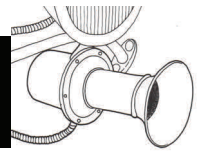




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Founded in 1958

Who are we:

The Klaxon is the monthly newsletter of the Delaware Valley Model "A" Ford Club, Inc. and is circulated to all club members and other interested clubs. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Daley's Service Center, 2749 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA 19020.

If you wish to contribute articles for publication in the Klaxon please do so by submitting them to the editor Steve Organ. Other pertinent information can be obtained from the officers.

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.

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President's Message



Greetings: I would like to thank Bill Griffith and Maria Amodeo for their wonderful job of hosting our picnic on August 9th! For those of you who missed the event, it was a perfect day for a ride in a Model A and a picnic with fellow club members. I convoyed over with the Langhorne group. We had quite a few waves and thumbs up along the route.

Don't forget our International Model A Day event that will be held at Dave Sadowl's on September 13th. 314 Hulmeville Road, Langhorne. Further info in this issue of the Klaxon.

With your last issue of the Klaxon you would have received an R.S.V.P form for our annual banquet. Please return these forms to Steve Organ with your meal selections and number attending. In the event you cannot attend, please return the form and indicate "not attending" so that we know not to call you prior to the event.

It's hard to believe but the Hershey AACA Show is right around the corner. Of all of the shows throughout the year, this one is my favorite. My father took me to the Hershey show in 1981 and I've been to this show every year since then, rain or shine. I have to admit that I did like the show better when it was held in the grass fields verses asphalt parking lots. There is just something special about the "Hershey Mud" we had to trudge through each year that it rained. Memories.....
See you on the 4th!

Jim



Editor's Message HI All: A wonderful thing has happened in our club. More and more members are beginning to help each other work on their cars and gain a better friendship between members. This year we have seen members working on other member's cars at the club house or at someone's garage. I personally have fortunately been on the receiving end. This is a great thing, this is what members should do for other members. I know since my retirement money is not as free as it once was. I was able to save quite a bit of money by other members working on my car and getting it back on the road. You know who you were and I can't thank you enough. We also did a car display this month where we didn't receive money for the display. We did it because we wanted to. It is a great feeling helping out someone or visiting with someone who needs it. Perhaps you should consider volunteering at a place where you are needed. Or perhaps you can help a fellow member who needs help (it doesn't have to be working on their car. It's a great feeling helping out a fellow human. Try it sometime, you'll be surprised at the great feelings you will get from doing

it. *Steve*

Up Coming Events

9/4/2014 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

10/2/2014 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

Happy Birthday for September 2014

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Jeanne Kulesza | 1 |
| Lisa Derrickson | 7 |
| Bill Miller | 9 |
| Don Mannherz | 10 |
| Mary Bethman | 12 |
| Rich Brown | 11 |
| Ann Harvey | 16 |
| Brian Tonner | 16 |
| Sandy Klopfenstein | 23 |
| Steve Organ | 25 |
| John Fritsch | 26 |
| Ruth Ann Nash | 27 |



Delaware Valley Model A Club Members Put on a Car Display for the Veteran's at the "Philadelphia Veteran's Home"

On Tuesday, August 19th members of the Delaware Valley Model A Club displayed their cars at the Philadelphia Veterans Home. Willie Long and Tom Roberts made the arrangements for the members to spend a morning with the Veterans. The day began with club members meeting at Andy's Diner on the Boulevard for breakfast. We parked our cars outside in front of the diner for all to see. Of course, Don Fortune, Club Secretary had to be different (as we all know from his monthly minutes—see picture below and see if you can figure out which car is Don's car?)



Upon arrival at the front of the building we were met by Tom Roberts who lead us to the parking area where even the Vets who were wheelchair bound could get out to see the cars and get their chairs around to see the interior. Both the Staff and the Vets who live at the home were amazed at the cars and that they were still around. The members who brought the cars were: John Sheaffer, Bob Kehan (with his mechanical wizard nephew Dominick), Jack Fritsch, Steve Davidson (who also volunteers one day a week at the home as well as Tom Roberts who also is there one day per week), Steve Organ, Joe Weldon, Joe Chamberlain and Jimmy Buck, Ted Kulesza and of course Billy Long with his Willys Jeep. Even Dave Creelman came with his Caddy.



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(From page 3)

The members of our Club who were able went inside and gathered up some of the wheelchair bound Vets at the home and brought them out to see the cars and spend some time talking with the Vets. Unfortunately, some of the Vets are along in the world now and really appreciated the time that we spent with them. One of the Vets was even able to tell jokes and puns faster than our own Jack Fritsch.



After the show was over some of the members took a tour of Benjamin Rush Park. There was a trail with just enough room for the Model A's to travel around the park. We ended up at the back of the park where there is a Model Airplane Club and fields for them to fly their remote controlled model airplanes. It was perfect—we wanted to see their members fly their planes and they wanted to see and talk about our cars.

We ended the day having lunch and talking about what a great day we all had. We were able to gather 10 cars for this show. Hopefully, the next time more members can join us. I have never seen a greater group of people than the Vets at the home. The home is having a “Block Party” on September 6th and invited us to bring back the cars so more of the Vets can see our cars and visit with us.

Thanks to all our members who displayed their cars.



YO OFFICER

Yesterday, I had a flat tire on the interstate. So I eased my car over to the shoulder of the road, carefully got out of the car, and opened the trunk.

I took out two cardboard men, unfolded them and stood them at the rear of my car facing oncoming traffic. They looked so lifelike you wouldn't believe it! They were dressed in open trench coats that exposed their nude bodies and private parts to the approaching drivers.

But to my surprise, cars started slowing down to look at my lifelike men. And, of course, traffic began backing up. Everybody tooted their horns and waved like crazy. It wasn't long before a state trooper pulled up behind me.

He got out of his car and walked towards me. I could tell he was not a happy camper!

“What's going on here?”

“My car has a flat tire,” I said calmly.

“Well, what the hell are those obscene cardboard men doing here by the road?”

I couldn't believe that he didn't know. So I told him, “Helloooooo—those are my emergency flashers!”



40 to 50 Years Ago—Model A Prices—Don't You Wish You Had Money to Buy Them Way Back Then?

| ASKING PRICES OF MODEL A FORDS | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|
| July 1965 to February 1967 | | | | | | | | |
| Model | 1928-29 Cars | | | 1930-31 Cars | | | Total | |
| | Low | High | Avg. | Low | High | Avg. | Avg. | No. |
| ROADSTERS | \$350 | \$2000 | \$1266 | \$375 | \$3475 | \$1622 | \$1509 | 19 |
| PHAETONS | 1000 | 3200 | 2016 | 500 | 4000 | 2220 | 2109 | 11 |
| SPORT COUPES | 100 | 2000 | 879 | 250 | 1500 | 791 | 831 | 11 |
| CABRIOLETS | — | — | — | 300 | 1250 | 838 | 838 | 4 |
| COUPES | 150 | 1500 | 710 | 100 | 1395 | 708 | 708 | 20 |
| TUDORS (+ Vict.) | 275 | 2000 | 853 | 200 | 2500 | 732 | 782 | 17 |
| FORDORS (+ Town) | 150 | 1395 | 788 | 325 | 1075 | 574 | 657 | 15 |
| PICKUPS (Closed) | 250 | 1750 | 743 | 550 | 2500 | 1200 | 909 | 11 |
| PICKUPS (Open) | 400 | 2100 | 962 | — | — | — | 962 | 8 |
| TRUCKS (AA) | 200 | 2100 | 1187 | 100 | 1200 | 575 | 881 | 8 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 300 | — | — | 475 | 4250 | 1647 | 1497 | 9 |
| ALL MODELS | \$100 | \$3200 | \$1026 | \$100 | \$4250 | \$1062 | \$1050 | 133 |

| ASKING PRICES OF MODEL A FORDS | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|-----|-------------|
| September 1972 to September 1973 | | | | | | | | | |
| Model | 1928-29 Cars | | | 1930-31 Cars | | | Total | | % of Change |
| | Low | High | Avg. | Low | High | Avg. | Avg. | No. | |
| ROADSTERS | \$600 | \$5950 | \$3384 | \$1100 | \$9000 | \$4120 | \$3734 | 21 | 147% |
| PHAETONS | 1500 | 2650 | 2317 | 1000 | 3350 | 2621 | 2519 | 18 | 19% |
| SPORT COUPES | 350 | 4000 | 1567 | 2450 | 6500 | 4475 | 2730 | 5 | 228% |
| CABRIOLETS | — | 300 | — | 750 | 2500 | 1588 | 1330 | 5 | 58% |
| COUPES | 1500 | 2800 | 2200 | 450 | 3800 | 1703 | 1805 | 34 | 154% |
| TUDORS (+ Vict.) | 150 | 1975 | 1346 | 300 | 9995 | 2255 | 1868 | 40 | 138% |
| FORDORS (+ Town) | 600 | 4000 | 2013 | 400 | 5500 | 2140 | 2095 | 23 | 218% |
| PICKUPS | 900 | 3995 | 1955 | 300 | 3600 | 1713 | 1837 | 35 | 97% |
| TRUCKS (AA) | 300 | 1800 | 774 | 250 | 1200 | 800 | 788 | 9 | -11% |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 550 | 10000 | 4350 | 200 | 10000 | 3465 | 3760 | 6 | 250% |
| ALL MODELS | \$150 | \$10000 | \$2075 | \$250 | \$10000 | \$2246 | \$2178 | 199 | 107% |

Tiny Tips From MAFCA Members

From Garth Shreading, Sour Lake, Texas
Illustrated by Norm Ellis, Rochester, New Hampshire

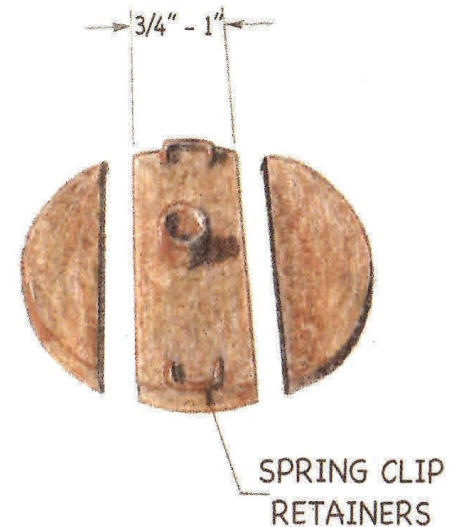
Handy Distributor Diagnostic Tool

James Taylor of Taylor Made Motors produced this handy tool. It helps with tune-ups.

To Make: Simply find an old but usable distributor cap top. Using a hacksaw or grinder, safely cut or grind off the sides of the cap, leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1" in the center. I found the hacksaw method slow and the grinding wheel relatively fast, but dusty. Be sure to wear safety glasses and a dust mask. Leave the spring clip retainers on it so you are able to secure it to the distributor when using.

To Use: Simply replace your distributor cap top with this one and observe the operation of the interior of the distributor when the car is running. This device will clearly show spark between the rotor and each cylinder spark wire as well as mechanical issues that may occur inside the distributor such as a wobbly or misaligned rotor.

Note: be sure to replace the cap with the original to help keep water and other contami-



Tiny Tips From MAFCA Members

From Bill Nixon
Illustrated by Norm Ellis, Rochester, New Hampshire

Hot Tips for Cooling System

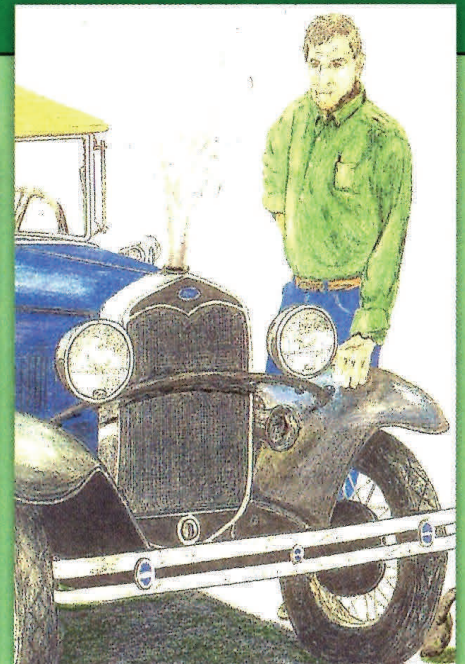
Don't take off the cap if you hear boiling or hissing!

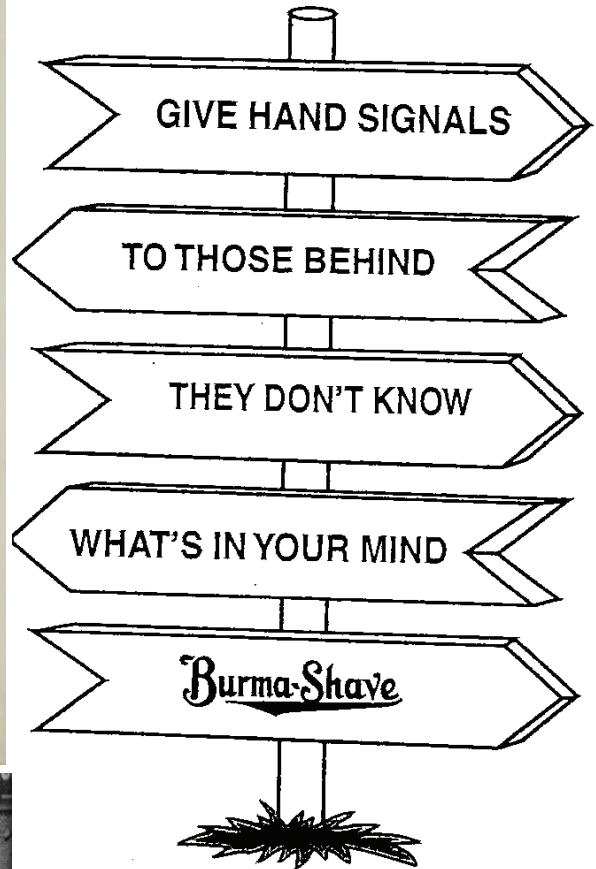
Don't add water while the system is overheated because the water may flash to steam and burn you, and the sudden change of temperature could crack the engine.

Some common causes of overheating are as follows:

1. Leaking head gasket evidenced by oil scum in the radiator.
2. An engine that has been dry for a long time may foul the system with rust.
3. A rebuilt engine that is still too tight.
4. Sometimes radiator fins lose the thermal-conducting bond to the tubes. Replacement is the only fix.
5. Driver management of fuel mixture and spark timing.

The bottom line is: The Model A will not boil if everything is up to specs.





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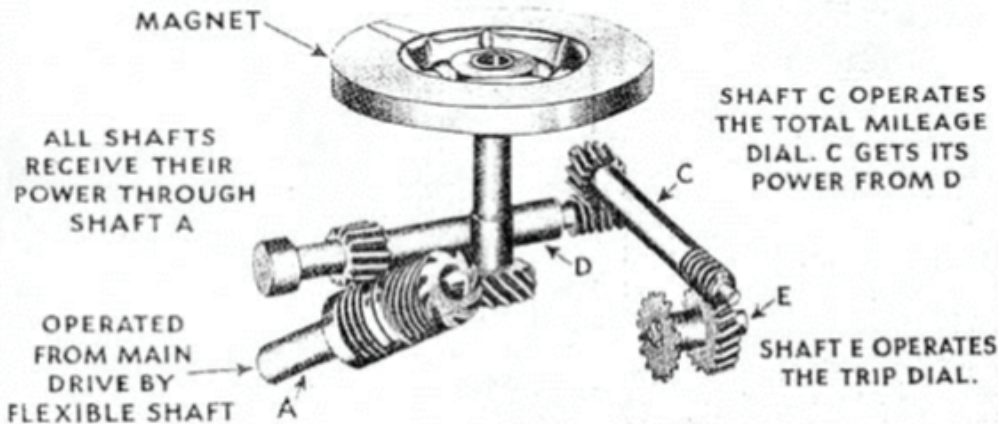
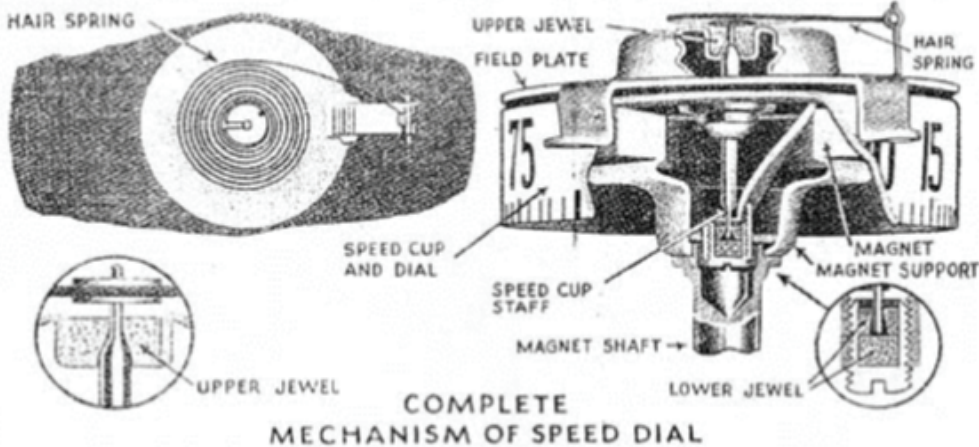
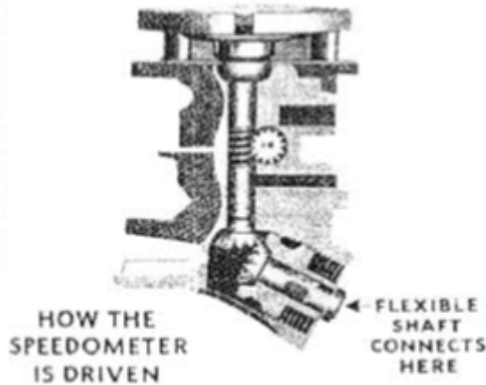
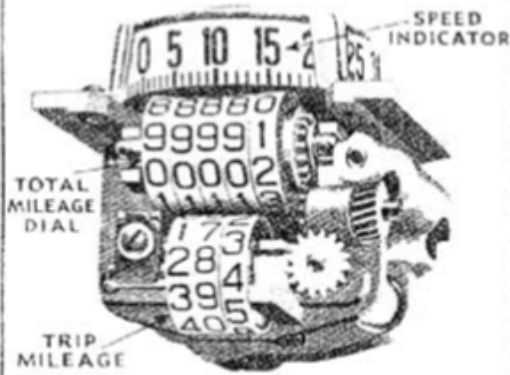
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2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried no. 3
6. When you did no. 3 you realized it's possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You're smiling right now, because you were fooled.
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9. You just checked to see if there is a no. 5
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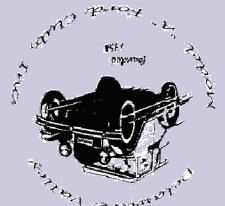
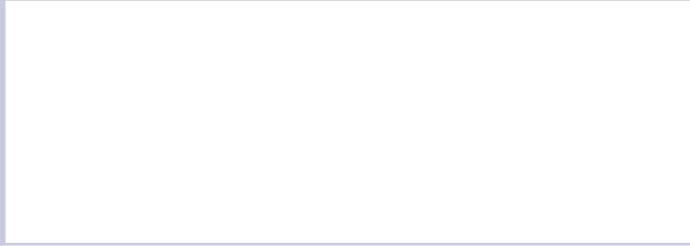
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