



# The Scuttlebutt

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## "A" note from the president:

Happy New Year Everybody!

It's hard to believe that a new year is upon us already. But as we all know, a new year means Tech Meets, Tune-Ups, Tours and family fun for everyone. Having just completed our first officer's meeting for 2014, I'm happy to report that this coming year's goals will encompass recruiting new members, emphasizing activities for the ladies and scheduling several unique and diverse tours designed for every taste.

I'll be covering these goals at our January 8th Tech Meeting at Rick's Ford Garage. Our tech topic at this meeting will involve the removal and reinstallation of the Model A gas tank. Please note that all Tech Meets in 2014 will begin at 7:00 PM.

I'm honored and proud to serve as your president in 2014. Feel free to email or call me with any ideas, suggestions or concerns you may have throughout the year. This is your club and your input is vitally important to our club's success.

Let's work together to insure that 2014 is a fun, prosperous and dynamic year for each and every club member.

Dan



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## President's Page – Part II



The 2014 officers held a meeting on Tuesday, December 17, to cover objectives and programs for the upcoming year. Major items discussed and/or finalized include the following:

1. A decision was reached to recruit a minimum of 8 new members over the course of 2014. Methods to recruit include production and distribution to membership of the tri-fold brochure developed by Daric which can be used at car shows, the Arthritis Show, swap meets and any other venue where current members can reach out to potential new members. Chip Stout is going to work on a period type stand for the display of recruiting materials. Any member who successfully recruits a new member will be awarded 10 Scuttlebucks.
2. Club communications were discussed in detail. Daric will keep the calendar updated on a regular basis to insure accuracy of information and dates. Dan will author a separate communication to all club membership highlighting major events with details by the end of January.
3. Jaci and Karen are going to plan a Lady's Only event for a future date in the first half of 2014.
4. Chip is beginning to work on the 2014 Christmas Party. There will be a format change this coming year. We are going to try a buffet style luncheon beginning at 1:00 PM on a Sunday in early December. This will keep participant costs down and hopefully ensure higher attendance.
5. In terms of nametags, Rick has secured permission from the Ford Motor Company to utilize the 1928 - 1931 Ford logo on the new nametag. Ellis' granddaughter is an artist and is going to submit 4 different renditions of the nametag to the officer's group. One rendition will be approved by the officer group and Rick will begin to have the nametags produced. Note: If you wear one of the older style nametags, you will not have to get the newest style.
6. The 50/50 drawing will be resurrected at Tech Meetings in 2014. We all look forward to John Duncan overseeing the 50/50 drawings again this coming year.
7. Rick will continue to act as liaison with our website architect to ensure the website continues to be updated and current.
8. It was decided by the group that there will be one auction this year as in past years.



## Events for January 2014

**WHAT:** Tech Meet

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 8th

**WHERE :** Rick's Warehouse (259 E. Tompkins St., Columbus)

**TIME:** 7:00PM – 8:30PM

**DETAILS:** How to remove the gas tank from the Model "A" Ford – we hope!!!



**WHAT:** Custom Coach / Farber Specialty Vehicles Tour – Points Event

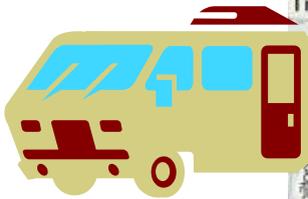
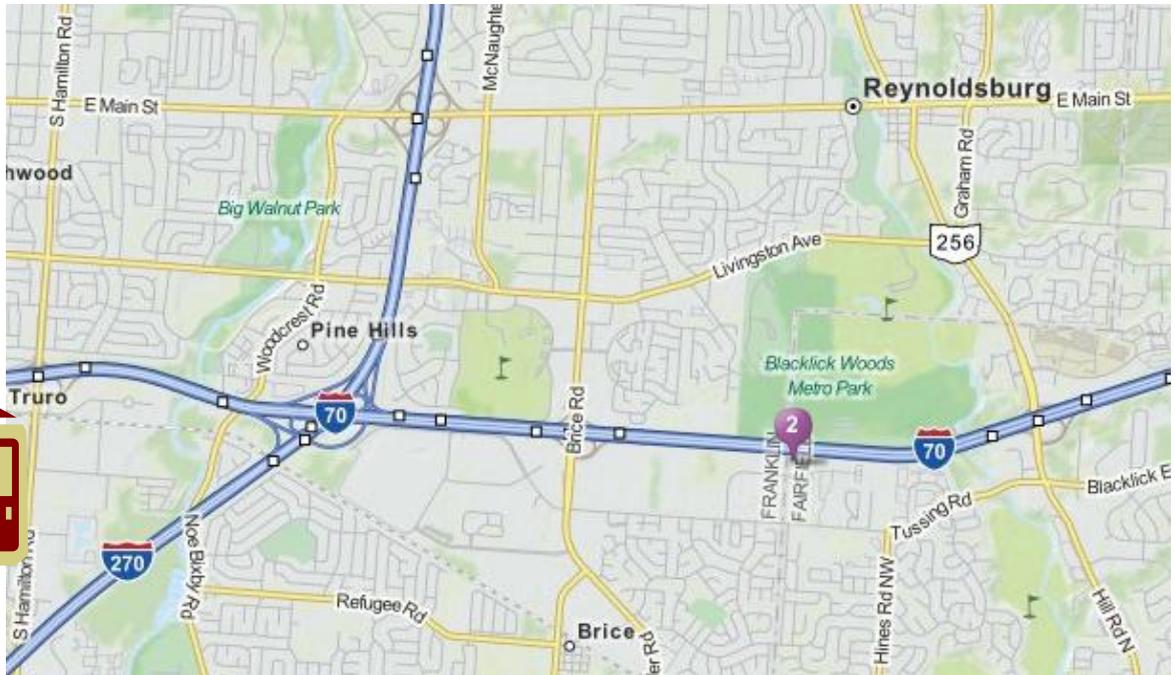
**WHEN:** Friday, January 17th

**WHERE:** 7052 Americana Pkwy., Columbus

**TIME:** Tour starts at 10:00AM

**DETAILS:** **Yes the tour is Friday** – YES the date is correct!! Custom Coach / Farber Specialty Vehicles has offered to provide us a tour of their custom vehicle manufacturing facility on the East side of Columbus. They started their business in a small auto garage in Columbus, Ohio in 1955 and in 2003 moved to their current 50,000 sq. ft. facility and employ 120 people.

They build new vehicles as well as renovate and remodel used buses. ALL are welcomed!



## Events for February 2014

**WHAT:** Club Dinner

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 5th

**WHERE :** Kissho Asian Bistro and Sushi Bar (6823 E. Broad St., Columbus)

**TIME:** 6:30PM – 8:00PM

**DETAILS:** Our club dinners have returned again for 2014 and take us to the East side for Chinese. I hope to see many of you there. We will have a club dinner again in April and we are always looking for suggestions. If you know of a great "Non Chain" restaurant that can handle a group of our size please make the suggestion and we'll see what we can do.



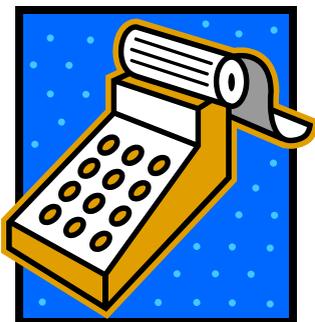
CHRISTMAS PARTY



## *Points and/or Scuttlebucks - Which is which - and why?*

Over the many years the Scioto Model A Ford Club has been around – since 1958 – there have been many ways to record, and reward those members who went the “extra step” and for those who were content to attend meetings only. Since my name is Ricky, I was told (as the old I Love Lucy show said) I have some “*splainin to do*”. Here goes:

**POINTS:** When a member attends a designated “point event”, such as a Tech meeting or family outing, they are awarded a “point”. Whether they are married, or happy, the family gets only one point for each of these no matter how many attend. Since most months have two such “point events” there is usually a total of 24 for the year. When a member accumulates the magic number of 16 points, they are given a one only credit of \$25 towards their Christmas dinner . While a record is kept if you drive your Model “A” or other antique car, those are not counted as points for the Christmas dinner. Now you know why Ellis is always asking if you signed in, and you thought the only reason we had you sign the sheet when you came to a meeting was so we could forge checks!!



**SCUTTLEBUCKS:** In an effort to “reward” those individuals that go above and beyond just attending meetings, it was decided that members who host an event (provide a place), plan a tour/event, provide refreshments at an event, and/or provide/teach the tech subject would be given a “Scuttlebuck” or \$5 script money. As there are usually four possible “Scuttlebuck” payments in a month the club would only be out \$20, and it would encourage other members to step up and offer their services, house, garage, or talents to benefit the Club. Of course, the club would pay for the food, pop, or expense if a receipt was produced. The “Scuttlebuck” was for their efforts and after a million years or so, should provide a nice retirement.



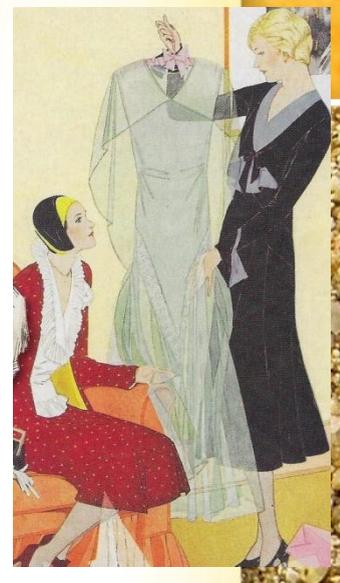
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These are two separate methods the Club uses, and one does not affect the other. Scuttlebucks may be used to help pay for club merchandise, dues, or the Christmas party even if they earned the \$25 “point” money. In addition, the President has the power to bestow any additional Scuttlebucks as he sees fit to a deserving member for something spectacular – like doing the Newsletter (hint).

## *Scioto Society Page – The Model A Ford Club Women's Page*

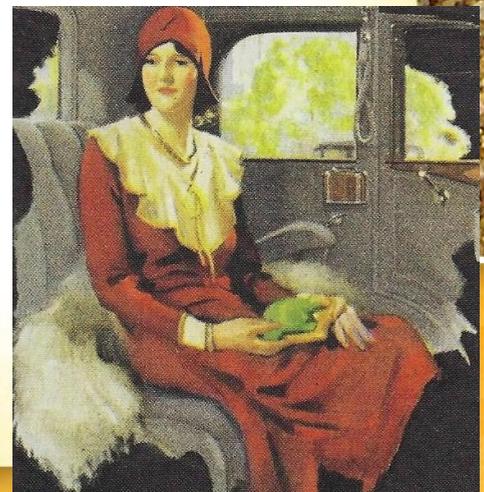
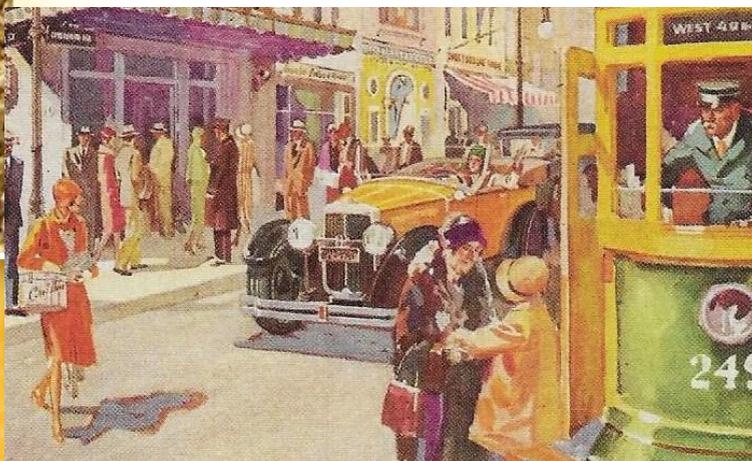


Ladies of the Club:  
Here is your page to have your say (not that you haven't) for things you may wish to do for the Club. Fashion? Events? Afternoon Tea? Driving tests???? Yes, let's hear from you. Contact Rick, Jaci Rohner, or Karen Szakelyhidi for info. There is already some buzz about this, so speak up and let us know what interests you.



### **Dues are Due**

**Ladies, please remind your spouse that Scioto Model "A" Ford Club dues are due. \$25.00 for a years worth of fun is a pretty good bargain – and they are payable to our first ever lady Treasurer!! Please make your check out to "The Scioto Model A Ford Club" and send it in to Jaci Rohner 7083 State Route 142 SE, West Jefferson, OH 43162-9665.**



# California or Bust – Rick Lindner’s ‘29 Roadster trip to LA in 1976

I am planning on doing this page as a tribute to a different member each month, however, there was not enough time to gather the information I needed. Instead you will have to view some pics I took when I drove my 1929 Ford Roadster to LA for a California Model A Convention in 1976 – the year after I returned from the Navy. I drove out alone, took 3 weeks..



Sleeping accommodations – one Navy blanket and one Army cot.



The day I left at a rest stop on I-70



At my Navy buddies house in New Mexico



We decided to take the Ford out into the desert



Not a good idea, as I got hopelessly stuck in the soft dirt. Finally, hours later I let the air out of the back tires and stuffed sagebrush under the wheels. She got us out on the road again!!!



On to California, the convention, a side trip to Mexico, and back home to Ohio



# Rick's Ramblings

Dear Columbus Dispatch,

December 23, 2013

I feel compelled to add some thought into Lane Filler's December 21 column about Henry Ford concerning paying his workers the \$5 a day wage – which will have its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 12, 2014.

While it is true the turnover was great at Ford due to the inauguration of the moving assembly line in 1913, the \$5 a day wage was not Henry Ford's idea and it had nothing to do with paying them enough to buy a Model "T" – that was a benefit later on – and the start of middle class America.

James Couzens, Ford Vice President, Treasurer, and spokesman read a "socialist" magazine "letter to the editor" column in late 1913, where a reader had asked if the magazine felt that the workers of the world should have better pay and conditions – why the editor didn't raise his employees pay. The editors answer was that one company could not change things and that ALL had to. Couzens thought this answer was "asinine" and felt he could change Ford Motor policy, but first he had to convince Henry Ford himself. Remember, in 1914 Henry did not own the Ford Motor Company completely and still had stockholders.

Working conditions were terrible all over the world, with 35,000 killed and over 700,000 injured in 1913 – and some skilled laborers making only fifteen cents an hour. Henry opposed an increase at first, but when shown some production figures for the Model "T" that showed:

34,000 built in 1911                      78,000 built in 1912 and  
168,000 built in 1913;

the possibility of building one million cars by 1920 convinced Mr. Ford to go along. At first \$3.50, then \$4.00, but Couzens would not back down until Mr. Ford agreed to \$5.00 a day – AND reducing the work day from nine to eight hours – thereby enabling the factory to run 24 hours a day. This included the person who swept the floor as well as those who built the Ford car, Ford skilled workers were raised to \$6 or \$7 a day – and black workers received the same pay as white. It was Ford Motor that changed the normal six day work week to five in 1922, but that's another story.

No business up to this time had ever shown how important their employees were, and while Henry Ford would always be associated with the Model "T", this took him to "rock star" levels as the publicity made front page news around the world. The workers had to remain on the job for one year to qualify, and \$10 million of profits went to them the following January.

James Couzens left Ford Motor and later became Mayor of Detroit. One of his work/relief programs was used by President Roosevelt for his "New Deal". Henry Ford had a knack for recognizing talent, and had other thoughts (some popular and some not) such as believing smoking and drinking were not good for a person, and also encouraged running for exercise – still challenging anyone to 100 yard dashes when he was 75 years old.

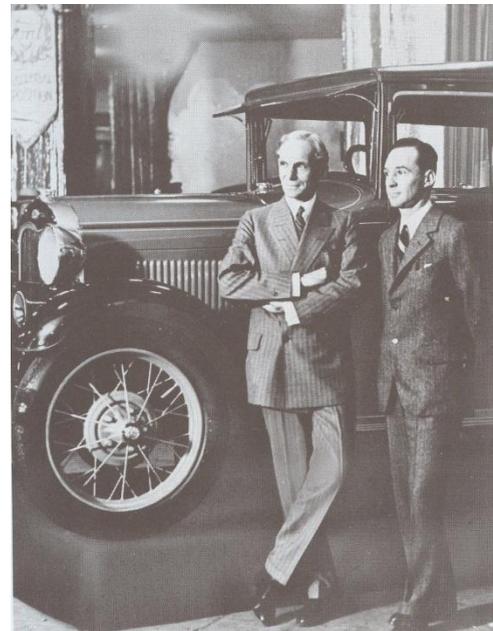
## 'GOLD RUSH' IS STARTED BY FORD'S \$5 OFFER

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No Employee to Receive Less Than Five Dollars a Day.

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Henry Ford in an interview to—



A PROUD FATHER AND SON

# Items For Sale or Trade or Wanted

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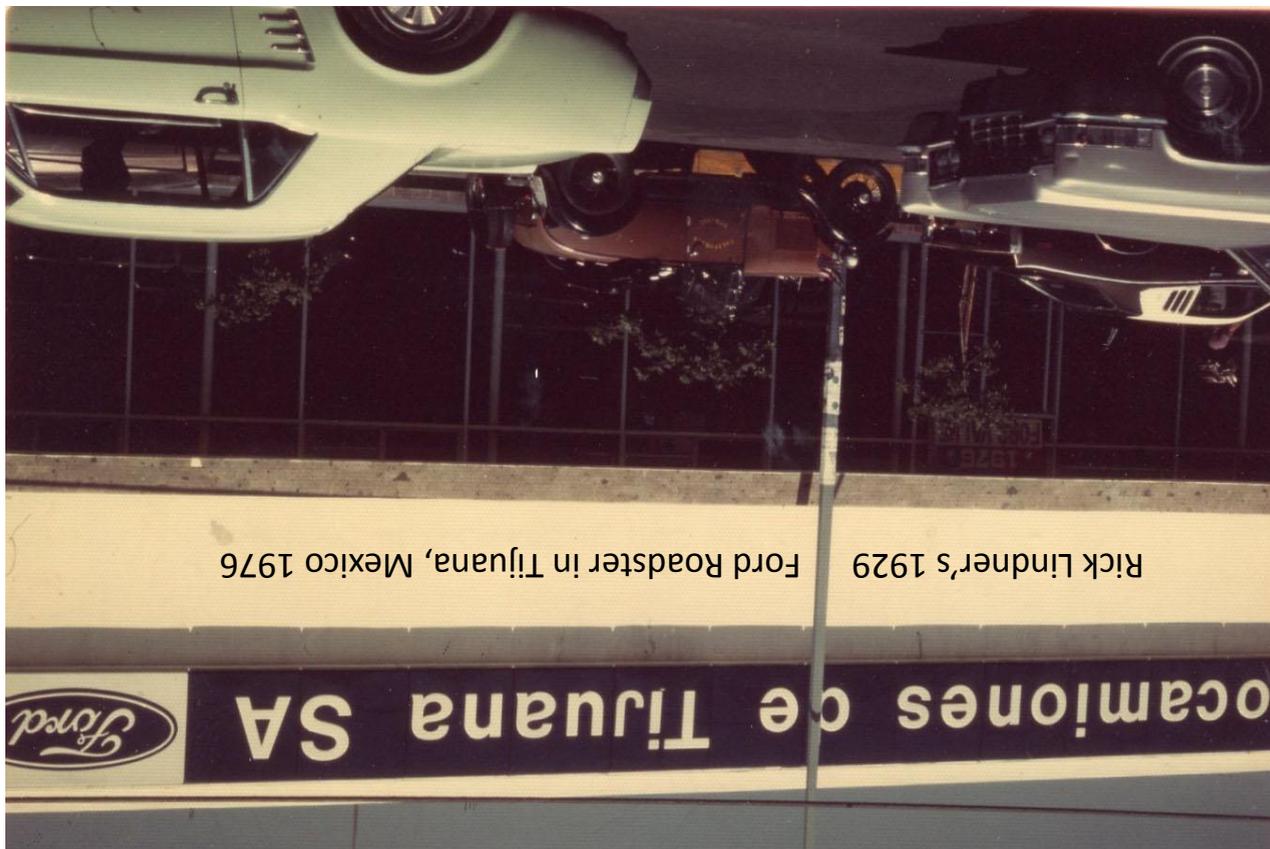
## 2014 Club Roster

Shirley Doherty is currently working on the 2014 roster. Please contact Shirley with any changes: name, phone number (cell or home), e-mail address, street address, etc.

**ALSO....** Please contact Shirley with your vehicle information so she can include member's cars in the 2014 roster.

Shirley (614) 863-5715 or  
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