

# The Victoria Bustle

## *International Model A Ford*

# Victoria Association

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## ***Model A Ford Club of America – Model A Restorers Club***

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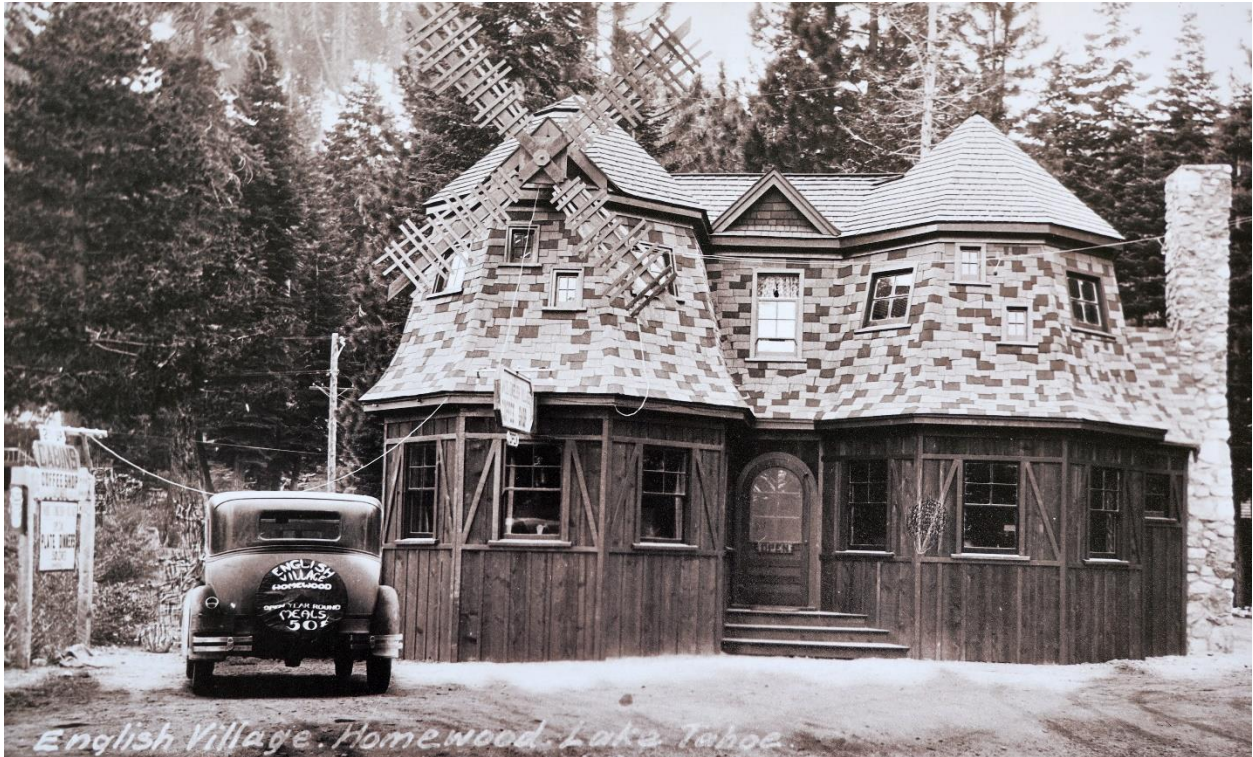
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1931 Steel Back Victoria at English Village, Lake Tahoe, CA – about 1935

## President's message

Thank you for being patient, waiting for the January issue of the Victoria Bustle. I have had one of those months (6-weeks) where I had to deal with a family issue. My step-mother-in-law was diagnosed with cancer in mid-December and passed away 1 month later. My wife is the executor of her estate and we had to deal with my step-mother-in-law's

possessions. She lived 70 miles from where my wife and I live. With the help of family members, we were able to have my step-mother-in-law's memorial, find new homes for her possessions and return her rented cottage to the Senior care facility. Now, I am back to living my normal life and trying to catch up.



The Association has finished its change of board members and responsibilities from Judy Burrell to John Hooper and Ed Greany. I would like to say a huge **Thank you** to Judy for all of her work for the Association.

## ***The Victoria Association needs a Bustle editor.***

*I do not have time to do all the things the VA president needs to do and also be the editor. The bustle is produced 4 times a year and provides the only means of communication among the Association's members. Each edition of the bustle is between 8 to 12 pages in length. **Someone please step up and become the Bustle editor.***

## **Email addresses -**

I would like **all** members to check the email address pages in this copy of the Victoria Bustle to see if we have your email address and if it is correct. Please let our Membership chairman Ed Greany ([crest25@verizon.net](mailto:crest25@verizon.net)) know if there is a problem with your email address or if we do not have it!! Thanks

## **2023 Victoria Association Dues.**

Please send in your 2023 dues (\$10.00) to the Victoria Association's new Treasurer John Hooper. His address is 1289 Johnson Rd., Canyon Lake, TX 78133. If you are like me, either do it now or make a sticky tag about it and put it in your check book as a reminder. Please make checks out to the IMAFVA. We must have your payment by March 15<sup>th</sup> to have your name in the April edition of the Bustle and for you to receive a Victoria Association plaque.

### **Address changes:**

If you move, be sure to notify the Victoria Association Membership chairman Ed Greany of your new address!! ([crest25@verizon.net](mailto:crest25@verizon.net))

Also, if you change your email address, please let Ed know about the change.

### **Information on Victoria Associations group.io account by Ed Greany**

Hello all. I have what I believe is beneficial to our association and can save our treasury some cash also. We can send out the Bustle to all Victoria Association members electronically for FREE, in color and store a copy for all members to review again in the future.

I have setup an account with GROUPS.io for the Victoria Association. This is a computer system that allows us to communicate with everyone in the Association with just one single email address [VictoriaAssociation@groups.io](mailto:VictoriaAssociation@groups.io) and everyone will receive the message. This service is FREE to all members. I'd love to see photos of all your As. One person on one of my other sites posted 59 photos of his Model A Shay all at no cost to him. My initial setup is limited but for about \$18 per month to the club all the functions are available to all members.

Groups.io can also store our files ("How to" files, membership rosters, messages of course, photos, celebration information, etc.) Your inside pages of the Bustle can be eliminated since they can be available to all in Groups.io leaving those 2 pages for more news. Five of us are already subscribed. I held off announcing it until we have a final approval by the Board and input from the membership. This can be an "Open" or "Closed" group meaning some but not all information can be seen by the public if desired. I own/manage 8 of these groups and am willing to provide it to the Vicky Assn as well.

Ed Greany, Membership Chairman

From the Groups.IO web site;

### Groups.IO philosophy

Groups.io provides an expansive set of web-based group communication tools, including a calendar, wiki, file and photo sharing areas, and chats. What's unique about us is that all of these features are built around the core email group system. We believe that the type and style of communication an email group fosters is the best way for many groups to communicate, whether those groups represent companies, organizations, communities, or hobbyists. Combining the ease of email with the features available on the web, Groups.io strives to be the ultimate communications venue for everyone.

Please email Ed (crest25@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

### New Victoria Association members

**Martin Harding** purchased a leather back that needs work. He lives in Albany, OR

**Bob Schmitt** has a Black Leather back and he lives in Grants Pass, Oregon.

**Edward Hoganson** from Murfreesboro, TN has a beautiful Maroon Leather Back.

**Catherine Jammer** is working on the interior of a Victoria. She lives in Parker, CO.

**Warner Voelpert** lives in Shelton, CT and he has a restored maroon Steel back.

**Arlyn Bieber** has rejoined the VA because a Steel back Victoria followed him home.

**Lloyd Turner** lives in Chickasha, OK and has a hotrod Leather back.

**Terry Pepin** lives in Mountain Center, CA and has an early Leather back.

(I am sorry that I did not have time to do a proper write up on the new members)

### Victoria Association Logo Plaque *Lee Paulus, Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Lee Paulus had the included Victoria Association plaques made and donated them to the Victoria Association to be mailed out with this issue of the Bustle.

Should a member desire additional plaques, they can purchase them from Lee for \$10 each, paid by check. Lee will mail the plaques directly to the member in a self-addressed stamped envelope provided by the member.

Lee Paulus, 3445 S 38th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53215. ***Thank you Lee!!***

## **Victoria Supplement to the Restoration Guidelines update.**

On January 17, 2023, the Victoria Supplement was reviewed again by the MARC and MAFCA Restoration Guidelines publication committee. It went well, but there are still a few questions to be answered and adjustments to be made.

## **Mounting a Victoria body on a Model A frame.**

from Ford Barn 12/2022

Rer239

I put body webbing on frame before splash apron does anything go on top of aprons before the Victoria body? Thanks, Dick

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Oldblue oval

The wood under the cowl is part of the wooden sub rail.no blocks  
Spacers are reinforced rubber pads.

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Ed in Maine

Hello, Rer 239, be extremely careful in aligning the doors as you are fastening the body to the cowl section. Once the roof is welded to the cowl section, there is no further opportunity to adjust the door opening width for a good door fit. Ed

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Bob Bidonde

Here are some pictures of my 190A restoration. The rubber pads on the bottom of the wood body rails rest directly on the running board splash aprons. When mounted, there should be 0.13" to 0.25" clearance between the body and the apron.

## **How to access the rear quarter window**

Update on the article from the last issue of the Bustle by Bill Robinson.

Bill (Cilker),

Just read the current "Bustle" and thank you for your work on our behalf!

1/4 window update: Got the job taken care of! Turns out you need a guy the size of a Jockey to take the seat bottom and seat back out from the back!!!! I recruited a neighbor (retired Ford mechanic) to do that job for me as I couldn't fit! lol

Steve Becker at Bert's was a BIG HELP as he suggested I purchased the felts for a Tudor 1/4 window (as he says there are too few Victorias on the road for manufacturers to tool up a specific part.) I then matched up the old part to the new and using a hacksaw cut off the excess length. The replacement *did* require one felt channel to be shimmed (there was a metal strip that fell out when I removed the old channel - so that's what I used. (I'm guessing that that was its purpose to begin with.)

OH! Getting that window trim (1 piece) *out* was tough but NOTHING like putting it back in!! (Like putting size 9 shoes onto size 12 feet!!)

### **Door window glass sticking.**

After reading the article about the quarter window in the October issue of the Bustle, past Victoria Association president John Icenhower emailed that the front door glass in their Victoria is very difficult to start to roll down. Then after a little travel it gets some easier after about 1/4 down it is fine. When he first starts to wind it down, at the top of the travel, it is so hard that I'm afraid one day the handle will break. The rear ones are "as easy as pie" as they say. John would like to know if anyone has any suggestions as to what the problem might be and how to lube the double riser mechanism in the door.

Bob Bidonde responded with; I had a similar problem. On the way up, I found that the window glass cocks to one side and digs into the felt window channel. I solved my problem by putting a larger corner radius on the glass. I also noticed that the riser channel across the bottom of the glass needs to be centered on the glass.

Robert Trafton responded with; I have had nothing but problems with both drivers and passenger windows sticking and to the point of just plain locked up. I have tried everything to clean the adhesive residue off but it keeps coming back. Last thing I tried before removing the panels was WD40 on the channels and where the adhesive was on the glass. I cleaned the glass and ran it up and down, it worked! I repeated it a few more times and it has been perfect for the last six months. I figured I could open up both sides if that did not work and replace the channels, so far not needed. I hope this may help.

Does anyone have suggestions on how to help John? Please email John at [johnike@suddenlink.net](mailto:johnike@suddenlink.net) and Bill Cilker at [wcilkerjr@comcast.net](mailto:wcilkerjr@comcast.net).

**Robert Hensz** has a similar problem Robert has replaced the front window channels in his Vicky twice. They still keep deteriorating, getting gooey and then sticking to the window, making it hard if not almost impossible to crank the window up and down ( he keep it in a cooled garage but Texas heat does not help much). Not to

mention having to relocate one of the clips (for which Robert finally found the right rivet set) is a real pain. Of course, I go back to “The Victoria Book” and the “VA Model A Ford Pictorial Guidebook” to look up how to do it. Thankfully the books have that info which is not found elsewhere! Are other Victoria owners plagued with the same problem?

Thanks

Robert (Bob) Hensz [rhensz70@gmail.com](mailto:rhensz70@gmail.com)

*Please respond to Robert and copy me on your email response. (wcilkerjr@comcast.net)*

**Bill Robinson** wants to know who has the best price on an “entire” wiring harness (engine and instruments included) that will wire the cowl lights as turn signals. The \$375 price tag from Bert’s almost floored me! Contact him at [ModelAFordVicky@gmail.com](mailto:ModelAFordVicky@gmail.com).

**John Nielson** asks if anyone knows of a local source, or a club member, who has the capability to restore/rebuild the front door window regulators on a Vicky?

Contact John at [jpnienlsen34@msn.com](mailto:jpnienlsen34@msn.com).

Please copy the Editor on all emails so that the answers can be put in the next Bustle.

## **How we became Victoria owners** by Chuck Christensen (VA technical director)

Del Swanson was a member of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of MAFCA when we joined the Club in 1969. He had a Victoria at the time.

Our first national MAFCA Convention was in Seattle in 1972. Our daughter Susan was a few months old at the time and Dell carried her around all the time there. Over the years he bonded with Susan and later when Dell became crippled up and couldn’t drive or work on the Model A he called me one day and told me that Susan had told him that he ever wished to sell the Victoria that she wanted to buy it. Well, Susan wasn’t in any position to buy it at the time so we bought his Victoria and hope that someday she will be able to take it on.

Susan and the Christensen’s Victoria

*The Bustle always has room for member’s stories about their Victoria. Please submit one.*



**Ads** (Any VA member can put an ad here - email the editor with your ad)

**Jim Kinville** is looking to purchase a late Steel back Victoria with an indented firewall and a sliding driver's seat. If you know of one please contact him at 952-941-5336 or jrkinville@gmail.com

**Joel Sheldon** has an urgent need for the 4 door hinges, both the door and cowl sides. Someone took them off before he purchased his Victoria 20 years ago. The hinges also are used on 160 series sedans and the 400A Convertible sedan. Please help Joel out. He can be reached at jsheldon66a@gmail.com.

I (Bill) saw this ad on the Ford Barn website. The ad has pictures.

1/26/2023-date of ad

**Steel back 31 Victoria seats**

Complete set front and rear seats with original upholstery for sale or trade. I need a set of seats for a cloth top Victoria. These were purchased for my cloth top and they do not fit the sub-frame

so \$850 plus shipping for these or make a trade for an earlier set of seats.

Located in Antioch, Illinois, Charles (847) 603-1479

On Vintage Ford Forum, I also saw that **Classtique Upholstery** makes Victoria & 160 series sedan sun visor brackets. Contact them if you need any.

**Rich Abbate** would like to know if any association member has a pair of rear bumper brackets that would fit his 31 Victoria. If original brackets are not available, he can use a pair of slant window sedan brackets. He is also looking for original interior door hardware and original outside door handles with a locking passenger door handle. Please reply to his email [richabbate@gmail.com](mailto:richabbate@gmail.com) or cell 908-391-6810.

**Howard Kriebel** has a few extra parts left over from his Victoria projects.

1 pair of L.B. covered Visors with excellent original attaching bar( fresh plated) The clamps are bright steel but need plating. Visors are marked for attaching holes. - \$125.00  
Victoria Drivers Seat Rod Hinge and Brackets - \$20.00.

1 Matching pair (1930) Eaton Gas/Rad Caps, mint condition - \$120.00

1 used Driver Door Window Regulator - \$25.00

**ALL PLUS SHIPPING**

Howard Kriebel - email: [sauenohr1@gmail.com](mailto:sauenohr1@gmail.com); Phone 610-489-1253

**Brad Smith** has his early Leatherback Victoria for Sale. It is painted Maroon and black on the body with black fenders and a tan top. Mohair upholstery by Classtique. Recently restored in good condition. Asking \$18,000." Contact Brad at [c277687@gmail.com](mailto:c277687@gmail.com).



### **Victoria Association services –**

The Association has a technical director, Chuck Christenson, who is willing to answer your questions on the Model A and the Victoria. His email address you will find on the front cover.

Bob Bidonde is now using the registry of Victorias to assign Body numbers to members' Victorias that do not have one. If you need a body number for your Victoria, please contact Bob at [modela1931@aol.com](mailto:modela1931@aol.com)

We also have paper and digital window patterns for the Victoria. Please let me know if you would like to use them.

**Ed Greany** purchased a new Victoria (off of eBay) for only \$10.00. Both doors and the hood open. It came with a certificate of authenticity and is available in several colors. Usually, they run between \$30 to \$50. Congratulations Ed!!



Late 1931 heavy duty sun visor hinge.  
Victoria and slant window 4 door sedans.  
(Used interchangeably with standard hinge.)

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*Wife: Honey, I can't get the car started. I think it's flooded.*  
*Husband: Where is it?*

*Wife: In the swimming pool.  
Husband: Its flooded.*



April 1931 - Leather back Victoria original Mohair interior

*If you really want the last word in an argument, try saying "I guess you're right."*

**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.**