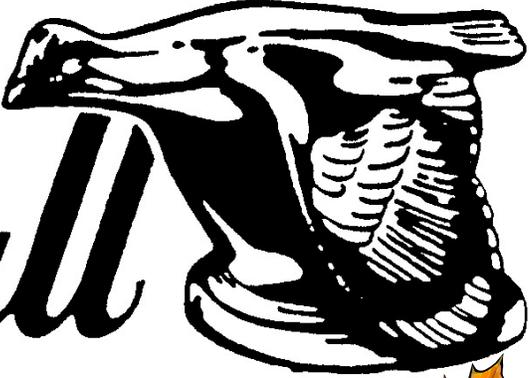
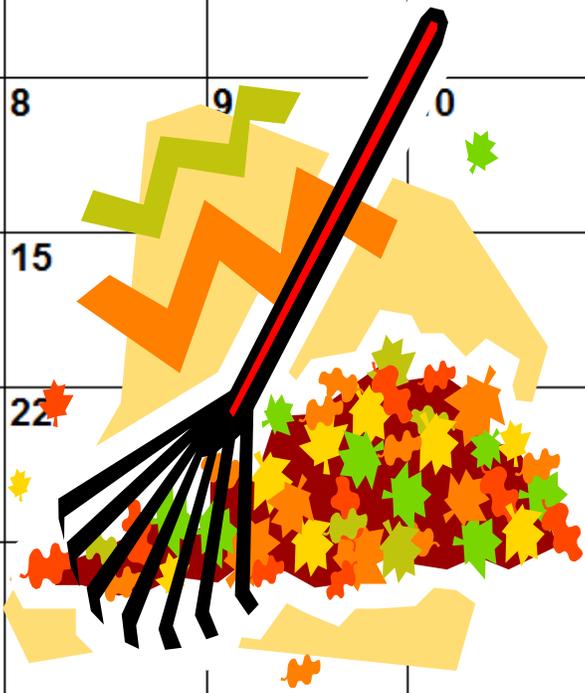


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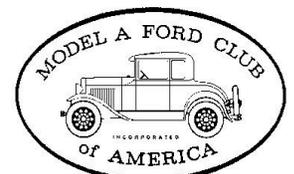
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Bud Swartwood



The weekend tour to Idyllwild was a success. A slight drizzle on Saturday afternoon gave way to a beautiful sunset as viewed by many of us from Inspiration Point. Sunday just confirmed what we all suspected, the Model A's progress can not be deterred by a bit of rain. Thanks to **Nayola & Arlyn Bieber**, we all enjoyed a great weekend of good food and good friends.

The Installation Banquet is on January 15 at the Crowne Plaza in Mission Valley. This is the same location as last year. **Dalene Jensen** will have information for the menu available and will be able to answer any questions you may have at the November meeting. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting and the opportunity to pay your \$10.00/Member. The Club has voted to provide the additional cost of \$15.00/Member for each meal. Save the date and plan to be a part of what will be another fun evening with your Model A friends.

The Nominating Committee has been busy as they prepare a proposed slate of Officers for Club leadership for the coming year. Please contact **Sharon Kiklis, Joan Minnick** or **Patty Winchester** if you have any questions or suggestions, They will make their presentation at the November Meeting with an opportunity for nominations from the Membership at that time.

Roger Ball is coordinating the November Tour that is being led by **Carol & Bob Weckman**. We have had many excellent Tours this year. Plan to participate, you will be glad you did.

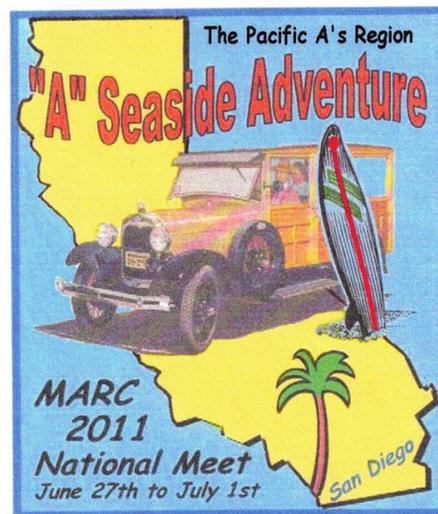
In order to participate in the up coming MARC Meet in June 2011, MARC membership is required. Membership in the local San Diego Model A Club requires membership in MAFCA, MARC, or both national organizations.

The Regional Round-up is scheduled for November 13th in Temecula. **Ray Beardslee** and Judy & I attended the May 1st meeting. Need more info; please let me know.

2011 MARC National Meet News

A commotion by the Ocean is the name of the 2011 MARC Meet to be held in San Diego from June 26 to July 1, 2011. Many fun filled days are planned. The ladies will have seminars to include topics such as purses, shoes, gloves, fans and reproduction clothing. Our member, Eleanor Phillips, will present the seminar called "fabulous fans". There will be seminars for the men also. They will include restoring door handles and locks, restoring speedometers, Model A literature, a new engine block being built by Terry Burtz, woodgraining, engine rebuilding by H&H, shock absorbers, and radios of the Model A era. Some of the activities will include a Welcome Party with a surfing theme by the poolside at the Town and Country Hotel, our host hotel. Bus tours will be available for our guests to Viejas, an Old Town Trolley Tour, a harbor cruise and a bus tour and seminar for the ladies to a couple of quilt stores.

Now is the time to pay your dues to MARC so you will be eligible to register for the Meet and to perform some of the many volunteer jobs needed to make this Meet a great success. The MARC dues are \$38.00 and the member application can be obtained from Roger Phillips at the next general meeting. You can also go to the MARC website to find an application form. National Meets give you an opportunity to meet folks from all over the world, see just about any Model A model car ever made, and do something for a great hobby. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Carol Weckman at 858-279-0596.



MARC/MAFCA of SAN DIEGO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2010

Director Bud Swartwood called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Rich Phillips and Haley (Penney's grand daughter) led the pledge. Bud mentioned Gerry Hill's funeral service and the family's request that any contributions be made to San Diego Hospice in his name. A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$100. The September minutes as printed in the Quail Call were approved.

Parades – Paul Winchester mentioned the car display at the Old Town Art Fest on October 9 & 10, the Alpine parade was the slowest on record, the participants were thanked, no parades on tap for November.

Tours – Roger gave a report on the International Ford Day activities. The next tour will be on November 7 to Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center. We submitted over 20,000 miles to the Million Mile Challenge and we need all members to submit any additional mileage. Nayola went over last minute details for the Idyllwild tour.

Refreshments – Dalene sent the clipboard around and reminded members to call early if they cannot bring food. Bud gave a report about the last Board Meeting. He spoke of Neal Melden's efforts to make a booklet ready for print and Ray Beardslee and Arlyn Bieber's help in reviewing its content. A motion to proceed with the booklet was made by Joan Minnick and seconded by Rich Phillips to do so. Motion carried. Bud mentioned that the Installation Dinner will be at the Crown Plaza on January 15 and the cost will be \$25.00. A motion was made that the club pay \$15 for all club members and spouses. Members will pay the remaining \$10. The motion was made by Carol Weckman, 2nd by Penney Smiley and carried by the membership. Dalene mentioned that we would have a larger room and a \$900 deposit would be required. A motion was made by Valarie Basham, 2nd by Lisa Bowie and carried by the membership to pay the deposit.

Bud made a presentation of a club hat to Paul Winchester. Paul expressed a desire that all members wear a club hat at our events.

Merchandise – Joan Minnick brought in hats and patches for sale.

MARC 2011 Meet – Bob Weckman gave an update of their activities and advised that he had tickets for their raffle prize for sale.

Gene Amy brought in a large group of pictures he took at the Pony Express Tour, gave a description of where they went and showed some artifacts he found. Yes they were found in garbage dumps.

Treasurer – Roxy gave account balances and stated the bills to be paid. A motion was made, 2nd and carried to do so.

Technical – Ray Beardslee gave a talk about the letter and number sometimes found on the rear cross member.

Fashions – Billie gave an interesting talk about men's clothing.

Bud announced that a nominating committee was formed. The members are Patty Winchester, Joan Minnick and Sharon Kiklis. They will be calling members soon.

Ways and Means – Rich gave a list of the prizes available.

Membership – Roger stated that 61 members were in attendance. Our new members in attendance are Tom Ace and Bob Bowie.

Historian – Penny mentioned that soon of the pictures taken at the International Ford Days tour didn't come out well because of the weather. They will be available soon. She also spoke about the photo contest.

Membership Raffle – Billie Bonnoront won \$10.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Weckman, Secretary



TOURS: Roger Ball

Tour to Idyllwild, October 15-17, 2010



Even though we started our tour with some fog, it proceeded to be sunshine by the time we arrived at Dudley's Bakery where we indulged in fresh bread and huge sandwiches. Then we moved on to Anza for some ice cream and gas for the cars before driving up the mountains to Idyllwild. What a picturesque village with stunning views of the San Jacinto Mountains. After getting settled into our lodging, we met for appetizers (including Chicken Wings cooked by Manifold) on the Silver Pines deck. Dinner was delicious with a LOT of food -- as Judy S. said, "We certainly are over-achievers when it comes to Potluck." Dave Sohr cooked their meal on the Manifold including a wonderful Peach Cobbler. The evening was then spent playing Bingo. On Saturday we all scattered to the many activities available. Some drove to Lake Fulmor, others to Idyllwild Nature Center and the Historical Society Museum. Still other enjoyed the Quilt Show and the many shops in town. I'm sure we all went home with many new treasures! Dave and Penny led us to Inspiration Point where we were able to view the most magnificent sunset! The view was simply breath-taking. Back at the Lodge, we had a Halloween Party. There was enough fun for everyone from the Pumpkin Bowling and Golf to a balloon relay. Everyone participated in providing the sounds for the Halloween Story. But the "famous couple" costumes many wore to the party were the highlight of the evening. You just had to be there to appreciate

them. Sunday we were back on the road headed for home. The day started out as a pretty, sunny, fall day but turned into a rainy day by the time we reached Dudley's. No matter -- I think we all had a great time as it is always fun to spend time with all our friends! If you weren't there, we missed you.

Those attending and mileage: Joe Ambrose & Karen, Gene & Barbara Amy, Bruce & Thalia Barr, Valarie Basham & Judy, Ray & JudyJo Beardslee, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Mike & Lisa Dodge, Walter & Roxy Faust, John & Dianne Frazee, Ladd & Steve Graham, Bill & Sue Hansen, Roy & Dalene Jensen, Jimm & Sharon Kiklis, John & Marilyn Krenger, Don & Joan Minnick, Roger & Eleanore Phillips, Richard & Pat Potts, Dave Sohr & Penny Smiley, Rich & JoBeth Stelzer, Bud & Judy Swartwood, Bob & Carol Weckman, Paul & Patty Winchester, Ed Woodruff & Peggy.

UPCOMING TOUR:

BATES NUT FARM TOUR: Sunday Nov. 7th

The Weckman's will be leading the group to Bates Nut Farm on Sunday November 7th. We will depart at 9:15 am from the Denny's restaurant, 5445 Kearny Villa Rd., 163 and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Bring along your lawn chairs, picnic lunch or food vendors should be available. The ladies will enjoy cruising through the Craft fair, the guys can kick a few tires, and we'll have an enjoyable day together. If you are not already signed up please let the Weckman's know.



PARADES: Paul Winchester

With the early rain this year I feel like it should be January not November. This past month we had several activities.



October 3rd we went to the Alpine Days Parade. The meeting place was at Target in El Cajon. We drove up the freeway to West Willows Road where we entered the staging area. The Parade started at 2:00pm and we were there by 1:00pm to dress up the cars. The Parade started moving pretty much on time, but traveled so slow from just west of Willows road to Tavern Rd. that it was almost 3:30pm by the time we got to the end of the parade, at least it was down hill so we didn't need to slip the clutch to drive so slow. Mileage goes to: Don & Joan Minnick, Dave Fanning, Rene Kotas, Gene Amy, Ron & Joyce Peterson, Paul Winchester.

October 9th and 10th was the Old Town Art Festival, it was a fun event. We had a nice lunch available and good parking accessible to so many who looked, asked questions and took pictures. Apparently our efforts were appreciated; we may get tickets for both the Taste La Jolla and Taste of Hillcrest, we already were given the Taste of Downtown. Attendees were, Bud & Judy Swartwood, Paul & Patty Winchester, Ed & Peggy Woodruff, Walter & Roxy Faust, John &

Dianne Kernan, Bob & Carol Weckman, Greg Hmielvskie, Ron & Joyce Peterson, Arlyn & Nayola Bieber, Reen Kotas, Steve & Ladd Graham, Gene Amy, Neal & Lea Melden, Michael & Joan Dainer and Bruce & Thalia Barr. Greg, Reen & Bud & Judy attended both days.

On October 15-17 was the Idyllwild retreat. It was a great time again this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Parades scheduled for November.

In December we have a double header, Saturday December 4th at 11:00am The North Park Toyland Parade, we will meet at IHOP 2169 Fenton Pkwy, off of Friars road near Costco, departure time 9:30, as we need a little extra time to dress our cars up for the parade.

Then on the same day, Saturday December 4th the grand finale, at 5:05pm (OB time) the Holiday lights parade. Dress your car up with lights and glitter. Meeting place, Toys R us 1240 W Morena Blvd. departure time 3:15pm. Dress warm, and bring some cookies to share while we decorate the cars. Check your lights before going as this is a night time parade, you will be driving home after dark.

OLD TOWN ART FESTIVAL



TECHNICAL TIPS... Arlyn Bieber

HYDRAULIC JACK SADDLES

An original Model A jack is hard to find and in many cases quite expensive. A simple and inexpensive solution is to buy a small 1 or 2-ton hydraulic jack from one of the auto parts stores. They are small, easy to operate and easily fit under the Model A front seat.

The problem with these small hydraulic jacks is the contact point or the head of the jack. The head on my jack is less than 1" in diameter. On the Model A there is not a flat area to place the head of the jack on either the front or rear axle. If you were to place the small flat head of the jack under the curved surface of the rear axle, you would see what I mean.

Our own "master tool builder" **Bill Hansen** recently solved this problem by building a "saddle" to fit over the head of the jack and partly around the axle when jacking up the car to change a flat tire. This saddle greatly improves the safety of this operation.

The cost to make a saddle is practically zero if you have some scrap iron, miscellaneous pipe and access to a welder. A piece 3" wide x 5" long flat iron bent into a half circle will work or cut a piece of 3" pipe in half. Make sure the flat iron is at least 1/8" thick; in other words, 1/2 of a Pepsi can, will not work! This piece will fit under the axle. Then take a piece of pipe or a pipe nipple about 2" long that will **fit over the head** of your jack and weld it to the curved piece or saddle that contacts the axle.

It is also a good idea to carry a 2"x 4" or 4"x 4" wood block in your car to give the base of the jack more lift and stability especially on soft or uneven surfaces. Some of these small hydraulic jack pistons don't rise high enough to lift the tire off the ground so I suggest you test your system in the comforts of your garage to make sure it works before you need it along the side of the road when the temperature is 100 degrees, gnats are flying around your head and Valarie is taking your picture for the hard luck trophy.

One other item I noted this past week when installing a trunk rack behind the rear mounted spare tire. It is nearly impossible to remove the spare tire with the trunk rack in place. **You must unbolt and remove the trunk rack to access the spare tire.** These trunk racks look nice on the rear of the Model A but make sure you carry the necessary wrenches to remove the trunk rack in case you have a flat tire.

Come to the November Club Meeting to hear more about jacks, flat tires and other miscellaneous Model A tidbits!



Membership in Attendance:

The Bonnoront 's name was drawn from the membership box last month, and since Billie was a Hershey Swap Meet widow, she went home ten bucks richer. Sorry Ric, we did miss not having a joke to close the meeting.



1928 ERA FASHIONS 1931

Billie Bonnoront

Children & Junior Wear

Children's wear changed very little during the 1928-1931 fashion era. Styling for children was generally categorized by age groups: infants, toddlers/preschool, boys from 6-18, girls from age 6-14, and girls from 14-20.

Infants (newborn to age 2)

Easy care fabrics were used just as we do currently. Lightweight fabrics for warmer weather and heavier fabrics for cooler climates were fashioned into adorable little frocks. Smocking, tucks, embroidery, and ruffles adorned these sweet tiny togs. Layettees looked very much like those of today. Creepers and rompers were worn up to 3 years of age. They were made of silk, linen, lawn, dimity, broadcloth and had hand smocking, stitching and appliqués.

Toddler/Preschool (age 2-6)

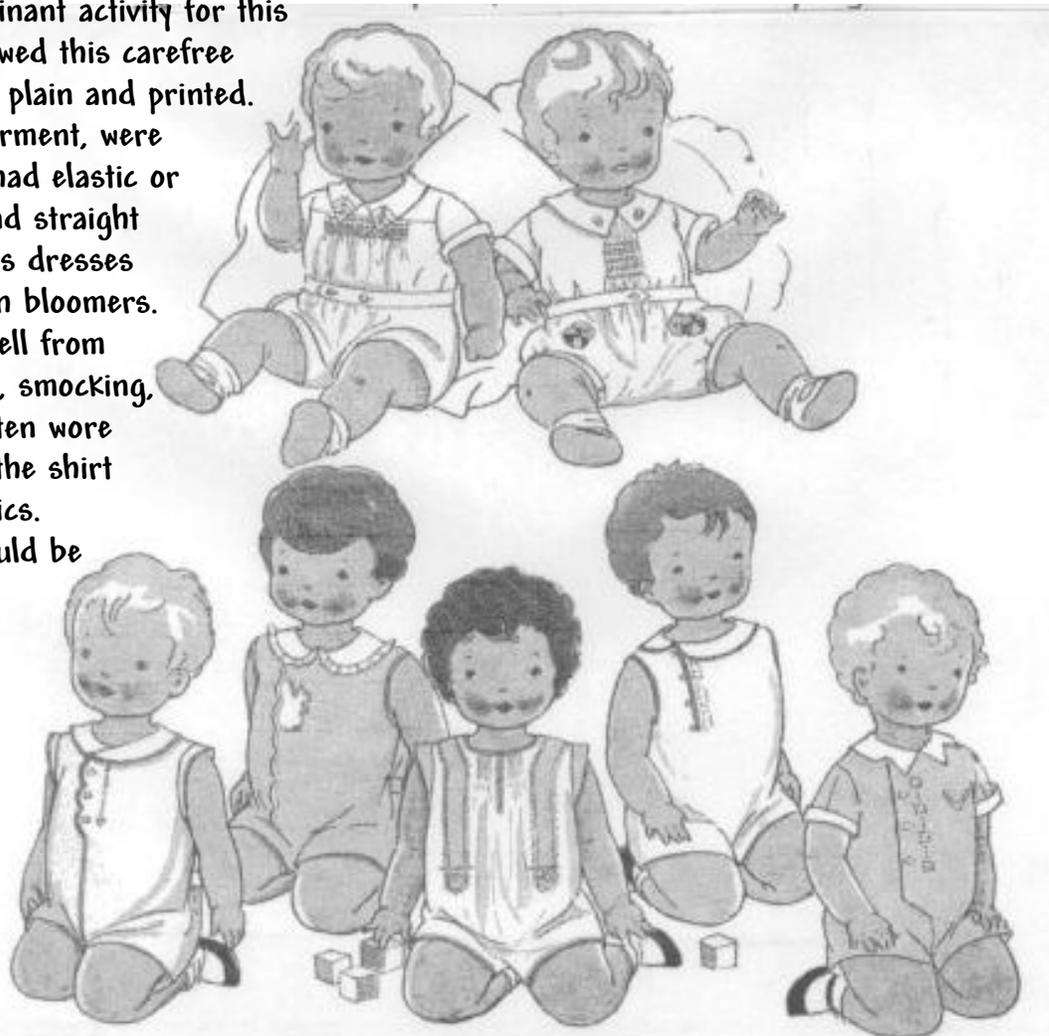
Since playing was a dominant activity for this age group, clothing followed this carefree time. Fabrics were both plain and printed.

Rompers, a one piece garment, were popular. They generally had elastic or banded legs for girls, and straight legs for boys. Little girls dresses were short and worn with bloomers.

The dresses frequently fell from the shoulders with tucks, smocking, or embroidery. Boys often wore shorts that buttoned to the shirt made of lightweight fabrics.

The "blouse" or shirt could be sleeveless, short sleeved or with long sleeves.

A suit with a matching jacket and short pants was suitable for boys ages 4 and older.



INSTALLATION BANQUET

Crowne Plaza Hotel

January 15, 2010

6 p.m.-9 p.m.

\$10.00 per member

Club members will be signing up at the November club meeting.

Please have your ten dollars per dinner with you.

There is a \$2.00 per car parking fee!

Don't miss out on this wonderful annual event. Membership and mileage awards will be given out, the new Board for 2011 will be installed, the photo contest winners will be announced. A great way to thank the outgoing Board and welcome in the new Board. Direct questions to Dalene Jensen.

You will also be asked to select your choice:

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DUES ARE DUE

Dues are now due and can be paid to Treasurer Roxy Faust at the November meetings. Make the check payable to MARC of San Diego for \$30.00 per family. Membership in one of the National clubs is mandatory and the responsibility of each member. That also must be paid by Dec. 30th, that information is on the inside cover of this newsletter. Remember you must belong to MARC if you intend to participate in the 2011 National Meet, to be held here in San Diego next June

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Currently don't have a Model A, but are looking.

Gerry Hill 1940-2010

What will we do without Gerry; he was the go to guy when the club had a computer problem. He was instrumental in getting our Quail Call onto the web page. He sat with two computers and multiple tech support voices on the other end of the telephone (probably in India somewhere) and for about four hours he worked. And he did it, next time you open an email with the current Quail Call linked to the webpage, thank Gerry. He was such a positive up beat person even throughout his year long fight with cancer. Our condolences to Burnette, and the entire family, we will miss his never ending smile, and upbeat attitude.



REFRESHMENTS: Dalene J.



These members are signed up to bring goodies for the November meeting.

Tomi Faust

Penny Smiley

Sherrill Kelsen

Judy Swartwood

Patty Winchester

Eleanore Phillips

Mark Sawyer

November Birthdays



1 Ruth Sawyer

4 Sue Hansen

7 Peggy Dalby

10 Cindi Croff

11 Maritza Thrush

19 Roxy Faust

28 Ladd Graham

29 Dave Huhn

November Anniversaries

Chuck & Joan Niemeyer Nov. 1, 1957

Jack & Sheila Rabell Nov. 25, 1971

Bill & Meripa Corson Nov. 24, 1982



2010 PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget about the photo con test. Please bring your (4x6) photos to the Decembers Meeting — up to 3 photo's for each division listed. We had so much fun with this last year. The Divisions are:

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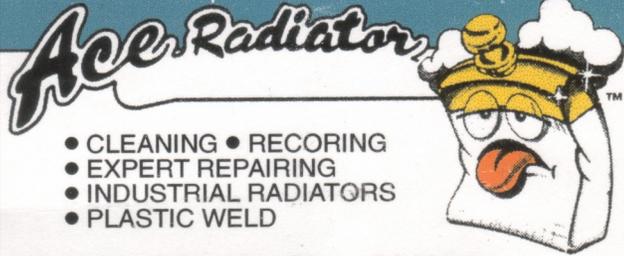


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Fellow club members:

Having recently acquired a 1963 Ford tractor to do hauling, mowing, etc. here on the farm made me realize how involved my life has been with Ford products. As far back as I can remember family members have driven all manner of model A cars and trucks. I have pleasant memories of my brother and I riding in the rumble seat of our coupe for the 70 mile trip from our home town to Hershey, Pa. for a fun day at the park.

My father used a model A engine for running our family sawmill to cut lumber, and another one, still attached to the frame, to power a bucksaw used for cutting slab siding and logs into billets for burning in wood stoves and furnaces. (After downing the trees with a two-man crosscut hand saw they were dragged to the site via a mule named "Henry". I believe that was merely a coincidence).

We used Fordson tractors to till the soil. They had cleated iron wheels and could only be started by cranking. Many a wrist or arm was broken when the crank did not disengage on time. In spite of their size and weight they were economical to operate. They had two fuel tanks and once started with gasoline a lever was switched to the run on kerosene that cost about ten cents per gallon at the time. I believe Bill Hansen has one at his shop in Ramona.

Ford's first experimental model tractor was introduced in 1907 and was not referred to as a tractor at all. Henry called it an "automobile plow". A lot of the parts were adapted from the Ford line of cars to cut development and production costs.

This past summer, while attending county fairs and tractor displays I had the pleasure of seeing dozens of old Ford tractors still in operating condition. They are as venerable as our beloved model A vehicles. Bill Corson



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