

MAPLE "A" NEWS

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SPINNING MY WHEELS

By Paul Boozan, President



Sept. 10 dawned cool but sunny. A perfect day for a Model A trip. Some how the Phinney's manage to have good weather for the annual picnic every year! There were 6 old cars not counting Dicks. The folks from "far away" drove down in modern cars. Don Harrington decided to have a little contest asking the guys to listen to his engine and guess what might be making a "mysterious noise." Don wrote down the educated guesses and will let us know next spring who was the closes.

Several of our members got on Gail's organ at the end of the day and had a sing along. There is quite a lot of musical talent in the club! The food was great as usual and everyone enjoyed the late summer weather. Vicki introduced a copy of "Fashion Facts". The book was put together by the members of the fashion committee of MAFCA and was introduced at the Mansfield MA meet this summer. We will be selling tickets at the annual meet so some lucky person can take home a copy.

Vicki and I will be holding the next meet at our house in Jeffersonville. We have decided to have a Brunch rather than a lunch or picnic. It will start at 10:30 A.M. and will be served buffet style until 11:30. We will provide the main course, a cheese strata, coffee, and juice. Those who wish to bring something for the buffet are welcome to do so. See directions below to get to our house.

If weather permits we will be going on a covered bridge tour. We will work our way toward Belvidere and see if we can catch sight of the elusive Moose around the pond. Henry LaCombe and his wife Jean will be visiting us from Tenn. Henry is going to trailer his Model A from Tenn. and will be with us for the meet. Hears hoping the day is sunny and pretty as the leaves should be at their peak. See you all then.

Happy "A"ing,

Paul

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www.vtmodelaford.org

A View Down The Road-

Doug Leithead Activities Chairman

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| What | October Meet & Tour |
| When | October 15, 2006 10:30 AM |
| Where | Paul & Vicki's 1364 Stebbins Road Jeffersonville, VT |
| Brunch | If you wish bring a dish to share at the brunch |
| Questions | Paul & Vicki 802-644-5688 |
| Activity | Covered Bridge Tour which will be a perfect opportunity for some great photographs. |

Breakfast Brunch Oct. 15, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Directions to Paul and Vicki's



Rt. 15 east to Jeffersonville, 108 South toward Smugglers Notch. Go about 2 miles look for "The Well" on the right after the Smuggler's Notch Antique Shop. Stebbins Road is just after that on the right. Go 1.5 miles on Stebbins, bare left to 1364. The number is on the mailbox. White cape with green shutters, sits back from the road.



2006 Activities

Doug Leithead

Check out our website for further information and links for these events.

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| October 5-8, 2006 | AACA Hershey Car Meet | Hershey, PA |
| October 15, 2006 | GMC Tour | Jeffersonville, VT |
| November 12, 2006 | GMC Fall Business Meeting | Ferrisburgh, VT; Charlie & Deanna Shapiro |
| December 14-16, 2006 | MAFCA Membership Meet | Las Vegas, Nevada |
| December date TBA | GMC Christmas Party | |
| April 13-15, 2007 | MARC 2007 Membership Meet | Joliet, Illinois |
| June 18-27, 2007 | MARC National Meet | Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia |
| June 22-27, 2008 | MAFCA & MARC Joint National Convention | Dallas, Texas |

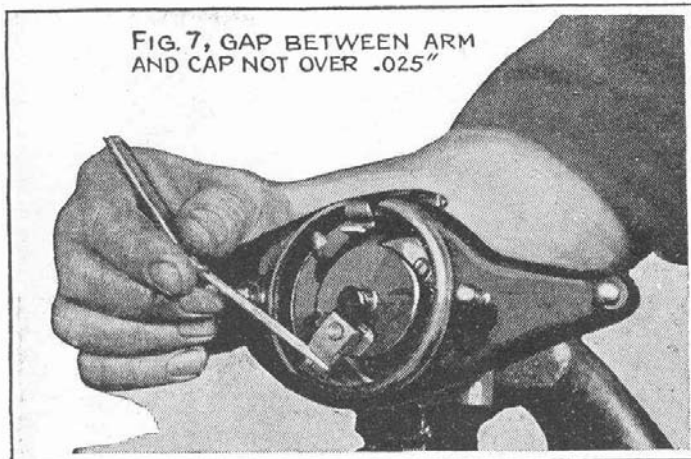


FIG. 7, GAP BETWEEN ARM AND CAP NOT OVER .025"

Above from the 1933 Popular Mechanics Shop Notes Handbook

Chapter Flea Market

If you have something for sale, trade or what ever let me know.

Peter Crosby

Wanted 1930 Model AA truck parts. I am in the process of looking for parts such as truck running boards, stake bed parts and bed rails. If anyone can help me out with any old truck stuff I would be most appreciated. Steve Halford, 3451 Hartsboro Road, Wallingford, VT 05773, 802-446-2118.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Phinney

Ending Balance-checking.....\$984.39

Ending Balance-savings.....\$1646.57

Charity Fund.....\$208.00

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You should know...

That the club has a number of video tapes for members use. Contact: Charlie Shapiro; 802-877-8332 or email atshellmt@together.net

Video Tapes: Carbs and Carbos; Dial D for Distributor; Gennin' Along with Lloyd & Floyd; Henry Ford Biography; How to Avoid Fahrenheit Fright; How to Stop on a Dime; Model A Horns.

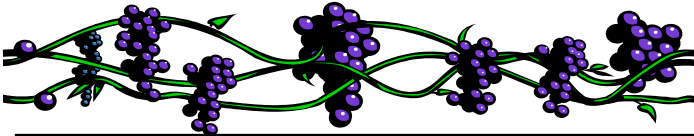
Books: Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook (we have 2 copies of this)

You also Should Know...

The very latest Club Roster with all of the up-to-date revisions is always available by just be emailing me or Bonnie at peter.crosby@verizon.net. Along with the Roster I also have available our Club's, M.A.F.C.A's and M.A.R.C's applications and also a copy of our club bylaws.

The Grapevine

The grapevine is news about our fellow members, Please let us know when your birthdays' and anniversaries are so they can be included. Contact Peter Crosby at 802-878-6376.



Birthdays

Kathy Boozan Oct 8

Dick Germain Oct 11

Charlie Shapiro Oct 21

The Club Toolbox

In future newsletters I will be highlighting different Model "A" Ford tools and accessories from my personal collection and photos gleaned off the internet.

Below: is a set of the engine number set with the examples of both early and late fonts.

Peter Crosby



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What's Cooking!

Recipes from our members by popular request

In this issue I am starting a new feature that you will occasionally see of recipes from our fellow members. This month are recipes from Charlotte Davis which was sent to me last year and Betty Ransford's from the club picnic last month

Editor

Submitted and modified by Charlotte Davis from a Williams-Sonoma Recipe.

Mixed Berry Shortcake

Baked in our fluted Mary Ann cake pan, this dessert is a lovely way to showcase fresh berries. Do not refrigerate the berry-sugar mixture for more than 2 hours before using as the fruit could begin to break down.

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 16 Tbs. (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 3/4 cups granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- (I used 1 of vanilla and 1 of Almond extract)**
- 1 cup milk
- 3 to 4 cups mixed berries, such as blueberries and raspberries
- 1 cup chilled heavy cream, beaten with 2 Tbs. granulated sugar
- Confectioners' sugar for dusting (optional)

Preheat an oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a Mary Ann cake pan.

Over a sheet of waxed paper, sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the flat beater, beat the butter on medium speed until smooth and creamy, 1 to 2 minutes. Reduce the speed to low and gradually add 1 1/2 cups of the granulated sugar, beating until blended. Increase the speed to medium-high and continue beating until the mixture is light and fluffy, 3 to 5 minutes, stopping the mixer occasionally to scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition and stopping the mixer occasionally to scrape down the sides of the bowl. Beat in the vanilla.

Reduce the speed to low and add the flour mixture in three additions, alternating with the milk and beginning and ending with the flour, beating just until blended and no lumps of flour remain.

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What's Cooking!

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Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Transfer the pan to a wire rack and let cool for 15 minutes. Carefully turn the cake out onto the rack and let cool completely, at least 1 hour.

Meanwhile, in a non-reactive bowl, combine the berries and the remaining 1/4 cup granulated sugar and stir until well blended. Cover and refrigerate, stirring occasionally, until the berries are tender and have released their juices, 1 to 2 hours.

Just before serving, pour the berries into a fine-mesh sieve placed over a bowl, reserving the juices. Using a pastry brush, brush the well of the cake with the juices. Reserve 1/4 cup of the whipped cream. Spoon the remaining whipped cream into the well, spreading it to the edges. Arrange the berries on top of the whipped cream, then top with the reserved whipped cream. Dust the cake with confectioners' sugar. Serves 12 to 16

Char adds

The cake had a key lime curd under the berries (no cream) & a dusting of confection's sugar over the berries. Lemon curd or custard is also good. I used whipped cream with strawberry. It is also good with just a fruit glaze.

Char Davis

Submitted by Betty Ransford from a Hershey Chocolate Recipe.

ROLLO PRETZELS

1pkg. Hershey 12oz. Rolo candy (makes approx. 5 doz.)
1 bag small pretzel twists
12-oz. pecan halves

Preheat oven to 200 degrees F.
Place pretzels on un-greased cookie sheet. Place 1 (unwrapped) Rollo candy on each pretzel. Bake for 2 minutes. Remove & immediately press a pecan half into the center of each Rollo. Place cookie sheet into refrigerator for 5 to 10 min. to cool for easy removal. Remove from cookie sheet & store in airtight container. Tastes like "Pecan Turtles."



Do's and Don'ts Update

By Peter Crosby

Last month I listed some of Les Andrews suggestions for ways of modifying your Model A for safe and reliable touring. For the most part I agree with most of the modifications but, I have some other ideas that seem to work for me. Please refer to last month's Maple "A" News for the complete list.

Les says: (paraphrase)
Do install an alternator.

Pete says:

I have never installed an alternator in a Model "A" and will not. A properly restored original generator will give many years good of service. I highly recommend along with the generator to use a voltage regulator, the one made by Fun Products. This regulator looks just like the original style cutout but is a real voltage regulator. I have used this combination for many years with no problems. The regulator is very good for the battery. My last battery lasted nine years before I changed it before a trip to Dearborn. Do not use the regulator that fits on the generator band it requires a diode cut-out in combination which will prevent the generator to fully charge the battery and is much more expensive when you need to buy both the regulator and cutout.

Les says: (paraphrase)

Do not use the Teflon inserts for the draglink and tie rod because of excessive wear problems encountered.

Pete says:

I was concerned after I heard about this suggestion so I disassembled my tie rod ends to check for problems. After driving my 1931 Slant Windshield more than 35,000 miles to my relief I found that there was absolutely no wear. I do believe it is important to grease our front ends with these Teflon inserts on a regular basis the grease not only provides lubrication but also keeps out water and road dirt that can cause rust and premature wear.

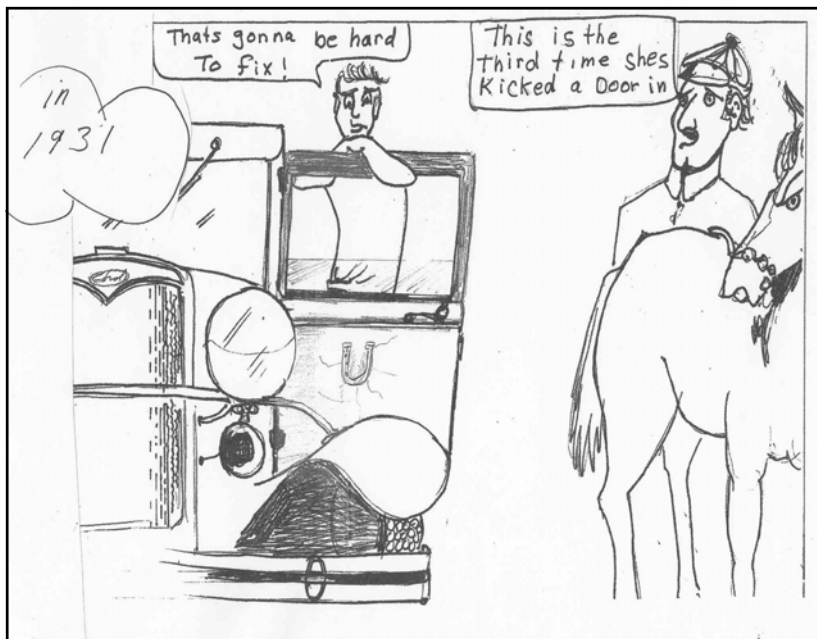
Les says: (paraphrase)

Do install a six blade plastic fan because the original two blade is subject to failure and the aluminum cast fan blades are not machined correctly.

Pete says:

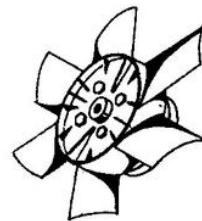
While I have no personal experience with a plastic fan. I have had a lot of experience with the original type metal two blade fan. I did at one time have a fan blade fail and ruin a radiator. So I am convinced that the original fan blade needs to be modified if one intends to use it. I have used a reinforcing overlay that was neatly welded to a good fan blade. I have used this modified fan for about 30,000 miles with no trouble. I have found it is a good idea to develop a habit of checking the fan blade every time I have the hood raised. The six blade fan just does not look good and the extra fins develop more drag on the engine which robs horsepower.

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Do's and Don'ts Update continued

We need to understand what the fan is for. It is strictly there to provide cooling when the car is at an idle. The fan is not effective when the car is moving and is a deterrent in some amount to the performance of the engine as the fan is in fast motion cutting through air that has already passed through the radiator. The faster the car travels the more air the fan has to contend with to some degree is stressing the blades which causes metal fatigue. The reinforcing overlay welded to the original fan blade I recommend will keep the flexing action to a minimum thus extending its service life.



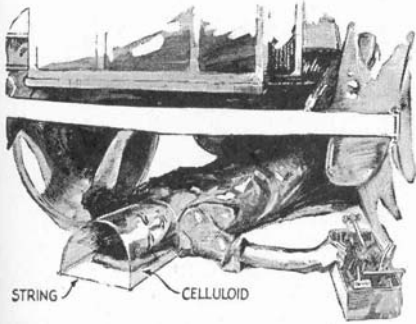
Les says: (paraphrase)
Do use a disconnect switch.

Pete says:
While the use of a disconnect switch may seem like a good idea, I personally do not think it is that great of an idea for the following reasons.

A car that has a disconnect switch installed has about half the starter power as one that does not. Installing a switch makes it necessary to use two battery cables which in combination adds additional electrical resistance with two extra terminations and the internal resistance of the switch itself to your starter circuit. One might think that only another nineteen inches of battery cable is not a problem but, I disagree and I have Ohm's law to back me up. Suffice it to say when you double the resistance by doubling the length of the cable you reduce the amount of torque that the starter produces by half! On a six or twelve volt electrical system you need as many volts available at the starter, not dropped across the longer cable. In warm weather you may not notice much if any difference but in cold weather the difference will be obvious.

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How They Got The Job Done In The "Old Days" Automotive tips from Popular Mechanics Shop Notes 1933

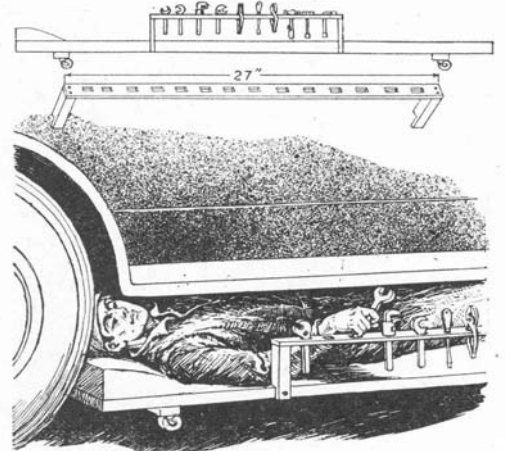


Celluloid Hood Protects Mechanic's Face from Dirt and Grease

Dirt Kept Out of Mechanic's Eyes with Celluloid

In order to keep dirt and grease from dropping into his eyes and face while lying on his back under a car, a mechanic made a celluloid hood to fit over his head. The celluloid is rolled into a half cylinder as shown, and is tied with a string at each end to hold it in shape.

White lead, thinned to suitable consistency with lard oil, makes a good lubricant for dies.



Garage Creeper Has Tool Rack Screwed to Side for Convenience of Worker

Tool Rack Handy on Garage Creeper

Garage workers have found it handy to mount a tool rack on the side of their creeper as shown in the drawing. It consists of two uprights of wood or angle iron notched at one end to fit over the edge of the creeper and drilled for screws. The rail, screwed across the uprights, has a number of holes to fit various tools. The convenience of this rack lies in the fact that the tools are always within reach.—Albert J. Calandra, Gloversville, N. Y.



Rubber Washers Spaced Evenly on Gasoline-Pump Hose Protect It against Wear

Gasoline-Pump Hose Protected with Rubber Washers

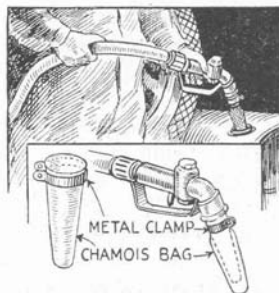
Tight-fitting rubber washers placed over the gasoline-pump hose are used by a chain of western filling stations to keep it from wearing or becoming soiled from contact with oily concrete around the pumps. The washers are spaced on the hose so they keep it off the concrete, no matter in what position the hose is held.—Joseph D. Mountain, Los Angeles, Calif.



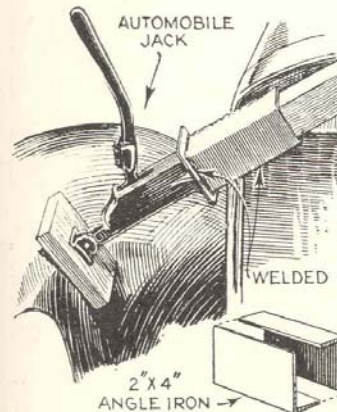
WIRE SOLDER WRAPPED AROUND SPOKE TO BALANCE WHEELS

Chamois Bag on Hose Nozzle Filters Gasoline at Station

Attached to the nozzle of a gasoline hose, a chamois bag will filter gasoline so that it is free of water and sediment when it enters the tank. Filling-station operators will find this precaution appreciated by their customers, especially in cold weather when water in the gasoline may freeze and cause trouble.—H. C. Thomas, Royal Oak, Michigan.



Extension on Auto Jack Increases Its Utility



When using an auto jack to exert pressure in two directions, to straighten auto fenders, etc., a socket welded to the bottom of the jack to take a length of 2 by 4-in. stock will be of considerable utility. The socket can be made from two pieces of angle iron.



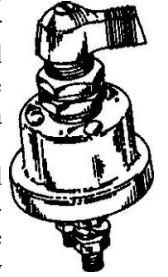
Louis Ahlen of Woodstock, VT restored a 1929 Special Coupe. The Coupe won an award of excellence at Mansfield, scoring 411 points out of a possible 500. Congratulations. Official MAFCA convention photo



At the Mansfield MAFCA Convention just after an era fashion seminar is from left to right is Gail Phinney, Vicki Williamson, Pat Aldous, Wilma Wood, and Kathy Boozan
photo by Richard Phinney

Do's and Don'ts Update continued

Reason two: is if you were to open the disconnect switch while the engine is running you could do harm to the generator and lighting system. By opening the electrical circuit to the battery you have removed the batteries regulating resistance that the generator needs to hold its voltage output to a nominal level. This will send the generator's voltage output to very high levels burning out light bulbs and cooking generator windings.



Third reason is: if the electrical system is in good condition why would you need a disconnect at all. I can't think of any modern car that has one. Can you?

To sum it up, I do try to keep my Model "A" as close to original looking as possible, although I have added period accessories for safety and personal comfort which are modifications that one can see. I believe Alternators, Plastic Fans, and Disconnect switches all visibly stand out like a sore thumb while you have your hood open. I think it takes away from its historical aspect which I personally try to maintain and others reminisce about. Secondly, I think I have pointed out that these modifications do not add that much if any benefit to the overall reliability of a properly restored and maintained Model "A".

Peter Crosby

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Chapter Flea Market

- ◆ Send description of items for the Flea Market to Peter Crosby via mail or Email to peter.crosby@verizon.net.
- ◆ Items should be described For Sale, trade, wanted, or take it away.
- ◆ For Sale items must be listed with asking price.
- ◆ Flea market is open to all members free of charge for auto and fashion related items only.

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