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COMING EVENTS

Monthly Meeting: Fourth Wednesday of the month at Randazzo's at 6:30 pm for dinner. Meeting at 7:15.

Future Outings:

Car Clinics: Angelo's garage on Oak Street the **third Sunday morning** of the month. We all need to learn how to repair and maintain our cars.

May 6: [Landry's](#) on Lakeshore Drive at 11:00 am. Meet at 10:00 am at *Caffe Caffe*.

May 27: [St. Francis Car Show](#) 5:30 pm. 444 Metairie Road.

June 10: [Boutte's Bayou Restaurant](#). Meet in parking lot near Academy Sports at 11:00 am.

Please check our web site for newsletters, coming events, want ads and photos: www.nolamodelas.com .

NOAs Visit Port Side Restaurant

Saturday April 8th saw seven Model As heading west on River Road to have lunch at the Port Side Restaurant. We met at Lafitte's Landing about 12:30 and arrived at the restaurant just after one. Present were Barbara & Hall Townsend, Marie & Anthony Nicolich, Ken & Pearl Falanga, Bill Pfaff, Bob Sappington, John Maiorana, Angelo Ricca and Nan & Mickey King. The restaurant was crowded and we were seated at three tables. The food was good, the service excellent and the prices reasonable.

Shown below is a photo of the seven As parked on the levee. The owners were happy to have us and came out to look at the cars before we left. For a change all the cars behaved well and there were no problems or breakdowns. It was a beautiful day and John left his top at home to enjoy the fresh air!



Little Known Facts About Model A Tires

Model As have 19" and 21" wheels. You can check this by looking at the size code printed on the side of the tire. For example: On the side wall of any tire you will find a letter and number code such as **P225/60R15** (for a modern car). The last two numbers tell you that this tire has an inside opening of 15" and therefore fits a 15-inch wheel.

The "P" means that this tire is for passenger car use; the 225 number is the full width of the tire in millimeters ($25.4 \text{ mm} = 1 \text{ inch}$). The "footprint" of this tire is about 8.86 inches wide. Forget the 60; the "R" stands for a radial tire. Too much information?

You need to keep your tires properly inflated (no, I haven't checked mine in months, but I should.) Under inflated tires will wear more on the outside edges while over inflated tires will wear more in the center of the tire. As tires age the side walls tend to dry out and crack. Old tires and tubes can leak air too. How can one check the age of a tire?

Again there are numbers on the side wall that indicate the date the tire was made. A tire could have the markings CV3KF5EC470. Just the last digits reveal the date of manufacture: 470 says that the tire was made the 47th week of the year 2000. Tires made after 2000 have four numbers, for example: 3010 which indicates the 30th week of the year 2010. Now you are an expert on the arcane markings on the side wall of your tires!

Spouting prose for the Ford Motor Company in 1928, an ad man wrote about the new commercial vehicle,
"It is a remarkably efficient unit, designed to give an unusual range of performance at economical cost."

Tradesmen by the thousands, dealing in as many different businesses, all running on four wheels powered by Model A and AA, through boom and depression, have since proven that the range of performance was indeed unusual. It has yet to end.



MODEL A and MODEL AA FORD COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

65-A	Canopy and Screens (Used with Type 78-B).....	1931	203-C	Garbage body with heavy hydraulic hoist (3 cu. yd. capacity) (Galion).....	1930-31
66-A	De Luxe Pickup.....	1931	203-D	Garbage body with heavy hydraulic hoist (3 cu. yd. capacity) (Wood).....	1930-31
76-A	Open Cab.....	1928-30	204-A	Dump body with light hydraulic hoist (1½ cu. yd. capacity) (Galion).....	1930-31
76-B	Open Cab.....	1930-31	204-B	Dump body with light hydraulic hoist (1½ cu. yd. capacity) (Wood).....	1930-31
78-A	Pickup.....	1928-31	205-A	Hi-Lift Hydraulic Coal Body (72 cu. ft.) (Wood).....	1930-31
78-B	Pickup.....	1931	206-A	Dump body with Rotary power hoist (Anthony).....	1930
79-A	"A" Panel Delivery.....	1928-30	206-B	Dump body with mechanical hoist (1½ cu. yd. capacity) (Detwiler).....	1931
79-B	"A" Panel Delivery.....	1930-31	207-B	Combined dump and coal body with high sides and end gate with chute opening and swinging partition with heavy hydraulic hoist (1½ cu. yd. capacity) (120 cu. ft. with top boards).....	1930-31
82-A	Closed Cab.....	1928-30	208-A	Dump body with heavy hydraulic hoist (1½ cu. yd. capacity) (Galion).....	1930-31
82-B	Closed Cab.....	1930-31	208-B	Dump body with heavy hydraulic hoist (1½ cu. yd. capacity) (Wood).....	1930-31
85-A	"AA" Panel Delivery.....	1928-30	210-A	"AA" Panel Delivery.....	1931
85-B	"AA" Panel Delivery.....	1930-31	225-A	"A" Panel Delivery (with drop floor).....	1930-31
88-A	Platform.....	1928-30	228-A	Stock Racks.....	1931
89-A	Express.....	1928-30	229-A	Service Car.....	1931
130-A	De Luxe Delivery.....	1928-30	236-A	Light hydraulic hoist and body understructure (Galion).....	1930-31
130-B	De Luxe Delivery (Std.).....	1930-31	236-B	Light hydraulic hoist and body understructure.....	1931
130-B	De Luxe Delivery (Drop floor).....	1930-31	237-A	Heavy hydraulic hoist and body understructure (Galion).....	1930-31
185-A	Platform (157" wheelbase).....	1930	237-B	Heavy hydraulic hoist and body understructure (Wood).....	1931
185-B	Platform (157" wheelbase).....	1931	238-A	Stock Racks (157" wheelbase).....	1931
186-A	Stake (157" wheelbase).....	1930	239-A	Meat Packers Express.....	1931
186-B	Stake (157" wheelbase).....	1931	242-A	Heavy Duty Express Body (131½" wheelbase).....	1931
187-A	Platform (131½" wheelbase).....	1931	244-A	Grain body with or without stock rack or grain side extensions (157" wheelbase).....	1931
188-A	Stake (131½" wheelbase).....	1928-30	248-A	Grain body with or without stock rack or grain side extensions (131½" wheelbase).....	1931
189-A	Stake (131½" wheelbase).....	1931	255-A	Special Delivery (Natural Wood).....	1931
195-A	Express Body (131½" wheelbase).....	1931	270-A	Funeral Service.....	1931
196-A	Canopy Top and Screens (for 195-A).....	1931	275-A	Funeral Coach.....	1931
197-A	Express Body (157" wheelbase).....	1931	280-A	Ambulance Body (with side door).....	1931
198-A	Canopy Top and Screens (for 197-A).....	1931	285-A	Police Patrol (De Luxe).....	1931
199-A	Ice Wagon.....	1931	290-A	Police Patrol (Standard).....	1931
200-A	Hand hoist dump body assembly (Anthony).....	1930	295-A	Town Car Delivery.....	1931
200-B	Dump body with hand hoist (1½ cu. yd. capacity) (Galion).....	1931	300-A	De Luxe Delivery.....	1931
201-A	Coal body with heavy hydraulic hoist and end gate with chute (less swinging partition) (75 cu. ft.) (Galion).....	1930-31	315-A	Standrive.....	1931
201-B	Coal body with heavy duty hydraulic hoist, swinging partition and end gate with chute (high end) (75 cu. ft. or 120 cu. ft. with sides) (Wood).....	1930-31	330-A	School Bus and Passenger Bus.....	1931
201-C	Coal body with heavy duty hydraulic hoist and end gate with chute (less swinging partition) (75 cu. ft.) (Wood).....	1930-31			
202-A	Gravity dump body assembly (Anthony).....	1930			
202-B	Gravity dump body (1½ cu. yd. capacity) (Wood).....	1931			
203-A	Garbage body with heavy hydraulic hoist (2 cu. yd. capacity) (Galion).....	1930-31			
203-B	Garbage body with heavy hydraulic hoist (2 cu. yd. capacity) (Wood).....	1930-31			

50 Years!

