



The Scuttlebutt

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Hello all,

I'm hoping your old car preparations are well underway, the weather is teasing us with great Model A days, just to remind us that our touring season is just about here. If you missed the spring tune up days don't forget that our club has a wealth of experience to tap for those gremlins that lurk in our old rides. Part of the reason they exist is to bring our members together for the sharing of what may work so we can cement friendships and give us an excuse to exchanging ideas, cars or otherwise.

Our May tech meet will be at Dan Bickley's with folks from Arrow Radiator in Hilliard. They are a great local resource for radiator and gas tank repair and replacement, as well as maintenance and troubleshooting info.

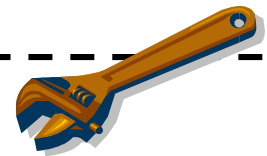
A couple more events just because; on 5/2 Buckeye Vintage Haulers, a local truck club has a show in Newark, at Superduty Truck Parts Rt 13 north of 21st St, and on 5/3 a fire truck pump in is 9am to 3 pm at Griggs Dam in Columbus by the local antique fire truck club. Both will welcome our cars in the neighborhood.

Please welcome Richard and Pat Liston and Richard and Lynne Ferguson aboard as our newest members. Thanks to Steve and Jaci Rohner for the introduction to the Fergusons.

See you soon

Chip Stout

Tech Meeting



Date: May 6, 2015.

Time: 7:PM

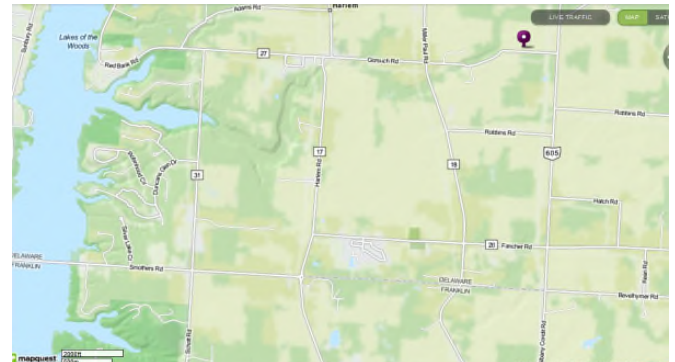
Place: Dan Bickley's House 12805 Gorsuch Rd. Galena

Topic: Aarrow Radiators will talk about gas tank repair and review radiator maintenance. **Bring your own chair.**

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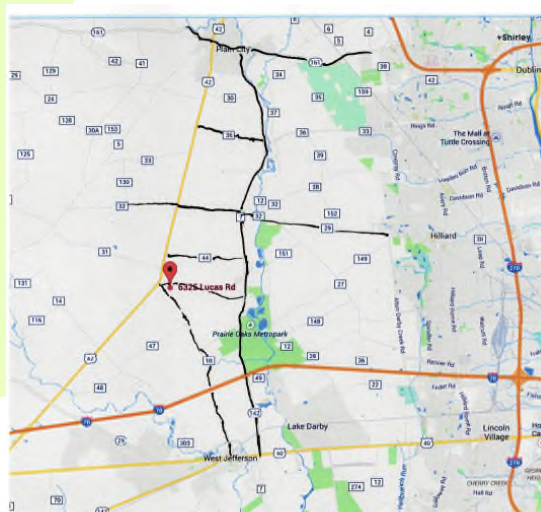


Date: Saturday May 16, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM departure from Harbage Home 6325 Lucas Pike NE, Plain City, Ohio.



Details: Drive to New Bremen and tour the Bicycle Museum. Followed by lunch at the Airport Cafe in Urbana. After lunch, travel to West Liberty and have a guided tour of Marie's Candies. If your sweet tooth hasn't been satisfied yet, then we're off to the Ice Cream shop in West Liberty.



2015 Calendar

June 3..... Tech Meeting at Don Mink's, Bidwell, OH
June 22-26.... MARC National Meet Niagara Falls, Canada.

July 1..... Tech Meeting at Columbus International Airport Fire Department
July 4.....Ariel-Foundation Park Grand Opening , 10 Pittsburg Ave. Mt. Vernon, OH, 11PM to dark.
show for Pre WWII original or restored to original cars. Big Band Music and fireworks.
July 9-11..... Dublin Arthritis Show
July 19 or 26...Statehouse Tour

August 5..... Auction/Tech Meeting at the Firehouse.
August 8..... Go-Kart Races
August 13/14...Old time movie series at Ohio Theatre.
August 15.... Marysville Charity Car Show at Honda, Marysville
August 23..... Driving tour to Bear's Mill (Greenville).

September 2.... Tech Meeting at Steve and Jaci Rohner's
September 7...Pickerington Bicentennial Parade and Labor Day Picnic at Doherty's
September 10 - 14....Driving tour to Old Car Festival at The Henry Ford, Dearborn.
September 20... Driving Tour to Bean Dinner at Don Mink's Farm
September 26... .International Model A Day Picnic.

October 7..... Tech Meeting at Dan and Kathy Bickley's.
October 17..... .Bob McDorman's Corvette Collection and Barbershop Museum. Lunch

November 4.....Club Dinner
November 6.....Veteran's Parade.



Worthington Memorial Day Parade for 2015, Join with the Szakelyhidi's
and honor our veterans by signing up via the web at www.alohio239.org/memorialday

Welcome New Members

We look forward to seeing new members at our upcoming events.
Richard and Pat Liston 1930 Tudor Sedan.
Richard and Lynne Ferguson 1930 Tudor Sedan

Member Spotlight

Rex Wilkes

By Dan Bickley

May's spotlight is shining on long time member Rex Wilkes, who has a total of 17 years with the Scioto Model A Club. Rex and Janet have been married 56 years and share their home with two spoiled miniature dachshunds. Rex is a graduate of Linden McKinley High School and pursued his under graduate studies at The Ohio State University.

Over the years, Rex has owned numerous antique cars. He has restored 3 Model A Roadsters, and a Model A Coupe as well as five 1940 Ford Convertibles. Rex and Janet are currently the proud owners of a 1956 Crown Victoria and a 1931 Model A Coupe.



The bulk of Rex's career has been spent in the area of mechanics. He began his career as a mechanic at North American Aviation, moving on to Industrial Nucleonics. (Accuray). From there, Rex moved to Winders Chevrolet and then to Maxton Chevrolet where he worked as Assistant to the President. Following his position at Maxton, Rex became a Claims Manager for the Dealers Alliance Corporation for 17 years. ***All of those years working for Chevrolet and not a one in the barn.!***

On top of all this experience, Rex found the time to become a General Motors Master Mechanic specializing in Corvairs and Corvettes. He has also served as National Treasurer for MARC and a stint as MARC Regional Director.



Hats off to you Rex! Your experience and knowledge make you a valuable member of our Club as well as a great "go to" person for mechanical advice. Thanks for being a big part of the success of the Scioto Model A Ford Club.

OK REX! Who are your "dapper" friends?

We've been busy.

Thirty-one members attended the April dinner at Smokey Bones in Polaris. It was good to see members Paul and Faith Walzak and Jim and Becky Zimmer. They have been absent too long.

Dinner was good, and friends are always a great occasion.

Six cars and 14 people attended the Spring Dust-off event. We had a tour of The Works in Newark. This year they have featured a special history event on WWI, with some very interesting artifacts. Upstairs in the building they house a section on communication over the years which includes early TV's and phones. The first "cell phone" weighed 40 pounds and was carried in a brief case which was mostly batteries. Early manufacturing in Newark was also covered. At one time, Newark had a big railroad roundhouse and many companies opened here because of the ease of transportation.



If you haven't been there before, you should consider a visit. It is also a great place to visit with your kids and grand-kids, as there is much interactive activity.

Lunch was at Pappy's Grill in Heath, followed by an ice cream stop at Clays Café for those who couldn't pass up the sweets.

You missed a great time.



Fun Staff

Periodically, I'll have a Scuttlebutt column dedicated to the Helpful--Wild--and Wacky means of repairing cars. You may just learn something, or you may have a good laugh. Some of the ideas are great-----some are outright dangerous and I don't recommend trying them at home.

But first you need a little history.

How Did You Maintain your Car in "Days of Yore"?

For the early car owner, there were no auto repair businesses. If the owner himself could not maintain his vehicle, he would seek out a bicycle mechanic, machinist, plumber or blacksmith to repair or fabricate parts.

Wealthier car owners employed chauffeur/mechanics as servants who would drive and maintain their vehicles. These employees were much more independent than the carriage drivers and footmen they replaced. They used their specialized knowledge to gain better pay and privileges from their employers.

By the twenties, motorized vehicles were more common. Ford's began mass production and manufacturers started using standard interchangeable parts. A budding industry in vehicle repair began. Some were independent companies or service shops, while others were dealerships for a specific automotive maker. Mechanics were paid by the hour or day, and repairs were billed for the actual time taken. Repair shops with good mechanics had a big advantage as repairs were quicker and therefore cheaper. Even within the same shop, which mechanic was assigned to a job could make a big difference in the cost. In an effort to stabilize the market, standard times for set repair jobs started to be used for billing.

My Father's job at the Ford garage was as a "tester". He was a master mechanic whose task was to talk to the customer, drive the car and then tell the mechanic what to repair. He told me that, rather than paying a guaranteed daily wage, many employers split any labor charges 50% / 50% with their mechanics. Mechanics might spend their time sitting on benches, waiting and hoping for work. If the customer brought the car back because it was not repaired properly, the mechanic had to repair it again--without pay.

Many automobile owners learned to make their own repairs. Remember, they didn't have a Snyder's to call for parts, and many of the specialized tools weren't readily available either. So, what would you do? You turned to the "Do it yourself" books, written under titles such as Short cuts in Auto Repairing, and Auto Kinks. I have had fun reading these books over the years. I'll be using these as a reference. Watch for your next Scuttlebutt and maybe you'll learn something different.

First Tip

To determine the firing order of cylinders before removing the head, and when you do not wish to go to the trouble of watching the valve action: Remove all the spark plugs and put corks in their places. Turn the motor over slowly by hand and the corks will pop out of the spark plug holes one by one in the firing order.

From Auto Kinks: The "Do-it-Yourself" Books, Popular Science Publishing Co., New York, 1934 pg. 14.



Brag about driving your A!

The National Model A Restorers Club (MARC) has a Driving Awards program to recognize the miles driven by Model A Ford cars owned by the members

To participate, the car must be registered in the program by the owner and a fee of \$1 paid. Odometer readings are reported to the National MARC Driving Awards chairman at the end of each calendar year by the Scioto A's representative. A radiator plaque is awarded at the completion of 2000 miles, and a replacement mileage tab is awarded at 5000 miles and at each 5000 miles thereafter.

The program is only for MARC members in good standing.

Do you belong to the Driving Awards Program? If you wish to participate, talk to Ellis Kauffman who sends all the mileage to MARC.

Announcements

Tim and Maggie Teegartin have moved to the sunny south. Their new address is 410 NE 5th St, Williston, FL 32696-1843

Dublin Arthritis Auto Show – July 9th thru July 11th (SAVE THE DATES)

You can start registering your car/s now for the show in July by going on line at www.arthritisautoshow.com or by contacting Stephanie Perry at the Arthritis Foundation office. 614)503-5597.

Use Class #34 to register your Model "A"

On Thursday July 9th there will be a tour to over Ohio scenic byways to Mid-Ohio Raceway in Lexington, OH where you will be able to drive your car on the track . This will be followed by a BBQ and cruise-in at the Right Stuff Detailing in Westerville. The BBQ is free.

Friday will be the cruise-in where 100 six foot trophies will be awarded and the concert entertainment will be "McGuffey Lane". Saturday will be the judging of all cars by classification to include our Model A's and awards will be presented before the evening entertainment of "Phil Dirt & The Dozers".

The Model "A" Club has been invited to join members of the Early Ford V8 Club in dressing up in period attire of the 30's, 40's & 50's for the Display Tent and attending the Style Show on Saturday.



Ladies....(and Men too) It's Time to strut our Stuff

I need your participation in dressing up in your interpretation of what you might wear representing 1930's, 40's and 1950's at the 33rd Annual Arthritis Classic Auto Show Saturday July 11th 2015. Some of you may have clothing that can easily be adapted with just a few trimmings or items that you may have saved over the years that would complete an outfit representing vintage clothing of the era.

Your presence is needed at the outstanding Ford featured display tent which is next to the vendor area. We will pose for pictures at Crowne Plaza Hotel prior to the Style Show/Tea. The show starts at 2:00 P.M. and will last until 4:00 P.M.

For those who have signed up for the Style Show/Tea, we will be an important part of the program. Macy's will have 10 outfits with models in the fashion show. Our ladies will be the other half of the Style Show. "Time to strut our Stuff" you will be modeling your outfit and I will be providing commentary. I am encouraging our ladies to have some sort of hat with their outfit..... Florals, feathers, pearls, etc. A good start is at Joanne Fabrics for basic hat, discount stores, and antique shops. Joanne Fabric has charming straws presently on sale for about \$10.00 which can be adorned. Be your own designer based on your outfit. Check out the store called "The Alley" www.thealleystore.com located in Dublin, Ohio at 3502 W. Dublin Granville Road for vintage clothing that you can purchase.

A good place to shop is the Good Will Stores, resale clothing shops for basic dress ideas to work with. Finding the right piece opens up all kinds of ideas. Be creative and have fun.

Let Grace Penty know of your interest to participate ASAP. After you put your outfit together, please have a snap shot taken of your outfit and description and get it to me. For those of you with e-mail send them to my home at tpenty1@columbus.rr.com, I can forward ideas to you. If you do not have a computer, call me at 740-881-9666 ... I will send you ideas.



If you haven't registered yet, you must do so as the room will only hold 100 people. Register on the Arthritis Auto Show web site www.arthritisautoshow.com under car registration. The registration form is also for the Style Show/Tea. Your timely response is most important.

Regards, Grace Penty

Birthdays




May 7 Karen Feeney
May 9 Joel Weaver
May 13 Phil Danielson
May 16 Sandy Reither
May 23 Dan Preston
May 25 Don Reither

Have you checked the Scioto "A's" website?

Our website has been gradually expanded. In addition to the newsletter and calendar, you will find an expanded list of resources. This includes sites with great information on Model "A", basics carburetors, inspection check list and other helpful sites. Check us out at <http://themodelclub.org/>



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