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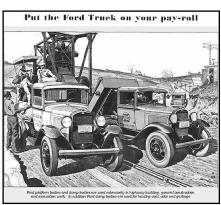
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WINTER IS COMING IS YOUR CAR READY?



This 1928 Ford Coupe (which is ten years old at the time of the photo) is faithfully serving its owner on a cold winter's day. The sturdy, little machine looks like it lives outside and is ready to go at a moment's notice. The photo prompts a few questions, doesn't it? Does the car have an aftermarket heater to warm the passenger compartment? Maybe people were a little tougher in 1938 and just threw a blanket over their laps. Does the driver carry a rag to wipe the condensation from the inside of the windows? Had the ice scraper been invented yet? What sort of anti-freeze is being used? On really cold days, was a radiator cover used to increase the engine's operating temperature? Are there tire chains in the trunk? And the question that many of us ask, but will probably never know the answer to: is this old car still driving around somewhere? We can only speculate.

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The Model A Ford Club of America is a non-profit corporation of California and a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Model A Ford automobile as manufactured from 1928 through 1931

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Dec. 7th - Lunch Social, Jefferson's Roadhouse, Yreka, 11 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12th – Fort Jones Christmas Parade, 1 p.m.

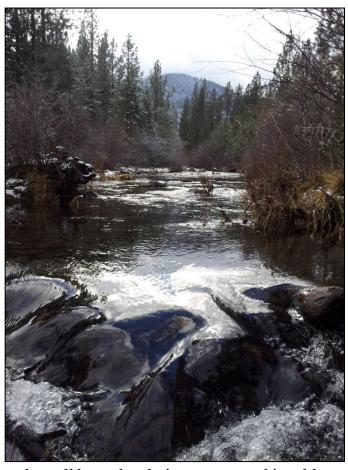
Parade theme "Red, White & Blue Christmas"

Meet at Raley's parking lot at 11:30 a.m.

I've been thinking...

The morning temperatures around here have been below freezing for a while now, and, along with most of the neighboring peaks, Mount Shasta is clad in a thin mantle of new snow. The alpine lakes are starting to freeze up along the shady edges. Frogs, lizards and snakes have all wriggled down into their hiding places for a long nap. A couple of weeks ago a bunch of robins stopped by on their migration through the county. *A bunch* may be an understatement. There seemed to be hundreds and hundreds of them – thousands, perhaps. I wish them well for a pleasant journey south. Winter will soon be here.

You've probably noticed little columns of smoke here and there as folks have been burning piles of leaves and yard trimmings. There is something mesmerizing about



leaning on a rake and watching a pile of twigs and small branches being consumed in a blaze. It's kind of like staring at a campfire. I can't explain it, but I'm sure the fascination for fire was permanently wired into the human psyche a million years ago. Whatever it is, it's primitive and I accept it.

There is still a fair bit of yard work to do, and if I put it off long enough it will all get covered with snow and stay there until spring. I'm okay with that. It's not that I dislike yard work - quite the opposite. I simply don't see it as an urgent priority most of the time, that's all. Also, I tend to give Nature a free hand in the garden and try not to fight her too much.

It's getting pretty cold out in the Ford Garage. I replaced the coolant in the coupe, as it was grossly "under-qualified" for winter service. The sedan and truck were a little better, but not good enough for potential single-digit temperatures, so they were drained off into plastic pales just to be safe. I'll probably wait till early spring to do oil changes and chassis lubrication.

Citing public health concerns, state officials have pushed Siskiyou County back a few steps from the relative freedom it had been enjoying for the past several months. As of now, our December meeting place is still open with outdoor seating being provided in a heated event tent. We'll see how that goes. We are staying tuned for updates on the Fort Jones Christmas Parade. As far as we know, it is still on.

I hope you all had a nice and peaceful Thanksgiving. Although it's something we express nationally only once a year, it's probably a good habit to cultivate daily. The older I get, the more I have noticed that truly grateful people tend to be the least miserable of people. - RG



We'd most certainly like to wish You a very Happy Birthday!

Rich Gabrielson, December 29th

HARD LUCK TROPHY CHANGES HANDS

In recognition of the Sis-Q A's most recent Model A roadside breakdown, the "coveted" Hard Luck Trophy was unceremoniously awarded to the Giordanengos at November's lunch social. This unique work of art most recently adorned the Noel home.



FOR SALE

1928 to mid-1929 New Floor Mat.
This one has the emergency brake in front of the shifter.
It is all trimmed and ready to install.
Brand new I even have the box it came in.
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