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t bodies and dump bodies are used extensively in highway building, ge stion work. In addition Ford dump bodies are used for hauling coal, col

LED Lamp Conversion Technical tip by Mike Spiess

I installed LED's on my A. Big Difference. 6000K temp is a lot whiter. See photos for comparison. Left is original, right is LED. Did the tail lamps also. They take a lot less current, so not as taxing on my 6V system. I will run with lights on from now on. I actually forgot and left them on during the last meeting and car started just fine. If you have converted to 12V they make these lamps as well. Note that these are still not as bright as modern headlights.





The lamps listed below were used for this project and available from LEDlight.com

Headlight lamp Product ID: 78989

Cowl light lamp Product ID: 68574

Brake light lamp Product ID: 78747

Tail light lamp Product ID: 95634

The Sis-Q A's, of Siskiyou County, California, is a chapter of The MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA





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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, February 3rd – Mexican Potluck Fiesta! hosted by Linda Ellison. 413 North Fairchild Street, Yreka, 10 a.m.

Monday, March 2nd – Brunch Social and monthly Business Meeting, Poor George's Restaurant, Yreka, 10 a.m.

I've been thinking...

I stepped out into the early morning stillness after the last snowfall and paused, and slowly looked around, and noticed there was a sparkling, white coating on every, single thing. I pulled a long draft of cold air into my lungs and held it there...and listened. Nothing. It was as if the entire world had stopped. The only thing moving was a little wood smoke, here and there, oozing from the flue pipes of the sleepy houses down the road. I exhaled a long plume of steam and watched it rise and dissolve. This is Winter.

Out back in the Ford garage things are pretty cold and quiet, too. I recently had to make space for a couple more vehicles in an



already crowded room. What was once a well- organized and functional workshop, has gradually taken on the look and feel of an indoor scrap yard; with cars and car parts, tools and unidentifiable greasy things absolutely everywhere you look. I am, however, comforted by an article I once read which pointed out a common trait of many geniuses – they have a tendency to work in seemingly disorganized and unkempt surroundings. Picture Albert Einstein, sitting in his study with mounds of papers and a half-eaten sandwich on the desk, and stacks of books all over the floor, while he searches for that pencil that is tucked behind his ear, and you get the idea. But when I look into the mirror, and contemplate the limits of my intellectual capacity, a sobering realization washes over me - maybe I'm looking at the reflection of a hoarder. In my defense, a bumper sticker I once saw declared "It's not hoarding if your stuff is cool". So, maybe I just need more shelving. At least it would *look* organized.

The plans for the three-chapter tour are starting to congeal. At this point, the destination looks like the Tule Lake area, via Dorris. Potential routes, lodging and meal stops are being explored. Planning a tour is a bit like making soup; you have a general idea of what should go into the thing, but are limited to what you have lying around. As of this writing, the cooks have the pot on the stove and are discussing the ingredients, some of which we have never tried before. No one is sure how it will turn out, but if it ain't real tasty, at least it'll be real different. I guess we'll all find out together.

Don't forget our post-groundhog-day February meeting and potluck lunch at Linda Ellison's, where our tour plans (as well as tour and event planning for the rest of the year) will continue amid our favorite Mexican dishes and fun-filled conversation. See you there. - RG

FORT JONES CHRISTMAS PARADE And CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY Photos from Linda Ellison



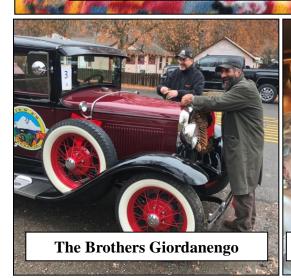
 Beautiful people, but ugly sweaters!

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The view from the rear seat of the Noel's sedan.





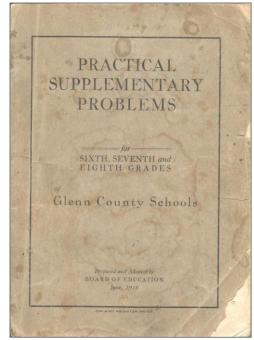


The Noels with new members, Pat Witt and Mike Spiess.

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A PRACTICAL EDUCATION

The world has certainly changed a lot in the past hundred years. In 1920, the "talkies" were a decade away, television was a science fiction, and "digital" was anything related to your fingers. Half of the American population was "rural", and largely got around on dirt roads and without electricity. In 1920, for example, 32% of California residents were considered rural - in 2020 the number is nearer to 5%. In the "Practical Supplementary Problems for Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades of Glenn County Schools (June 1918)" school children are presented with arithmetic exercises which were relevant to farm and ranch life, an existence which then, as now, depended on self-reliance and a solid understanding of the tangible and three-dimensional world around them. In 1918, California law required all children to attend public school until the age of 15 (I



guess by that age you were expected to join the workforce). Below are some sample problems from this Glenn County textbook, which was a supplement to the state curriculum. -RG

A farmer sold 38 hogs, which weighed 7904 pounds. What was the average weight per hog? At 7 cents per pound what was the average price per hog he received?

A man chopped wood for 3 days. The first day he chopped 1.25 cords; the second day, 1.4 cords, and the third day, 1.75 cords. If he received \$2.25 a cord, how much money did he earn in the three days?

A man bought a horse, buggy and harness for \$256. If the horse cost \$150 and the harness \$18.75, what did the buggy cost?

On Monday my hens laid 2¹/₃ dozen eggs; on Tuesday, 2 ¹/₂ dozen, and on Wednesday, 2 ³/₄ dozen. What would they all be worth at 20 cents a dozen?

A woman bought 12½ yards of calico at 8½ cents a yard, and 15¼ yards of muslin at 10½ cents a yard. How much did it all cost?

Mr. Smith has 15 cows, which give on an average 2¼ gallons of milk each day. If he sells the milk for 40 cents per gallon, how much will he receive during the month of April?

A farmer bought a span of mules for \$250. He sold one of them for \$175, and the other for \$150. What was his gain per cent?

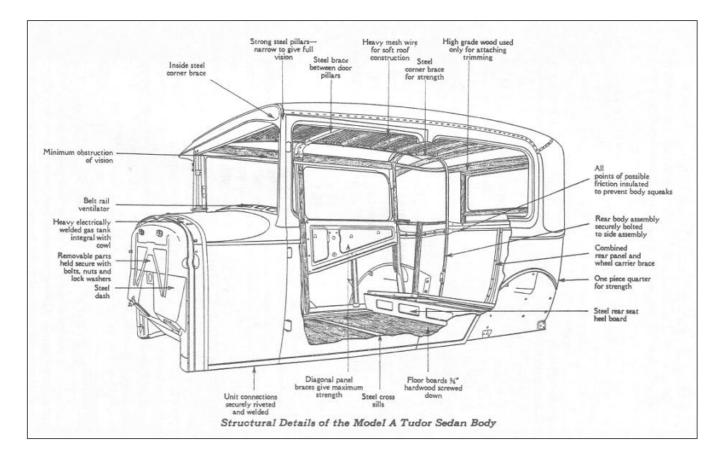
A farmer has 8 teams plowing. If they average 40 acres per day, how long will it take them to plow a piece of land 2 miles long and one mile wide?

How many shingles will be required to cover a roof; the rafters on each side being 25 feet long and the ridge pole 30 feet long, if the shingles are 4 inches in width and are laid 5 inches to the weather?

If the rainfall for the season is 20 inches, how many gallons fall on one acre of land?

The wood shed at the court house in Willows is 92 feet long, 16 feet wide, and 13 feet high. How many cords of wood will it contain?

The height of Mt. Shasta is 14,380 feet. Express decimally the height in miles.



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Body Construction

In designing the improved Ford bodies every precaution was taken to prevent squeaks and rattles. The bodies are built with every feature necessary to eliminate noises. The doors are of heavy construction and welded to give greater strength and rigidity.

All body parts of steel stampings that might develop noises have re-enforcing beads, which not only reduce drumming sounds, but also increase strength.

A feature of the front end construction of the new closed bodies is that the front pillars, header and belt are in one piece of pressed steel, an exclusive Ford feature. The result is uniform construction with the windshield opening the same size in all the closed cars.

In assembling the body, panels and frame sections are welded and riveted together wherever there is possibility of the body weaving due to uneven conditions on the roads, thus eliminating all chance of metallic squeaks of this nature. In the final assembly of the large units of the body where bolts are necessary strips of anti-squeak material are used between the sections. Sound-deadening material is utilized in doors where noises may be caused by vibration, and soft roof construction used in the closed cars also has a quieting effect.

Possibility of fender squeaks is overcome by the installation of double-ply artificial leather anti-squeak tape between the fenders and the bodies. The same anti-squeak material is used where the gasoline tank joins the cowl, and a further precaution against noises is taken by the insulation of asphaltum-treated fabric where the running board is bolted to the chassis frame.

Care is taken to prevent noises being imparted from the chassis frame to the body. Hardwood fillers are used in all the sills of the body. These extend an eighth of an inch beyond the steel section of the sill and act as a sound deadener between the body and the chassis. In addition rubber cushions are used at all points where the body is bolted to the chassis, providing a further quieting effect.

The wood blocks are kiln dried to a 7 per cent moisture content and are tightly bolted into place. There is a constant tendency on the part of these blocks to expand, as the wood will absorb on an average up to 15 per cent moisture content from the atmosphere. This results in the blocks maintaining a tight fit indefinitely.

Roofs of the closed cars are of soft construction. Heavy galvanized soldered mesh wire is used to support the roof trimming, the most satisfactory form of support as it insures quietness and eliminates all possibility of vibration points or other disturbing features more or less characteristic to roofs built of wooden slats. Heavy padding used in the roof trimming provides an additional element of quietness. In all structural details the improved Ford bodies have been designed and built to afford the utmost quietness and comfort.

Model A Youth Restoration Award



13478 Egbert Street

Sylmar, CA 91342

Dear Model A Ford club,

Every two years at this time, the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) program asks Chapters and Regions of MAFCA and MARC for a donation to support our program. MAYRA provides financial support to youth whose interest in the hobby is demonstrated by their efforts in restoring a Model A. Our reason for doing so is to solidly cement the idea of the Model A hobby in the minds of our youth at an impressionable age with the intent and hope that this will be a lasting association that will help support the Model A restoration and the hobby in general into future generations.

Since 1994, we have awarded over \$90,000. For the 2018 awards, donations from 62 MAFCA Chapters and MARC Regions made it possible for nine recipients to each receive \$2,200 in financial support. We invite you to join with other Model A clubs in helping youth and the hobby by making a donation for the 2020 awards. We are a 501 (c) (3) Tax Exempt Organization.

Just as important as your financial support is your help in identifying youth between the ages of 12 and less than 22 who could be recipients. To learn more about MAYRA, its history, program information, application and eligibility requirements, please visit our website. **www.modelarestorationaward.org**.

We are asking for your club's financial support and your help in making youth aware of the program. Your donation not only helps keep the interest of the Model A hobby alive in the youth receiving our awards, it strengthens their ties to a viable, healthy hobby that can be a good influence for the rest of their lives.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob Moore, President

Two of our nine recipients in 2018



Brook Lindsay



Diezel Cook

Sis-Q A's Business Meeting, January 6, 2020

At 10:15 a.m., the meeting was called to order by president, Richard Giordanengo. Members in attendance were: Clair Thorne, Rich and Pam Gabrielson, Bob and Ann Noel, Eileen Mace, Mike Spiess, Gary and Shirley Smoot, Dale and Marie Green, Linda Ellison, Cindy Hammar, Richard Seres, and Richard and Nancy Giordanengo.

January Meeting Minutes: Linda Ellison made a motion to approve the minutes of the January business meeting (second by Eileen Mace). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Noel reported the club's checking account balance after recent expenses and deposit of \$50 prize from the Fort Jones Parade for the best of category. Pam Gabrielson made a motion to approve the report (second by Eileen Mace). Motion carried. **Old Business:** Ann Noel reported that our club is currently composed of 12 families.

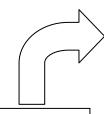
We Discussed some ideas for a three-club tour for the Spring, possibly out to the Tule Lake area. Members will scout out lodging, dining, and tour routes. Mike Spiess suggested a catered barbeque in Dorris as a possible lunch stop.

Ann returned to the discussion of ideas for some kind of memorial (plaque or bench, perhaps) for Bob Lindsay and also Larry G. Richard G. will talk to the folks at the Siskiyou County Museum and the Siskiyou Model Railroad Club, in which Larry was an active member. Cindy Hammar will talk with the City of Etna and discuss possibilities for something for Bob in a public space.

New Business: Linda announced she will host the Mexican Potluck Party at her home on February 3rd in place of our usual brunch social at Poor George's. Time: 10 a.m..

Rich Gabrielson is looking to purchase a Model A out in the Greenview area. Eileen Mace made a motion to adjourn the meeting, as brunch was being served.(second by Linda Ellison.) Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted. Cindy Hammar, Secretary



Here's a quick and easy recipe for a delicious soup. The ingredients are a general guideline, so go ahead and substitute or modify to taste. You may find this soup quickly becomes a new wintertime favorite. Bon appétit!

S&W Four-Bean Salsa Soup

1/2 lb. smoked sausage, cut into bite-size chunks

2 cans (14¹/2 oz ea.) S&W Ready-Cut® Salsa

1 can (15 oź) S&W Pinquitos or S&W Chili Beans, undrained

1 can (15 oz) S&W Black Beans, undrained 1 can (15 oz) S&W White Beans or S&W Garbanzo Beans, undrained

1 can (15 oz) S&W Kidney Beans, undrained

Cilantro, chopped

Garnish (optional) shredded Monterey Jack & Cheddar cheeses

Sauté sausage 3-5 min., stirring constantly. Drain excess fat. Add tomatoes, beans and cilantro; mix well. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 5-10 min., stirring occasionally. Garnish with cheeses, if desired. Serves 6.

For free recipes and information about our new recipe video, write S&W Fine Foods, San Ramon, CA 94583-0587.