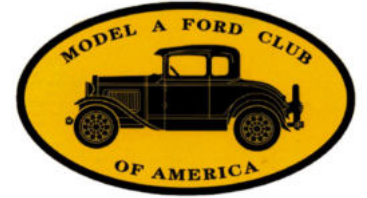




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PATCHES ON PATCHES!

BY SHERRY WINK

School was out for the year at the Sitzman's place, and not soon enough according to the twins! But at the same time, that meant it was time to catch up on all the chores and tasks that had been piling up over a busy spring. The garden had been planted, but it was now time to start hoeing and weeding. The winter bedding was being washed and hung on the line to dry and air out before being tucked away in the closets, with fresh herbs tucked in the folds to keep it fresh smelling for next fall when they were pulled out again. But the biggest job, at least in Mom Sitzman's and Grandma Roberts' plans, was the mending and patching that needed to be done while pulling out the summer clothes.

Now, don't get me wrong, Mom Sitzman spent a lot of her evening sewing and patching clothes. With eleven kids still at home, there was a lot of work to do! And seeing as she made most of the girls dresses at home, that occupied most of her sewing time. And, if she was honest, she had to admit that mending was her least favorite thing to do, so it often got pushed to the bottom of the basket, to wait its turn, time and time again.



But it had reached the point where the boys were reaching for their overalls and couldn't find any with holes. And just this week, Dad Sitzman had also gently laid a few pair down and let her know that he couldn't wear them and appear

decent anymore.

Now most of the time, Dad Sitzman's overalls played a rotating role in his wardrobe. The newest pair was his "going to church pair." Clean and dark blue, they did their duty as dress up clothes with a clean white shirt. When they faded a little bit, they were replaced with a new pair and demoted to his



"going to town" pair. The pair lowest on his list was his "choring" overalls.

Now all the overalls in Mom Sitzman's patching basket had seen many, many washing machines and clothes lines, and were often faded almost to white. And patches, boy did they have patches. Patches on patches, as Mom Sitzman struggled to keep them wearable. See, Dad Sitzman got attached to his overalls. And he claimed the more worn they were, the more comfortable

they were. They had to almost disintegrate before he would give them up.

When a new pair showed up, Mom Sitzman would then

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quietly take the oldest pair, and cut it up for use as patches on the next oldest one. If Dad Sitzman was paying attention, and was particular attached to his old comfortable pair, they would play cat and mouse for a while, but eventually he would have to give up and hand them over to Mom Sitzman, knowing that they wouldn't be coming back. And Mom Sitzman would just rearrange his overalls on the hooks, and pull the newest "going to church" pair out to hang on the first hook.



All of the boys were just like Dad Sitzman, the most worn pairs were the most comfortable pairs. And Mom Sitzman did her best to keep them presentable, although, just like Dad, they had to keep their newest pairs for good. Larry was the worst. He would find a favorite pair, and literally



wear them to rags. Mom Sitzman would say they were too far gone, and he would turn to Grandma Roberts and beg her to save them for him. And while Grandma Roberts liked to put on a gruff exterior, she had a soft spot for her grandkids, and so she would add a few more patches on top of the patches while scolding him that "this is the last time I'm fixing these!"

With seven boys at home, there was a lot of patching to do, and to be honest, the girls wore overalls anytime they could too. So Mom Sitzman's patching basket was finally overflowing and she couldn't put it off any longer. Grandma Roberts came over early in the morning, and they commenced to pulling out the overalls and deciding which could be saved and which were ready to be cut up into the material to be used for patching. Because no matter how worn the front, or the seat was, each pair of overalls still had usable fabric on the sides of the legs, and a few other places that didn't get wear. Nothing usable went to waste when it was time to patch.





In fact, when there enough fabric available, it often went into Mom Sitzman's sewing fabric, where she would make overalls for the little ones. They always loved wearing overalls "just like dad's!"



Today, however, Mom Sitzman focused on her patching pile, and kept her old Singer sewing machine buzzing. With Grandma Roberts cutting and pinning the patches, and Mom Sitzman sewing them on, they made much better progress than they both had expected. It helped that Suzanne and Shannon decided this was fun game to get to help cut up stuff, and with Grandma Roberts' supervision, were allowed to "cut the holes out" of the old pairs.

At some point, the patching fabric ran out. Suzanne and Shannon left, thinking the fun was over. But with a quick look side to side to make sure Dad Sitzman wasn't anywhere around, Mom Sitzman quietly rearranged his overall hooks one last time, pulling out his Christmas pair, moving everything else down one hook, with the oldest pair being passed over to Grandma Roberts to yield her scissors on. And with that, magically there was just enough patches to finish the job!

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KIDS AND THEIR “A”s!



Brayden “Pops” Marrie is 5 years old and Brynley “Toots” Marrie is 10 years old. When they visit their granddad in League City, Texas, they both immediately insist on a ride in his “old car.” He’s still trying to convince them no air conditioning or FM radio was available in 1931!



This Noah, grandson of Jim Brown, when he was almost 3 years old. They live in Wind Lake, Wisconsin. Looks like Noah is picking up more than one cool hobby from his grandpa!



Kelby Smith is the grandson of Bill and Laura Hansen from Lompoc, CA. He loves helping with the family Model A!



Jacob Hawkins took part in the 15th National Model A Rally in New Zealand. Looks like they had a little problem, but I’m assured they were quickly back on the road!



Presley and Genevieve live in Roy, Utah. They got to meet the Easter bunny while riding in a Model A Roadster. The Easter Bunny looks quite impressed!

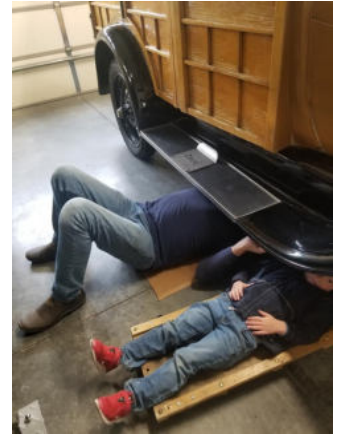


Harper Trujillo is 6 years old, riding in her grandfather Mike Laurita’s 400 A named “Lucy”, on a tour in Colorado.

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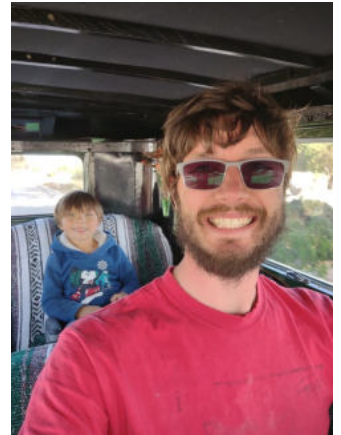


Jax (left) 9 years old, grandson of Mark Babb, and his friend Norwood, 10 years old. They live in Columbus, Georgia and love riding in the 1930 Model A Coupe. Jax will let you know real quick it's his car, his Grandfather is leaving it to him in his will!



Parker Frost, age 4, is from Billings Montana, is learning to work on Model A's early!

Johnny Reb Morgan (left) is 7, and Raider Morgan (right) is 9, with dad Eric (middle.) They live in Fromberg, Montana. All three enjoy Model A'ing!



His name is Kingsley Tuscany is 4 years old and lives in Monterey Bay, California. Kingsley never gets enough of Model A rides!



The Jacob family lives in Glendale, Arizona. Here they are in their 1931 they are fixing up to be a touring car. Dad Shaun is driving, son James 13 riding shotgun. In the back is mom Lia and daughter Lilly age 9. Looks like they are ready for a great tour!



Taylor Laurita age 3, Avery Laurita age 5, and Bode Laurita age 2 got to see their grandfather's new Model A pickup before he did! They helped pick it up for him last fall, from Edina, Minnesota.

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Orion Wiezcorek, not only enjoys riding in his grandfather's Model A, he's not afraid to get down and dirty helping underneath! Here he is in Northport New York helping take care of a little maintenance!



Elfie (left) and Amy (right) live in Belgium. This photo was taken in 2006. They are pictured on “Big Betsie”, named after a children's television show in Belgium. Elfie got her driver's license last year and drove Betsie in February for the first time. Amy plans on getting her license this summer! They invite you to check out their website about Pre-war Belgian Automobiles at www.minervisten.simplesite.com



Samuel Livingston “driving around the world” in his late grandfather's car a few years ago. Samuel lives in Sydney, Australia. Now 10 years old, his father looks forward to teaching him how to drive the same car he learned driving with.



Allie Lou Nowak is 14, and lives in Vienna Michigan. She loves riding with her dad in their Model A!



Sklyer Lynch with “Paw Paw” David Dowdy, is from Suffolk, Virginia. Sklyer can't get enough of Paw Paw's Fordor!

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This Model A Tudor is working as a taxi! Wonder who will be the next lucky rider? 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 12 but don't peek too soon!*





Model A Youth Restoration Award Recipient

Brooke Lindsay lives in Vancouver, WA, and is a member of the Volcano A's. She first applied for and received an award from the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) program in 2018. She was then 14 years old and MAYRA's only female restorer. Brooke developed her love for the Model A through her grandfather, who gave her a 1929 pickup needing considerable restoration. Her father and two uncles are helping her with the restoration. She wrote in 2018, "I hope to have it all completed before I graduate high school."

At the beginning of the project in 2018, she saw her largest expenses as the wood kit for the cab, missing sheet metal pieces, and the wood for the bed. She has found far more uses for the funds she received from MAYRA.

Brooke received another award in 2020. After two years working on the Model A, Brooke recently wrote that she and her dad got the engine and transmission installed and drove it around the field with the cab and bed bolted in place. She said that she needed to work on the brakes before she could go on the road. "It was a lot of fun to be able to drive it," she said. After all, riding in the Model A is fun, but driving it is super fun.

In 2019, Brooke said that she learned that she could do anything a boy could do. In a recent update, Brooke said that she learned to bench test a starter motor, install and align the clutch, torque the head bolts in the correct pattern, and just how hard it is to install an engine and transmission. Brooke is learning to be patient.

Brooke, who is now 17 and starting her senior year in high school, hopes to be able to drive the Model A to school for her senior pictures and to take her grandmother for a ride.

MAYRA is a financial support program for youth ages 12 through 21 who want to learn and have fun working on a Model A that will one day become their own. For information, go to Modelarestorationaward.org.



A Real Family Project!

Meet the Lutey Family, from Marquette, Michigan. “Papa” Dick (great grandpa), Granddad Tim, and Grandson Kaisen, age 3. Dick Lutey, 85, is working on a woody Model A that he bought from a friend’s widow last fall. While the drive train and suspension had been restored, the wood was mostly original. Most had to be replaced, but as much as possible was saved. Kaisen and his granddad have been stopping in nearly every weekend to help with the work. As you can see, it’s huge process, but they reported that they took their first ride the first week in May! And Kaisen was right there in the back seat, enjoying the ride.



Quite the team!



Admiring the progress!



Papa did good on the interior!



Ready to get to down to work!



Inspection time.

Henry Ford had several plants that made the wood for these cars within 100 miles of our town.



It’s looking good!



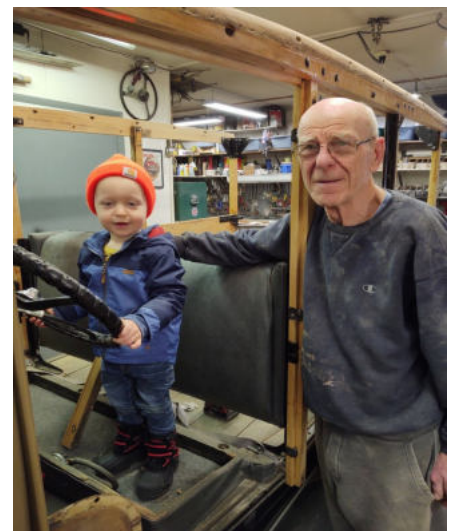
Gramma checks on the progress.



First ride, with Grandpa riding shotgun!



Papa, Kaisen, and Dad Jake



Kaisen will be driving before you know it!



Getting the Kids Involved -15th National Model A Rally, New Zealand, 3/28-4/4, 2021

The North Island Model A Ford Club of New Zealand recently took part in a multi day national tour. Their newsletter is full of exciting and wonderful activities that took place on this tour. But the most interesting to me is the activities that included kids! You can tell they did a lot of planning and work to make sure they included as many things as they could to introduce the Model A's to as many kids as possible!

One stop on the tour was at the 4-teacher Mahia School. Ralph and Jenny Levin son's phaeton "Millie" was mobbed by excited students. They had a lot of questions about this old car: "why the car had 6 wheels and made a funny ahooga sound. What did we keep in the big trunk? Why did we have no side window? What happened when it rained?" I'm sure their questions were answered!

That evening, a Hubley Challenge race was held at the school!



A student from Mahia Primary school experiencing the Levinson's Model A!



The following day, the tour stopped at some inland schools where the kids spilled out of local classrooms to see the old cars! Club member Bruce Miles gave around the block rides in Angus, his 1928 Tourer. Bet there was a lot of happy kids that day!



Word Search!

Ford Model A

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radiator
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Answers on page 12

Agostina Camejo lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina and is a Model A fan! Her grandfather sent me pictures of her assembling the MAFCA Paper Model A kit she recently received as a gift. Looks like she did a fantastic job of putting it together!



More great Model A help from modelabasics.com:

What is a Condenser and How Does it Work?

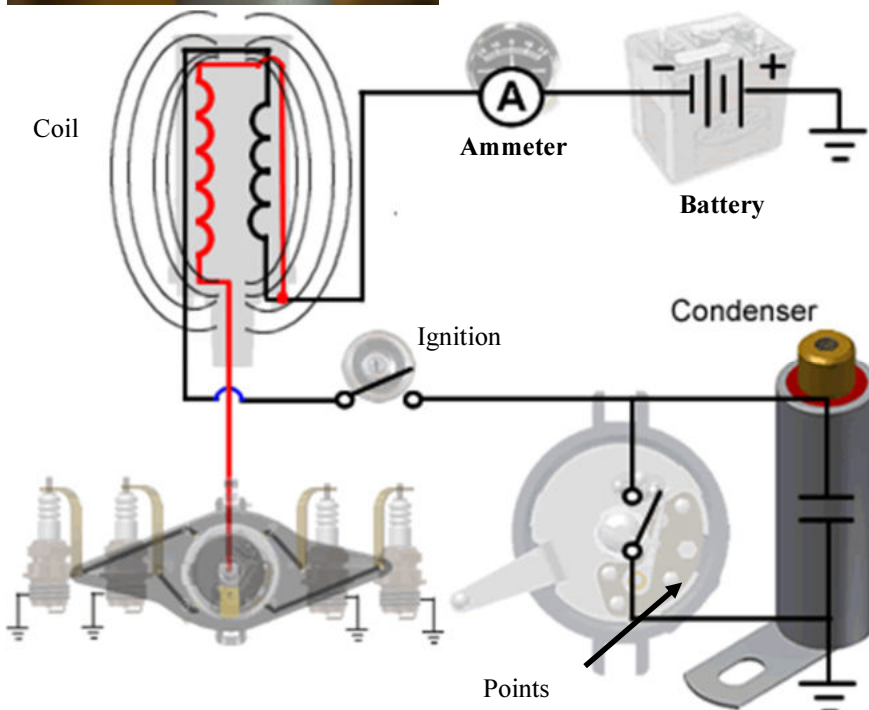


A condenser is a part of the electrical system of the Model A. This small tube-like part is found as a component of the distributor. If you look at the bottom of the distributor, you will see the end of the condenser sticking out from the lower part of the distributor housing. It looks like such a small part, but

without it, your Model A will not run!

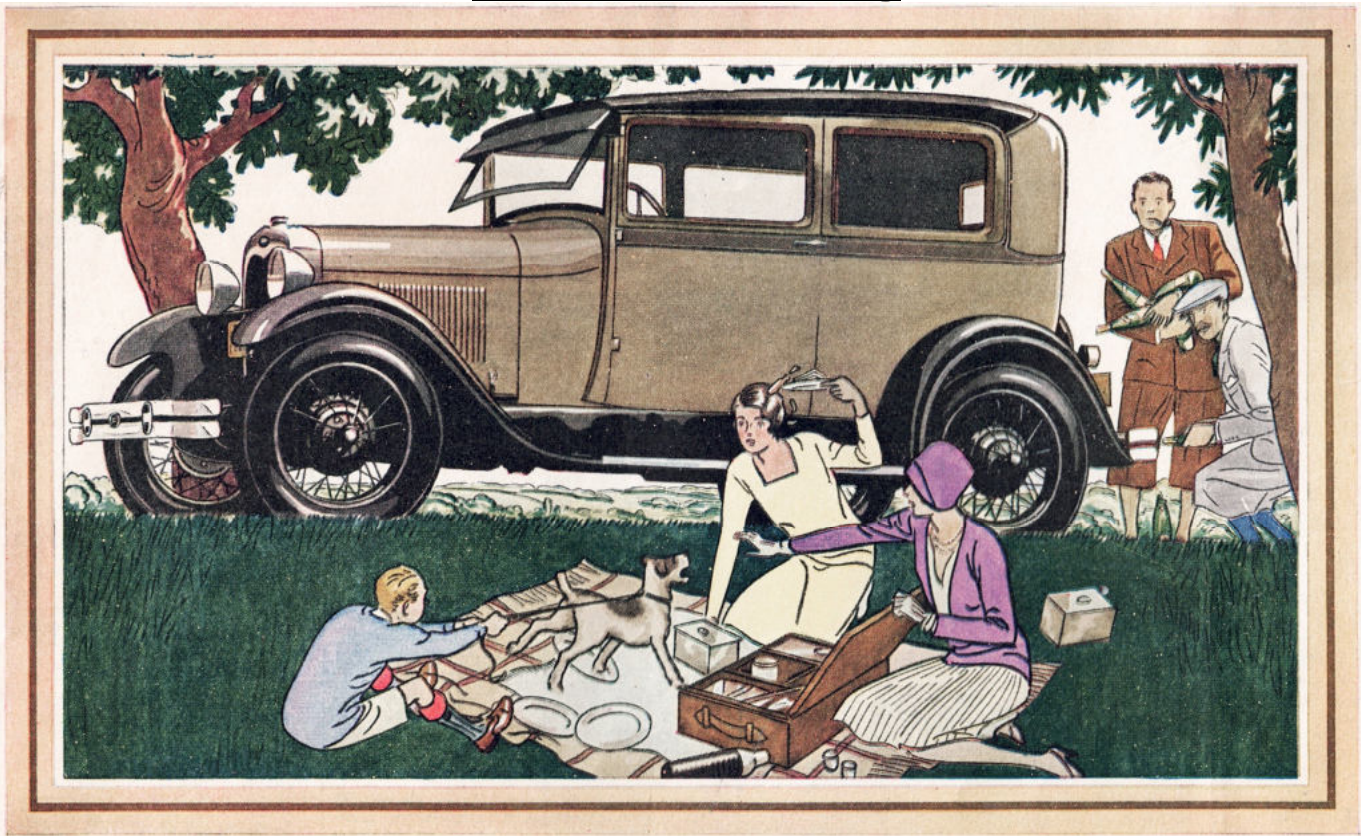


The condenser works in conjunction with the rest of the ignition system. Its basic function is to reduce the spark at the points at exactly the right time as they open and close. It does this by providing a place for the system to momentarily hold voltage when the points are open. The condenser absorbs the energy temporarily and prevents arcing between the points each time they open. This minimizes burning and pitting on the points. The energy is then released to assist in the next cycle of the ignition firing system.



The electrical system of a Model A is a complex system of which a condenser is just one part required to work properly. If you want to learn more, go to ModeABasic.com. They have wonderful animated drawings and much more info then I can include here!

Ford Advertising



Vacation days are truly happy days when you
go adventuring in the new Ford

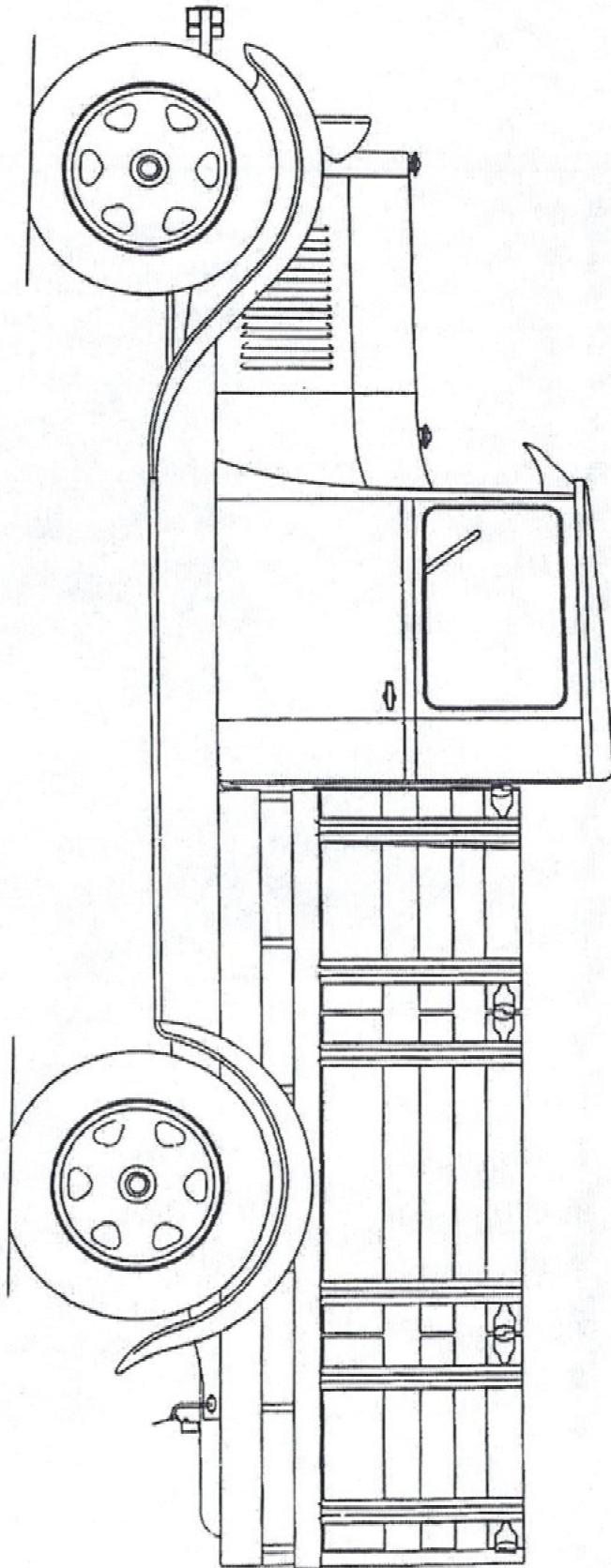
This is a 1928 ad for Tudor sedan. Ford was really prompting the new opportunities opened up to families with the new more dependable cars. The advertising text talked about the dependability and efficiency of this new car. The electric starter made the Model A much easier for women to drive, and by the end of the 1920s, it became all the style to drive to scenic areas for picnic, or even to take cross country vacations just for fun, something that was unheard of just a few years before! As you can see in this illustration, the whole family of five (and the dog) all fit in this car to go for countryside afternoon. Check out the lunch basket that looks like a large suitcase. A very popular accessories for the new adventures a Model A could take you on!

Answers to Six Different Things

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This is a Model AA Truck. These were bigger than a Model A because they were used as work vehicles. There were a lot of red ones originally, but you can paint it any color you want! What color do you think it should be?



AA Truck –

Of course if you REALLY had a big job, you'd pull out the heavy equipment. The AA truck is quite a bit bigger than the standard Pickup truck and has heavy duty wheels to match.



Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

Summer touring season has begun here, but I have yet to get the Old Lady out of the garage but once, sad to say. My days have been so busy, something had to give. But the next month is looking much better already!

There are some interesting club activities I am looking forward to, and Shawnee Town 1929 museum has asked me to return for several days of their "Time Travelers" program in the middle of July. This is an event I always look forward to, as I play Mrs. Henry Ford, and talk to kids and their families about the Model A and the history of the 1920's while giving rides in a loop on the museum grounds.

I always have a great time, and this year I understand their replica 1929 gas station is completed and will be the backdrop for the Old Lady. I can hardly wait!

If you are ever in the Kansas City area, you should consider looking up this great museum. It's the only museum in the country that focuses directly on 1929, a time so familiar to our cars!



Q: Why did the squirrel take apart the classic car?



A: To get down

to the nuts and bolts.



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 Dad Sitzman's worst pair of overalls saved for?
A) Sawmill B) Choring C) Going to town
- 2) What type of sewing machine did Mom Sitzman use ?
A) Singer B) White C) Bernina
- 3) Jacob Hawkins took part of a Model A rally where?
A) England B) USA C) New Zealand
- 4) Johnny Reb and Raider live in what state?
A) Nebraska B) Georgia C) Texas
- 5) What is Orion helping his grandfather with?
A) Changing a tire B) gassing up C) Changing fluids
- 6) What company does the taxi work for?
A) Yellow Cab B) Midas C) Monarch Cab Company
- 7) Brooke received her second MAYRA in what year?
A) 2020 B) 2021 C) 2019
- 8) What month did the Lutey family get to take their first ride in their restored Model A?
A) July B) March C) May
- 9) Agostina put together in paper A in what country?
A) USA B) Argentina C) Australia
- 10) A condenser is a part of what Model A system?
A) Electrical B) Fuel C) Exhaust