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‘A’ Note from the President

I just heard that we are above average in rain for the season so far this year. We have also had many 90 degree days. This weather makes me envious of some of our fellow Model A owners in Texas. I have seen them on tours in 90 to 100 degree weather but, they have installed after market AC units. I am sure it makes for better driving conditions with that AC blasting.

Fall will be here soon enough with cooler weather and more pleasant driving conditions. I am looking forward to the Tour later in August to Urbana, Ohio that Clark Garn is putting together. It sounds like a fun ride.

Richard



Tech Meeting

Date: August 8th

Time: 7:00 PM.

Place: John Baker's house 3486 Trenton Rd., Columbus 614-370-5453.

Topic: Care of your radiator, gas tank etc presented by Aarrow Radiator and Glass
Bring a chair.

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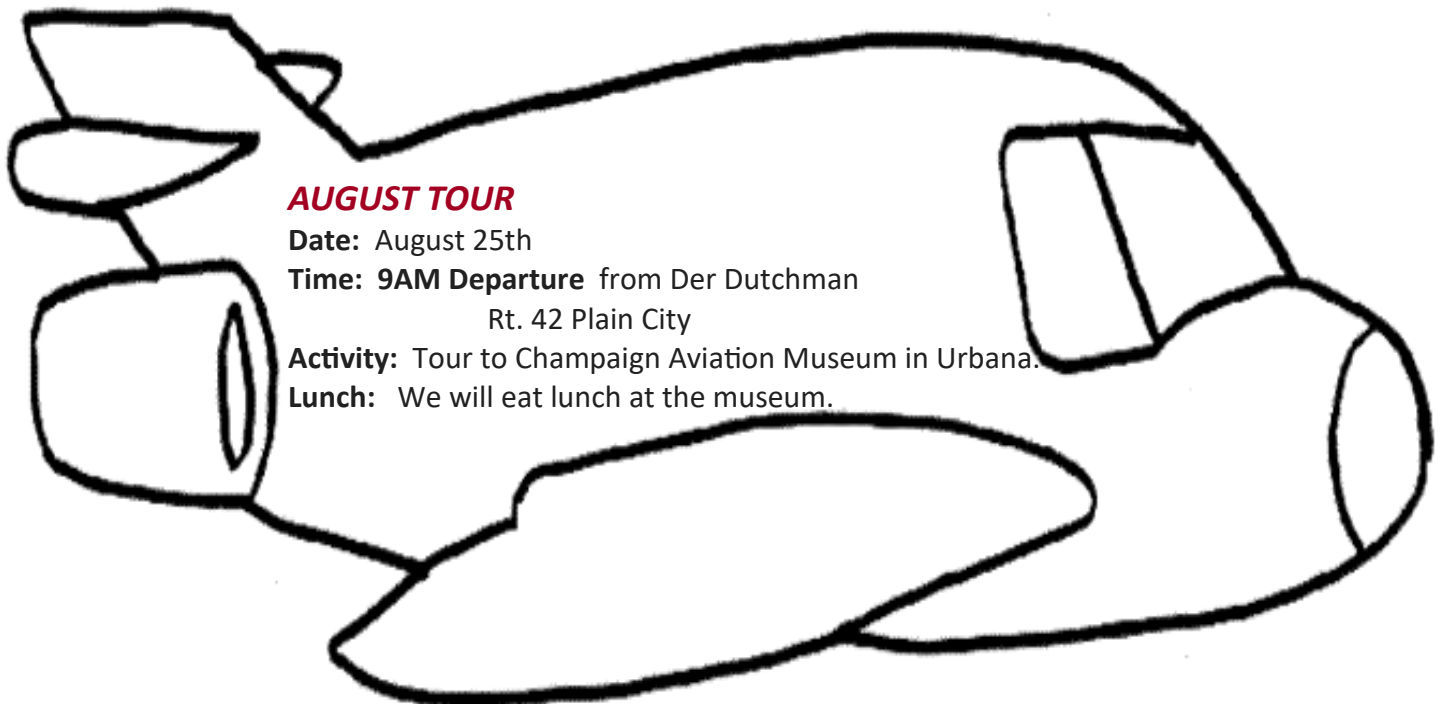
Date: August 4

Time: 12:15 meet at Bob Evans at [3800 South High Street](#). Steve Rohner will lead the way to Commercial Point, arriving around 12:45.

We will eat on arrival in Commercial Point.

Featured this year Phil Dirt and the Dozers, playing at 8:30PM

Bring a chair.



2018 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Tech meeting TBD
- 7-8 Old Car Festival Greenfield Village, Dearborn MI
- 9 Bean Dinner, Don Mink's Farm Gallipolis
- 17-21 MARC fall foliage tour Elkins WV

OCTOBER

- 3 Tech meeting dinner
- 10-13 Hershey
- 20 Covered Bridge Tour—John Baker

NOVEMBER

- 7 Tech Meeting and election of officers TBD
- 9 Columbus Day Parade

DECEMBER

- 2 Christmas Party

No Auction This year. The club officers have decided to forgo the annual auction this year. There were a couple of reasons leading to this decision.

First is that the club treasury is healthy at this point. This was an annual fundraiser so the decision was made to give it a rest for now.

Secondly, this will give our “treasures” more time to grow.

August Birthday wishes to:

- 2nd Amanda Marshall
- 5th Kathy Bickley



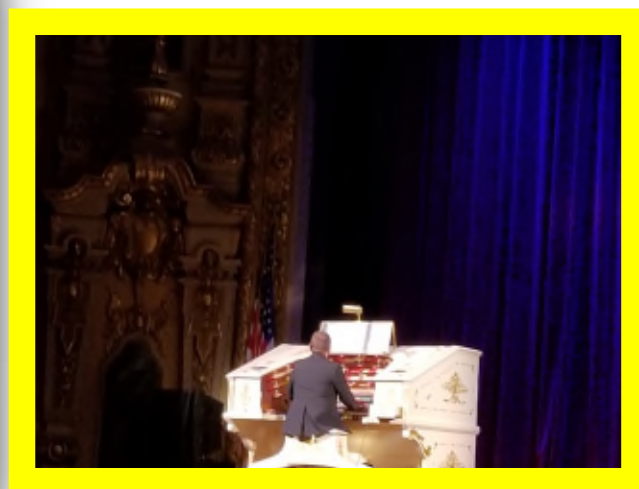
Stephen Baldwin of Granville who has a 1928 AA Stakebed Truck



Tim Teegartin is selling his 1929 Huckster. Asking price is \$11,000. Overall excellent example with rebuilt engine and near pristine undercarriage. Vehicle is with Tilor here in the Columbus area. Tim's phone number is 614-286-8021.



Our annual showing at the Ohio Theatre's Silent Film had good participation. On Thursday, there were 7 'A's and a couple of T's. Friday, there were 5 A's one T and a Franklin. As usual, we attracted a variety of spectators with their usual questions. "Did buy this new?" If you didn't make it this year, there is always next year.



Stella Awards

I am not sure these are actual cases, but they do sound plausible. Snopes, anybody? I guess I never realized that 'jury of your peers' meant 12 people just as stupid as the plaintiff...What about the judge!

It's time again for the annual "Stella Awards"! For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right? That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head. So keep your head scratcher handy.

Here are the Stella's for this year:

SEVENTH PLACE

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

SIXTH PLACE

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

FIFTH PLACE

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight, count 'em, EIGHT days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish. We should all have this kind of anguish. Keep scratching. There are more...

FOURTH PLACE

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered 4th Place in the Stella's when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbor's beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

THIRD PLACE

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

SECOND PLACE

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000....oh, yeah, plus dental expenses. Go figure.

Ok Here we go!!

FIRST PLACE

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, are you sitting down?

\$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

If you think the USA court system is out of control, be sure to pass this one on.



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