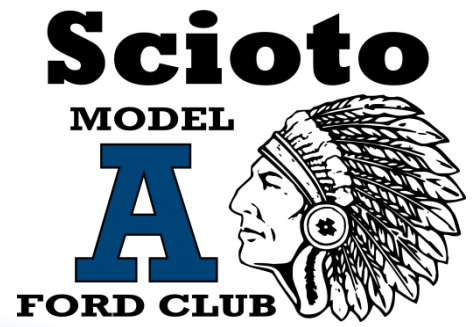


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Cover Photo

This month's cover photo was taken at the August "Brown Bag Lunch & Business Meeting" which was held at the shelter house on the Commercial Point Community Center grounds.



The Chief's Corner

Hello Everyone!

Well, a few of us made it to Commercial Point Saturday August 8th for a COVID safe lunch and business meeting. Weather was perfect. Lou Ardit was there in his fine looking Plymouth. The shelter house was already reserved for the annual professional Go-Kart races, but like many other events this summer, there was a short notice cancellation. If you saw the newsletter photos, there was some old guy on the stage holding a microphone..oh, that was me! Let's look forward to 2021 and a reschedule of what we missed this year due to the pandemic.

There was a "Cruise By" at the Wesley Glen Retirement Community August 20th. I received an email from Julia Roche, the enrichment coordinator, and they were impressed and appreciative of those that participated. The residents and staff really enjoyed seeing the cars pass by.

My wife and I had Chinese take-out the other night. That's the new normal for dinner. I thought I would share the message in my fortune cookie. "The journey is not always the destination, but the journey itself, especially if the journey is in a Model A." I added the last part!

There are some events coming up as noted below as the season will soon be changing from heat & humidity to cooler days and falling leaves – perfect driving weather. Here's the list (which could be modified if needed):

September 12th – Ice Cream Tour – See the details in this newsletter!

October 17th - 11 a.m. "Brown Bag Lunch" & Nomination of Officers Griggs Reservoir Park, 2933 Riverside Drive, Columbus, Ohio. The bag doesn't have to be brown – it's what's inside that counts! There is a shelter house near the dam.

November 7th - 11 a.m. Cookout and Election of Officers Harbage's Farm, 6325 Lucas Pike NE, Plain City, Ohio. Monroe will provide hot dogs & beans. Bring a covered dish, beverage and a chair.

November 6th – 10:30 a.m. Parade Veteran's Day Parade – Columbus, Ohio (will notify if cancelled). Steve Rohner will have details.

December 12th - 11:00 a.m. Christmas Party Der Dutchman Restaurant, 445 S Jefferson Ave, Plain City, Ohio

Stay Safe!

See you on down the road!

Harry

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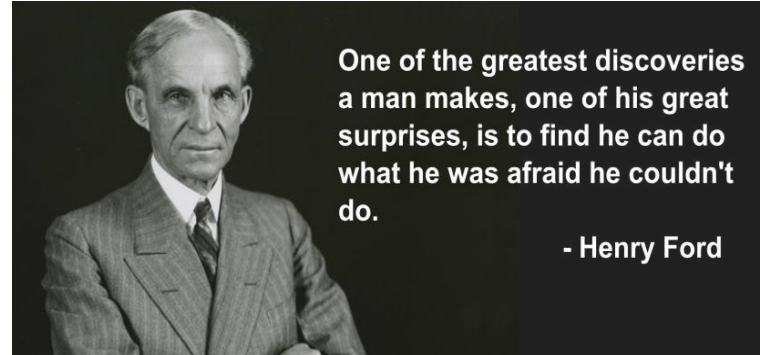
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September Birthdays

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One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do.

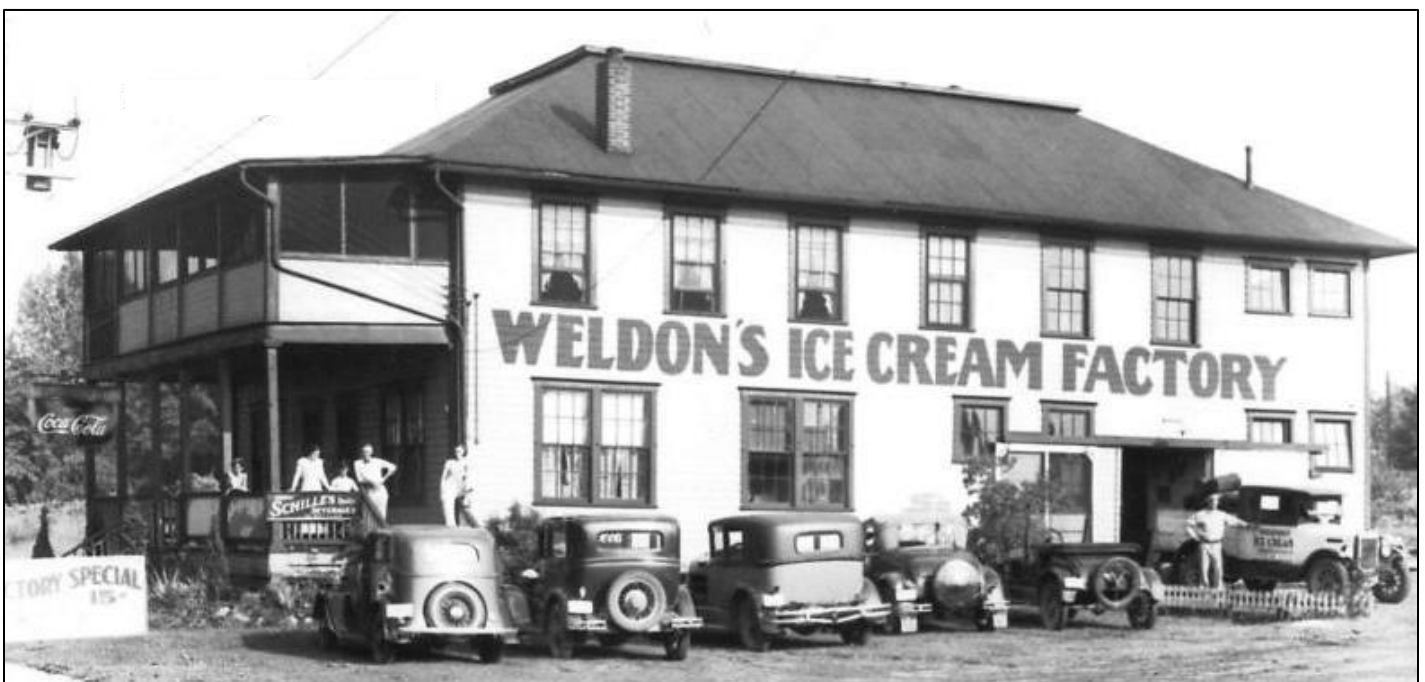
- Henry Ford

THE ICE CREAM TOUR

Our September tour is fast approaching, so mark your calendar for Saturday, September 12. This tour actually has a name and is being billed as "The Ice Cream Tour".

For anyone who wishes to join Jaci and I at the Galloway Kroger parking lot on the west side (West Broad and Galloway Road), we will depart at 11:30 a.m. and proceed to the east side of Columbus. We will then meet up with those who want to join us from that side of town at Bob Evans located at 50 Reynoldsburg New Albany Road, in Blacklick at the intersection of East Broad Street. We will depart there at approximately 12:30 p.m. Our destination then will be to the home of the famous Weldon's Ice Cream located in Millersport. Weldon's has been serving ice cream since 1930!

There are several options for lunch. You can bring a lunch and eat it at Weldons or just eat before you leave. It's up to you. Please bring a lawn chair, as there is plenty of room to spread out at Weldon's parking lot. See you then!



2020 SCIOTO MODEL "A" FORD CLUB SCHEDULE

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>12th – 12:30 <u>Ice Cream Tour:</u> Weldon's Ice Cream Millersport, Ohio</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>17th – 11:00 <u>Brown Bag Lunch & Nomination of Officers:</u> Grigg's Reservoir Park 2933 Riverside Drive Columbus, Ohio</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>6th – 10:30 <u>Veterans Day Parade:</u> 200 Nationwide Blvd. Columbus, Ohio</p> <p>7th – 11:00 <u>Cookout & Election of Officers:</u> Harbage's Farm 6325 Lucas Pike NE, Plain City, Ohio.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>December</u></p> <p>12th – 11:00 <u>Christmas Party:</u> Der Dutchman Restaurant 445 S. Jefferson Ave. Plain City, Ohio</p> |

A Note From Our Treasurer

I have two big announcements:

Announcement #1 being that due to the restricted amount of events and activities, plus the bonus club auction, the club officers have decided to freeze everyone's memberships for 2021! All new members are welcome of course, and current members do not need to worry about membership dues next year. Hopefully by then, we can get back on track.

With that being said, we have a "HELP WANTED" need that needs to be filled.

Announcement #2 is that after many, many years of being treasurer, I have decided to step down from that position. I have loved every minute of it, but it's time someone else to take over. It could not come at an easier time, with no dues coming in it will be super simple to take the helm. I will have everything all explained (written out) as to what is involved and everything will be buttoned up at the end of the year. I will of course be available any time to answer any questions that arise. This is an excellent time to get more involved, help with decision making and add your fresh ideas for the betterment of the club. This is truly such a wonderful group with the common love of our old cars! Please, think it over and feel free to talk to any officer about it. We'd love to have you come aboard.

Thank you so much!

Jaci

LOCAL EVENT

Many original Model A and Model T Ford Parts

Swap Meet

Friday - October 9th

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

And

Saturday - October 10th

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Steve Rohner's
7083 St. Rt. 142
West Jefferson, Ohio**

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19" Wheels***

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NATIONAL EVENT



Car Trivia

1. What was the first official White House car?

Answer:

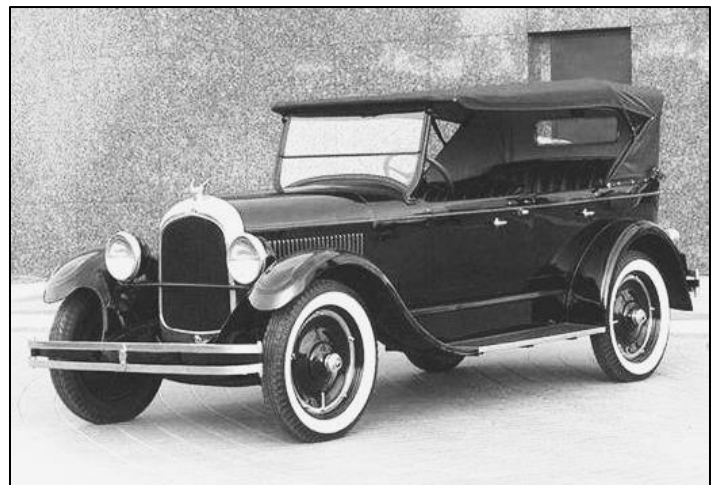
A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.



2. What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?

Answer:

The 1924 Chrysler.



"Brown Bag Lunch" & Business Meeting

Last month the club got together in Commercial Point. Typically, when we meet down there in August, it's for the go-kart races. This year, like so many other events, the races were cancelled due to the virus. But that didn't stop our club from getting together and having some fun. We met at the shelter house on the Commercial Point Community Center grounds, enjoyed a "Brown Bag Lunch" and had a business meeting. There were 11 Model "A"s, a '34 Ford and a '36 Plymouth in our line-up. We also had over 25 members in attendance. As you can see in the pictures, the day was beautiful. After the meeting, a few of us drove into Grove City and enjoyed some ice cream. Even though we have to keep our distance, that's not going to stop us from driving our "A"s and having some fun this summer!







BACKYARD TECH TIP



Model "A" Water Pumps

At one time or another, most of us have worked on our water pumps. Whether it was just tightening up the packing nut, adding a little grease, doing a rebuild or completely replacing the pump, it just comes with owning a Model "A". You may have heard the terms "modern water pump" and "original water pump" and wondered what the differences are. On the original pumps there are grease fittings on the front and rear. The rear fitting is filled by unscrewing the cup and adding only water pump grease enough to fill the cup. Then replace the cup on the fitting and screw it in until it is tight. This will push the grease in and lubricate the rear bearing. Do not over tighten the cup as it will push grease past the bearing and into the radiator. This cap is tightened overtime to keep the bearing lubricated. It should be checked every 500 miles and grease added as needed. The water pump grease cup should be on the pump at all times to prevent air from being drawn into the system.

The modern water pump has a sealed bearing in the front and a leak-less seal in the rear. The end play is critical in a modern water pump. If the end play gets too great, corrosion will develop on the shaft as it moves back and forth and this will cause the seal to leak. As you can see, our water pumps, original or modern, need a little TLC to keep them in good operating condition.

"A" Word on Fashion

While rebellious women began wearing pants in earlier decades, in the 1930s there were several social situations that were acceptable for women to wear pants in public.

Sportswear for tennis, hiking, picnics, skiing, or even just watching sports featured pants, overalls, and even shorts! The sailor inspired two-piece "sailor middy" was a common sportswear outfit. Pants generally were wide legged trousers with a front crease or very wide flowing culottes that looked like a skirt when not moving, with a high fitted waist. The double button "sailor" front was common, as was a side zipper or button closure. They were usually made of a durable cotton fabric like twill or wool for winter.



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FLAPPER of the MONTH



This month we feature Blanche Sweet. Blanche was born in Chicago in 1896. Born into a family of show people, Blanche first appeared on the stage when she was 18 months old. She was a dancer by the time she was four and a talented actress by 1909 when she started work for Biograph Studios. She made dozens of films and became known as "The Biograph Blonde". She left Biograph in 1914. A popular and independent actress, she worked for many studio's and directors in the age of silent movies. Even before talkies, her career was in decline. She made three talking pictures, including "Show Girl in Hollywood" (1930) where she played a washed up actress. This was to be the last film Sweet appeared in before retiring. Her line, in the movie, about being washed up at 32 in Hollywood, was close to the truth for her. After that she retired from the screen and returned to the Stage. She appeared in plays on Broadway and with touring companies and also worked in radio during the 1930s. Eventually she quit show business and got a job at a department store. She would spend her final years living in New York City. Blanche died at the age of 90 in 1986.

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