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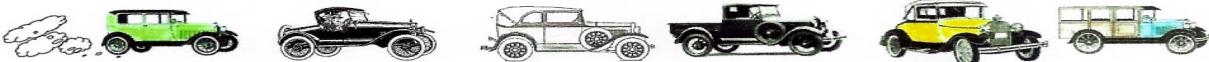
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## “A” Note from the President

Touring season is upon us folks. This is the time of year that allows us to get the most enjoyment out of our cars.

This June we have a unique tour planned. We are taking a short drive to Ronald McDonald house. There we will tour the facility, then have the opportunity to share our cars with some of the patients, staff, and families. In case you do not know, Ronald McDonald house provides a place for families to stay while their children are receiving care at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Please join us.

John



# Tech Meeting

**Date:** June 1, 2016

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**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 to 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**.

## June Tour

**Date:** Friday June 17, 2016

**Time: 10:00 AM** Meet at Turkey Hill located at the NW corner of East Broad St and Nelson Rd. Departure at 10:30 AM. Drive to Ronald McDonald House at 711 E. Livingston Ave.

A tour of the Ronald McDonald House. As many of you know our club collects funds for RMH at our annual Christmas party. The club then matches the amount collected and makes a monetary donation each December. The staff are very excited to have our club come by to visit the wonderful facility serving Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Be sure to bring your pop can pull tabs with you to turn into the RMH. Also, if you wish you may bring a stuffed animal of your choosing to leave with the kids.

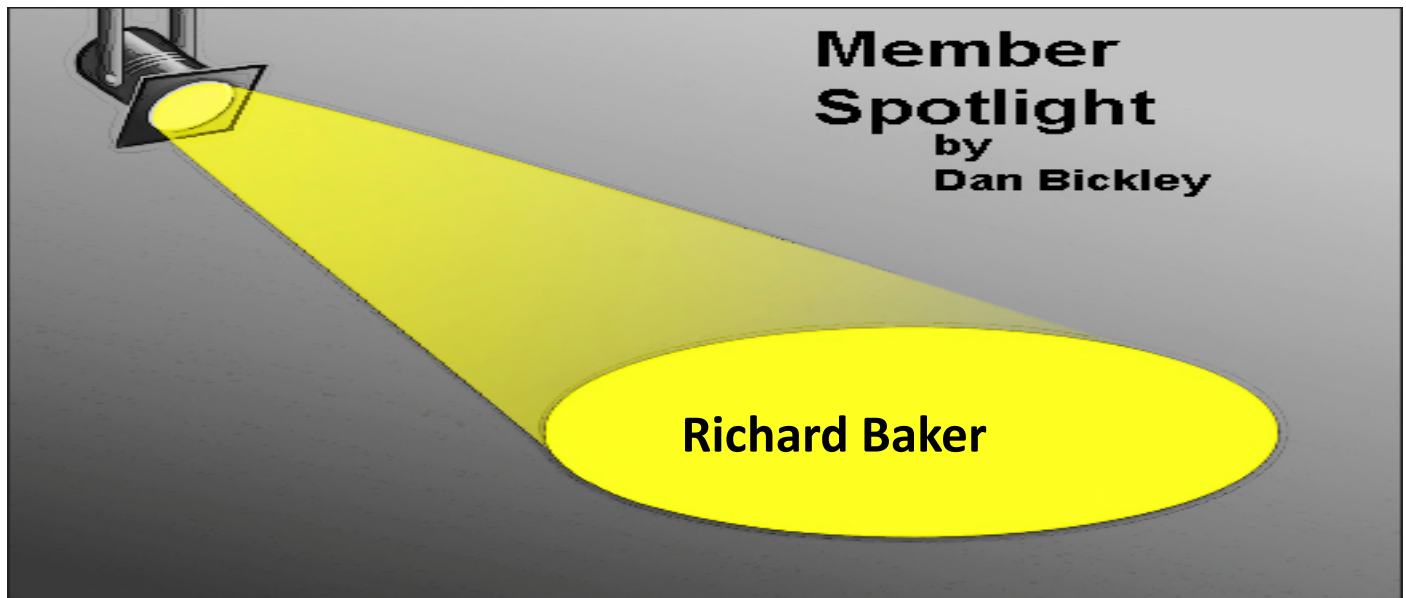
**Lunch to follow:** at the Columbus Brewing Co. located at 525 Short St.

Any questions feel free to call Steve Rohner at 614-579-3803.



## Directions to Don Mink's





The spotlight for the month of June is shining on club member Richard Baker. Richard and Rita have been married for 47 years and are the proud parents of Matthew and our club president, John. Having graduated from Eastmoor High School, Richard ultimately joined the United States Air Force, serving as a Medical Service Specialist at the Wright Patterson Hospital.

After his military service, Richard began his career at Western Electric. However, in January, 1974, Richard switched careers and joined the Whitehall Fire Department where he stayed until 1997, retiring with the rank of Captain. During his Fire Department years, Richard worked part time in the jewelry business doing jewelry repair, diamond appraising and grading.

Since 2000, Richard has been employed at L Brands in Loss Prevention and Safety Services as well as teaching Basic First Aid including CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator.)

In terms of collectible vehicles, Richard and Rita currently have a 1930 Seagrave Suburbanite, a 1922 Center Door Model T, a 1930 Model A Tudor and a 1930 Model A Towne Sedan. Richard was a member of the Scioto Model A Ford Club several years ago and rejoined the club 5 years ago.

An interesting side note is that Richard and Rita founded the Central Ohio Antique Fire Apparatus Association, were founding members of the Tickin' T's as well as founding members of a local street rod club.

Many thanks to Richard and Rita for their contributions to our club as well as Richard's time in the USAF serving his country.





Were you aware that car tail lights are red because early gearheads took their lights from trains?



We had a nice Tech meeting at Dan and Kathy Bickley's in May.

Kathy went all out with pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, and TWO desserts!!!

We received recognition from MARC for being a region 50 years and Shirley was given an award for the Newsletter. More, I'm sure to follow on that.

Our guest speaker was Tim Weilbacher from the Johnstown Coughlin Ford Dealership. He brought a brand new 2016 Ford truck for all of us to look over and then gave a little speech about the new Ford. Well received, and the light rain didn't put anyone off a bit.

We even picked up four new members,

Rick Lindner







For Sale by member: 1930 Model A rumble seat coupe, 2 year old paint job. Runs well, good shape. \$19,999. "Age is keeping me from enjoying it."

Call Fred Moore 614-476-9580 Says he has a hard time hearing so speak loud and clear on answering machine.

1928 Model A Ford Tudor.

Nice 2006 restoration including interior. Runs great, no rust. Drove it from Chicago to Ohio in 2009 without using a drop of either engine oil or radiator coolant. It's a great car for someone who is interested in having a good-looking "drive-away" car, ready to go. Spare rebuildable short block and milled head, LOTS of spare parts. Plan to sell everything as a package, so there are a lot of things that go with it. Major upgrades -- most for safety while touring: front lap seat belts, new shocks around, rebuilt rear main spring, second tail/brake light (right side), replaced generator with alternator, installed front and back turn signals, added third brake light in rear window (virtually invisible until brake pedal is depressed). Used to belong to a good friend until he passed away in 2007. Have owned it since January 2008 and know its history going back perhaps 20 years or so. It's been treated well. Asking \$15,000 for all. Bob Reynolds, Lancaster. 740-756-7028.



**FOR SALE:** Owner permanently disabled and can no longer drive his 1929 Model A Rumble Seat Coupe A very nice attractive car Ground-up Restoration to original condition. New front spindles, new horn, water pump Stone Gard, Firestone Tires \$12,000 Willard Hay 740-804-6295 Ray Ohio

Jimmy Rowland

Stephanie and Jimmy Stewart who have a 1929 Phaeton.

Jason and Heidi Neagles who have a 1929 Coupe

And rejoining. Pat Roberge and Ellen Deason who have a 1930 Fordor



Virgil Gilmerr wishes to thank everyone who sent him get well cards. He says he had a pretty serious stroke, but is making progress.

**Thanks**

# 2016 Calendar

July 7-9....	Arthritis Show, Dublin OH
July 8	Collector Car appreciation Day. Celebrate the hobby by driving to the show.
July 13	Tech Meeting TBA
July 14,15	Night at the Movies, Ohio Theatre The movie is Sunrise (1927) with George O'Brien and Janet Gaynor. Starts 7:30 pm
July 30	Tour Air Force Museum Dayton OH (John Baker)
August 3..	Annual Club Auction, Columbus Fire Museum
August 6..	Go-Kart Races, Commercial Point OH
August 13	Marysville Charity Car Show
August 21	Tour the John and Annie Glenn Historic Site. It's the boyhood home of Senator Glenn. Then visit the National Road /Zane Grey Museum in Zanesville. (Rohners)
Sept 8-11	Old Car Festival Dearborn, Michigan
Sept 14	Tech Meeting TBA
Sept 17	International Model A Day Picnic
Sept 18	Driving Tour to Don Minks Farm Bean Dinner
October 5-8	Hershey Meet and flea market
October 12	Tech Meeting TBA
October 15	Hayride and Cookout at the Harbages
November 2....	Club Dinner on South Side with Election of officers
November 4	Veterans Parade
November 19	Tour with modern cars to Cincinnati Underground Railroad Museum (Shirley and Mike Doherty)



# Tour to Mansfield Reformatory

By Rick Lindner

Well, it was a wet, cold, and long drive up to Mansfield - but hey, we were going to a PRISON - so what was the rush??



After meeting up in Sunbury, we started our 70 mile long "car wash" and arrived at our destination - The Ohio State Reformatory. They went all out for us, providing parking along the main drive and giving us a first class tour - by their #1 director, Ron - a personal friend of Steve Rohner. Thanks, buddy, we got much more than the standard tour.

This location was originally a Civil War training camp (Camp Mordecai Bartley) and selected as a site for a Pen in 1885. Opened in 1896 (the same year Henry Ford drove his first car) and named the Ohio State Reformatory in 1891.

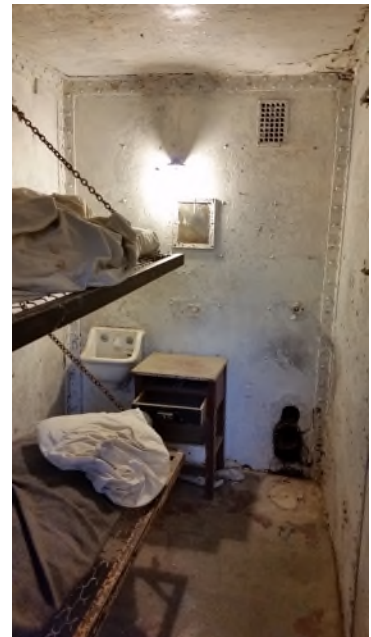
This place was designed to "rehabilitate" rather than punish, and when you see the early cells with windows - they aren't bad. There were many programs, training, and the like to return young men to civilization as productive individuals - and there was a return rate of only 15%, so it worked.

Then we got "ideas" and politicians who thought the methods were cruel and unusual punishment. By the 60's it became a maximum security prison and closed in 1990. So much for progress!!

It was due to be demolished (and become the parking lot for the new prison) the very day that filming of "The Shawshank Redemption" was to begin filming in 1993. We were told the Ohio Film lobby was able to delay the destruction - which proved to be its salvation.



And here we are today, I would encourage anyone who has not visited to do so. Very interesting and I hope there aren't too many pics.





## Musings from the editor

As a retired mechanic, all conversations with my father revolved around cars, motors, or for variety, trucks. Even my mother got in a few words as they reminisced about things they recalled from the early days of the automobile.

My grandfather Downing's first car was a 1914 Model T Ford which cost \$400 new. He traded in his spiffy surrey with the fringe on top. There were dealers for the city folks, but as was typical in rural upstate New York, the salesman came to their house in a demonstrator vehicle. (Usually arriving at dinner time.) He would take the customer out for a drive and encourage him to buy the car. Haggling over the price occurred even then.

Just because you bought a car, it didn't mean that anyone would teach you how to drive. My Great-Grandfather could have benefited from driving lessons. He drove into the barn, yelled "Whoa" and drove out the back of the barn where the front end dangled over the pigsty. Grandma Downing only drove once. After taking the porch off the house, she never drove again.

Weather represented a real challenge. We don't drive our T's and A's in the winter, but they did. Wind would blow out the acetylene head lamps, requiring a stop to re-light. Since the oil used was straight 30 or 40 weight, it became as "thick as concrete" when the temperature dropped. Grandpa Campbell would heat a kettle of water and pour the boiling water over the intake manifold to "vaporize" the gases and encourage "Lizzie" to start. Grandpa Downing, on the other hand employed the technique of jacking up the rear wheels so the fly wheel wasn't buried in oil. (This apparently was a common practice.)

To overcome the his problems of the hard starting Model "T", grandpa bought a Star, which he said handled much better in the snow and ruts. This was his first car with a gear shift. The first day, he drove the car into the yard, slammed his foot on the pedal and drove into the rear of his Model "T" truck, smashing the entire front end and headlamps on his new car. As late as 1926, the rural roads were unpaved, so my grandfather, a rural mail carrier, put the car on blocks for the winter and drove a horse and sleigh. The Model "T" always was hard to start in the winter. The Model "A's" started much easier. I guess that is when garages became popular.

By the way, my father said the reason there are so many of us out there with "A's", is because the parts were always easier to obtain. Parts were available almost everywhere. Points for your Model "T", cost 10¢ and were available at Kresge's.

Daddy started driving at age 10 and assembled his first car from scavenged parts by age 12. When he was 14, the state of New York "invented driver's licenses". He had to stop driving until he was 16. He took his test during a snow storm. The examiner told him to drive up a hill, stop and continue without rolling back. This was the extent of his test.


So, when we want to talk about the "good old days" and our love for old cars, we can take a little bit of pleasure in the simple things we now take for granted---drivers education, paved roads, sealed beam head-lights, garages, multi-weight oil, self-canceling turn signals, windows, air conditioning etc.

**July 7-9, 2016  
Dublin, OH**



For several months we have advertised in the Scuttlebutt and now in about six weeks will be the Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show. This is our BIG July event and most of our members have supported this worthy cause by bringing their Model A for others to see them. Mark your calendar and attend on July 7th thru the 9th. Thursday will be the Legends tour to see a private collection of over 200 restored cars, trucks, boats, busses and motorcycles. Friday is the cruise-in where 100 six foot trophy's will be awarded and you will be entertained by the Van Dells. Saturday we will park our Model A's together and judges will award more trophy's along with entertainment from Phil Dirt and the Dozers. So far only one person has registered their car and I need everyone to go on line at [www.arthritisautoshow.com](http://www.arthritisautoshow.com) and register your car(s) as soon as possible. This is your opportunity to show off your car and see over 1,000 other cars on display at Dublin Metro Place. I will be checking to see who has registered their cars and will be calling you if I haven't seen where you have registered. Please register so I can make sure we will have enough room for all of our cars. Thanks for your support for such a great cause. **John Moore**



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