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Looking One's Loveliest in 1931

A Pictorial Summary of Model 'A' Fashions

By Jill Barrett, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, California

When historians refer to the 1930's, we read about 'the great depression'. Songwriters were asking, "Brother can you spare a dime?" But fashion dictators were trending feminine hairstyles, wider shoulders, narrow hips and evening wear with a new emphasis on the back. In 1931, dresses were charming, graceful, slenderizing and exuded femininity.

The dropped waist was gone. The waistline was worn higher at the natural line and belts were worn tighter. Hemlines were one to two inches longer than the previous year falling at the mid-calf and for the most part were straight

although uneven hems were seen on "Sunday Supper", semi-formal and other formal afternoon fashions. Sleeveless dresses had matching jackets or boleros. Dresses with short sleeves were here to stay. Semi-formal dresses had capped sleeves, short elbow length sleeves or a shallow cape attached.



Dresses were seen in black, shades of dark brown, wine, maroon, rose and a variety of dark greens. Black or navy blue were combined with white, pastels or bright colors and were important spring and summer colors. Shades of tan and brown were mixed with colors in a print or as an accent. Ornamental bows and flowers of earlier years weren't as common but were seen on semi-formal and formal dresses.

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Looking One's Loveliest in 1931



Felt and straw cloches had close fitting brims with shallow cap-like crowns for daytime wear. For afternoon wear, straw and horse hair hats tended to have larger brims. In general, hats were worn up off the face, pulled down on one side to expose a woman's graceful waves of hair. Her hat was matched with her accessories instead of her dress or coat as in previous years. Fur scarves were still popular and a sign of discriminating taste. Shawls and scarves were practical and available during all years. Colored stone jewelry was almost entirely relegated to sport and morning outings. Pearls are seen more with fluttering afternoon frocks and colored crystals were popular for afternoons and evenings.

Purses were still a major accessory, usually made from leather, but fabric purses were also found with needlework or petit point. Late afternoon and evening bags were smaller than daytime bags. Course mesh, fine mesh and enameled mesh were popular with art deco designs and shapes. Glass beaded purses with colorful designs were popular for evening outings.



Seamed hose and shoe styles did not change in 1931. Shoes with round, square and pointed toes were common throughout 1931. The heel height was determined by the purpose of the shoe. Evening shoes had graceful, slender heels.

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Looking One's Loveliest in 1931

The new lines were nothing if they weren't slenderizing. Women were encouraged to select dresses with small prints, soft flattering collars and surplice closings. The sophisticated, elegant look and fashions of 1931 were meant to uplift women and help them forget the bleak years and the shapeless day wear when the stock market crashed.

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Jim's Tech Tip

by Jim Cannon

Installing a New Fuel Line



When installing a new fuel line between the sediment bowl and the carburetor, you want to get the little brass ferrule locked down on the tubing about 1/8" from the end of the tubing. It is difficult to see where the ferrule is located on the tubing, though, when the end is inside the carburetor or the sediment bowl. Here's my little trick to getting it where you want it.

On the bench, before installing anything on the car, slip the tube nut and ferrule on the end of the fuel line like it will be installed on the car. See the photo. Place the ferrule on the tubing with 1/8" of tubing showing on the end. Gently press the nut up against the ferrule and mark that location with a little piece of masking tape.

Now when you install the tubing on the carburetor or sediment bowl, you hold the tubing in so that the tape is right at the edge of the nut while you tighten the nut. When the ferrule gets clamped down on the tubing, it will be in the right spot. You can take it apart to check.

I apply a few drops of oil to the threads of the nut and to the ferrule when tightening it all up for the first time, to help everything turn smoothly as it's being clamped in place. Teflon tape should not be needed on these tube nuts and ferrules; they are designed to seal with just the nut being tightened. It does not hurt to put a thin film of non-hardening sealant on the ferrule, though, before installing, for extra protection against weeping fuel.

I hope this helps the installation of your next fuel line easier. Have a Model A Day! Jim

EVENTS CALENDAR

Due to the current pandemic and associated social distancing requirements, our club outings and monthly general meetings have been temporarily suspended. We will resume our usual club activities as soon as the public health situation permits. Evaluation is being done on a month-by-month basis. As of this month, nothing is scheduled for August or September.

Meanwhile, our monthly newsletter (the one you're reading now) will continue as usual with Model A articles, news and items of general interest to Model A club members.

Club announcements will appear in the newsletter and be sent out via email to all club members who have provided their email address. If you're not already receiving club announcements from Ray Feierstein via email and want to be included, please email Ray at sanrays@msn.com and ask to be added to the list.

MAFCA NEWS

MAFCA Elections — Ballots for the election of MAFCA Directors and by-law amendments are now in the mail. MAFCA conducts elections for new members of the Board of Directors each year. Five Director positions will be filled for the 2021-2022 year. Board members serve two years and may run for re-election of one additional term. Ballots must be returned to MAFCA HQ postmarked by **October 15**.

CAR WANTED

A friend of a MAFCA member is looking for a Model A pickup. Any year, any condition, prefers an unmodified car, unrestored or older restoration. If you know anyone who might have a pickup for sale, please contact:

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Tucson in the 1930's



Stone Avenue, Tucson, in the 1930s.
Arizona Historical Society

August



- Aug 2 – Andy DuVall
- Aug 3 – Richard Kunz
- Aug 4 – Iola Stroehlein
- Aug 6 – DJ Jones
- Aug 9 – Allen Montgomery
- Aug 14 – Ray Schmitt
- Aug 16 – Suzanne Fehniger
- Aug 16 – Carol Lange
- Aug 16 – Robert Magill
- Aug 17 – Paul Wesner
- Aug 20 – Lee Harper
- Aug 21 – Harvey Ross
- Aug 22 – Nancy Gurley
- Aug 23 – Howard Young
- Aug 24 – Ann Williams
- Aug 29 – Betty Trimble
- Aug 29 – Anita Neal
- Aug 30 – Dorothy Nelson

NEXT MEETING:

To be scheduled as soon as public health conditions permit. See page 7 for more information.

DOG DAYS
of SUMMER!



Happy Anniversary



- Aug 1 – Buzz & Kay Davis
- Aug 5 – Dick & Pauline Upton
- Aug 6 – Dan & Sindy Osterman
- Aug 9 – Howard & Mary Lou Young
- Aug 19 – Ron & Fran Sotardi



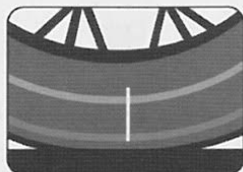
Tiny Tips

From MAFCA Members

Submitted by Dan Ritt, Mt. Orab, Ohio
Illustrated by Dick Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

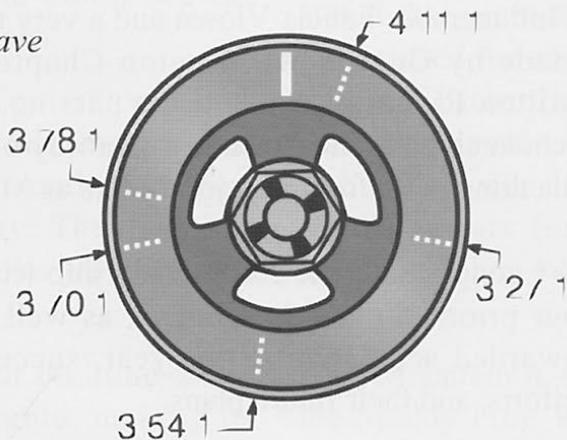
How To Determine Your Rear End Ratio

Here's one way to find out the ring and pinion ratio in your Model A. Park on a flat surface with several feet of clear space in front. Remove all four spark plus. Put a chalk mark on a rear tire at 6 o'clock as shown. Mark the front of the crank pulley at 12 o'clock. With the help of a friend, and the transmission in high gear, push the vehicle forward and watch the mark on the crank pulley. Count the number of times the mark on the pulley reaches 12 o'clock and stop when the tire mark is at 6 o'clock again. Note the position of the mark on the crank pulley. The mark you made will be at approximately the area of your gear ratio as shown.



The crank pulley will have made three complete revolutions, then a little past 3/4 of a turn with a ratio of 3.78:1 (standard).

With 4.11:1, the crank pulley will have made 4 1/8 revolutions.



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SAFETY RECALL

3-Ton and 6-Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands item numbers 56371, 61196, and 61197

For certain units of the Pittsburgh Automotive 3-Ton and 6-Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands there is a potential, while under load and with a shift in weight, for the pawl to disengage from the extension lifting post, allowing the stand to drop suddenly. This condition could cause serious injury for people near or under a lifted vehicle, and/or damage to property.

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ITEM #: 61197



The 61197 jack stands can be identified by checking the item number found on the yellow part of the label on the base of each jack stand.

THIS RECALL ONLY CONCERNS JACK STANDS WITH THE ITEMS # 56371, 61196, or 61197

Following the lifting of any applicable "Shelter At Home Orders", please bring your **3-Ton and/or 6-Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands**, item numbers **56371, 61196, and 61197** to your local Harbor Freight Tools store to receive a Harbor Freight Tools gift card equal to the retail price of the jack stands you originally purchased (plus applicable tax).

For more information email: recall@harborfreight.com.

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In addition to the above models, other Harbor Freight jack stands may also be returned for refund or credit at the customer's discretion. For a complete list of stands and the refund/credit amounts, refer to the jack stand details page on Harbor Freight's website at <https://www.harborfreight.com/js-details>.

In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn of the passing of past member Bill Mencinger from complications of COVID-19 on July 25th at age 92, just one month short of his 93rd birthday (on the 26th of this month). Bill worked as a lithographer in Chicago after serving in the U.S. Army infantry in WWII. He and his wife Camilla retired to Tucson in 1989. Sadly, Camilla passed away in 2006.



Bill joined our club and was a member through 2017. He was a regular participant in club car shows and Dillinger Days with his red 1929 Model A Roadster pickup. The truck was won at a Casa de Los Niños car show by a man from Catalina. Bill purchased the pickup from the winner,



but knew nothing of the background until he met Ron Edwards. Ron showed Bill the Casa poster of the pickup with Sister Kathleen and a small child. Bill also owned a red 1957 corvette.

A family gathering will be held at the Evergreen Columbarium in the fall. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made in Bill's name to a charity of one's choice.

For Sale

1930 Standard Coupe

Project Car — Restored 1930 Ford Model A Coupe Chassis and Body. Drivable chassis, powder coated frame, remanufactured engine, rebuilt differential and transmission, new clutch disk and rebuilt pressure plate, cast iron brake drums, hydraulic shocks, new front spring, new radiator, powder coated wheels and new tires. Body, doors, gas tank, front fenders (originals), new rear fenders, new running boards and splash aprons, hood, radiator cowl, deck lid, body wood kit, new radiator splash apron, front window with new glass, horn, and much more. All sheet metal repair work is leaded solder. Missing items include door window glass, quarter window glass, rear window glass, rear window frame, upholstery, headlight bar and lights, tail lights and brackets, rear spare tire bracket, one rear fender brace, and door handles/trunk handle. Can send more pictures and info upon request. Asking \$21,000.

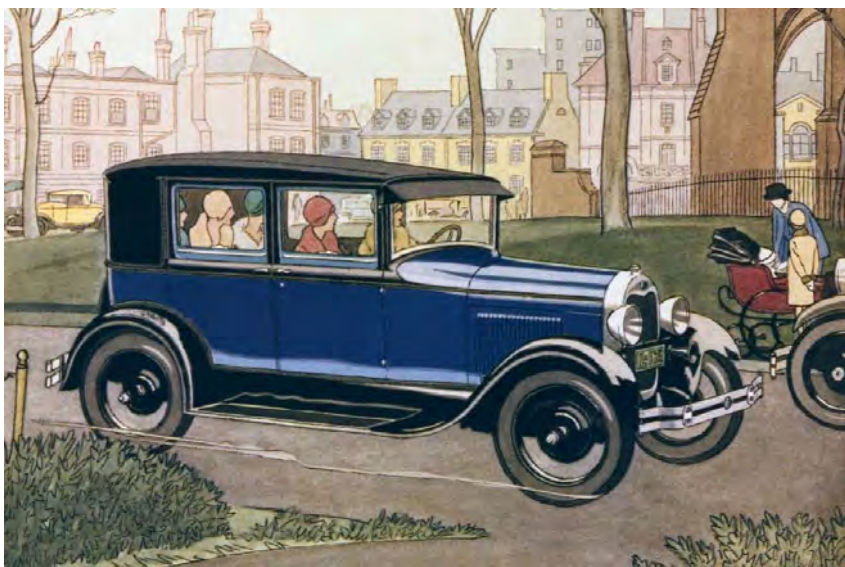


Body, doors, gas tank, front fenders (originals), new rear fenders, new running boards and splash aprons, hood, radiator cowl, deck lid, body wood kit, new radiator splash apron, front window with new glass, horn, and much more. All sheet metal repair work is leaded solder. Missing items include door window glass, quarter window glass, rear window glass, rear window frame, upholstery, headlight bar and lights, tail lights and brackets, rear spare tire bracket, one rear fender brace, and door handles/trunk handle. Can send more pictures and info upon request. Asking \$21,000.

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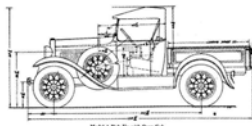
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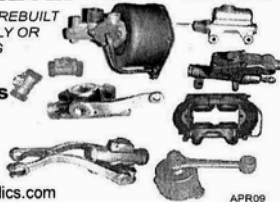
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