



# the TRAVELER



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## Nicholas Collins



My grandfather (I called him Paps) has had our 1931 Ford Model A for as long as I can remember, but I think he bought it in 2007 or 2008- when I was 1 or 2 years old. He would always let

me ride in the Veterans Day Parades and Christmas Parades that the Model A club participated in, and let me show it off for kindergarten show-and-tell. After he passed away in 2020,

he handed it down to me. My dad and I began getting it running again in the summer of 2022, where we reconnected with many of Paps' old friends in the Model A club to help us



start it. Mike Fowler and Joe Stephens -members of the club- helped us make sense of the engine and figure out how to fire it up again. Eventually, we determined that we needed to replace the distributor cap to give better spark to the engine. While we were fixing the Model A, my dad and I left it in Paps' garage in Pensacola. Since we live in Gulf Breeze, there was about 10 miles and a steep bridge between us. The next few days were spent making sure it could make the journey. When the day came, my dad drove it to our house and I followed close behind in his truck, beaming the whole way. It only died on us once, but started right back up and

kept going. Now I drive the Model A at least once a week to keep it in good condition, but my favorite part about it is the people I've met through maintaining it. Seeing people wave and kids smile while driving it around town and chatting with people about it at the gas pump just shows how special of a car it is. Preparing for and entering the Model A into parades and meeting members of my local Model A Club (the Gulf Coast Model A Club) have been some of the best experiences for me. This car has reconnected me with my grandfather and the life he led, and I love every minute I get to carry that torch. - Nicholas Collins



## Senior Parking



Nicholas is not your typical Model A Senior, but a Senior in High School. He painted his parking spot at school with his Model A! What a cool idea that students get to paint their space, and even cooler that the subject

Nicholas chose was his Model A! And he has offered the group the stencil if they would like to paint their own parking spot!





# Our Club



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## November

### Birthdays

- 7 Mike Short
- 18 Lorena Childers
- 28 Charlotte Dahlenburg



### Anniversaries

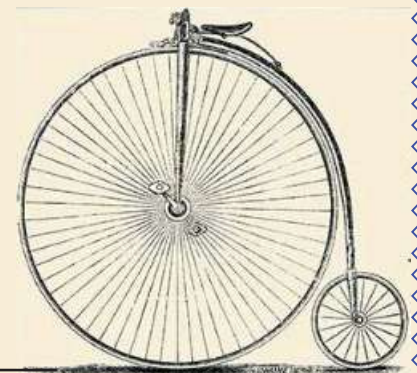
- 19 Mike & Andria Short  
(2023 marks 40 years)



## Message from ...

Thank you for the calls, cards and food members of Gulf Coast Model A Club gave our family during our sorrow and grief. Walt was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to all he new.

## Martha Fuller and Family



# Club Happenings

## Pensacola Breakfast

5 people were present at the Pensacola breakfast on Oct 7.



## Mobile Breakfast

On September 30 the Mobile Breakfast was held. There were six present but that did

not stop the good time we all had. Join us next time on November 18!



Joe Stephan and Allen Braddy have been working with Robin Olsson on some distributor issues. Joe installed new points and Allen set the timing. We still need a little more adjustment since he called and said he's getting backfire occasionally.

THE MODEL "A" FORD CLUB OF AMERICA IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER THE POSITION OF WEBMASTER. THIS PERSON MUST HAVE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF WEB INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL AS A BACKGROUND IN HTML EDITING USING APPLICATIONS SUCH AS DREAMWEAVER. EXPERIENCE WITH PHP, CSS AND SQL AS WELL AS OTHER SCRIPTING LANGUAGES ALONG WITH SFTP WILL BE HELPFUL AS WELL. TRAINING WITH OUR CURRENT PLATFORM WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR INTERIM WEBMASTER.

IF YOUR LOVE OF THE MODEL A EXTENDS INTO THE DIGITAL WORLD THEN WE COULD USE YOUR HELP. PLEASE CONTACT ME AT CHAPTERCOORDINATOR@MAFCA.COM OR DIRECTLY AT 405 812 8131 OR ANY CURRENT BOARD MEMBER IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS POSITION.



Darrin and Charlotte took the Model T to Cruisin' the Coast!





# Touch A Truck

Allen Braddy and Scott Lumsford attended the Touch A Truck hosted by Escambia Demolay at Hadji Shrine Center on October 7.

Our vehicles seemed to suit the kids much better as they were invited to get in and have fun. They were amazed at the crank up windows and adjustable windshield. The parents were grateful for our patience with the kids and we



answered questions for kids big and small.

Allen was able to adjust his horn with the help of an eager helper. He got the horn sounding great with little trouble. All in all it was a great day.

This little gentleman didn't want to leave. He wanted Allen's truck. They came around for a second time so he could sit in the truck. He cried as daddy took him out. One day little guy, you'll get you one.

- Allen & Scott



# At the Fair

See the "New Ford" at the Pensacola Interstate Fair. Nelda and her friends were there October 19 - 28. The two 1929 vehicles to the right of the photo are Santa Rosa cars.

Scott Lunsford, Mike Fowler, Bill Ross, and Allen Braddy, all displayed their cars in the car exhibit hall.

The first night at the fair was great. Our display caught the attention of most people. We had kids, adults, seniors, and one family that were speaking Spanish, trying to use what words they knew to say how much they like the cars.  
- Allen Braddy



Kelly Adams went with the Southside A's to tour Trilith Studios in Fayetteville, GA Oct. 19. Above is our group in Sound Stage 17 where "Guardians of the Galaxy" was filmed.

Below is 8 Model A's who gathered for our short tour from Peachtree City, GA to Fayetteville





# THE MODEL A'S AT THE PENSACOLA INTERSTATE FAIR WERE THE CATS PAJAMAS!





Mark your calendar

## Gulf Coast Model A Club

# Christmas Party

**December 10 at 2 pm**

**Paula Deen's Family Kitchen at OWA**

**203 North OWA Blvd., #203, Foley AL 36535**

**RSVP to Martha or Allen**

Contact Martha Fuller to provide donations for door prizes.

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# Entertainment

Email to  
Joe Allen Braddy  
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Submission  
date is the  
20th of each  
month

## Car Shows, Events, Cruise Ins & More

For a comprehensive list of car shows in our area, here's a link to the Gearjammers website with them listed: <https://bamagearjammers.com/events.html>

Scott Lunsford has created a private by invitation only Facebook group, Today's 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:

#### November

#### Nov 4 - Pensacola Breakfast

We're going to change things up a bit this month. **8 - 2pm Pensacola North Rotary 7th Annual Charity Show** East Gate Plaza, 7135 N 9th Ave, Pensacola, FL. Call Allen 678-499-3370 to reserve a spot

#### Nov 11 - Veterans Day Parade

GCMAC will be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade. Sat. Nov. 11, 2023. Please RSVP to Allen 678-499-3370 if you will be attending so he can give a vehicle count.

#### December

#### Dec 10 - Christmas Party

### Model A Activities:

#### November

#### Nov 5 - Troy, OH- Dayton Buckeye Model A Club

**Swap Meet.** Miami County Fairgrounds. Info: Tim Staker,

(937) 689-7222

#### Nov 18-- Albany, OR-

#### Enduring A's Albany Indoor

**Swap Meet.** Linn County Fair/Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd NE, Albany, OR. Info: Glen Osborn , (541) 928-1218 - 5430 Winn Drive NW, Albany, OR 97321

**Nov 30-Dec 2 - National Awards Banquet** Santa Maria, CA

#### January

**Jan 13 Shepherdsville, Kentucky - Model A Ford Winter Swap Meet**

#### June 2024

**June 13-16 - Texas Tour** Nacogdoches, Texas

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

### Local and Regional, Activities:

**Nov 4 - 8th Pensacola North Rotary Charity Car Show,**

8am-2pm East Gate Plaza, 7135 N 9th Ave., Pensacola,

**Nov. 4 - 5th Annual Open Car Show & Toys for Tots**

**Toy Drive,** American Legion Post 99, Foley, AL

**Nov 11 - 3rd Mission 22**

**Show & Shine,** Five Flags Speedway, 7451 Pine Forest Rd., Pensacola, FL., am-

4:30pm.

**Nov 11 Market on the Bay Classic Car Show & Swap**

**Meet.** 11650 CR 99 Lillian, AL Entry \$20 Vendor \$40 Info 850-238-1023

**Nov. 17-19, 33rd Annual Moultrie Fall Swap Meet,**

**Car Corral,** Moultrie, GA [moultrieswapmeet.com](http://moultrieswapmeet.com)

**Nov 18 Pharoahs 3rd Annual Car Show** 9am-

2pm American Legion Post 250 10950 Dauphin Island Pkwy Theodore, AL Info 222.

[alabamapharoahs.com](http://alabamapharoahs.com)

**Dec 2 - 3rd Annual Revitalize DIP Festival &**

**Car Show** 9am-1pm Gulfdale Promenade Gulfdale Dr.

Mobile, AL

**Dec 9 Cops for Kids Toy Drive and Show & Shine**

1-5pm. Bring two unwrapped toys to participate. 7775 Tara Drive, Semmes, AL



## Help Wanted

**Car Shows? Car Events?**

**Email to Allen Braddy  
alnbraddy@yahoo.com**





# Tech Tips

## Jim's Tech Tips

### “Difficult Steering”

Many Model A owners find their car hard to steer when parking or maneuvering at low speed. After you confirm that there is oil in the steering gear box (not grease), the tires are all inflated to 35 psi, and everything on the front axle has been properly greased, you are left with the most likely cause: The spindle bolt (kingpin) “thrust bearings” are defective or they are not shimmed up properly to support the weight of the car. You can confirm this by using a floor jack to take some weight off of the front wheels, and then see if the steering effort is drastically reduced. If it is, the problem is the bearings.

To correct this, you need to remove everything from the spindles to get to the kingpins and remove them. See Les Andrews’ Red Book, starting on page 1-209, for directions. The illustration below comes from later in that section.

Clean the thrust bearing and replace it if it does not turn smoothly or shows any signs of wear. Pack the bearing with grease before reinstalling.

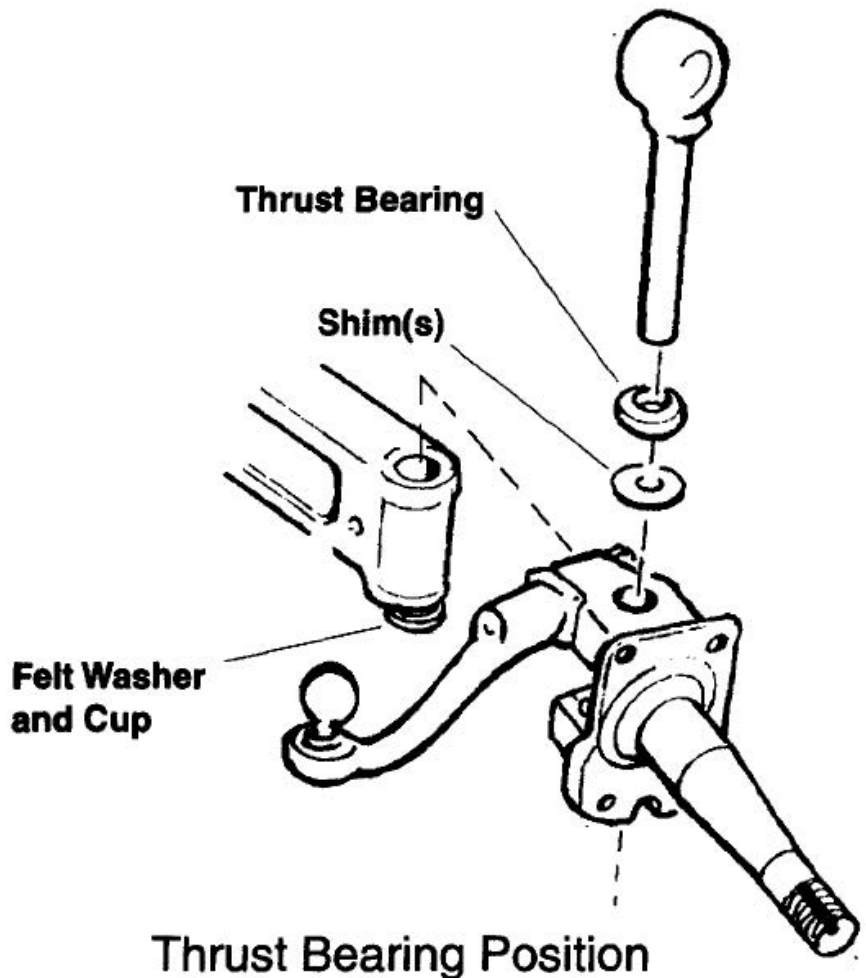
When reassembling, you need to test fit the spindle with the kingpin fully locked in place with the locking pin. Temporarily leave the large felt seal and metal washer off of the bottom of the spindle for this. Start with the number of shims previously

used, then add 1 shim at a time until very little or no vertical movement of the spindle is felt on the kingpin. It can take up to 4 shims to compensate for wear.

At some point, adding a shim may jam up the spindle, making it hard to turn on the kingpin. If it does, take that last shim out, reassemble, and confirm that the spindle again moves easily, as it should. Now reassemble the spindle on the axle with the felt seal and the cupped metal washer installed between the axle and the bottom part of the spindle (the metal cup touches

the axle, the felt touches the spindle). Threaded thickness of the felt seal may temporarily make the spindle a bit stiff turning on the kingpin, but it will quickly flatten out and move smoothly when you drive.

Now reinstall everything that attaches to the spindle, install the brakes, maybe use this as an opportunity to clean and repack the wheel bearings, then install the drums and the wheels. Grease all of the fittings well. Go for a test drive, enjoy the easier steering, and Have a Model A Day!- Jim





# Era Fashions



Throughout history, man has been fascinated with the concept of time. We find ourselves scurrying to be on time for an appointment or event, and then trying to save time by multitasking. Our lives, it seems, revolve around that small flat dial embellished with numbers and the rotating hands that mark the passage of time on a daily basis.

## A Brief History

The first mechanical watches appeared in the early 1500's. Peter Henlein of Nurnberg, Germany is attributed with developing the first "pocket watch" sometime around 1505, but this has been disputed by many historians. Nevertheless, the watches consisted of a single hour hand and were meant to be carried in the hand or worn on a chain around the neck. It wasn't until 1675 when Charles II of England introduced the waistcoat, and pocket watches became thinner and flatter in order to fit into

## It's About Time

the small waistcoat pocket. This also kept the watch "out of sight" to would-be robbers on the highway. Over the many years of development, the mechanics of the watches evolved to become not only more durable and accurate, but works of art with their intricate movements, jewels, and engraved faces and cases. At least two watchmakers have purportedly claimed to develop the first wrist watch. The earliest is Abraham-Louis Breguet, a Swiss watchmaker, who according to the archives at Breguet (the current company in Switzerland), presented a watch to fit on a wrist as a gift to Caroline Murati, the Queen of Naples in 1812. Later, in 1868, Patek Philippe developed the "ladies bracelet watch." Philippe is more often credited with inventing the wrist watch. Never the less, other watch makers throughout Europe soon began making wrist watches, which were often a modified, small cased pocket watch attached to a strap; the first true mass production of these time pieces were ordered by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany to be made for German naval officers. Soldiers and aviators in the early 20th century found that having a time piece on



their wrist freed their hands for more necessary and important endeavors. Consequently, up until World War I, wrist watches were worn mostly by women. One such watch referred to as the "wristlet" was made for women and became even more popular in the 1920's. The general opinion held by many prominent gentlemen was that these wristlets were simply a passing fad instead of a serious timepiece. Although pocket watches were still being used after the war, people began accepting the wrist watch as being more practical and by 1930, the ratio of wrist watches to pocket watches was 50 to 1.\*As a side note, I found it interesting that in looking through my 1929 Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog, there were eight pages of wrist watches, and four pages of pocket watches; my 1931 Montgomery Wards catalog contains six pages of wrist watches and three pages of pocket watches.



## Finding a Watch from the Model A Era

During the Model A era, both pocket watches and wrist watches were being worn. New watches purchased during our era were still mechanical but were styled differently from earlier watches. But that didn't mean you dumped "Grandpa's" watch and bought a new one. However, if your intent is to enter fashion judging and use a watch as one of your accessories, you need to look for a watch that was available for purchase during the Model A years. Watches are readily available at many antique stores.

The Best way to know that your watch is from the Model A era is to determine the date of your watch. American watches, such as Elgin and Waltham, can generally be dated by their serial number which was

stamped on the movement itself. If your watch happens to be an Elgin, the company maintains a data base online ([elginwatches.org](http://elginwatches.org)) that you can type in the serial number and get detailed information about the movement itself. Another resource is an article written by Kevin James Entitled "How to Determine the Age of a Watch" which is available at [www.thewatchguy.com/pages/DATING.html](http://www.thewatchguy.com/pages/DATING.html). You do need to be familiar enough with how pocket watches work, as far as opening the cases without damaging the case or the movement to locate the serial number. The same article mentioned above has further information on how to open your watch case. Please note that many antique dealers do not know how to do this and are often unwilling to try to do

so without the booth owner's presence; if you are a pocket watch aficionado, they will usually allow you to do so if you ask permission.

The number of "jewels" in the watch movement is evidence of the quality of the watch. The jewels are used as bearings for the moving parts of the watch. Lower grade watches typically contained 7, 15, or 17 jewels. Higher end watches contained 19, 21, and even 23 jewels.

Finding an era watch becomes much easier if you can recognize some basic key features in a Model A era watch. Below are some examples of watches, with tips on what to look for. Keep in mind though that like all fashion trends, these tips are not an absolute but things that can generally be found.



### Pocket Watches

Pictured at above is a typical pocket watch from the Model A era. It shows both a watch

movement dated to 1929 and a case typically found in our era. Pocket watches come in different sizes, and the more typical size for our era was a 12 or 16, although it was still possible to purchase 18's. (The smaller the number, the smaller the movement; for example, a size 12 is approximately 1 3/4 inches in diameter, a 16 is about 2 inches in diameter, and an 18 is about 2 1/4 inches in diameter.) Generally, the numerals on the face were Arabic, and with the exception of Railroad Watches, the numbers were usually smaller in size. The length of the stem on the case is shorter, and the

bow is flattened or geometric - not completely round. The watch itself is usually thinner and smaller than earlier watches. The cases themselves are usually engraved and are often monogrammed on the back.

The Elgin watch below is a 14 kt. gold ornate case and movement from 1928







Above is a Hamilton dated 1930 in a railroad case. Railroad watches typically had larger Arabic numerals.



Above is a 1931 Elgin in a white gold case. Notice the engraving and monogram on the back of the case.



Pictured above is an example of what often occurred. The movement inside the case is dated 1929. The case, however, is from an earlier watch. Notice the taller stem, and the completely round bow. This case also is thicker. Pocket watches and their cases were interchangeable. If a watch

movement died, you could purchase just the movement and continue to use the old case. Conversely, if the case was badly dented or scratched but had a working movement, just a case could be purchased.

### WristWatches

As stated earlier, wrist watches were becoming more and more popular due to their practicality. Below are some examples of both men's and women's watches from the Model A era. Most watches could be interchanged with different watch bands, given the owner's preference and occasion. Men's and women's

watch bands could be found made of woven mesh, available in nickel or in 1/10 14 kt. white and "natural" gold filled. For men, also popular were leather straps, adjustable metal expansion bands, or flexible metal wrist bands. Women's watches also came with black silk ribbon bands with gold-filled or solid gold clasps (depending upon the quality of the watch), flexible expansion metal bracelets, gold-filled or 14-karat solid gold. Many high end women's watches were sold with a gold or gold filled bracelet and included the black silk ribbon band as well.

Enjoy the hunt - Peggy Gill

### Men's



### Women's



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Polo shirt with club logo - S-XL \$23 each

2x add \$2

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We would need a minimum of 8 shirts. Anything less will

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If you're interested please email me so we can put in 1 order together.

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Gulf Coast Model A Club  
Event Coordinator

VP Martha Fuller has patches for sale as well. Contact Allen



Small \$10 4inch  
Large \$25 8inch

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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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Submission  
date is the  
20th of each  
month

## Model A Parts

Message: I Have Lots of model a parts if someone wants them gens. starters fans etera they can have them just pick them up keeping a few for my A

Joseph Nix

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FOR SALE: 1930/1931 Ford Model 'A' Sun Visors \$100.00  
One set of new and one set of old sun visors for 1930-31 Model A Ford Murray body car. Brackets are included. \$100 for all. Call Eric Gould 251-765-2677

## For Sale: 1930 Tudor \$19,000



**Model B Engine with Counterweighted Crank  
Built by Bob Bouldin of Bouldin & Bouldin Inc.  
41 Main St Box 496, Belfast, NY 14711**

Inserted engine (B. Model) 8-26-2000.....	\$3,500.00
4 Speed D Trans (Ford) Ft. Worth, Texas.....	\$3,685.00
Oil Filter Oil and Temp Gauges.....	\$319.75
Turn Signals.....	\$187.80
Hood Prop Kit.....	\$41.94
Car cover.....	\$159.00
Seat belts.....	\$53.50
Radiator Stone Guard.....	\$178.00
Spep Plates.....	\$44.95
Floor Mats and Rugs.....	\$1,200.00
16" Wheels.....	\$90.00
Wheels Painted.....	\$800.00
16" Hub Caps.....	\$50.55
High Comp Head (Snyder 6-1).....	\$379.95
Head Bolts.....	\$24.00
New Interstate Battery.....	\$139.50
Electric Distributor.....	\$375.00
12 Volt Starter (Synder).....	\$225.00
	<b>\$10,453.95</b>

This is an excellent driver. Motor rebuilt with insert bearings in 2000. Four speed synchromesh transmission. This is a tour car. David A. Black: Cell 256-339-3234, david\_black@model-a-man.com David Black was president of a Model 'A' Club north of us in Alabama for years and the club was known for all the tours they did with their Model 'A's. Located in Cullman, Alabama

Block Cleaned Bored & Honed  
New Piston And Rings  
Insert Bearings - Mains - Rods  
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Used Engine Block Included at \$800.00  
Total \$3500.00



# Why the Macy's Balloons Used to Just Fly Away and More Fun Facts About the Big Parade During the Model A Era

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In 1924 a group of animals from New York City's Central Park Zoo marched down a street in Harlem accompanied by a very special group of people: a handful of immigrant Macy's employees, who wanted to express how thankful they were for living in the United States that year. And thus, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was born.

The balloons were introduced



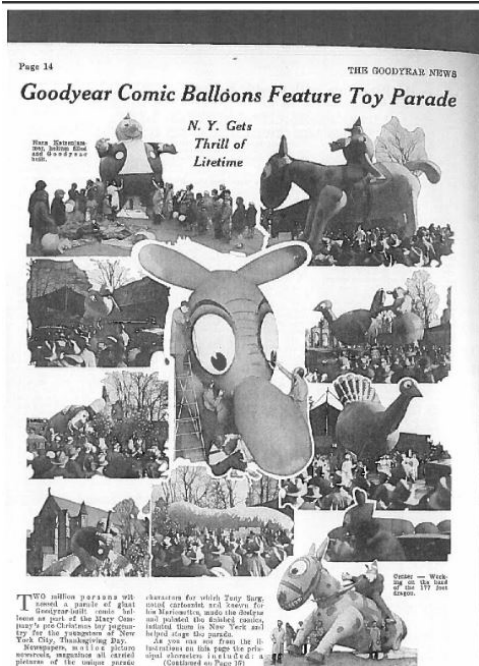
The Goldfish balloon in the 5th annual Macy's Parade

in 1927, replacing live zoo animals. The large animal-shaped balloons were produced by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio from the 1920s through 1980. In the beginning there was no procedure to deflate the balloons, and they were simply released. In 1928 five of the giant balloons were designed and filled with helium to rise above 2,000 feet (610 meters) and slowly deflate for whoever was lucky enough to capture the contestants in Macy's "balloon races" and return them for a reward of \$150, this lasted until 1932.

The balloons in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade have had several varieties. The

oldest is the novelty balloon class, consisting of smaller balloons ranging widely in size and handled by between one and thirty people (the smallest balloons are shaped like human heads and fit on the heads of the handlers). The larger and more popular class is the character balloons, primarily consisting of licensed pop-culture characters; each of these (16 in 2019) is handled by exactly 90 people. From 2005 to 2012, a third balloon class, the "Blue Sky Gallery", transformed the works of contemporary artists into full-size balloons; after a five-year hiatus, the Blue Sky Gallery returned in 2018.

The balloons used to be released at the end of the route,



1929 Goodyear Balloons







1931 Parade

### The 7th Annual Macy's Christmas Parade

The parade was held on November 27, 1930, in New York City.

#### Balloons in the Parade:

The Katzenjammer Kids\* (King Features Syndicate) - 2nd time  
Joe Jinks\* (The New York World) -

1st time  
Boob McNutt\* (Macy's) - 1st time  
Benny\* (Macy's) - 1st time  
Barney Google\* (King Features Syndicate) - 1st time  
The Goops\* (Macy's) - 1st time

### The 8th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

The parade was held on November 26, 1931 in New York City. Terrible Turk hit an electric sign at 72nd Street and tore in half. When The Cat balloon was released at the end of the Parade, the balloon hit a telephone wire and caught on fire, resulting in the balloon's retirement.

#### Balloons in the Parade:

Hippopotamus\* (Macy's) - 1st time  
Tabby the Cat (Macy's) - 1st time



1931 Two Headed Giant

Cat\* (Macy's) - 1st time  
Kitty\* (Macy's) - 1st time  
Terrible Turk (Macy's) - 2nd time  
Two-Headed Giant\* (Macy's) - 1st time  
Tiamat the Dragon\* (Macy's) - 1st time



## 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 is historical and worthwhile. You will meet friendly people who are in love with the Model 'A' and love to drive, show and talk about these interesting cars.



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