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A RUMBLE SEAT RUMBLE

By SHERRY WINK

It was a nice summer day, and the Sitzman kids were excited. This weekend, their friend from the city was coming to visit them. It was their friend Becky and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones. They didn't see them very often as it was quite a distance, but Mrs. Jones, who was Mom Sitzman's friend, had called and arranged to come calling on Saturday afternoon. Becky was the right age to play fun games with the younger children and not so old that she felt "too mature" to play at silly stuff, as some of the Sitzman's older cousins put it.

Lunch seemed to take forever, knowing that soon there would be someone new to play with for a while. Even though Mom Sitzman had cooked up a great meal, it seems it was hardly tasted. But then again, Mom Sitzman knew that this would probably happen. So she made



a simple yet filling meal that was easy to use for leftovers if needed. Cold ham sandwiches on fresh-baked bread tasted great on a hot day, with a glass of cold milk to wash it down. Fresh carrots from the garden helped make it a nutritious meal. The younger Sitzman kids ate with relish, and Larry was famished as always. Grandma Roberts said he must have a hollow leg, as there wasn't enough room in his stomach for all he ate! But the rest of the kids were too excited to eat much at all.

Finally, just when the anticipation was almost too much, Richard and Robert shouted in unison, "Here they come!" And around the curve, out in the distance, came a yellow Model A Coupe. And waving furiously from the rumble seat was Becky.

With a cloud of dust from the gravel road, the coupe pulled into the driveway of the homestead. Out climbed Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and Becky happily climbed down



out of the rumble seat. Once on the ground, surrounded by a mob of happy kids, Becky nevertheless took a few minutes to complain to her mother about what a bumpy ride it was. Her mother, Mrs. Jones, just poo-pooed her complaint and went on inside out of the heat with Mom Sitzman. Mr. Jones headed down to the barn with Dad Sitzman where they could happily spend the rest of the day talking about just about anything!

Eager to play, the kids headed to the backyard with Becky telling them all the way about how excited she was to be there, but how rough the ride had been and how sore her backside was! Larry took pity on her and suggested that they play in the hayloft for a while where there was a soft stack of hay bales Becky could set on for a while. It didn't

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take too long for Becky to decide that she wasn't too sore to play after all.

Following the hayloft, the kids spent part of the afternoon tracking the raccoon tracks in the mud of the small creek that wandered through the woods. Of course, this was quite a muddy task, so it naturally followed that a swim in the pond followed. Luckily this wasn't the Jones' first visit to the Sitzman farm, so Mrs. Jones had quite wisely packed Becky's swimsuit and a change of clothes for the trip back.



The day wasn't over until the Sitzman family and friends sat down for a wonderful home-cooked supper. Since the kids had not stopped to eat a

snack, they were starving by the time the food got to the table. But they kept their manners intact, know that if they were rude in front of company, Mom Sitzman would certainly let them know about it in no uncertain terms later! But there were plenty of wonderful dishes laid out in front of them. While Mrs. Jones and Mom had been visiting, they had also been working on the meal. It helped that they both loved to cook!

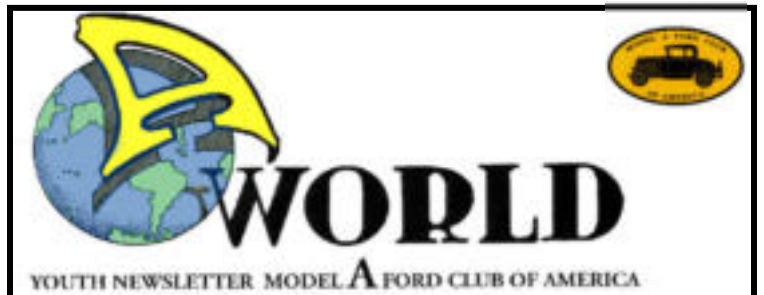
The table almost groaned from the weight of the platters of fresh fried chicken, huge bowls of mashed potatoes running with butter, and of course, chicken gravy to go on top. There were also various bowls and plates of fresh vegetables! Larry could hardly wait and was pleased as punch to see the platter of sliced tomatoes was right in front of him, so he could load his plate with his favorite vegetable while waiting for the chicken to get to him. The entire table was quiet for quite a few minutes once the plates had made their way around, as everyone's mouths were too full to talk. But once the stomachs stopped growling, the conversation grew again. The kids told the adults all about how they almost, they were sure, almost found the tree with the raccoon nest before they had to turn back home due to the time. The adults just nodded and smiled and let the stories flow. Once in a while, they asked a question, but mostly they were content to let the kids happily fill them in on their busy day.

After supper, it was time for dessert, homemade apple pie. Although insisting they were too full to do it justice, not one of the group turned down their piece, and three pies disappeared "just like that!"

Finally, the Jones' headed back out to the Model A coupe to head home. That reminded Becky of the rough ride and she started complaining again to her mother. Mrs. Jones had apparently grown tired of hearing this, so her response was to tell Becky to climb in front, and she would ride in the rumble seat. After all, it couldn't be that rough!

So once everyone was settled in, and extra packages of cookies and leftover chicken was packed in, the Jones' took off down the road back the way they came. As they pulled out of the driveway and picked up speed on the road, they could hear Mrs. Jones starting to holler and see her head start to bounce up and down, faster and faster! And then, as the Model A Coupe started around the curve, Mrs. Jones RUMBLED right out of that rumble seat! She went head over heels right into the ditch! Larry and Dad Sitzman took off running to see if she was ok, and the Coupe rumbled to a stop, brakes squealing!

Luckily Mrs. Jones was only rattled, but not hurt. Mr. Jones apologized for going so fast on the rough road, and Mrs. Jones apologized to Becky for not believing her on how rough that ride was. And the first things the Jones's planned to do on Monday morning is take the Coupe into the Ford garage to get new springs installed.



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KIDS AND THEIR “A”s!



Cash Garcia is 11 years old. His dad is already teaching him how to drive “Stanley”, their Model A. He already has the hang of the manual transmission! Cash lives in La Vernia, Texas.



Owen and Penelope White are enjoying riding in the rumble seat on their Model A! The hats are proper era style. Owen and Penelope live in Toronto, Ontario Canada



Adrianna Padilla recently was part of a 3 generation project assisting the local foodbank distribute food in their community. They took her grandfather’s 30 Coupe to do the rounds. Adrianna, with her mom Kelli Padilla and her Grandpa Jay McCord.



Alex Stolis has grown up helping to work on his family’s Model A. Alex lives in Blaine Minnesota. He’s going to be quite the mechanic!



Elinora is 9 months old. Her grandfather Dean Stevens is teaching her about Model A’s from the very beginning. She is sitting with her “Morfar” in his 1931 Model A Phaeton. Elinora and her family are from Massachusetts.

MORE KIDS AND THEIR “A”s!



Presley Dagesen is 3 years old and lives in Roy, Utah. She loves the family Model A!

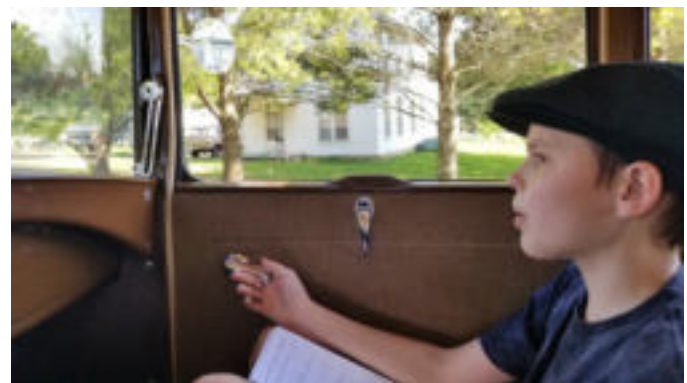


John Edward Hassett was named after his grandfather who bought this Model A back in 1959. His grandfather grew up in the 1920's with just his Mom as his father died in 1922. He and his mother had to walk everywhere or ask for rides and he decided that he would own one of these cars. Fast forward he eventually got two Model A's, including this one.

John's dad David drove one of the A's in high school and inherited this one in 2002. John is now in college and has mastered the art of driving a standard transmission.



Seth Padilla lives in Santa Maria California. Here he is enjoying the rumble seat of his grandfather's Model A Coupe . Seth has grown up around Model A' his whole life!



Ethan Edwards, age 11, recently teamed up with his Aunt Sherry Winkinhofer to participate in a “Quarantine Scavenger Hunt” in her Model A “The Old Lady.” It took place in Table Rock Nebraska. The hunt took over two hours looking for clues up and down the streets of the small town. They didn't win, but they had fun!



Ben Stone – 2020 MAYRA Applicant

Have you dreamed of having your very own Model A? Have you wished you could restore a Model A and be able to drive it to school when you're sixteen and have your driver's license? Well, that's what Ben Stone has done. And with the help of the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA), he has been able to purchase parts to help him accomplish his dream. If someday you would like to work on a Model A and get it operational, you may also be able to receive assistance from MAYRA. Here's more about what Ben is doing with his Model A.

Ben has always been interested in Model As because his grandpa has one and often gave Ben a ride around town or on a club tour. Ben loved honking the ahooga horn when he was younger. As he got older, his grandpa would ask Ben to help in the garage while he was working on other people's Model As. Ben helped his grandpa build a transmission for one Model A and an overdrive for another one. But what Ben really wanted was to have a Model A of his very own.

Since Ben was going to be sixteen before long, he began looking for a Model A that was for sale with the help of his dad, his grandpa, and some of their friends. They knew the best places to look too. The Model A Ford Club of America's website has ads, and most of the Chapters have ads in their newsletters. So they checked everywhere they could think of. There were lots of Model As for sale, but they were looking for just the right one. Finally, a 1930 Tudor Sedan advertised in a club newsletter seemed to be just right. They drove to see it and met the people who were selling it. The owners had owned it for thirty-eight years and had driven it all over Southern California and Nevada. It had definitely seen better days, but it was perfect for what Ben wanted. He was so happy they were selling it and could hardly wait to get started on the restoration.

The car actually looked pretty good on the outside and inside there were a couple of holes in the upholstery but nothing too bad. It was what was under the hood that needed the most work. They didn't waste any time getting right at it. That first day Ben worked on it, he (with some help from his dad and grandpa) pulled the engine and transmission, which took at least six hours. The next day Ben took the engine and transmission all apart with the guys telling him what to do. He also bead-blasted the carburetor. That made for a full weekend. On Monday Ben invited his friend to come over and help and they worked hard cleaning up all the parts that they had removed the day before. They used a cleaning solvent tank for some of the parts.

Every day Ben is learning more about restoring a Model A. There have been some challenges like trying to get the cam nut off. It was so tight that he had to heat it up with a torch and used an impact wrench to get it off.

Ben plans eventually to convert the car to a 12-volt system, 2-blade fan, and oil filter module. He is also planning on installing safer seat belts and will need new tires later on. The Model A Youth Restoration Award will help cover some of those expenses.

Ben really enjoys working with his dad, his grandpa, and some of their friends who know so much about restoring the Model A. He also likes having his friends come over to help because he is hoping they will also want a Model A of their own.

If you have the interest in restoring a Model A, it's a fun family project. See how MAYRA may be able to help. Check our website: www.ModelARestorationAward.org



SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This Model A is not quite as old as this gas station that was built in 1922, but I bet more than a few Model A's gassed up at this station over the years. But the top picture looks like it's missing a few things compared to the bottom one. Can you find the differences? *The answers are on page 14 but don't peek too soon!*



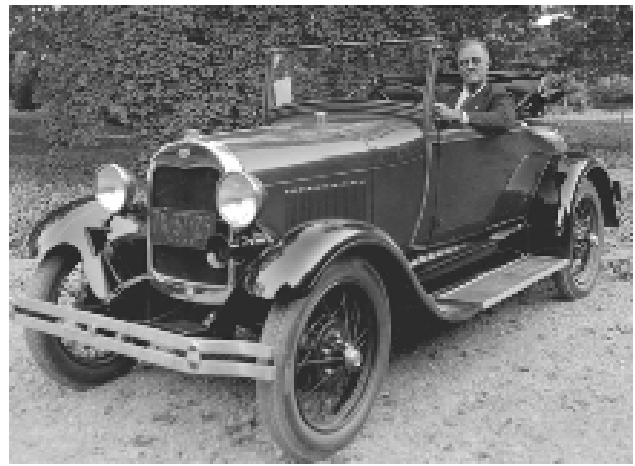
A Presidential Fleet of Model A's!

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, often referred to as FDR, was the 32nd President of the United States, from 1933 until 1945. (He was the only President to serve 4 terms! The 22nd amendment was passed soon after this that limited Presidents to two terms.)

FDR was a Model A admirer and actually owned at least three of them that I have been able to find pictures of. Check these out!



The President could often be seen driving one of his Model A Fords. This is a sporty 1930 Cabriolet.



FDR Driving a 1929 Ford Model A Roadster



FDR in a Model A Ford riding on his estate in Hyde Park, New York (Springwood). 1932



His 1928 Roadster had hand controls due to his polio. He helped design them himself.



President Franklin D. Roosevelt's phaeton waits as he chats with children on bicycles



The President and his family posing with his 1928 Phaeton.

Editor's Note: I printed some of these pictures last edition but have now received Grant's personally written story so I felt it was perfect to use them again to illustrate it!

Grandpa's Car

Submitted by Grant Jensen, age 14

The Model A is my grandpa's car. He inherited it from his dad and agreed to restore it. It has been in my grandpa's family for about 50 years. We were sitting at lunch one day talking about cars. My grandpa brought up the Model A. Then we decided to bring it down from Cincinnati, Ohio. It was a long drive there and back, but we got it back and put it in my dad's shop.



We had no idea where to start, so we got on Facebook and started looking around. A man named Charles Dickson, the President of the Mid Tenn MAFC, offered to come to our house and help us get it running.

He wanted us to start on the simple things, like greasing everything. He came over a couple other times and we eventually got it running!

We did a pressure test on the cylinders and it was really bad. We let it run for about an hour and a half and did the test again, and it was almost perfect.

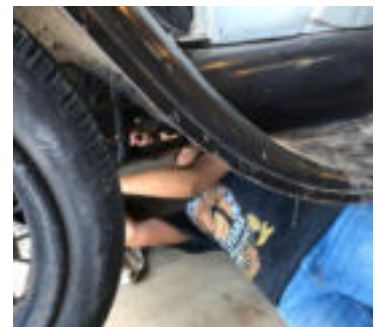
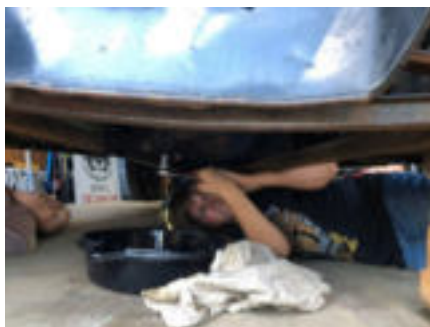


Another problem we faced was getting the clutch free. We tried almost everything. The thing that worked the best was jacking up the back and spinning the tires, then hitting the brakes. This freed it up!

Now, after a lot of work, we have the headlights, the horn, and the brake lights working! Since we have everything operational, we are making it look good.

Bringing it home to Tennessee

We have sent the wheels out for painting and are about to get the bumpers chromed. I look forward to having the Model A fully restored and looking great again!



Owen 16 and Grant Jensen 14 working on their Grandfather Chris Gremban's Model A. Chris's Dad bought it when he was 14. It's been sitting in a barn in Ohio for over 30 years.

Hand Signals for Your Model A

Did you know that when the Model A came off the factory line they didn't have turn signals? They didn't even have two tail lights! At the time, only one was commonly used. Eventually a second tail light was made available for safety. It took a while for some vehicles to add turn signals as standard equipment. Some companies didn't add them until the 1950s. So until then, what did you do to indicate your intentions? You used your hands! Follow the instruction below to learn the proper way to signal if your Model A doesn't have turn signals added.



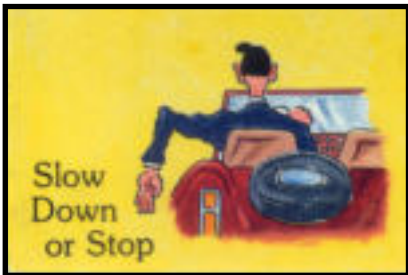
Right turn signal

To signal your intention to turn right, rest your left arm on the window sill and raise your forearm up so it forms a 90-degree angle with your arm. Keep your left hand open.



Left turn signal

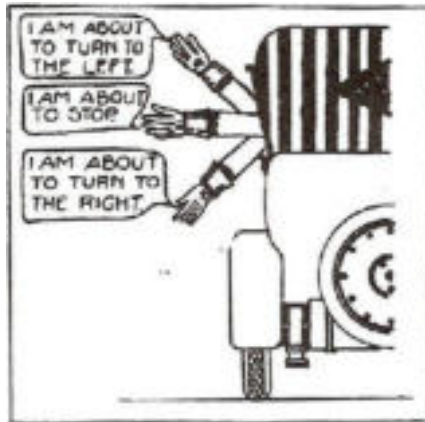
To make a left-turn hand signal, act as if you're physically blocking someone with your arm. Just stick your left arm straight out with your hand extended, palm flattened.



Stop or slow down signal

To let other drivers know that you plan to stop or slow down, stick your left arm out the window, pointing down, with your palm facing the vehicles behind you.

These signals were in many drivers manuals, and promoted across the country. Check out this antique Shell Gas ad and this vintage cartoon.



Interestingly, some countries had additional signals for other actions. This ad is from Australia.

These are the LAW!
SIX hand signals you should always use...

Read every! It is your responsibility — to use these hand signals! Failure to do so in an appropriate case is an offence punishable by fine. Your neglect may also affect your liability in the wake of an accident. Make your intentions clear, early... give the CORRECT HAND SIGNALS... BEFORE you act!

Observe Road Safety Laws FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND FOR OTHERS

Queensland Road Safety Council

Our fun with Betty

Harry Colledge, Chinley, Derbyshire
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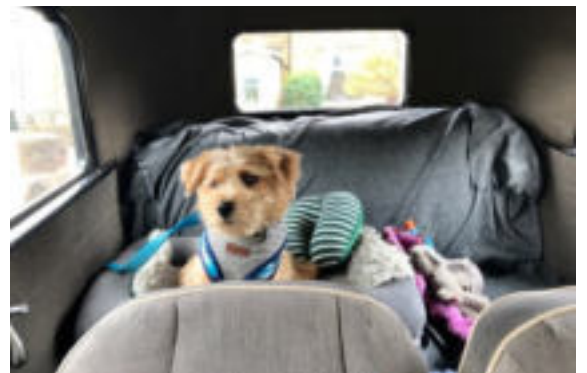
Inspired by the fun we'd had in our 1928 Tudor some years ago, which we'd regrettably had to sell to fund other projects, our family was spurred into surfing the net over Christmas 2017. We came upon a Ford Model A Tudor, built in March 1929. We quickly fell in love with the car that has become known as Betty.



Once enough of the snow had cleared during the very harsh winter of 2018, Betty was transported from Illinois to Chinley, a small village in Derbyshire located in the north of the United Kingdom where she now lives. She needed some mechanical attention and, having imported lots of parts from the US, I have now built her a new engine, clutch, gearbox, steering box, and brakes fitted, making her fit for new adventures.

Betty is loved by the whole family and we've had adventures all around Yorkshire in the north of the UK, with a place for our Norfolk Terrier, Ozzie.

My partner Laura, and my daughters Poppy (14) and Florrie (9). The whole family loves traveling around in Betty and, though it looks worse than it is, as she is built of stern stuff, we've been off-road with her a bit too and competed in a trial before COVID-19 struck earlier in the year!



Since then, things have been a little quiet, but Poppy kindly did a great painting of her for my birthday at the end of May, which holds pride of place in our house!

Through the Generations!

When you grow up loving A's, it passes generation to generation. Here's a few pictures that were shared by Paul Hinen showing **five** generations of Model A'ers. As you can see, his kids grew up with A's. Obviously that passion is being passed to another generation!



Paul's Grandmother with the A. You can see that she is proud of this old car.



Paul with his Dad and their Model A. The story continues!



Paul's son Branden helped work on the restoration way back then.

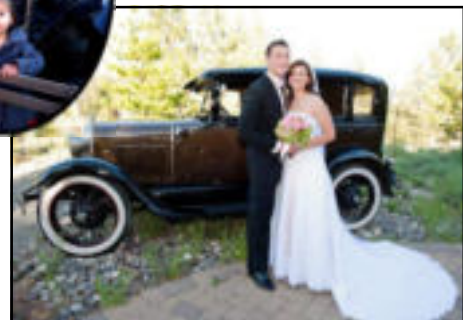
Branden and his wife Tori



A young Angelina Hinen with Grandpa's Model A years ago; She is now married with kids who love their Grandpa's Model A too!

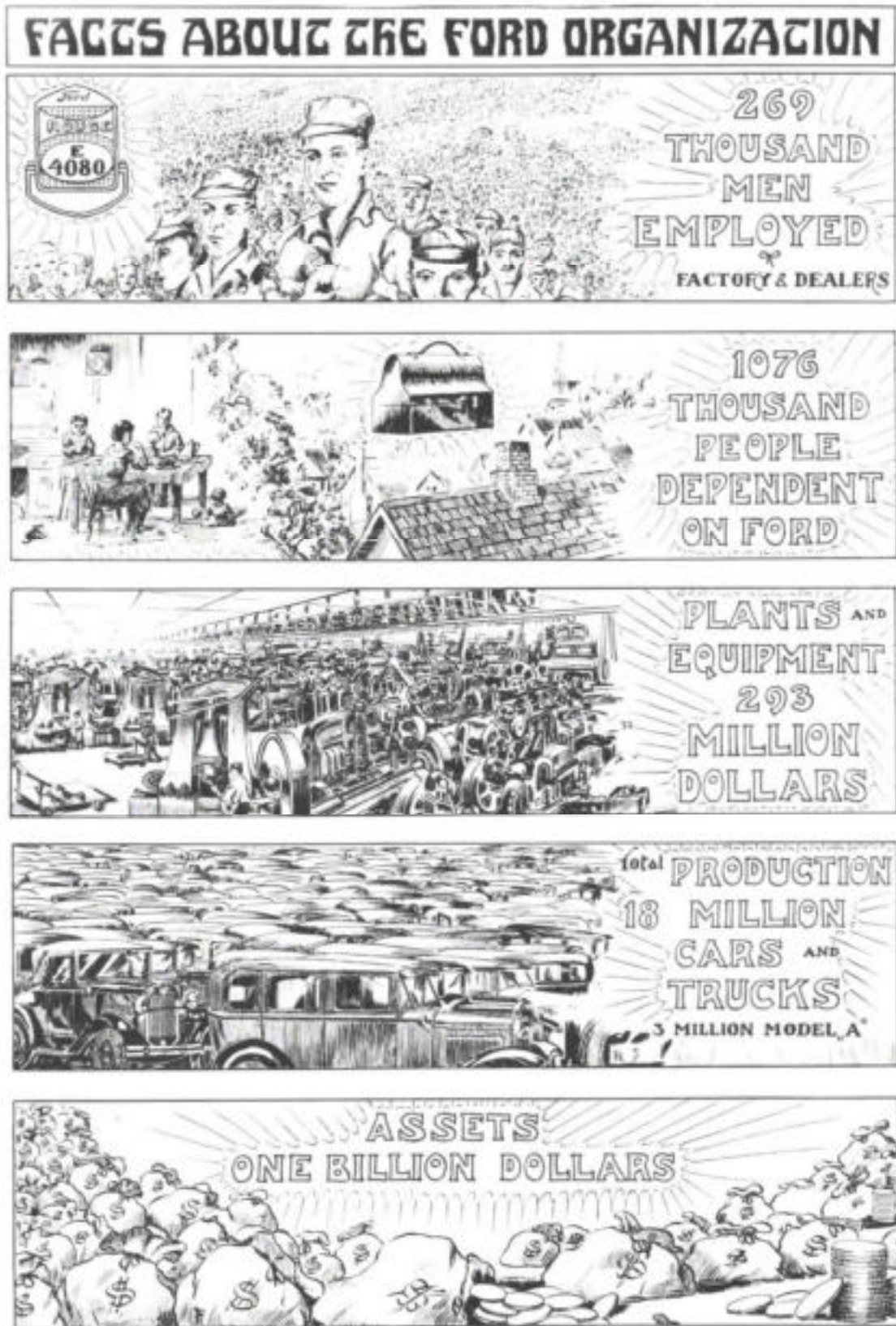


Anthony Hinen as a kid, and on his wedding day with new wife Alix. Then a few years later, a new Model A'er named Evangeline came along.



Paul says that he and his wife are grandparents to 11 grandkids with number 12 on the way. Of course there are more pictures of grandkids with Model A's but unfortunately space is limited. All I can say is there are many, many adventures waiting for those kids in this family of Model A'ers. I hope they keep the love of these cars going for many more generations!

MODEL A ADVERTISING



Henry Ford obviously didn't mind tooting his own horn—Ahooga horn that is! This page is from a Fordex Booklet provided to Ford dealerships in 1930. Still, even by today's standards, it's pretty impressive!

Babbitts and Bearings

What does a Model A roll on? I know, tires are the first thing that comes to mind. But trust me, that's not the only thing that is rolling along in this Ford!

You probably have heard the term "Babbitt bearings" in relationship to a Model A. Babbitt is a term used to describe both the soft metal used in the bearing and the bearing itself. A Babbitt is a thin poured metal lining the inside of an opening to allow it to support a high-speed rotating shaft (lots of those in a motor!) The rotation of the shaft pulls in oil and creates a thin film to keep it all lubricated. When it all works properly, it provides a low friction surface. The less resistance (friction) on a rotating object, the easier it turns. But babbitt bearings are just one type of bearings used in our cars.



Babbitted connecting rod.



Model A's also use ball bearings, tapered roller bearings, and spiral roller bearings.



Ball Bearings—This type of bearings have an inner and outer section that hold a number of round metal balls. When it turns, the balls roll inside so the middle can turn separate from the outside. These are the most basic type of bearings.

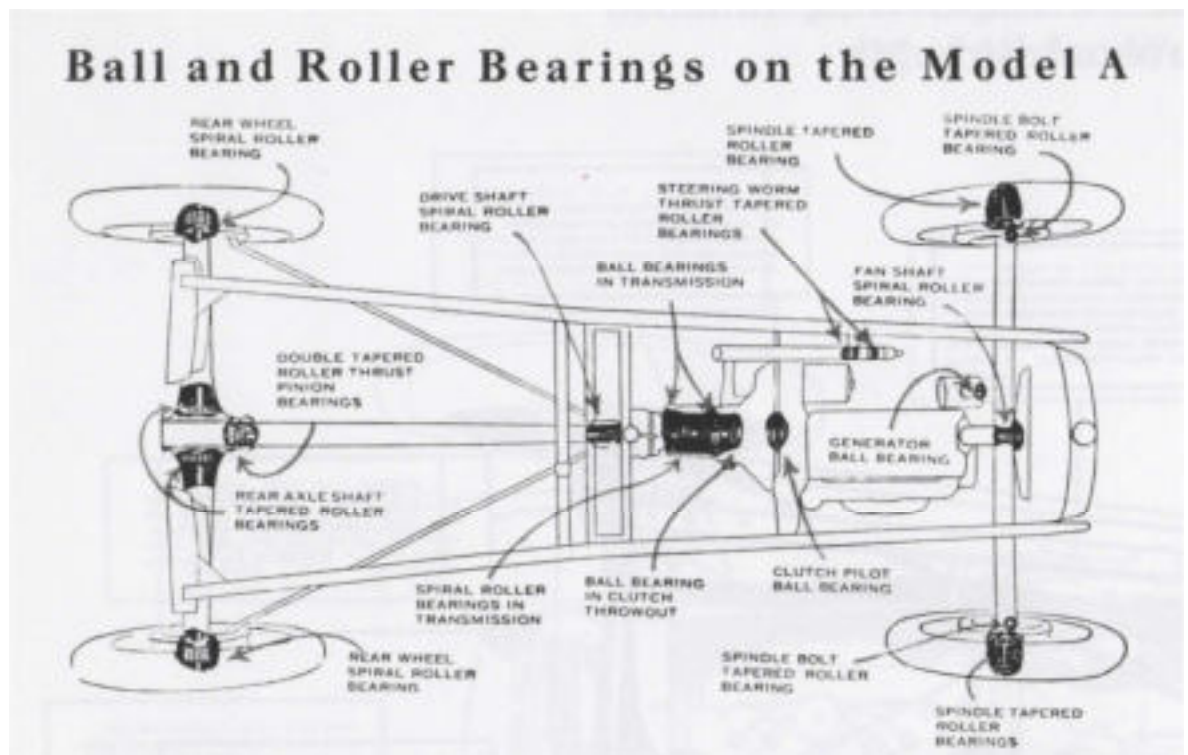


Spiral Roller Bearings—These have a rod instead of a ball as the rolling part. This rod has a spiral groove to help lubrication enter the bearing. The large surface gives these bearings the ability to carry heavier loads.



Taper Roller Bearings—These bearings have rods that are almost cone shaped (no points.) These can handle larger loads that come from more than one direction (example, from down, and to the side.)

As you can see, it takes a lot of bearings for all the spinning parts of a Model A. And it's important to keep all these parts well oiled. So next time you're working on yours, make sure to check the grease and oil on all the necessary places!



Great Gatsby Adventure with a Bear and a Model A



Submitted by Mark Colbeck

During our nation's Shelter in Place orders, our neighborhood started a "Bear Hunt" campaign. People placed Teddy Bears in their front windows for children to find during their walks.

One of our neighbors took this a step further by creating scenes on her front lawn, using her grandchildren's teddy bears, dolls and stuffed animals. She had the bears swimming, skiing, golfing, etc. We offered our 1929 Roadster to her and she created a Great Gatsby adventure on the front lawn. Our grandchildren Katelyn and Aiden are sitting on the running board.

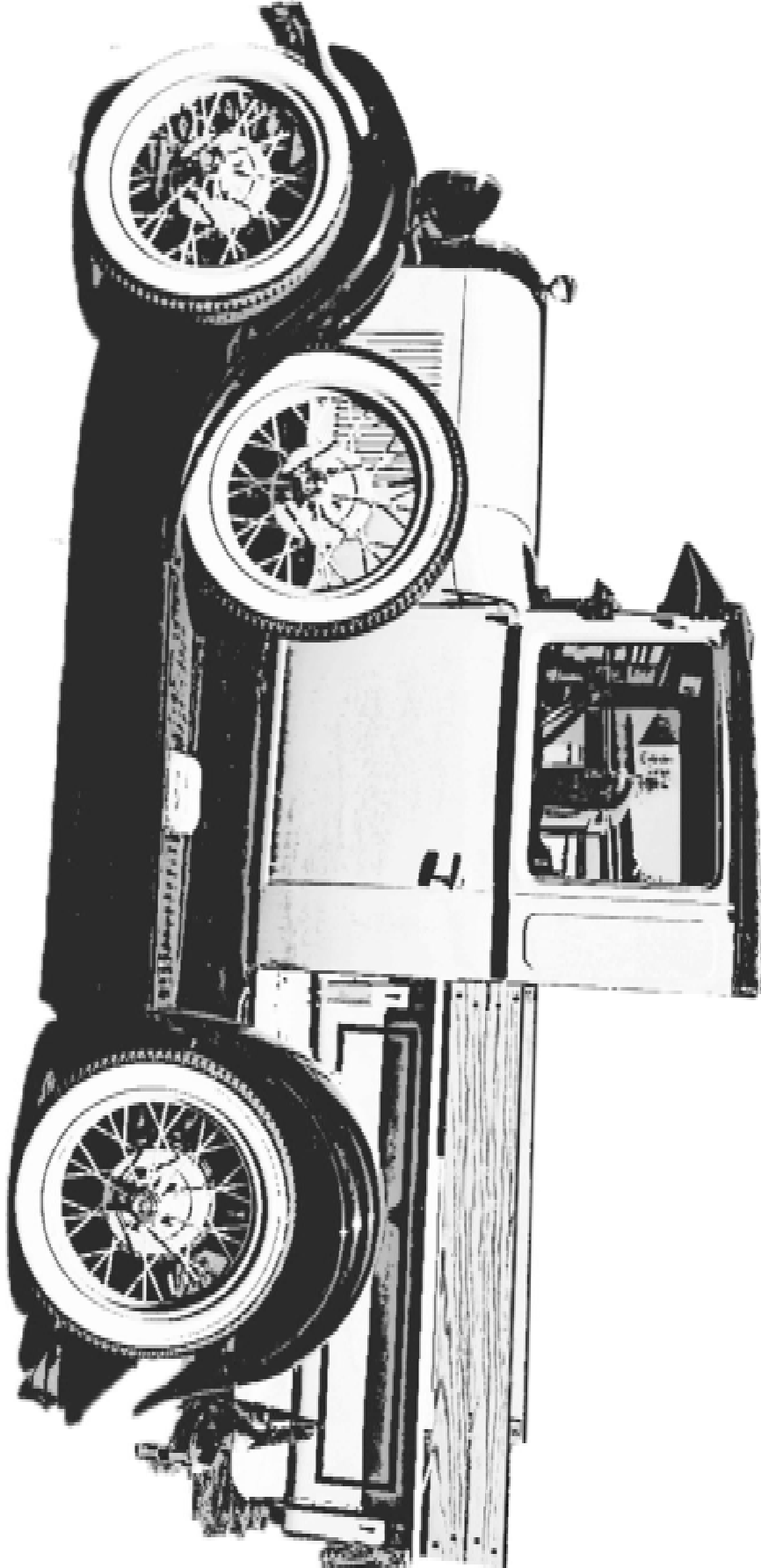
Model A's can always find fun things to do with their cars even during shelter in place orders. Here's another fun picture of just that!



Answers to Six Different Things



Here's a picture of a 1929 Pickup. Many pickups were green but you can make it any color you want! Have fun!





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

Things are looking up around here for Model A'ing! I am still social distancing but I am still able to get out and about with the Old Lady. Our club was able to have a nice tour in June, observing all the virus rules. They took a sack lunch on the drive and then spaced themselves apart in lawn chairs in a park to eat. They had fun visiting back and forth at a safe distance. I hope you have been able to have some Model A fun too! Send pictures!

I am so happy to have some great stories to share submitted by young Model A'ers. It makes such a difference to hear about your adventures and experiences straight from the source! It is wonderful to know that this hobby is being enjoyed by so many families! And I enjoy every story shared with me.

I drove the Old Lady on a "Quarantine Scavenger Tour" this summer. It was great fun as we drove around my home town looking for clues. Since it's such a small town (population 269), we obviously had to do a lot of crisscrossing! The Old Lady was the oldest car taking part in the event. Most people drove their modern cars, but I think they really missed out! My nephew Ethan was my copilot and clue finder. We didn't win the contest, but we still went home as winners from having such a great time. It was so much fun to drive along and "ahooga" at everyone waving at us and our great Model A. They are planning to do it again in July, but I don't know if I will be able to drive the Old Lady as I drove her back to Missouri to be ready for the next club tour. Time will tell! Happy A'ing!



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 is Larry's favorite vegetable?
A) Tomatoes B) Green Beans C) Dandelions
- 2) What did the Jones' need replaced?
A) Their car B) Their Tire C) Their springs.
- 3) Who lives in La Vernia, Texas?
A) Alex Stolis B) Ethan Edwards C) Cash Garcia
- 4) Which Model A is FDR not shown with ?
A) Roadster B) Phaeton C) Coupe
- 5) How old is Grant Jensen?
A) 12 B) 14 C) 16
- 6) What type of "A" is Ben Stone restoring?
A) Fordor B) Tudor C) Roadster
- 7) What signals a left turn?
A) Arm bent down
B) Arm pointing up
C) Arm straight out
- 8) How many generations have the Hinen family loved A's?
A) Five B) Four C) Three
- 9) Babbitt bearings are made of what?
A) Plastic B) Metal C) Leather
- 10) Which Model A was used in the Bear Hunt?
A) Coupe B) Tudor C) Roadster



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