



The Scuttlebutt

The official publication of the Scioto Model A  Club
Themodelaclub.org

January 2016

OFFICERS

President	John Baker
Vice President	Monroe Harbage
Secretary	Ellis Kauffman
Treasurer	Jaci Rohner
Region Director	John Moore
Tech Director	Steve Rohner
Sunshine Director	Karen Szakelyhidi
Newsletter Editor	Shirley Doherty

“A” Note from the President

Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another year.

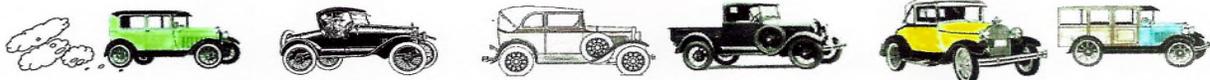
I would like to thank Chip and Sharon for their hard work to make the Christmas party a huge success.. We had a record turnout and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

At least the weather has cooperated, and it is fairly warm. It is much easier to work on our winter projects in unheated garages when it is warmer. I'm sure the cold is not going to stay away forever, so I am trying to take advantage of every warm day we have left.

Looking forward to the next year, we have several great events planned in the coming months.

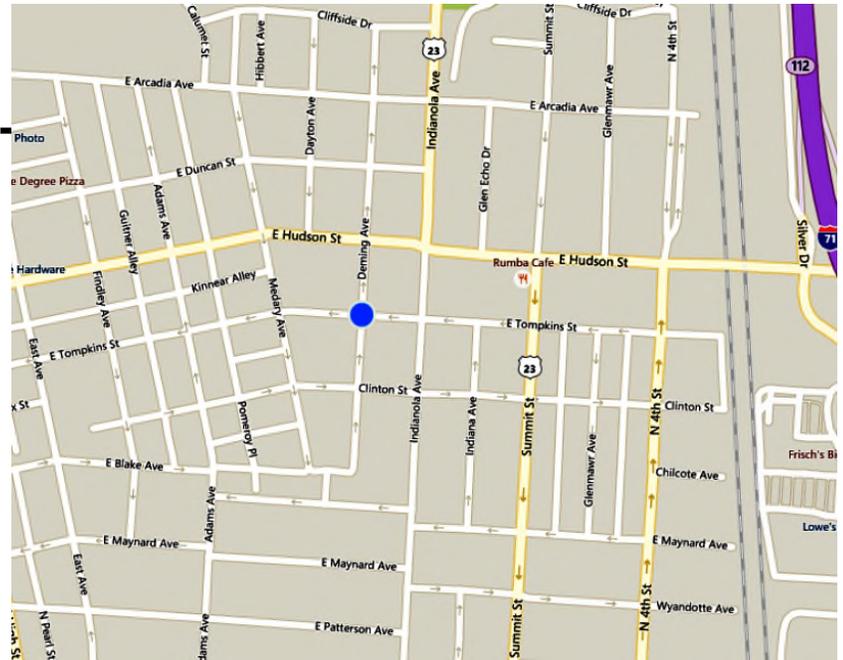
We begin with the monthly meeting at Rick Lindner's garage. Next we have arranged for a private tour of the Sutphen auto collection. Details and directions are included in this newsletter. I hope to see you at one of these events.

John



Tech Meeting

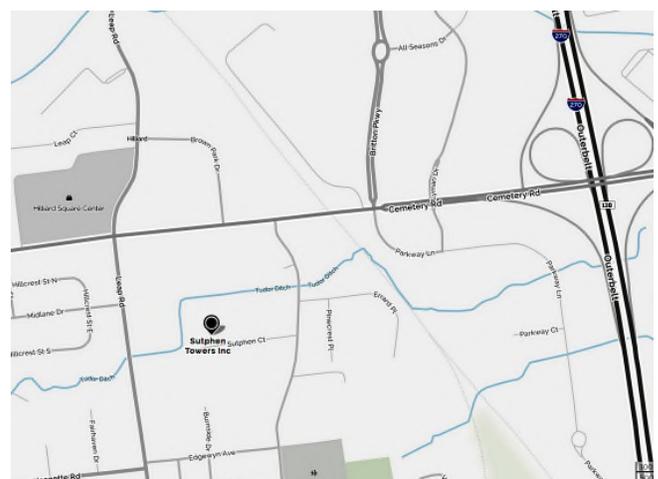
- Date:** January 6, 2016
- Place:** Rick's Ford Garage 259 E Tompkins, Columbus
- Time:** 7:00PM Doors open at 6:30
- Topic:** The Johansson gauge (as they called them back then) How Ford acquired them, manufactured them, and their importance in Ford manufacturing.
- One or two of these original sets will be on display and may be used to check your personal dial indicator, or micrometer. In addition, a guest speaker, Dough Dachenbach (current President of the Tickin' T's Club) will have a torque wrench checker to set up any torque wrenches member wish to bring.



TOUR

- Date:** Saturday January 23rd
- Time:** Meet at Sutphens at 10:45AM for 11:00am tour.
- Activity:** A tour of the Sutphen Collection.
4500 Sutphen Court, Hilliard.
Followed by lunch.

The collection is located on the grounds of the Sutphen plant. Sutphen manufactures ladder trucks and other fire equipment for communities all over the country.



Who the heck is Johansson and why is he relevant to the Model 'A'?

The gauge block set, also known as "Jo Blocks", was developed by the Swedish inventor Carl Edvard Johansson. Johansson was employed in 1888 as an armourer inspector by Sweden. He became interested in the tools being used for measuring parts for the Remington rifles being used. When Sweden adopted a tailored variant of the Mauser carbine in 1894, Johansson was very excited about the chance to study Mauser's methods of measuring. A visit to their factory in Germany turned out to be a disappointment. On the train home, he thought about the problem, and came up with the idea of a set of blocks that could be combined to make up any measure.

There had never been super-precision gauge blocks that could be wrung together to make up different lengths, as Johansson now envisioned. Back home, Johansson converted his wife's Singer sewing machine to a grinding and lapping machine. (He preferred to carry out this precision work at home, as the grinding machines at the rifle factory were not good enough.) Once Johansson had demonstrated his set to his employer Carl Gustaf, Gustav provided time and resources for him to develop the idea. Johansson was granted his first Swedish patent on May 2, 1901.

The first CEJ gauge block set in America was sold to Henry M. Leland at the Cadillac Automobile Company around 1908. The first manufacturing plant in America for his gauge block sets was established in 1919.

The company was not surviving the economic environment of the post-World War I recession, and the depression of 1920–21. In 1923 Johansson wrote a letter to Henry Ford, in which he proposed cooperation in order to save his company. Henry Ford became interested. On November 18, 1923 he began working for Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan. Hounshell (1984), citing Althin (1948) and various archive primary sources, says, "Henry Ford purchased the famous gauge making operation of the Swede C. E. Johansson in 1923 and soon moved it into the laboratory facility in Dearborn. Between 1923 and 1927, the Johansson division supplied 'Jo-blocks' to the Ford toolroom and any manufacturer who could afford them. It also made some of the Ford 'go' and 'no-go' gauges used in production as well as other precision production devices.

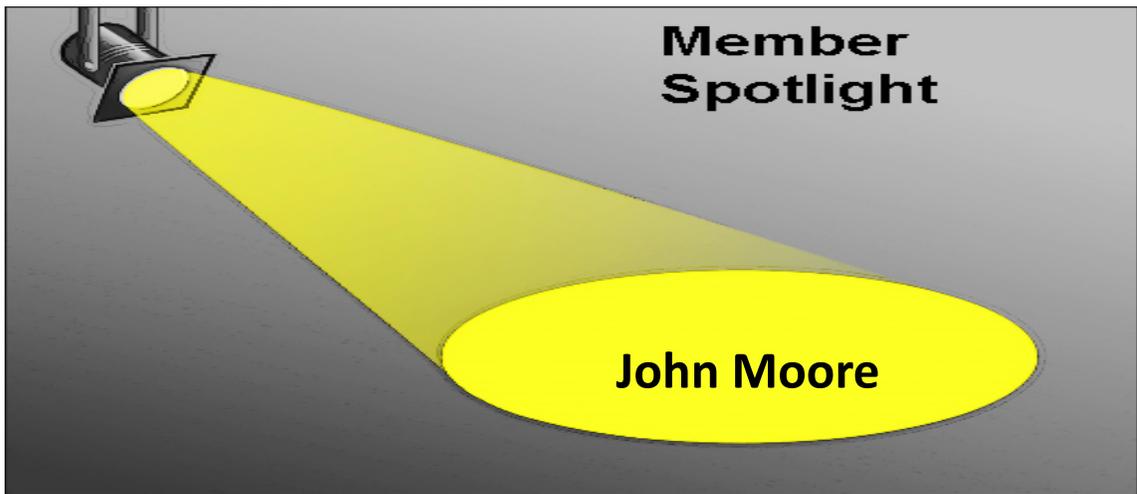
At some point the C.E. Johansson brand (or at least its U.S. presence) became affiliated with Brown & Sharpe, and blocks co-branded with the C.E. Johansson and Brown & Sharpe logos were made. Blocks co-branded with the C.E. Johansson and Ford logos are also sometimes still seen in use today.

Excerpted from :

The description of Carl Edvard Johansson records, 1916-1927. (The Henry Ford). WorldCat record id: 301823404 and

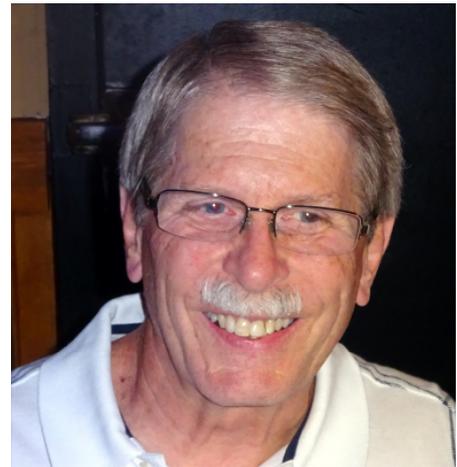
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gauge_block





This month, the Scioto Model A Ford Club shines the spotlight on long-time member John Moore. John and Jackie have been married for 49 years and are the proud parents of a son and a daughter as well as the grandparents of 5 grandkids.

John was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Having graduated High School, John attended and graduated from Washington University with a dual major in Finance and Human Resources. He served in the US Army from 1965 through 1968. Duty assignments included posts in the States and Germany, where he worked as a Personnel Management Specialist in the Adjutant General Corps.



In terms of his career, John worked as a Credit Manager in the construction, aerospace and publishing industries. Retiring in 2012, John enjoys volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity and the Delaware County Library, as well as working on his collectible cars.

Speaking of cars, John developed an early passion for vehicles when he used to help a neighbor friend in St. Louis work on a variety of "classics". As the years passed, John owned a couple of collectible vehicles, which he sold when the kids went off to college. Around 2002, Jackie suggested that John begin enjoying his auto passion again. This led to John contacting Paul Walzak and ultimately purchasing a 1929 Model A Roadster. In 2005, a beautiful 1929 Model A Leatherback Sedan joined the Moore family. Recently, John and Jackie purchased a pristine 1948 Ford Super Deluxe Convertible.

Having joined the Scioto Model 'A' Ford Club in 2002, John has served as Vice President in 2006 and 2007, President in 2008 and Treasurer from 2010 through 2013. Starting in 2016, John will serve as our MARC Region Director.

John, on behalf of all the members of our Club, thank you for your service to our country, your unselfish volunteerism and your passion for our Club and members.



Tom and Denise Keyes of Gahanna who have a 1931 coupe.

Reminders:

Membership dues for the Scioto Model 'A' Club are due no later than February 28. Still only \$25. Are yours' paid?

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

Roster: It is the time of year to provide updates for the **new roster**. Have you changed your email, added a cell phone or gotten rid of your land phone, Have you moved? Have you bought or sold one of your 'A's'? If so, please let the editor know so I can start updating..

Shirley Doherty 614—863-5715 or sciotomodela@gmail.com

MARC DUES for 2016 are due by the end of 2015. Please send in your \$45.00 dues to avoid interruption in receiving your copies of The Model "A" News. If you need information on joining MARC, please call me at (614)395-7382 or ask me at our club events.

Thank you. John Moore

Name tags may be ordered by contacting:

Jaci Rohner, 7083 ST RT 142 West Jefferson, Ohio. 43162

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



2015 Christmas Party

A Holiday party is always a great time to visit with friends and enjoy a recap of the past year. Because it was such a warm day, a couple of A's showed up in the parking lot. There were 55 people in attendance.

Ellis Kauffman was awarded the President's award for his outstanding help to everyone who asks. Seven members received their "High Mileage" awards for having driven over 1000 miles in their trusty A's. Four guys were awarded hard luck awards for their (mis)adventures on the trip to Dearborn. Ken Szakelyhidi and John Baker broke down, and Jim Jones and Dan Bickley were "victims of their own foibles" that left them at the side of the road. It was nice to see Nancy Marasek and Violet Morrison join us for the festivities. A slide show of the years activities accompanied by "Model 'A' music was enjoyed by all.

Our collection for Ronald McDonald House raised \$300 and was matched by the club for a donation of \$600.



Happy January Birthday to:

If your name does not appear in this list, we don't have your birthday. Please let us know.

1 Becky Zimmer
17 Bob Oberst
20 Lisa Galden
21 Daric Galden
27 Bob Brown
28 Sharon Jones
31 Bruce Oberst

Fun Stuff

How to clean spark plugs.

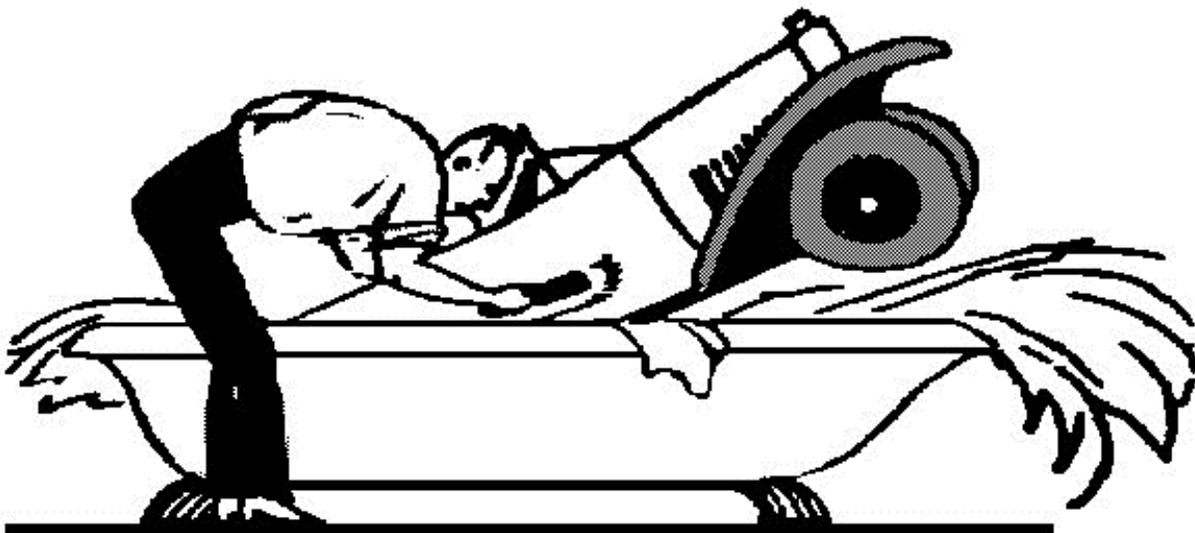
The best method for cleaning spark plugs is to take the plug apart and cleaning them with a fine emery cloth.

Clean spark plugs by grasping with a pair of pliers on the metallic portion at the top of the insulator and hold it over the flame of a gas stove. Heat slowly until warmed then apply the full force of the flame. Get the plug, or at least that portion of the shell and insulator that projects into the engine, red-hot and keep that way a few minutes. Cool slowly. You can then just brush off the carbon. **(My father also told me to do this. I tried it once but it didn't work.)**

Alternatively, fill an old ink bottle partly with gasoline into which a number of old phonograph needles have been dropped. Place the end of the plug in the mouth of the bottle and shake vigorously. Most of the carbon will be removed. **Problem:** Finding both the ink bottle and the phonograph needles. By the time you find them, you could have burned off the carbon on the stove.

From Auto Kinks (prepared by the Editorial Staff of Popular Science Monthly,) Grosset & Dunlap Publishers, New York, 1934. pg 125-126.





Dad said to wash the car.



Scioto Model "A"  Club
12584 Brook Forest Circle
Pickerington, OH 43147-8173
Themodelclub.org