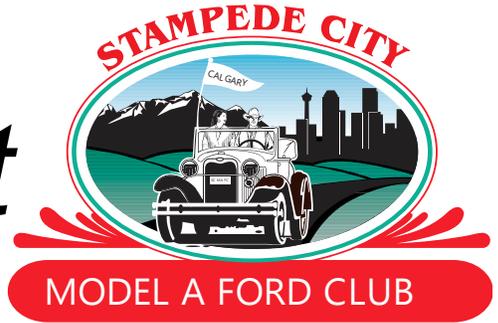


The Script

April 2020



SCMAFC Members Meet for lunch in Mesa, Arizona, March 12/20

(l to r) Paul Chudek, Kathy Chudek, Sheila Friesen, Al Friesen, Phil Haggart, Judy Hawley, Merlyn Basaraba, Dave Basaraba, Georgia Jacques, and George Edworthy.



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President's Message



Al Friesen has asked that we each provide a written statement on "MY COVID19 ISOLATION" in lieu of the April meeting. Here are my thoughts, hopes and wishes.

The COVID-19 Situation is affecting all of us. I am holed up in isolation as I believe most of you are too. We can thank and pray for all the dedicated medical and technical staff that are working so hard to preserve our future. The politicians (federal, provincial and municipal) laid down their political banners and are working together to support the medical and financial needs of our country. We can only hope that, while these efforts might delay or protract the peak of infection, the effort may buy the time necessary to develop drug protocols and eventually a vaccine that will protect us over the long term.

While Isolated I have pulled out a dusty old file labeled "Wood Projects" and have begun to build an office work table from reclaimed lumber which will eventually replace an old IKEA computer table I presently use. I hope to finish it before the AHS lifts the isolation order. I wish you all the best in enduring and recovery from this world changing situation.

Colin Outtrim, SCMAFC President

Stampede City Model A Ford Club Mission Statement

The SCMAFC is devoted to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles to protect our automotive heritage for future generations. Membership initiatives and objectives are demonstrated through workshops, tours and participation in community events.

General Information

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (September - June), normally at the Club Garage at 7:30 PM.

Mailing Address: Stampede City Model A Ford Club,
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Membership fees are \$35. per family per calendar year. (add \$20. for mailed newsletter.

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Meeting Minutes

SCMAFC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Meeting called to order by Colin Outtrim at 7:35 PM.

Guest (new member) Mike Reid from Sherwood Park. Mike has a collection of about 30 cars. Has brass era cars.

Secretarial:

Gord moved minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting be accepted, Murray seconded, and all in favour.

Visitors:

Guest Mike Reid from Sherwood Park who has been collecting cars for 55 years and has a collection of over 30 cars including brass era cars. Mike is involved in a touring club

Treasurer's Report: Brian LeBlanc

Brian reviewed the financials and noted that approximately \$15,600 spent on Tupper car so far.

Membership Report (Jeff Brooks):

Yvon said there are 88 members (all have paid except for two).

Jeff distributed a draft of the new roster for everyone's review. Corrections to Jeff submitted to Jeff by the end of March. The final copy will be completed by the April meeting. Final roster will be sent electronically with a limited number of printed copies available.

Advertising (Keith Robinson):

The Woodridge Ford ad is now included.

There are three new advertisers Alberta Fire and Flood, Calgary Muffler and The Babbitt Shop.

Subscriptions are annual (January to December).

Colin's Car Club Publication:

Colin and Kathy will get together in the spring. Kathy has an old file of photos and historical information. Kathy and Colin will work with the file to enhance and update it.

Capital Assets:

Sidewalk repair along south and east side of clubhouse in the spring

Touring /Events (Russ Moore not able to be present).

Wetaskiwin joint event with the Model T Club to the Reynolds Museum (sometime in May). Russ would like feedback of the number of members who would attend. The plan is to go together on a hired bus. Colin will contact Tom Van Dyke of the Model T club for more information.

Rosebud trip is planned tentatively for Saturday, July 18th. We will need to book by the end of March. Colin and Ron will develop a questionnaire and get feedback by March 25th and pass on the feedback to Russ.

Marv's Diner (in Black Diamond) tentatively Saturday, May 9th. Meet at the Shawnessy Walmart at 10am. Leave



- Spring safety check location and date discussed. Possible location at Chris's (Gord will follow up with Chris). Suggested date Saturday, May 30th.
- Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 10th at Paul and Kathy's.
- Okotoks Ford Tour and barbecue is confirmed for Saturday, June 13th.
- Manor Village Tour Tuesday, June 23rd. Meet at the Dalhousie Coop (time yet to be determined). Paul will be asked to bring his sound equipment and 1920's/1930's music.
- Scout's Tour is now moved to Pine Lake Christian Camp. Date yet to be determined (perhaps Saturday June 6th).
- Potential Beverly Centre tour (usually in June). Kathy to organize when she returns.
- Stampede Tour Wednesday July 8th. Norm usually coordinates. Potentially meet at Heritage Park.
- Pioneer Acres Tour (usually the second weekend in August). Potentially Saturday, August 8th. Register upon arrival.
- Edworthy Park walking tour. Confirmation and more details pending.
- Downtown walking tour (sometime in September).
- Memorial Colours Tour Sunday, September 13th to Callander's cottage.
- NW Regional Meet in Spokane Wednesday, September 30th to Sunday October 4th. This year is three days of self guided tours. Information and registration is in the March Script.
- Heritage Park Brunch. Date in the fall to be confirmed.
- Christmas Party already booked (both hall and caterer) for Sunday, December 13th
- Tupper car completion and presentation June 2021.

Library/Website: (Kathy and Colin)

Not as relevant for information sourcing anymore but good history and some unique items. More discussion tabled for another meeting

Tupper Car Project:(Gord)

Saturday, March 7th session cancelled due to the weather. Will reschedule (tentatively March 21st at 9:45am) .
Backing plates are ready but may need to be modified.

David Chudek did a great job welding and grinding.

Steering arm – Colin has and it is ready.

Chassis needs to be ready for engine and transmission (inventory or what is required is needed)

An estimate of what is left to do is needed. Paint will be the most expensive item.

Roof kit could be donated by Dan Adams if required.

Tech Talk:

None

New Business (brought up throughout the meeting):

Mike Reid mentioned a Vintage Touring Club for pre 1932 cars. This year four driving tours three to four days each. Mike Reid might send info for the next Script.

Murray suggested a possible springtime brunch not the same weekend as spring thaw.



Editor's Notes



Well, I have to say that that this issue of the Script has been one of the more challenging ones to produce due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the lack of club activities. Many thanks to those members who stepped up to the plate and provided their articles, some of which you will find in this edition. You are keeping our newsletter interesting and home grown—thank you again!

Please note that the printed copies of both the Script and the 2020 Roster will be delayed until our Printer, Jeff Brooks has access to his equipment. He is currently restricted to working from home. The Roster has been distributed via email, thank you Jeff and Yvon for getting our membership records up to date and producing this valuable document!

Kudos also go out to those members that have sent in greetings in response to my call for check ins. I will compile them and email them in one .PDF document on Wednesday April the 8th around noon. If you wish to participate please drop a note to scmafc@telus.net prior to Wednesday to be included. Let the Club know how you are doing during this strange time, what you are doing to keep busy etc.

Our Tours and Activities Director, Russell Moore has a busy time ahead of him, reminds me of the weatherman throwing a dart at a revolving dartboard while blindfolded! Provincial guidelines for group activities keep changing which will result in his having to postpone activities as we get further into our touring season. Please refer to his schedule on page 14 of this Script. We will try to keep everyone current with email and web site updates.

I will wrap it up here for now, stay safe everyone and keep your articles for the Script flowing, many thanks!

Al Friesen



April Birthdays

Doris Wiebe 1st	Carolyn Potts 19th
Cheryl Case 5th	Gord Rouse 21st
Hank Biesbroek 10th	Lyle Ford 23rd
Larry Duncan 11th	Brian LeBlanc 23rd
Walter Pickles 14th	Glen Wingenbach 25th
Norm Draper 19th	Sharon Wood 27th
Audrey Smith 3rd	Janet Carroll 29th
	Doreen Devitt 29th

April Anniversaries

Roni and Dennis Dovich 5th
Terry and Hank Biesbroek 10th
Mary and Jim Callander 15th
Janet and Chris Carroll 25th
Rose and Chris Brancaccio 26th



March 20 - Dear MAFCA Members,

California's Governor Newsom has signed an order that forces all nonessential business operations to shutter their doors through April 7, 2020. It may go beyond that date if the COVID-19 virus problems don't begin to subside. His action is designed to reduce person-to-person contact in our normal business operations.

Consequently, **MAFCA's headquarters office in La Habra, California will be closed until further notice.** We will be checking on voice mail messages that you leave when you call our office phone. And, we will be checking on email messages that you send. Please understand that our response time will be extended beyond normal intervals because our staff will be working from home and they will not have immediate access to all the office resources that may be required in responding to your questions.

We have been working closely with our printer and expect we will be able to ship The Restorer's May/June issue on time. It is yet possible that the printer will face similar requirements to close their operations. If that happens, we will let you know through our web site what to expect for delivery.

If your concern is urgent and must be addressed immediately, I will be happy to help you. Otherwise, we thank you for your patience and understanding. Please stay healthy and be safe.

[Bill Truesdell](#)

2020 National President

My First Model A - by SCMAFC member Jim Leew

I bought my first Model A in 1957 from 2 brothers at school. These 2 flipped cars as a pastime.

I paid \$ 25.00 for the car and got it home. I parked it on a brick pad behind Mom and Dad's house. I was too young to get a drivers license so I could only sit in the car in the yard to enjoy it. It was a September weekend when I got this car so Monday I had to go to school and leave "A" home by himself.

When I was at school the garbage man came. This was in the days when people worked for their pay.

The garbage cans were at the front of Dad's garage by the fence some 200 feet from the street. The garbage man walked from his truck, took the lids off the cans. carried the cans to his truck on the street, dumped the contents into the truck, brought the cans back to where they belonged and put the lids back on them.

"A" was right there. He could not miss seeing him. He went to the back house door and rang the bell. Mom answered. The garbage man told my mom that that was his car. The brothers had taken the car with a promise to pay but had not.

My mom was some upset when I got home at the end of the day.

I got it all straightened out. Did a lot of work on the car and was on the road with it quite fixed up on my 16th birthday, the day I got my license!



Gary Callander's 'News from the 'Past'

40 Years Ago, April, 1980 President - George Edworthy

- A good article was reprinted with permission from Gordon Fisher of the Beaver chapter in Oregon on checking the frame straightness and mounting of the body for proper alignment.
- Howard Moore displayed a copy of his rare Canadian gas rationing sticker from the war years.
- The club entered a display of 7 Model A's in the World of Wheels, organized by Ron Hinch. We won 3rd place in our class.

30 Years Ago, January, 1990 President – Emanuel Cohen

- The club's bid to host the 1993 Northwest Regional meet was approved by the NW Regional group
- There were 60 paid up members.

20 Years Ago, January, 2000 President – Gary Callander

- Gord Watt gave a demonstration on engine babbitting, using Yvon Picot's engine.
- Larry Duncan's freshly restored 1928 pickup won an award at the Spring Thaw car show.
- Dave Dodd described a weird problem with his steering and discovered a supplier of adjustable length drag links to correct the problem.

10 Years Ago, January , 2010 President – Chris Brancaccio

- Troy Dillabough warned about spammers & scammers when selling cars online.
- The newsletter cover featured all of the members from Three Hills.



Sid Gough's 'Tech Talk'



Being "Confined to barracks" I have been digging into some of my old car magazines.

In doing so I have found several interesting items that I will share with you over the next few months. There is a lot of information in old car club newsletters, including some period fixes.

The following is borrowed from Wheel Tracks, the newsletter of the Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, and written by John Parker III and deals with using mothballs in the gas tank.

During World War 2 gasoline was severely rationed. Passenger cars were issued an "A" sticker allowing, I think 5 gallons a week. Not much! Grandfather Parker was still driving his 1929 Packard 640 Club Sedan then. The "A" ration would hardly move the big car much past the end of the street.

He had a solution, no pun intended. He filled his gas tank with unrationed kerosene. Now he knew kerosene would not run the engine. The "solution" was to fill the vacuum tank with moth balls. This allowed the sucked in kerosene to percolate through the moth balls before gravity feeding the carburetor. No more mileage restrictions for him! Beside allowing him to drive anywhere, there were two side effects. One could tell for hours which way Grandpa went and there no intrusive insects in the neighborhood all summer.

NOTE: The "A" sticker also applied to Canadian cars.

Sid

Some Early Era Alberta License Plate Notations

Since the mid -1970's Alberta's license plates have involved variations of a single plate per vehicle and the use of renewal tags. Previously license plates were always issued in pairs annually.

License plate dimensions have often varied slightly with the most significant change occurring during the mid-1920's with the change to our familiar oblong format which replaced the previous elongated plates.

Car owners often restore plates depicting the year of their vehicle inclusive of often cross referencing their collector plate number on their Provincial registration form. Un-restored license plates are frequently hung on one's garage wall, which for Albertans allows the owner to only restore one plate should they obtain a matched pair.



My First Model A Memory - by SCMAFC member Lloyd Glover

My first encounter with the Model A Ford started in Rocky Mountain House as a young boy ten years of age. There was a fellow in town that had a shiny 1930 Washington Blue roadster with a white top. At ten years of age who cared, I just liked the car. I seized every chance I could to be around this car. I said to myself one day I will have one. Was it the looks or was it that wonderfully unique Model A sound.

About that time my brother four years older than me had a friend, who had a running Model A frame. He brought it out to our farm for my brother to play around with. It was "fully decked" with a bus seat, the kind you bounced around on within the school buses of the time, a dash, gas tank and a hood. It had no fenders or anything that would interfere with going through bush mud, barn yard stuff, across Prairie Creek and through the bush on the many back trails on our farm.

I spent my time as a passenger observing. During this time I learned that certain tires could be put on backwards, don't work worth with a rip going forward, but backup ok. I observed how to approximately time the old car. I learned a lot of things on the farm just because!

Mostly I just liked the sound and how it would go through the mud.

I had strict orders not to touch this thing, because it wasn't ours, I could hurt myself, blah blah blah, all the things responsible parents and brother would need to harp about!

This old car was kept in a small shed not much bigger than the car itself. One day the Eureka moment happened - I think I am all alone at home. I wonder if I can start this thing, any farm kid worth his salt knows about the ignition switch, the transmission needing to be in neutral etc. After watching my brother catapult around the yard after the old Case tractor kicked back on the crank and broke his wrist I caught the idea on cranking an engine. The nuance of the spark advance and the choke from observation did not seem that difficult.

So.... key on, transmission in neutral, pull the aftermarket wire at the front running to the choke, thumbs in on the crank, do something with that lever on the left hand side of the steering column and with a couple pulls up on the crank that engine should struggle to life, everything is golden. What could go wrong?

KA-BOOM.

If you have ever filled up an exhaust system on Model A with a perfect gas mixture while learning the nuances of spark advance and fuel mixture and you hit the magic button it will deafen you, it will loosen the dust in the shed from the walls and rafters and fill the air----and it will bring all the brothers and parents who were not supposed to be home to full attention!

I learned a lot that day----mostly make darn sure no one is home!



My one and only breakdown

I finished the ground up restoration on my '28 Tudor in September 1990 with help from several people in the hobby, and with two teen age children, finding the cash was sometimes a challenge. Anyway the project took 7 years. My first outing with the car was a Spring tour with APAC, a beautiful day with all makes involved. The car ran well with me learning how to drive a vehicle 62 years old. We completed the run, and on the way home stopping at a light on Blackfoot there was a bang and I had no clutch. Crawling underneath I found the clutch arm broken in two. We got a lift home and towed my pride and joy home. I managed to find another arm and pinned it onto the shaft, back in business. I subsequently learned this arm frequently breaks, so I found a spare and it has been under the rear seat ever since. A modern arm is being sold now. Viv couldn't resist taking a photo of the dejected driver.

Dave Dodd



A 2020 SCMAFC Babbitt Pouring Update

In conjunction with Keith Robertson who operates the Calgary based Babbitt pouring operation having recently placed an ad in the Script it seemed appropriate that we also include a general article relative to that topic at this time.

It appears that Federal Mogul was the go to Babbitt organization in the early years and it was George Girard, the 1950's and 1960's era President of APAC, (the Alberta Pioneer Auto Club) who in May of 1969 had the foresight to acquire their entire inventory of molds when they became available. Thus a fund raising venture for APAC and a reliable Babbitt pouring service for a variety of car collectors was established, inclusive of course for members of our Stampede City Model A Ford Club.

It is interesting that George McKenzie, a long term member of our Club, was a member of APAC when he had a motor done in those early years and once again just a few years ago he worked with Horace Bauer and Keith Robertson to pour the Babbitt in another one of his Model A blocks utilizing those same molds.

At one time Gord Watt, who belonged to our club as well as to APAC, poured Babbitt following which Horace Bauer (also now deceased) poured Babbitt and conducted viewing sessions for us. All was not lost however for in 2015 Keith Robertson who is well known amongst APAC circles and the local collector car community assumed responsibility for the operation. In a 2015 note to us Keith said:

"I am pleased to advise that the Babbitt shop is again operational and ready for appointments, either by e-mail at <oldcarbabbittservice@gmail.com>) or via my cell (587-707-1538) at which you can call or text me to make arrangements". I trust this will be welcome news and I look forward to working with your membership.

Keith's Babbitt pouring operation continues to be located at its long term Morley Trail NW address in Calgary, and following Babbitt pours it is Club member Gary Callander (403-253-6022 or cell 403-988-1428) who is our local line bore specialist.

For the uninitiated, prior to the mid-1930's most automobile, tractor, and stationary engines utilized poured Babbitt bearings instead of steel shells, many of those brand names continuing the use of Babbitt well into the 1950's. Per the included snapshots the general sequence involves:

Melting the lead/tin Babbitt ingots, removing any previous Babbitt from the various castings, selecting and installing the correct molds on the castings, pouring the liquid Babbitt into those engine block, rod, and cap molds, positioning the line boring unit on the engine block and setting it to the correct crankshaft diameter required, and then boring the newly poured Babbitt in readiness for the engine to be re-assembled.

RWR





MAFCA and the NW Regional News

Item #1: On pages #34 and #35 of the March/April edition of the Restorer is an article relative to the 'Restorer's Class' evaluation event held during the '2019 NW Regional Meet' that a number of our members attended in Bellevue, Washington last August.

Noteworthy is the reference to our SCMAFC members who were involved and particularly with respect to Ewald and Betty-Ann Braun having won a silver medal for their 1931 Victoria. As a matter of interest, for anyone who has access to a copy of the '2018 Model A's Calendar' which is published internationally by Hemmings Motor News, the 'Braun Vicky' was also the featured vehicle for January of that year.

Item #2: In order to elaborate on the content of their initial newsletter Spokane's 'Inland Empire A's' recently distributed a 2nd newsletter some extracts from which are as follows:

The Event: A NW Regional Hub Style Tours Meet. Sept. 30th through Oct. 4th, 2020. Spokane, WA.

As this is going to be 'A Hub Style Tours Meet', we will not be having judging, car games, or awards.

There will be a hospitality room at the host hotel and we will be offering a raffle with something for everyone.

No need for donations. If your club has a banner, please bring it as we would like to hang it in the hospitality room or in the lobby of the hotel. There will be coffee, water and homemade goodies to sample as well as an information center. The room will be open from Wednesday through Saturday and is where you will pick up tour packets.

There is plenty of parking at the hotel for both your cars and trailers. The hotel is also offering a free carwash for your convenience.

For those who would prefer to camp, we have a wonderful KOA campground near the hotel. It is located at 3025 N. Barker Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99207, (509) 924-4722. There is also a new Liberty Lake RV Park at 22751 E. Appleway Ave, Liberty Lake, WA 99019, (509) 868-0567. Both are about 10 minutes from the hotel.

When you register at the hotel you will receive breakfast vouchers for each day of your stay. We will also be having a farewell breakfast buffet on Sunday to thank everyone for attending our tour. We know some like to head out early so whether or not you use the voucher or attend the farewell, we thank you for attending.

The welcome social is Wednesday, 9/30, at 6:00PM. The farewell breakfast is Sunday, 10/4, at 7:30AM.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Chairman Laura Henke at (509) 981-4411 or 924-1175, or Co-Chair Jackie Bonner at (509) 926-0362. or by email at < 2020fallfordtours@gmail.com >.

We are aware of the current circumstances of the coronavirus and will plan accordingly should anything change.



2020 SCMAFC Tours and Events Schedule

By Russell Moore updated April 6/20

May 1 & 2 - (Fri./Sat.) Red Deer Swap Meet (Westerner Park) hosted by the Central Alberta Vintage Auto Club. **CANCELLED**

May ? - Reynolds Museum Tour, shared with the Foothills Model T Club. Contact Tom
POSTPONED

May 9 - (Sat.) 10 AM Tour to Marv's Classic Soda Shop, Black Diamond C, Rendezvous at Shaughnessy Walmart SE at 10AM with departure for Black Diamond at 10:30AM. Arrival at Marv's at 11:30AM , Contact Colin Outtrim **POSTPONED**

May 30 - Safety check, place to be determined, Gord Rouse to coordinate **POSTPONED**

June 10 - (Wed.) Ice Cream Social following General Meeting at the Clubhouse,. Contact Ron/Paul
POSTPONED.

June 13 - (Sat.) Tour to Okotoks Ford/Lincoln. Sponsored by the Wood Automotive Group. Contact Keith Robinson. **TO BE DETERMINED**

June 15 - (Mon.) AGE CARE CENTRE BEVERLY CAR SHOW, alternate Tuesday, June 16th. Time: 1-3 pm, Cars in place by 12:45. Contact is Kathy Chudek. **TO BE DETERMINED**

June 23 - (Tues.) Manor Village Varsity, meet at Dalhousie Co-op at 1:30 PM. Contact Colin O.
POSTPONED

June ? - Tour to Pine Lake area for Scouts All Section Camp. Contact Jeff Brooks **POSTPONED**

July 8 - (Wed.) Stampede Tour and Pizza Night. Meet at Heritage Park, time TBD Contact Norm Devitt.

July 18 - (Sat.) Rosebud Theater - 'Chariots of Fire' Included is a buffet dinner. Contact Russell M.

August ? - Pioneer Acres, Irricana Coordinator TBD

August ? - Edworthy Park History walking tour. Contact George Edworthy.

September ? - Calgary downtown history walking tour. Contact Russel Moore

September 13 - (Sun.) Fall Colours and Memorial Tour to Callander's near Water Valley. Contact Gary Callander.

September 30 to October 4 (Wed. to Sun.) NW Regional Meet in Spokane.

October ? - Heritage Park Brunch in the Wainwright Hotel Saloon. Contact Ted Loblely.

December 13 - (Sun.) Christmas Party at the Springbank Heritage Club. Contact Ron Rigby.



Model A Memory

I am grateful to say that I grew up in a Model A family right from the time I was born. Not many kids can say that in 2020. About a month after I was born my father purchased a 1928 Sport Coupe from George Edworthy, which became the family car when I was old enough to sit in the rumble seat. Until then, I rode in my grandfather's 1928 Tudor Sedan that he restored from the ground up with my father. This tradition was passed on and brought great joy to me on many tours, outings and activities in the old sport coupe. This convinced me that I would like to have my own Model A some day, which I have since been restoring and reporting on. I would like to share one of my favorite Model A memories that occurred even before I owned a Model A.

When I was in elementary school at Ethel M Johnson, I used to tell my classmates that my dad had an old car. There were always activities where you were supposed to draw or write about something important to you and then the teacher would tac it up on the bulletin board for display. You could always tell which one mine was because it always had an old red car somewhere on the page (or a train). Some of the most exciting times for me as a young student were telling my teacher about my dad's car and arranging for my dad to drive it in and show to the students. I don't think any of my classmates could really picture what I was talking about until they saw it. When you talk about something it creates a certain picture in your mind, but when you see it, it becomes real and curiously mysterious. I think that's why kids like touching cars in the museums or at the car shows, because they have no reference point for anything that could possibly resemble a Model A, nor the understanding that these cars used to be as commonplace as the cars we have today. Those are pretty obvious questions for an old car enthusiast to answer but to a classroom full of 6 and 7-year-olds, it's mind-blowing.

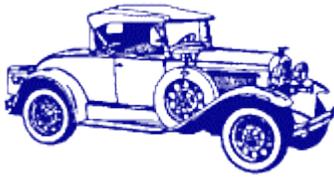
On the morning of show-and-tell I got to show up at school in my dad's Model A (he didn't let me drive yet) and park it in the staff parking lot. My teacher was waiting there with my classmates who now saw me arriving in style, which was as cool for me as it was for them. I love when they heard the horn for the first time. AHOOOOOOGAH! To 6 and 7-year-olds that has a whole lot more personality than BEEP. Then came the fun questions that kids ask. *Why is there a wheel on the back? Can you make the horn go again? Is this a hot-rod?* And then the adults: *Is this a Model T?* My dad patiently answered questions from eager learners who were happy to be outside of the classroom as I noticeably beamed by my dad's side.

With a Model A it's so easy to make a lasting first impression on someone, and especially a *good* impression. Driving down many side roads, passing semis in the states, playing New Orleans music out of the rumble seat on Stephen Avenue and just going for ice cream, we have definitely surprised a lot of people over the years and made a big impression on them. I am certainly the one who has had the longest, lasting impression from a Model A and will always remember the days of show and tell with my dad and his Ahoogah.



Michael Callander





Classified Ads

For Rent: Rural inside storage space for rent. Jim 403 637 2412

For Sale: 1929 Model A Roadster. Restored by Gord Watt. Model B Engine, Ryan Overdrive, 1935 Wheels, Rumble Seat. Contact Troy Dillabough @ 403-240-4668 troy@pcmc.ca

For Sale: 1931 Ford Model A Coupe, 6 volt alternator, light blue vinyl interior. Definitely a driver, starts every time. \$17,000 or Best Reasonable Offer.....maybe. bdlcma@telus.net phone: 403-874-5505

For Sale: I have tons of Ford model A parts, also a lot of AR. Let me know what you need. Gary @ 250 404 0104 or Email sugarhill1955@gmail.com Located in Summerland, B.C Can ship.

For Sale: Restored Powerhouse Generators – Original 1928 powerhouse restored generators for sale. Various P1, P2 & P3 models subject to availability. Cdn. & US Mfg. Price vary w/ exchange and core trade-in availability. For further details or inquiry Contact – Dan Adams (403) 238-9616 or Murray Walkemeyer (403) 809-5277. E-mail contact: ddada4@shaw.ca Location – Calgary , Alberta.



Wanted: Weaver Auto Crane (Wrecker) Model A or T period correct. Contact Ron 780 678 4019

Wanted I'm in need of 2 or 4 19" tires in good shape. The ones I have are not good enough for any long trips. Thank you, call or email. Paul 604-807-3634 vicky31a@shaw.ca

Wanted: Working 1930 Model A Horn. Please contact me with a price at 403-382-0369 or email drogalsky@hotmail.com

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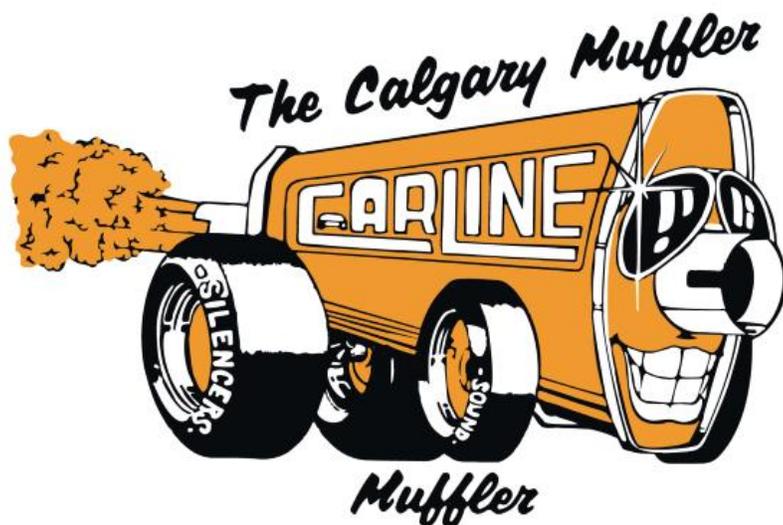
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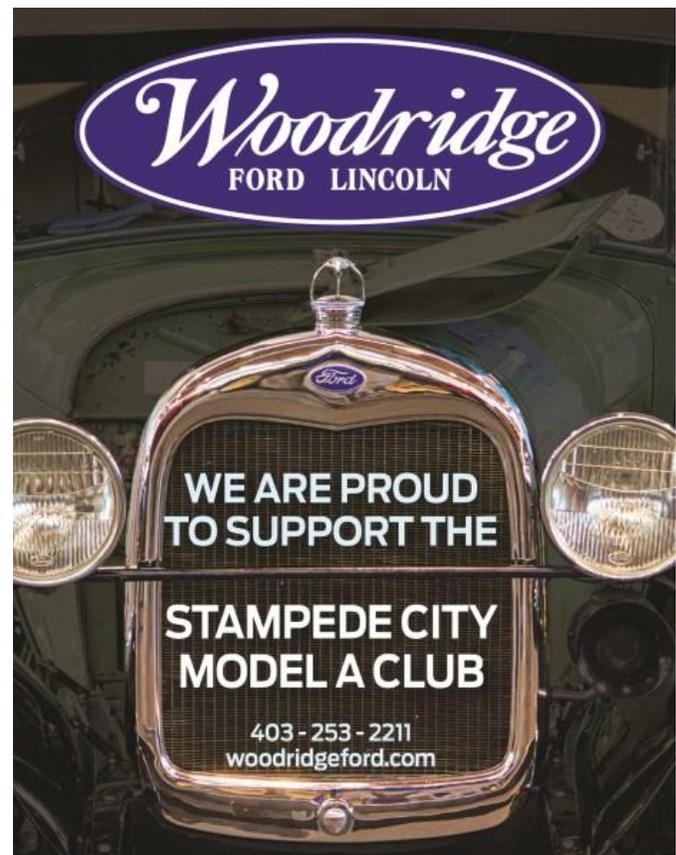
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