

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." - Henry Ford 🔘 October 2022 – Volume 14 Issue 2

Where Friends & Model A's Meet - Northern Tier PA & Finger Lakes Region NY

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Derrick easily held the 3,500 lbs. AA with his knee while the geyser blew off the radiator cap

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

Wow.....October already?

We did much this last year. Our September had included the Tri-Motor and International Model A Ford Day (IMAFD) events. Both events were special. It was fun to meet up with the West Branch A's for IMAFD. We are already talking about this becoming an annual event with them and maybe other nearby clubs.

Hard to believe but since May I have put over 1600 miles on "Molly". I would add I had to change the oil 3 times as recommended by Henry, but the car ran flawlessly (except for a flat) the entire time. I am an advocate for the modern upper and lower plate



setup for the distributor and the leakless water pump. This eliminated the reliability issues with "Molly." Fun driving.

October is Hershey and some of us are going. I still have two spots in my car for a day trip (probably Wednesday, Oct 5, weather permitting) as well as room for goodies we pick up. Let me know if you are interested in accompanying Don Bushart and me to this great event.

October is also our Fall tour to Sonnenberg Gardens on October 15. Please make sure to let me know whether you are going by October 7. The weather will be perfect (as it was for all our events this year) and we will be able to enjoy the fall colors while driving. We have not done an overnight tour like this in a while, so it will be exciting. If you cannot go in your "A," please join us in modern iron if you can. More on this tour in this Newsletter.

My son Chris and I will be working to get the STA WEBSITE updated. Hopefully, by this month's STA meeting it will be good to go.

Many of us took pictures at our various events. For our Holiday party in December, I would like to assemble as many of them as I can and project them during the party. I also plan to give the pictures to all attending the Holiday party as a gift

on a thumb drive. It is a great way to remember a great STA year. Please give me your photos no later than our November meeting. Thank you.

Keep those A's running and drive them often.

All for now

Aaa -ooo - gah

Bill



MEETING MINUTES MINUTES September 13, 2022

President Bill Wirz called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

- Secretary's minutes of May mtg were discussed; motion to approve will be in October
- Treasurer's report was given by Mark: \$80.00 in dues were received, \$54.00 made from the auction at the June picnic; a large donation was received; motion to approve will be in October

Old Business:

Bill discussed a donation to the church for use of the meeting room for 300.00 annually, Motion was made by Bill
 W. and seconded by Monty H.

New Business:

- AACA Eastern Region Fall Meet will be in Hershey from Oct 4-7, 2022
- A Fall Tour to Canandaigua's Sonnenberg Gardens is planned for Oct 15-16, 2022; Bill reserved 6 rooms, contact him for details, williamwirz@yahoo.com, rooms are \$99.49 per night; we will have dinner Saturday and bfast Sunday.
- There is some interest in a tour to Auburn in 2023, more on this later
- Our 2022 Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 10 at Giuseppe's Ristorante
- Election of Officer's for 2023 will be on November 8th, 2022
- No Zoom was available for this meeting

<u>Technical</u>

• After refreshments a video of cars made in NYS in the early 1900s was viewed; we conclude viewing in October

Refreshments for October will be provided by Bill W.

The 50/50 was won by Monty H. \$17.50, he donated \$10.00 back to the treasury

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Brown, Secretary

Editor's Note

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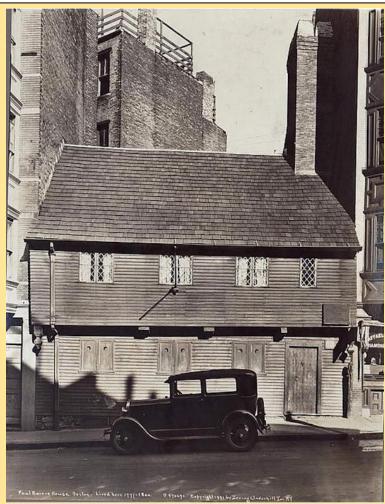
Newsletter Contributions Welcomed

We've been busy this year! Thanks to Bill Wirz and Steve Organ who did the largest share of organizing and scouting out our excursions. Thanks, too, to Julie Costie who made multiple calls to the Watkins Glen racetrack to nail down details of our Drive the Glen event. Teamwork, baby! Thank you members who've shared their photos with me, Louise Wirz, Ruth Stoddard, Steve Organ, Julie, and I bet I've missed someone (my apologies if I have!). I can't use all of them but I do select the special ones! - Jim

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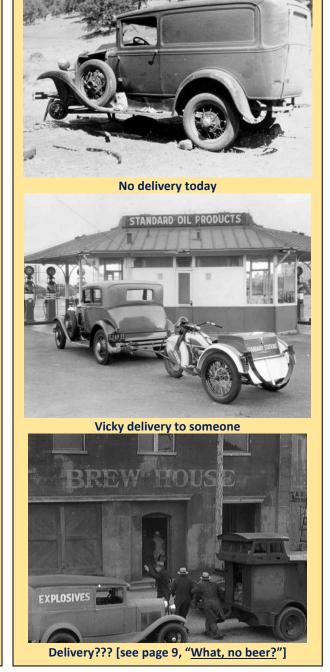
LOVE THOSE A'S Some Photos Courtesy <u>MAFCA</u>, <u>MARC</u>, and <u>America in the 1930's</u> Facebook Pages



Paul Revere House – photo 1931

On the night of April 18, 1775, silversmith Paul Revere left his small wooden home in Boston's North End and set out on a journey that would ultimately make him a legend. Today that home is still standing at 19 North Square and has become a national historic landmark. It is downtown Boston's oldest building and one of the few remaining 17th-century dwellings in a large urban area in the United States.

Paul Revere House





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STITCHES IN TIME



Model A Style By Julie Costie

The clothing designs pictured here were featured in the March 1931 issue of Delineator magazine. During the MARC 2022 national meet in Morgantown, PA, I was very excited to see and win this original item at an auction benefitting the Dearborn Model A Ford Foundation, Inc., (MAFFI) museum.

The Delineator women's magazine was published by Butterick from 1873 to 1937, offering short stories, decorating advice, cooking tips, fashion articles, and drawings of the latest home sewing patterns. These printed paper patterns were available in shops or by mail order from the Butterick Company. Few of these original tissue paper patterns have survived.

But as I carefully turned the pages of my 91-year-old treasure, I was surprised to see a very familiar designthe short sleeve style you see here - # 3731. The dress appears in the 'Model A Era Fashion Pattern Catalog," published by MAFCA and available at their web store:

MAFCA web store

This wonderful resource showcases drawings of men's, women's, and children's fashions. In the past, I have purchased paper patterns and sewn several garments from these reprinted vintage styles.

Recently the MAFCA pattern collection was sold. In the future, digitized or printed versions will be available through Revival Designed:

Revival Designed

Additionally, the MARC website offers McCall's and Simplicity sewing patterns from the '20s and 30s which can be viewed here:

MARC web store

Do you, like me, enjoy matching your fashion image to your Model A vehicle? Whether you sew from old patterns or pull a vintage look together from modern pieces, you will find inspiration in these sketches.

Happy motoring and driving in style!

FOR SHANTUNC, TOO 3731 Everything smart but nothing complicated about this trim little frock that's really a one-piece model, in spite of the fact it has that overblouse look. Shoulder capelets and body are cut all in one, while the pleated skirt is made from only two pieces. For 36 (size 18), 3 yards 39-inch crépe. Designed for sizes 14 to 18 and 32 to 44.

3731

POLKA-DOTS PERSIST 3724 This is a smart dress that one can live in all day long. It's good looking made of a single fabric, but when given accent by a scarf of polka-dots or some equally springy design, it becomes unusual and arresting. It's a two-piece dress with a peplum. For 36 (size 18), 2% yards 54-inch wool. The frock is designed for sizes 14 to 18 and 32 to 44.

THE RETURN OF PLAIDS 3708 They are tremendously smart this spring and there's no better way to use them than for the skirt and scarf of a one-piece dress like this, in two-piece effect with square scalloped joining. Skirt yoke attached under belt at normal waistline. For 36 (size 18), 2% yards 39-inch plaid; 1% yards 39-inch plain, Designed for sizes 14 to 18 and 32 to 44.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Our Hobby On The GO!

- <u>SECOND TUESDAY</u> of every month except July and August Sullivan Trail A's regular monthly in-person meeting 7PM First United Methodist Church, 1034 W. Broad St., Horseheads, NY [ZOOM meetings also available]
- THIRD SATURDAY of every month Breakfast Run



SULLIVAN TRAIL A'S EVENTS

• October 13, 2022, regular in-person 7 PM STAs meeting First United Methodist Church, 1034 W Broad St. Horseheads, NY



• October 15-16 (Fri-Sat):

- "STAS FABULOUS FALL TOUR 2022" -

Sonnenberg Gardens with dinner, an overnight, and breakfast excursion, in Canandaigua, NY. See poster on page 26 and details in Bill Wirz's SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 EMAIL sent to all members

• December 10, 2022, STAs annual Holiday Party @ Giuseppe's ... stay tuned for more information

~ LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL EVENTS ~

- October 4 7, 2022, AACA Eastern Region Fall Meet, Hershey, PA some STAs members are going!
- December 5 8, 2022 MAFCA National Awards Banquet, Golden, CO, Host: Model A Ford Club of Colorado
- April 14 16, 2023 MARC Membership Meet, Bay City Michigan, hosted by the Script A's Region of MARC
- June 11 16, 2023 MAFCA Midwest Regional Meet Tour, Breckenridge, CO, Host: Model A Ford Club of Colorado
- July 30 August 4, 2023, MARC National Meet, Hamilton, Ohio
- Link to Comprehensive Upcoming Events courtesy Kevin Yaggie: Local And Regional Car Events 2020



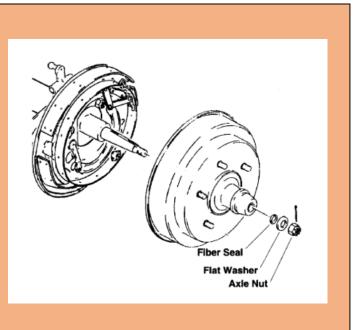
TECHNICAL TIPS



By Jim Canon, former MAFCA Technical Director*

Every time I have a rear wheel off of a Model A, I use the opportunity to check the tightness of the rear axle nut for that wheel. They are supposed to be guite tight, and yet I find many with at least one axle nut that is loose. This is not good. If the hub is able to move on the axle, it will cause excess wear to the end of the axle and can damage it to the point where the axle will need to be replaced.

To check it, first remove the cotter key. With the transmission in 1st or Reverse gear and the opposite rear tire on the ground, you can apply a wrench to the axle nut and confirm it is tight. Ford did not publish torgue values for nuts and bolts; he counted on the experience and "feel" of expert mechanics to know how tight to make things. Les Andrews has a value of 125 ft-lbs.** in his book for this nut, and I feel that is a good target to shoot for. Watch the position of the cotter pin hole relative to the slots in the axle nut. If the pin will not line up on the nut, keep tightening the nut until the cotter



Check Your Rear Axle Nuts

pin goes in. Bend the ears over. I use a new cotter pin every time.

This simple maintenance step will help you avoid bigger problems down the road.

* Jim's technical tip was provided by the Model A Ford Club of America to MAFCA Chapter Editors.

** Recommended torque values are not all in agreement, your own research is suggested.





1930 - Are these Model As? Answer on page 26



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: This is your ad space ... looking for something? Ask fellow members!

For Sale: 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. See pages 23 & 24 in this issue for my **OVERSTOCK SALE!** *Jim 607-351-9348 – jim.morris2831@aol.com*

YOUTH OUTREACH



Give A Lift To The Kids!

Youngsters Enjoying STAs A's In 2022



ODDS 'n ENDS



From the "A" Era

[Photo on page 4 is from this 1933 movie]



What - No Beer?

What No Beer is a 1933 comedy film released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer directed by Edward Sedgwick and starring Buster Keaton and Jimmy Durante. It's a slapstick laugh about a couple of regular guys trying to cash in on the end of Prohibition. Durante is a barber who talks Keaton, his dim bulb taxidermist buddy, into spending his life's savings on a brewery. Determined to be first, they start making beer before Prohibition is actually over. That makes their 'competition', bootlegging thugs, something they didn't count on! Then, Buster falls for one of the gangster's molls, the cops get into the act, and Keaton and Durante have to figure out how to get out of the beer business before they're done in!

Just to be sure everyone is up on the lingo: 'Wets' are against Prohibition. 'Dries' are for it.



~ News From The Era ~ MODEL A ASSEMBLY AND DISTRIBUTION

Model A and AA Ford cars and trucks were assembled and distributed to dealers through numerous Ford motor company branch locations across the United States. Each branch covered a geographic territory and supported the dealers in that that territory. Most branches were also a form of assembly plant, final assembling vehicles from component parts and sub-assemblies produced primarily at the rouge near Dearborn, and at Ford's suppliers globally. The branch was also the dealer's source of genuine Ford service repair parts, as well as factory sales and service training and information. A few branches were only warehouse distribution points for service parts and training and did not assemble or distribute complete vehicles.

Source: Vince Falter's Ford Garage



CALAVADA AUTO COMPANY, 35 East Fourth Street, Reno(?), NV. Circa 1930, this is "trade-in" day for MODEL DAIRY swapping its Ford Model T pickups for newer Model A's. The Ford dealership was located on the northwest corner of Fourth Street and University Avenue (now Center Street) and remained there for many years before moving to a Kietzke Lane location. A residence and service station are visible on the far right. Nevada Historical Society photo.

35 U.S. Ford dealership branch locations in early 1930:

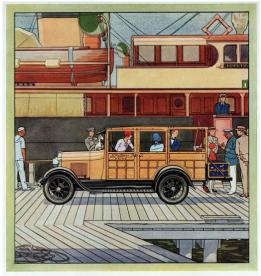
Atlanta - Buffalo - Charlotte, NC - Chester PA - Chicago - Cincinnati - Cleveland - Colorado - Columbus - Dallas Dearborn - Denver - Des Moines - Fargo - Houston - Indianapolis - Jacksonville - Kansas City, Mo - Los Angeles Louisville - Memphis - Milwaukee - New Orleans - New York - Norfolk - Oklahoma City - Omaha - Pittsburgh Portland, Ore - Saint Louis - Saint Paul - Salt Lake City - San Francisco - Seattle - Summerville, MA - Washington, DC

IMAGES BEHIND US



The Rutledge "A" Starts & Runs!





The New Ford Station Waqon

August 11, 2022 – Happy "A" team (minus Steve O. & Bruce B. for this visit) gets George Rutledge's Wagon running! (I-r) Jim M., Don B., George R., Bill W.









George's 1929 Woodie – We hope to see George and this beautiful "A" on the road soon.

Jim M. & Julie C. Drove Their '31 Roadster To Auburn, NY For Auburn's "Founders Day" Celebration August 13, 2022



The Roadster got plenty of lookers and Julie was an eager ambassador for the STAs

More Photographs From Auburn's Founders Day Celebration



New STAs member Bill "B.T." Costie with sister Julie



STAs new member Mike Ocasio's 1930 outstanding Roadster



Possible STAs new member Jim Swartwood's fine 1930 Coupe



Louie Vasile's, Jim S's father-in-law, 1930 Pickup

The Same Day As Founders Day In Auburn, Southport, NY Had Their August 13, 2022, BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY Celebration & STAS WAS THERE!!!





Rendezvous was at Ruth S's home in Southport - Don B. (r) chatting at the rear of Rich P's 1930 Coupe

More Photographs Of The Southport Celebration





Ruth S., Don B., Rich P., Bill W., Steve O. Steve O. Steve O. bringing up the rear First stop, Ruth's home. From here to parking at the Southport Bicentennial Celebration



Ruth S. up front with family in back seat



Cars of all years and makes attending the Bicentennial



STAs parked at the Bicentennial, hmm, but where's the crowd?

Seeing is believing, so where is the Bicentennial Celebration?

Right here in a WENY TV video report that will show President Bill Wirz inspecting the STAs lineup!!

Please open this link: WENY story

1929 Ford Tri-Motor & The STAs September 3, 2022, Photos Of The Airplane And The "As"



(I-r) Monty Hine '30 pickup, Jim Morris '31 Roadster, Don Bushart '29 Pickup, Bill Wirz '30 Tudor, Steve Organ '30 Fordor Ruth Stoddard '31 Fordor, Bruce/Ginny Bruckner '30 Tudor, Bill Haag '31 Standard Fordor, Gordon Haag '30 Coupe



Parking before photos with the plane, then lining up on the tarmac to visit the Tri-Motor





Individual Photos With The Tri-Motor



9 individual photos were taken, this is Bill Wirz



(I-r) Monty Hine, Jim Morris, Don Bushart



Group photos under the wings



Don Bushart with grandson







Stout Metal Airplane Co. built the Ford Tri-Motor 1928 -1933



Hi Louise!



This next flight takes off, and STAs park their As and assembly for the long-awaited flight into 1929



Briefing before STAs fly the Ford. Who is flying? We are!!



STAs eagerly waiting for the 1929 Tri-Motor flight



Off STAs go!



Everyone has boarded for take-off



Back on solid ground with many smiles! [left photo, persons I-r #3 and #4 not STAs]





Interior of the Tri-Motor Bill & Louise Wirz, in rear Monty Hine(I) and Ruth Stoddard(r) See next 2 pages – Charles Lindberg with wife Ann and Amelia Earhart flew in this exact aircraft in 1929!! - Tri-Moto NC9645

History of Ford Tri-Motor NC9645

The Ford Motor Company of Dearborn, Michigan, manufactured 199 Ford Tri-Motors between 1926 and 1933. Ford Tri-Motor NC9645, a model 5-AT-B, serial number 8, was the 60^{se} Tri-Motor built, and logged its first flight on December 1, 1928. It was delivered to its first owner, Transcontinental Air Transport (TAT) on January 18, 1929. Following maritime tradition, TAT gave each aircraft in its fleet a name honoring a city; NC9645 was given the name, *City of Wichita*. TAT introduced the first coast-to-coast passenger air/rail service in the United States on July 7, 1929. Westbound passengers departed New York City, NY, at 6:05 pm on the Pennsylvania Railroad and arrived the following morning in Columbus, Ohio, where they were transported to the airport. On July 8, 1929, NC9645 (*City of Wichita*) departed Columbus, Ohio, behind NC9648 (*City of Columbus*) to fly the first airborne segment (Indianapolis, IN, St. Louis, MO, Kansas City, MO, Wichita, KS, Waynoka, OK) of the West-bound portion of the inaugural coast-to-coast journey to Los Angeles, CA.

On October 2, 1930, TAT merged with Maddux Airlines, Pittsburgh Aviation Industries and Western Air Express to become T&WA*. Twenty-three days later, October 25, 1930, NC9645 had the honor of being involved with the development and inauguration of the first all air coast-to-coast passenger service.

July 16, 1935, T&WA sold NC9645 to Grover Ruckstell's Grand Canyon Airlines of Arizona. NC9645 flew passengers for Grand Canyon Airlines until February 1937, when it began flying passengers for Boulder Dam Tours.

In the late autumn of 1937, the aircraft was sold to *Transportes Aéreos del Continente Americano* (TACA) (Air Transport of the American Continent), of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The aircraft was registered in Nicaragua as AN-AAS, where it flew for TACA until 1946 when it was sold to Ricardo Izurienta of Campeche, Mexico, and flown commercially under Mexican registry XA-FUB (XA designating it as a commercial registration). In 1950, Izurienta sold the aircraft to his brother, Arturo D'Argence, also of Campeche, Mexico, and it was registered as XB-NET (XB designating it as private ownership).

In May of 1951, the aircraft was completely overhauled by *Servicios Aeronauticos de Mexico, SA* of Mexico City. During the overhaul, the corrugated skin was replaced with modern Dural sheet metal and the aircraft acquired its nickname, "The Smooth Skin Ford." XB-NET was back to flying status in late 1951. In January of 1954, it was damaged when a wheel locked, turning the aircraft off the runway and into a ditch. This time the aircraft was not repaired but sold "as is" in poor condition to Frank D. Oergel of Burbank, California, who in turn sold it to Eugene Frank, who placed it in storage in Caldwell, Idaho.



Amelia Earhart, Ann and Charles Lindberg pictured with Tri-Motor NC9645 July 7, 1929

Fillmore Glen Car Show Fillmore Glen State Park, Moravia, NY – September 4, 2022



(I-r) 2 guests then Tom Brown, Monty Hine, Jeff Barber



Hine, Morris, Tom Overbaugh, Dave Cute (new member?)





MORE GOOD STUFF





<u>Photos source</u>: The "Ford Model AA Truck Club;" was formed in July of 1986 with a group of 24 AA'ers. The club founder, Bill Cilker, served as President from 1986 through 1994. Neil Wilson served as President from 1995 through the present. Informative and interesting website, well worth a link click to visit: <u>AA Fords</u>

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John Kucko Digital 2h . @

Throwback Thursday: What a terrific sight the other day in Enfield, NY in Tompkins County! Saw this gentleman pumping gas into his 1931 Model A Ford. When this sedan hit the marketplace back in the day, gasoline cost 10¢ a gallon. The man, from nearby Trumbull Corners, tells me he drives the car every day (except for winter) and has enjoyed his Ford for close to 60 years now.



STAs Monty Hine is a Facebook sensation on September 15, 2022!

John Kucko joined WROC Television Channel 8 as Sports Director for News 8 Now in 1991. He has worked as a sportscaster in the Rochester market since 1989, and has covered the Buffalo Bills four Super Bowl teams, the 1989 US Open and the 1995 Ryder Cup matches at and the 85th PGA Championship at Oak Hill, where he anchored WROC-TV's coverage of golfs final major. A native of New York, John grew up in Binghamton, and went to college at S.U.N.Y. Oswego. John has been honored with the 1999 Lowell MacMillan Award for Local Sportscasting Excellence. He has also been awarded five times by the Associated Press for Best Sports Coverage, but recalls the highlight of 2006 as being the first to break what would become a major national storythat of Jason McElwain, or "J-Mac." The autistic senior's magical night at Greece Athena first aired on WROC-TV a full 24 hours before it was seen anywhere else. The footage that first aired on News 8 Now was eventually voted the EPSN'S ESPY Awards "Best Sports Moment in 2006." John and his wife, Charla, reside in Penfield with their two daughters.

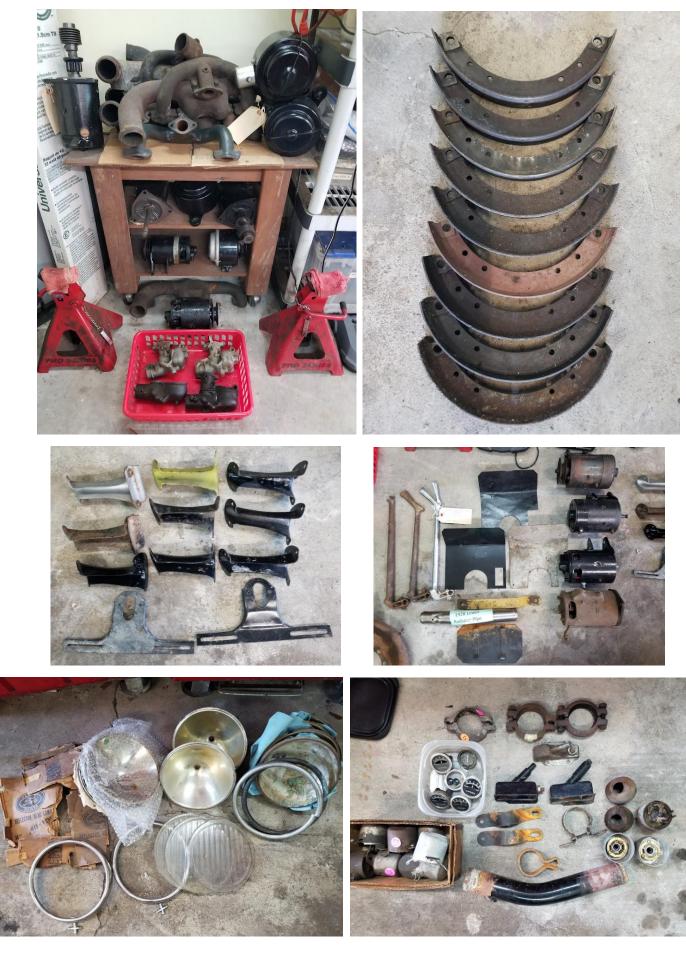
I bought a little bag of air today... The company that made it was kind enough to put some potato chips in it as well.





I WANT TO BUY ANOTHER MODEL A

JIM'S MODEL A PARTS OVERSTOCK SALE!!!



JIM'S MODEL A PARTS OVERSTOCK SALE!!!











Contact me if you need something!! - Jim



Canandaigua's Sonnenberg Gardens

- Depart Saturday, October 15, choose your rendezvous location
- Arrive @ Sonnenberg Gardens 11 AM, have your BYO picnic lunch
- Tram to Sonnenberg mansion, guided tour of the mansion and greenhouses all for \$12
- Overnight at Super8 by Wyndham (\$99), check-in late afternoon after Sonnenberg visit
- Dinner at the Finger Lakes Public House
- Breakfast at the Gateway Grill
- Home we go after Sunday breakfast with many smiles per mile!

COMPLETE DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN AN EMAIL



Benefits in a car club include:

- \checkmark New friends and fellowship
- ✓ Learning opportunities
- Activities like tours, car shows, picnics, breakfast runs, holiday parties, mutual aid
- ✓ Great magazines and newsletters
- ✓ Tire kicking
- ✓ National Club news and activities



SULLIVAN TRAIL A'S: Sullivan Trail A's

web site



MODEL A RESTORER'S CLUB: MARC web site



MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA:



MODEL A FORD FOUNDATION:

MAFFI web site

Answer to, "Is this a Model A? question on page 7

No. From the Detroit Public Library: "View of women using striping machine on cars on assembly line at the Hudson automobile factory. Printed on front: "1930 Hudson striping machine." Handwritten on back: "Factory."

Were you fooled?





Where Friends & Model A's Meet - Northern Tier PA & Finger Lakes Region NY

Sullivan Trail A's APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name(s):		
Address:	Sullivan Trail A's Facebook page	
MAFCA Membership Number:		
MARC Membership Number:	MAFCA AND MARC membership offers national "A" news, commentary,	
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?	 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. 	
	M September – June, First United Methodist Church, 1034	
mail \$10 annual dues (please no cash, check m	es and membership application to one of our meetings or ade out to Sullivan Trail Model A Club) and application to: tterly Hill Rd, Burdett, NY 14818	

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