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A BOY AND HIS DOG

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It was a cold December day, and Grandma Roberts ran out of firewood. This was not good, as she lived by herself and used wood for both cooking and heating. Normally she would have just made a few trips to the large woodpile behind the garage and kept the lean-to behind the house full, but she had been feeling poorly the last few weeks, and it just had gotten away from her.



Grandma Roberts was very independent, and just hated asking for help for something that she felt she ought to just be able to do herself. Mom Sitzman called her stubborn, Dad Sitzman called it "hard-headed" but either way, they were used to it after all these years. And while it was a busy month and Grandma had spent quite a bit of time at the Sitzman place helping with the Christmas baking, she never once mentioned that she was running out of wood at the house. She just kept thinking to herself that she would "get it done tomorrow" but that, as usual, just didn't seem to happen like she thought.

Finally one day, Mom Sitzman asked Dad Sitzman to drop off some extra flour Grandma Roberts needed to bake bread. Dad Sitzman knew that was an unusual thing for her to run out of, so when he carried it in, he was quietly



checking around to make sure everything was ok.

Seeing the wood box by the side of the stove sitting empty, he headed out the back door to grab an armful of wood to re-fill it before Grandma Roberts could stop him. She didn't want him to see "how lazy" she was, is what she admitted later.

Well, Dad Sitzman took one look at the woodchips and twigs that were the only thing remaining in the lean-too, and without stopping, went right to his Model A truck and took off to the barn to throw a couple of big armfuls of firewood in the back. Depositing this in Grandma Roberts' kitchen, and getting an earful about how she "could a done it myself, I'm not that lazy, I just ran out..." and let her go on until she ran out of steam.

Dad Sitzman then set Grandma Roberts down gently at the kitchen table, poured himself a cup of coffee, and proceeded to have a long talk with Grandma Roberts about firewood and life, and everything in between. In that conversation, it finally came out that she was afraid if she started asking for too much help, she was afraid they would tell her she was too old to live by herself anymore and make her move into town, or move in with them. Dad Sitzman listened quietly, and then reassured her that while that time might come someday, it wasn't now.



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She had too many grandkids that thought the world of her and loved her farm to ever make that happen. That there was no shame in asking for some young help and energy to take a little of the strain and worrying off a person that had done so much to help others all her life.

Grandma Roberts tut-tutted, and all, but by the end of the talk, both had a few tears in their eyes, and Grandma Roberts admitted that it might help her stay on the farm even a little longer if she would just allow the kids to pitch in a little more .

She insisted that this meant “only if you have the time” and “she didn’t want to be a burden” but you could tell she was deeply touched, and so very appreciative to realize that her loved ones were going to do their very best to help her stay at her beloved farm as long as possible.

Dad Sitzman left a little later than planned that day, and had a long talk with Mom Sitzman that lasted late in to the night, but eventually they had a plan. Mom Sitzman visited Grandma Roberts the next day and together they made a list of the tasks that Grandma Roberts finally admitted were starting to be too difficult for her. And from then on, at least one of the Sitzman kids would be visiting Grandma Roberts every night on the way home from school to see what might be on the list that needed done.

And when Larry or the twins came by, Dad Sitzman would let them bring the Model A Pickup so they could move the firewood or haul hay out to the horses, or any of the many chores that the pickup made easier. Of course, the boys often argued about why it should be them that got to go each time. Dad Sitzman just laughed at them and made sure it was fair.

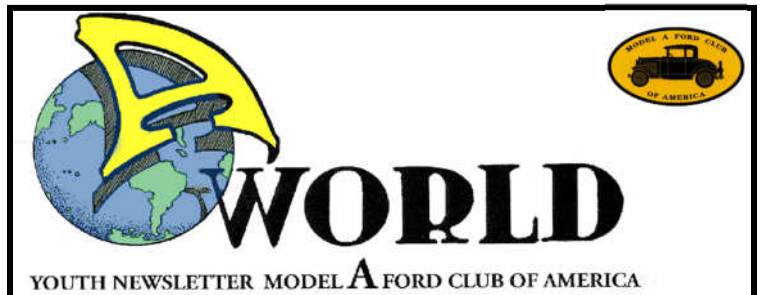
Grandma Roberts admitted later just how surprised she was to find out the Sitzman kids actually argued over who got to be the one to stop at her place. She was astonished to find out just how much her grandkids loved spending time with their admittedly “grouch” old grandma. What she hadn’t recognized was that with so many kids at home, it was always a big buzzing hive of people, all the time. When one of them went to Grandma Roberts alone, they got to spend time one-on-one with someone special to them. The Sitzman Kids didn’t look at this as work, it was just fun and made them feel special.



Grandma Roberts unconsciously re-enforced this feeling by always having a few special treats ready for which ever grandkid was coming by. Whether it was Larry, who loved her oatmeal raisins cookies or Suzanne who could never get her fill of potato soup at home, each Sitzman kid would find their acknowledge favorites ready on the kitchen table or simmering on the stove for a quick after school snack.

The older kids, Larry included, because Grandma Roberts felt there was NO reason boys couldn’t cook too, found themselves drawn into a cooking or baking lesson helping Grandma Roberts get ready for her supper. And then, by golly, look at that, she just accidentally made a little too much, so they were just going to have to stay a little longer and share the meal with her. At first, she would phone Mom Sitzman to ask, but it quickly became routine that Grandma Roberts had company for her supper before the Sitzman kids headed home.

Mom and Dad Sitzman talked later about how they hadn’t realized that Grandma Roberts was quite so lonely. And while Grandma Roberts would outwardly have denied it, she knew deep inside her just how true that was and how much fuller her life was again with a “young-un” visiting her every day. And at night, when she said her prayers, she made sure to always count her blessings, the biggest of which were her daughter, her son-in-law, and all those wonderful grandkids that filled her life with smiles and happy cries of “Grandma!”



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KIDS AND THEIR A's!



Henry Mize of Highlands Ranch, Colorado and the family's 1931 Delux Roadster made a great combination for Halloween!.



Elijah Ford Rominger, age 13, is from Kilgore Texas. He is a 3rd generation Model A'er and in his hand he is holding the title to his Christmas gift, his first car! It will a great project to see this beautiful Coupe get back on the road. His dad Nate says "may the hobby never die!"



Birdie Huberty, 3 years old, from St. Paul Minnesota and her cousin Monte Potter from Hudson Wisconsin really enjoy their Model A drives with their Grandpa Scott Huberty. He lives in Lake Elmo Minnesota and they get to visit frequently. The 1931 Roadster is named "Miss Lucy" and they beg for a ride at every visit. They both love honking the horn as Miss Lucy putt-putts around the neighborhood.



Scott says they had unseasonably warm winter without snow this Christmas. On Christmas Eve day, since the day was so warm, they got to go for a special Christmas drive.

KIDS AND THEIR A'S PAGE 2



Marshall Bass (white shirt and khakis) used the family's 1929 Tudor as a Homecoming backdrop for himself and his buddies!



Grandfather Jurgen Lighthart took this great selfie of himself and his Grandson Rune while surprising him by picking him up from school with his Model A. Rune is a big fan of the car and lives in a village called Poortugaal (close to Rotterdam) in The Netherlands.



Severn Thompson, now age 8, lives in Audubon, Minnesota and spends a lot of time working on their Model A. Here he is rebuilding a carb! Of course even hardworking mechanics like him take time off to talk to Santa!



Emma Herbert has grown up around Model A's all her life! You can tell she's quite comfortable perched up there on that fender! Emma lives in Louisiana.

Darcey Ann Danner is from Franklin Kentucky. She is posing with her car! You can see the pride of ownership in that happy face!



On Every Kids Christmas List

What was a hot item on the Christmas wish lists of the Model A Years? Well, until you were old enough to get your driver's license, another type of transportation was quite popular!! Bicycles were quite the rage and there were some interesting versions to choose from! Check out these models from catalogs from those years:



New! 1930 Streamline ELGINS
 With **CARDINAL and BLUEBIRD Models**
 ALLSTATE TIRES

8 Great Features

- Streamline motorbike style frame. Handle bars with chromed cross bar. Ball-bearing front fork.
- Aluminum ornament for front fender. Made of the same heavy metal. Practical and beautiful.
- Ball-bearing mounted handle bars, sprockets, fenders and wheel rims. Won't warp or rust.
- Exclusive ALLSTATE TIRES. Made of the finest material. Size 26 x 1 1/2 inches.
- Specialty type lamp, with fancy back and white top battery compartment. Also see Type 7.
- Chain. Just know your hand on it and your sudden warning!
- Large rear and side stand, rear and front. Drop light bowl.
- ...

BOYS SELECT NEW BIKES FOR SEARS, ROEBUCK and

Cash Price **\$32.25**
 WITH UP **CARDINAL**

\$5.00 DOWN

13 Reasons for Buying the Oriole:

\$5.00 A MONTH

\$24.95 CASH AND UP

The ELGIN Oriole

Oh Boy! It's a Winner - HAWTHORNE FLYER
 Only **\$5.00** DOWN \$5 A Month

32.95 Cash Price

Newest 1929 Auto Colors Flashing-Brilliant-Permanent

Other Bicycle has All These Special Features

30.50 Cash Price

EASY PAYMENT \$5.00 DOWN \$5 A MONTH

The ELGIN S.

We Do Not Pay Freight

ELGINS for GIRLS and WOMEN

Women's Model Bicycle—20-inch size with frame of strong 1-inch steel tubing. Equipment includes Troxel saddle, 1-inch roller chain, metal chain guard, laced skirt guard, mud guards (splasher fitted to front guard and stand clip to rear guard), stand, rubber pedals, reversible handle bars with rubber motor-bike grips, tool bag and regulator tool bag equipment. Equipped with the famous U. S. Chain Tread Tires, 26-inch (see page 38). Finished in attractive red with ivory head. Steel rims enamelled to match bicycle. (Sold for Cash Only.)

← **28N1345 1/2—Women's Model ELGIN Bicycle. With New Departure Model "C" Coaster Brake. Shipping weight, 63 lbs.\$27.95**

Girl's Elgin Model (Not illustrated)—Similar in appearance to illustration at left. Made with a 16-inch combination frame and 26-inch wheels. The distance from saddle to pedal (in lowest position) is adjustable from 18 to 26 inches. Drop style frame is equipped with laced skirt guard, adjustable reversible handle bars with rubber motor-bike grips. Tire equipment is the well known U. S. Chain Tread Tires, 26-inch size (see page 38). Strong, sturdy mud guards, the front guard with splashers and rear guard with stand clip. The Juvenile Troxel Saddle has beehive cushion springs. Special rubber pedals; 1-inch pitch roller chain; tool bag, wrench, pump, tube of the repair cement and oiler. Finished in attractive cherry red and green. Steel rims enamelled to match bike. (Sold for Cash Only.)

\$27.95 Coaster Model

28N1343 1/2—Girls' Model ELGIN Bicycle with New Departure Model "C" Coaster Brake. Shipping weight, 55 pounds.....\$24.95

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This Model A looks like it is getting ready to go on the adventure of a lifetime as it ready to load onto a C-130 cargo plane! But it looks like a few things got lost along the runway! Can you find them? *The answers are on page 10*



A Different World of Shopping

Today, it's easy to shop by mail. We go online or pull out some colorful glossy catalogs to choose our items from and we're on our way. Well, of course there was no online shopping in the Model A years, but there were catalogs.

Sears and Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, and a multitude of others supplied most every need. But there was a major difference. If you browse through the old-time catalogs, the use of color is few and far between, and used only for the most popular item such as clothing or shoes. Even then, just the more expensive of those! Everything else was black and white. We are so used to never ending color in our catalogs and magazines of today, it's hard to imagine buying things without having any idea is if that red is an orange-red or a purple-red or a fire engine red!

The same thing with Christmas decorations. You saw a few drawings that may or may be accurate and made your choice from the copywriters descriptions. Then you hoped for the best until it arrived! And it could takes months to arrive, you had to order far in advance!

Here are a few pages of Christmas decorations as found in some of the best catalogs of the day. What do you think? I think I'm glad we now get a little more visual info before we spend our money!

Brilliant Decorations for the Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree

Sparkling Silver Tinsel Garland

HINSEL GARLANDS

5 YDS GEM BERRY SILVER BEZELS 25¢

012 SEARS-ROEBUCK CO. 37 1/2 The World's Largest Store

Christmas Seals, Cards, Tags 170 Pieces 29¢

Everything Needed to Dress the Christmas Package 123 Pieces 47¢

Made Especially for Ward's

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Christmas Tree Electric Lights

Sparkling Silver Tinsel Garland

The Christmas Tree

104 Montgomery Ward & Co.'s Full and Winter Catalog—1928

Just Arrived—Many New Gifts from All Over the World—Ship Early!

XMAS TREES AND ACCESSORIES

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES

NOMA MAZDA ELECTRIC LIGHT OUTFITS

Electric Musical Chime Tree

Three and One-Half Foot Tree

Four and One-Half Foot Tree

Five and One-Half Foot Tree

Six and One-Half Foot Tree

Seven and One-Half Foot Tree

Eight Foot Tree

Nine Foot Tree

Ten Foot Tree

Eleven Foot Tree

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Thirteen Foot Tree

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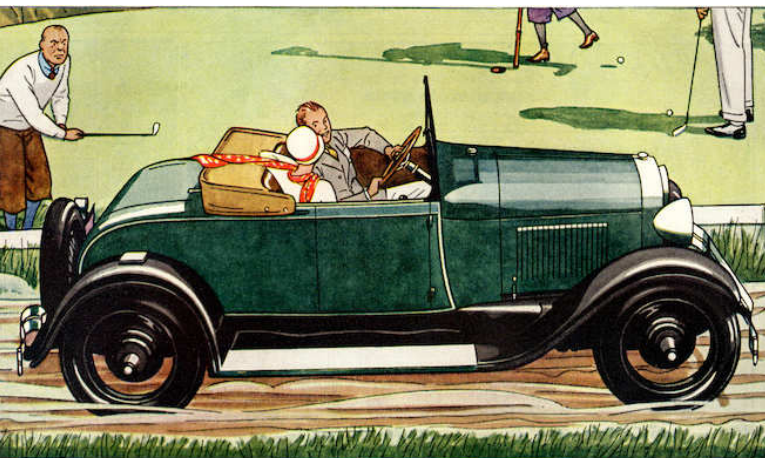
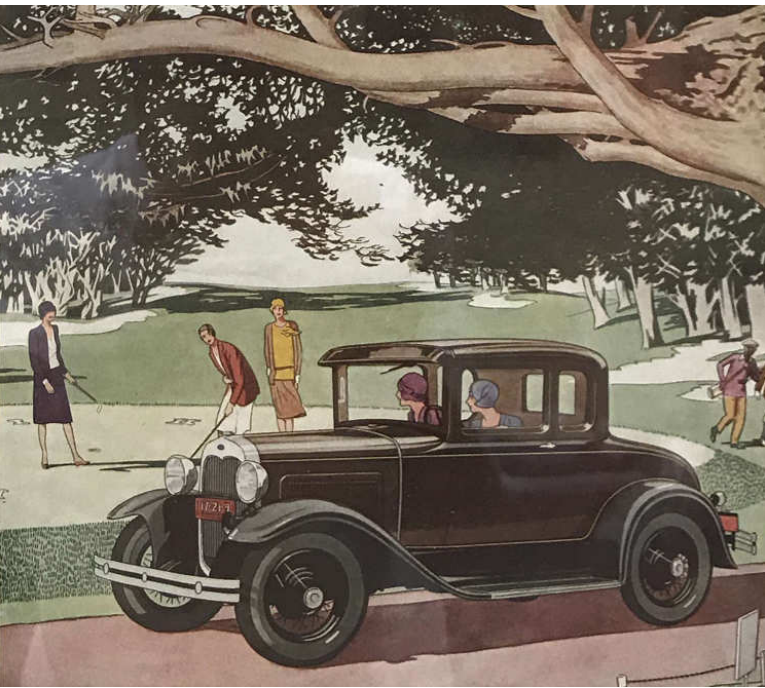
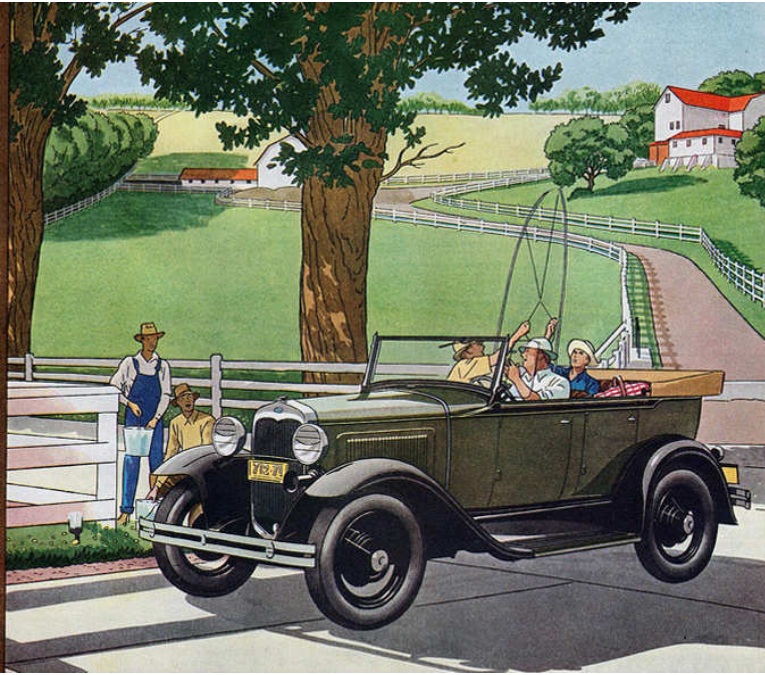
Hundred Foot Tree

Your Orders Shipped Within 24 Hours!

Ford Advertising

While many of the Model A ads highlighted the ease of getting about town and country, a good portion of them featured people going about sporty leisure activity. From fishermen golfers, ice skating to skiing and sledding, the intent was to imply that thanks to the efficient new Ford, you too could find more time for the fun things in life! Here are just a few examples from many.

Other ads included tennis and yacht clubs, horseback riding, picnics, parties and even shopping. It was apparent, at least according to these ads, life was just more fun when you drove a Model A! Do you have a favorite ad showing a fun time? Let me know!



What's an Ammeter?!



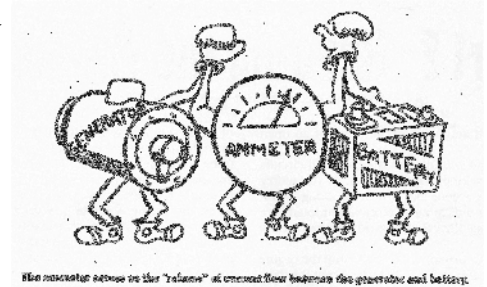
An ammeter is a gauge that measures electric current in “amperes”. Amperes, often shortened to “amp” is a unit of electric current. While volts and amperes are both measures of electricity, the difference is that amps measure electric current, volts measure the pressure that’s moving electricity through a circuit.

The Model A ammeter is a center off type meter. With no current flowing through it (off position) the needle sits on zero in the center. If something is using current in your electrical system the needle points to the negative side. When the generator or alternator is charging the battery, the needle points to the positive side. If the same amount of charge being produced is being used by the horn or lights, etc., the needle will set on “0”.

Henry Ford considered the ammeter as an important diagnostic tool. Here are a few ways to use it as such!

The ammeter will show a small discharge when the brake pedal is pushed down, indicating the brake light is working.

When the lights are on or the horn is sounded, watch the ammeter. It will mirror the amount of amps being use to do those things.



When the starter motor cranks the engine, the ignition breaker points open and close, so with current flowing in the ignition coil each time the points close, they cause a the needle to flutter. By watching this, you know that the ignition breaker points are working, the timing gear is okay, and the low voltage part of the ignition circuit is complete, without even opening the hood..

When you are parking your Model A, always take a final look at the ammeter after shutting the engine off but before turning off the key. If you see a discharge, you have a switch somewhere that failed to turn off and you may return to a dead battery!

These are just a few examples of ways to use this important gauge that is sitting on your dashboard, but there are lots more to discover as you learn your Model A electrical system.

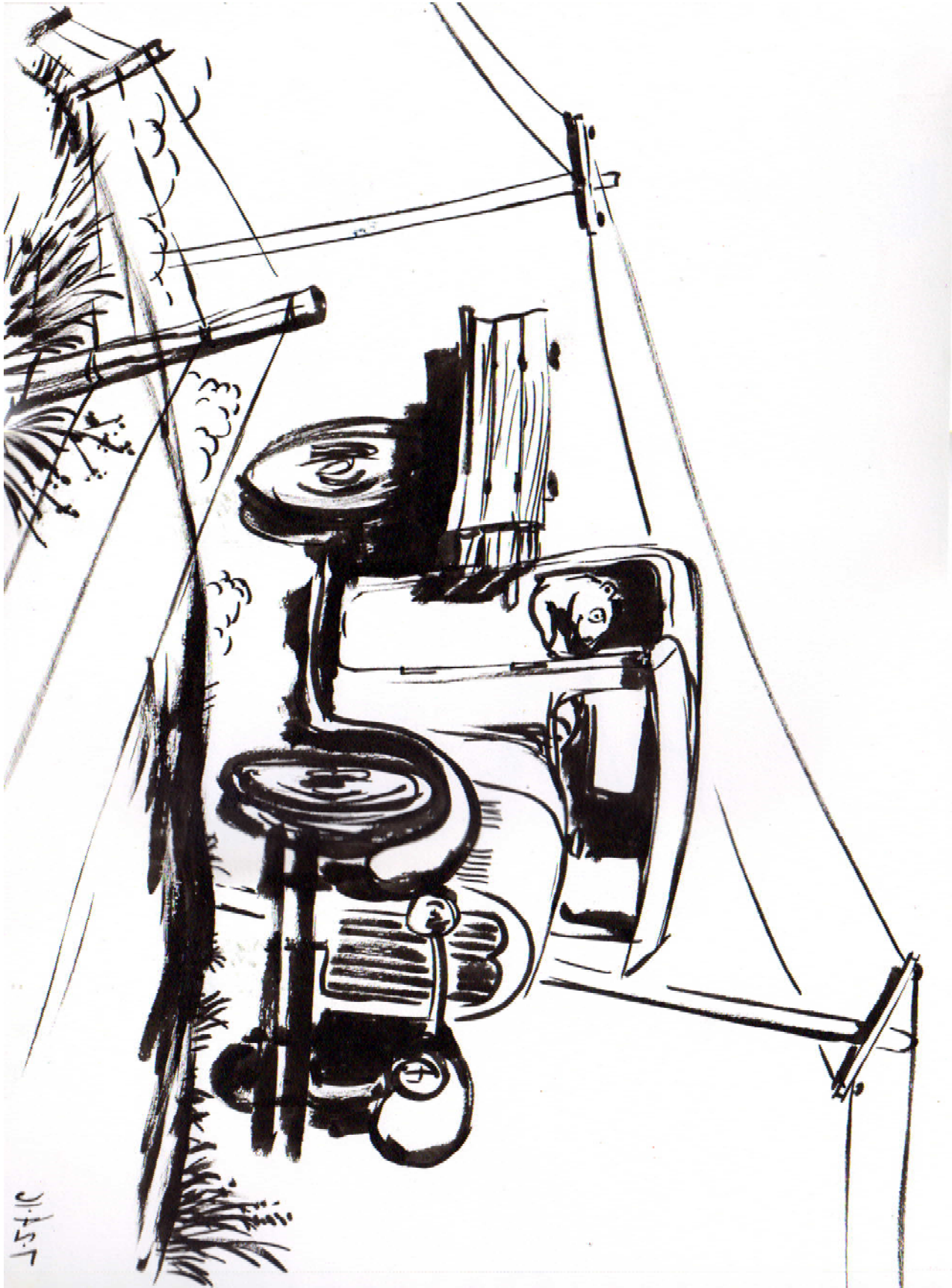


MERRY MODEL A CHRISTMAS!

With pictures as found on MAFCA's Facebook Page.



This is a reprint from 2016, but I thought it would be fun to include again for a new generation to enjoy! The artist is my nephew Carmen Christopher Cerra, who is freelance artist from Iowa.





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink



Quiz Time

I can't believe it's the end of the year already. Where did it all go? Let's see, what all did I do?

A few Model A conventions, including an awesome one in Breckinridge Colorado! Some great road tours, seat belts added to the Old Lady, and a new garage built to keep the Old Lady safe. Hmm, oh yes, a couple of visits to Shawnee Town with the Old Lady. And of course, a couple of Vintage Fashion presentations. And let's not forget the parades with my granddaughter...

Ok, I guess there was a reason the year flew by! It was a busy Model A year! I hope you had as much Model A fun as I did!

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 was Grandma Roberts' great fear?
A) having to leave the farm B) losing her car C) Nothing—Grandma Roberts wasn't afraid of anything!
- 2) What did Dad Sitzman drink while talking to Grandma?
A) Coffee B) Tea C) Water
- 3) What model of Model A did Elijah get for Christmas?
A) Hubley Coupe B) 1931 Coupe C) 1928 Tudor
- 4) Rune lives in what country?
A) Belgium B) Germany C) The Netherlands
- 5) What is an "Elgin Bluebird"
A) a car B) a bicycle C) a tricycle
- 6) What aircraft is the Model A being loaded into?
A) a C-130 B) a Piper C) a Boeing 247
- 7) What color did the pages of Christmas decorations come in on page 7?
A) Full Color B) 4-color C) Black and White
- 8) The Model A ads on page 8 featured what?
A) Work events B) Parties C) Sports
- 9) The ammeter is considered the " " of the electrical system
A) meeting place B) union C) referee
- 10) The Model A's on page 10 are decorated for what holiday?
A) Halloween B) Thanksgiving C) Christmas



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