

# THE SULLIVAN TRAIL A's NEWS

*"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*

- Henry Ford



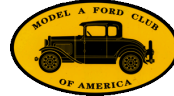
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## Sullivan Trail A's Meetings:

- Monthly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday September - June
- 7pm
- United Methodist Church  
1034 W Broad St  
Horseheads, NY

<http://sullivantrailas.com/>



<https://www.facebook.com/Sullivan-Trail-Model-A-Ford-Club-456895717849225/>



1930 Ford dealership

Note the parts department in the rear



## *In This Issue*

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

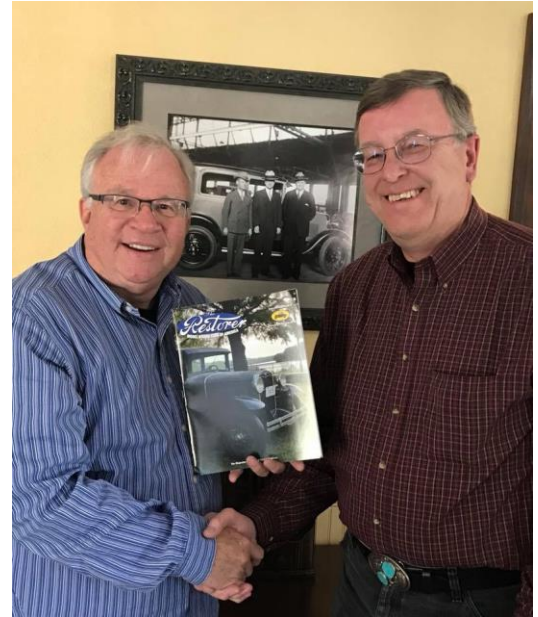
I learned not long ago that my friend Jim Spawn is retiring from his post as Editor of MAFCA's Restorer magazine. I've written several articles that have been printed in The Restorer and worked with Jim on the submissions plus, while on MAFCA's Board, I had the pleasure of working with Jim on publication matters that came before the Board. Jim was superb in his guidance, insights, and terrifically creative in laying out the photos and content of draft material sent to him. The Restorer is a wonderful magazine because of Jim's talents and dedication. He gained my respect and admiration. From MAFCA's web site:



**January 25 - Restorer Editor Jim Spawn** has stepped down after 17 years at the helm. This situation triggered an intensive search for a new editor by Doug Clayton, Publications/PR Director, and a specially formed search committee. We were very pleased that this led to a number of people applying for the position.

Through a series of interviews, the final candidate was presented to the Board of Directors, who was unanimously approved. It is my pleasure to introduce **Andy Scheer** as the new editor of **The Restorer** magazine. Andy has many years of experience in the editorial field and is excited about getting started in this position.

In the next issue of **The Restorer**, Andy will introduce himself to the members, which I'm sure you will find interesting. Please direct any of your communications to Andy as in the past - **The Restorer** editor's email address is [restorer@mafca.com](mailto:restorer@mafca.com). Andy's telephone is 719-231-5330 and his mailing address is 5074 Plumstead Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920.



Jim Spawn (L), Andy Sheer (R)

Best wishes to Jim and a big THANK YOU and WELCOME Andy!

Also from MAFCA's web site is this report:

## ***Report on the 100-K In a Model "A"***

***Despite the efforts of close to 400 MAFCA members we unfortunately did not meet our goal of driving 100,000 miles in one day. Many chapters and individual members from coast to coast took part with an average Model A being driven 138.4 miles each totaling 53,715 miles with the official accounting being completed on January 20.***

***Members from chapters taking part in the event were from the Golden Triangle A's, Santa Maria A's, South East Touring Group, White Mt. MAC, Alamo A's, Myrtlewood A's, Orange County MAC, Blossom A's, Northern Ohio MAC, Santa Clara A's, Lionsgate, Meadowlark MAC, Enduring A's, Pacific MAC, Central Ill Chapter, Sacramento A's, 50th Anniversary A's, High Desert A's, San Diego MAC, Palomar A's, Beaver Chapter MAC, North Ohio MAC, Cedar Creek A's, Palmetto A's, Lakeshore MAC, Old Ninety Six District, MAC, Brazos Valley A's, Evergreen Chapter, Shade Tree A's, Tar Wheel Chapter, Sullivan A's, Happy Honkers, Corn Husker MAC and Pine Tree MAC.***

***While not reaching our goal, I think Steven Murphy from Laguna Niguel, CA said it best, "What a fun Day!"***

***Thank you all for your efforts and the real victory was driving our Model A Fords and as Steven said it, having a fun day. Garth Shearing, MAFCA Chapter Coordinator***

All for now, Jim



**REMEMBER.. MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2018 ARE PAYABLE NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY!**



**January 9, 2018**

Meeting was called to order by club President Jim Morris at 7:00 PM at the Horseheads United Methodist Church with 13 members present.

- Secretary's report for the December meeting was distributed via the newsletter or mail. There were no corrections and a motion to accept was made by Mark and second by Carole. The motion carried.
- The treasurer's report was given by Mark. Motion to accept by Monty and second by Bruce. Motion carried.
- A letter was received from MAFCA requesting a donation of \$75.00 for Directors and Officers liability insurance. Motion was made by Bill to send \$50.00 to MAFCA and second by Bruce. Motion carried.

There was discussion of the following items:

- Mark reported that Community National Bank was instituting a charge for monthly statements. After Mark did a search our account was moved to Elmira Savings Bank.
- A Spring tour was discussed with the probable choice being the Troy Maple Festival in April. Other destinations considered were the Sayre RR Museum and sites in Seneca Falls.

Refreshments for February will be provided by Carole.

A motion to adjourn at 6:55 was made by Don and second by Carole. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Ford, Secretary



## UPCOMING EVENTS

# 2018

- **April 22, Lehigh Valley Model A Ford Club is co-hosting this event** [Same show, new location in Trexlertown, PA. Minutes from Hellertown and Route 78. Hosted by the Lehigh Valley Model A Club and Goodwill Fire Company, 7723 Hamilton Blvd, Breinigsville, PA 18031.]
- **July 14, Sullivan Trail A's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration @ State Line Auto Auction, Waverly, NY**



- **September 21-23, Annual New England Meet in Lake George, NY.**

[Find more information on the Adirondack A's web site: <http://www.adirondackas.org/>]

**SAME SHOW • NEW LOCATION**

# Trexlertown

**Model 'A & AA' Only Car Show & Swap**

Hosted by: Goodwill Fire Company & Lehigh Valley Model A Ford Club



NO Car or Entrance Fee  
Hubley Model Car Display  
Technical Presentation  
Swap Meet & Concessions  
Pin Stripping by Jim Brand  
Variety of Model "A" Cars  
Paved Parking for Show Cars

*Stock-Original Model A Fords and Ford Era Equipment Only*

## Sunday, April 22, 2018

Rain or Shine

**9 am to 3 pm**

7723 Hamilton Blvd  
Breinigsville, PA 18031  
Short Drive from Rt. 78 and Rt 222

An associated car club is not required for show.  
RSVP your swap space or your club for the day:  
484.548.0632 or [lvmodelclub@gmail.com](mailto:lvmodelclub@gmail.com)

Lehigh Valley Model A Club

Swap meet spots are a \$10 Donation • Model A / AA & Early Ford Parts Only  
NO house hold items • NO dolls • NO modern tools • NO modern toys

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## TECH TIPS

### Jim's Tech Tip

A film builds up on glass with time as you drive, especially on the windshield. About once a year it helps if you give the glass a very thorough cleaning. I use a paper towel with a LITTLE lacquer thinner on it to remove the film. You will see the black slime on the paper towel as you go. (Obviously, don't get the thinner on your paint.) Then follow up with a good glass cleaner. My favorite cleaner is called "Sprayway Streakless Glass Cleaner"; it has no ammonia. I know Walmart stocks it, other stores probably do, too. It really gets the glass clean and shiny.

*Have a Model A Day*  
Jim Cannon,  
MAFCA Technical Director



- Let your Editor know if you have a classified.

**Wanted:** Hood for 1929 A – either “useable” full hood or just top half. To be used on doodle bug so quality is of no concern. Also any lead on 1929 standard coupe for sale. Prefer trunk over rumble. Older restoration or just good driver. Send details to: Harold Fishbough, Tin Lizzie Lane, Gillett, PA 16925

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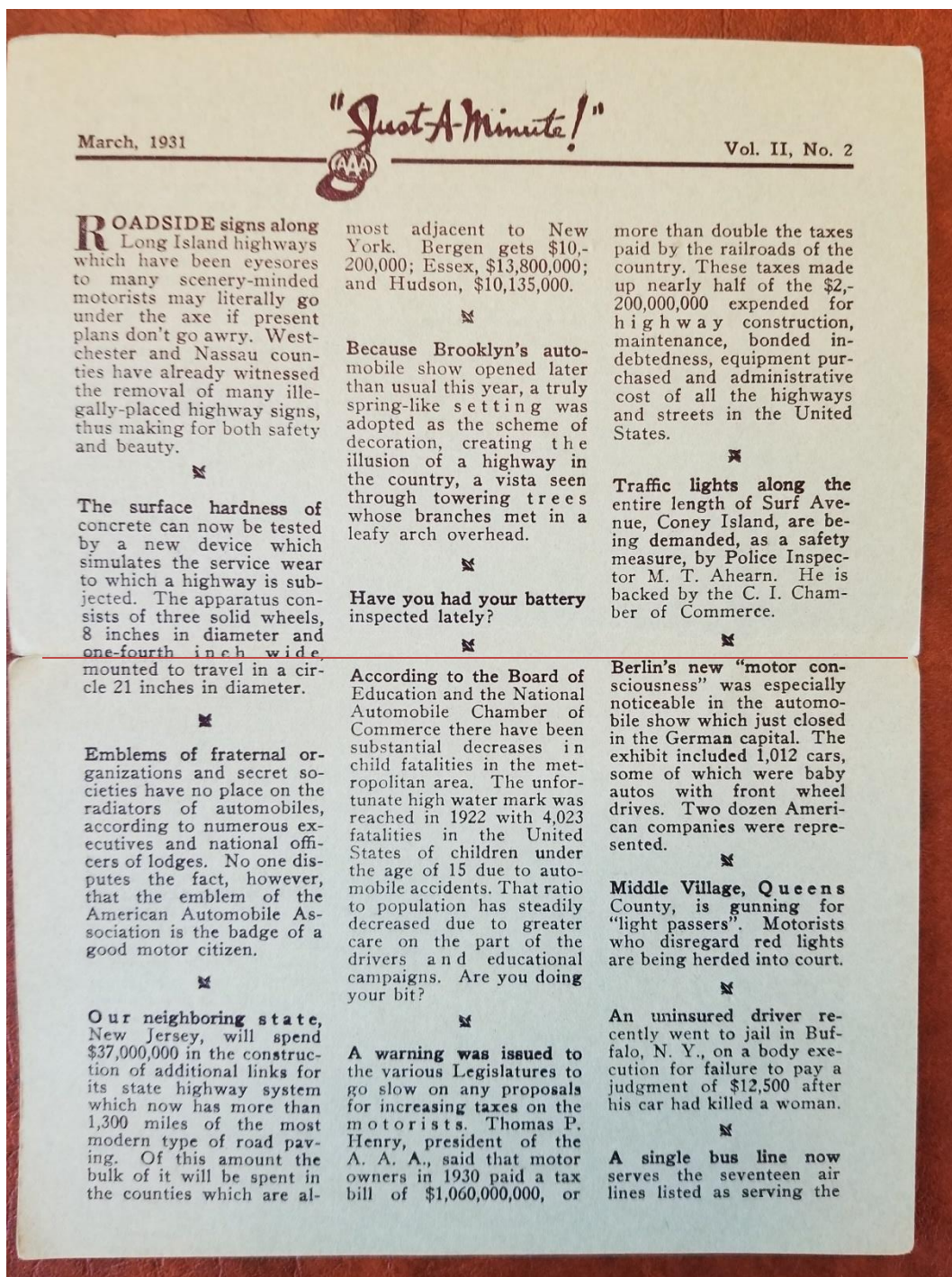
One more big **Thank You!** to the chefs who fed us at the 2017 Christmas Dinner!



# The Sullivan Trail A's News

*Did (or do) you know ...*

... that there were many automotive publications during the Model A era that we don't see today? I [Your Editor] suppose there were so many published because the automobile was still an exciting, new, sort of novelty item and drew a lot of attention especially from the business sector that saw much opportunity to make money from the motoring masses. Well, perhaps this dynamic is still happening today, but it's still fascinating to take a ride back in time to see what publications were available 90 years ago. I recently ran across this March 1931 post card newsletter mailed to Mr. Sylvester Ott in Brooklyn, NY from the New York Automobile Club; I thought I'd share it.



Post card fold

Newark, N. J., metropolitan airport. The completion of the speed concourse in the near future will materially increase pleasure car and bus travel to the port.

Highway beautification by means of landscape and forestry work was advocated by Jay Downer, of the Westchester Park Commission at the annual highway convention recently held at Atlantic City, N. J.

"Active membership in the American Automobile Association", said Lieut. Walter Hinton, first man to fly the Atlantic and president of the Aviation Institute of U. S. A., "is as necessary

to the car owner and driver as the aviator's membership in an organization of pilots. It's the only American thing to do."

Western-bound automobilists will be glad to hear that a portion of the summit of the Cascade range of mountains has been added to Mt. Ranier National Park.

The N. Y. World, in one of the last letters published just prior to its demise, advocated physical examinations for motorists for safety's sake.

Watch your speed between Trenton and Philadelphia. Letters received show un-

due activity on the part of local officers.

The average amount of financing per car last year, new and used, was 10 per cent less than in 1929. Figures show a consistently downward trend in the last three years of the average amount of money advanced per car; 1930's average financial advance being \$564.

Spring is here and the lure of the great out-of-doors calls us. The wise motorist will see to it that his car is carefully inspected, cleaned, overhauled, insured, oiled, and made ready for the service it will be called upon to render.

*J.M.*

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# "Just A Minute!"



Published once-a-month to carry news and reminders to its members by  
**THE NEW YORK AUTOMOBILE CLUB**  
50 West 77th Street, New York City

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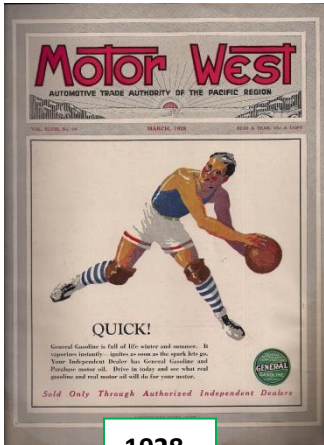
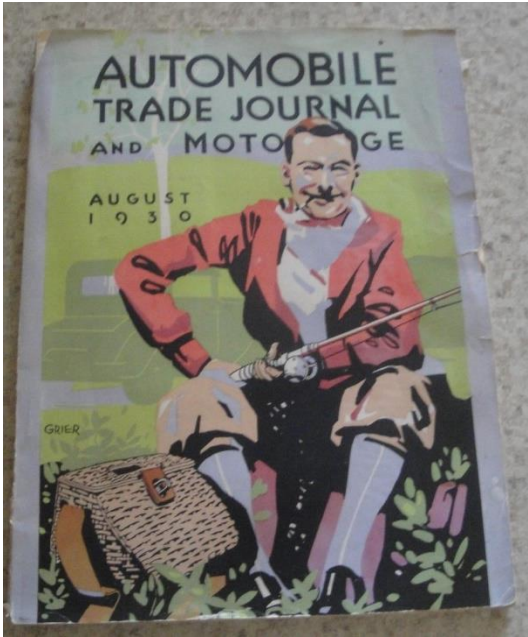
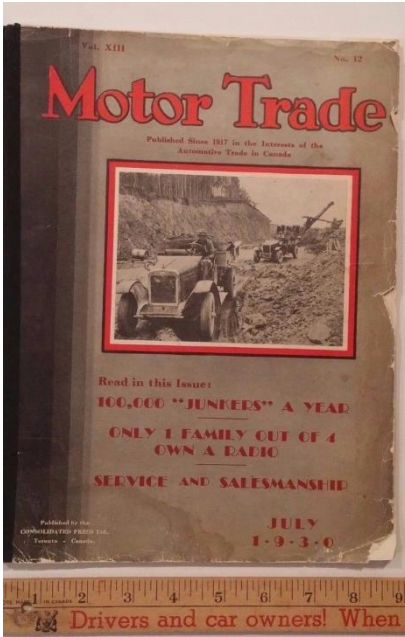
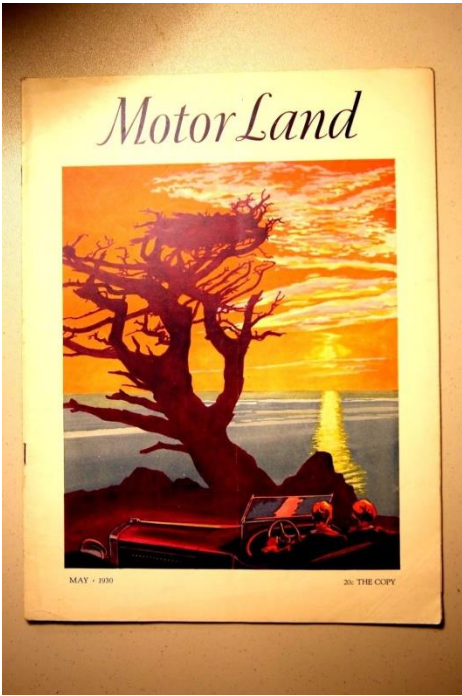
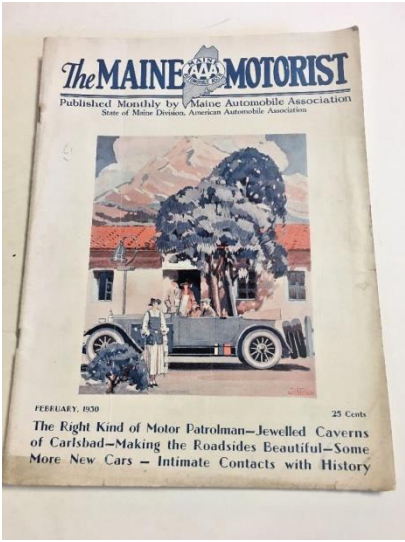


Don't forget to drain the anti-freeze solution from your radiator. Failure to do so may cause serious damage.

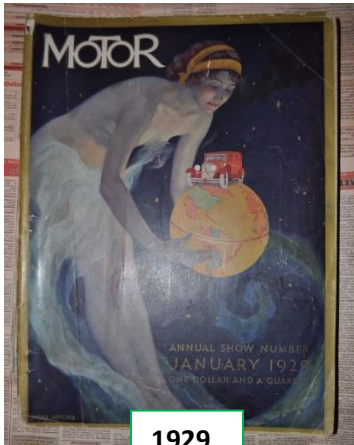
MR. SYLVESTER OTT,  
224 JEROME ST.,  
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

The once folded newsletter is the size of a post card with small print. My copy is green, but the green color is washed out in the above photos. On the next page you'll find some Model A era automobile-focused magazine covers. I find it interesting to read the old ads, articles, and stories that romanticize and promote motoring. To me this kind historical background about what mattered and what seemed important to people in the Model A era makes owning and driving a Model A a much richer experience. These materials are easily found on eBay.

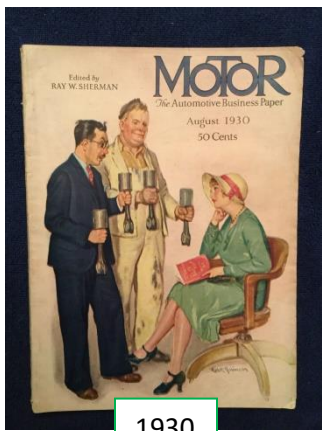
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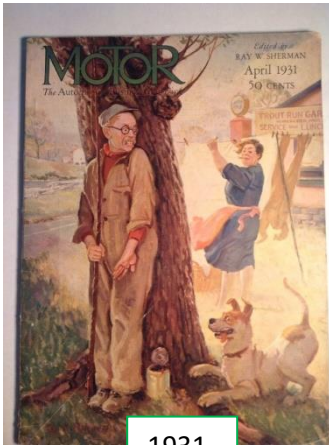
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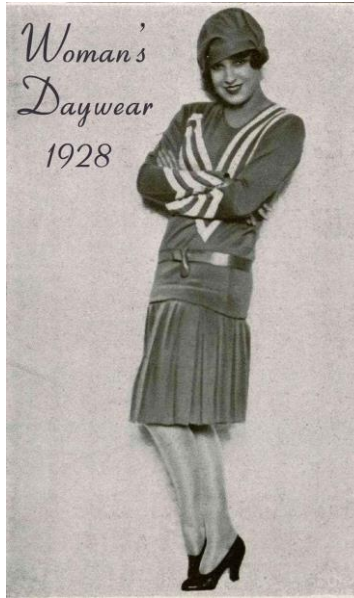
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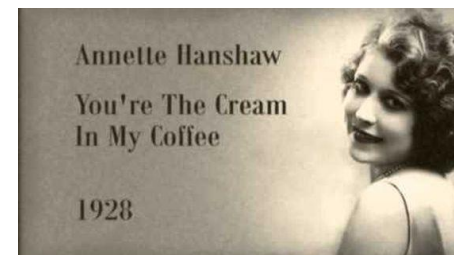
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## Women and the Model A Era



**Elizabeth "Betty" Robinson** (August 23, 1911 – May 18, 1999), later **Elizabeth R. Schwartz** was an American athlete and winner of the first Olympic 100 m for women in Amsterdam in 1928. #879 in the photo.



For women the '20s and '30s brought more educational and career opportunities. At the turn of the century, only 19 percent of college degrees were awarded to women. By 1928 that number rose to 39 percent. And the number of educated women continued to grow despite the economic hardships that came with the Great Depression. Though the Great Depression was difficult for women workers, by 1938, 800,000 women belonged to unions. That number would grow substantially as war production increased through the middle of the century.

Unwilling to adopt their mothers' constricting style, the young women of the 1920s adopted a new one. They replaced corsets and conservative layers with loose-fitting dresses that matched their carefree spirit. Many bobbed their hair and wore heavy makeup. In the 1930s, women adopted a more feminine style with plunging necklines, accentuated waists, knee length skirts and pumps. Advancements in clothing manufacturing increased the selections available to all classes, and from there, women were able to define themselves through individual style.

