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HALLOWEEN FUN

BY SHERRY WINK

This year, Halloween was going to be a little different for the Sitzman family. Normally the town had a party in the ZCBJ hall, but some plumbing issues had caused it to be canceled. So Dad Sitzman volunteered the Sitzman barn as a location for the festivities!

The Sitzman kids had been in full cleaning mode every since. Mom Sitzman was determined that if the party was at their place, everything had to be perfect. So the main room in the barn was being swept and scrubbed and dusted from top to bottom. The boys had all been sent up in the loft with brooms and swept up such a cloud of dust that Mom Sitzman let every body take a milk and cookies break in the yard while they waited for it to settle down.

Once the barn was cleaned to Mom Sitzman's satisfaction, the fun began. It was time to decorate! Dad Sitzman had brought in a whole Model A pickup load of cornstalks from the fields. They set a stack around each floor beam and tied them with baling twine. Then they set pumpkins from Grandma Roberts' garden around the bottom. The night of the party, they would also add vases of wildflowers and mums from all the town's gardens.

Dad Sitzman made benches to circle the room out of rough sawn planks sitting on sawed off tree trunks. Grandma Roberts supervised the older boys bringing in table tops made out of barn doors temporarily taken off their hinges and put across large saw horses. They covered these

with bedsheets for tablecloths. By the night of the party, they would be covered with vases of flowers and platters of yummy food. There would be plates of fresh made doughnuts, and of course pumpkin pie. Carmel covered apples and popcorn balls were also favorites. And don't forget



heaps of cookies and plenty of apple cider and hot cocoa to drink.



When the main setup was done, the kids were left to their own devices. Since Halloween was a favorite in the family, the kids has received permission to set up a few Halloween pranks in the different rooms in the barn that weren't needed for the main party. And boy did they have lots of ideas on what to do!

The girls immediately started hanging bedsheets to look like ghosts and stuffing clothes full of straw to make eerily alive looking scarecrows to sit just inside a door. Add some threads hanging down to feel like spider webs when you walked inside, and it was sure to be a lot of fun to bring friends to walk inside.



The boys thought this was fun, but girly stuff. They had bigger better things in mind! Richard and Robert immediately started working on a system that allowed them to speak into a tube in one corner, but the sound came out hollow and eerie in the next room. By

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hiding in the corner with the tube, you could hear the people in the next room so you could respond to anything they said without them realizing it was you. They were giggling to themselves over who all they planned to spook!

Larry had been planning this event for a long time and had all his items in a row. His big invention was a noise maker that made a loud explosion-like noise when you opened the door to the back tack room. It was fairly simple, with a weight roped across to the door that when the door opened, slammed down on a big piece of tin siding. The resulting noise was amazing.

To test his noise maker, Larry decided that Grandma Roberts would be the perfect guinea pig. And he wanted to make sure all the other brothers and sisters appreciated his genius so he alerted them all that the game was on. Then he went and asked Grandma Roberts to please come look at what he had found in the back room. All the kids had a hard time keeping the smiles off their faces and not showing something was up.

Grandma Roberts grumbled at Larry about being interrupted but went off to see what all the fuss was about. With the kids all gathered about, trying to look like they weren't all up to something (but not doing a good job) Grandma stepped over to the door and opened it. CRASH-BANG-KABOOM!!! The noise was so loud the walls vibrated. And the kids started to all laugh when suddenly, it wasn't funny anymore! Grandma Roberts grabbed her heart, and fell to the floor flat on her back and lay silent!!

Well, let me tell you, the Sitzman kids were all stunned for a second and then the youngest started to cry while the oldest stared at each other in horror. Then Suzanne looked at Larry and cried out "You've killed Grandma!!!" Larry was white as ghost but bravely leaned over to Grandma to see if she was still breathing. Just as he reached out a hand to touch her, her eyes popped open, and she yelled "Gottcha!!" and started laughing as she sat up. Poor Larry just about fell over himself, he was so shocked and surprised. Everybody just started laughing too, including Mom and Dad Sitzman who had ran over when the crying started.

It took a few minutes to assure the littlest kids that Grandma really was alright. And it took even longer for Larry to get the color back in his face because for just a second there he really had thought he'd killed his much loved Grandma.

What all the kids had forgotten was just how much Grandma loved Halloween and loved jokes too! Just because she was old didn't mean she didn't like to have fun. But she felt bad for scaring Larry quite as bad as she had. She made it up to him by feeding him cookies and cider until he felt more like himself again. And then assured him that his noise making door really was a great trick.



That night, the party was a great success. There were all the usual

games like bobbing for apples and a jack-o-lantern carving contest. The kids all ate treats until they thought they would bust. The punch bowl of spiced apple cider was kept full throughout the night.

After the games, the music started. The fiddles and guitars and banjos and accordions all came out of the Model A's and other cars parked in the yard, and the middle of the floor filled up with young and old dancing to favorite old tunes.

The scarecrows startled quite a few young couples who thought they'd slip away to a dark area to steal a kiss. And Larry's noise maker caught more than a few people off guard when they tried to sneak out the back door for whatever reasons. Dad Sitzman told Larry it was good thing he hadn't put it on the door that led out to the outhouse or some of them wouldn't have thought it so funny.

Everyone had a great time all night long but according to Grandma Roberts, no one had more fun than she did. She spent the whole evening re-telling the story of how she'd turned the tables on the young scalawag who tried to give her a scare!



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KIDS AND THEIR “A”s!



This is Peyton, co-pilot, horn honker and official tootsie roll thrower for the July 4th parade in Wichita Falls, Texas. He is riding in Jim Adams' Model A.

Peyton has been battling Leukemia for several months but was feeling good enough to get out to participate in this event.

Follow and encourage Peyton's progress with his Leukemia journey on Peyton's Power on Facebook. I'm sure he will enjoy any well wishes sent his way!

Emma and Ava (back seat) and Aven in the front passenger seat enjoy riding in Uncle Ryan Surbey's 1929 Phaeton.

Here they are in the Rockin August parade in St Albert Alberta Canada.



Meet Álvaro, Arthur & Guilherme Pereira Lima. They are enjoying Track Day at Piracicaba, São Paulo, Brazil.



Shaynen and Ethan Edwards enjoyed a June ride around the Antique Fairgrounds in Lathrop Missouri riding in their Aunt Sherry's 29 Tudor



Hiromi Takata is a Japanese student visiting Tim Turner's household in Lexington Kentucky for 10 days, while Gaia Parravacini is from Italy spending a full year as an exchange student. Abby Tuner is in the foreground, and loving having two new sisters! All three girls enjoy the Model A!



Benjamin Taylor Myers age 3 loves his 1931 slant windshield, shown here with his Grandfather.



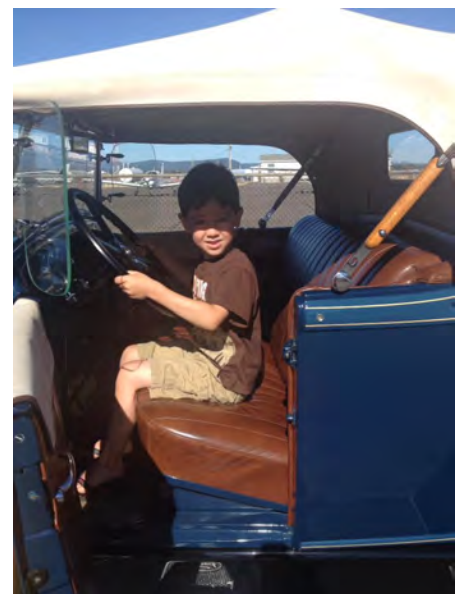
Abigail Lee Myers age 6 enjoying their 1930 roadster. The Myers family lives in Clarksburg West Virginia



Only 350 miles to eclipse. Why not take the model A. Holden and AJ Simmons. Experience of a lifetime.



Clark, grandson of Tom and Barb Jamison won the Grand championship at the Hubley Derby Races at the recent Omaha Regional.



DeKalb, Missouri Summer Parade & photo stop with an unknown admirer.

Halloween in Model A Days



Kids in the 20's and 30's loved to dress up for Halloween too! Here are a few pictures of costumes from back then. I see clowns, witches, fairies and princesses, along with other various fun disguises. Most costumes were home-made, although even then you could buy Ready made outfits. The ones to the right are from a 1929 Sears catalog.



Cartoon fun!



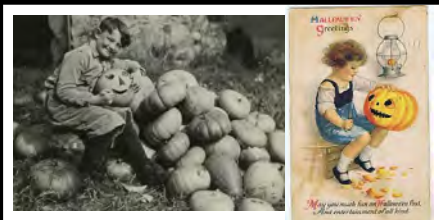
I always thought for Halloween were a modern thing. Not so! Here's a 1929 ad for electric Halloween decorative lights.



This was a cute party game. The paper tongue was stuck through a slit in this card and the person who pulled it out had to say the tongue twister.



There were magazines, books, novelty gifts, and even short cartoons and movies celebrating Halloween.



Jack-O-Lanterns are another thing that kids from Model A days would still recognize at Halloween.

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This Model A is getting ready to go on the rack for a few repairs, but a few things in the top photo seemed to have gotten lost before it got there. Can you find the missing items without looking at the answers?

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



Model A Advertising

Colors That Match the Season's Mode

AMONG the features of the Ford car is the privilege of selecting from a variety of beautiful colors. These colors are rich in tone and are changed at frequent intervals, in keeping with the season's mode. Frequently you will find that one of Fashion's newest shades, or a harmonious blending of it, is available also in the Ford car.

With reasonable care, the smooth, gleaming finish of the Ford car as it comes



fresh from the showrooms may be maintained for a long period. The pyroxylin lacquer is not affected by heat or cold and is easily polished to a shimmering luster. The Rustless Steel used for the radiator shell, hub caps, cowl finish strip and other exterior metal parts is an additional assurance of enduring worth and permanent beauty. Throughout the life of the car it will not scale, tarnish or corrode.



November 1930 Good Housekeeping

THE NEW THREE-WINDOW FORDOR SEDAN

I'm not sure I would buy a car to match Halloween colors, but I guess the headline was a good lead-in to Ford bragging about the many colors you could have on a Model A! The ad states "These colors are rich in tone and are changed at frequent intervals..." You can sure tell this was fall ad, although it's actually from a November 1930 magazine. It must have been released a few weeks early, that would explain the Halloween theme. See the party going on in the upstairs window, and all the jack-o-lanterns decorating the scene? I see a few black cats too!

The Ghost Car

These are the facts as told to me by a friend who I trust. Only the facts.

Sam Jones had a 1929 Model A. He loved that car. On Friday nights, he would go for a drive in the country, whether under starry skies or lightning all around. Hot, cold, warm, wet, he loved being out in his A. Up hills, across bridges, past sleeping cows, owls swooping down, deer dashing across the road.

One night there was an incident. It was an icy night that Friday night. He came over a hill and there in the road was a ghost. A ghost cow. The cow stared at him. Sam Adams hit the brakes. He swerved. His car went into a spin, round and round and round! Right toward the ghost cow! His car spun right through the cow, and right into a fence.



Sam climbed out of his car, which was wrecked. He sat down. He felt a bit dizzy and confused. He looked around.

The cow no longer looked like a ghost, even though it still was. It came over to him and gazed at him, like cows usually do, chewing her cud. “Mooooo,” the cow said.

Sam reached up to pet her. His hand passed right through the cow’s head. He realized that he himself had become a ghost. The accident had been a bad one. Much too bad for Sam.

Fortunately, Sam the ghost, had a cow to talk to. He and the cow walked down the road, looking for other ghosts. However, when they heard a car they went off to the side of the road where they would not be seen. They just wanted ghosts to see who were already ghosts. “Mooo,” said the ghost cow as it ambled next to Sam. Somehow Sam understood.

Other cows stood in the moonlit fields watching them go by. Apparently cows can see ghosts. I suppose you don’t know that because I suppose you don’t often talk to cows. But it’s a fact. Told to me by a reliable source.

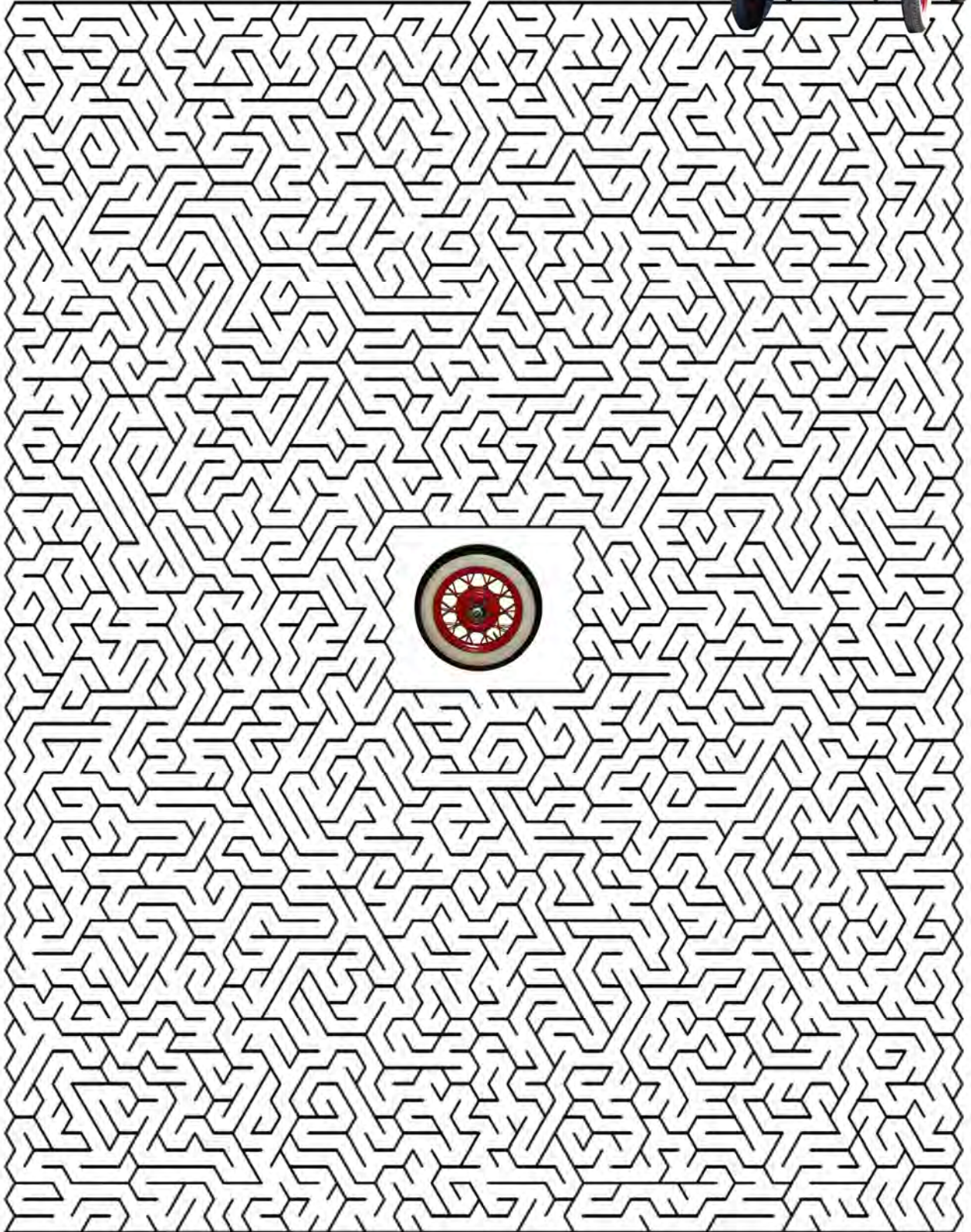
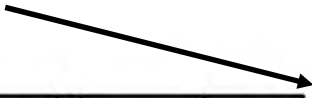
If you want to make sure of these facts, go ask Sam Adams. You can find him walking down the road near Table Rock, Nebraska on many a Friday night when the roads are covered with ice. Drive careful if you go looking, though. You don’t want to wreck your Model A. Just go slow.

If you see Sam Adams and his ghost cow friend, go slower and maybe you can ask a few questions as you pass by. Think of a question to ask that makes sense. I wouldn’t ask about ghost chickens. That might sound kind of stupid. Of course this story is titled the Ghost Car so you may want to ask him about whether there are ghost Model As. Or you can just look behind you. There may be one trying to sneak up on you trying to scare you.

Anyway, I will pass on any other factual stories that I might hear about that may be out on the country roads near Table Rock. You might want to jump in your Model A and find your way up there to see for yourself. If I were you, I would stop and get a Sitzman to go with me. I don’t know what good that would do you, but it sometimes feels better to have someone with you when things go wrong. Not that they will. Let me know if you make it back.

John's Model A Fordor is all polished up and ready for a road trip. All he needs now is his new spare tire.

Can you help John find his way to the middle of the maze to pickup his spare? Here's a hint—start here!



What Year is it?!

Can you tell what year a Model A is by just looking at it? Now let's look at more detailed differences between a 28 and 29 or a 30 and 31. It's not too hard if you know what to look for! But always realize that some parts overlapped years. An early 29 could still have 28 tail lights for instance. So these are just clues to help you close in on the date of the Model A but not foolproof! If you want to know more, go to mafca.com/whatyear.html# and read the great article by Rick Black where I found helpful information and pictures for this article!

The 30-31's radiators are tall and narrow, with the bottom section painted. On a 1930 the top is metal. The 1931 has a painted top section.



1928 tail lights were drum shaped. 1929 tail lights were rounded, more like a teacup shape.



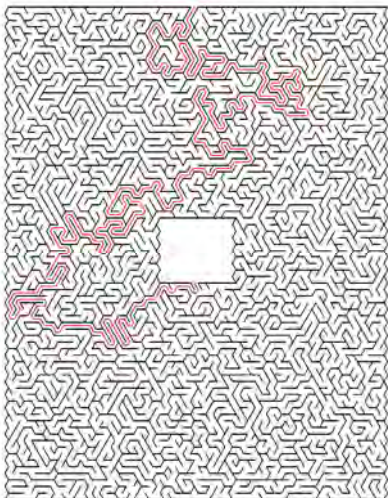
It's harder to tell a 30 from a 31 by the body but one clue is the splash apron above the running board. 1930 cars used a two piece apron so there is a seam there. 1931 cars had a one piece apron bolted to the running board.



1928 steering wheels were red. Beginning in 1929, all steering wheels were black.



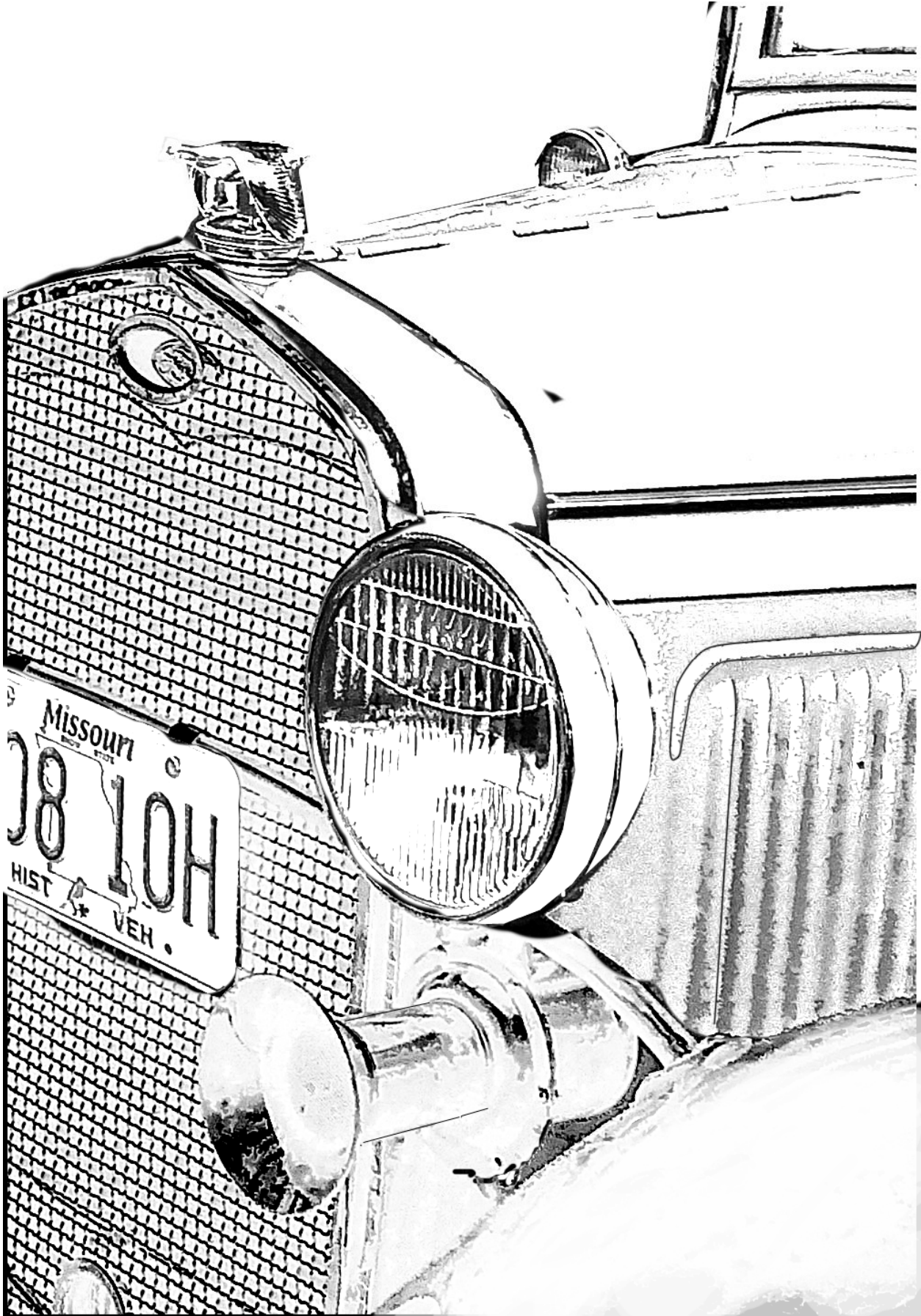
Puzzle Answers



Six different things: Did you find them all?



This is a picture that includes some fun parts of a Model A such as the quail and the horn . Paint it any color you want! . Have fun!



Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink



First, I have to apologize for being so late getting this issue out! I'm in the middle of moving from a place I've lived 25 years, so it's been quite a project. But I've almost emptied the barn now, so the end is in sight.

Of course, I don't have a new place picked out yet, so for the next month or so, I'll be staying in my home town in Table Rock Nebraska. I have most of my stuff here now, but the last and most important thing I have to do is drive the Old Lady up to her winter lodgings. She'll be staying in the country in one of my brother's barns. But she won't be too lonely, my brother also parks his 46 Chevy coupe in the same place. She did request some mouse repellent (just in case, you know!). But she will be snug as a bug in a rug until touring season comes around next spring.

Ah, but she won't be getting tucked in until the fall driving season is over. My club has some really fun events still planned, like parades and car games. I hope you are all still having fun in your A's too. Send me some pictures, I'd love to see them and to share them with everyone here in A-World!



The Old Lady playing car games at the National in Loveland Colorado in 2016. Our club is having Car Games in October here in Missouri. Does your club ever do this? What's your favorite?



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 Grandma Robert have in her garden?
 - A) Apples B) Pumpkins C) Turnips
- 2) Peyton is the official Tootsie Roll Thrower in the Fourth of July Parade in what city?
 - A) Wichita KS B) Wichita Falls TX C) New York NY
- 3) Kids from which country is mentioned in this edition's "Kids and their "A's"
 - A) Italy B) Japan C) Brazil D) Canada E) All of these!
- 4) What's on top of the Barn in the cartoon on page 5?
 - A) Model A B) Buggy C) Tractor
- 5) Which gas company is on the pumps in the 6 Different Things picture?
 - A) Skelly B) Conoco C) Phillips 66.
- 6) How many black cats are in the Model A ad on page 7?
 - A) 4 B) 3 C) 5
- 7) What is Sam's Ghost friend?
 - A) a horse B) a dog C) a cow
- 8) What year Model A has drum shaped tail lights?
 - A) 1928) 1929 C) 1930 D) 1931
- 9) What year did all Model A steering wheels become all black?
 - A) 1931 B) 1930 C) 1929 D) 1928
- 10) How many miles did A. Holden and AJ Simmons travel in a Model A to see the eclipse?
 - A) 200 B) 350 C) 450

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