

EASTER EGG SURPRISE!

BY SHERRY WINK

The Sitzman kids were excited! It was the day before Easter, and were headed to Grandma Roberts' for dinner and an Easter egg hunt. Now you have to remember that in the Midwest, dinner is the noon meal, and supper is the evening meal. So there would be plenty of daylight to hunt eggs!

Usually, the hunt was held at the Sitzman place, but this year was different. Grandma Roberts had a special visitor, her cousin from overseas! Cousin Anna was from Poland and this was her first trip to the United States. She was very excited to see how her American cousins lived, and her trip to Grandma Roberts' farm was full of one exciting discovery after another!

The Sitzman Kids had not yet met Anna, but Mom and Dad Sitzman had. Grandma Roberts had felt it best that Anna eased into meeting such a large family, so she had had Mom and Dad Sitzman over for a quite supper a few days after Anna arrived. Now it was time for her to meet the whole bunch. And what better way to do that then to celebrate the upcoming holiday.



While the Sitzman's normally decorated the eggs the day before Easter, this time Mom Sitzman had them do it Friday after school. She explained that her kitchen would be too busy Saturday morning since she was cooking some of the food for Saturday and

Sunday at the Sitzman home to take with them to Grandma Roberts.

Some of the eggs the Sitzman kids decorated were hard boiled, so they could eat them after they were done hunting them. But they had to hope they didn't run across one left from the previous year's hunt. This had happened to Larry once, and when he went to crack it, and exploded all over him. And as Larry can attest to, a year old egg stinks! Of course the rest of the kids thought it was funny, but nevertheless, they were a little leery of cracking the rest of the eggs that year!

The remainder of the eggs were just empty shells. For

several weeks, every time eggs were served for breakfast, they were scrambled. Mom Sitzman would poke a tiny hole in the top and bottom of the egg, and blow the inside out into a bowl. And the Sitzman's went through a lot of eggs with such a



large family! So there were plenty of egg shells to dye. The strange thing was that Mom Sitzman put several buckets of undyed eggs to one side to take with her to Grandma's house. The Sitzman's kids didn't know why. When they asked, Mom Sitzman just smiled.

Larry packed up the back of the Model A pickup with bushel baskets of eggs, hot pans full of food, and as many kids as he could fit. Mom and Dad Sitzman packed the

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rest of them into the family Fordor and the whole lot headed to Grandma's.

The dinner was wonderful, with fried chicken. Mashed potatoes and gravy, and lots of canned vegetables from Grandma Roberts' storage cave. Of course, Easter dinner would include a ham, with pineapple stuffing, and plenty of other yummy things. And it was a family tradition to have a white cake, with boiled frosting, covered with coconut. The kids could hardly wait.

But of course today, it was time for the egg hunt. Dad and Mom Sitzman had hid the eggs while the Sitzman kids help wash up. They were fascinated with Anna, who despite a strong accent, spoke English very well. She said she learned in school because she knew she wanted to visit America some day. She was as excited as the kids for the hunt to get started!.

One-Two-Three—GO! And the hunt was on. As usually, the big kids were all over the yard, but they knew to leave the easy to find eggs for the younger kids. Then there was a shout of astonishment from Suzanne. It was so loud, everyone stopped to look. And



she held out an amazing egg! It wasn't just dyed one color, it was dyed and painted in amazing designs and colors like the Sitzman kids had never seen before! And it wasn't long before more turned up. One for each kid was found by the end of the hunt.

The Sitzman kids turned to Grandma Roberts for an explanation about these magical eggs. She just laughed and pointed at Anna, who was beaming with delight.

Anna admitted that she had made the eggs earlier in the day, with Grandma's help. It was an old Polish art called Pisanki. The design was drawn on the egg, outlined carefully with wax, and then dyed the lightest color desired. Then more wax and more dye, and this was repeated until you reached the desired effect. Anna admitted that she was considered quite good at this art, and had been practicing so she could share this history with her family in America.

Then Anna told the Sitzman kids the rest of the surprise. She had set up all the equipment need to make the eggs in Grandma Roberts' shed, and there was still time for each kid to try and make their own. This, of course, was why Mom Sitzman had brought all the undyed eggs!

The wax was melted over a candle on a bent spoon. Anna used a potato to hold the spoon over the flame. Then a

brush or a thin feather was dipped in the wax and used to draw the design on the egg. It was lots of fun, although the younger kids eggs ended up big blobby messes. Richard and Robert, and Suzanne ended up with the best eggs, although of course not as good as Anna's! But at the end of the afternoon, even

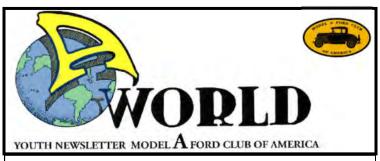


with a few burnt finger from the hot spoons, the Sitzman kids were all happy with their beautiful eggs.

The Sitzman's left to go home for supper, as Grandma Roberts and Anna said they had some special baking to do for the big meal tomorrow. Anna promised babka which is a sweet yeast bread with raisins and lemons, and some chursciki, which were bow-knot cookies, both traditional Polish Easter food. These sounded so good that Larry's stomach growled loudly, reminding Mom Sitzman that it was time to go and feed everyone. Anna pulled some other cookies she and Grandma Roberts had made earlier and gave each kid one with a smile, so they didn't starve on the



way home. And Anna promised to bring all the egg decorating equipment the next so they could all practice on making more Pisanki!



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KIDS AND THEIR "A"s!



Ivy Baemel (9), Willow Baemel (6), and Denver Baemel (5) live in the Chillicothe Ohio area. Their grandfather John Baemel takes them for rides in his 1928 Phaeton which he bought several months ago. They think are lucky because their grandfather bought it specifically to take them for long tours and to expose them to the



Alex Stolis is 6 years old, this is a picture of his dad Jason at 10 years old in the top pic and him in bottom pic with the same car!



Eli and James Boord (13 &10 years old.) They live in Olive Branch Mississippi. This is their family's first Model A! They got it in December 2020 and have been having a great time! They have been spending lots of family time with their dad working on it. James is already talking about is talking about finding a AA that would be HIS project!



Ethan Hebert along with Millie, the family 28 leatherback on a cool Saturday morning in east Texas

MORE KIDS AND THEIR "A"s!



Connor Gish 6 year old and Aliviana Gish 1 year old with their parents and their 1930 Ford Model A Closed Cab Pickup. Taken in southern Arizona.

Photo Credit to: Oh My Gish Photography





Isla Curtis lives in La Jolla, CA and is 1 year old. She dreams of riding in this car and until then, really enjoys jumping around in the rumble seat

Rita Glab is 10 years old, 9 when this picture was taken. She lives in Marshfield Wisconsin. She is working with her dad Robert and his friend Don to restore Don's 1930 Woody Station Wagon.

These pictures are where they were working on the wiring. They put all the wires in the terminal box and mounted the terminal box on the firewall.

Youth Seminar Saturday.

Submitted by Jay McCord

Recently I held a Transmission Seminar for 9 Boys from my church.

We started by using a demo transmission on a stand in my classroom garage. It has the tower removed so they could see the sliding gears. I then talked about how you know how to fix them and showed the trans section of the Les Andrews Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook Vol. I.

We talked about the local club and MAFCA and I offered them a Restorer Magazine. Next, we stood around a running gear and answered questions. They were very interested in how the steering works.

Lastly, at the coupe, I showed them how to start it and go through the gears. The last part was for each of them to get behind the wheel and drive the car through the gears. It was everyone's first lesson on stick shifting. Note: The rear axle was up on stands so no street driving! Everyone had a memorable experience! One boy said. Imagine that. I'm 12 years old and I've driven a Model A.



Asher Fernandez. 17 Colon Fernandez. 16 Aiden McAlister. 16 Colon McAlister. 12 Tyler Miller. 15 Kai Heath. 17 Emmitt Sawyer. 12 Dean Smith. 10 Tyce Smith. 8 (Jay McCord in red hat)

We finished with a hot dog BBQ. It was a fun day. This is how to get the youth involved. What are your ideas?



SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This Model A Tudor is setting next to another beautiful machine, a steam train engine. But the car is older than the engine, which was built in 1944! 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 16 but don't peek too soon!*





Model A Youth Restoration Award Recipient

H RESTOR

Matthew Goodwin is 18 and lives in Prairieville, Louisiana. He is one of the twelve recipients of the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) in 2020. He was also a recipient in 2018.

Mathew is an active member of the Red Stick Model A Club and restoring a 1930 Pickup named "Henry" in honor of Henry, the car's former owner and, of course, Henry Ford. Matthew's brother Conner helps with the truck, and Matthew says that "he has gotten bit by the Model A Ford bug," the same bug that previously bit Matthew.

When Matthew applied for an award from MAYRA in 2018, he said the truck was in pieces when purchased as an unfinished project of a club member. The chassis was done, but the body was not. In 2018, Matthew wrote, "I think that an old truck would be so neat to drive and help a younger generation enjoy them in hopes that they may want to preserve them like I do."





Two years later, when applying for a second award from MAYRA, he has made fantastic progress. Matthew says that "now the bodywork is mostly complete, and we will put some paint on as soon as the weather gets right. This has been such a great learning experience and has given us the time to spend with family, and it has been so fun! Glad I was able to save the Model A. Henry (the car) can stay in the family for a very long time."



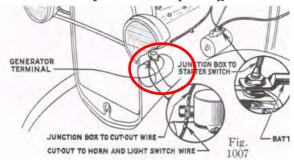


The Cutout

Illustrations and info summarized from ModelABasics.com Check out the website for more in-depth stuff!



What is a "cutout?" It's a switch installed as part of the electrical system on a Model A. The main thing the cutout does is prevent current from flowing back through the generator when the engine is not running. It looks simple from the outside, but the inside is a different picture! There are multiple parts to this important switch! But there are two basic



units that make it work:

The Coils: There are two coils in the cutout. The inner coil is made up of multiple windings of a thin wire around an iron core. It creates a magnetic field to pull the points (explained below) closed when the generator voltage gets to a certain strength. But it's not strong enough to hold tight against the motor vibrations, so that's where the other coil kicks in. Once the points close, the outer coil which is made of heavier wire creates a stronger magnetic field to help the inner coil keep the points firmly shut. With the points closed, current from the generator travels thru the outer coil charging the battery.

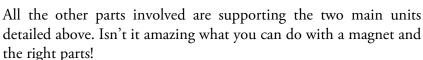


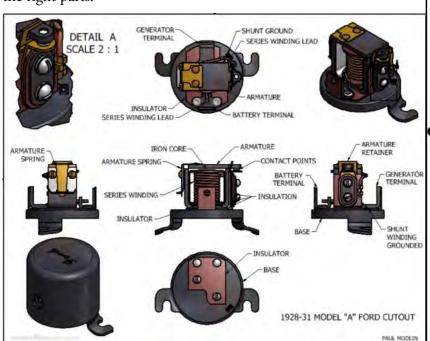
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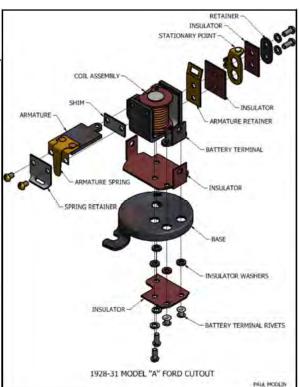
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The Points: The contact points of the cutout act as a switch and are held "Normally Open" by a spring. When the speed of the generator increases, a magnetic field is Armaure created by the coils, pulling down the armature which closes the points. This completes the circuit, allowing current from the generator to flow and charge the battery.

If the generator voltage drops below the battery voltage, the current in the heavy winding reverses, which reverses the magnetic field. This pushes up on the armature, opening the points (breaking the circuit.) This stops the battery from draining.







Grandkids Galore! (And kids, and nephews and nieces too!)

Recently Jay McCord posted a on Facebook asking for pictures of grandkids with Model A's. And boy, did the response flood in! Here are a few of the many wonderful pictures that were shared! Looks like our hobby is in good hands!



Skyler Bree Lynch in Paws Paws' Model A. Skyler is from Suffolk, Virginia.



Owen and Penelope White are from Toronto, Ontario Canada!



Lochlan and Lily enjoy riding in their grandpa's car in Australia!



Logan Griffin, age 7; Olivia Thacker, 7; Calvin Griffin, 5; and Charlie Thacker, 4. They love playing in grandpa's old car!



Twin brothers, Hunter (Left) and Robert Pszybylski (Right). At 11 years old. Now 17, they live in St. James, Long Island New York



Jintel and Rune 5 and 2 years old when this picture was taken 2 years ago. They live in the village of Poortugaal (close to Rotterdam) in the Netherlands.



From left to right, it's Mikey 8 years old, Dylan 2 years old, Cason 5 years old, and Maddox 8 years old. Mikey and Maddox are twins. They live in New Martinsville West Virginia.



Eli Myers in 2015 when his grandfather surprised the family by trailering his Model A from Utah to Florida for a surprise visit before his family was stationed overseas. Eli, his brother Beckett and mom and dad are currently in Germany and will be moving back to Utah in April.

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Korban Turner age 6, from several years ago in the first picture. He lives in Trail British Columbia, Canada. The second picture includes a number of adults, but in the back seat are Aurora and Anna when they were 7 and 8 years old, five years ago.



Corbin Conerly is from Jacksonville Florida!



Nova is 3 1/2 years old and lives in Gold Bar Washington.



Harrison may be only 6, but he is the 4th generation owner of this car in his family!



Jackson and Reagan Minor are 4th generations Model A'ers!

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Andrew ,Brielle ,Hannah live in , live in Connecticut and share their Model A with Bosco and Deogie (the furry ones!)



Avery Ward age 9 behind the wheel 9 and Kyran Bell age 6. More 4 generation A'ers!



Lane Bragg, age 1 1/2 loves his Aunt and Uncle's "A"!



Mary Woodley goes to Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania. Grace Woodley is 9 and she lives in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.



Reilly loves Grandpa's car. She lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.



Joshua Haut is from North Carolina, Garrison Haught is from Texas. Here they are helping work on their grandpa's Model A before going for a ride!



Agostina Camejo is 8 years old and lives in Almirante Brown, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic!



Although Bailey Scarborough Allen is not a kid anymore, you can see the love of Model A's has continued!

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Ivy Baemel (9), Willow Baemel (6), and Denver Baemel (5) live in the Julie Rowley age 4. years old Chillicothe Ohio area.





Loveaya, Sam, and Eric from Selah, Washington.



Aubrey and Summer Purschke live in New York State

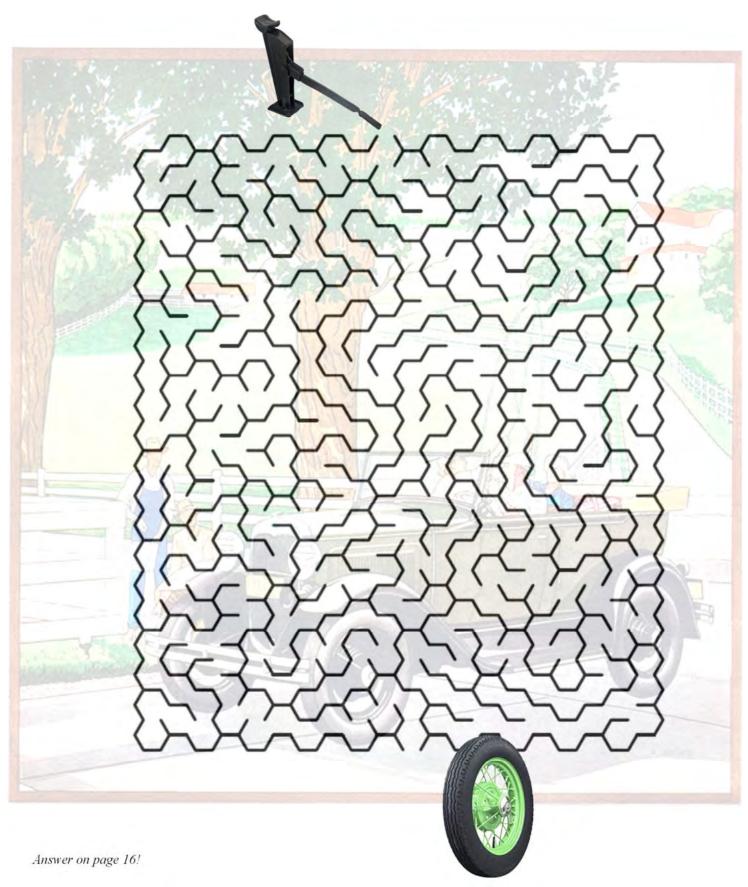


Benji Stevens, age 4 at the time, was helping his grandfather (papa) install a fan on a 1930 CCPU He is now 6 and lives in Boise Idaho.



Kelsey Curtis, age 9, Sulphur Springs, Texas; Garrett Icenhower, age 12, Allen, Texas; Conner Curtis, age 12, Sulphur Springs, Texas (Driver is Heath Icenhower, of Allen, Texas.) And yet another 4th generation family as their families also own their great-grandparents Model A's.

This Model A jack needs to find the Model A wheel so they can go fix a flat tire. Can you help them get together?



Ford Advertising



Spring brings beautiful colors for the new Ford car

MATCHING the fresh brilliance of Spring itself are the beautiful colors of the new Ford. They are rich in tone, yet carefully chosen, with a quiet good taste that

There are eleven different Ford body types and all, with the single exception of the Station Wagon, are finished in a changing variety of colors.

You have the privilege of selecting from among these the color harmony that best the sincere quality that has been

suits your motoring needs and personal built into the car and the care that has preference. Such choice is of course unusual in a low-price car and is one of the very special features of the new Ford.

Interior finish, upholstery and appointments are in keeping with this beauty of

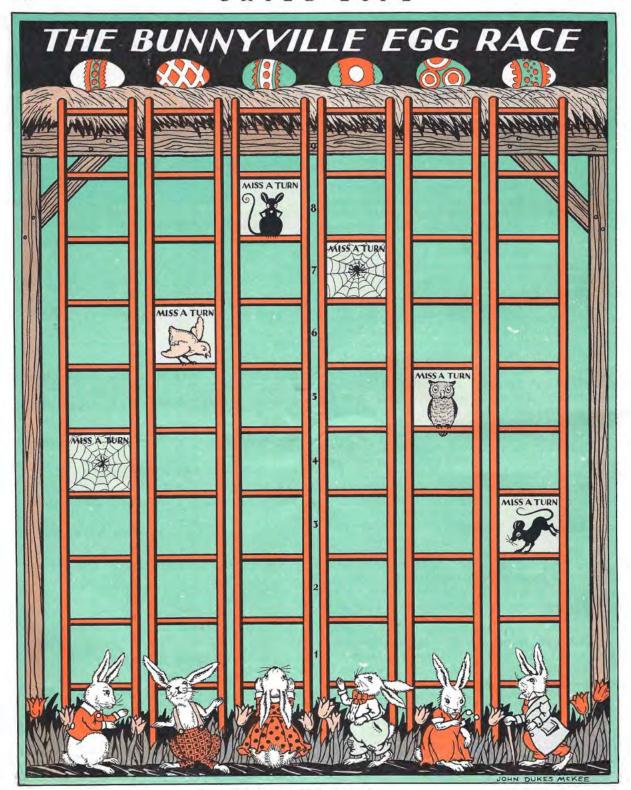
color and the trim, substantial lines which are so characteristically Ford. To the last least little detail, you can see evidence of been taken in its manufacture.

In all that goes to make a good automobile-in appearance-in safety-in comfort-in reliability-in economy-in alert, satisfying performance-the new Ford

> is an unusual value at a low price. Its ease-of-operation and control and its freedom from mechanical troubles make it a particularly good car for a woman to drive.



This 1929 ad starts out saying "Matching the fresh brilliance of Spring itself are the beautiful colors of the new Ford." Ford heavily promoted the use of color on the new Fords! This was an important selling point for several reasons. The previous Ford, the Model T was only available in black for most of its 20+ production years. First made in colors, it was switched to black only because of the huge quantity being made. Black dried faster! But it developed a reputation as that "cheap black car." By the time Ford made the Model T's in color, it was too late to change the public's mind about it being a cheap car. And most of Ford's competitors were using color much earlier. So the Model A's were beautiful bright colors from the first one out the factory door!



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.

Broadway Night and The Model A (YOUTH REPORT)

BY: Jeff Vanderhoff

On October 22, 2020 I received a text from Christine Molnar, choir director from The Wallkill Valley High School in Hardyston, NJ. She was looking to use my Model A for a prop. Avery Del Guidice a high school junior at the high school needed an antique car to use in a singing skit.

Avery sang Dying Ain't So Bad from the musical Bonnie and Clyde standing in front of my coupe. The school usually has a fundraiser

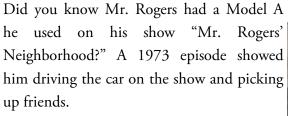


called Broadway Night with proceeds going to the per-forming arts department. This was done virtually due to the pandemic. Avery was excited to see the antique car to enhance her performance, I was happy to help. Just another way to enjoy our Model A's.

Mr. Rogers' Model A



A lot of famous people have owned Model A's over the years, including American Presidents and film stars. Here's one I hadn't run across before!

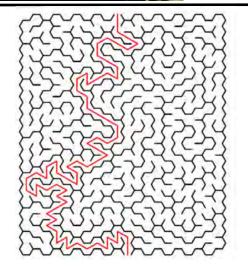




I've found pictures of him in three different colored sweaters with the car, so I bet he used it in more than one episode!



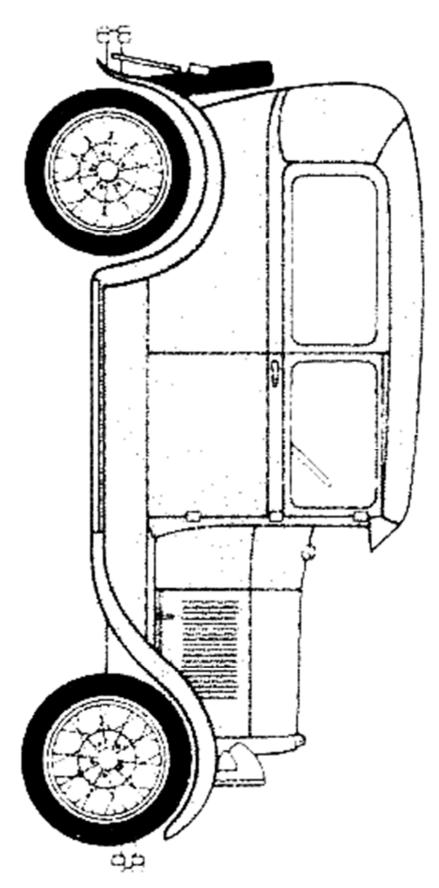








This is a Model A Tudor. It was the most popular Model A sold when they were new. Mine is two tone green, but you can paint it any color you want! What color do you think it should be?



Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink



Quiz Time

The weather is getting much nicer where I live. As of April, it's officially touring time again. And can I say, I'm so-o-o ready for it! The Old Lady is getting antsy too! Our first official club outing is April 17th. We will be social distancing and with masks of course, but it will feel so good to get out and back on the road again! Are you looking forward to your first tours too? I can just imagine!

I think it will be good year for driving our Model A's. After all, it's easy to take just your family, be careful, and see so many wonderful sights! Even in my local area, there are many wildlife preserves to drive through, country roads to wind up and down hill on, and great picnic places to finish up with. I think I will get my picnic basket out and ready to go. Sometimes that is more fun than just grabbing a sack of fast food, isn't it! Mine's not this fancy but I can dream, right?



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' cousin's name?
 - A) Hanna B) Anna C) Maria
- 2) What is babka?
 - A) Bread B) Cookies C) Eggs
- 3) What type of car do the Baemel kids ride in?
 - A) Tudor B) Cabriolet C) Phaeton
- 4) How many boys attended the Sunday Seminar?
 - A) 10 B) 9 C) 20
- 5) What year was the steam engine built??
 - A) 1928 B) 1934 C) 1944
- 6) What year is Matthew's pickup?
 - A) 1930 B) 1931 C) 1929
- 7) A cutout controls what?
 - A) Gasoline
- B) Speed
- C) Current
- 8) What country does Jintel and Rune live in?
 - A) Germany B) England C) Netherlands
- 9) Who is Bosco?—
 - A) a boy B) a girl C) a dog
- 10) What do you need to play the Bunnyville Egg Game?
 - A) Nothing B) Buttons C) Dice