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'A' Note from the President

Hello Everyone

Summer seems to off to a great start with beautiful weather over the Memorial Day weekend. I always look forward to the display of flags reminding us of our armed forces members past, present and future.

The Model 'A' season is getting into full swing, I heard many good things about the recent adventure to Urbana and other points west. I was not able to make the trip, My kid Jess and I were trying to remove years of quick patches and duct tape from Mabel the Model 'A' for engagement pictures for Jessica's upcoming wedding. She and I drove to kindergarten and had more adventures than I can count over the years, and the miles were showing, even with premium black duct tape repairs. Her biggest concern was eliminating too much "patina".

Next meeting is at Don Minks in southern Ohio, A bit of a haul but well worth it for the hospitality and change of scenery. We will be talking about what sort of parts and tools accompany some of us in our A's on our adventures. Monroe and John will probably also add their two cents worth following the recent tour and hiccup in the drive.

In closing, please remember to share your experience with the old cars with folks who are curious, and get with nearby club members for ride sharing to the next meeting. Don't hesitate to call me if I can help get everyone who needs a ride with someone who has an extra seat, Thanks

Chip

Tech Meeting

Date: June 3, 2015

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 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. Address is: 2147 Jackson Pike, Gallipolis/Bidwell. 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**.

Family Friendly Activity for those not attending MARC

Date: June 27th

Time: 10:00AM-3:00PM

Place: Central Ohio Antique Fire Apparatus Muster and Emergency Vehicle Meet at the Ohio Fire Academy 8895 E Main St., Reynoldsburg Ohio.

Activity: The show features a wide range of firefighting exhibits, a flea market and plenty of hands-on activities for children. Parking and admission Free. Food and drinks available. A separate area will be roped off for the our cars. New for this year will be ambulance, police vehicle and hearse owners. A fun event for the family.



Other June Opportunities:

June 13 Gatsby Goes to the Greenlawn at Greenlawn Cemetery. 7PM-10:00. Display your car and be their guest at this fund raiser for the Abbey. Food and Drinks provided. Come in costume if you have it. We have supported this event for several years. It is a fun evening.

Fun Facts



Joan Cuneo drove a 1905 White Steamer on the 1905 Glidden Tour. When she was forced off the road and landed in the river, she lit the burners herself and continued the race.

In 1911, Cuneo would set a woman's speed record of 111.5 MPH behind the wheel of a Pope Hummer on the Long Island Motor Parkway.

Member Spotlight

Werner Rase

By Dan Bickley



"This month's Scioto Model A Ford Club spotlight is shining on Werner Rase. Werner was a member of the Club in the late '60's and rejoined in 2011. Having graduated from Linden McKinley High School, Werner attended The Ohio State University for 2 years, then graduated from both the Whiting Business College and the Automation Institute.

Werner and his wife Sally were married for 37 years and have two sons (Werner II and Clifton Adam).

Werner is the proud grandfather of three and great grandfather to five.....would you believe four of the great grandkids represent two pair of twins?



Interestingly, Werner's love for antique vehicles began as a child when he used to repair bicycles and sell them to earn extra cash.

Upon graduation from High School, Werner's career began at Midwestern Volkswagen. He later moved on to manage the Trainor Dodge Body Shop, before opening his own business, the Busy Bee Body Shop 51 years ago. Many of us have availed ourselves of his talents.

Over the years, Werner has owned many more cars than space allows in this article. But his "Baby" is his 1929 Model 'A' Town Sedan that he purchased at 15, before he could even legally drive. He still has the car today and loves to reminisce about delivering 3 separate paper routes with it as well touring all the states surrounding Ohio.

Over the years, Werner has served as the Vice President of the Northeast Columbus Business Association as well serving as a six time past elected Chair of the North Linden Area Commission.

Many thanks Werner for your dedication to the Model 'A' and to our Club as well. You represent another great resource with your knowledge and your business to all our members."





June Birthdays

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

Weird facts about cars with club members names.

Reviewing several books, I found the following cars built by people with the same surname as members of our club. I especially give credit to Kimes, Beverly Rae, Historian and Author, Standard Catalog of American Cars 1805-1942, 3rd Ed, Krause Publications, Iola, WI for most of the information contained here.

Anderson—Made in Rock Hill SC 1916-1925 by a buggy maker, they advertised “A little bit higher in Price, but Made in Dixie!” Among the best built and long lived of southern cars. Until 1913, they sold commercial bodies for horseless vehicles, especially the Model T Ford.

Baker—There were at least 9 different Baker automobiles, including internal combustion, steam and electric. The Baker Electric, built in Cleveland was one of the earliest to use a corded tire on a production car in 1900. In 1903 Walter Baler drove at record-breaking speeds for 2-10 mile distances, but in a race of electrics later that day he crashed after colliding with a Waverly and thereafter hung up his racing gloves.

Brown—There were at least 10 cars named Brown (11 if you count Browne.) Joe Brown of Henderson, MN (between 1859-1862) built early prairie road steamers, but one got stuck in the mud on a trail run to Ft. Ridgely and was abandoned. He persisted, and built as many as 6 steamers, making this the first series production of automobiles in this country.

Conrad—This was a short lived company in Buffalo NY (1900-1903) Tiller-steered and chain driven, it had a quick demise. The list of officers in their catalog stated the office of the President had been vacated by death, and the next annual meeting’s main order of business was its dissolution.

Danielson—1902, 1914--Frank Danielson twice incorporated but apparently never built the car.

Davis—Seven different cars by this name. Davis of Richmond IN (1908-1929) produced the most. The 1901 version built by GH Davis of Portland ME is more interesting as it had an acetylene vehicle. Motor Age Magazine described it thus “The machine carries 100 pounds of carbide, which is fed, automatically, no doubt, into a water tank.

Doherty-- 1895—Made by a stove maker in Sarnia Ontario, this three wheeler was powered by a giant clock spring.

Freeman—There were at least 2 cars call Freeman. John W Freeman of Joplin MO (1901) informed the trade press that “The engine is about 12 inches long and half as wide. Completely encased in a gun metal casing and all the working parts are submerged in oil.” The asbestos-covered boiler was 16”diameter by 18” high and fitted directly under the seat. AND WE THINK IT IS DANGEROUS HAVING THE GAS TANK OVER OUR FEET.

(To be continued)

May Tour

If April Showers bring May flowers, May's deluge makes you seek refuge.

Eight Model A's and 14 members met at the home of Rosann and Monroe Harbage early on a Saturday morning. Skies were threatening, so we didn't know how many brave souls there would be. It was a beautiful area to travel past farm fields, old houses, and even a goose farm. We arrived in New Bremen about 11:30 AM, just before the heavens opened up, but that was ok, we were going to tour the Ohio Bicycle Museum and then have lunch. Surely, the promised scattered showers will have passed by then.

Jaci Rohner appointed herself as the guide, as we looked at the evolution of the bicycle from an all wooden one without pedals, up to the most modern. A couple of us even tried out a few of them. It is a very interesting place. We then walked down the street to lunch.

It was pretty obvious by the time we got through lunch, that the weather wasn't improving any. After the Doherty's baled out their tonneau cover and (horrors) put the top up, we headed down the road to our next stop which was to be at Maries Candy Shop in West Liberty.

Ask Rosann and Jaci how you can need a map, find one for sale, and instead of buying it, whip out your phone for a photo, then——find the missing map in your trunk.)



Driving down the road, with Monroe and Rosann in the lead. There is a big clunk from the Harbage vehicle. He pulled in to a convenience store, followed by John Baker, who asked "Did you lose something?" A fan blade had gone sailing off the car and onto the side of the road. Of course, repairs were in order. What to do? A fan was needed. The Baker garage/trunk produced a replacement, but the old one wouldn't come off. Next option, "What if I had a new water pump?" Back to the Baker Garage and a new one was produced sans woodruff key, and wouldn't fit his B head. Oh yes-did I mention it was raining?



The Baker garage/trunk produced

Richard and Lynne Ferguson were on their first tour with the Scioto A's, having purchased their Tudor 3 weeks ago. This was the test. Backfiring along the way, Steve Rohner pulled the distributor cap, and it was another trip back to the "Baker Garage" for a replacement. They learned that if you have a problem, the whole club stops and tries to help you fix things so you can be back on the road. Especially if John Baker is along.



By the time Harbages were ready to roll again (without a fan), the decision was made to skip the candy shop and head back. We all headed off to our respective homes, managing to run with the rain the entire time. Even people with tops on their cars noted they weren't exactly water-tight, and personally, I can say I was soaked to the skin.

Despite the weather, it was a fun tour. Laughter goes a long way in helping during times of adversity. Thanks Monroe and Rosann for a great day.

It is Summer, and there are lots of opportunities to attend local functions. Go Forth and be Visible.

2015 Calendar
Subject to change

July 1.....Tech Meeting at Columbus International Airport Fire Department, Sawyer Rd. Columbus.
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.
Or attend your local July 4th Parade

July 9-11 Dublin Arthritis Show

July 10... Collector Car Appreciation Day. **Drive yours for the day.**

July 16-17...Night at the movies, Ohio Theatre 7:30 show time, Film is: The Kid, starring Charlie Chaplin,
The Ohio Theater pipe Organ will play before the show starting at 7pm.

July 26...Statehouse Tour and Lunch at Spaghetti Warehouse

August 5 Auction/Tech Meeting at the Firehouse.

August 8...Go-Kart Races, Commercial Point, OH

August 15.....Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival Car Show 5PM till ?

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 TBA.

October 17 Bob Mc Dorman's Corvette Collection , Barbershop Museum with Lunch

November 4 Club Dinner

November 6.... Veteran's Parade.

December 2.....Tech Meet at site TBD.

December 6.....Club Christmas Party

As you know the Arthritis Auto Show will be held on July 9th, 10th and 11th. You are welcome to attend all three days but it is most important to get our cars on display on the 11th when they will be judged for awards. You can register the day of the show but it costs more. This is the only car show that we support, therefore, we want people to see these fine automobiles. If you have registered, please let me know so I can make sure they have your registration.

John Moore

Ohio Mileposts, Nov. 3, 1930

Rural traffic signal installed

From The Columbus Dispatch, November 3, 2003

When Ohio City inventor John Lambert fired up the state's first automobile in 1891, he also signed the death warrant for the muddy rutted road.

The first concrete street was laid in Bellefontaine the same year, and by 1893. Around 350 kilns around the state were producing nearly 300 million paving bricks a year to smooth city streets.

By 1905, the number of motor vehicles in Ohio approached 10,000. The state created the Ohio highway Department to oversee roads between cities. Existing roads, often no more than a trio of ruts, were only as good as the nearest local government. Direction signs were scarce to non-existent. Many were provided by fledgling automobile clubs to guide their growing membership through the countryside.

In:

1912 The department printed the state's first highway map.

1919 Stenciled highway numbers were placed on telephone poles along inter-county routes to guide motorists

1921 Ohio appointed the nation's first traffic engineer.

1922 Painting center lines on roads started.

Nov 3, 1930 The first rural traffic signal was erected at the intersection of Rts. 33 and 42 in Union County by the state highway department. This followed the lead of cities by about a decade.

From that solitary horseless carriage in 1891, the number of motor vehicles in Ohio has grown to more than 12 million.

Deadline for July Scuttlebutt is June 16th. It is tour season, and I want to get the Scuttlebutt out before I leave. Anything for the July issue must be in my hands by that date, or it won't be included.

Into every life some rain must fall. Usually when your car windows are down.



For Sale


1931 Deluxe Rumble Seat Coupe, **Actual Odometer mileage 4,393.**

Original “even the spark plugs”.

Has dual side mounts, rear rack with trunk, stone guard, and wsw tires. Brown with straw wheels. Originally at Ford Museum in Dearborn, it is a 1st place and Best of show car. Always garaged, licensed and running. Asking \$25,000. Diana Bancooney, Long Bottom, OH (that’s South of Portsmouth on the river.) 740-843-5454.

If you don’t have your
2015 Roster, you may get
it from Ellis Kauffman or
Chip Stout.



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