



The ROAD RUNNER



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Monthly Meeting

May 6th

American Legion, 2607 NW State Route 92
Smithville, MO 64089

The Legion provides a dinner menu at a special price
one hour prior to the 7:00 PM meeting.

Board Meeting

May 16th

The 3rd Thursday of each month,
7:00 PM, Woodneath Library Center
8900 NE Flintlock Rd, Kansas City, MO 64157
Visitors welcome

Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-KC

Big Biscuit in Liberty

Please join us every Wednesday 6:30 am to "whenever"
at the Liberty Corner Shopping Center, at 840 Hwy 291
(816-429-5314)

Technical Meeting & Breakfast Club-St Joe

Every Monday 7:00-10:00 AM

Hy-Vee 201 North Belt Highway, St. Joseph

Ice Cream & Socializing

Every Saturday evening 6:00 PM
Big Burger, 4700 NE Vivion Rd
Kansas City, Mo. 64119

President's Comments:

Its been a nice spring for getting out in your Model A, except for all the rain. And of course the tornado warnings and such. Hopefully none of you have been impacted by the recent storms!

We have some fun tours coming up in the next few months. This month we will be headed to Plattesburgs to participae in their celebration of their new mural, and of course, for some lunch and scenic roads. Then in June, we've arranged a tour at Whiteman Air Force Base, which should be very interesting! This trip will be an overnighter with visit to museums in Jefferson City as well. See the details in this Road Runner on page 3 including some important info regarding ID requirements to get onto the base. It would be nice to see some Model A's on the tour, although they will not be allowed into the base due to security reasons.

The Silent Auction was a great success, with the proceeds exceeding the forecasted amount. Great job everyone! This event helps fund many of our activities throughout the year and it is great to see everyone pitching in to make it a success.

The next meeting is May 6th, and I hope to see a large crowd join us for the fun. We have some great entertainment planned with some interesting local KC history!

See you at the meeting!

Bill Skaggs, President

When older people say, "Enjoy them while they are young." They are talking about your knees and hips not your kids!

Editor's Comments:

I had a great night at the Silent Auction even though I had to bid thru a proxy! Jody kept me updated with videos and pics of the auction items, and successfully bid on the carbuaotore and the new battery for me, as well as a new luggage rack to see if it will work on the Old Lady. The current luggage rack was losing boards off the bottom, the new one is all metal. Might be better! And now with the new battery, I'll be able to get The Old Lady out of the garage where she has been snoozing all winter. I knew last fall the battery was shot, but figured I might as well wait until spring to replace it and it worked out great wit the purchase price going to the club!

I haven't gotten the battery installed yet, but am hoping it will get done this week. I can't wait to get her back on the road, and my Granddaughter is getting antsy for a ride too! It's time!!

Happy A'ing—

Sherry Wink, Editor

NORTHWEST MO. MODEL A FORD CLUB MEETING

American Legion Hall Smithville, Missouri

April 1, 2024

President Bill Skaggs called the meeting to order and the Pledge of the Allegiance was said.

Vice President Chuck Habor and President Bill Skaggs talked about entertainment for the May meeting; Ralph Monco will talk about the murder of Mr. Swope, who Swope Park is named after.

Secretary's report: Approved as printed in the Road Runner

Treasurer's Report: Gary Dixon updated us on the on the clubs finances: Starting Balances; Checking Acct: \$2870.62, Savings \$62.97, CD \$10052.11, Total \$12985.70. Income \$1015.00, Expenses \$0; Ending balance: Checking \$3885.62, Savings \$62.98, CD \$10,095.98; Total Balance \$14044.58.

Activities: Chili Canida updated us about the June 7, overnight trip to Whitman Airforce Base, the Jefferson City Museum and the Air National Museum.

Concerns and calling: Jody Layne reported. Janice Harman fallen recently and broke her hip and wrist and had surgery Thursday and will go home Friday, please keep her and Walt and Mary Ann in your prayers and any other Club members who might be struggling with poor health.

Membership/Public Relations: Myron Schmitt reported there are 52 paid members.

Business part of the meeting was rather short because of the Silent Auction

At the end of the evening, Bill Skaggs reported the Silent Auction made approximately \$800. The final amount will be published when the totals are tallied. Many thanks to everyone who brought things, and bought things! This income really helps the Club with Activities throughout the year.

Meeting ending unknown due to the activity of the Silent Auction Terry Richardson, Secretary

MAFFI Minute

Now you can shop from the comfort of your home for wearing apparel and home décor specific to YOUR Model A and help the museum out in the process! MAFFI has paired with a company that provides a variety of Model A products that can be customized! to your Model A/year. Or if you prefer, the merchandise can have the MAFFI logo on it. You can buy t-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, aprons, and hats to wear. Or, if your home or shop need some Model A décor you can buy wall art or a clock and more . . .



The company that we partnered with takes the orders on-line with credit cards and ships your custom order to your home. MAFFI gets 10% of the proceeds from each sale, so you are helping the museum every time you shop and getting great products.

It's easy: go to the MAFFI.org website, click on Store and you will be rerouted to the ModelAtshirt store. It is important to shop by going through the MAFFI website though. It's the only way our partner knows to give us 10% of the sale. If you go directly to the ModelAtshirt website, staff don't know you are a MAFFI customer and you pay the same price, but the museum doesn't get anything.

We know not everyone can get to Hickory Corners, MI to buy Model A merchandise; now you can shop Model A items 24/7 year around! And with Mother's and Father's Day around the corner, we've just made shopping a bit easier for the Model A enthusiasts in your life.



Accompanying pictures are some of my purchases; I guess you know what I drive for a Model A !

Cindy Ellenbecker, Trustee/Secretary for MAFFI

MARC Award

I received a surprise package in the mail this week! Inside was this beautiful plaque from MARC recognizing the Road Runner with the 2023 Newsletter Highest Achievement Award

My thanks to MARC for this award, and to our club for giving me stuff to write about in this newsletter!





Activities

"Departure places and times for events will be published on the Website and Newsletter the month prior to the event".

May 8th—Ladies Luncheon
LULA | Southern Cookhouse, 617 Main St
Contact Laura (816) 632-1776 (leave a message!)

May 18th—Tour to Plattsburg Mural Dedication
See details below

May 21-23-MARC 2024 National Tour
Berlin, Ohio
Jim Zimmer Rod Cotter (614) 353-8236 (248) 701-5579

June 7th—Overnighter to Jeff City
See details below!

June 23-29-MAFCA National Convention 2024
Ruidoso, New Mexico
Hosted by the Southwest Model A's
<https://www.southwestaventures.com/>

If you are planning on joining in on any of the tours or activities, please sign-up and include your phone number, or you can contact Chili Canada at (816) 415-4948 (home phone) That way if an event has to be canceled, or has a location or schedule change, he will do his best to make sure you are notified!

Welcome to our New Members!

Randy & Mari Owen
PO Box 562
Smithville MO
816-377-6929

Randy and Mari own a 1930 Coupe!

Brian & Kate Heikes
20913 W 48th
Shawnee KS 66218
816-728-1006

Brian and Kate have a 1931 Tudor!



Jefferson City/Whiteman AFB—Overnight Trip!

Join us for an adventure on June 7th & 8th! We are planning a fun run down to a few interesting places in mid-Missouri. We'll be leaving from the Sutherland's parking lot in Liberty at 8:00 am on June 7th, modern cars are welcome!



Stops being discussed include: Whiteman Air Force Base, the Missouri State Museum at the Capital building, the Missouri State Penitentiary Museum, and Museum of Missouri Military History .

A few important things to know—to enter Whiteman AFB, each person must present two (2) forms of ID and one must be a photo ID. Guests under 16 years age must have some form of identification, like a birth certificate or social security card. ID can include a driver's license or state id card or passport, the second ID can be something like a social security card, US birth certificate, voter's registration card, photo ID card issued by federal-state-or local government, etc.

Hotel recommendation: Baymont by Windham, 319 W Miller St, Jefferson City, MO 65101. You will need to call and make your own reservation—their phone number is 573 -636-5231

Hope to see you all there, it looks like an interesting trip, and should be fun to spend some time together!





Plattsburg Jefferson Highway Mural Dedication May 18th

Join us for the drive to Plattsburg at the Sutherland's parking lot in Liberty for a 9:00 am departure. The city of Plattsburg, MO has invited us to join in the dedication of their new mural depicting from horse drawn carriage to motorized vehicles. This mural also commemorates the Jefferson Highway! There will be photo opportunities in front of the mural. The dedication ceremony takes place at 12:30. The event also includes an art show, plant sales, and a wine stroll. 60+ vendors and food opportunities will be at the event, and the shops will be open for business.



Concept art for the mural which in progress but not yet completed!

Cares & Concerns

 **Our Sunshine/Concerns Lady is Jody Layne.** If you know of anyone that could use a call or a card, please let her know at 816-225-7680 or send her an email at jolayne60@yahoo.com 

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April Meeting & Silent Auction

This meeting was our annual silent auction, the sole fundraiser for the club! Considering the threatening weather, the turnout was great! And there was plenty of good things to bid on. From a brand new battery to gooseberry pies, there was plenty of options for everyone to peruse and bid on! It's a fun way to help out the club, and a lot of fun to check it all out.

At the end of the night, after all the sales were completed, Treasurer Gary Dixon was too tired to come up with a final number, but on Tuesday, he let me know that the final dollar amount was a grand total of \$865, more than we had hoped for when we set our 2024 budget. GREAT JOB everyone!

*Last month's meeting—
pictures from
Laura Talley*



FOOL HUB CAPS

Submitted by Cliff Hughes

Here's an interesting factoid for all you newbies. Back in the 1960's and 1970's, there were a lot of replacement parts available from aftermarket vendors. One in particular that I thought was interesting is a series of hub caps that instead of having the "Ford" script on them, they had the word "Fool" or "Food" or sometimes "Bool" on them.

There was a popular auto parts company known as "J.C. Whitney" (that is now defunct) that sold all sorts of things for vintage cars, and they had a Model A Ford section in their catalog. Their replacement hub caps had these misspelled scripts on them.

I pointed a misspelled hub cap on a vehicle (Model A) of a friend of mine and he said it was because they were made by companies that did not want to have to pay Ford commission for the use of their name/logo/script, so they would purposely misspell Ford's name on the hub cap.

At the time, Model A owners who strove for authenticity in their vehicles looked down at these off-market, non-Ford hub caps because they were not original. Now-a-days these hub caps are no longer on the market, but are actually becoming somewhat of a novelty and desired for the mere humor of the back story on them.

Whenever I am around large groups of Model As I always keep an eye out for these mis-spelled hub caps on vehicles as they are always a conversation piece at car shows and gatherings.



Ladies Luncheon

Reported by Loura Talley

We were honored to have Nelson join us today at Manny's Mexican Restaurant. Lunch was great, especially the ice cream for dessert!

Lanelle and Sharon won the door prizes. Due to scheduling of doctors appointments, we missed some of our regular girls. We all signed a card for Sharon Keihl, letting her know we missed her.

We had several suggestions for next month's outing and we will be going to Lula, 1617 Main Street on the second Wednesday, May 8th. Per their website, Lula: Southern Cookhouse "takes southern classics and add our twist, creating bold flavors that are 'kravable'. Our recipes are made from scratch & infused with love just like granny use to make."

A sign up sheet will be at the May club meeting. Come join in the fun, food and fellowship!



Fit to Be Dyed

The enduring appeal of tie-dye.
Science History Institute

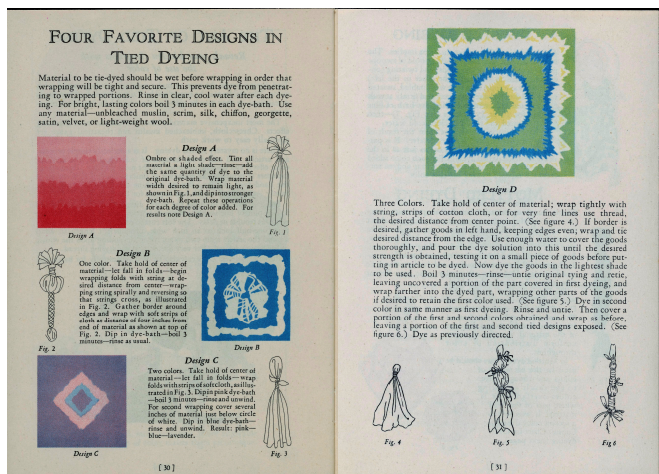
Illustrations from "The Charm of Color," published in 1928. <https://digital.sciencehistory.org/works/vm40xs91c>

By Elisabeth Berry Drago

It's hard to picture the characters in *The Great Gatsby* sipping champagne while dressed like the crowds at Woodstock. But in fact, tie-dyeing was invented and popularized much earlier than we might imagine, and its emergence in the United States was intertwined with the arrival of new, cheap, and widely available synthetic dyes. Tie-dyeing—or "tied dyeing," as it was more commonly known before the 1960s—is an ancient art practiced across continents and cultures. The essential elements are fabric, string, and colorful dye. Among the oldest techniques is bandhani, practiced for more than 4,000 years in South Asia. . .



. . .With the outbreak of World War I in 1914 came blockades, and with blockades came shortages in the United States of many common goods—including dyes and synthetic colors. But American color chemists quickly responded, and the market was flooded with new dye products, some of a higher quality than others. For home dyers, one of the most popular new options was RIT, an inexpensive "direct" dye that debuted in 1916. . . . A 1928 informational booklet, *The Charm of Color*, showcases things a crafty home dyer could do with direct dyes. The highlight is a section titled "The Art of Tied Dyeing.": "Tied dyeing opens the way to make your surroundings vivid with color. The results may be exotic and brilliant for moods of happiness or caprice—or they may be soft—subtle—restful for luxurious relaxation. Because of individuality, the striking color effects and unusual patterns are the most popular."



The pamphlet shares four methods for creating "tied and dyed" designs: a shaded ombre effect, a one-color circle design, a two-color design, and a more complicated three-color process. Readers were instructed to work from the lightest color to the darkest and to boil the fabric in the dye bath. Other methods for "mottled" and "twisted" dyeing were included as variations on the traditional tied technique.

During the 1920s and 1930s, tie-dyeing was promoted as an especially suitable and fashionable hobby for thrifty, sensible women. Sadly, few Jazz Age tie-dyes have survived with their colors intact, casualties of the poor fade-resistance of many American dyes from that time. But the appeal of home dyeing has endured. RIT dyes are still sold, and in an even more dazzling array of colors. (Tie-dyeing, briefly popular in the 1920s and 1930s, and widely beloved in the 1960s and 1970s, has made a resurgence, along with other hobbies, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unique, handmade, and affordable, the marriage of ancient techniques and modern materials still showcases the true "charm of color."

A fun recipe from a Wesson Oil ad from 1928. Note there is no sugar in this recipe, All sweetness comes from the berries and a little sugar added to the berries!

Griddle Cakes (Sweet Milk)

- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1 tsp Calumet Baking Powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1 1/2 Tbsp melted butter or other shortening



Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again.

Combine milk and egg and add to flour. Stir only until smooth. Add shortening.

Bake on hot, well-greased griddle.

Serve hot with Log Cabin Syrup.
Makes 12 cakes.

Brands We Still Know

By Sherry Wink

Charles Huffman began experimenting with fabric dyes in the years before WWI broke out. When America banned German products during the war, it included most dyes available to the consumers. Huffman introduced his new dye to the market in 1918, naming it "Rit" after his friend Louis Rittenhouse who helped financially to start the new company. Rittenhouse became the VP of the company.



RIT was a new type of dye, in the category of a "direct" dye. Direct dyes were a vast improvement on the early types available to the home dyer. Earlier "salt" or "acid" dyes were best for wool and silk, due to the fact that the fibers shared a chemical affinity that allowed them to bond more easily. But cotton and linen, plant-based fibers, didn't respond as well and required a different dye and more involved technique. The new dyes got around this by combining dyes for both types of fibers into one product. This versatility made them popular quickly!

By 1922, the RIT color lineup included: Old Rose, Dark Blue, Orange, Purple, Dark Grey, Orchid, Light Green, Peach, Black, Pink, Coral, Dark Brown, Rose Pink, Light Blue, Yellow, Ecru, Navy Blue, Light Grey, Dark Green, Golden Brown, Emerald Green and Scarlet.

Why Weren't Model A's Offered in Black in 1928-29?

"A little bit of FoMoCo history might help here"

By Marshall V. Daut, on the ahooga.com website

Well, maybe more than a "little" history. But first, I have to agree with one of the posters to the Ahooga Message Board who said black was a special order color, not standard, at least when the Model A was introduced. When the 1928's came out, each passenger car body style was offered in a minimum of five color combos, black not being one of them. (Yes, black could be ordered, but wasn't included in the initial releases). Often this myriad of options on a low-priced car was achieved by simply reversing the upper and lower body colors. Nevertheless, there were color COMBINATIONS offered. Why wasn't black one of these options? What happened to black?

To answer that, we need to look back a couple years in FoMoCo history before the Model A was introduced. I know most guys on this web site are Model A fans and therefore may not be up to snuff on their Model T facts. So bear with me here in this history lesson, as I dabble (or is that "dribble"?) in the Model T world, too. Black had been the only color available on Model T's from 1915 to 1925. Green, red and blue had been available on Model T's up to that time, as well as black. Why then were Fords after 1914 painted only black for the next 11 model years? There was a simple reason for this limited color availability: cranking out Model T's as fast as they could for ready buyers, any slow down in the production line cost money. The pigmented colors of the day took longer to dry than black. Until better, faster drying pyroxylin colors came out in the later 20's, black was chosen by Ford as the only color. A dry car body was a car body ready to mount on a chassis and sell! That meant it had to be black. Until the middle 20's when sales alarmingly slowed down, Ford couldn't make Model T's fast enough as it was to meet the demand without being saddled with slow drying colors. But by the mid-20's, sales were being lost to other makers (such as the "C"-word), who offered more advanced designs, options and COLORS. By 1925 black was almost solely identified with being a Ford, by now considered the "poor country cousin" in the automotive world. Although you'll get an argument from sidewalk know-it-alls, all Model T's were NOT black. As stated, between 1908 and 1914 and then again during the last two years of Model T production ('26-27), colors were available on Fords.

In an effort to get back into the sales race by updating a hopelessly out of date Model T design, Ford offered the new 1926 closed cars in colors: Deep Channel Green for coupes and Tudors, Windsor Maroon on Fordors. Other colors became available later, too, but that's not critical to this discussion. Letters to dealers from the Boss even stressed their need to talk customers out of wanting black on their new closed body Model T's. Open cars (the cheap ones in the line), however, continued to be black until late in the year. Possibly during the August year model change (not January, as with Model A's), open cars now became available in colors, such as Phoenix Brown and Gunmetal Blue. The point here is, Ford was trying to change the image of his cars only coming in black. By then, this was synonymous with driving an out of date car. When the Model T era ended in May, 1927, more new Model T's were wearing colors than black.

So jump ahead to the introduction of the Model A, which was to outdistance the Model T in every way. Henry considered this new car so advanced (it really wasn't; it had just "caught up" with competitors' models) that he jumped back to the letter "A" in the alphabet instead of calling it a Model X,Y,Z or whatever. When the cars were announced for public viewing on December 2, 1927, black was not one of the standard colors listed. This was yet another gambit to get away from the "any color you want as long as it's black" old saw that was hung on the Model T. The introduction of the faster drying pyroxylin pigmented paints made it once again possible to mass produce cars in colors. Black was retained for the fenders and splash aprons, however.

So were there black Model A's? Of course! And lots of them. It was a color that lasted a long time, had been popular for years (Model T's notwithstanding) and was easy to match in case a panel needed to be repainted. It was still cheaper, too, because pigmented paints (especially red) were more costly. One can't judge the dark color in old photographs of Model A's to always be black. Some colors such as Andalusite Blue and Deep Ford Maroon are so dark even today that they appear black when viewed in person. Imagine how they look in 70+ year old photos. Everything looks black.

Maybe the safest way to view the Model A paint world is to study the accepted paint combinations (at least what's accepted THIS year, but may be deemed different NEXT year by the experts???) and keep in mind that black was always a standby color that could be ordered. I believe in the '30-31 models black made a more official return as a standard "optional" color than found on the '28-29 models. Perhaps Ford finally remembered he could make more money spraying cars black than a pigmented color (remember: pigmented paints cost more than black)? Each black unit sold meant more profit per car x hundreds of thousands = lots a moo la for Ford. Or maybe Ford misjudged people's desire to still own black cars and therefore brought the color back after the initial '28-29 models had shown his error? 'Dunno. Supposedly the big Fordor and Town Sedans were more likely to sport black than the open cars during the '28-29 ear. With the possible exception of early '28's, I'd say black would be an acceptable choice for body color. The heading "Special Ordered" cars cuts a wide swath of deviations from the norm and makes almost anything done by modern restorers plausible, within reason. Using black is certainly more defensible than today's yellow Tudors and bright red coupes!!! Hmmm...I don't seem to note those options for these body styles in the charts, either. But, boy howdy, do you ever see 'em runnin' around today!!!

You like black on your Model A? Paint it black and don't worry about it. It's your car...

Marshall "Color Blind" Daut

Model A Mystery

What is it?

Do you know?

For "Bragging Rights", Send an email to nwmomodelafordclub@gmail.com
Or to Sherry Winkinhofer
PO Box 172, Table Rock NE 68447



Photo courtesy of Snyder's
Antique Auto Parts

Part

Last Month's Mystery Part



This was a little tricky-it's actually a AA part. A gear shift lever rod nut for four speed transmissions!

Did you know?!

Photo courtesy of Bratton's
Antique Auto Parts

Tony's Tech Tips

Light Switch Silencer

Found at https://www.diabloas.com/tech_stuff

The parts books show that in mid-1930 Ford introduced a small brass bushing, "A-3529 Steering gear lighting switch tube silencer".

The bushing may have been used earlier (it was certainly needed) and overlooked in the parts lists. It was formed from .006" thick brass stock.

Listed as 29-31, It may have been intended for the Gemmer steering box only but probably well suited to the Ford steering box as well.

The switch tube measures approximately .370" diameter. The hollow center of the Gemmer steering shaft measures approximately .387". That leaves over 1/64" for the switch tube to rattle!



Three views showing the shape of the "silencer".



The silencer installed in the top of a steering shaft.

The compound shape of the "silencer" resulted in a springy, resilient bushing. The lower edge was rolled inward to center the switch rod with minimal pressure.

The flange at the top functioned as somewhat of a thrust washer for the spring loaded switch tube assembly. With all original parts it not only eliminates the rattle, but actually reduces binding of the switch tube.

If you have a replacement switch tube you will need to be sure there are no burrs or other problems at the top of the tube

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\$22.00



May is Model A Youth Month! What is it? It is an idea and the basis for a plan introduced in 2021 by the Model A Youth Restoration Award organization (MAYRA) to remind Model A clubs, their members, and all Model A owners that they are instrumental in maintaining and assuring the future of the hobby. It is a plan to encourage clubs to identify and implement activities, especially during May of each year, that attract both youth and adults to the hobby.

Why is it important? MAYRA's observation is that Model A clubs generally do not have the mindset of thinking about the future of the hobby. Emily Ellway, one of our Board Members, says it best. - "We come to you to ask a favor of participation in the hopes of establishing the next generation of Model A enthusiasts. Across the nation and world, the hobby's future is up in the air, and it is up to us to bring it back down to earth and run with it."

What is the goal of "May is Model A Youth Month"? The initial goal is to encourage Model A clubs to plan an activity in May to introduce Model A's to youth and young adults who know little or little about them. The intention is to make a lasting impression that will remain with them to a time in their life when they are ready to consider an automotive hobby. The ultimate goal is to increase the number of Model A enthusiasts.

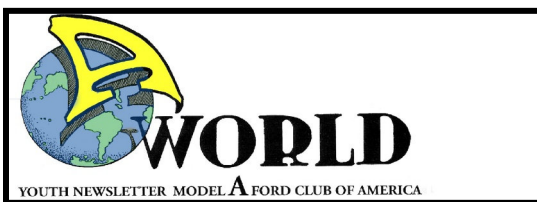
How to do it? It is not difficult –

1. Identify a target group of youth and young adults.
2. Make a personal visit, phone call, or write a letter to their program's representative. Which of your friends might have a connection in the target group?
3. Explain the purpose of wanting to set up an activity. Tell them how it will benefit them and be a learning experience.
4. Set a date that works for them and your club members.
5. Have fun.

When to do it? May of every year and all year long. Visibility is the key. In general, the visibility of the hobby is Model A club members and others driving their Model A's, participating with their cars in community events and projects, and generally being out of the garage. For the hobby to grow, clubs need to develop a mindset that the hobby's future is in their hands when planning activities and events. "Think Youth" should be that mindset.

The Question: Model A clubs need to ask themselves, "What can we do to ensure the future of the hobby?" As a reader, you also have to ask, "What can I do to ensure the future of the hobby?" Talk to your club president about scheduling a Model A Youth Month activity.

For more info and suggestions check out <https://www.modelarestorationaward.org/>



Speaking of the Youth. . .

Submitted by Sherry Wink

What's the best kept secret in MAFCA? Well, some say it's the youth's newsletter, "A-World." Time and time again, I run into members, who when I mention A-World, say "what's that?" For those that are in that category, a little more explanation:

A-World is a free quarterly newsletter targeted toward the next generation of Model A owners. It's full of pictures of kids enjoying Model A's, stories, and articles about technical, historical, and interesting events. If you know of any youngsters to share this great resource with, just go to <https://www.mafca.com/aworld.html> and check it out.

Now, for full disclosure, I have to mention that I am also the editor of this newsletter, and have been doing it since 2010. When the previous editors stepped down, I was asked to take it on and I've been doing it ever since. It's been a pleasure to contribute to encouraging young people to take an interest in our wonderful old cars, after all, they are the owners of tomorrow, and if we don't instill a love of Model A's as Henry made them, our car's next life might be as a hotrod!

I would love to share pictures and stories about any kids you know that interact with your Model A. Contact me at Aworld@mafca.com! And I encourage everyone to share any and all info or articles found in A-World and help get the word out. Anything to help kids learn about and enjoy our wonderful vehicles is a great thing!



For Sale / Wanted To place an ad send your information to swinkinhofer @Hotmail.com, or mail to Sherry Winkinhofer

As a service to our members, the area Model A clubs have decided to share our classified ads sections! (this will include Model A specific items only.) Ads will run approximately 3 months unless we are notified that the item is still available.

For Sale: '28 Sport Coupe - No Rust, Arabian Tan - Copra Drab Trim. Body off restoration; Motor/Frame Number match; Overhaul was done by Don Lobner; Tires have low milage, powder coated wheels, manifold heater. Asking \$15,000.

Contact Jim Davidson - (913) 402-2077 (POA 4/24)



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Contact: Ed 785-690-7170 Eudora ,KS. (POA 45/24)

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Contact: Ken Coleman 913-481-6654 call or text. (POA 5/24)

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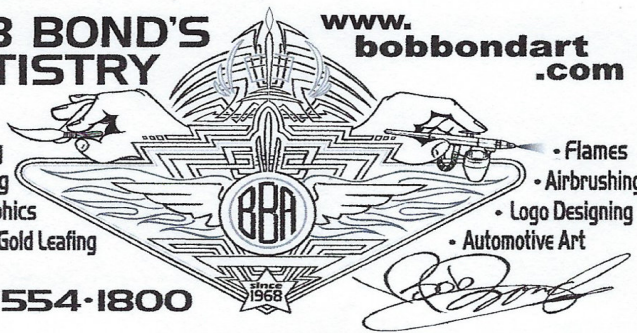
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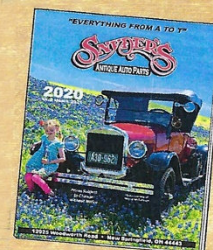
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