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**Club Photo of the Month**



**No Club Meeting for May**

**Celebrate Mother's Day May 10th**





**President's Note**  
*April 20, 2020*

What a beautiful time of year we are experiencing with the green grass growing and all the trees and shrubs blooming and flowering. As we think back in time, we probably remember good and bad years for our plants. Now we are all thinking about the current virus and looking forward to the day our lives will return to normal, but remember just like the trees and shrubs there will be good years and not so good years, so stay positive and careful and we will see good times ahead.

Our Model A's have been sitting too long, I think a good time could be had by all with a carefully planned tour to thank all the emergency response people, hospital staff, police, and many others.

*Jerry*

**Front Page Photo**

The Lane's 1930 Fordor Town Sedan out for a springtime photo shoot in their backyard.



**Happy May Day!**



**Anniversaries**

None

**Birthdays**

- 2 Scott Parrish
- 5 Dickson Lee
- 11 Jerry Willis
- 15 Alicia Erickson
- 16 Roberta Emerick
- 25 Ruby Knudsen
- 28 Don Knudsen
- 29 Jeffrey Jordan

**Refreshments**

**June:** Open

**July:** Open

**August:** Annual Club Picnic

**September:** Open

**October:** Open

**November:** Dianne Earnest and Roberta Emerick

**December:** Christmas party

**The Annual Veterans of the Road Old Car Picnic**

Saturday, June 13, 2020 has been cancelled. Next year's event will be held June 12, 2021.



Note: Periodically some materials printed in our newsletter may have been borrowed from other club newsletters. We thank other clubs for sharing their newsletters with the Volcano A's. Also, when sources are known they will be included.

### Meet Your Model A Members



#### **Dixon Lee – 1929 Tudor Sedan “Alfred”**

I left Dearborn, Michigan in October 1929 and was taken by train to North Dakota where I remained for eighty-four years. In 1985 I went through total restoration which returned me to original standard Tudor condition. Over the next few decades, I drove in many parades and tours. My owner passed away in 2013 and I soon found myself purchased by Dickson and Bibbi Lee of Longview, Washington. Several minor changes and improvements

were made including modern distributor, new Zenith carburetor, 6-volt alternator, leakless water pump with six bladed fan and side view mirrors. A rebuilt Hart radiator rounded out my improvements (and helps me keep my cool).

### Metal Mistresses

I have been a car guy all my life. According to my mother my first words were “Is a car”. It all went downhill from there. At the ripe old age of 14 I got my driver’s license and by the end of the year I had two cars. I did not need two cars but I was addicted to the darn things. The only thing I liked better than cars, beyond the necessities of life, was girls. Cars were easier to get and, at first, were less demanding. Like many guys my first cars were worn out, has been floozies. They were not the classy sophisticated types. A weathered 28 Durant and a five dollar 32 Chevy were my early companions.

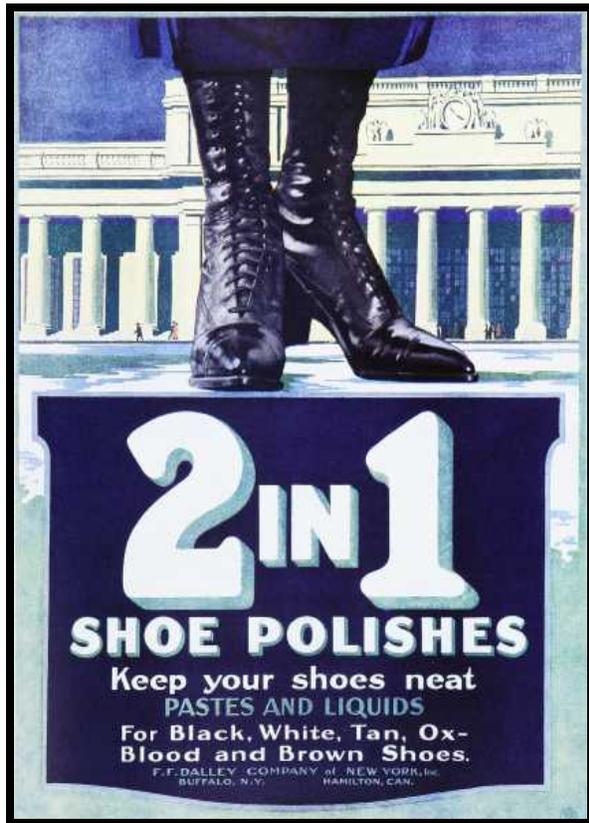
This is the way it went for a while, one junky car after another. As time went on, I filled the metal mistresses with girls. It was a push as to which demanded the most. The girls wanted food, fun and time. The cars wanted gas, repairs and polish.

As time went by the girls got classier and they seemed to be less needy and more understanding. As the cars got classier, they demanded more polish and time. What is wrong with this picture? It all came to a head when I married a gem of a girl that was low maintenance and understanding of my addiction to cars. She too was a car person and had her own classy car, a nice Corvette. We soon had three Corvettes, a couple of collector cars and a national level show car.

It was not long until we discovered we were becoming slaves to the cars. The cars demanded sooooo much. All that polishing and fixing was eating all our spare time. The nicer the car the more it demanded to keep it nice. My lovely wife had been seen waxing the frame on the show car. We have seen four men with white groves under the car trying to find dust on the chassis. The metal mistresses were taking over our lives. What to do????? We were becoming a slave to our hobby!! As all this was happening to us, I bought a rundown 31 Ford coupe. I got it running and deemed it unworthy of a restoration. We would just use it the way it was. Eureka, could this be the answer? Just drive old beaters. Just hose it off and dry it with an old towel and it thinks it is in hog heaven. I know there is an engine under all that muck under the hood because the car runs. Who cares what the original engine color was?

Don’t get me wrong, I still love those shiny cars you guys bring to the shows. I have had them too, but they are prima donnas and always demand the very best of attention. The old beaters we drive now are happy to get a wash once in a while, and maybe an annual wax job, if we get around to it, well, maybe we won’t; who cares? The old 31 never complains about not getting waxed. It is happy to even still exist. No more show winners for us. We are happy to drive survivors. So, if you see me drooling over your super car at an event, just remind me, this is a metal mistress and demands the very best, all the time, because she deserves it. I will understand and appreciate all the work you put in, then happily drive home with my classy wife in my old beater.

Model A ERA Women Fashions

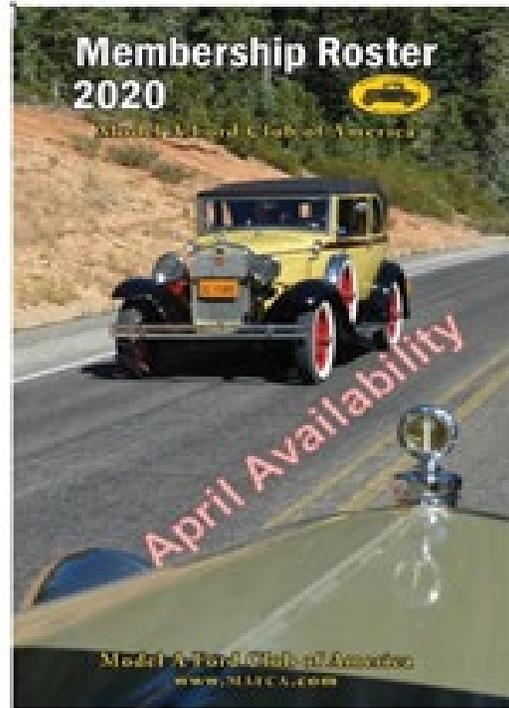


Future MAFCA Events

**National Awards Banquet**

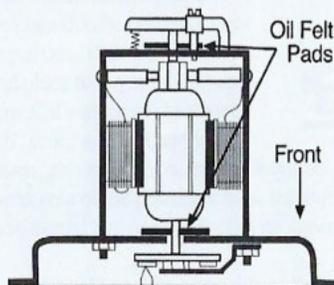
2020 – December 3-6 – Fort Worth, TX

Host: Fort Worth Model A Club



**HORN LUBRICATION**

Lubricating their horn is one item that some people overlook. There are two felt pads at the armature area of your horn. Put two (2) drops of 3-1 type oil on each felt oiler pad about two times a year and this will help keep your horn working. **DO NOT OVER OIL.**



Submitted by Tony Topicz, Ohio Valley Region.  
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

**Important Reminder**

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**Memorial Day May 25<sup>th</sup>**



## WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE PANDEMIC?

Club newsletters are the most important way to communicate with one another. In this time of social distancing you need to find ways to keep the contacts strong.

Here are some suggestions that might help us all make it through these trying times.

### **Sunshine:**

Most clubs have a Sunshine Column. If you don't have one yet, get it started. This column should provide information about club members who are ill or undergoing an operation. Usually, it provides a means of giving a boost and often encourages others to send cards or communicate with those club members.

### **Social:**

Our clubs serve as social gatherings as well as car clubs. However, now we don't have the opportunity to get together and converse. Contact your club members and find out what they are doing with all this free time. Some of my club members sewed masks, others baked. I played the bagpipes (no one stands next to a bagpiper unless it's another bagpiper). Pictures work the best along with captions.

### **Activities:**

Other things that are helpful would be inclusion of recipes. They should be easy. Many of the news services note the increase in baking and the absence of yeast. Make spaghetti sauce that you can freeze for use later. Ask members to share a recipe.

Are you reading more and enjoying it too? Include some titles of books that club members are reading. You could get an interesting discussion group together if you share a book title on a monthly basis. Fiction as well as non-fiction titles are great. You might want to avoid titles that are political in nature.

### **Touring:**

This is something we all miss dearly. While you are social distancing, you can spend some time getting your car in shape. You can also get club members to participate in a club driving award program. You need to pledge about 800 miles per year.

But the thing we miss the as much as driving is exploring new places and, of course, eating a meal together. We are blessed (and cursed) with computer technology. This is one occasion when it may be beneficial. What would you like to see or where would you visit if you had the chance? You can visit various locations using webcams such as the following:

<http://www.earthcam.com>;

[http://www.earthcam.com/USA/massachusetts/boston/?com=boston\\_hd](http://www.earthcam.com/USA/massachusetts/boston/?com=boston_hd);

<http://www.earthcam.com/USA/california/sanfrancisco/?cam=rowingclub>.

You can take virtual trips to museums and art galleries such as the following:

[www.Museumofflight.org/explore](http://www.Museumofflight.org/explore);

[www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours](http://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours);

[www.etour.com/Smithsonian Online](http://www.etour.com/Smithsonian Online);

[www.artnet.com](http://www.artnet.com); or

[www.etour.com;find\\_now](http://www.etour.com;find_now).

Martha Stewart recently posted tours of 12 famous museums ([www.marthastewart.com](http://www.marthastewart.com)).

You can explore using Google Earth. You can pick a destination, Mesa Verde for example, and enjoy pictures that other people have posted. You could plan a trip with multiple destinations. If you like the idea of traveling, you can go to YouTube and type in a destination. You can take a trip on Highway 49 in California or a trip through Yosemite Valley or a trip to Four Corners in Arizona. You could visit the Grand Canyon or Arches or Yellowstone. You could even travel back in time and visit Los Angeles in the 1930's or San Francisco in 1900.

And when you are all finished, you can share your experience with fellow club members on the telephone while enjoying lunch at home.

See you down the road.....soon.

Tom Jeanes

The Flying Quail  
Our Members' Monthly Update  
May 2020

**MAFCA**  
IS OUT OF THIS WORLD

IF YOU HAVEN'T YET RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, IT'S NOT TOO LATE  
OR  
IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN A MEMBER, THE TIME IS NOW.  
VISIT MAFCA AT MAFCA.COM TO RENEW OR JOIN US. WHO KNOWS WHAT THE FUTURE MAY HOLD?

Henry Said:  
"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."

**Thank You to all Doctors, Nurses, First Responders, Law Enforcement & Grocery Workers**

**Tour to be covered by KGW News**



### *Unique 1930's Wrecker out on the job*



One look at this truck with a wrecked mid-1930s coupe on board told us that this wasn't your run of the mill International tow truck used for bringing in inoperable or crashed cars. After some thought, it appears that this machine may have been an old rigger's truck pressed into service by Andrew Murphy & Sons of Omaha, NB, for picking up and transporting damaged cars.

Rigger's trucks are used for lifting heavy objects or machinery that need to be transported to another location, and this one is equipped with a winch and a gantry crane. A cable powered by the winch is run through a moveable and lockable heavy-duty trolley hanging under the front of the I-beam supported by bridgework above the truck bed. With the use of these devices and some maneuvering of the trolley, a car can be lifted and pulled forward onto the truck bed.

Source: Theoldmotor.com

### *MAFCA Information*

The **Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. (MAFCA)** is a California non-profit corporation and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles as manufactured from 1928 through 1931. MAFCA's members are dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Ford vehicles of that era. MAFCA is the largest club in the world dedicated to one make of automobile. Volcano A members are urged to join the Model A Ford Club of America, Inc. Visit the MAFCA website for a membership application. Dues are \$50 yearly and include a subscription to **The Restorer**.



## Jim's Tech Tip by Jim Cannon

### Installing New Radiator Hoses

Heat takes a toll on the radiator hoses, especially the upper hose. The radiator hoses on a Model A can be a pain to install, particularly the lower ones with the pipe. Here are a few tips I have picked up to make the job easier.

Use a lubricating non-hardening sealant inside the hose ends to make it easier to slide them on to the engine and radiator necks, and easier to move them around when you need to. The best one that I have found is called Hylomar AF (I get it from W.W. Grainger). A thin coating inside the hose helps it slide around when installing, and will also make it easier to remove in the future.

On the lower pipe, install one short hose on each end of the pipe and secure each with a clamp. Estimate where you want the hoses to be, but be prepared to move them later after a trial fitting. Slide the hose end first on to the radiator outlet at the bottom and slide it far forward. Then work the other end's hose over the cast iron water inlet and slide up. Feel through the hose to find the bead on the inlet and clamp on the engine side of the bead. Then tighten the clamp at the radiator.

The upper hose uses a similar technique. Slide the hose first down on the cast iron engine gooseneck. Carefully work the other end over the radiator inlet and slide it up. Then position the hose clamps near the end of the hose and tighten them.

Do not over tighten the hose clamps, especially the ones on the radiator. If you do, you can buckle and crush the thin brass, and you will cut into the hoses. You should not have to make the clamps too tight if you use some sealant. Start out with them just snug and then only tighten more if coolant drips from the hose when the system is full. After driving a few times, go back and check the clamps, snug them up a bit if needed.



That's it! Have a Model A Day! Jim



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