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Hello Fellow Model A'ers

May 2024

The **May 28<sup>th</sup> club meeting** will be held at Joe & Mary Farina's, 2826 West Glenville Rd, Amsterdam

The **April 23<sup>th</sup> club meeting** Carol Gordon's in Colonie was a big success

The three programs proposed at the April meeting were voted on and approved by our club members;

Our Club's **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary** committee is Beth, Sue, Mike Vincent, Ryan and Jess Gulliksen.

They have lined up June 22<sup>nd</sup> for tours to Lanzi's on the Lake and a luncheon buffet.

**Youth Program garage rental.** Rick Guyer has offered the Youth Program a large garage to hold our Youth Program in for \$1200 a month including utilities. Also a receipt for a donation of \$200 per month. This would be a month to month rental.

**2024 Christmas Party.** The Christmas Party committee has chosen "The Fairways", 17 Johnson Road, Mechanicville to hold our 2024 Christmas Party.

Bill Gorman has been working on making **Model A Story Boards** to be displayed at club events.

Bill Gorman had the **flyers for our August 25<sup>th</sup> car show** printed, they are now available

**Sham;** Look out, shammers are everywhere. The latest one looked like the email came from me and was asking our members to donate. Don't be fooled, we don't ask for donations. **Thought of the Day;** A study of economics revealed that the best time to buy anything was last year.

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# ADIRONDACK A's MEETING APRIL 22, 2024

The meeting was held at Carol Gordon's in Colonie and was called to order by Vice President Bill VanDorn with the pledge of allegiance at 7:36PM. Prior to the meeting Carol ran a sale of model A parts and tools that Bill had collected for many years.

**Secretary report:** Dave read the minutes of the March meeting. A motion was made and passed to accept the report.

**Treasurer report:** Sue read off the treasurer report for the month. A motion was made and passed to accept the report.

## **President's report:**

### **Old Business:**

Woody reminded everyone about the Malta parade on May 18th. We will meet at Malta town hall at 9AM. Bill Gorman said that the car show flyers cost \$300. He also discussed the story board project and said it will be individual posters that can be displayed with the cars rather than a stand alone board. It can be used for our car show as well as other events. Bill reminded us that the Saratoga Car Show is May 11th. If you are going please let Bill know so we can pre-register as a group at \$15 per car up to 13 cars. Joe Farina will send out a reminder so hopefully we can include members that were unable to attend the meeting. Everyone's dues are paid. In the future make sure you write checks out to Adirondack A's and not to Bill VanDorn.

### **New Business:**

40th anniversary-The event will be June 22 at Lanzi's on the Lake. We will not be going to the airstrip in Galway prior to the event due to conflicts there. The event will include some car games followed by a luncheon. We will have a large grassy area near the lake. We will need to increase the budget slightly to include a souvenir gift.

Mike Vincent made a motion that we take \$1000 from the Christmas party payback to support the 40th celebration. Any additional cost will be picked up by the members attending. Motion passed.

Tony Cavota made a motion that members who are attending pay a pre registration fee of \$10.00 to commit that you are going so that we can get a definite head count for the meal.

Rick Guyer has offered a garage for the Youth Program at a cost of \$1400 per month and it will include heat and lights. There is no lease required. Motion made to go with Rick's proposal and passed to accept the motion.

Christmas party will be December 8th at Fairways of Halfmoon.

Bill read off the birthdays of the month.

Terry Wager won the 50/50 and donated it back to the club.

Thanks to Carol Gordon for hosting the meeting

Adjourned at 8:40PM, 29 members attended.

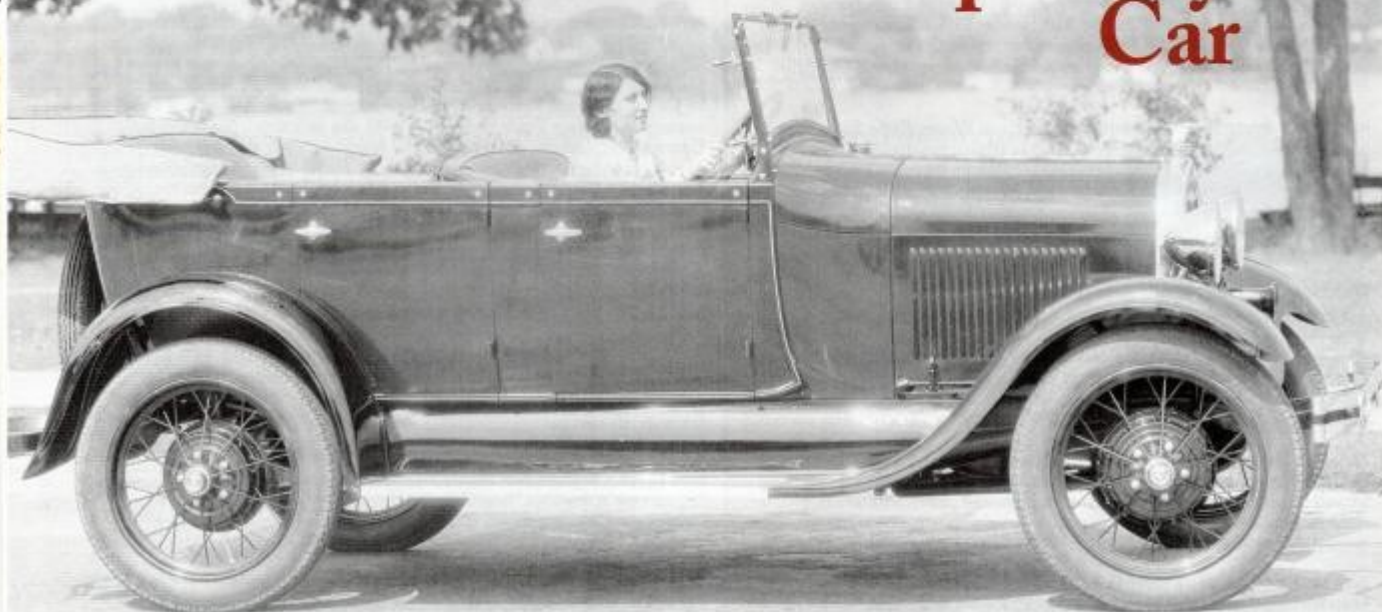
Respectfully submitted

Dave Mesick

Secretary

# Model A History

## Model A: The Temporary Car



1928 Phaeton. All images courtesy of Ford Motor Company.

**I**T IS AMAZING that the Model A car of 1928 became one of the best-selling vehicles of all times during the Great Depression. For several years, Ford was working on a more powerful engine: the X engine. It was decided that this new powerful engine would have to wait and that an intermediate vehicle should be produced until the X engine and the new vehicle was ready to be manufactured. This intermediate vehicle was the Model A.

**THESE IMPORTANT DECISIONS** meant the intermediate vehicle needed to be especially appealing to keep up with the competition. The total number of Model A's produced in only four years totaled 4,843,185. This is incredible: 6,435 Model A's came off the Ford assembly lines each day. The main facility, the Fordson Plant, was renamed the Rouge Plant in 1929.

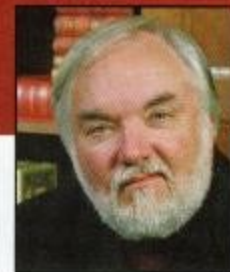
**ONE OF THE REASONS** production rose so rapidly was a new Ford policy that required using many more suppliers to manufacture parts. Within only a few years,

Ford had 2,200 outside suppliers. During these depression years, Ford was able to employ 186,313 men and women. The car was also a big hit outside the United States. A total of 8,384 dealers and 35 U.S. branches made these important sales.

For a car to sell in such great numbers, something had to attract customers. The Model A was produced to be very durable, and many test drives proved this. Dealerships gave test drives of the Model A to four passengers at a time, traveling up hills and then down again, stopping to demonstrate the great brakes.

Attention to the upholstery helped portray good looks. Accessories and options were also available. The Ford Company produced films so that dealerships could show potential customers the features. Pricing of the Model A was between \$395 and \$550, depending on the body style.

**THE MODEL A HAD** a simple, elegant design, and each component was built with safety in mind. The re-styled fuel tank was built with extra strength and an



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anti-fire feature. Internal baffle plates prevented gasoline from splashing. Windshields were equipped with Triplex shatterproof glass.

The brakes, however, were a problem in early 1928. Thus, by February of 1928, emergency brakes were installed.

Because development of a new V-8 engine would have to wait, engineers had to improve the performance of the four-cylinder engine by using new gears, and many new internal parts for the engine. A guarantee of



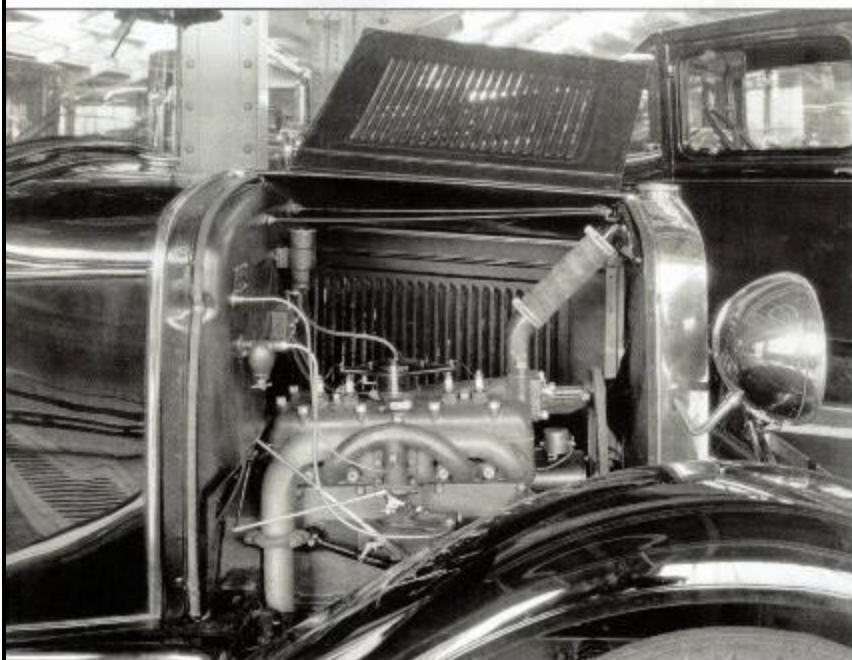
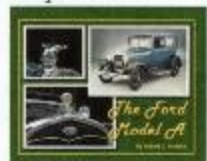
*Rouge Plant, Dearborn, Michigan, April 10, 1928.*

55 to 65 mph was given — getting 20 to 30 miles per gallon of gasoline.

**ALTHOUGH THOUGHT OF** as only a temporary replacement for the Model T, the Model A turned out to be one of the greatest cars. It is loved by collectors like you.

The idea of keeping the vehicle simple, durable, and affordable helped make it such a success. Yay for the Model A! ☺

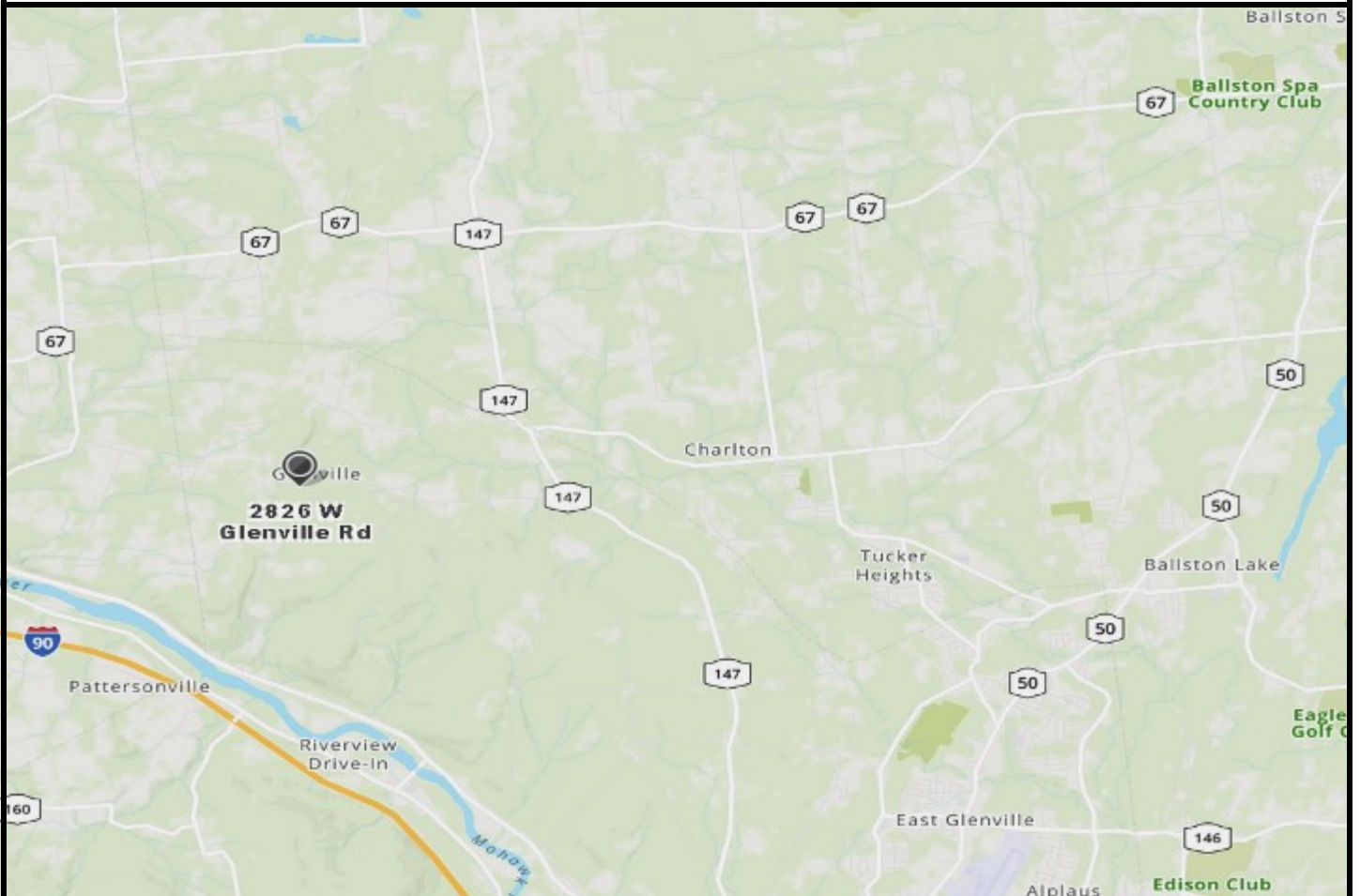
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The May meeting will be held at :

Joe And Mary Farina's Garage ( Bring a chair)

2826 West Glenville Rd, Amsterdam NY Ph# 518-399-1238



## **2024 Adirondack A's Events Schedule**

May 27 – Memorial Day

May 28 – **Adirondack A's meeting – Joe & Mary Farina**

June 2 – Founders Day Parade, Charlton, line up at 1:30pm, parade rolls at 2pm

June – Burnt Hills Flag Day Parade, line up at 6:00 pm at the BHBL High School –

June 16 – Fathers Day

June 22 - 40th Anniversary party at Lanzi's on the lake.

June 25 - Adirondack A's meeting – Rick Guyer

July 4 – Independence Day

July 13 – Annual club picnic, Ducky Days, Moreau Town Park

July 27 (Saturday) – Adirondack A's meeting – Mark & Gail Hoffman

# Leads & Needs

## *Advertize for Free*

Contact Joe Farina 518-399-1238 or mcfarina45@yahoo.com

**For Sale:** New in box, Burtz, 6.5:1 high compression cylinder head  
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**For Sale:** 1.) 1929 pair "A" front fenders nice. \$325 for both.  
2.) Pare of 1929 running boards, short ,Nice.. New sells for \$396 sell 275.  
Pictures available Call Mike Vincent 518-872-0389

**For Sale :** 1930-31 Model A Ford Parts collected by Bill Gordon.  
Good quality, large assortment all must go. Carol Gordon 518-4563903

**For Sale :** 1929 (Woodie) Station Wagon. Bob (Termite) Nevin's car.  
Excellent condition, **New engine**, woodwork and mechanicals restored.  
Rare car, ready to go. \$22k please call Carol @ 518-495-0679

## **For Sale : 1931 Model A Dlx Roadster**

Car has been stored covered, and in heated garage for several years  
and occasionally driven. Is now in a estate and ready to be sold.

The car has a new motor that was rebuilt by "Zigi" in very good restored,  
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interior and top. Located in Johnstown NY. May be seen by appointment.  
\$20,000 or BO. Contact James DeGolyer 518 834-4624 or jdegolyer50@gmail.com

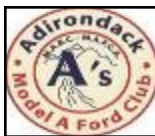
**For Sale:** Model A motor – short block, rebuilt, \$2,000.  
Contact Larry Estill, PH# 518-664-6236

**For Sale :** Restored 1929 Ford Closed Cab Pickup Truck.  
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