SULLIVAN TRAIL A's

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"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." - Henry Ford 🔘 April 2021 – Volume 13 Issue 8

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

The calendar says spring! The last year has been a true winter with the isolation it has produced. I'm looking forward to a better year with 'normal' outdoor and social activities that include driving the Model A and visiting with my A friends and I bet all of you are yearning for the same.



The MAFCA NH National Tour is still on and with more people getting vaccinations I think that by the time the Tour begins most if not all attendees will have been vaccinated.

I'm looking forward to seeing Gary Ford's Model A Station Wagon he's been working on since he acquired it last year, let's have a show Gary!



All for now. Jim

MARK HARTH IS STILL ACCEPTING 2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES. \$10/YEAR SINCE 2008. HIS MAILING ADDRESS FOR YOUR CHECK IS ON THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER. MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER.

MEETING MINUTES



March 9, 2021

The **ZOOM** meeting was opened by Jim at 7PM with 12 members attending.

- Mark H's. Treasurer's report was given, a motion was made to accept his report, the motion carried. There was discussion about the Club's balance, how to manage it, Larry brought up life membership for longest Club members, there was some discussion about how this would work, need to define life membership, Bill H. and Larry will bring ideas back to next meeting in April.
- The Secretary's minutes from the February meeting were noted, there were no correction, a motion was made to accept the minutes, the motion carried.
 - Bill W. tried to speak about our May tour, but his audio was faulty so he was unable to share this month. He was able to note that his son's production of STA's license toppers is delayed due to a technical SNAFU.
 - Jim M. mentioned the auto tech class at BOCES and the Club's plan last year to give a presentation to students and showing our Model A's + speaking about the Model A. COVID-19 cancelled it. There was consensus that we should try to pull off this endeavor this fall, Jim will contact the school to restart planning and report back.
 - Discussion about our June picnic in lieu of a meeting, after discussion it was decided to have a Zoom meeting on June 8 @ 7PM and a picnic on Saturday June 12 at lunchtime. Bill H. will check pavilion availability.
 - Jim M. mentioned that MAFCA has Board elections this year, 4 positions are open; if you're interested see Jim. The MAFCA 2025 National Tour will be a progressive tour TX to VA, unlikely to attract STA's members.
 - Ginny B. shared that the Wampsville annual September car show is on and that the Norwich Memorial Day 2day weekend show may be moved to Labor Day weekend which would conflict with the 1-day Fillmore Glen show. Ginny has contacted the Norwich organizers about this, she will follow-up with us on their reply.
 - Denny C. suggested that we could expand our Zoom agenda to include a technical information segment, this was received with enthusiasm, Sharon L. offered to present some history, other ideas included having a "how to" presentation. We would need to purchase more time from Zoom, Denny will help do this.
 - The meeting was coincidentally over when the Zoom feed abruptly ended at the 40-minute mark.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Morris

Editor's Note



Newsletter Contributions Welcomed

For the May issue the Newsletter is hungry for 'my winter project' stories. This could be what work/upgrades did you do on your Model A during the pandemic/over last winter, what fashion items might you have sewn or planned for the future, or anything else (even non-Model A) that you tackled over this time period. Send your thoughts (photos welcome) to your editor by April 15! We're using a different printer for the Newsletter which has greatly reduced printing costs. The Club is now able to cover printing costs for the near future for members who need paper copies. Yay!!! Thank you, Bill Haag, for your efforts on this. - Jim

LOVE THOSE A'S

Some Photos Courtesy MAFCA, MARC, and America in the 1930's Facebook Pages

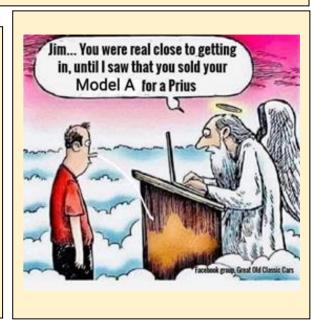












STITCHES IN TIME



Mary Brian's Hair Style Statement

A Smart Coiffure for Summer 1931

Mary Brian was a romantic leading lady whose memorable career began in the era of silent and early sound films.

Brian appeared in more than 70 films from 1924 to 1947. She costarred with such leading men of the era as Gary Cooper, Cary Grant and James Cagney, and at different times during the 1930s was engaged to Grant and Dick Powell.

She played Wendy in the first screen version — a silent — of "Peter Pan," released by Paramount in 1924. She also portrayed Molly Wood opposite Cooper in "The Virginian," the first major western film with sound, produced in 1929.

In Hollywood, the petite actress with dark brown curls ringing her face was known as "that nice, sweet Mary Brian," in part because of her solid professionalism.



Mary Brian 1931





1931



Mary Brian demonstrates one of the new coiffures, which displays rows of flat curls that are achieved by moistening the ends of the hair and twisting small sections of hair into circles around the fingers.

When it is necessary for the hair to dry quickly, Miss Brian applies toilet water* to the ends of the hair in place of water. Each section is moistened separately, then twisted over the fourth finger.



When the curl is twisted to form a coil, it is held in place by two invisible hairpins, pinned so that the hair lies very flat!

Spray the hair with a second application of *eau du* toilette water to insure the firmness of the curls. Permit the hair to dry for ten minutes. Then remove the pins and press the curls flat. Voila!

*Definition of eau de toilette: a perfumed liquid containing a lower percentage of fragrant oils than is contained in ordinary perfume or eau de parfum

- called also "toilet water"



UPCOMING EVENTS



All "A" events began in 1928!

NATIONAL AND SULLIVAN TRAIL A'S EVENTS

The Norwich, Wampsville, and Fillmore Glen car show dates are not yet confirmed.

STA's meetings are (temporarily) online monthly via ZOOM at our usual meeting day and time:

- Second Tuesday of the month 7PM - Meeting invitation sent the Saturday before the meeting -

April 9 – 11, 2021 MARC Membership Meet, Bay City, MI Meet Info CANCELLED

May 22, 2021 Sullivan Trail A's Spring Tour... full schedule in the May Newsletter!

June 7 – 11, 2021 MARC National Meet in Oshkosh WI. Meet Info

June 20 – 25, 2021 MAFCA National Tour North Conway, NH "Take 'A' Drive Up Mt. Washington and through a Covered Bridge" [If you haven't been to a National Event, or want to go to another, this could be the one] <u>Tour Info</u>

September 18, International Model A Ford Day

September 18 – 19, Gilmore Car Museum, MAFFI IMAFD Swap Meet 9-5 each day

December 2 - 5, MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Fort Worth Texas, Hosts: Cowtown A's

Link to Comprehensive Upcoming Events courtesy Kevin Yaggie: Local and Regional Car Events 2020

TECHNICAL TIPS



Jim's Tech Tip: Radiator Bolt Nuts

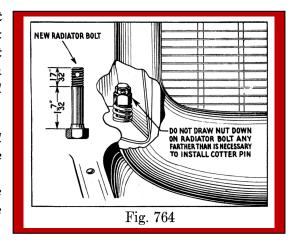
By Jim Cannon, former MAFCA Technical Director

When installing a radiator, Ford's Service Bulletins reminds you:

- DO NOT DRAW RADIATOR BOLT NUTS DOWN TIGHTLY -

"When mounting a radiator do not draw the radiator bolt nuts down any farther than is necessary to lock the nut with the Cotter key. If these nuts are drawn down tightly it compresses the radiator to frame bolt Springs to such an extent that the flexible feature of the Springs is defeated and damage to the radiator invariably results."

"Recently the threaded end of the radiator bolt was reduced from 5/8" to 17/32" which makes it impossible to screw the nut down farther than the correct distance. See figure 764. However, as practically all cars are equipped with the former design bolts constant care must be exercised one screwing down the radiator bolt nuts."



Good advice. My Tech tip is this:

Before installing the radiator bolt, paint a thin white line across the end of the bolt to show the orientation of the drilled hole for the cotter pin. Later, when you are tightening the nut it gives you a way to orient the drilled hole in the bolt "front to back" so that it is easy to slip the cotter key in and bend it over. Once the nut is on the bolt, it is hard to see the little hole and it can be very frustrating to put the cotter pin in.

I hope that helps get your radiator installed a bit faster and easier.

Have a model A-day! - Jim Cannon



Looking for a car, selling a car? Have parts, want parts? Have other 'stuff' you need or want to sell? Free advertising right here. Contact your Editor for placing your ad in next month's Newsletter.

Wanted: Nothing this month!

For Sale: 1. Many Sparton, E.A. Labs, Stewart Warner, Ames, and a couple GMI (very rare) original horns in various "as is" conditions or your choice reconditioned (e.g., new wiring/brushes, painted), ask me about prices. Jim 607-351-9348 jim.morris2831@aol.com

2. License Topper for Sullivan Trail A's Members: \$10 for members - If interested contact Bill Wirz: williamwirz@yahoo.com 607-562-3506



YOUTH OUTREACH



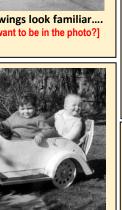
Give A Lift To The Kids!



Definitely future Model A owners



Future Model A owners? Those wings look familiar.... [The man in the background doesn't want to be in the photo?]





Current STA's Member here. Who?







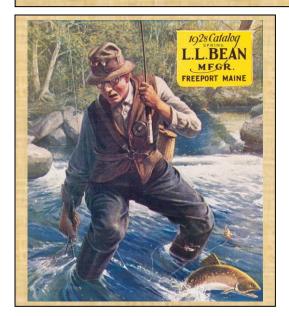
ODDS 'n ENDS



From the "A" Era - 1928













- News from The Era - **REMEMBERING THE DRIVE-IN**

Having essentially come of age together as the 19th century gave way to the 20th, movies and the automobile seemed predestined to go together. But it wasn't until the early 1930s that the idea for the first drive-in movie theater began to take root in the mind of New Jersey's Richard Milton Hollingshead, Jr.

Working as a sales manager for his father's Camden-based auto parts company (Whiz Auto Products), Hollingshead was quite familiar with the automobile and all the "freedom of possibilities" it afforded Americans. Pairing this love of the automobile with the glitz and glamor of Hollywood filmmaking seemed a perfectly natural fit and a welcome distraction from the oppression of the Great Depression then gripping the nation.



1933 The first drive-in theater, in Camden, New Jersey

Movies provided an escape from reality and proved to be one of the few luxuries Americans refused to give up during these toughest of times. Hollingshead wondered: Was there a way to enjoy both at once? With this spark of inspiration, he set up his initial concept at home: a 1928 Kodak movie projector (mounted on the hood of his car); two sheets nailed between trees; and his own automobile.

Watching from the comfort of his vehicle was such a unique experience, Hollingshead was sure other people would enjoy it. On August 6, 1932, he started the patent process for his drive-in movie theater idea. The following May, Hollingshead was awarded U.S. Patent No. 1,909,537 and set about construction of the first theater along with three other investors.



Construction of that first theater cost roughly \$30,000 (approximately \$564,000 in today's dollars) and took a mere three weeks to complete. On June 6, 1933, the new site, called simply the "Drive-In Theater" on its marquee, opened to the public. With a maximum cost of \$1 per person (and a minimum of \$0.25), patrons were treated to *Wives Beware*, a 1932 comedy starring Adolphe Menjou as a man in an unsatisfying marriage who fakes amnesia in order to pursue extramarital affairs. Featuring a 40'x50' screen and three 6'x6' speakers courtesy of RCA Victor, Hollingshead's theater was unlike anything else at the time.



Over the next decade, more and more drive-ins began springing up all across the East Coast, the South, into the Midwest and Texas. Within 20 years, drive-ins would hit their peak popularity with more than 4,000 in operation around the country by 1958.

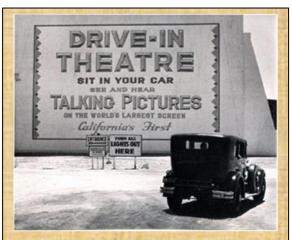
Hollingshead's patent was called into question almost as soon as other companies began cherry-picking the idea. By 1950, his original patent had been ruled invalid. Hollingshead eventually sold his Drive-In Theater in 1935, two years after he kicked off a phenomenon enjoyed by millions of Americans over the latter half of the 20th century and into today.

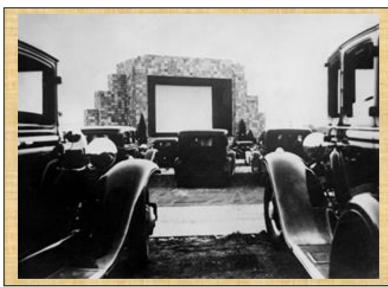
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MORE GOOD STUFF











"The whole family is welcome, regardless of how noisy the children are."



ADVERTISEMENT FOR FIRST DRIVE-IN THEATER

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MORE GOOD STUFF

Automotive engine design and and is vastly improved since the designed and analyzed in 1927.

RE-ENGINEERING THE MODEL A ENGINE
By Terry Burtz, Campbell, CA

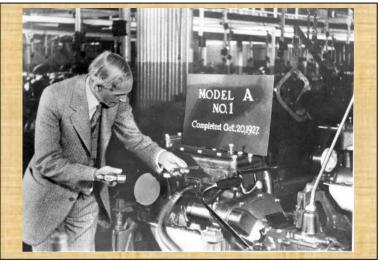
analyses has changed dramatically Ford Model A engine was Have you ever wondered why

even the best rebuilt or highly modified Model A engine has a useful life that is just a small fraction of the useful life of a modern engine? This article will attempt to answer that question and present an engineering design study that demonstrates what can be accomplished by substituting four redesigned parts into a Model A engine. By substituting these four redesigned parts, a stock appearing Model A engine can have the reliability and longer life of a modern engine, and a hot-rodded engine will have a much higher probability of staying together. Readers of this article will also learn about modern engineering methodology, understand the reasoning behind engineering design decisions, and learn how

a collection of sand cores can come together to form the cavities of a complex casting. For additional information, readers are encouraged to do Internet searches on the words, phrases, and terminology used in this article. This article presents a summary of what has been accomplished. And lastly, this article has been written to determine if there is enough interest for this engineering study to continue and become real hardware. I apologize for the length of this article,* but there is a vast amount of information to present.











*Visit Terry Burtz's web site for a video of his engine in a Model A on a mountain road and for the expanded article on his engine and related:

RE-ENGINEERING THE MODEL A ENGINE

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United States



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Rubber Company

THE SATURDAY SVENING POST April 7, 1934 "Slightly Used 32,000 miles. ... and good for 16,000 more TEMPERED RUBBER Now, we don't claim that U. S. Tires will run on forever - but we do have some mighty convincing evidence that often the extra mileage in Tempered Rubber far exceeds the fondest hopes of many of our most optimistic users. TAKE the experience of Gerald Nulton, Nathan Goldman and Willis Davis in New Brunswick, N. J., for example.

Nulton thought Gerald Nulton of New Brunswick, N. J., who traded in his U. S. Tires after 32,000 miles. 32,000 miles far enough to drive even U.S. Tires, so he turned his in at Goldman's tire store. Davis dropped in at Goldman's, examined the tires, asked the price and said, "Sold! Put them on." "By the way," asked Davis, "who was foolish enough to turn in tires like Willis Davis, who got 16,000 more miles of highly satisfacthat-they're only slightly used." tory service out of the tires, fol-lowing Nulton's original 32,000. "Foolish?" replied Goldman, tread ever developed. Hundreds of thousands of motor-"Why, Gerald Nulton put 32,000 miles on them!" ists, whose cars came equipped with U. S. Tires, can tell But Davis' judgment of tire value was more than the story of its remarkable mileage. vindicated. He drove those tires 16,000 more miles before they wore out. His used U.S. Tires actually gave And a U. S. Tire dealer in your locality stands him as much service as he might expect from the entire ready to provide you with this same extra wear and Nathan Goldman, of the O. life of many an ordinary tire.

- Happy New Year!! Spring Tour -

- Saturday May 22, 2021 - by Bill Wirz



Starting out at the Corning Museum of Glass Visitor Center -Corning NY (photo #1).

We will be travelling route 415 up through Bath NY and finally to our first stop which will be the Bath Fish Hatchery (photo #2). This hatchery is a state-of-the-art hatchery and does all of the local stocking for our area streams and lakes. NO FISHING ALLOWED! 🐸 Along the way and especially on Fish Hatchery Rd, we will be seeing some tremendous scenery of old farms and barns. Make sure to bring your cameras.

Our second stop will be the Finger Lakes Boating Museum (photo #3). There we will have a selfguided tour of wooden lake boats which were built in the Finger Lakes area years ago. We will also have access to areas not typically open to the public, so it should be very interesting and enjoyable.



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... Tour cont.

We can either have lunch at the picnic area at the museum or proceed a little further into Hammondsport to enjoy a lakeside picnic lunch at Depot Park (photo #4). We can decide where to have lunch as we go. Be sure to bring your picnic lunch.

After our visit to Depot Park, we can drive a few short blocks to the Hammondsport Village Square (photo #5). It is a beautiful location, surrounded by quaint little shops and of course an ice cream shop where we will have some ice cream. The name of the Ice Cream shop is named Crooked Lake Ice Cream (photo #6).

When we are done with our ice cream and looking around a bit, we will reverse our route to head back to Corning.

The Total distance, round trip from Corning is about 70 miles and should not be too strenuous for our cars. There is no Interstate highway driving for our tour. Let's hope for good weather and for COVID19 to be sufficiently behind us to "enjoy the ride!!"







Photo #5



Must learn Model A Word of the Month! **Kvell** <u>Part of speech</u>: verb. <u>Origin</u>: Yiddish, 1960s <u>Meaning</u>: feel happy and proud. Use in a sentence:

"Model A club members were kvelling for weeks after a fantastic first tour of the year."

zoom zoom zoom

By VP Denny Colegrove

Are you tired of "Zoom"-ing through a meeting? Would you like to make our remote meetings even remotely more

interesting? Join us for Tech Tips and Story Time at the end of every business meeting, because everyone has a story. If you fondly remember our in-person meetings where we had tech tips, let's all join in with sharing audio-visually enhanced tech tips and other stories of Model A adventures.

With Zoom we are able to share live video, photos, and virtually anything that can be viewed on a computer screen.



<u>Tech Tips</u>: If you are one of the more seasoned Model A mechanic/restorers, bring us some of your tips. If you are more of a novice, bring us some of the things you are finding, or have found, challenging and see if other members can help. If you are somewhere in between, bring us a story of a mechanical problem that you have faced and learned how to overcome it. It doesn't have to be a current project, but we especially welcome anything with pictures.

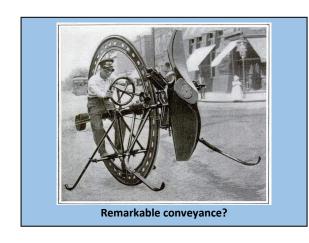
<u>Story Time</u>: Everyone has a Model A story. Maybe it was your first one. Maybe it is your latest one. Maybe it is your favorite one. Maybe it is a special tour or place you have visited with your A. Maybe it is some interesting experience you have had while driving your A.

There are a couple different ways we can facilitate the sharing of photos, videos, or other files within the existing Zoom platform. If you are even slightly tech savvy, just prepare what you want to show on your own computer or other device and the host (Denny) can help you to share your screen. You can even do live video with whatever device you want to use. If requested, we can also do a practice of the process prior to the meeting. If you are not comfortable with sharing your screen or if you do not have enough bandwidth in your internet connection, then just forward any photos, etc. to Denny prior to the meeting and he will show them as you narrate.

Any questions, contact Denny dacolegrove@gmail.com

Sharon Leahy has already offered a "history" presentation, stay tuned!





Vice President DENNY COLEGROVE has done a TERRIFIC JOB with updating, maintaining, and tweaking our website. He's uploaded each Newsletter issue as it comes out so the web site is current and shows a 'fresh' look. If you haven't visited our STA's web site follow this link and take a look: https://sullivantrailas.com/

Denny shared his thoughts about the web site:

"I have noticed ... a huge increase in views of our website. In the first few months after I took it over in November 2019 the number of views was in the single digits, and usually the low single digits per week. Throughout 2020 the number of views has been increasing and hit a high of 50 during the second week of November. Since that time, we have averaged 29 views per week. Besides placing the latest newsletter on the site, I put special notices on the home page when activities are planned, update the calendar when the national magazines come out, and other tweaks that may or may not be noticeable. I really believe a website that appears up to date is one of the best recruitment tools we can have."

Thank you Denny!

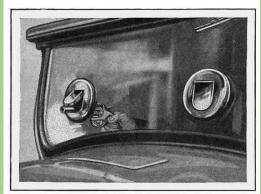
Also check out our Facebook page. Former Secretary and life STA's member BEVERLY HARDING created our page on her own and it has garnered increasing "likes" from visitors. You're welcome to post your "A" related news and information on our page. Here it is:

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

Thank you Beverly!

PORTHOLES IN WINDSHIELD HELP IN BANDIT CHASE

Cincinnati police have automobiles with bullet-proof windshields and with two



Portholes in Windshield of Police Automobile Aid in Bandit Warfare; and the Glass Is Bullet-Proof

portholes in the shield, so that persons in the cars can fire at bandits without exposing themselves to a return volley. The autos are capable of high speed.

The New FORD CAR IS HERE Beautiful new low body lines Choice of four colors 55 to 65 miles an hour Remarkable acceleration 40-horse power engine Four wheel brakes Standard, selective gear shift Hydraulic shock absorbers 20 to 30 miles per gallon of gasoline Theft-proof coincidental lock Typical FORD economy and reliability Come In And See It TODAY Arrange for Demonstration LECHNER MOTOR CO.



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- Albert Einstein

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Benefits of membership in a car club:

- New friends & fellowship
- Increased knowledge
- Activities like tours, picnics, car shows
- Great magazines & newsletters
- Tire kicking



SULLIVAN TRAIL A'S:

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MODEL A RESTORER'S CLUB:

MARC web site



MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA:

MAFCA web site



MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION:

MAFFI web site

Henry Ford and Thomas Edison were lifelong friends. As requested by Ford, Thomas Edison's son captured Edison's last exhale in a test tube and sealed it with a cork. Ford kept the tube as a memorial to Edison's "life and breath."











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If you're a member of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA Membership Number: MARC Membership Number: Annual dues for Sullivan's Trail A's: \$10.00 Do you own a Model A or A's? Would you like to tell us about it/them?	(MAFCA) and/or Model A Restorers Club (MARC): MAFCA AND MARC membership offers national "A" news, commentary, articles from technical to touring, photographs, classified ads, and more. The Restorer (MAFCA) and The Model A News (MARC) are terrific bi-monthly magazines included in membership. Please ask a Sullivan Trail member for more information.
Do you have special knowledge, expertise, or interests yo	ou'd like to share at this time?
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