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CRYING WOLF

The seven Sitzman boys lived on a small Nebraska Farm. Not only were there the seven boys, there were also five of their sisters! As you can imagine, with this many kids, they had a lot of adventures. Most of these involved their Model A pickup.

Sometimes, the Aunts and Uncles from the city would come out to visit the family and of course that included all the cousins too. This story is all about cousin Phil and his adventure (of sorts) in the Model A.

Phil liked to ride along with Larry whenever Larry would go into town. Now Phil, being what the Sitzman boys called a "City Slicker", was always trying to impress his country cousins on how much more sophisticated he was. One of the ways he did this was by keeping the Model A door slightly open and riding with one foot out on the running board. Phil told them that this was how he did it in the city, so he could jump out easily if he saw someone he needed to talk to.

Now the boys knew he was telling stories, because they had heard their Uncle talk about how he had sold his car to save money because a street car went close by their house. But they were too polite to point this out to Phil.

Larry told Phil that even if that's how he did it in the city, it wasn't safe in the country. He made a point of telling him that in the country, he'd be lucky if wolves didn't come along and bite his leg off that way.



Of course, Phil didn't believe him, and insisted that it was perfectly safe. But what he didn't know is that Larry had a trick up his sleeve.

It seems that just a few miles away, there was a farm on the other side of a big hill. This farmer had some big German Shepherd dogs. These dogs loved to chase cars. When they heard one coming up the hill, they would cut through the trees behind the farm and come out on the road

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One night, just as it was starting to get dark, Larry casually asked Phil if he wanted to take a ride with him. When Phil said "sure", Larry winked at his brothers to let them know that they might want to come along too. All of them jumped in the back of the Model A so they could be in on the fun.

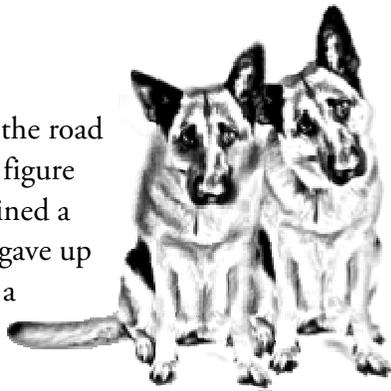
So, with all the boys laughing in the back, Phil with his foot on the running board, and Larry driving, they all set off. Larry timed it just right so they approached that big hill just as it was really starting to get dark. The Model A started climbing, and Larry made sure to roar the motor just a little while shifting to be sure the dogs wouldn't miss it.

Sure enough, three big dogs came tearing through the woods. Larry threw his arm out and yelled "Wolf!!!" and pointed at the animals!

Well, let me tell you, Phil went 10 shades of white, let out a scream, and tried to climb out the truck going through Larry's window. Larry just about wrecked that Model A right then and there, between Phil trying to go between the steering wheel and him, combined with laughing so hard he couldn't see the road anyhow! And of course, the six other boys in the back were roaring so loud, Phil thought they were being eaten!

It was quite a few minutes before they finally calmed Phil down and convinced him he wasn't about to get eaten.

The dogs just sat down in the road behind the truck trying to figure out why it stopped and ruined a good game. They finally gave up and went back home after a few minutes.



Phil was really red faced for a while, but he finally admitted that they had got him good. But he never did ride with his foot on the running board ever again.



It is with a sad heart that I inform you that Archie Cress, former co-editor of A-World passed away in December 2010. Archie truly enjoyed sharing his love of the Model A hobby thru A-World and he will be missed.



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KIDS AND THEIR CARS!



Jennifer Steenstry enjoys spending time in the rumble seat of her friend's Roadster, as well as riding in her own Tudor. Here, she is riding in Roadster's rumble seat, in the Weston Applefest Parade in Weston Missouri October of 2010.



Nathan Goethe in the blue cap, Trevor Goethe in the brown hat, and Grady Hausman in the black cap all love riding in their grandpa and grandma's coupe! Here they are getting ready to have fun throwing candy to the kids watching the Southside parade September 2010 in St. Joseph Missouri.

Got a picture of you and a Model A?

Send it in and share how much fun you are having with everyone!

THOSE OTHER OLD CARS

Hopefully we will have this popular column back in our next issue! As a new editor I'm still tracking down all the great contributors that have made this newsletter such a success!



A 1929 VALENTINE POSTCARD

Kids sent valentines in those days too. Look at this radio. You had to use headphones to listen because speakers cost extra.



FORD FACTS

Did you know that Henry Ford not only made cars, he also had a go at building airplanes!

The Ford Tri-Motor was nicknamed “The Tin Goose” and had three engines. Almost 200 were built before they stopped making them.

The first three of these new planes were built with an open cockpit because most pilots at that time thought you had be able to feel the wind to be able to fly correctly. ,

The Tri-Motors were used all over the world. . They were flown by pilots such as Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart, and ridden in by famous people like President Franklin Roosevelt. Admiral Byrd made the first flight over the south pole in a Ford Tri-Motor plane.



The Tri-Motors even had their own airline. It went from New York to Los Angeles and took 48 hours. Now it takes about 4 1/2 hours.

The passengers had to use a train from New York to Ohio, then get on the plane to Kansas, take another train to New Mexico, and then board another Tri-Motor for the rest of the trip to California. What a trip!

Today, just a few of these planes are still able to fly. Some Aircraft Museums fly them on tours across the country. If you are lucky maybe you will get the



Here is picture of a Tri-Motor when it flew into Saint Joseph Missouri in August of this year. These planes were made around the same time as our Model A's.



This is the inside of the cockpit. See all those dials and switches! Do you see any resemblance to the inside of a Model A? Except for the two steering wheels and all the extra gauges, I mean! Nope, me neither, but I just though I would ask!



The Tin Goose had a crew of 3 and could hold 8 passengers. It doesn't look like today's planes, does it!

WORD SEARCH!

Can you find the Model A based words in the scramble below?

Good Luck!

Answers on Page 8 but don't peek!

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AHOOGA

CRANK

MANIFOLD

CABRIOLET

FORD

MOTOMETER

CARBURETOR

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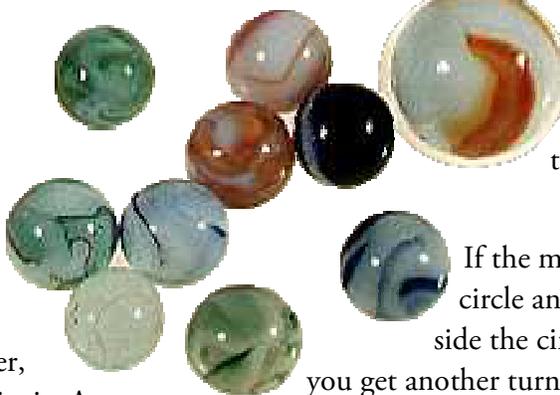
GRANDPA'S GAMES



Glass marbles were found in every dime store during the twenties and thirties. You could buy a bag of marbles for very little money. If you had no money for the fancy glass marbles, you could often get even cheaper ones made out of stone, pottery or clay.

Marbles could be played alone or with several other kids with only some marbles and a circle scratched or drawn in the dirt, or on the floor. It could be drawn with chalk or charcoal if you had a hard surface to play on.

A large marble was used as a “shooter” to try and knock smaller marbles out of the circle. These large marbles were often called by funny names, such as boulder, masher, popper, shooter, taw, bumbo, crock, bumboozer, bowler, tonk, tronk, godfather, tom bowler, giant or Biggie. A marble smaller than most was called a peewee.



Take your turn when the time comes by shooting your marble from outside the ring at any marble or marbles inside the ring

If the marble you hit goes out of the circle and the shooter marble stays inside the circle, you keep that marble and you get another turn. You must start your shooter from wherever it stopped in the circle.

Here are some basic rules to help you play the game: .

Draw a circle 2 to 3 feet wide or use a large piece of string to make the circle.

Decide if it's Keepsies or Fairsies. In Keepsies, one gets to keep all of the marbles he shoots out of the circle and in Fairsies everyone gets their own marbles back at the end of the game.

Each player puts the same amount of marbles inside the circle, spread out randomly.

Select your shooter. Your shooter should be larger than the other marbles. Shoot by kneeling on the ground and flicking your marble out of your fist with your thumb. This is called “knuckling”.

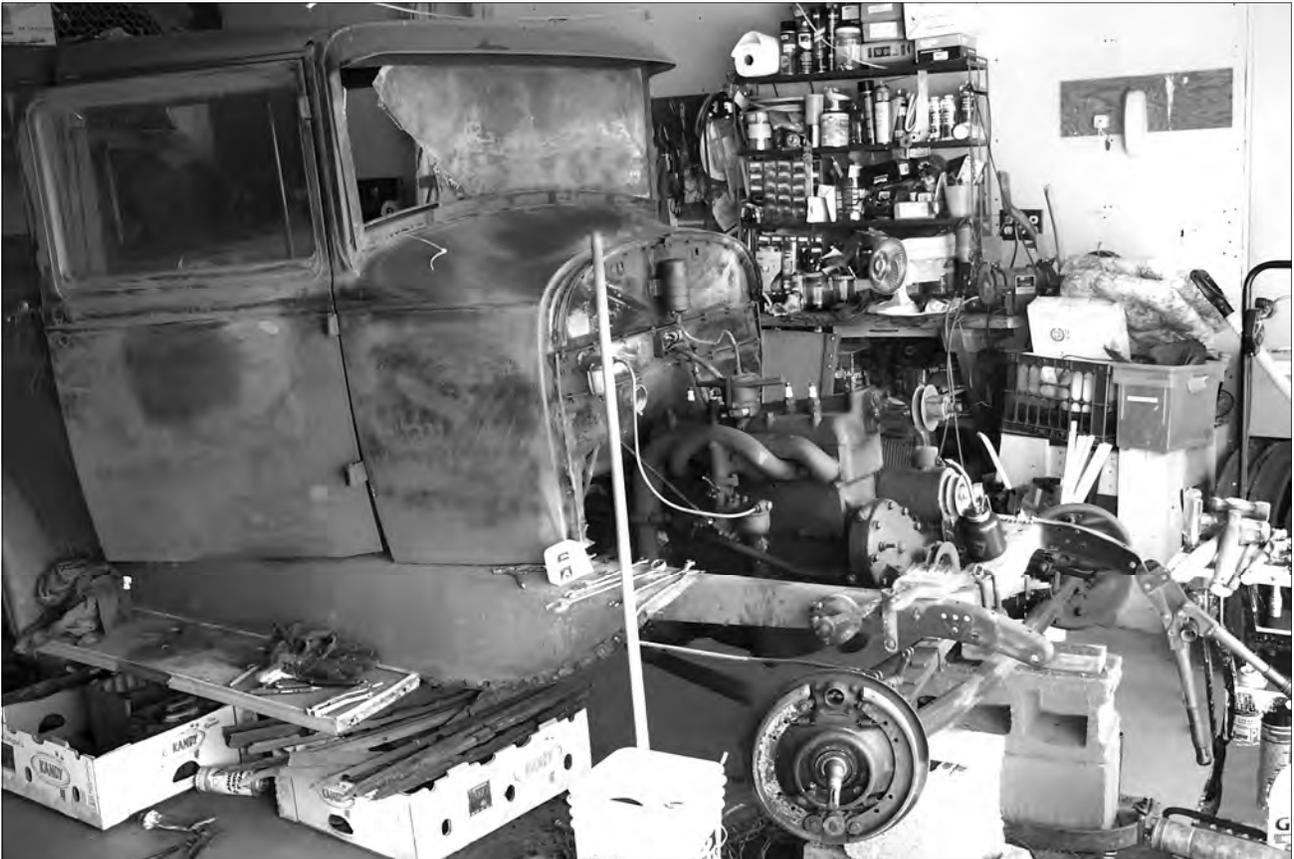
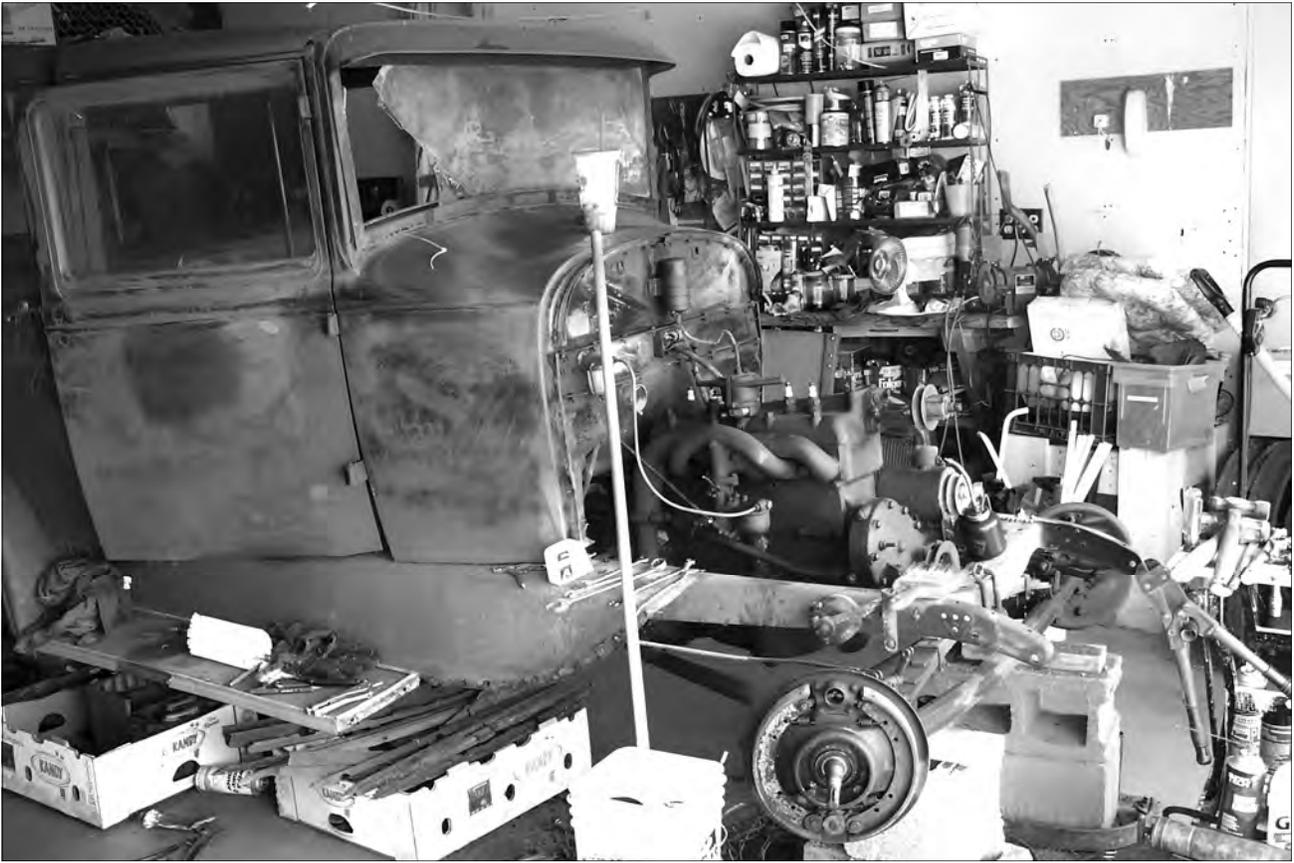
Your turn ends when you don't hit any marbles, or you hit one but it stays in the circle, or your shooter goes out of the circle.

Continue taking turns until all the marbles are gone. The winner is the player with the most marbles.

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

Wow, what a messy shop! But we cleaned up 6 things. See if you can find them all.

The answers are on page 8, but don't peek!

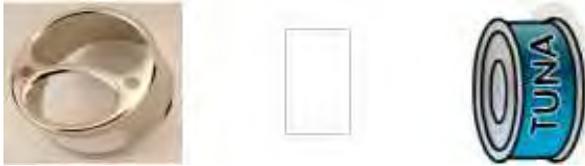


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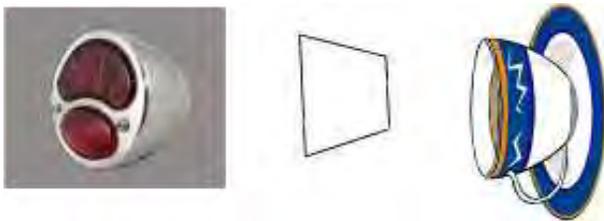
Tuna can or Teacup?

Did you know you can help tell the year of a Model A from the shape of the taillight? It's true!

If it's a 1928 "A", the taillight is shaped like a tuna can on its side. This is called a "drum" tail light.

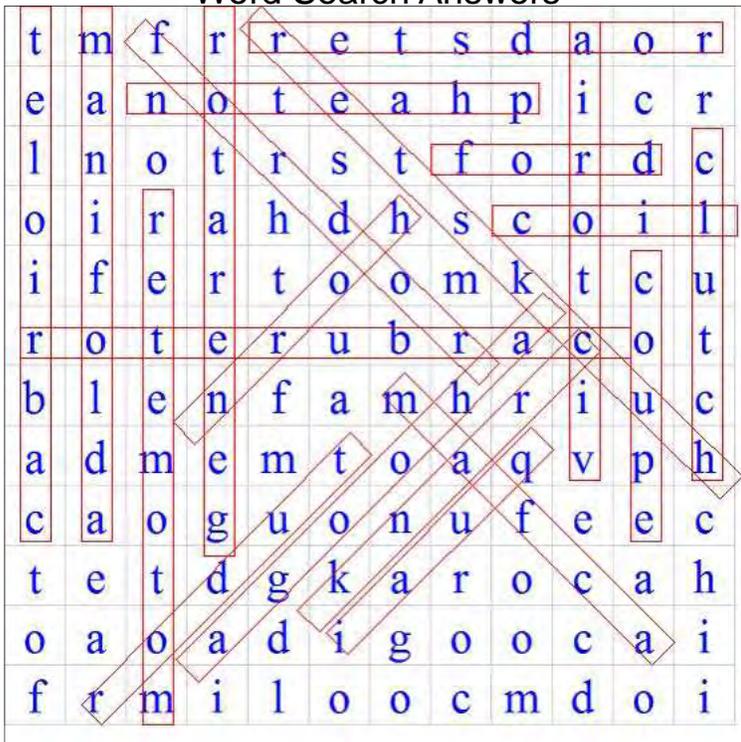


If it's a 1929 or newer, the tail light should be shaped more like a leaned over teacup. This is usually listed as a "Duolamp" taillight.



Go check it out. Look at the rear of your nearest Model A. You'll amaze your Model A friends with your new found knowledge!

Word Search Answers



AUTOMOBILE SAFETY

Since we are already talking about tail lights, let's continue! Did you know the Model A originally only had ONE tail light? It was on the driver's side. Actually, most cars from the early years only had one tail light. I guess that this was still more light than most buggies and wagons used at the time.

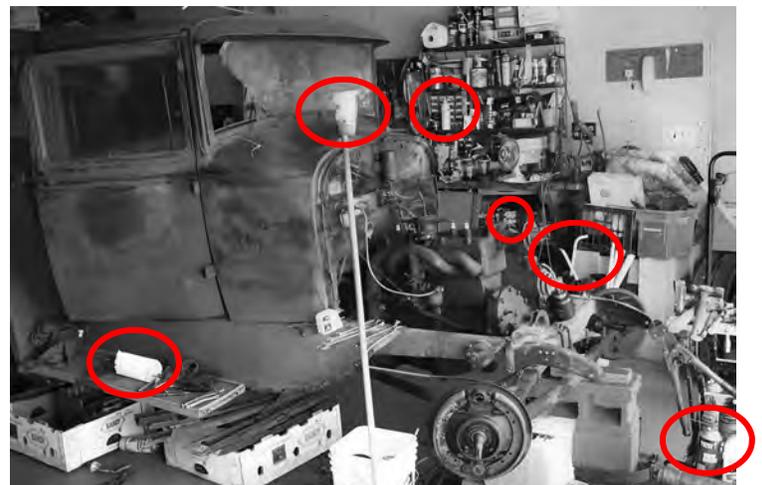
Turn signals had not been invented yet. So perhaps one light was enough. Today most Model A owners have added a second light on the passenger side.



It makes our cars much more visible from behind and when the brake lights flash. Many Model A owners have also added turn signals to the car. Putting them inside the tail light keeps the car looking more original, but some drivers buy a new LED kit with very small lights that fit in the bumpers, and still don't show much. Either way, when you add the second tail light and the turn signals, the Model A is a little safer in modern traffic.

Six different things:

Did you find them all?



WHAT THEY USED TO WEAR



You weren't really properly dressed without a hat in the Model A days.

These "aviator style" hats were just becoming popular. This was because of Charles Lindbergh. Mr. Lindbergh had just completed the first solo non-stop flight across the Atlantic ocean from the United States to Europe.

Although this would not be hard today, in 1927 it had never been done before. His historic flight took over 33 hours to reach Paris France from Long Island New York.

Mr. Lindbergh was considered a great hero because of this trip. He was given many honors and awards and became quite famous. Just like today, kids liked to dress like their heroes.

Charles Lindbergh later met Henry Ford, the designer and builder of the Model A and they became good friends.

The hats pictured above were sold in a 1928 catalog called "Robert Simpson Eastern Limited".

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Remember, A-World is YOUR newsletter! What would YOU like to see in it?

I'm looking for suggestions, ideas, articles, and pictures to help keep this newsletter fun to read!

If you have ideas, or Model A related things you would like to see published, email them to:

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or mail a letter to:

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I'm looking forward to all your wonderful ideas!



JOKE PAGE:

Hopefully we will have this popular column back in our next issue! As a new editor I'm still tracking down all the great contributors that have made this newsletter such a success!

MODEL A FORD ADVERTISING OF THE 1930 FORDOR SEDAN.

It is fun to see how many different ways the Model A was advertised when it was brand new!

This ad is trying to sell this car to the ladies and to sportsmen. Even though you can't see her face, it's definitely a woman driving this car!. And she is picking up two more girls to go with her. That shows that this car could hold at least 4 people.

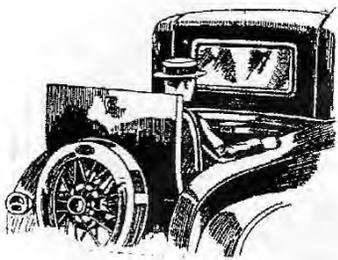
If you look at the scenery, there are mountains in the background, and pine trees up front. This must be a camping lodge in the mountains where everyone is on vacation. It appears that because of the Model A, everybody is going to have a good time!

It's fun to imagine what each of these people are doing on vacation.



See the two gentlemen in front of the car? One is carrying an ice axe, and the other one has a coil of rope over his shoulder. They are obviously planning on going mountain climbing!

The first girl coming down the stairs is wearing riding pants called jodhpurs and also a cowboy hat. She must be planning on doing some western style horse back riding. But the girl in the yellow sweater doesn't look like she plans on doing anything but watching! Did you realize that girls in the 1930's were just as into sports as we are today? Looks like everyone is having fun!



RUMBLE SEAT

Sherry wink

Since this is my issue as the new A-World editor, I thought it be nice to introduce myself.

As you have read, my name is Sherry Winkinhofer. My husband's name is Ken. But many of his friends just call him Wink, so they call me Mrs. Wink!

I have one daughter, Elizabeth who is a High School Senior this year. We will miss her when she goes to college. We also have three cats in our household, one for each of us. It works out quite well, with each lap filled.

I have co-owned our Model A Ford for four years now. Until we bought this car, I had no idea what a Model A was, but ask me now!

Some people name their car, but we just call ours "The Old Lady". Because, you know, she is over 80 years old now. "The Old Lady" is a 1929 Tudor in a green color scheme, with straw colored wheels (that's a yellow color). We drive her a lot, summer and winter. She has taken us on many an adventure in the few years we have had her and she has helped us make a lot of friends!

You might ask what I know about kids, since I'm now writing a newsletter for you. Well, I have eleven brothers and sisters, including 2 younger sisters and SEVEN little brothers! And most of them love old cars too! I'm also a proud Aunt to 14 nieces and nephews! So I'm comfortable around the younger bunch and I hope I can make you feel the same way about me!

I plan to have a lot of fun in the future with the A-World, and hope you do too!

Is there anyone who would like to start receiving the A-World by email? If so, just let me know and send me your email address. One advantage to this is that you will receive it in color!



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 our family or friends, make sure you do not write in 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) How many passengers could fit into the Tin Goose?
A) Ten B) Twenty C) Eight
- 2) What year Model A would you find a "Tuna Can" Tail light on?
A) 1928 B) 1929 C) 1930 D) 1931
- 3) What parade was Jennifer Steenstry riding in?
A) Applefest B) Christmas D) Easter
- 4) What is the boy in the Valentine card listening to?
A) TV B) iPod C) Radio
- 5) How many tail lights were originally on a Model A?
A) None B) Two C) One
- 6) How long did the Tri-motor take to get from New York to Los Angeles?
A) One Day B) Two Days C) Three Days
- 7) Charles Lindbergh took how long to make his Famous flight?
A) 24 hours B) 33 hours C) 48 Hours
- 8) A shooter marble is _____ than the other marbles.
A) smaller B) Larger C) the same size
- 9) The Sitzman boys live in what state?
A) New York B) Nevada C) Nebraska
- 10) A "teacup" tail light is also known as a _____ tail light? _
A) Duolamp B) Drum C) China

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

Answers:



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