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'A' Note from the President

Hello all,

It seems hard to believe another winter is almost here. I'm looking forward to getting busy on the old iron for next season, as Henry and Donovan are planning to have drivers licenses by spring, and Jessi is planning on a Model 'A' adventure with her new husband, Dakota. Mabel, our Model 'A' truck took Jessi to school from kindergarten on, and hauled us on countless adventures and vacations over the years,. She was included in Jessi's latest adventure, her wedding to Dakota. My family and I are looking forward to more adventures to come. It is looking like we may have to add to the fleet. The more the merrier.

Our November Tech meeting will include elections for the upcoming year and discussion about our holiday party. We will also be discussing ideas for the coming year. Come prepared for good food and fellowship, and maybe another trip in the old car.

Chip

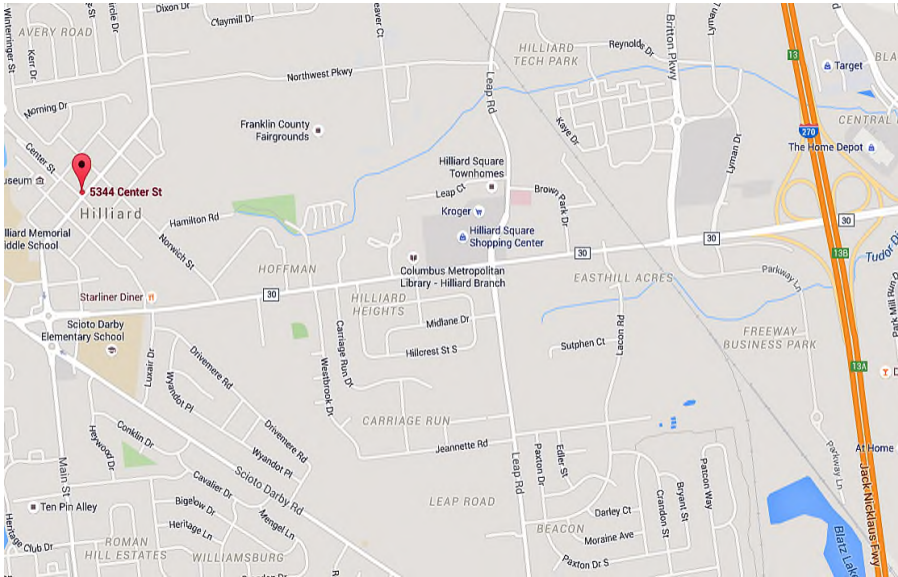
Tech Night Dinner and Election of Officers

Date: November 4, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Otis Grill and Tavern, 5344 Center St. Hilliard

Activity: Club Dinner, Election of Officers



Date: November 6

Time: 10:30 AM Nationwide Blvd.

Activity: Veteran's Parade.

This is an annual event for our club

Are you a vet?

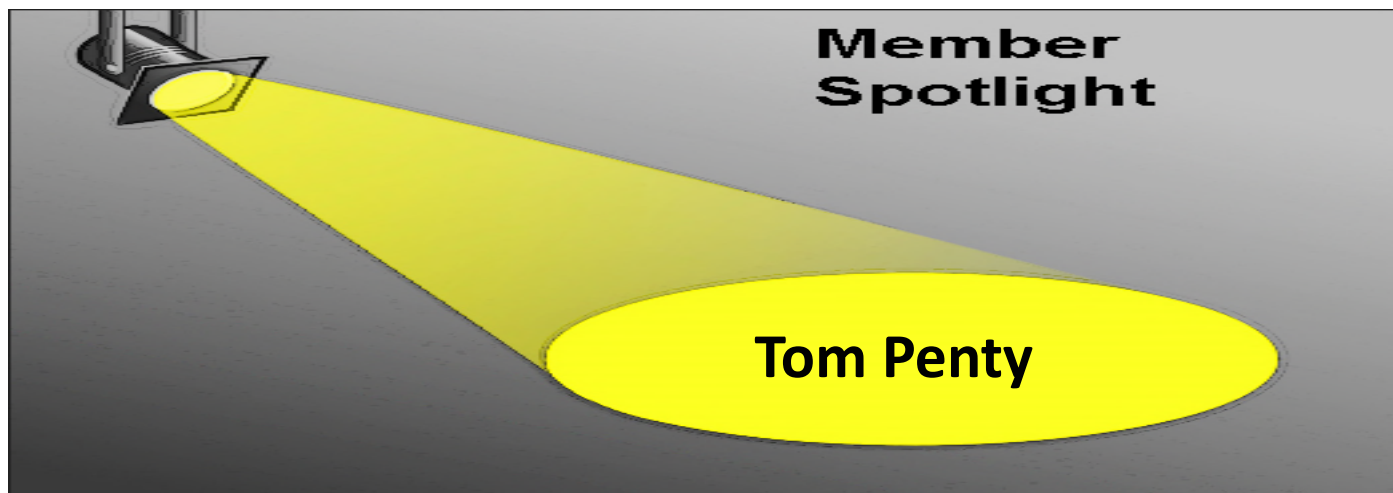
Do you still have your uniform
and does it still fit?

Wear it in pride that day.



Clark and Kim Garn who have
a 1931 Slant Window Fordor
Town Sedan





The November spotlight is shining on long time Scioto Model A Ford Club member Tom Penty. Tom and Grace have been married 57 years and are the parents of 4 children (2 boys and 2 girls) and the grandparents of 4.

Having joined the club in 1990, Tom served as Tour Director for 6 years and Secretary for another 5. Tom has had a great number of collectible cars over the years, including three 1931 Model A's (a Vicky, a Roadster and a Coupe). Add to these a 1958 Mercedes 190 SL, a 1955 Ford 2 door Fairlane sedan and a 1950 Ford convertible. Currently, Tom is the proud owner of a 1936 Ford Deluxe 4 Door Touring Sedan, a 1937 Ford Club Cabriolet and a 1957 Ford Thunderbird.....all 3 near perfect examples.

If you get a chance the next time you see Tom, be sure to ask him about the '32 Ford Coupe he built during his Junior and Senior year in High School.....what a magnificent story about the determination and skill involved in building a hotrod!

After graduating High School, Tom attended Cleveland State University and then began a 35 year career with Bell Systems, 20 of which were in management. He began in Cleveland doing install and repair work, then moving to Data Acquisition and Engineering. Since retirement, Tom spends his spare time between our club and the Early Ford V8 Club where he is the Tour Director.

When you get the opportunity, spend a few minutes with Tom. His car knowledge and willingness to help club members makes Tom a valuable asset to our club.



WANTED

Tech Meeting Hosts

How about a need to learn how to work on your horn, brakes or other vital part of your beloved 'A'? Do you know a great speaker? Volunteer to host a technical meeting.

Sign up at the next meeting, or contact : John Baker at 614-370-5453 or jbaker1930@gmail.com.

I am available. If by phone, please leave a message.

I can't always take phone calls at work, but leave a message and I will call you back that evening.

Email is easier to respond to, and I can often answer back right away.

John Baker

It's that time of year!

Time to start thinking about dues.

Membership dues for the Scioto Model 'A' Club are due by December 31. Still only \$25.



Many of you pay your dues at the Christmas Party. Others pay them at a tech meeting. Many, however, don't get around to paying until much later. Delays create several problems. We don't know if you plan to remain active in the club, and we cannot create a current roster.

Mail dues to: Jaci Rohner, 7083 ST RT 142 West Jefferson, Ohio. 43162

Let's see if we can have everyone's dues paid on time this year.



Fall Tour to McDorman Car Museum in Canal Winchester

A little brisk weather—think 32 degrees, didn't stop the band of Merry Fords who made what is probably the last tour of the season. With 7 cars, and 17 people, everyone wanting to, had a seat to ride in. Rick Shultz got to experience the joys of "roadster riding" as he assumed the "shot gun" position in the Doherty vehicle. I think he knows why there aren't a lot of roadsters out there. There were a couple of complaints of being cold even from those in the closed cars.

A ride out to Buckeye Lake showed some of the fall foliage, and we got to ponder the much discussed lake level. After winding our way to Canal Winchester, we grabbed lunch at the WigWam restaurant, where we could indulge in "comfort food" such as tuna melts and creamed chipped beef.

After lunch, a quick walk took us to the McDorman museum, where we ran into a few members of the Zane Grey Model A club. If you ever had the opportunity to visit Bob McDorman's collection when he still had his Chevrolet dealership, you would have found a tiny sample of the Corvettes which he once owned. There was a really nice matched pair of 1996's. They had recreated his office, which was stocked with all types of model cars, gas pumps, oil cans etc. Very interesting. There was also a poster of the 1930 Chevrolet Roadster. It was an interesting comparison to the Ford Roadster.

It had warmed up—a little, before heading home, and for many of us, putting the car to "bed" until spring.

Fun Stuff

Generator Failures:

The failure of a generator is usually caused by a dirty commutator or brushes not making contact.

In an emergency, the trouble may sometimes be remedied at least temporarily.

1. Run the engine and holding a small cloth-covered stick against the commutator. Enough foreign matter may be removed to enable the generator to function again.
2. For better results, a piece of sandpaper may be wrapped around the stick. Use only a fine grade (about 00) and race motor for an instant after the commutator has been cleaned, to blow out any foreign matter which may remain.

Short Cuts on Auto Repairing: A Helpful Manual That Makes Hard Problems Easy, American Automobile Digest Editors, Cincinnati, 1926. pg 102.



November 25 Ellen Kauffman



2015 Calendar

December 2

Tech

Meet at site TBD.

The 2015 Scioto Model 'A' Club Christmas Party will be held Sunday, **December 6th** from 1PM-5PM at the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3951 North High St Columbus.

Menu Choices are:

1. Braised Beef served
2. Chicken Florentine, stuffed with a blend of spinach rice and cheese
3. Parmesan Crusted Tilapia All meals are served with a luncheon salad and desert tea and coffee.

BYOB if you are so interested. **Cost \$22.50/person** (tax and tip included.)

Reservations and menu choice to Shirley Doherty no later than Wednesday November 25. That's the day before Thanksgiving
Phone 614-863-5715 or our31modela@gmail.com.

How far did you drive this year?

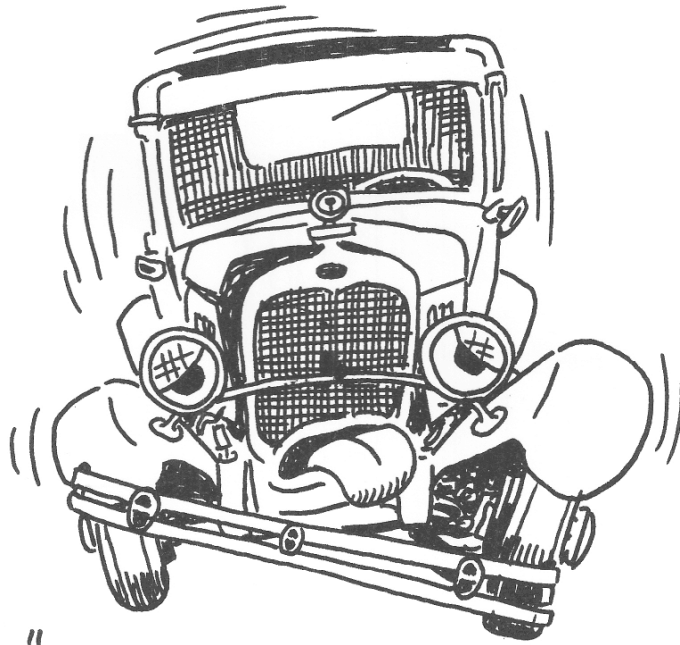
Please send Ellis your odometer reading **not later than** November 7. The driving tours for 2015 are basically over, and we need to get your mileage because of the lead time required to acquire the awards for mileage achievements for 2015. If you are not registered in the Club mileage program, now is the time to get started. Just send me your current odometer reading, and you will be entered in the program beginning in 2016. Ellis Kauffman: Phone 614-882-3727 email ellis.kauffman@yahoo.com

Are your taillights bright enough?

Ken Szakelyhidi has found a dealer for replacement LED tail lights which are much brighter. They are all red, available for 6 or 12 volt positive or negative ground. These are bayonet style bulb fittings which require no rewiring, and are \$45 +tax per light.

Contact: Steve Smith at taillight@hrtc.net





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