

SPRING WEDDING

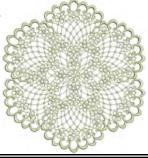
BY SHERRY WINK

Sharla had been going to college in the city, getting her teaching certificate. She hoped to become a teacher in a small school, perhaps one of the one room country schools Mom Sitzman was also busy sewing but a different medium. followed through on her plan and completed her classes. up the back and on the sleeves, But now that she had received her diploma, it was time to with a train on the back of the take the next step!

The household had been a flurry of activity as the date was approaching rapidly. While Sharla had been adding things to her hope chest since early teens, there were still so many things needed to start a new household.

Grandma Roberts had been embroidering and crocheting discussing the final designs,

continuously since the date had been set. She had sets of embroidered pillowcases with crocheted lace, and dish towels embroidered with the days of the There were lace doilies starched up stiff for every table Sharla could ever hope to own.



Excitement filled the air at the Sitzman household. This And the final item that Grandma was just finishing up was a was a very special week. There was going to be a wedding! beautiful crocheted tablecloth that was just a breathtaking Sharla, oldest in the family was marrying her beau Carmen. cloud of white lace. The younger Sitzmans looked at it with awe while Grandma was working on it, wondering how she even knew how to keep it all straight what stitch went were!

that was still found way out in the country. But while She was responsible for sewing all the garments for the attending classes, she had met this wonderful young man. wedding. The center of attention of course was the wedding After much talking with Dad and Mom Sitzman, she had dress. All lace and satin, with dozens of little pearl buttons

> skirt and a wisp veil atop. And there were course bridesmaid's dresses. and flower girls, etc. Mom Sitzman and the girls spent hours out the picking fabrics.



and cutting and sewing the beautiful dresses. Sharla was just all a glow right in the middle of everything.

Dad Sitzman was not idle either. He spent hours in his woodshop working on a gift for the newly weds. He pulled out all his wood he had been seasoning for years and picked out some beautiful maple he'd had set aside for years, waiting for the right occasion to use it. Now there was

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beautiful dining room table setting in the middle of the woodshop awaiting the matching chairs Dad Sitzman was finishing up. There would be just enough time to put the final varnish on them before the big

event. Every one of the Sitzman boys had been right in the woodshop with Dad, helping in whatever way they could. With the younger ones, that was more hindrance than help, but Dad handled it all with a smile.

The Model A pickup was utilized to the fullest the last week before the wedding. It flew back and forth between the Sitzman farm and the newlywed's future home in the next town over where they planned to more. The new dining room furniture was now in place, the shining white table cloth on top. The rest of the house had used pieces of furniture, lovely shined and polished and gifted to the new household. There were blankets on the beds and feather ticks in the closet for next winter, and an interesting assortment of glasses, plates and other crockery in the cupboard for the youngsters to start out with.



Finally the big day was here. Sharla and Carmen were getting married at the same little stone chapel that Mom and Dad Sitzman had been married in. The chapel overflowed with cousins, aunts and uncles, and of course, all the Sitzman kids! Wildflowers filled the vases, and fresh vines

from the woods were wrapped around the doorway. Sharla was a beautiful bride and of course Mom Sitzman cried. From happiness she said! Dad Sitzman just stood around with a big grin on his face, shaking everybody's hand.

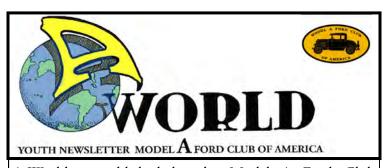
Following the ceremony, there was a big lunch spread out in the park. Everyone had brought something, and there was fried chicken fresh from Grandma Roberts of course. And let's not forget all the desserts. The centerpiece was the wedding cake, made by Aunt Lydia, who hovered close to it all afternoon to make sure the hordes of little ones didn't get too close and try to taste it before it was time! But there were plenty of cookies and other goodies to keep their hands full for the moment.

It had been a long, full afternoon, flowing into evening. But finally it was time for the Bride and Groom to leave. All the guests in the park formed a big crowd and a path opened up down middle, leading to Carmen's Model A. But, as can be expected, it didn't look quite the same as it had when he had parked it there!

The beautiful Thorne Brown paint with the orange pinstripe still looked great, but there were just a few additions! Colored crepe paper was draped all over the car, and woven through the spokes. The windows had "Just Married" soaped all over them, and little pink ribbon bows were tied on each door handle. And when the happy couple were finally able to load up and drive off, from under the car there appeared several long strings of tin

cans, tied to the bumper so along behind, they drug banging, rattling and accompanied by much laughter from the crowd of well wishers cheering them on their way. And the Sitzman family, minus one, finally headed home to bed, happy, but oh so tired!





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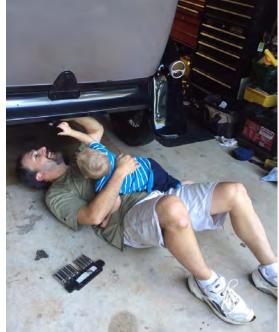
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KIDS AND THEIR "A"S!





Gary Lee Carne from McDonough Georgia is a 4th generation A'er. The first picture is from May of 2016 seated in a '29 Fordor Town Sedan, his Great Uncle Dick's car. Below Gary is with his dad Jason helping him troubleshoot under the A!





Daniel, who just turned 5, is the grandson of Robert and Jean McDonald who live in Canberra , Australia. This is Daniel in the Deluxe Delivery van his Grandfather restored.

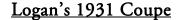
Daniel is always out helping or sitting in the Delivery Van. He just loves it and cannot wait to be able to drive it. For now he will just be his Grandfather's big helper!

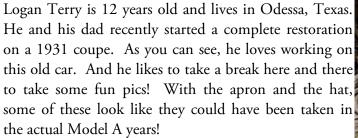


THE ORIGINAL CHICKEN COUPE?

Did you know that the founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken (or KFC as they call it today) owned a Model A?

Guess this car really was a chicken coupe, hahaha!





Per a story from his dad: The car had been sitting in a barn for the past 30 years. They made arrangements to go look at it, knowing pretty much they were going to take it home. It took all day before they could get it to run. Finally, the deal was finalized, the car loaded in the trailer and homeward bound. In the next few days they spent hours cleaning it up, and otherwise tinkering with

They enjoyed the car for several weeks as is, and Logan loved going for a ride in the evenings to the local convenience store to get an ice cream. Then they tore it down to do a complete restoration.

Logan, his dad and his older brother had just recently built a 1967 mustang resto mod, but Logan shows a special interest in the Model A. He has helped pull the engine and transmission and most everything else we have taken off., and is excited to get it finished.

The Terry family already have some local car shows in mind they want to take it to that they won best overall Ford with the Mustang. Their goal is to do the same with the Model A!











Unusual Modifications of Model As

Model A's have been used for many things over the years, here are just a few I've found while browsing the internet!

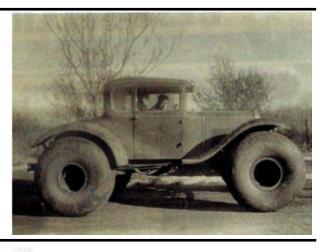


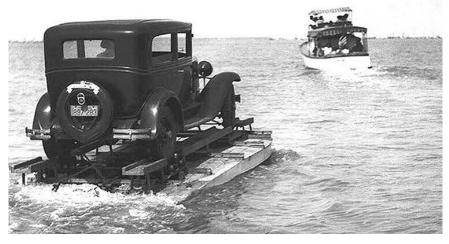
This Model AA is still doing service as a popcorn wagon! I'm not sure if this a modern conversion or a restored original but its very cool! I would love to see this at any carnival or festival I attended!



I'm just not sure what their goal was with this addition of a fifth wheel. There are some belts and what look like control handles, but your guess is as

This looks like it might be the first "Monster Truck'! It was actually put together to handle the snow on a rural mail route in Nebraska in the 30's and 40's. They put a Model A coupe body on a AA truck frame and added airplane tires. It was said to have worked really well with the only drawback being that it was so high that the wind would sometimes blow it off the road. But I bet with those tires, it could just drive right back on. I'm not sure where they carried the mail (maybe the rumble seat), or if they had to have a step ladder to get in, but apparently it saw service for many years, long before the giant SUV's were ever dreamed of.





It was not unusual for Model A's to be used for more than just an automobile, but here is one of the more unusual modifications. This Model A is not being towed by the boat in front. It has been temporarily converted to a motorboat! It's powered by the car's rear wheels, riding on rollers connected to a drive. Steering input comes from the front wheels, sitting in steerable rails attached to the rudder.

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This Roadster is getting a little work done in Andy's garage, but a few things in the top photo seemed seem to have gotten lost during the job. Can you find the missing items without looking at the answers?

The answers are on page 10 but don't peek too soon!





Teenage Driving Down Under

Reported by Gwen Livingstone

This is our Eldest Granddaughter Shayla Anderson who lives in Yass N.S,W. Australia and has just turned 16.

When you turn 16 in Australia, an exam has to be passed and you drive on "L" plates (Learner) and can only drive with a licensed driver, must show the "L" plate and have a minimum speed. This applies to all motor vehicles. Shayla is the eldest daughter of our eldest daughter Sharon, who was also driving at he same age) They drove their modern car from Yass to Cootamundra about hour and half away.to where I live to drive the Woody. Tradition is to drive the A Model Fords to view the Christmas lights.

Shayla when she was only about three was sitting in the Woody. Michael my late husband had just finished telling Brody (her older brother) "When he could sit on the seat, touch the peddles, put hands on the wheel and look out the window he would teach him to drive". We walked away from the car and Patrick our son called out "look at Shayla." Here was this little tot, stretched out as far as her little body would go, trying to do all those things saying "Da I can drive."

Well just before Christmas, 2017, this little tot, now a teenager, did just that and drove the Woody, double shuffling and not missing a beat. Having never driven the car, but always a passenger. she is just a natural. You can see how excited she was by the look on her face.

I was very proud of her as would her late Grandfather Michael Livingstone.

Our three children Patrick, Sharon and Amanda all drive the Model A Fords and have all driven in the USA. as have I.

The grandchildren are now driving, may they enjoy the cars and friendships made as much as we have and keep the Woody rolling

The Woody is a 1928 AR Series Model A Ford. station wagon, restored by my late husband Michael and went on the road in 1978, It has been driven around Australia and to Tasmania.



Please Don't Sell It!!

I pulled this rusty Model A Roadster/Pickup out of the barn with clear intentions to take it to Turlock CA to sell. After airing up the tires, cleaning it up, adding new gas and a battery, it started and ran just fine again.

My grandson came over to see what I was doing and immediately asked if he could give it a test drive. He helped me give it a safety check, adjust the brakes, and check the fluids in the transmission and differential then he drove it around the walnut ranch we have.

Evan Bockman lives in Visalia CA and is 15 years old and already has a nice 1930 Tudor which he plans to drive to high school as soon as he gets his driving license next year. He already put a new engine in his Tudor, adjusted the brakes, added seatbelts, and gave it a good cleaning and service.

When he saw this very original roadster/pickup his eyes lit up and he could see an opportunity to have a very original car that would be more fun to drive than his nicely restored Tudor. Evan was even more interested in the car when I told him that many people would make a truck out of their cars to help them on their farm and also to be able to get rationed gasoline and tires during the war years.

I think Even gave all his cousins, his mother and grandmother a ride in the roadster/pickup and explained to each one how to turn on the gas, start the motor and double-shift the transmission.

Before he put the car away back in the barn, he said "Please don't sell it Grampa". Of course I could not sell it after see how much he enjoyed an original Model A.

Submitted by David Bockman MAFCA Member # 012590 Visalia Calif.



Evan Bockman working on his 1930 Tudor



Evan Bockman and his cousin Ellie Groh



Evan Bockman and his cousin Carson Groh

Vintage Easter Autos!

Cars were exciting and new in the early 1900's so Easter cards found them an interesting subject to use.

Here are a few that I found celebrating Easter.

















Sports Sales Pitches

In the Model A days, Sports were used to sell just about anything, just like in today's advertising world. Check out a few of these ads and the different sports that were used to promote these varied products. As can be expected, shoes were a popular item, but check out some of the other things. Soap, watches, bikes, and even



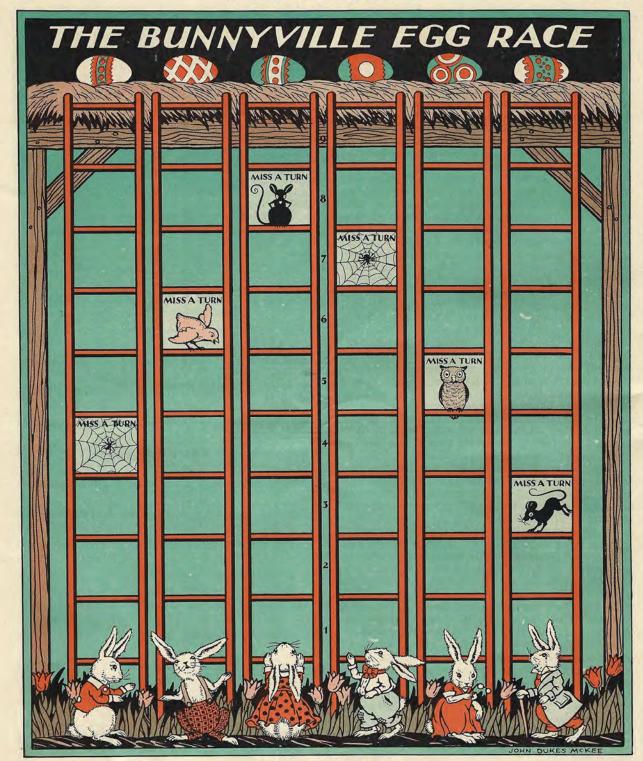


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seem to be a very appetizing product!

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BEAN HOLE BEANS



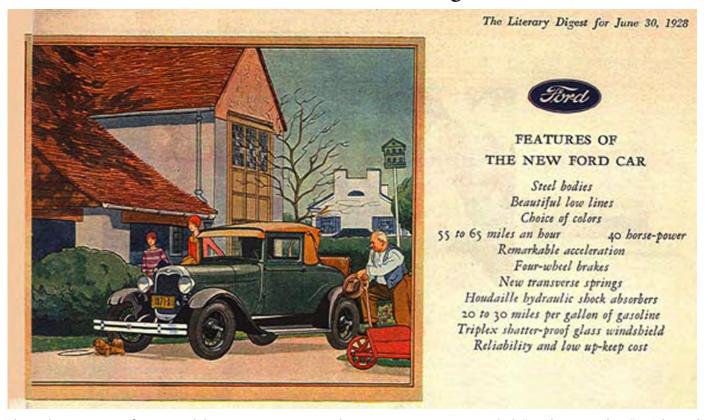
HOW TO PLAY IT

THIS is an easy and fast game to play. As many as six may join in the fun at one time. First, cut a piece of note paper into thirty one-inch squares. Number them as follows. Mark fifteen squares with 1, ten with 2, two with 5, two with "Back 1" and one with "Start Over." Place all the squares in a hat or bowl and stir them all up. Each player has a button or jelly-bean which represents his bunny. Place the magazine flat on the table. Each

player in turn places his button on his favorite bunny. He then draws a number from the hat and moves his button the required number of spaces. The first bunny reaching the top wins the race. You may not go out unless you have the exact number to finish the race. Thus, if your button is in space nine and you draw a 2, you cannot go out, and you must wait your turn again. Then if you draw a 1 you will win.

Kids in the Model A era enjoyed games just as much as we do today, even though they didn't have electronic one! This Easter game is from an April 1931 edition of "Child's Play", a magazine just for kids. It was full of crafts, games, and exciting adventure stories. Give it and try and see what you think!

Model A Advertising



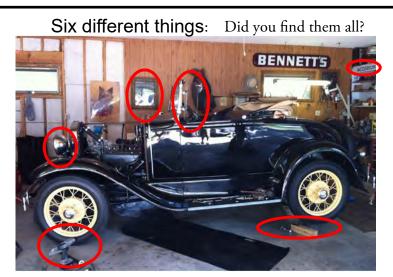
This advertisement for a Model A Coupe was issued in June 1928. It is titled "Built to Endure". The Ad promotes the well built features of the Model A such as steel bodies, transverse springs and the Houdaille Hydraulic shock absorbers, all new innovations not found in most cars of the era. Ford was also the first car company to use shatter-proof glass in the windshield, although they didn't use it for the side windows for some reason.

The scene seems to be on a large estate, with a slightly rural feel. Notice the martin house in the upper right corner? And the older man in the lower right corner is leaning on a shovel or other tool, alongside a wooden wheelbarrow. But the younger women on the left still have a sophisticated look with their tight fitting cloche hats. My favorite detail is the little dog in the lower left who appears to be doing his business in front of or on the tire! Or maybe he's just crouching there looking at something off the page? You look and tell me what you think!

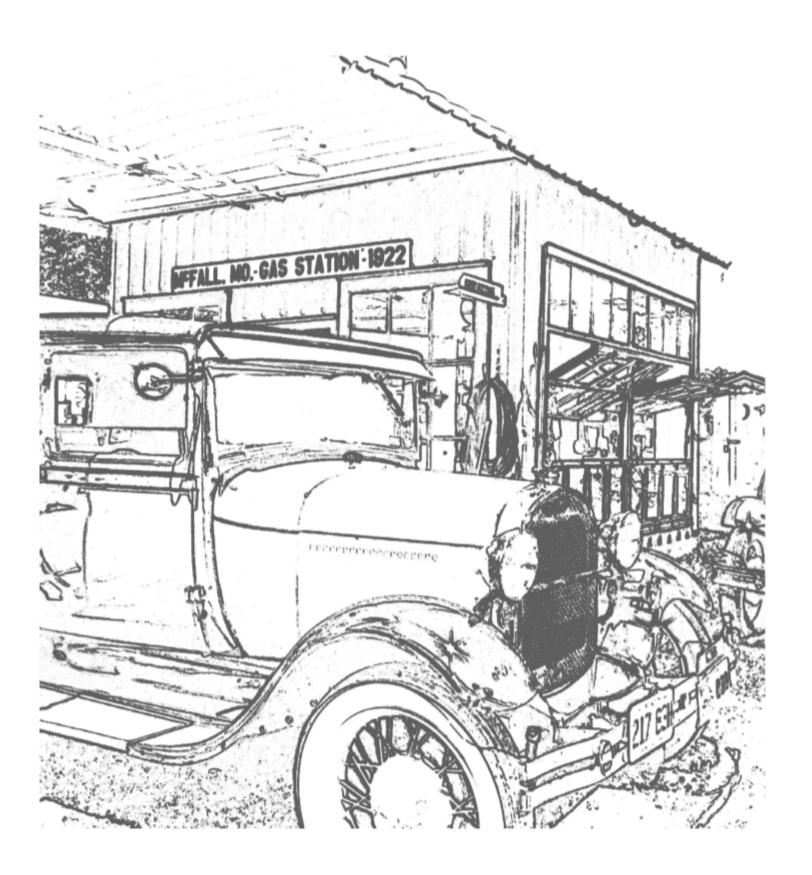


Did you know.

That Root Beer used to be promoted as a health food? In the days of the Model A, right in the middle of depression, and without knowledge the nutrition we have now, things advertised to help keep children's weight up as a of keeping way them healthy.



This is a picture of a 1929 Tudor parked in front of a 1922 gas station. This one is two tone green, but you can color it any color you want! Have fun!





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

I'm so glad spring is finally here. In my part of the country, it's just

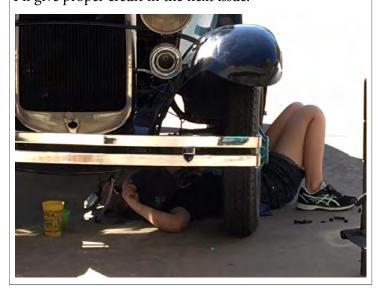
now getting warm enough to pull the Model A's out of the garage. And I know the Old Lady is chomping at the bit to get out of the barn she's spent the winter in. She's been there since November, and while she like the El Camino that's keeping her company well enough, she is missing the company of other Model As!

The good news is that when she comes out, she now has a new garage to call home in Liberty Missouri. I'm in the process of moving things right now, and as soon as I find a free weekend, I'll have the Old Lady out, get her spring check up done, and drive back down to the Kansas City area in time for the April Spring Shakedown Cruise! I think we are both excited about that!

I hope you all are enjoying your Model A's out on the road this spring too!

Help!

Someone sent this great picture to A-World, but somehow I've lost the email that identifies who it is! If you can let me know who this is working under that A, I'll give proper credit in the next issue!



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 was the name of Sharla's Beau?
 - A) Carmen B) Fred C) Teddy Bear
- 2) What was the biggest thing Grandmas Robert crocheted for a wedding gift?
 - A) Doily B) Pillowcase C) Table Cloth
- 3) What style of Model A did Colonel Sanders drive?
 - A) Fordor B) Tudor C) Coupe
- 4) What state is Logan working on his 31 restoration?
 - A) Nebraska B) Utah C) Missouri D) Texas
- 5) What type of tires did they use on the "monster" Postal Model AA?
 - A) Tractor B) Airplane C) Automobile
- 6) What letter plate does Shayla need to drive in Australia now that she's turned 16?
 - A) "L" B) "A" C) "T" D) "OMG"
- 6) What type of Model A did Evan beg his grandpa not to sell?
 - A) Roadster B) Roadster/pickup C) Pickup
- 7) What is the name above the roadster in 6 different things?
 - A) Bennett's B) Fred's C) Henry
- 8) The basketball ad for Firestone was advertising what type of product?
 - A) Tires B) Basketballs C) Shoes
- 9) What era magazine did the Easter game come out of?
 - A) Boy's Life B) Childs Play C) Child Life
- 10) What's under the coupe in the Model A Ad?
 - A) A Puddle B) A Dog C) A Cat