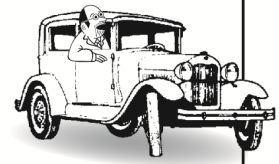
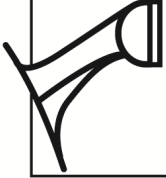


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Upcoming Club Events:

Our December 3rd meeting is our Christmas Party and will be at Wheatland Village Board Room. Dinner at 6, fellowship anytime after 5 p.m.

- Next meeting: January 7th. at Chiquilla's Mexican restaurant on 428 Ash St. starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Coffee Group- Thursdays at Don Gibbard's and meets at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted



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HERE'S WHY FORD'S FIRST PRODUCTION CAR WAS CALLED THE MODEL T

BY ALVIN REYES

Automotive pioneer Henry Ford struck gold with the Ford Model T in 1908, but the road to success wasn't smooth. Ford built his first one-cylinder gas engine in 1893 and created his first car — which was more or less just a frame mounted on borrowed bicycle wheels — in June 1896. Inspired by his creation, Ford resigned from his chief engineering position at the Edison Illuminating Company and established the Detroit Automobile Company in August 1899.

The company went bankrupt in 18 months, but Ford tried again in 1901 and launched the Henry Ford Company. However, he soon left the company and instead invested \$28,000 to start the Ford Motor Company on June 16, 1903. Ford proceeded to create vehicle prototypes from 1903 and 1907 before officially launching the Model T in 1908.



The rest, as they say, is history. The automaker sold 15 million Model Ts from 1908 to 1927 before introducing the company's second car, the Model A, in November 1927. The Model T is the genesis of modern auto building, but how did Henry Ford develop the Model T name?



Ford Model T: What's in a name?

Before the Model T became a production reality, Ford and his engineering team built around 20 prototypes before debuting the car in 1908,

naming each design after a letter of the alphabet. By the time the team had

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reached what would become the Model T, the revolutionary features they had designed worked together to make it durable, reliable, and easy to operate. The Ford Motor Company's internal naming scheme stuck, and Henry Ford agreed to the Model T production name — naming the car after the 20th letter in the alphabet.

The Model T earned a collection of nicknames since its debut — from Tin Lizzie to T Model — but what about its successor, the Model A? If the Model T was supposedly the 20th prototype, why didn't Henry Ford call his second production car the Model U instead?

As it turns out, the Model T's successor was a clean-sheet design, and Ford wanted a fresh start with the Model A. Ford sold three million Model A units by 1930, three years after its debut, and introduced the Model B in 1927 before abandoning the alphabet-based nomenclatures and debuting the Ford Model 18 and Model 40 by 1932. This, of course, would only be the beginning of the many historic and iconic Ford models produced over the following century.

Read More: <https://www.slashgear.com/1497708/ford-model-t-name-history-explained/>

Sittin' On The Running Board

Problems when you convert a model "A" to 12 volts!

By Frank Drake

The mystery of the 6-volt dropper, a device sold by some vendors. Forgive the word "dropper", but it is rather descriptive, so I'll reuse it.

It is a mistake to think of a wire wound resistor (dropper) as a magical way to shed 6-volts from a 12-volt circuit. A resistor will work for only one set of circuit conditions.

All electrical battery circuits' problems must answer one of three questions. What is?

The voltage (V), current (I) and the resistance (R). The answer must embrace $E=I \times R$, where E (volts) I (amps) and R (ohms) are interrelated.

In a Model A, you have several 6-volt light bulbs. A head light lamp and a tail light bulb. What if you wish

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to use a 12-volt dropper for all bulbs? Will one 12-volt circuit 'dropper' work regardless of which lamp is in a socket? NO is the answer!

You must know the current that a lamp or (lamps) take to correctly locate a 'dropper'.

How to calculate circuit current.

A 6-volt headlight takes 3 amps of current to light thus the dropper must drop 6-volts of the 12-volts, or the lamp will burn out. In this example, the resistor must be 2 ohms. A 6-volt drop equals 3 amps flowing thru 2 ohms. Again, $E=I \times R$ or $6 = 3 \times 2$.

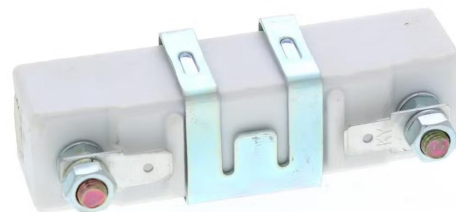
Another example. If the 6-volt taillight takes 0.3 amps of current to light, then one dropper must still drop 6-volts of the 12-volts, or the lamp will fail, as it should. In this example the resistor must be 20 ohms. A 6-volt drop equals 0.3 amps flowing thru 20 ohms. $6 = 0.3 \times 20$.

To position the device, you must inventory the total circuit load in amperes. If you wish to do this for a circuit of many lamps you will run yourself in circles, because not all lamps will be 'ON' at the same time as when brake lamps switch on and off.

Converting all bulbs to 12-volts for this example is the best solution. But you didn't get off that easy. What about the ignition? Also, there is no dropper that can handle any starter.

Finally, each element must be connected to a unique circuit under the control of a selected dropper after you have determined their current (amperes). Horns are unique.

This was one of Frank Drake's technical articles that ran in a previous edition of The Badger 'A under the header of Sittin' on the Running Board. Barrowed from the Badger A's newsletter, Official publication of the Wisconsin Region MARC, Tony Sillman, editor.



Example of a Ballast Resistor

MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Meeting called to order President Bill Geurts. There were no New members and visitors.

Officers Present: President Bill Geurts Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Kopf
 Officers Absent: Vice President Dave Wirth

Board Members Present: Nonda Gibbard, Dave Baughman, Ron Johnson,
 Board Member Absent: Steve Plucker, Jeannie Plucker - Past President

Minutes: Don Weaver moved to accept the minutes. Second Nonda Gibbard Motion Passed

Correspondence: 2025 MAFCA member renewal \$75.00.

Treasurer's Report: Debbi Bethel moved to accept the treasurer's report. Second Kellie Cowden. Motion Passed.

Third Wednesday Lunches November 20, 2024 Denny's at 11:15.

Reports: Tom Carlyle reported The Meacham Pop Up lunch tour had 6 cars with good food and weather. It was a good tour.

Clara Baughman reported on the Brookdale Pop Up show. Her friend was pleased with the turn out. The residents had a lot of questions about the cars.

Dave Kopf reported on the Hat Rock Tour and Picnic. The morning started out cloudy and cooler but the day turned into a beautiful day with great food.

Members David Sandberg from Yakima and Ernie Johnson have both passed away.

Christmas Party Val Weaver asked for help with decorating. Nonda Gibbard reported she has not received a menu from Marty Bray. The cost of the dinner is \$40.00 per person with the club paying \$10.00 each person paying \$30.00. Kelly Cowden made a motion that each member could make a donation to the Blue Mountain Humane Society. Second by Linda Carlyle and Jim Hand. Motion was accepted. Kelly Cowden also volunteered to collect and take the donations to the Blue Mountain Humane Society. Further discussion was held on a volunteer White Elephant gift exchange.

Election

President Bill Geurts Vice President Dave Wirth
 Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Kopf Director Nonda Gibbard
 Director Dave Baughman Director Steve Plucker
 Director Ron Johnson

All agreed to continue next year. There were no nominations from the floor. If you are interested in a position please contact President Bill Geurts. Barry Jenkins moved to accept the slate of officers. Elections will be held at the December 3 meeting.

Don Gibbard has agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor and Val Weaver agreed to Sunshine.

Veterans Day Parade - Watch your email for further details. Will meet at Catholic church as in years past.

State Veterans Home - Meet after the Veterans Day Parade.

Bob Freeman's 100th Birthday Celebration on 11/11/2024 at Wheatland Village at 6:00 p.m.

Coffee on Tuesday at Dave Kopf and Thursday at Don Gibbard.

Don Gibbard reported on the Regional Hub Tour for 2025. It was going to be in Grants Pass - the committee could not find a host hotel or caterer for the event. They are now looking at Astoria.

National Tour will be in Pendleton Oregon in 2026 the week of May 31, 2026.

Shop Updates:
 Tom Carlyle, Don Gibbard, Phil Hoffman, Ron Johnson, Don Weaver.

Raffle: Nonda and Don Gibbard \$21.00

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kathy Kopf - Secretary

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Scott Wolfram	Dec 9	
John Brower	Dec 12	Happy Anniversary!
Nonda Gibbard	Dec 15	
Linda Hoffman	Dec 18	Don & Nonda Gibbard
Char Lemke	Dec 29	
Debbi Bethel	Dec 30	
Karen Brower	Dec 31	



Dec 20

It's election time!

President: Bill Geurts

Vice President: Dave Wirth

**Secretary/Treasurer:
Kathy Kopf**

Directors:

⇒ **Nonda Gibbard**

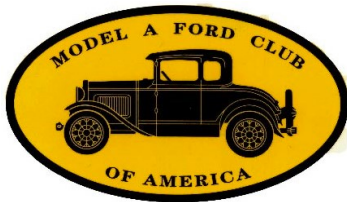
⇒ **Ron Johnson**

⇒ **Dave Baughman**

⇒ **Steve Plucker**

Remember our Dues are due and can be paid or the Treasurer. \$20 per family recurring member and \$25 for first time member.

Dues can also be mailed to Walla Walla Sweet A's at 1644 Plaza Way #225 Walla Walla, WA 99362



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President's Message

The year in the rear-view mirror.

What a year it has been. We have really stacked up the tours this year! It is exciting to report that out of all these tours, we still have not been able to give away the coveted Rubber Chicken award this year.

Our tours and lunches have taken us to Meacham, Hat Rock, Redmond, OR, Lyon's Ferry, Tollgate Dayton, Weston, Mission, OR, Prescott, Pomeroy and Lewiston/Clarkston – Just to name a few. We also participated in several car shows and local community events.

The overnight multi-day tour for the Smooth Rider Tour at the end of May took us to the Lewiston/Clarkston area and places all around, with a boat tour included. We climbed up some very slightly and steep gravel grades and enjoyed the view of the Snake River from high up Lewiston Grade.

The four-day tour to Redmond, OR for the Northwest Regional Group Meet had several hub tours to take advantage of. One such scenic drive took us through McKenzie Pass in the Oregon Cascades through a literal lava forest with some very interesting geological features.

Hat Rock was a 4-club event that was great to keep us up to date on the other clubs. We were excited that the Volcano A's from Battleground, WA joined us.

I am looking at my records and year-to-date, Debbi and I have logged about 80 miles short of 4,000 miles for the year from all the events.

We even had an engine-pull or two to keep Tom and others busy.

Now I say that we had no rubber chicken awards, but we did have a couple hiccups along the way that didn't qualify for the award. Harry Buckwalter won't let me forget that once when stopped for a few minutes to check timing, I pulled the rotor out of the distributor and put it in my pocket. After putting the distributor back together, the car wouldn't start – well it was embarrassing to reach into my pocket and find the rotor. No harm, no foul, we were on the road shortly after that.

Here's to a great year and I am looking forward to 2025

Bill Geurts