



“Automotive Icon Now Part of Museum Collection”

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Visitors to Grey Roots Museum & Archives now have the opportunity to see up close a rare Model ‘A’ Ford Coupe automobile. The car recently arrived for display in the Grey Roots lobby.

Recently donated to the museum by Charles and Thelma Kramer of Georgian Bluffs, the fully restored 1931 Model ‘A’ Ford Coupe is an exciting addition to the museum’s permanent collection and will eventually be moved to the ‘Bluewater Garage’ in Moreston Heritage Village.

The Model ‘A’ is a two-door sports coupe, in running condition, with a 4-cylinder, 40 HP engine and three-speed manual transmission and reaches a top speed of 55 miles per hour. The burgundy coloured automobile has its original horn and exterior tin work and features a ‘rumble seat’ and luggage rack, black fenders and running boards and eye-catching white walled tires.

The Model ‘A’ was the second huge success for the Ford Motor Company, following the Model ‘T’ and was produced in plants in the US, Canada, France, Germany and the UK, from 1927 to 1931, in four standard colours, but not black. The Model ‘A’ was the first Ford to use a standard set of driver controls, with conventional clutch and brake pedals and was the first production automobile to have safety glass in the windshield.

When production ended in 1932, there were over four million Model ‘A’s’ made in all styles, including the Coupe, Business Coupe, Sport Coupe, Roadster Coupe, Convertible Cabriolet, Sedan, Phaeton, Tudor, Town Car, Fordor, Station Wagon, Taxicab, Truck and Commercial.

For a complete view of the current and future exhibits and events, visit <http://www.greyroots.com/exhibitions/> and <http://www.greyroots.com/programs-events/events/>

About Grey Roots Museum & Archives:

Grey Roots Museum & Archives has grown and developed into a unique facility from the County Museum's beginning in 1955 and the later establishment of a County Archives in 2000 in order to promote and preserve the heritage of Grey County. With the consolidation of the Grey County Museum, Grey County Archives, and Tourism in 2004, Grey Roots has become a multi-faceted attraction. Innovative and informative interpretive programs and demonstrations, rotating exhibits, a heritage village, archival resources and superior customer service come together to create an exciting and educational visitor experience.

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