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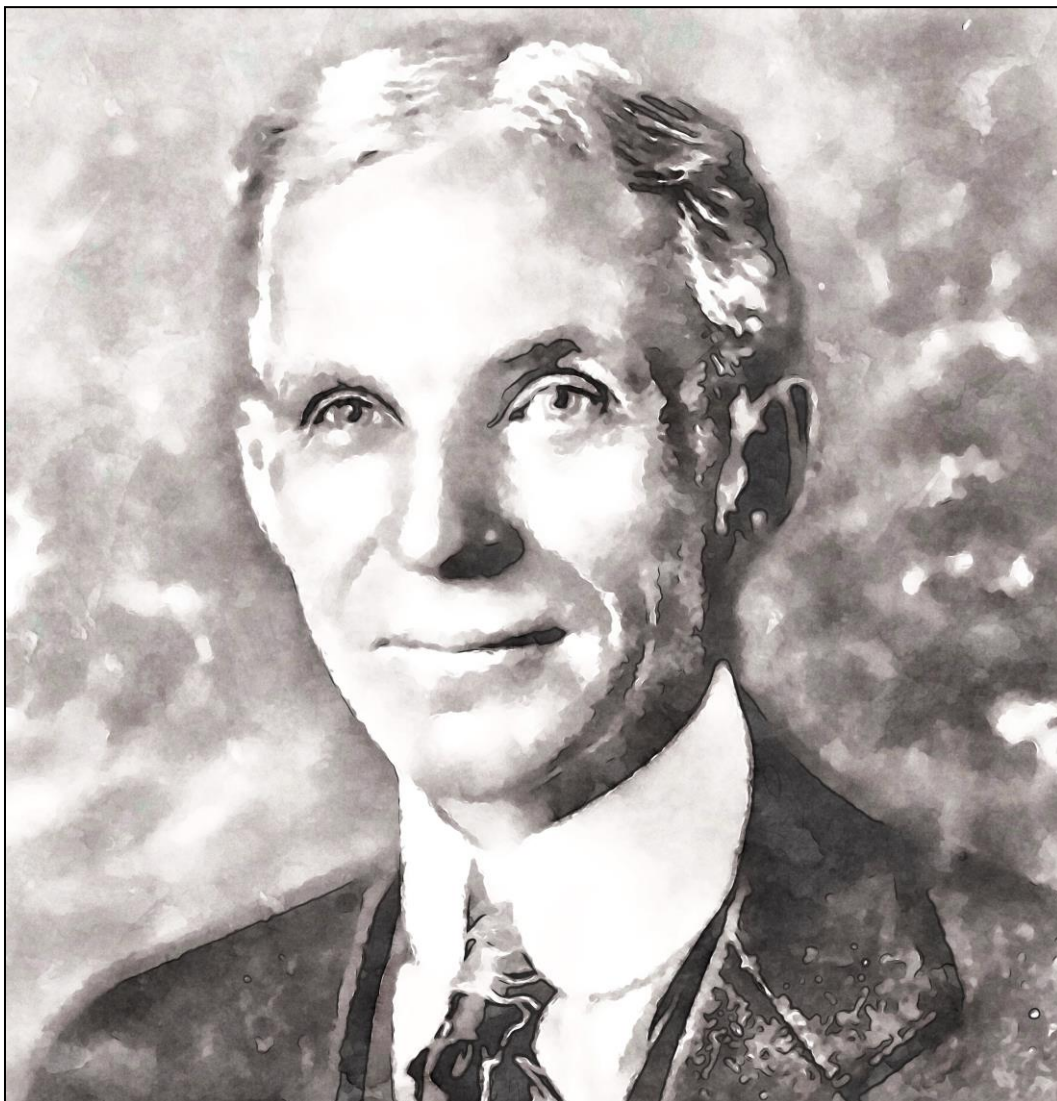
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President's message

by Bill Cilker Jr.

Welcome to 2022 I certainly hope that this year is better than last year for all of us. I know that we all want to get out and drive our Victorias or other Model A's as much as possible. Please send me pictures of great places that you have driven your Victorias, so that we can put them in the Bustle.



Here is my Victoria (2nd from the right) with 4 other Victorias at the 2011 MARC meet at San Diego.

The Victoria Association is looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer. Judy Burrell has asked me to find someone to take over the position. At this time, the treasurer handles the Association monies and membership. Judy has done a fantastic job for the past few years. Please email me (wcilkerjr@comcast.net) or Judy (judyjohn@Burrellteam.com) to get a job description. Also, we are still looking for a new Editor for the Bustle. That person would work with Tom Endy to learn the ropes. Please seriously consider helping the Association by volunteering for one of these 2 positions. I will be hosting a Victoria Association meeting at the MAFCA National Meet in Kerrville, TX. I do not have a day or time for the meeting yet. In the last edition of the Bustle, I asked for a volunteer to lead a Victoria Association meeting at the MARC National Meet in Morgantown, PA. So far, no one has volunteered to do it. Please let me know if you are going to attend the meet and if you would be willing to lead the meeting. The meeting will consist of each attendee introducing themselves and talking about their Victoria. Leading a meeting is very easy. I need to know by the February 15th, so that I can arrange for a room at the meet. Last, but not least is a reminder that the Victoria Association yearly dues are due on January 1st. If you have not received a notice from Judy about the dues, please send her a check for \$10.00 for the 2022 dues. Judy's address is; Judy Burrell International Model A Victoria Association 127 Avenida Trieste, San Clemente, CA 92672 Thank you for being a member of the Victoria Association.

Update on the Victoria Supplement

by Bill Cilker Jr.

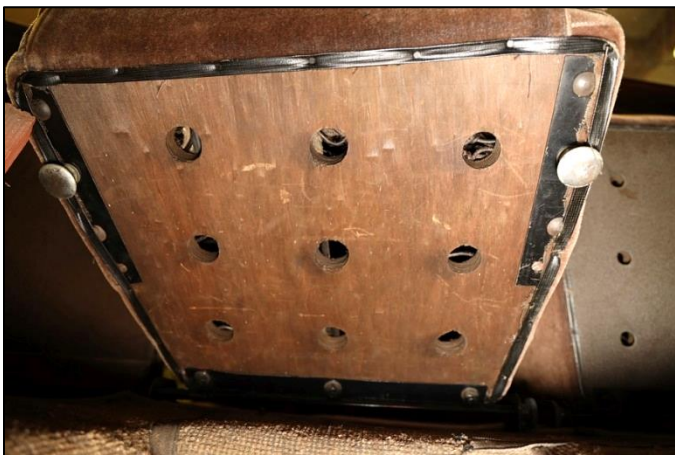
I want the Association members to know that the Victoria Supplement, that I have working on with the help of quite a few of our members, has been reviewed by the MAFCA Judging Standards Committee. I worked with them to make a few changes and added some additional pictures. Next, it will be sent to the MARC Judging Standards Committee for their review, then it will be part of the next update of the Restoration Guidelines. Like everything you work on, you always find something that could be better or clearer. My latest improvement that I would like to make is on the difference between the Leather back rear window frame and the Steel back rear window frame. I would like to get pictures of both frames from a few VA members, so that I can see the differences. Please let me know if you can help. (wcilkerjr@comcast.net)

I would like to thank the following Victoria Association members and non-members with original unrestored Victorias, for all of their help in answering my questions and providing pictures of their Victorias and various details: John Ramsey, Chet Wojcik, James Allen, Richard Barrett, Corey Sedgwick, Ron Bakowski, John Wilkinson, and Mark McMillan, who provided pictures of David Moore's Victoria. I am still looking for owners of other unrestored Victorias to get more pictures and information. Please let me know if you know of an unrestored Victoria.

Victoria Facts

by Bill Cilker Jr.

Here are some interesting facts that I have learned about the Victoria body production during the researching for the upcoming Victoria Supplement. 1. In late March of 1931 the cardboard cover on the bottom of the driver's seat (it covered the plywood base) was dropped, but the passenger's seat continued to have the cardboard cover. 2. The early style Victoria front seats had nine vent holes in the bottom, and the late style (sliding driver's seat) passenger seat bottom cardboard had five vent holes. 3. the Victoria driver's seat is 1.5 inches wider than the passenger seat. I will give more fact in the next Bustle.



Early style driver's seat without card board cover



Late style front passenger seat with cardboard cover

The BLT Guys

by Tom Endy 2020

The BLT Guys organization has grown to more than a dozen dedicated Model A'ers from the Santa Anita A's of Arcadia, California and from the Orange County Model A Club of Southern California. The organization was originated a number of years ago by three guys, Bryan Thompson, Larry McKinney, and Tom Endy offering a service installing Mitchell overdrives for a modest fee. The task was accomplished in one day, in fact in about four hours. We would begin around nine AM on a Saturday and were usually test driving the car around the neighborhood by one in the afternoon. The installation fee was donated to the Model A Youth Restoration Organization. The owner of the car would receive the tax credit since the program is a 503c organization. Eight installations have been accomplished in the past year.

The installations are done at my house in Westminster, California since I have a work area where the car is brought to and I have every kind of conceivable tool needed for the job. The BLT Guys have the full support of the Mitchell Manufacturing Company and they recommend the BLT Guys to their customers living in Southern California. The year 2022 looks to be a busy year for the BLT Guys with three installation scheduled for the month of January.

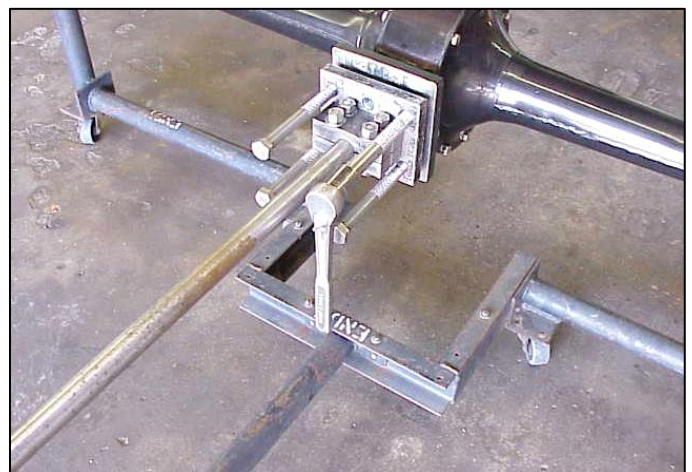
Mitchell overdrives have become very popular over the years to where the demand has outpaced the Mitchell Company's ability to provide them in a timely manner. The lead time for a Mitchell overdrive order is currently running about four months.

A BLT Guy's overdrive installation is \$500, the addition of a Mitchell sync transmission is \$400. If the owner wants a new clutch and pressure plate installed it is an additional \$200. If the owner wants the flywheel replaced it is additional \$100. We have not had an installation where the owner just wanted a sync transmission installed. If that were the case the pricing would be \$500 to install the transmission, \$200 if a new clutch and pressure plate is installed, \$100 for a flywheel replacement. All of these tasks can be accomplished in one day.

On installation day the owner is encouraged to bring two dozen donuts (the BLT Guys provide the coffee and other beverages). The owner may participate in the installation, or just sit and watch, or not even be there. When the installation is finished the owner writes a check made out to the youth restoration program which is mailed to the president of the organization. The car must be a running car with no differential issues.



Mitchell overdrive ready to go back in the car

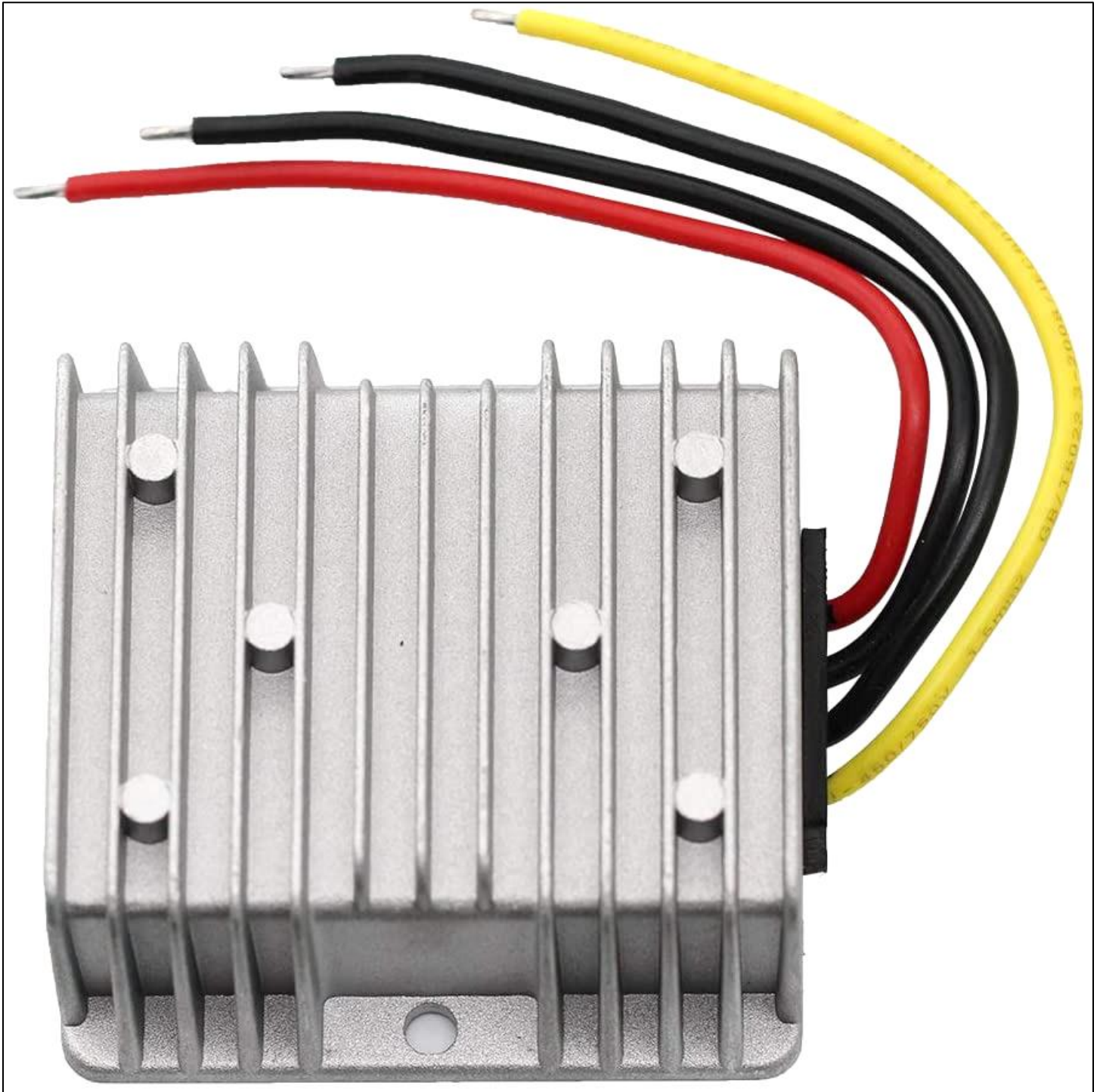


Tool used to pull the pinion assembly

Six to 12-Volt DC Converter

by Tom Endy 2022

For those folks driving a Model A with a 6-volt electrical system, a converter is available that will provide 10 amps of 12-volt DC power to operate a GPS, a back-up camera, or any other 12-volt device, and re-charge a cell phone while rolling down the road. It is small enough to be mounted under the dash rail along with an automotive power output receptacle.



The converter is available on-line from Amazon and is described as a Digiten 6-volt to 12-volt converter with a 10 amp output capacity. The device size is 2.9" X 2.9" X 1.25" and is priced at \$28.99.

Two Helpful Tools

by Tom Endy 2022

A Model A runs better when the battery polarity to the coil is correct. Back in the old days the polarity was detected with a lead pencil. It was great sport for high school auto shop teachers to demonstrate to the class how it was done, then hand the pencil to the class clown and have him try it. Today there is a device available that will tell the polarity a lot easier and with little chance of an electric shock. It plugs into the top of the distributor, start the engine and one of two LEDs will be lit indicating correct or incorrect polarity. If the polarity is incorrect it is a simple matter of swapping the two coil primary wires around. Bratton's sells the device, part number 17140, \$27.95. I purchased one a number of years ago and at a club function we checked about 20 Model A's and found about half had the polarity reversed and the owners were not even aware of it.

The other handy device indicates the health of the ignition system. What is desired is a strong healthy spark. This device plugs into the top of the distributor the same as the other device. Start the engine and move the slider inside the device down and observe the spark leaping across the gap. You should be able to move the slider all the way down to the bottom with the engine continuing to run and with a long spark. Bratton's sells the device, part number 17150, \$19.95. If you think you are not getting spark to the top of the distributor an easy test is to move the slider down about 1/16 of an inch and hit the starter with the ignition turned on and if you are getting spark you will be able to see it jumping the gap.

A wooden stick is supplied with the device to move the slider. Don't try to do it with anything metal.

These are both good tools to have in your traveling tool bag under the seat. A trouble light and a by-pass cable are also good things to have along.



Drawings by Bob Bidonde

Shock Absorber Links – Stock & Dog Bone

- Common practice to replace original links with Dog Bone links because inexpensive & easier to install
- Downside: Rubber bushings wear rapidly & links falloff



Original

- Original links more expensive, have more durable bushings, difficult to install, & have poor lubrication
- Reproduction links & parts for both types of links available from "A" parts supplier

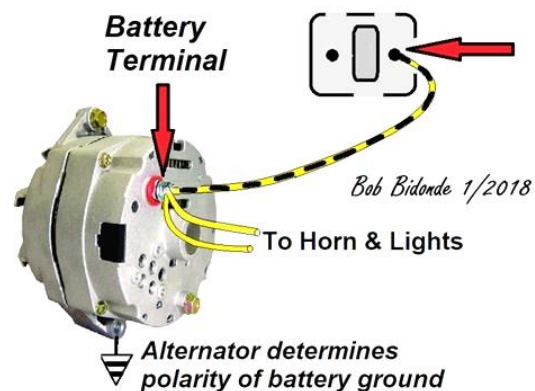
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Ford V8
Dog Bone

Alternator - Choosing The Right Type

- Self-starting alternator best choice for Model "A" with single wire hookup to terminal box
- Self-starting 6V, 30 or 60 Amp with positive or negative ground & 12V, 60 Amp negative ground available @ "A" parts suppliers
- Likely GM 10Si Series or GM CS130 Series converted to single wire with self-starting regulator
 - CS130 better for overdrive because it produces max output @ lower RPM



GM
10Si

New Members

by Bill Cilker Jr.

Two new members have joined the Victoria Association



Lee Paulus from Milwaukee, WI., has a very nice looking restored late Steelback Victoria.



Jim Lake and Tammy Newman from Mendota Hts., MN., have a Leather back Victoria they just purchase from John Frazee in Southern California.

Model A Ford

Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA)

Financial Assistance is available to youngsters between the ages of 12 and less than 22 who are restoring a Model A Ford. The MAYRA program has been giving such assistance biennially since 1994. Its goal is to help educate youth through their restoration process and support the Model A hobby by helping financially with the restoration. Our purpose is to solidify the idea of the Model A hobby in our youth's minds 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. MAYRA's help is given in the form of gift certificates purchased from various Model A parts and services vendors. Since 1994, there have been 93 awards totaling more than \$124,000. The award given biennially is the number of applicants divided into the available funds with a maximum of \$2,500.

MAYRA is funded primarily by local Regions and Chapters of MARC and MAFCA. The national MARC and MAFCA organizations also donate to the fund, as do many of the Model A Ford parts and services vendors. We receive donations in varying amounts from Regions and Chapters, and individuals, often as memorials to deceased members. We are a 501 (c) 3 entity. Please send donations to our treasurer, Jim Lank, 13478 Egbert Street, Sylmar, CA 91342.

The next awards will be announced at both the MARC National Meet and the MAFCA National Convention in June 2022. Applications must be received by *May 31st, 2022*.

For an application and complete information on the Model A Youth Restoration Award go to our website:

modelarestorationaward.org

The International Model A Ford Victoria Association is a body style chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) and a region of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC). The association was founded in 1986 at Frisco, Texas by Charlie Viosca. The purpose of the association is to aid the membership in the authentic restoration of the Model A Ford A-190 Victoria body style. To achieve the purpose this quarterly newsletter is published for the association membership. The intent is to furnish accurate and complete information concerning the Model A Ford Victoria body style. Permission to reprint from this publication is expressly given provided acknowledgement and credit is given to the author and to the publication and no changes are made to the original article.



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