



# The Scuttlebutt

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## 'A' Note from the President

I have been very busy this month with spring planting and working every day. I was able to get the 'A' out several days and drive it to school. My wife and I went for a Sunday drive and we used 2 tanks of gas going nowhere. It was very enjoyable as the day was beautiful, The 'A' drove nicely and I had very enjoyable company.

Please make plans to go with us on the trip to Don Minks next month for the evening. if anyone would like to ride with Virgil and me, please call 614 -879-5716 so we can make arrangements.

The trip to Dogwood Pass sounds like a fun filled day. I hope everyone can make it, even me. If I get my hay baled. Rosann will spend that time at 4-H camp as Dean of Girls so I will be alone unless I have to babysit Grandkids.

Hope to see everyone on the road.

*Monroe*



**Date: June 7, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Place: Home of Don Mink, 2147 Jackson Pike, (Rt 35) Gallipolis/Bidwell Ohio**

**Activity Tech Meeting and BBQ**

**Directions to Don and Marjorie Mink:** South on Rt 23 South to Rt 35 to Rio Grande. Exit at Rio Grand. McDonald's on corner. Continue to Jackson Pike. When you arrive, there is a car lot in front on road, turn right. If lost dial cell 740-645-5256 or home 740-446-2545.

We drive modern as it is quite a distance and we get home late. We do not go down as a group or convoy, although sometimes carpools will meet near south Columbus. If interested, contact others who live in the same general section of the city.

**Time:** It usually takes about two hours to get there, so leave Columbus around **4:15 or 4:30.**

**Date: Saturday June 10, 2017**

**Leave: Bob Evans South High Street**

**Time: Departing 9:15 AM**

**Activity: Tour Dogwood Pass in Waverly.** Richard and Rita Baker hosts.

We will be meeting up with the Southern 'A's. This town started as a guy's "man cave" and kept growing until it became a town, complete with reenactors. The days event is an Indian Raid. There is food at Dogwood for those that wish to eat there. There are several restaurants in Waverly that we can stop at on the way home. We can decide what the group wants to do at that time.

The cost to enter Dogwood is \$ 10.00 per person.

<http://southeastohiomagazine.com/2016/04/13/pike-countys-dogwood-pass-is-more-than-just-a-hobby-for-owners/>



**Date: Monday June 19, 2017**

**Activity: National Church Residences car show. 3341 E. Livingston Ave.**

**Time: 10:30 AM**

Our club has participated in this activity for several years. We have displayed our cars at their senior citizen residence. After the show, we go to TAT for lunch. You may bring another antique car besides your 'A' if you desire.

We have also been invited to participate in displaying our cars at the other National Church Residence on **Tuesday June 27. 10:30 AM. 1700 Dublin-Granville Rd.** Again, we will eat afterwards at a nearby restaurant..

See if you can make one or the other.

# 2017 Calendar

## June

June 3 FBC Grove City Car Show, 3301 Orders Rd. Registration begins 9:00 AM \$10.  
Questions call Dave Berna 614-991-0205 Firstgc.org

## July

5 Tech Meeting/dinner York Steak House 4220 W. Broad St. (Steve and Jaci Rohner)  
13-15 Dublin Arthritis Car Show call 614-503-5597 or  
<https://arthglr.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/AutoShow2017/tabid/802933/Default.aspx>  
**This is not a club event this year, but you can sign up.**  
20,21 Silent Movie—***The Freshman*** with Harold Lloyd, Ohio Theatre. Attend one or both nights.  
22 Tour to Malabar Farms Mansfield (Dan and Kathy Bickley)

## August

2 Annual Club Auction at Central Ohio Fire Museum  
5 Go-Kart Races, Commercial Point (Steve Rohner leading)  
12 Marysville Charity Car Show presented by Honda Marysville, 640 Coleman's Crossing,  
Marysville, Ohio 8 AM to 3 PM.  
19 Tour--Carillion Park, Dayton (John Baker)  
26 Performance Classic Car Show presented by Performance Chrysler Jeep, Delaware, Ohio.

## September

8-10 Old Car Festival—Dearborn  
13 Tech Meeting TBA  
17 Driving Tour Don Minks Farm Bean Dinner

## October

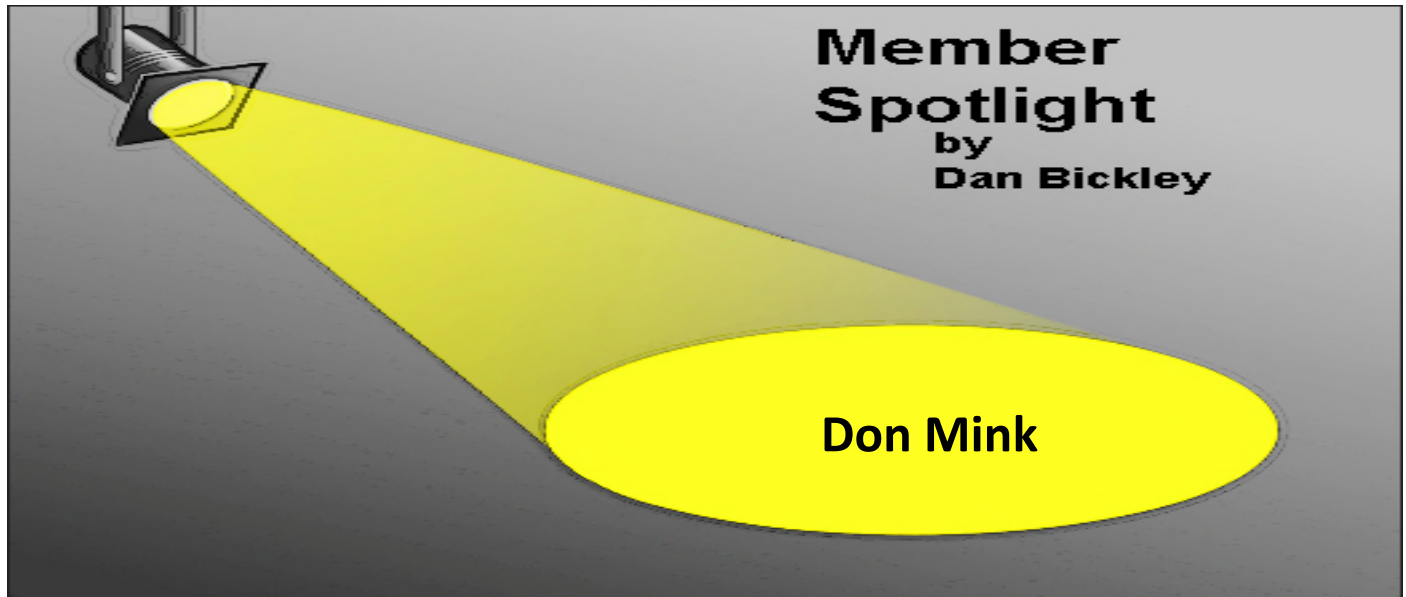
5-8 Hershey Meet  
11 Tech Meeting--Hilliard Historical Park Hosts: Harry and Nita Spieker  
21 Tour Covered bridges of Fairfield County: Richard and Rita Baker

## November

1 Club Dinner and Election of Officers—Pizza Cottage Pickerington  
9 Veterans Parade, Columbus  
18 Tour Ohio History Center at State Fair Grounds (Rohner)

## December

2 Christmas Party-- Spaghetti Warehouse, Columbus 1:00 PM



The Scioto Model A Ford Club spotlight for June is shining on Don Mink. Don and Marjorie will be celebrating their 59th anniversary this year. They raised two boys and have two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Don was born and raised on the farm. He served in the US Army in 1951 and 1952. His specialty was Army Ordinance, where he learned body and fender work. Don's service included one year in Korea during that conflict.

Upon discharge, Don owned and ran a body shop for 10 years. Following that venture, Don has been in the auto business ever since. When asked how many collectible cars he has owned over the years, Don replied that he has bought and sold "a bunch". Currently, Don owns 20 collectible motor vehicles dating from 1925 through 1970.

Don founded the Southern A's with Dr. Whitley in 2000, and is an active member. Talk about a busy guy, Don also belongs to the Scioto Model A Ford Club, The American Legion and VFW as well as serving as a Shriner and a Mason. In his "spare time," he enjoys farming on the side!

Don and the Southern A's host a dual club meeting with our group every June, as well as hosting the Bean Dinner each fall. Many thanks, Don for your dedication to Henry's Lady as well as your service to our country.



# Does your horn sound like a dying sheep?

## Or a Model 'A'

### How the horn works and how to fix it. (From Jim Diehl, Model 'A' horn repairer)

Adjustment of the adjusting screw moves the ratchet closer to the stud on the diaphragm. The stud turns the ratchet to move the diaphragm and gives the horn its distinctive sound. When you press the horn button it completes the electrical circuit of the horn to ground. **The horn requires the full 6 volts to function. (Even 0.5 ohms can cause a loss of 2 volts to the horn and thus a loss of power).** For proper operation of the horn all connections must be good, any marginal connections are not acceptable

#### Check power to horn.

There are two wires connected to the horn. Disconnect them to check for the hot one.

##### Test the horn

- Remove the two wires from the horn. One of them will have battery voltage on it. The other will not - it is the non-charged one that goes to the horn button.
- Place a piece of tape on both wires.
- Using two jumper wires connect the two horn terminals directly to the battery and see how it sounds. The horn gets grounded when you press the horn button.
- To test reconnect the hot wire to the horn, and then connect a jumper wire to the other terminal.
- Touch the other end of the jumper wire to ground (engine head nut or some unpainted chassis part) and the horn will sound. **Should go Ah-Oo-Gah.** (Three notes.)
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Make sure the light switch connections at the base of the steering column, are clean and free of grease and oil. You can clean them with a spray can of brake parts cleaner, available at all the auto parts stores. Be careful not to get in in your eyes. Disconnect the battery prior to use and let everything dry for 15 minutes after using. You'd be surprised at the difference in sound just cleaning the body and bale makes.

If you can now adjust it to get the AHOOGAH, then the problem lies in the horn button. If you can't get it going with the jumper wire, the next step would be to check the brushes and springs. Then go ahead with the new brushes.

#### If the Horn button is bad

One of the most frequently overlooked problems with a horn performing improperly is the horn button and its connection to ground. The button is in the light switch rod which is movable within the steering column, thus you have a less than perfect grounding for the horn circuit. When you press the horn button it completes the electrical circuit of the horn to ground. Some resistance in this ground circuit will not allow full power to the horn.

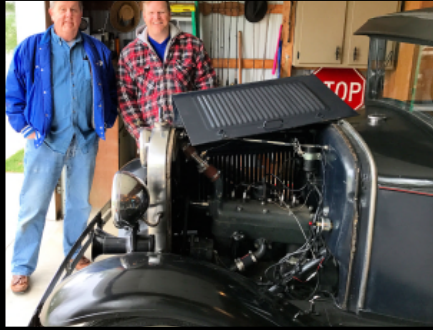
There is not an otherwise good check on the horn button. An ohmmeter test is not reliable because the typical meter is not readable or accurate at the small resistances involved.

If the horn still malfunctions, check the **solder joint** under the horn button, at the top of the horn rod. There is only one wire. The solder joint must be good, not frosted. Its best to resolder with a hot soldering iron. **This will take lots of heat to get a good connection. Be sure to use a little solder flux, rosin type, no acid type.**

These steps should bring your horn back to it's trademark sound. ***Ahoogah!***



# Spring Tune-up Time



**A**nother successful Spring Tune-up. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not agree with the idea of a “shakedown tour” which had to be cut short due to the rain.



## From the May Technical Meeting

Richard Baker shows off our new “rubber chicken” to be awarded to the individual with the most problems on a tour. The chicken will remain with the “winner” until another member has a “rough” tour.



Since Ellis Kauffman’s ‘A’ was the project for the tech meeting, it was deemed he should become the recipient of the first “Rubber Chicken” Award.

# May tour to Cottrill Studio



In spite of dark skies and ominous radar maps, the drive to Zanesville to see the sculptures of Alan Cottrill proved to remain dry.

Since John Baker's car had problems before we left, does it mean he gets the rubber chicken?



MARC recognized our 50 years of being a region.

**Lots of June Birthdays.  
Many more Happy Birth-  
days to:**

1 Dan Bickley  
3 Tim Teegardin  
4 Karen Szakelyhidi  
12 Virgil Gilmerr  
17 Clark Garn  
22 Lloyd Moore  
25 Kevin McAllister  
25 Beth Sweeney  
29 Don Rader








### Looking for this car

A 1931 Rumble Seat Coupe Tan (maybe light Yellow) sold around June 1982 to Larry & Mary Miller, possibly from around Marion Ohio. Car was sold by Paul Zemba. His son Scott would like to find the car.

If anyone has any info , E-mail ,or call Jack Pletcher @ [740-274-1663](tel:740-274-1663).



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