



# The Scuttlebutt

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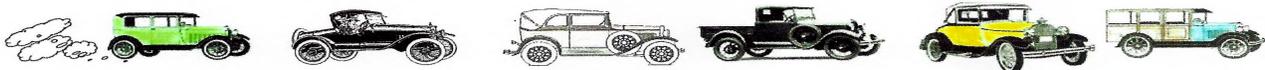
## “A” Note from the President

As I write this in the midst of a rain/ice storm, waiting for the snowstorm tomorrow, I anticipate and hope the weather will break soon so the touring season can begin.

Last Saturday was forecast to be icy with some snow however the temperature stayed at 32 or slightly above and the tour to the Warther museum went as planned with lunch at the Farmstead in Berlin.

Someone asked at the last meeting why isn't the tour schedule complete for this year? The simple fact is no one wants to step up and plan a tour. The past several years the same individuals have planned our tours and would like to see others get involved. This is your club as well as theirs, and it is only what you make it.

Til next month.



# Tech Meeting

**Date:** April 4, 2018

**Place:** Rick Lindner's Ford Garage, 259 E. Tompkins St., Columbus OH

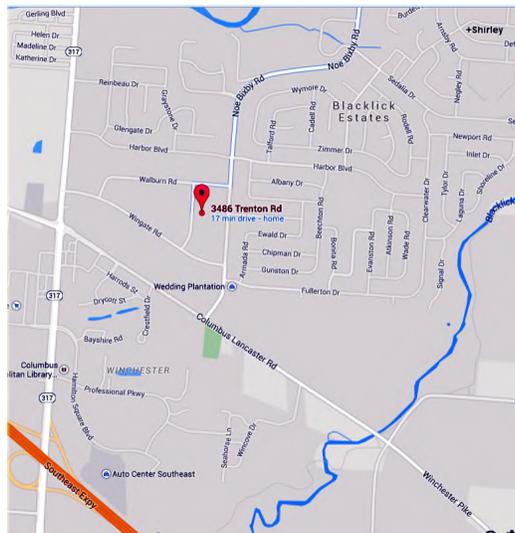
**Time:** 7:00 PM Doors open at 6:30

**Topic:** Vote on the new by-laws. Also, TBA

**SPRING TUNE UPS** Time to get your cars ready for the upcoming touring season. Help timing, brakes, alignment etc.

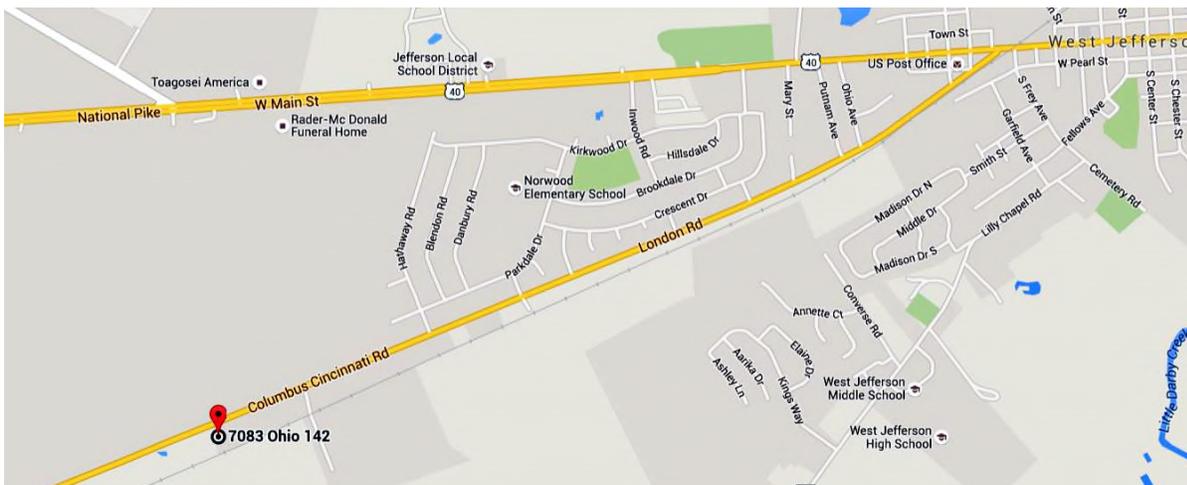
## SPRING TUNE UP EAST

**April 21, 2018 9AM** John Baker's house 3486 Trenton Rd., Columbus 614-370-5453.



## **WEST**

**April 28, 2018 9AM** Steve Rohner's house 7083 State Rt 142 SE West Jefferson OH 614-579-3803.



# 2018 Calendar

## MAY

2nd.....Tech Meeting at Dan Bickley's beginning at 6:30 PM.

19th....Tour Adena Mansion and Indian Earthworks in Chillicothe, led by Dan and Kathy Bickley.

## JUNE

6th.....Tech Meeting at Don Mink's?

24th...Potluck in Commercial Point. 60th Anniversary of the Club

**JULY**.....still in planning.

5-7.....Dublin Arthritis Show

13.....Classic Car appreciation day. Drive your 'A' around all day

..... Night at the Silent Movies TBA

## AUGUST

4th.....Go Cart Races in Commercial Point.

8th.....Club Auction at Dan and Kathy Bickley's beginning at 6:30 PM.

## SEPTEMBER

7-8 Old Car Festival Greenfield Village, Dearborn MI

The Columbus, Indiana Region of MARC will be having its' 55<sup>th</sup> annual Swap Meet on Sunday, April 29, at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds, 4 miles south of Columbus, IN on State Rd 11, starting at 7:00 AM. Visit their website [www.modelacolumbus.com](http://www.modelacolumbus.com).

We'd like to invite everyone from the Central Ohio Region to attend and would appreciate it if you would pass this information on to your members through your newsletter, meeting announcements or any other communications you may have.

We'd also like to encourage members of your club to drive their Model A's to the swap meet, as this adds a lot to the event.

Hope to see you in Columbus April 29.

Sincerely,  
Larry Morlock

## News from the last tech meeting from Secretary Dan Bickley

- ◆ Richard is working on a list of members who are willing to help people in need of a Model A for weddings, special functions, etc. This list will be compiled on a geographic basis around the Columbus area, based on your home location. Please get with Richard and let him know if you would like to help out.
- ◆ I still have some of the new Scioto Model A Club license toppers on hand. Made of stainless steel at a cost of \$5.00. Get 'em while they're hot!
- ◆ We now have membership recruiting cards. These are 5x7 cards with pictures from club activities and a membership form on the back. Get some from Dan Bickley to carry with you.
- ◆ A celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Scioto Model 'A' Club is being planned . We are looking for door prizes, which will be awarded throughout the day. Contact a club officer if you have something to donate.
- ◆ And finally, don't forget to look over the new proposed Club bylaws. A vote will be taken at our April 4 Tech Meet to approve.

### Tools loan list



Who among us has not gone out and purchased a special tool to work on our 'A' only upon completion of the project, to throw in in a corner never to see the light of day again? Many of these items have a one time use , but are very necessary for the task at hand.

Many thanks to Wayne Davis for suggesting that we develop a Club tool list for the purpose of sharing Model A specific tools with members. The club would like to start a loan list and find where you might be able to borrow that spring spreader or brake shaft reamer. Perhaps a gas gauge tool set, stud remover or head puller is your need. that would be great. But, it only works if we know who has what. It is required that the tool be returned to the owner when promised.

If you are willing to loan a tool to a club member, please let us know. We would like to have the list ready for distribution by June 1. Please call Dan Bickley at 614-460-0419 or email him at [Bowser47@yahoo.com](mailto:Bowser47@yahoo.com) with your Model A specific tools.

### Happy Birthday To

- 1 Joyce Brown
- 15 Ken Szakelyhidi
- 16 Jill Davis
- 18 Jim Hare
- 21 Betsy Erlenbach
- 30 Jim Zimmer



# Fun Stuff

Received from an 89 year old man who Steve Rohner gave a ride to at the Florentine one day.

## *Hitchhiking is for the birds I want my own car* by Chuck Shaner

In August 1949 when I bought my first car. It was a 1930 Model-A Coupe - Ford. I paid \$100.00 for it. The soldier sold it to me because there was a short in the headlights and sometimes when he hit a bump the lights would go out. I was in the army stationed in Fort Dix, New Jersey about 25 miles from Philadelphia. There was no problem fixing the electrical problem. There were about 10 guys in the barracks where I was staying that helped me. A Captain that saw the car came over, he had a 1930 Model-A-coupe when he was younger. He gave me some advice. He told me to look along all the wiring to see if any of the lines were bare and shorting out. He was right. I got a roll of electrical tape and fixed the short. The repair cost the price of the roll of tape.

I found at that time there was car paint on the market called powder puff paint. We actually used a powder puff to dip in the paint and swipe it on. I bought some of this paint and a few extra powder puffs. Myself and three other guys painted the car in about 20 minutes. It looked great and the paint job lasted until 1951. I went to the junkyard in Trenton, NJ and got a carburetor off a junked Model A and put it in, it worked fine. The Model A did not have a heater, but it beat hitchhiking in the snow.

It was the fall of 1949 by now and I was ready to drive it to Columbus over the weekend. It had lights, a horn, fairly good tires and a better carburetor. The trip to Columbus was about 475 miles from Ft. Dix. I had thumbed it many times. I knew the way, but I had forgotten that the cars I got rides in were going 65 MPH on the Pennsylvania turnpike. This Model-A could travel along at 35-40 MPH and uphill slower, downhill about 45 MPH. Another drawback was the mechanical brakes, they weren't very good, that is an understatement they were actually dangerous. The first 10 -150 miles from camp to Carlisle, PA is fairly flat. The turnpike started at Carlisle and ended about 20 miles from Pittsburgh. That was the easy part of the trip. The rest was hair-raising in places. There were plenty of hills and not much in the way of brakes on the car. I stayed in the right-hand lane never passed anyone. I got off the turnpike near Pittsburgh and drove through on to Columbus. It took about 14 hours.

As it turns out I had a lot more miles to drive in that Model-A. The mileage gauge was broken, the MPH needle didn't work plus the car had mechanical brakes. I had to go over the mountain in Pennsylvania! This just shows you I did not understand the situation, but soon found out. Anyway I had driven all night. I had started around 5pm Friday and got into Columbus around 7am Saturday. I had to sleep. JoAnn, my wife and I had bought a trailer and it was in a trailer court at Greenlawn and Harmon Ave. I had to plan on leaving to go back the next day. Sleep was very necessary and on Sunday I would have to leave in order to be back at 8am Monday for duty. I just couldn't pull in and go to work without sleep, and since I'm alone driving I would have to leave sometime Sunday morning to make sure I had time for sleep. In a nut shell, I only had about 24 hours at home, part of that was sleeping.

I was off to Ft. Dix Sunday morning, I drove another 14 hours. I got into Philadelphia and was down on gas. I had 27 cents in my pocket. It was raining. The attendant came out to pump my gas. That was how gas was pumped; you were not allowed to pump the gas yourself. I told him I only had 27cents and I had to get back to Fort Dix. He was an Army Vet. He gave me 50 cents worth for 27 cents. That was more than 2 gallons in those days. So I got back about 1:00am, got some sleep and went to work.

During the summer of 1949 Congress decided the Armed forces (Army, Navy and Marines) needed to be downsized. They would discharge anyone who applied that was married which also eliminated the extra money you got for your wife. Congress had cut the budget drastically. The war had been over since 1945 so the need for a standing army was disappearing at that time. I had applied for the discharge. When I got back to camp I was told I was going to be discharged. In a few days I and hundreds of army soldiers at Fort Dix were discharged.

It was the car that changed the driving in the U.S. The body of the car was high off the ground with a running board to step up on when getting in. It had 19 inch tires which put the underside up above mud holes and through standing water. You could repair most things with a pair of pliers, screwdriver and some wire. It would go through water, mud and snow. I drove it in 1950 home from work though one of the deepest snows that had ever fallen in Ohio. OSU played football that day in the famous "Snow Bowl" against Michigan. The only drawback; NO HEATER!



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**LET ME SEE THAT MAP AGAIN**

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