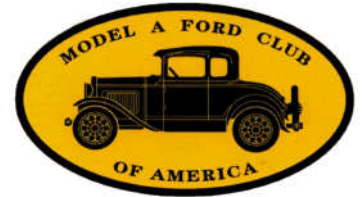




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Spring is in the Air

By Sherry Wink

Spring was in the air, and the Sitzman family was feeling it! Although it was only March, the weather had been quite warm. Mom Sitzman threw open the windows to “air out the winter hum-drums” as she put it, although spring cleaning would wait another month or so. The Sitzman kids didn’t look forward to that task, which involved a whole weekend of hauling out rugs and feather ticks (that’s feather comforters, not bugs!) to hang on the clothesline and beat out the dust and pails of soapy water to scrub down floors as just the start of it. But they did enjoy the fresh breezes throughout the house just like Mom Sitzman.



Still, you could tell that, oldest to youngest, there was a feeling of wanting to really get outside to enjoy that wonderful unseasonable warm weather.

Saturday morning, Dad Sitzman roused them all out of bed earlier than normal to do their chores, which was met with a chorus of groans and under the breath complaints.

All that grumbling stopped when the kids entered the kitchen. Mom Sitzman and Grandma Robert had the big picnic hampers out on the table, packing them chock full of good stuff! Ham and cheese sandwiches mixed with those of the roast beef variety. A few peanut butter and jelly versions for the young'uns also were visible. Into another big basket was bowls of cookies of every type, and a big angel food cake Grandma Roberts had made the night before. The tin plates and cups used for camping were in a box ready to load into the Model A pickup, and a few picnic blankets lay folded next to door, ready for the next load. Fresh made lemonade was being poured into the large thermos and everything was almost ready to go!

Well, we can’t leave until those chores are done, said Dad Sitzman, and the Sitzman kids just flew out the door, eager to get everything taken care of. They all knew what all the preparations were for; it was time for a drive to the timber, for a spring time



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picnic! It was a favorite outing in the summer, but rare this early in the year, as it was usually not warm enough. But it was the BEST way to enjoy a warm spring day.

Because there were so many of them, there were three cars going. Dad drove the Model A pickup, to Larry's disappointment. He soon got over it and enjoyed riding shotgun, and having a long conversation with Dad Sitzman as they drove the beautiful country roads. The back of the pickup was full of kids too. Mom Sitzman drove the family Fordor with the older girls, and Grandma Roberts took her Tudor with a gaggle of the little ones fighting over who got to ride her. While she fussed at them for the noise, she was secretly flattered that they wanted to ride with her that much.

At arriving at their favorite picnic site, they all helped unload the baskets and blankets and such, and then quickly dispersed to their favorite areas. The girls settled down in the sun-soaked meadow and picked dandelions and early spring blossoms to weave in to circlets for their hair.



The boys took off to the pond just across the meadow, to chase the minnows on the rocky banks, practice

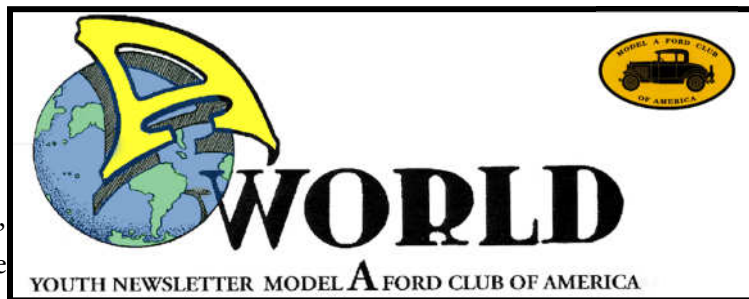
their skipping stones, and lamenting their lack of fishing poles when they saw fish darting in the shadows. Dad Sitzman built a fire to hang the old coffee pot over to heat up (he preferred coffee to lemonade).

And Grandma Roberts and Mom Sitzman? Well they sat down on the picnic blankets and took a rest in the sun while everyone else scurried about. After all, the food hadn't made itself and they were tired from their extra early morning too! It was a rare opportunity to just sit a spell and enjoy the surroundings.

Eventually, the call of their stomachs outweighed the fun all the kids were having and they started drifting back to the picnic area, sniffing the air around the

baskets, and gulping down mugs of lemonade. Mom Sitzman and Grandma Roberts made short work of laying out the food and the Sitzman kids made short work of making it disappear! A few crumbs remained to feed the minnows but that was about it.

The rest of the afternoon was spent doing the same thing as in the morning, until Dad Sitzman finally called time. The evening chores couldn't be neglected, so everyone reluctantly piled back in to the Model A's and even though route home was a more direct one, most of the younger Sitzmans were sound asleep by the time they arrived. Mom Sitzman said "let them sleep" and after they were carried up to bed, the older kids helped take care of the chores before eating a hearty supper and heading to bed themselves. And the fresh spring breeze wafting through the house gave everyone happy dreams that continued the picnic day a little longer.



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Kids and Their “A”s!



Dulce, daughter of Arturo Marron Camacho, both from West Chicago, Illinois, enjoys all her families classic cars! Arturo Marron Camacho We are from West Chicago Illinois



The grandchildren of Joe Bright, who lives in Springfield Missouri enjoy spending time with him and especially when he takes them for rides in his Model A!



Hannah Mitchell and her dad David recently attended a daddy daughter dance at Deer Creek Schools in Edmond, Oklahoma. And, yes, of course, they took the Model A!



Paisley, 5 years old, is the granddaughter of Brett Dobbins from Stuart, Florida. She loves riding in this 1928 Model A that was originally restored by her Great Grandpa Bob and was passed down to her grandfather. Right now grandpa drives her around, but by the look of it, it won't be long before she is behind the wheel, giving grandpa rides!



The Schonlau family, from Kansas, recently took home their "new" Model A! Dad Matthew says this was the first ride, actually just a short ride to load it on the trailer. His grandson Cole (pictured) and son Cameron accompanied him on this fun task!



Gary Croix from Elizabeth City, North Carolina, recently welcomed students from a local homeschool group to check out his Model A. They had just learned about assembly lines and Henry Ford, and Gary was happy to share his Model A to support the class. The students really seemed to enjoy learning about the Model A's, especially the rides! Gary says he sees himself as an ambassador for our great old cars, and loves introducing them to the next generation! He says "It was a fun day!" and I'm sure the kids thought the same!



Bringing it Back to Life!

Fynn and Abel live in Canada with their dad Matthew. They are helping him bring this great car back to life!

Matthew obtained a Model A chassis and engine from someone who was stripping their grandfathers car to make a hot rod. He then collected enough parts from various sources (he estimates from at least 18 different cars!) to put it together as a running 1929 Model A. He is working hard to keep it as original as possible.

As you can see, Fynn and Abel have been involved in the process from the beginning! And the progress as shown in the pictures is astonishing. What a great looking car. The whole family, especially Fynn and Abel are going to have years of fun riding and eventually driving this special vehicle!



Six Things are different!

This lineup makes a great display! 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 10 but don't peek too soon!*



Model A Youth Restoration Award



Attention Young Model A'ers—Time Is Getting Short!

Restoring a Model A or thinking about it? May 31, 2024, is the final date to apply for financial assistance from the Model A Youth Restoration Award program (MAYRA) in 2024.

If you are between 12 and 22 and restoring your Model A or about to begin and would like financial assistance in acquiring parts, MAYRA can help. MAYRA has made over 100 awards to youth over the past 30 years. Awards, in the form of gift certificates from various Model A parts vendors, are made every two years, and in 2022, each recipient received \$3,000 in certificates. Recipients will be announced at the MARC and MAFCA National Conventions this summer. The application and eligibility information are on the MAYRA website:

<http://MAYRA.biz>.

If you are no longer eligible to apply for an award but feel strongly that bringing youth into the hobby is essential for its future, please tell any you think should consider restoring a Model A or are currently restoring one about our program and direct them to our website. MAYRA's mission is to promote and expose the Model A to our youth, securing the longevity of our hobby and the associated businesses that support it for decades to come. Youth are the lifeblood of our hobby's future. MAYRA's program helps to develop our hobby's future members and leaders.

Your help in directing youth to the program is really appreciated.

Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund



Did you know there is a scholarship for the family members of MAFCA & MARC members!? Its purpose is assist young Model A hobbyists with the financial burden of an education beyond high school and it is payable in up to four \$1000 installments as long as guidelines are met. It can be awarded to a member, or a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a member in good standing of either organization. It's good for accredited trade schools, junior colleges and four year colleges. The funds come from financial contributions and various fundraising efforts from MAFCA/MARC members and chapters.

The principal requirement for financial aid is a demonstrated continuing interest in the Model A Ford hobby, plus a demonstrated ability to succeed in school. More info is on the application form that can be found at https://www.mafca.com/y_MAF_scholarship.html



"We come to you to ask a favor of participation in the hopes of establishing the next generation of Model A enthusiasts. . ."

All Model A clubs are encouraged to hold an event during May to introduce Model A's to groups of young people. Ask your parents and grandparents if their Model A Club has plans to hold such an event!

If so, make sure to tell them that you would like to go with them. If they haven't, ask them if they would, and let them know what you think would be a fun thing to do to get other kids to come out and have fun.

It's a great time to take that Model A out and really enjoy sharing it with your friends and family. If you need ideas, there are suggestion about planning an event on MAYRA's website.

Check out <https://www.modelarestorationaward.org/>

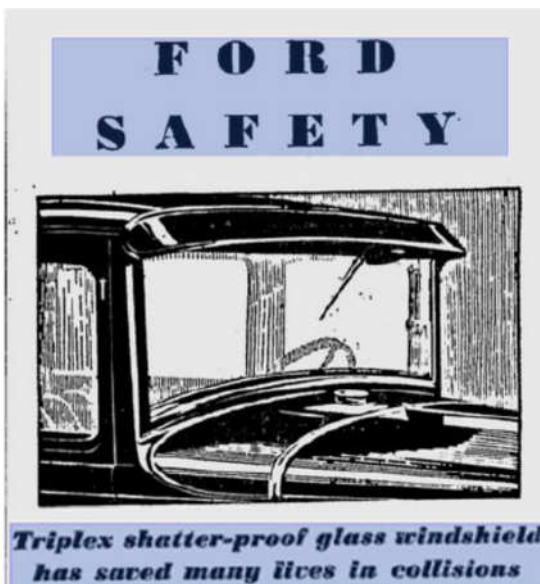
You also email 1928MAYRA1931@gmail.com and ask for some ideas!

And remember, if you do a fun event, send me pictures!!!

Model A Safety

One of the new safety features on the new Ford was the safety glass windshield. Although we take such safety measures for granted these days, it was a new idea for its time. It's said Henry Ford wasn't convinced of the need until several accidents occurred during Model A road tests.

In the first, Harold Hicks, a Ford Engineer was testing a Model A when an oncoming car turned in his path causing a wreck. His arm went through the windshield causing a severe injury. Later, Henry himself was in a minor accident where he also received cuts. As a result, the Model A Ford had safety glass in the front windshield when it was introduced in 1928.



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TRIPLEX Safety glass" was actually invented by accident: In 1903, a Parisian scientist who was experimenting with melting liquid plastic discovered that the glass beaker he was using would break, but not shatter like normal. But until the Model A, safety plate glass was not really used in cars.

Ford used "Triplex shatter-proof" glass in its windshield.

By the late 1930s, Ford had started using laminated glass in all of its cars, calling it "Indestructo Glass."



Grandpa's Games

Kick the Can-

Here's a game that doesn't need any special equipment to play. Just find a can, any can, that you can kick, and a bunch of people to play with, and you are good to go!

The basic rules:

1. Get some friends to play, the more the better.
2. Find an empty can to kick.
3. Find a place to play. You need a clear space in the middle, where the can to be kicked is placed, and places to hide for players.
4. Choose someone to be "it".
5. Place the can in the middle of your playing area.
6. "It" stays at the can with their eyes closed, and counts to whatever number is decided. While "it" is counting, everyone else runs and hides.
7. When the "it" finishes counting, it's time to go find everyone else.
8. When "it" sees someone, they call out their name. Then the hider and the "it" race back to the can. If the "it" gets there first, the hider is in jail. If the hider gets there first, they must kick the can (hard).
9. After the can is kicked, the hider runs to find a new hiding place, while the "it" gets the can and places it back where it was.
10. When someone kicks the can, all other hidiers in jail are free to go and hide again.
11. The Game continues until all but one hider have been found. Last hider is winner.



Some variations:

"It" tries to tag each player instead of racing back to the can. Any player who is tagged (caught and touched) is sent to the jail.

When the can is kicked, one of the captured players is set free each time.. The first person caught is the first to be set free, the second caught the second to be set free, etc. until the person kicking the can is tagged or all the captured players are freed. If "it" catches all of the players he or she wins that round and generally a new "it" is designated for the next round. The new "it" is usually the person that has been held the longest by the time round ends.

"It" just has to call out a player's name and hiding place rather than tagging him by touch. In some variations, "it" must jump over the can after calling the player's name and location.

Ford Ads

Built for many thousands of miles

THE new Ford has been designed and built to give you many thousands of miles of faithful, economical service. Beneath its flashing beauty of line and color—in those vital mechanical parts which you may never see—is a high quality of material and accuracy in manufacturing.

The reliability and capable performance of the car, in all weather and under all

conditions, make it a particularly good choice for long, constant use.

It stands up under the added strain of bad roads and hard daily service in a way that has always been characteristic of the Ford car. The experience of the passing months will increase your satisfaction in its performance and confirm your first impression that it is a value far above the price.



THE NEW FORD SPORT COUPE

Check out this Ford Model A ad from 1930 for the new Sport Coupe. While the beautiful Model A takes our attention at first, I can't help but be drawn into the story in the background. It's a great picture of what NOT to do on vacation, or indeed, any time!

The scenery is majestic, with mountains and waterfalls, but my attention goes directly to the gentleman in the yellow sweater feeding the bear cubs! With the momma bear looking at him from the left of the picture! WHAT??

The lady in the group is sitting in the Model A with camera at the ready. I don't know if she is expecting to get a nice picture, or has been telling him "Don't do it!" and is now ready to record a picture to use later while telling him "I told you so," at least if he survives this foolish action!

The other bears are up a tree, watching the action as well, and they probably know it's not going to end well for that foolish human! Wonder how fast he can get in that Model A?

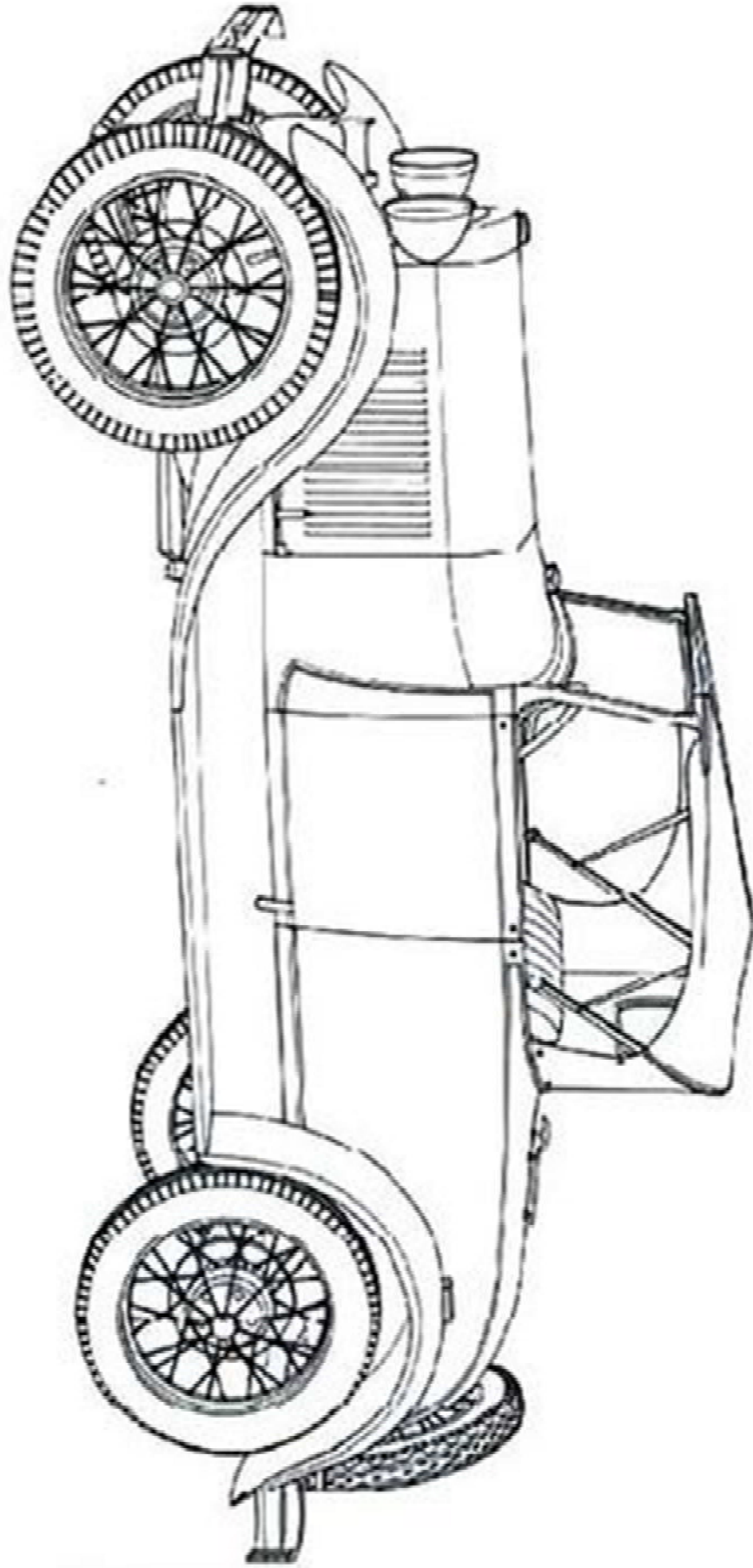


You can have it for fifteen bucks ,but he goes with it

Answers to Six Different Things



Here's a fun Model A Roadster to color! What color will you make it?





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

I thought winter was done and over, but it's suddenly cold again! Actually a little snow this week up here last week. But I'm sure it's a temporary setback, and the warm weather is just taking a few days off. I can't wait to get back on the road with The Old Lady. She needs a new battery first but that's on its way. I'm waiting for our club's auction as I hear they will have a rebuilt carburetor and I plan on bidding and winning that!

It's so nice to have a garage. Last week or so we had some bad weather with heavy hail warnings and I was so happy to know the Old Lady was snug under cover with nothing to worry about. I have to admit, that garage is full already!! With the Old Lady and my van inside, there isn't much more room once I got the shelves in place. And yes, they are full too! Right now, I can't get my van inside as its place is occupied with a few church pews from a recent auction. I'm not planning to keep them, but at \$3 a pew, there is some really nice maple wood to recover if I can't find a better home for them. A local church is being transformed into a museum and they were just happy to get rid of them. The wood will just add to my full garage until we come up



This picture is from last fall moving in day, there is a lot more stuff in there now! But always room for The Old Lady!



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 the Sitzman Boys do at the pond?
A) Skip rocks B) Chase minnows C) A&B
- 2) What does Dad Sitzman like better than lemonade?
A) Tea B) Water C) Coffee
- 3) Where was Hannah going with her dad in the picture on page 3?
A) A Dinner B) A Dance C) The Circus
- 4) Who originally restored Paisley's family Model A?
A) Great-Grandpa B) Grandpa C) Dad
- 5) What country do Fynn and Abel live in?
A) Canada it B) Mexico C) Norway
- 6) How many Model A's are in the picture on page 6?
A) 3 B) 4 C) 5
- 7) What's the deadline to apply for the Model A Youth Scholarship?
A) June 1sts B) May 1st C) April 1st
- 8) Model A Youth Month is when?
A) December B) June C) May
- 9) What's the most important piece of equipment for this Grandpa's Game?
A) The can B) The bat C) The ball
- 10) What body type is the Model A on the coloring page?
A) Tudor B) Fordor C) Roadster