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# Charlie Says!

by Charlie Viosca

## The winners are:

The 2003 Model A Ford Youth Scholarship, sponsored by the Victoria Association is now history. Three winners have been announced.

**Matthew D. Holleran** of Mohawk, New York, and a member of the Mohican Model A Ford Club, inc and a member of MARC. Matthew is the winner of the Herb Cuckler Memorial Scholarship presented by the San Gabriel Model A Restorers Club, the Santa Anita A's, and the Southern California Region of MAFCA.

**Curtis Gene French** of Fillmore, CA, a member of the Ventura County Model A Ford Club (MAFCA), is the winner of the Fritts Ford Youth Scholarship presented by Fritts Ford of Riverside, CA, and the Southern California Region of MAFCA.

**Chana Megan Borel** of Salem, Missouri a MAFCA member. Chana's grandparents are also MAFCA members.

## Scholarship applications:

There were 11 applications received this year from youngsters from both MAFCA and MARC clubs, as well as from combination MARC\MAFCA clubs.

## MARC:

We presented a scholarship to a MARC member this year only because we had money donated by some MARC clubs. This will not be possible in 2004 and thereafter because the MARC national leadership made it known to us that they are in no way interested in supporting the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship effort. Therefore, to comply with their wishes, we will only accept applications from MAFCA member applicants. If a MARC youth wants to apply for a scholarship, they will have to become a member of the MAFCA national organization. We will, however, continue to accept the required president's letter of recommendation from the president of their local MARC club.

## Donations:

The donation year runs from June of one year to June of the next year. This is because the presentations are made at the MAFCA National convention years and at a MAFCA Regional convention during the off years.

As in 2002, all of the applicants this year are very deserving young Model A children or grandchildren. I am proud of all of them and only wish we could get enough donations to award all of them scholarships. Their parents should be very proud of these youngsters. They have done a marvelous job of raising each and every one of them.

## The Restorer:

There will be an article and photos in an upcoming issue of the Restorer. Please take the time to read this short article. Please keep your donations coming in. We want to make each year as successful as the two previous years. We especially encourage the MARC Regions to continue with their generous donations. The Scholarship program is for all of the youth of the Model A hobby.

## The Book:

We are working on the third printing of the Victoria Association maintenance book, but there is a hold on several drawings from an member. Please remember all of the work is done by volunteers and we have to wait until they get the time from their work to produce the items we need. We are adding one new artist and his drawings. We are a new author and body style group to the book, the Postal A's. We hope to add more body styles from time to time. You will be advised when the book comes out and those of you who already have a book will be able to purchase the updates for the cost of printing and mailing. Until we get them printed I am unable to quote a price. Please be patient. Have a good summer and enjoy your Model A Ford Victoria. ☺

## On The Cover

Bo's Hollow is located in Salem, Missouri in the Missouri Ozarks and is an active functioning gas station and store featuring the nostalgia of yesteryear. See feature article on page 6. ☺

# *Ms. Irene*

by Tom Endy

A 1929 Model A Ford Coupe, with a rumble seat, has joined the Endy family. The name for the car, and fittingly so, is "Ms. Irene". The car is named in honor of my late mother Irene. My daughter Ginger will be the principle driver.

A 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat, has an historical significance to the Endy family. In 1933 (the year before I was born) my father, Thomas Franklin Endy, and my mother Irene (Inglehearn) Endy) set out from Philadelphia for Los Angeles in a 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat. They carried all of their belongings with them in the rumble seat. They also brought along the family dog, a full size German Shepherd.

Over the years my mother told me the story of the trip to California. My mother was born in Philadelphia in 1911 and up to age 22 had never been more than 100 miles from Philadelphia. My father was born in 1901 in Reading, Pennsylvania, but had lived in California from the time he was 14. My father had returned to Pennsylvania in 1931 and that was how he was able to meet my mother.

The story of the dog is an interesting one. I asked my mother years ago, "where does a full size German Shepherd ride in a 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat?" She told me the dog sat on the floor in an area next to her legs and the right kick panel. As they rolled along Route 66 they would often let the dog out and they would travel along at a slow speed and occasionally stop to let the dog catch up. This way the dog got it's exercise.

The journey must have taken them more than a week. She told me that they would drive all day and all night, then stop late in the afternoon and stay at a motel. My father did most of the driving, but occasionally my mother would take over and allow my father to catch a nap. I asked my mother one time how many times they broke down and had to conduct a road side seminar. "Never", she said, "we just got in the car and drove it to California". Now and then she would see my father tinkering around with something under the hood, but there was never any serious problems.

The year 1933 was hard times for many people. The great depression had left many destitute. My mother related a story to me that occurred at a town "somewhere in the desert". She did not know the name of the town. My father and her had stopped to eat. While sitting at a table in a restaurant a man approached them and asked if they would give him a ride to the next town. The man was broke and the local constable had told him to be out of town by dark or he would be locked up for vagrancy. Civil rights was not a term often used in those days. My father explained that there was no room in the car for another passenger. However, an accommodation was worked out. My father bought the man a meal. Afterward the man sat on the right front fender and held onto the headlight, with his feet on the front bumper. In this manner they transported him about 100 miles to the next town. My mother remembered the town where they left him off, it was San Bernadino. My own assumption is that the town "somewhere in the desert" was Barstow.

My parents remained in California for about a year. My father was a carpenter and worked at whatever jobs he could find. He even worked on the new city hall being built in Los Angeles. During their time in California my mother became pregnant with me. When she was about six months along she developed an extreme home sickness for Philadelphia. Apparently the situation became acute and my father deemed it wise for them to return to Philadelphia. The 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat, was sold for the exact amount of two Greyhound bus tickets to Philadelphia.

There is a discrepancy in the amount of money reported that was received for the 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat. Years ago I believed that my mother said that they had received \$50. since the price of a bus ticket was \$25. Towards the end of my mother's life she said the amount received was \$75., as the price of the bus ticket was \$37.50. I tend to believe that the \$75. figure is the correct one. The discrepancy was more than likely in my mind, not my mother's. At age 90 she could remember the street address of every place she had ever lived.

A few months after my parents return to Philadelphia I was born. Had they remained in California I would have been a California native, which was a rarity in those days. As it was I was born in Philadelphia, the birthplace of W.C. Fields, who was famous for saying, "I went to Philadelphia one time, but it was closed". For all of my life I have felt the same way about Philadelphia.

My father died in 1938 at age 37. I was three years old at the time. Several years later my mother managed to return to California where I grew up and where she spent the remainder of her life. My mother remarried, in fact she was married a total of four times and was widowed all four times. One of her husbands was with Patton's Third Army and was severely wounded at Metz.

During the years that I have belonged to the Orange County Model A Ford Club my mother was very fond of attending the annual pancake breakfast. She would always ask me to show her a 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat. I was never able to determine from her what model her coupe was. It was definitely not a roadster or sport coupe as she said it did not have a rag top. I suspect it was a standard coupe, and in my mind I picture it being black as I may have asked her the color at one time, but I don't really recall.

My mother passed away in 2002 at the age of 90. She was a great lady, loved and respected by all who knew her. Today, with the acquisition of the 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat, I suspect that it is a million in one chance that our 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat, is the same one that was sold by my parents in early 1934 for the price of two Greyhound bus tickets.

I never did learn what became of the full grown German Shepherd dog. ☺

### **Editor's Note:**

The story related here has been in the family for many years. I share it with the Model A hobby as there are a number of things that can be learned about the Model A Ford from this story.

1. A four year old Model A Ford could easily be driven from Philadelphia to Los Angeles without serious break down or numerous roadside seminars.

2. Two adults and a full size German Shepard dog can be accommodated in the passenger compartment of a 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat, on a cross country journey.

3. An additional passenger can be accommodated on the right front fender of a 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat, for distances up to 100 miles.

4. A five year old 1929 coupe, with a rumble seat, could be bought for as little as \$75. in 1934. ☺

## ***Four Ever Four***

by Tom Endy

### **A little club with a big heart:**

There is a small MAFCA chartered club located in Southern California called the Four Ever Four's. The club has about 30 members, all of them active, who are dedicated to the Model A Ford, but with a little something extra under the hood. These are some of the folks you see at MAFCA Nationals (and other events) participating in the hill climbs.

### **A big event:**

Each year, during the first week end of June, the club sponsors The Antique Nationals in Palmdale, California, which is a timed speed event that has become very popular.

### **Not a small donation:**

Over the past year the Four Ever Four's have raised over \$1,200. for the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship fund. Their fund raiser was in the form of the raffle of four very unique BBQ ovens, made entirely of Model A parts. The BBQ's were built by two of their members, Art Moore (an exceptional welder) and Larry McKinney (also a Victoria Association member). Three of the BBQ 's were raffled off in Southern California and one was raffled off in Dallas by Charlie Viosca. This is a very large donation made by a very small club....with only about 30 members. ☺



# Bo's Hollow

by Mary Lynne Borel

Our Hollow in the Missouri Ozarks, seemed like the perfect location for our dream. When you drive to Bo's Hollow it is like driving back in time. Any direction you come into the Hollow the scenery is just beautiful. We have a covered bridge that begins the Model A road that winds up a hill to the Model A restoration barn.

The station was built with the Model A enthusiast in mind. Model A's get full service with gas pumped from a Martin & Schwartz 80 pump. Newer cars must use our newer pumps. We have interesting memorabilia in our fully functional station. There is nothing like airing your tires with the ding of an air meter.

Model A's have been a big part of our life for the past fourteen years. Our motto is "Restoring the Past-Preserving the Future". We have tried to give a hint to future generations what life in the rural 1930's was like. Once someone has visited Bo's Hollow they have a much better knowledge of the Model A Ford during it's era.

The restoration of our Victoria has been put further down the line since we started the Village. ☺

## Editor' Note:

Bracy and Mary Lynne Borel are the owners of Bo's Hollow, The Borel's are MAFCA members and members of the Victoria Association, but do not belong to a local chapter for the reason that none exist within a reasonable distance.

Their granddaughter Chana Borel, is one of this year's recipient of a Youth Scholarship award. Though not involved with a local chapter, Chana helps her grandfather with the restoration of his Model A's and with the preservation of much of the memorabilia at Bo's Hollow. ☺

# Hawaii 2003

by Tom Endy

The ultimate Model A tour will occur this Summer between June 22, and July 8, on the Big Island of Hawaii. The Orange County Model A Ford Club will participate in this event. This organization (my local club) has already shipped 12 cars to Hilo by the Matson Steamship Company. Us humans will depart Orange County on Sunday June 22 on a charter flight. Our club is only a small portion of the cars being shipped to Hawaii from the west coast. There were a total of 56 cars shipped. The other cars are from the Sacramento area and they are a group called the California Cruisers. Their cars range from 37 Chevy Coupes to 55 T-Birds.

The event is called Paradise Cruise II and is a re-run of a similar event that occurred in 2001. However, this event is fourfold in size. Also participating in the event are about another 50 cars from neighboring Islands that will arrive by barge.

Our time will be divided between Hilo on the east coast and Kona on the west coast. The organizers of the event have planned a daily schedule with the mainland cars divided into five groups for daily tours. The mayor of Hilo has also proclaimed some kind of car week in our honor.

Of the 12 Orange County Model A's shipped, two of them are Victoria's. They are Larry McKinney's "McVic" and my "Miss Vickie". I hope the Hawaiian's roast a pig in our honor. ☺



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# ***Bits & Pieces!***

## **Original members:**

In the last newsletter we listed all the original Victoria Association members. However three people were left of the list. Our apologies to Ken Kennison, Ed Hildwein, and Sid Gough. The full list of nine is Charlie Viosca, Marshall Lewis, Jerry Bengel, Doc Ingwersen, Del Swanson, Bill Cilker, Sid Gough, Ed Hildwein, and Ken Kennison.

## **Award of Excellence:**

The Model A Restorer's Club (MARC) has awarded the Victoria Bustle a Newsletter Award of Excellence for the year 2002.

## **Newsletter back issues:**

Reprinted copies of the back issues of the Bustle have recently been received from the printers and are available to those members who wish to order them. A complete set of back issues cost \$55. plus \$10. for postage (they weigh in at 5.5 lbs.). The total cost is \$65.

## **An original wanted:**

Bill Cilker Jr. is looking for an original front carpet in useable condition for an early type seat riser for his original unrestored Victoria. He would also like to buy a 26" rear window curtain roller and 6 original hubcaps for the car. They do not have to be perfect, but good for judging. Contact Bill by phone at 408-263-0692 or e-mail cilkerwjr@aol.com. Bill lives in Central California.

## **Also original wanted:**

Jeff Webb is looking for the late Victoria (July-December 1931) front seat springs, in good condition, for both the passenger side and the driver side. The dimensions are shown and described in the October 1990 issue of the Victoria newsletter. Contact Jeff at 3853 Myrtle Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807, 562-427-5793.

## **Editor's Note:**

See page 8 for a reprint of the October 1990 newsletter article about the dimensions of the Victoria front seat springs.

## **Another Charlie:**

A new member, Charles Christensen, writes that "We recently purchased a Victoria from an old friend, Del Swanson, who is in our local chapter of MAFCA. Del is a charter member of the Victoria Association. Our daughter, Susan, had told him some time ago that if he ever wanted to sell his car to let her know. Since he is unable to drive it anymore, he called and said it was for sale and Susan had first choice. Since Susan is not in a financial situation to be able to do so, we decided to buy it for her and the other two kids. (Kid's, HA. The youngest is 28 and the oldest is 34. Del had owned the car since the early 50's. It had been repainted and the interior done in a heavy duty imitation leather. It runs great. We've had it about two months and have put about 1000 miles on it on local tours. We have two other Model A's. A late 31 coupe (standard) and a late 31 160-A standard slant window sedan. We also have a 23 Model T open express wagon.

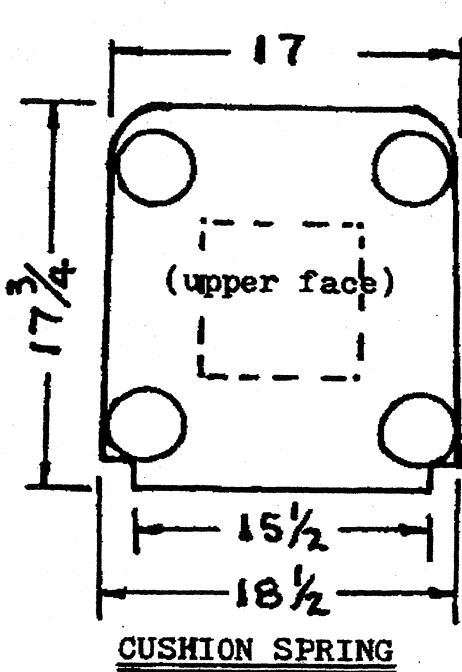
## **Thin:**

This publication of the Bustle is somewhat thin, slightly early, and seemingly dominated by my own articles. I have several excuses to offer.

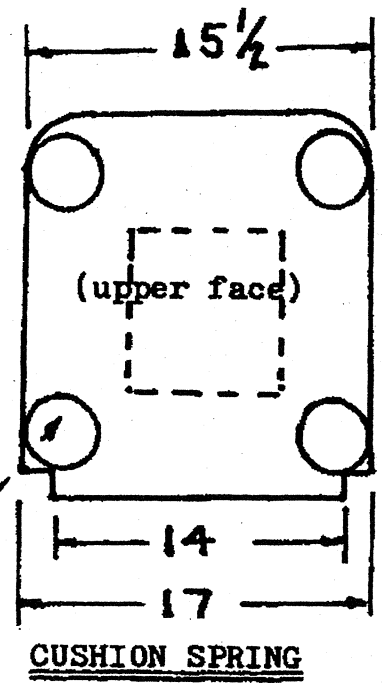
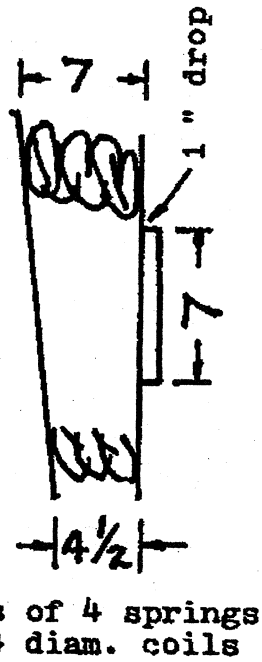
1. The membership has not flooded me with feature articles.
2. I'm part of the group going to Hawaii for the roast pig, hence the reason for getting the newsletter out early (see page 6).
3. My time has not been well organized as I discovered that the 29 coupe I bought has a magnet buried somewhere deep inside the car. It pulls on the rivets in my blue jeans and I find myself standing next to the car with a wrench in my hand (see page 4).
4. In the meantime I had both of my knees operated on and I found it was much easier to just sit in a chair and do nothing rather than struggle around on crutches.

editor

FRONT SEAT SPRING CONTOURS  
LATE VICTORIA (JULY-DEC. 1931)  
 (also 400A Convertible Sedan)



DRIVER'S SIDE



PASSENGER'S SIDE

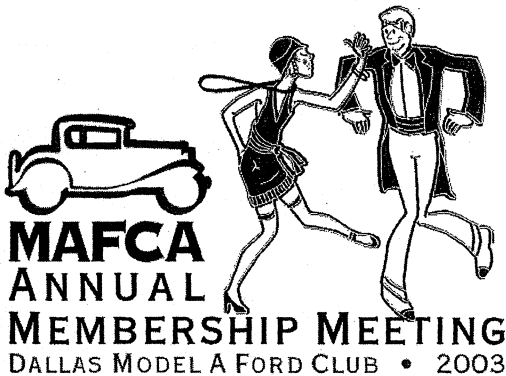
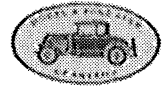
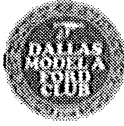


# 2003 MAFCA Annual Membership Meeting

## December 4-7, 2003

### Dallas, Texas

Hosted by the Dallas Model A Ford Club



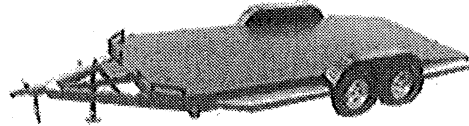
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You may make your own reservations by calling: 1-800-228-9290, calling the hotel direct, or on the web: [www.marriott.com/dalcl](http://www.marriott.com/dalcl). The group code for room with breakfast is DALDALA, for room without breakfast is MODMODA, which will get our special rates.

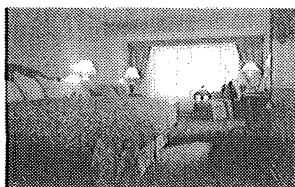
Rates: \$99.00 per room, including daily hot breakfast buffet for 2, or \$82.00 per room without breakfast. Breakfast coupons may be purchased by all registrants for \$11.00 each on site with registration ID.

#### RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

16' Car Hauler, donated by **Prime Trailer Products** of McKinney, Texas, w/electric brakes, dove tail, bull-dog coupler, dual axle, spare tire & mount, rear slide-in ramps, tie-downs for Model A, ++. Value \$2,400. Tickets \$5 ea/5 for \$20. Raffle held 12/6/03 in Dallas. Attendance not required. Make checks payable to: Dallas Model A Ford Club (DMAFC). Send to: Jill Sullins, 6809 Saddletree Trail, Plano, TX 75023 (972)491-2770 [jsullins\\_ny@hotmail.com](mailto:jsullins_ny@hotmail.com)



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#### FACILITIES:

The Dallas Marriott Hotel at Las Colinas is 3 years old, with 361 guest rooms, overlooking Lake Caroline in Irving, Texas. Guest rooms feature pillow-top mattress, down duvet comforter, and down surround pillows.

In-room amenities include coffee, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, and 2 data ports. The hotel features a complimentary health club with state of the art exercise equipment, indoor heated pool, whirlpool, and lakeside sun patio. Complimentary transportation vouchers for Super Shuttle (a \$32 value), will be provided upon receipt of flight information.

**AGENDA:** The agenda is described on the Schedule of Events Form and includes MAFCA Board Meeting, breakfast and discussions with the MAFCA Board, a workshop, seminars, Era Fashion Committee Meeting, great tours, fashion show, special ladies' swap social, hospitality and socializing to the theme of the Great Gatsby. Tours include outlet shopping, indoor mini grand prix racing, antiquing, a great Christmas show, and driving on the Texas Motor Speedway. A spectacular 20's Speakeasy Welcome Dinner is planned for the Movie Studios at Las Colinas, so get your feathers and spats together.

**REGISTRATION:** Use the Registration Form and Schedule of Events to sign up, indicating which of the various events you will be attending. Be sure to order your trailer raffle tickets, too!

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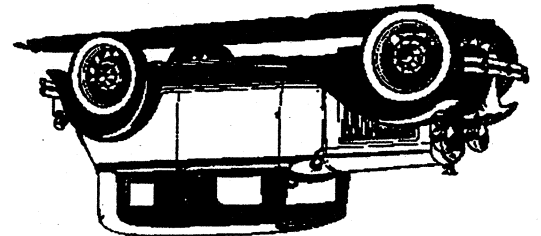
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