

1909 Ford Model R



Show this to your friends,
children and/or grandchildren
THE YEAR 1909
This will boggle your mind,
I know it did mine!
The year is 1909.
One hundred years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1909 :

The average life expectancy was 47 years.
Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.
Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles
of paved roads.
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10
mph.
The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel
Tower!
The average wage in 1909 was 22 cents per
hour.
The average worker made between \$200 and
\$400 per year ..
A competent accountant could expect to earn
\$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year,
a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000
per year, and a mechanical engineer
about \$5,000 per year.
More than 95 percent of all births took place at
HOME .
Ninety percent of all doctors had *NO*
COLLEGE EDUCATION!
Instead, they attended so-called medical
schools, many of which were condemned
in the press AND the government as
'substandard. '
Sugar cost four cents a pound.
Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a
month, and used Borax or egg yolks for
shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor
people from entering into their country for
any reason.

Five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars....

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was
only 30!!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea
Hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or
write and only 6 percent of all Americans
had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all
available over the counter at the local
corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists
said, '*Heroin clears the complexion, gives
buoyancy to the mind, regulates the
stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a
perfect guardian of health*' (Shocking?
DUH!)

Eighteen percent of households had at least
one full-time servant or domestic help..

There were about 230 reported murders in the
ENTIRE ! U.S.A.!

Plus one more sad thought; 95 percent of the
taxes we have now did not exist in 1909

Try to imagine what it may be like in another
100 years.

IT STAGGERS THE MIND