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HELPING A NEIGHBOR

BY SHERRY WINK

This weekend was looking to be busy for the entire Sitzman family. The plans had been made to spend the entire time helping their neighbor, Farmer Wopata, bring in the rest of his hay crop. Mr. Wopata was an old farmer who normally took care of his own farm, but last week, he unfortunately broke his leg while trying to get a cow unstuck from a muddy pond. She hadn't been happy with the process and had kicked out unexpectedly. Farmer Wopata was stoic about it but had to admit he wasn't up to hitching up the team and bringing in the hay.

Farmer Wopata was an old-fashioned farmer. He still brought his crops in with a team of horses, Belle and Nell. His kids urged him to buy a tractor, like most of the local farmers had done, but he just shrugged and said, "I've used horses all my life, and they've never let me down; I'm not going to let them down either. And they are smarter than any tractor!" And they were!



They patiently let him put on the harnesses and equipment each morning and would step right into place to let him hook up the equipment with a few flips of their tails. He never had to tie them up when he had to jump off the wagon to adjust something; they just stood and waited for him to get back aboard before resuming their task.

Mr. Wopata didn't have a lot of hay to harvest, as he only used it for himself, and he kept a fairly small herd now that he was old. And he needed it for the horses too! So Dad Sitzman decided it was the perfect weekend to take care of it for him. But Mr. Wopata was adamant that

Nell and Belle needed to be involved too. He said they would be really disappointed to not do their job, and they needed the exercise too!

Dad Sitzman had no problem with that. He had helped his father farm for many years and was confident he would have no problem. Larry and the twins Richard and Robert accompanied him as well. Leonard, Sam, and Stanly also came along to help, but they left them in the barn to help get the last of the old hay cleaned out to prepare for the new crop coming in. A few other neighbors came along to pitch in as well.

Mom Sitzman, Grandma Roberts, and the girls also came along. There would be hungry people needing to be fed! They made sure the Model A pickup bed was full of baskets of provisions, and when they arrived in Grandma Roberts Model A Tudor and Mom Sitzman's Fordor, both cars were groaning under the weight of the cakes, pies, and cookies that had been made the night before. Haying was hungry work!



The first task was baking fresh bread, which had to rise before being made into huge rolls that would be used for sandwiches of ham and chicken. Mounds of potatoes had to be peeled, eggs by the dozen were boiled and peeled, and ears of corn were husked and ready to drop in boiling water closer to meal time. No one would go hungry, that's for sure!

Dad Sitzman quickly harnessed up the team with the help of the twins, while Larry was puzzling over the equipment and how to hook it up.

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Farmer Wopata wasn't just old-fashioned about the horses; he never replaced an old piece of equipment unless it was just unrepairable. So, for gathering up the hay, he used a 1920s-era John Deere Hay Loader hooked up to the back of the wagon. Of course, it still beat the old days of several men with pitchforks stabbing the hay and throwing it up on the wagon. The higher the load, the harder it became, according to Dad Sitzman!

Farmer Wopata had cut the hay fields before he broke his leg. Hay has to dry for a while before being stored, so it doesn't mold and get ruined. The hay was perfect to harvest this weekend, so they got to it just in time!



With the hay loader, the horses walked through the hay on the ground, and the loader hooked to the back of the wagon racked up the loose hay and pulled it onto the wagon. Dad Sitzman put Larry in charge of driving the team while he showed Richard and Robert how to use the hay forks to keep the hay moving evenly onto the wagon and how to keep it stacking higher without falling off. They had to walk around and keep it packed down too. Larry loved being in charge of the team, but the reality was that Nell and Belle knew exactly what they were doing and would have done it without Larry twitching on the reins and trying to direct them. But he didn't know that! And of course, as the hours moved on, the twins got their chance to take turns at the reins as well. It was tiring work stomping and forking the hay, and it was good to rotate everyone around to give them time to rest.



When the wagon was as full as they could possibly get it, the horses headed for the barn on their own. Richard was taken unaware at first, not realizing the wagon had reached its maximum weight. He tried to keep the team on the right path, but they knew what they were doing, and when Dad Sitzman told Richard to let them go, off to the barn to unload they went.

When they reached the side where the hay fork dropped down to grab the hay to lift it into the hayloft, the three boys that had stayed in the barn to work jumped into action. They were not nearly as tired as the crew in the field, and under Dad Sitzman's directions, they were soon hauling the hay into the loft and spreading it into the far corners, leaving room for the additional wagons to fill.





It took several more trips for the hay to all be brought in, and finally the hayloft was full. This winter, when hay was needed, Farmer Wopata would climb into the loft and, with a hay fork, throw down the hay needed to feed the animal. If it was going out to the cow pasture, he

would have the wagon below to load it onto. And for Nell and Belle, he just forked it right into their stalls.

Now don't think the kids waiting in the barn got bored while waiting for the next wagon! There was always plenty to do. The braver kids climbed up the side of the loft, on the rafters, and jumped into the new piles of hay, laughing and screaming as they did. Shannon found a litter of half-grown kittens in the lower barn, and the kids spent a lot of time coaxing them close with tidbits of meat that a smiling Mom Sitzman was happy to provide. But all the kids jumped to help when the next wagon appeared.



After a quick lunch break and more hours in the field, the hay was finally all up in the loft. Farmer Wopata was smiling despite his aching leg, and the whole family sat down to a huge supper with matching appetites, satisfied with a day's work well done!

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KIDS AND THEIR A's!



Darcey Ann Danner is 3 in this picture, 4 years of age now and lives in Franklin Kentucky.

Her father restored this car as a gift to his father, Darcy's grandfather. It had been sitting in a creek since 1966. The car will be Darcey's when she grows up.

Darcey loves their Sunday drives in "her" car!



Sariah 8 Esther 6 Mary 4 Emma 2 live in Arizona, four of the six granddaughters of LaMont and Kathy Johnson. He says that in this picture, they had just finished an Arizona version of a "sleigh ride"!



Hannah Mitchell, age 7, lives in Oklahoma City. The first picture is from the Piedmont, Oklahoma 4th of July parade and the second one is at the Edmond, Oklahoma LibertyFest parade on July 4th. This was Hannah's Great Grandfathers Model A!

KIDS AND THEIR A'S PAGE 2



Wilder Kelly is 3 years old and lives in Washington state. He enjoys exploring with the family's 1929 Model A Roadster!



Charley (left) is 6 years old, Smith (right) is 8 years old. They live in Ft. Worth Texas. Their grandfather lives outside of the city, and they enjoy visiting him and his Model A truck!



"Little Miss Mapleton" (name unknow) from Mapleton, Maine was offered the opportunity to pose in Rick Watson elegant 1929 Town Car. She was thrilled!



Orianna Scheer 1 years old (almost 2!) with mom Kate, took her first Model A ride with grandfather Andy Scheer. This pictures was taken during her first time hearing the AHOOGA horn! But after the five-minute neighborhood drive, she was proudly telling everyone, "Model A's go ahoogah!"



Ariah Barnes, age 10. Jaxon Barnes age 9 and Baylee Jackson age 1 all live in East Bend North Carolina. Their mom Shannon Jackson is taking a ride with them in their grandpa's 1930 stake-side AA truck! Grandpa Chris Jackson says he bought this truck just for the grandkids to have fun with at parades and hayrides!

Model A Ignition System

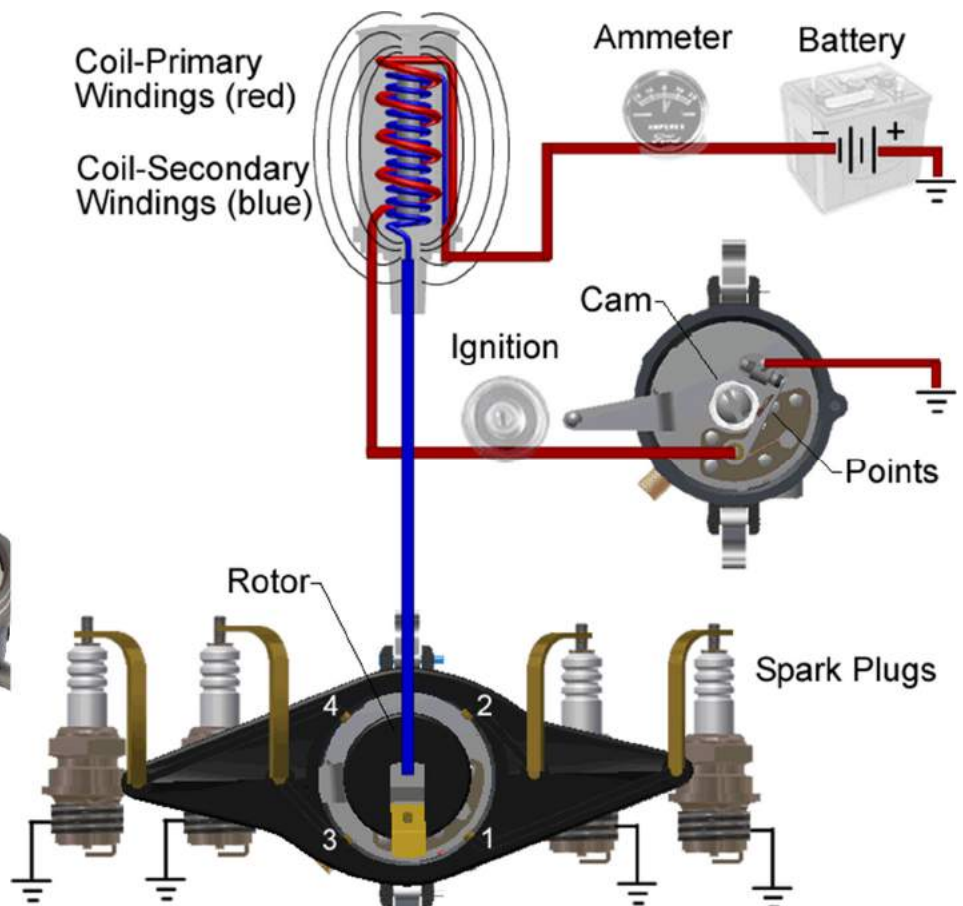
Basically, the points fire the coil, the coil fires the plug, the spark at the plug starts the flame and the ignition system's job is done for that cycle. But of course, now for a few more details:

- Distributor Cap - a plastic cap with an electrode to distribute the electricity to the rotor.
- Rotor - spins around on the top of the distributor shaft, and distributes the spark to the right spark plug.
- Plug Connectors- metal strip that takes the high voltage from the cap to the plugs.
- Points—Ignition points are a set of electrical contacts that switch the coil on and off at the proper time. The points are opened and closed by the mechanical action of the distributor

The distributor is often called the “heart beat” of the Model A engine. It takes the electrical charge from the coil and sends it to the each spark plug in the correct sequence and at the correct time so the motor runs properly.

To do this, it uses “points” and a “rotor”. A shaft driven by the engine, rotates and turns the distributor cam. As the cam turns, it connects to each point (basically metal contact patches) along the way. When the point is closed (in contact), it acts as a switch for the coil to deliver electricity, which is held momentarily by the condenser. Then as the arm continues to turn, it moves off the point and breaks (opens) the circuit, allowing the current to be internally “distributed” by the rotor on top of the cam, through the housing, to the spark plugs. This is called opening and closing the points.

A points gap is the distance between the contact points of the rotor and the contact points of the cap. The gap affects the amount and timing of the charge that is sent to the spark plugs. Changes in the contact point gap affects the way the motor runs. The contact point gap is adjustable in the distributor so you can adjust for wear. While driving, it can also be temporarily adjusted by the spark advance lever on the steering column.



SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

The Old Lady had a great time at the parade, but it looks like a few things got lost along the route! Can you find them? *The answers are on page 10 but don't peek too soon!*





Model A Youth Restoration Award Update

Submitted by Bob Moore

Joseph Maskiell IV, 16, lives in Putnam Valley, New York. At age 5, he first developed an interest in the Model A from his grandfather, who purchased a Model AA for driving the kids around the property. It broke down and sat for many years. More recently, Joseph became hooked on the Model AA while working with his grandfather as they rebuilt the brakes and installed new tires. Joseph wants to restore the AA and keep his passion alive with his grandfather's passing.

Joseph had previously repaired a 1927 Model T, 1948 and 1949 Ford 8n tractors, and a Willys CJ2a. So far, his only source of help on the Model A is the Les Andrews books. His goal is to have the truck restored when he finishes high school in 2024.

When Joseph first applied, he had no local Model A club connection. Now he has two, one MAFCA and one MARC.



MAFCA Special Student Membership program

Did you know MAFCA offers a special Student Membership to high school, technical school and college students? The MAFCA website explains: "We all recognize that we need to grow the Model A hobby with more involvement by young people. We are encouraged by the increased interest in the Model A by students at the high school level around the country with many chapters mentoring these young enthusiasts. I hope to see more Student Members join and more Student Chapters formed as a result of this low-cost membership option." **This new class of membership costs only \$5.00 and the student will receive a "digital only version" of The Restorer magazine. All it takes is filling out a short form or a call to MAFCA headquarters to become a student member.** We encourage all Student Chapter members, and youth from all over, to take advantage of this special membership option. To get the form online, go to <https://www.mafca.com/membership.html#student>

MAFCA Student Membership Application

MAFCA student membership is available to High School, Technical School and College students age 13-22.
The annual dues is \$5.00 per year and includes a digital only copy of *The Restorer* magazine.

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My Red Model A

By 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 was encouraged to submit his story by Charlotte Dahlenburg who sent the info via email. She said 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!



Ford Advertising

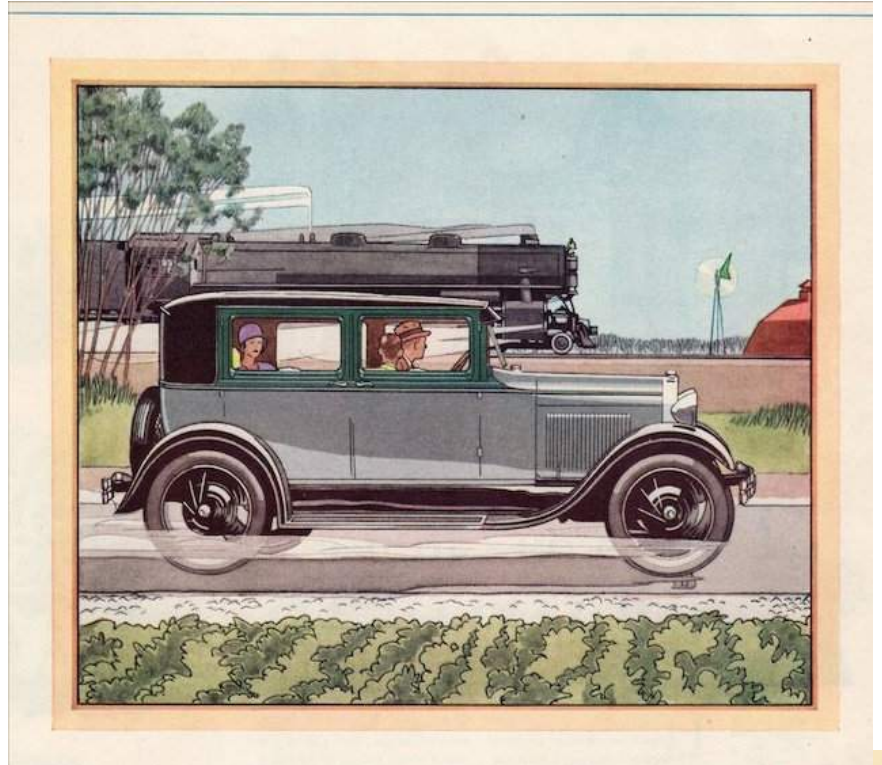
Henry Ford used the same artistic style all four years of Model A ads in the United States. These ads always showed his cars and the people in and around them doing busy, active things. Of course, the car was always the center of attraction, but it is always interesting to look beyond that at the details these ads included!

A few favorites of mine are the ones picturing trains! I'm sure the intent was to compare the power of the car to these might engines! Although only one of the three ads I've ran across involving trains included an actual engine, I'm sure just the sight of any railroad related scenes automatically brings to mind the entire picture of strength and size, especially since this was still the era of massive steam engines!

The top picture is a 1929 ad, and show the Model A Fordor racing alongside a steam engine. Notice the wind stream by the wheels of the car matching the steam at the bottom of the engine! It really does invoke the image of speed!

The picture on the bottom right is quite subtle compared to the first one! It only shows the back platform of a passenger car. Today, it might not even be recognize as a train car, but back then, it was a well known scene.

The bottom ad is another view of the back of a passenger car, but with more of the actual train car in view. This one also includes the train station with the town name on it as was usual at the time! Both of the last two ads show passenger and luggage. The bottom one has a dog happy to get out of his crate! A cute detail to include!



HUBLEY History as found on MAFCA.com.

From 1959 - 1974, the Hubley Company of Pennsylvania manufactured and sold accurate 1:20 scale metal replicas of 1930 Model A Fords and other brands. There were seven Model "A" Ford body styles available: roadster, roadster pickup, town sedan, coupe, station wagon, Victoria, and phaeton.



The kits contain several metal body castings and an assortment of plastic parts.

In 1959-1960, the first Hubley Model A models were the Roadster and Roadster pickup. In 1961, they came out with the Phaeton, Town Sedan, and the Station Wagon. In 1962, the Coupe appeared. In 1963, the Victoria appeared. Around 1975, Hubley sold out to Gabriel who continued who continued the production of the Model A cars and trucks for several years, exactly like the original Hubley vehicles.

Around 1990, Gabriel sold out to Ertl/Scale Models who changed the packaging but the cars were 100% the same as earlier Hubley and Gabriel cars. Scale Models ceased production around 2001.

For a graph showing the Hubley production timeline, click here. You may need to zoom in to see the packages clearly.

The original Hubley, Gabriel and Scale Model vehicles can still be located in swap meets, antique stores, eBay, and many times sitting on a shelf. All the parts are interchangeable between the three manufacturers.

Look at the box to tell which company made the model:



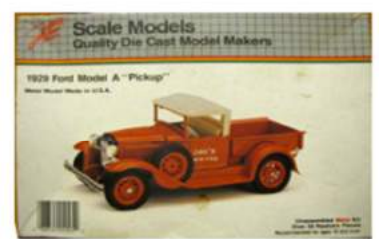
Made by Hubley Original



Made by Gabriel (early)



Made by Gabriel (late)



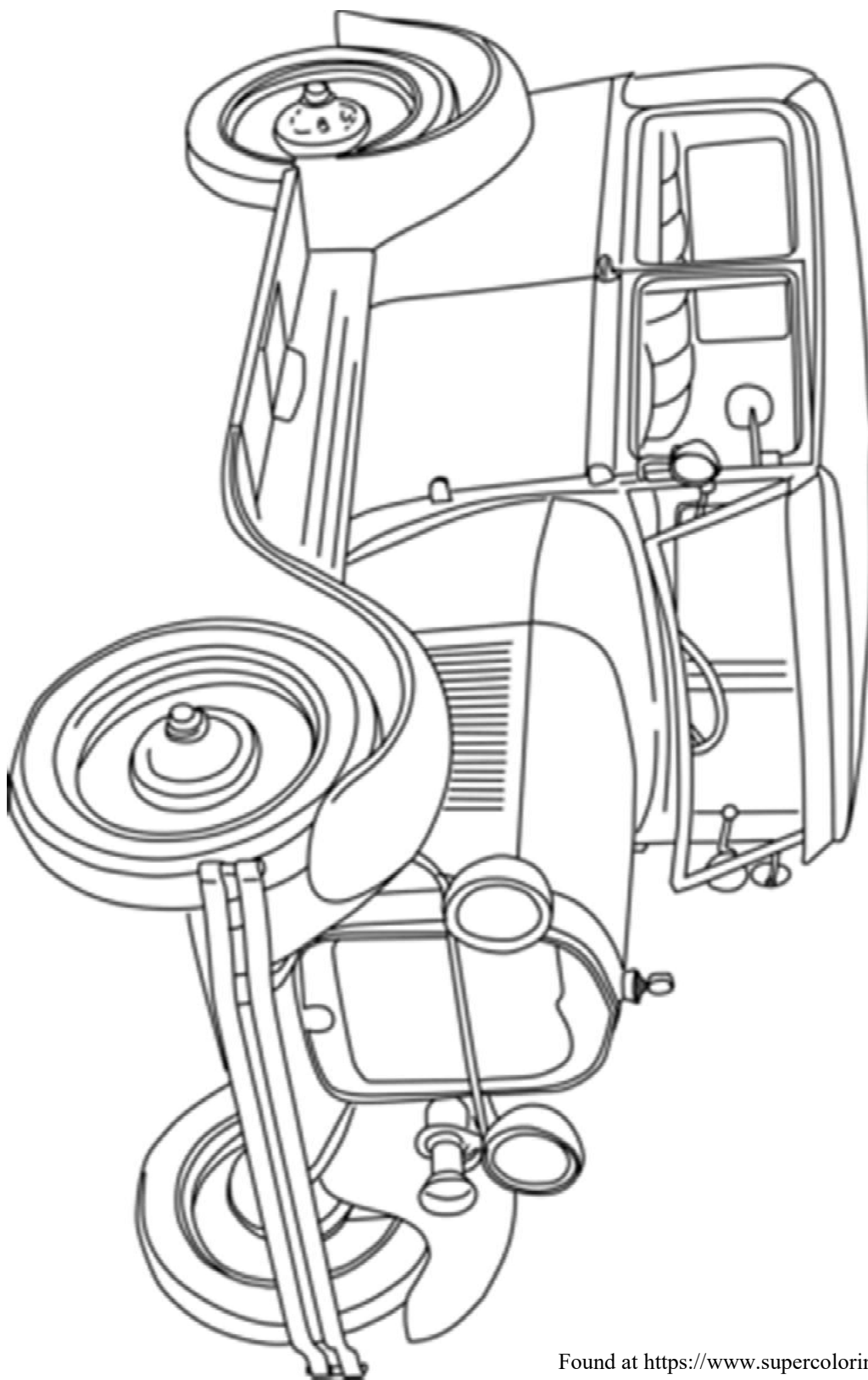
Made by Scale Models



Answers to Six Different Things



This is a 1929 Model A Tudor Tudors were one of the most popular models of the New Ford Sold and can be found in many color combinations. What color will you color this one?



Found at <https://www.supercoloring.com/>



Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

The Old Lady has been having fun this summer being in Nebraska! I drove her home from Missouri at the end of July. She's been sitting in my side yard temporarily, but don't worry, her new home, a 24x24 ft garage is almost ready for her to move in, just in time to avoid the winter weather!

While she has been waiting for that, I've been taking her on drives with my granddaughter Rosie and nephew Rethan. And just last week, we drove all three days of the Richardson County Fair in nearby Humboldt. This year, I dressed her up as a mechanical toy car! Inspired by a Facebook post, I added large googly eyes to her headlights! Then, continuing in the theme, I added a few bright flower decals all over her. The crowning touch was a large windup key that actually revolved during the parade! It was a lot of fun for all involved!

What have you done fun this summer? Send me some pictures and/or stories, I'd love to share them in the next A-World!



Quiz Time

Take a half sheet of paper. Number 1-10. Name at the top right corner. If you share this A-World with others in your family or friends, make sure you do not write on the newsletter pages. There are two ways to take this quiz: 1) Not looking back 2) Looking back as you take the quiz to find the answers. Try the "not looking" way first!

- 1) What did Farmer Wopata break?
 - A) his leg B) his arm C) his rib
- 2) What state does Darcey Ann live in?
 - A) Nebraska B) Wyoming C) Kentucky
- 3) Why is Orianna covering her ears?
 - A) Motor noise B) Loud horn C) Backfire
- 4) The distributor is often called the " " of the Model A?
 - A) Center B) Heart Beat C) workhorse
- 5) What is on the trunk of The Old Lady on page 6?
 - A) Flowers B) Wind-up key C) Both!
- 6) The Special Student MAFCA membership cost how much?
 - A) \$10 B) \$20 C) \$5
- 7) What color is Nickolas' 1931 Model A?
 - A) Red B) Blue C) Green
- 8) What other powerful vehicle are the Model A being compared to in the ads?
 - A) Trucks B) Train engines C) Steamboats
- 9) What did Grandfather Johnson compare to an Arizona sleigh ride?
 - A) A sled ride B) Skiing C) A Model A ride
- 10) What was The Old Lady dressed up as for the parade?
 - A) Flowerchild B) Mechanical Toy C) Herself

Answers: 1) A, 2) C, 3) B, 4) B, 5) C, 6) C, 7) A, 8) B, 9) A, 10) B