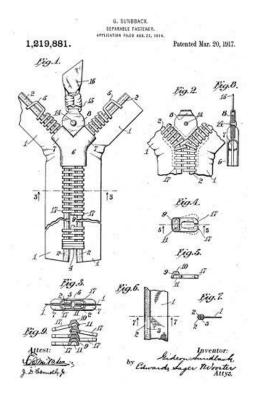
Naming the Zipper

The term 'zipper' is said to be derived from the 'zip' sound the invention makes when zipping, first used in 1923 by the American B. F. Goodrich Company. The company opted to use Sundbäck's fastener on a new type of rubber boots (or galoshes) and referred to it as the zipper, and the name stuck. The two chief uses of the zipper in its early









years were for closing boots and tobacco pouches. Zippers began being used for clothing in 1925 by Schott NYC on leather jackets.

In the 1930s, a sales campaign began for children's clothing featuring zippers. The campaign advocated zippers as a way to promote self-reliance in young children as the devices made it possible for them to dress in self- help clothing.

The Battle of the Fly:

A landmark moment happened in 1937when the zipper beat the button in the "Battle of the Fly." French fashion designers raved over the use of zippers in men's trousers







and Esquire magazine declared the zipper the "Newest Tailoring Idea for Men."

Zippers in the Model A Era:

Within the MAFCA Fashion Guidelines, there are six mentions of slide fasteners or zippers. "Slide fasteners or zippers, were discussed in men's tailors' magazines, but were not commonly used in the fly until after the Model A era. They could be found in pockets or down the front of coveralls (as seen on page one)."

"To the left, a heavy washable cotton suede cloth that looks like fine suede leather and wears almost as well. This three-piece set, with sliding rustproof fastener, is practical for boys and girls."

Additionally they were found in both men's and women's golf bags for the ball and shoe compartments.



The image to the above is from the same Talon advertisement found in the 1931 Ladies Home Journal. "Traveling Case – equipped with a Talon SlideFastener.Itcanbe opened or closed in an instant – but it can't come open accidentally."

If you are heading to the beach "The very newest knitted bathing suits have a Talon Slide Fastener at the back of the jersey. Beach pajamas are cotton mesh and Talon-fastened at the side. And the polo shirt of cotton mesh is Talon-fastened, too – at the front."

While the Slide Fastener did exist during the Model A Era, they were not as accepted and used like they are today. References:

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New York Times April7,1931 GideonSundbäck / Publicdomain/ via Wikimedia Commons

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Classifieds

Submission date is the 20th of each month

I have the original 1931

Model A

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for the interior
if anyone wants them.

Back seat upholstery is fine.
Otherwise I will
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Ron Persons 251–644–0197 ronpersons@gmail.com

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Early 28 sport coupe left hand brake red steering wheel...owned since 1964...it was active in gcmac for many years when my parents were alive...a mature restoration 20+





For sale Tune Master older Gauge set 7 meters \$150 • Larry Nelson • 251323-8050





years ago by club members... good engine ...sound mechanically... needs exhaust ...12 volt conversion...drives well...needs paint ..interior good...extra parts go with it... have video of car running and driving...looks better in pics than in person...needs a good new home ...if interested call





251-979-1329 leave message and Ill return call come take a look and negotiate price... thanks

Lee Stepney, Magnolia Springs

251-979-1339



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An ad from 1956

Refrigerators of the Past: A Fascinating Look at Vintage Refrigerator Ads and Photos from the 1920s to 1950s

In this day and age, it's easy to take our modern-day refrigerators for granted. We expect them to keep our food fresh and cold without giving them a second thought.

However, it wasn't always this way. Back in the early 1900s, refrigerators were a luxury item that only the wealthy could afford.

They were often large, ornate, and made of expensive materials such as wood or metal. In fact, early refrigerators were sometimes called "iceboxes."

as they relied on blocks of ice to keep food cold.

As time went on, refrigerators became more accessible to the middle class, and manufacturers began to experiment with different styles and designs.

The 1920s brought about the introduction of electric refrigerators, which revolutionized the industry and made refrigeration more efficient and affordable.

By the 1950s, refrigerators were a common household

item, and manufacturers were competing to create the most stylish and eye-catching designs.

That's where this collection of vintage refrigerator photos and ads comes in. These ads and photos offer a glimpse into the past, showcasing the evolution of refrigeration technology and the changing styles and trends of the times.

From art deco designs to sleek mid-century modern styles, these vintage refrigerators are sure to inspire and captivate.









An ad from 1956

The history of artificial refrigeration began when Scottish professor William Cullen designed a small refrigerating machine in 1755.

Cullen used a pump to create a partial vacuum over a container of diethyl ether, which then boiled, absorbing heat from the surrounding air. The experiment even created a small amount of ice, but had no practical application at that time.

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ether under vacuum.

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An ad from 1956

In 1894, Hungarian inventor and industrialist István Röck started to manufacture a large industrial ammonia refrigerator which was powered by electric compressors (together with the Esslingen Machine Works).

Its electric compressors were manufactured by the Ganz Works. At the 1896 Millennium Exhibition, Röck and the Esslingen Machine Works presented a 6-tonne capacity artificial ice-producing plant.

In 1906, the first large Hungarian cold store (with a capacity of 3,000 tonnes, the largest in Europe) opened in Tóth Kálmán Street, Budapest, the machine was manufactured by the Ganz Works.



An ad from 1956

In 1913, the first electric refrigerators for home and domestic use were invented and produced by Fred W. Wolf of Fort Wayne, Indiana, with models consisting of a unit that was mounted on top of an ice box.

His first device, produced over the next few years in several hundred units, was called DOMELRE. In 1914, engineer Nathaniel B. Wales of Detroit, Michigan, introduced an idea for a practical electric refrigeration unit, which later became the basis for the Kelvinator.

The self-contained refrigerator, with a compressor on the bottom of the cabinet was invented by Alfred Mellowes in 1916.









Vintage 1930 General Electric Refrigerator Print Ad

Mellowes produced this refrigerator commercially but was bought out by William C. Durant in 1918, who started the Frigidaire company to mass-produce refrigerators.

In 1918, Kelvinator company introduced the first refrigerator with any type of automatic control. The absorption refrigerator was invented by Baltzar von Platen and Carl Munters from Sweden in 1922, while they were still students at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.

It became a worldwide success and was commercialized by Electrolux. Other pioneers included Charles Tellier, David



Vintage 1930 General Electric Refrigerator Print Ad

Boyle, and Raoul Pictet. Carl von Linde was the first to patent and make a practical and compact refrigerator.

These home units usually required the installation of the mechanical parts, motor, and compressor, in the basement or an adjacent room while the cold box was located in the kitchen.

By 1923, Kelvinator held 80 percent of the market for electric refrigerators. Also in 1923 Frigidaire introduced the first self-contained unit.

About this same time porcelain-covered metal cabinets began to appear. Ice cube trays were introduced more



A refrigerator from the 1950s

and more during the 1920s; up to this time freezing was not an auxiliary function of the modern refrigerator.

The first refrigerator to see widespread use was the General Electric "Monitor-Top" refrigerator introduced in 1927, so-called, by the public, because of its resemblance to the gun turret on the ironclad warship USS Monitor of the 1860s.

The compressor assembly, which emitted a great deal of heat, was placed above the cabinet, and enclosed by a decorative ring. Over a million units were produced.

The introduction of Freon in the 1920s expanded the refrigerator market during the 1930s and provided a safer, low-toxicity alternative to previously used refrigerants.

Separate freezers became

common during the 1940s; the term for the unit, popular at the time, was deep freeze. These devices, or appliances, did not go into mass production for use in the home until after World War II.

The 1950s and 1960s saw technical advances like automatic defrosting and automatic ice-making. More efficient refrigerators were developed in the 1970s and 1980s, even though environmental



Magnificent, new G-E Wall Refrigerator-Freezer

HANGS ON THE WALL LIKE A PICTURE GE 1955 Wall Refrigerator

issues led to the banning of very effective (Freon) refrigerants.

In the early 1950s, most refrigerators were white, but from the mid-1950s to the present day, designers and manufacturers have put color onto refrigerators.

In the late-1950s/early-1960s, pastel colors like turquoise and pink became popular and brushed chrome plating (similar to a stainless steel finish) was available on some models.

In the late 1960s and throughout the 1970s, earth tone colors were popular, including Harvest Gold, Avocado Green, and almond. In the 1980s, black became fashionable. In the late 1990s stainless steel came into vogue.









In the 1860s, in-home refrigeration made a big leap forward with the introduction of the icebox, an early precursor to the refrigerator. By the 1890s, they were a common feature of middle-class homes.



Frigidaire ad. (Photo by Saturday Evening Post)



1930 Kelvinator Refrigerator 4-Way Cold Vintage Ad.



The Original GE Monitor Top Refrigerator From 1929.





1927 Frigidaire



ABOUT THE GULF COAST MODEL 'A' CLUB

The Traveler newsletter 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: cars, driving the cars locally and

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Club dues are \$25 per year for individuals or families. 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

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