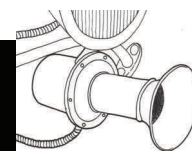
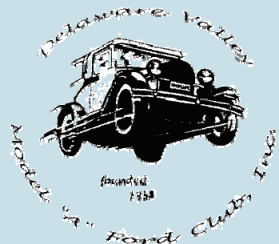




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**Technical and historical questions are encouraged and we'll do our best to get the answers. Questions can be submitted via E-Mail at: [Sorgan@themaxwellgroup.org](mailto:Sorgan@themaxwellgroup.org).**

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## President's Message



**Greetings:**  
Wow, we're

going into August already. At our July meeting we had at least 10 cars turn out, and Willy Long cooked up some great hot dogs. He is the dog king! I would like to thank the 16 members that participated in the two Fourth of July parades in the blazing hot sun. You know who you are! Thanks, again, and remember that you are entitled to \$5.00 for each parade to be used for our September banquet. Let's also work on coming up with a Model A ride. Jack, what happened to our Thursday rides? We also need several volunteers to plan an August picnic. In case you haven't heard, Steve Organ received his 1914 Model T back from the restorer and he hasn't stopped smiling! Good luck with it. I hope that the weather continues to cooperate so that we can bring out those A's again for our next meeting. Coming soon, the Macungie car show and swap meet takes place August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. It's a great show and a good place to find Model A parts. Please continue to get business card ads for our newsletter and support the advertisers.

See you all on August 2nd.

## Stace

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## Up Coming Events

8/2/2012—Monthly Meeting at  
Daley's Service Center

See Page 10 for Additional Listings

## Get Well Wishes

Jay Fissel, Tom Boles' Brother Joe, Mary Jane Creelman, Lou Pfeiffer's Daughter Monica Remer, Charles Simon, John Sheaffer, Paul Christensen's Dad, and Bill Chamberlain. (Editor's note—I apologize to Joe and Bill Chamberlain—I hope I got it right this month.

## GET WELL SOON

## Happy Birthday for August

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

Tom Smith	17
Rick Foltz	21
Rose Marie Gray	31

Thanks to those who were in the July 4th Parades!!



Steve Organ  
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## The Rebirth of a Model A

By Shelly Rosen (Part 2)

Michael Etling began the restoration of the car. To say he fixed the car is an understatement. The car was put through a complete tear down and rebuild just as Henry would like it done. The front end was completely rebuilt. The rear was cleaned and painted. The engine was removed and the timing gear replaced. The engine was also cleaned, painted the proper color as well as tuned up. The transmission was removed and a new clutch installed, painted as well as bearings and gaskets replaced. The braking system was completely rebuilt—new brakes, drums, and bearings. The radiator was sent out to be boiled-out and painted. New hoses, fan blades and clamps were installed. The complete electrical wiring harness was replaced and new LED tail lights installed. The speedometer was rebuilt. The wheels were sent out to be sand blasted and powder coated black. New tubes and tires were installed including the spare. New bumpers were installed front and back along with a new Spartan Klaxon. All bright work was cleaned and polished. The car was cleaned, polished and waxed—several times. And finally a new top and interior was installed. The car looked (and still does) look great. Please remember that months of work has just been boiled down into 1 long paragraph. Henry couldn't have done a better job.

Mike finally finished, and we are blown away by how beautiful the car is. He called, said he is driving it up RT 95. Wow, a Model A on 95North, hard to believe, but he did it. He met his Mom on Dungan Road and the 2 of them arrived, Mike in my Model A and his Mom following behind. Now my baby was home.

I told Mike I needed to drive it around the block, with him sitting next to me, since it's been 40 years, and I wasn't all that experienced back then. I drove, quite rusty, but at least I got the feel, and we returned home, & **He** put it back into my garage.

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Now I have my wonderful car back but I really can't drive it alone!! Lots of reasons.....not good enough, forgot how to drive a gear shift, afraid if I get stuck, I can't leave it, don't know anyone who knows how to drive it to keep me company etc, etc.

Steve Organ, actually had left me a message a few days before, telling me how great the car looked. So , I call Steve to get back in the game and start going to meetings.

My other son ,Bruce, came up to visit from Arlington Va. He never drove the car but at least he could sit next to me and I decided to take out the car and drive to my niece's house about 12 min from me in Elkins Park. It's a miracle I didn't give my son a heart attack. We didn't exactly hop down the street, but it was far from smooth. My clutching ability was poor, and I just wasn't used to it.

Naturally I stalled on a very little hill at the traffic light. 3 cars behind me are on my bumper and I can't move because I slide back whenever I try and I will hit them. I lean out, tell them all to move away....the light turns from red to green, to red, to green .

I didn't remember how many times.

**The problem: I thought I needed my left foot on the clutch, my right foot on the brake and my 3<sup>rd</sup> foot that I don't have , on the starter pedal. I made my son, take his foot, weave it thru the emergency brake and the stick shift, to get it on the starter pedal. Just picture the scene with 3 legs trying to start this car, he is anxious, the light keeps changing, and I can't get it going. Funny now, NOT funny then.**

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**An Unusual Paragraph**

What's unique about the following paragraph?

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**(Answer on Page 9)**



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## Model A Quiz

See how many correct you can score:

1. Bumpers for the Model A were initially offered as an option ? (True or False)
2. Model A Fords in Russia were produced from 1932 to 1936? (True or False)
3. Black had been the only color available on Model T Fords from \_\_\_ to \_\_\_?
4. At what time in Model A production was the color Black a special order, not standard? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Henry Ford built his first vehicle in 1896. It was called the \_\_\_\_\_?
6. What was the Model A safety glass called? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The new Model A Ford was advertised as having unusual speed. They claimed it had a top speed of ? \_\_\_\_\_
8. The oval type speedometer went as high as how many MPH? \_\_\_\_\_.  
The round type went as high as? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who produced the first V-8 engine Ford or Chevrolet?
10. Most people have heard of AC Spark Plugs. What does the AC stand for?
11. What does Clara Ford enjoy to drink? A. Coffee with Cream and Sugar, B. Wine, C. Hot Chocolate, D. Rolling Rock Beer
12. In 1908 what did Clara Ford use for her persona; transportation for her errands around town? A. Taxi, B. Chauffer, C. Model T, D. Electric Car, E. Horse and Carriage
13. The first Ford had what kind of engine? A. Electric, B. 2-Cylinder, C. Dodge, D. 1-cylinder with a large fly wheel.
14. In the 1920's Ford was producing how many Model T's a day at Highland Park Plant? A. 250, B. 750, C. 2,000, D. 4,000, E. 6,000
15. In 1919 from the UP of Michigan Ford was requiring approximately how many board feet of lumber a day to manufacture Model T Fords? A. 50,000  
B. 220,000, C. 575,000, D. 825,000, E. 1,000,000
16. In 1930 what song spent the most time on the Bill Board Chart? A. Happy Days are here Again?, B. Puttin' on the Ritz, C. The Peanut Vendor, D. When it's Springtime in the Rockies
17. In the 1930's Shantytowns formed consisting of wood and cardboard in the United States. They are often referred to as? A. Jungles, B. Hoover towns, C. The Burbs, D. The Poor Farm.

Bonus Question: How many spokes on a Model A Wheel? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers on page 11

## Model A Ford Museum construction underway, Grand Opening scheduled for May 2013

With a groundbreaking ceremony in April, construction is now under way for the Model A Ford Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum and on pace for a completion by Labor Day weekend, with activities already planned for this September and its Grand Opening scheduled for May 2013.

Announced in late 2010, the 12,000-square-foot museum is expected to be the largest public museum dedicated to Ford's Model A when finished and will take its place alongside several other specialty museums on the grounds of the Gilmore in Hickory Corners, Michigan, including the Classic Car Club of America Museum, the Pierce-Arrow Museum, the Franklin Collection at Hickory Corners, the Tucker Historical Collection and Library, the Cadillac-La Salle Foundation and the Lincoln Motorcar Foundation, as well as the Midwest Miniatures Museum.

"The museum will be more than just a car collection," said Art Callan, executive director of the Model A Ford Foundation, Inc., which is overseeing the construction of the museum. "It will take you on a journey through the Model A years – the end of the Roaring Twenties, the stock market crash in 1929, and the beginning of the Depression." In addition to the foundation's collection of cars and trucks, the museum will also house display engines, factory photos, blueprints, and research materials in a building patterned loosely after a design suggestion for a medium-sized Ford dealership in the May 1929 issue of *Ford Dealer and Service Field* magazine.



The foundation has also been primarily responsible for fundraising for the museum's \$1.6 million construction and operation budget. According to Stan Johnson, president of the foundation, funding has come almost entirely through private donations. "This has been a 20 year effort, but more than half of the construction funds were raised in 2011 – a \$50,000 challenge resulted in an influx of \$300,000 at the end of 2011," he said. "We have raised enough funding to accomplish the construction of the building, so we are striving now to encourage donations (funds and artifacts) for the outfitting and setup of the interior of the building."

According to Johnson, construction should be completed by Labor Day weekend, in plenty of time for the foundation's Model A Day at Gilmore on September 15. "By that time we will only have an empty building, but we already have several Model A Ford vehicles in storage at Gilmore, so we will have a few 'props' for our planned events," Johnson said. "Our tentative plans call for allowing visiting Model A drivers to enter the front vehicle door of the museum, drive into a prepared setup in the museum, have a high-quality photo taken of their car in the museum, allow them to drop off a donation of money or a museum quality artifact, and then drive out the rear vehicle door."

Among the vehicles already in the collection and slated to go on display at the museum are a 1928 Tudor, a 1930 school bus, a 1930 service car, and a 1929 business coupe.

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| 8/1/2012     | Historic Cold Spring Village Car Show, 10am – 3pm   |
| 8/11-12/2012 | New Hope Auto Show  |
| 8/11/2012    | 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, Cruisin Classics, Cannstatter 9am – 3pm                 |
| 8/18/2012    | Warminster PBA Car Show – 350 E. Bristol Rd, Warminster                                   |
| 8/25/2012    | Franklin Towne Charter HS 1 <sup>st</sup> car show. – 4259 Richmond Street – next to WAWA |
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Finally, I start it, we eventually reach my niece's house & I show everyone the car. I refuse to shut it off for fear of not starting it again, and finally we drive home. Hills that I never noticed in my automatic, now loom like Mt Everest in front of me.....corners that always were turned with no effort , now seem much tighter and narrower.... Who made them smaller and when???

Got home and the fun began. I continued to stall on my uphill driveway and could not get this Model A into my garage. My poor son, using his foot again on my starter pedal with my 2 feet on the clutch & brake, finally after about 9 attempts, I started the car, and got it into its little home inside my garage. Whew! My daughter-in-law had been watching all this with my 2 grandkids, and unbeknownst to me called my son, Nelson, who was in Tacoma Washington on a 3 month Army deployment, reporting his Mother to him. " The phone call went like this: Nelson , your Mom is driving the old car and she keeps stalling, and can't get it into the garage, what should we do???

What she thought he was going to be able to do from 3000 miles away is unclear. Oh, they have so little faith in their gutsy, fearless Mom who is so proud & happy that she finally got it into the garage. Reaching the top of Mt. Everest would not have been as exciting as getting that Model A into my garage!

*(Watch for next month's conclusion of The Rebirth of a Model A)*

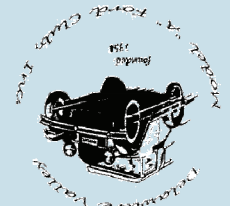
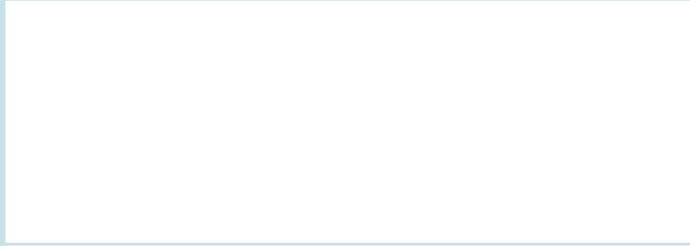


### Quiz Answers from Page 5

1. True
2. True
3. 1914—1926
4. 1928
5. Quadricycle
6. Triplex
7. 65 MPH
8. 75: 80
9. Chevrolet—1917
10. Albert Champion
11. All of the above
12. Electric Car
13. Dodge
14. 6,000
15. 1,000,000
16. The Peanut Vendor
17. Hovertowns

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**John & Kathy Korhonen**  
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John purchased his Model A Truck back in April of 2005 from our now club president Stace Leichtler.

The truck came out of Maryland at the time and looked like it was used to deliver some parts ,the bed of the truck was reinforced with a steel plate and body had some dents as you would expect from something that was used on a regular basis. I felt it needed some tender loving care so I broke it down and started repairing items as needed, items like brake lining wheel bearings body mounts manifold and lots of hardware I was ready to reassemble the truck, I cleaned up the body the best that I could and then I had one of our sponsors in our Klaxon newsletter, Schmitz Auto Body from Bristol , painted it for me, the color green was my wife Kathy choice, and a very good one at that. I would like to thank the club members that offered me information and assistance while I was doing the work of my truck, clubs such as our have a wealth of information in them. Remember that next time you see an old model a back in the field of behind the barn and it looks like it's ready for the graveyard get it show what some love and maybe someday we will see that one on the road too.

