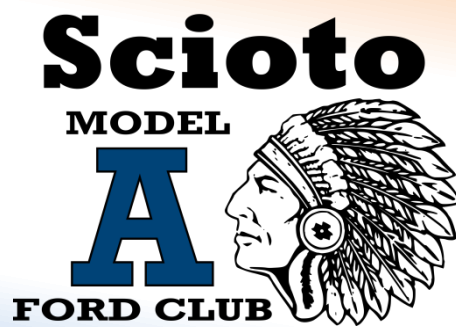


# *The Scuttlebutt*

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MARC Central Ohio Region  
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## Cover Photo

This month's cover photo was taken at the Harbage Farm last month where the club held its November meeting. It features Bill Liberto in his 1930 Rumble-Seat Coupe.



# The Chief's Corner

## Hello Everyone!

2020.... what a year! We have Kamala Harris soon to become our country's Vice President, the first woman to hold that position, and Jaci Rohner soon to become our Club Vice President, the first woman to hold that position. Congratulations Jaci!

And then there is the pandemic. It has had an impact, in one way or another, on everyone. However there appears to be daylight at the end of the tunnel. If the soon to be released vaccines work as advertised, we may gradually get back to normal. That would allow the club to once again have a full schedule of events, at least for part of 2021.

Speaking of elections, thank you to the Harbage's for hosting a cookout and election of officers at their farm in Plain City. Those who were able to attend learned a lot about eggs. We also had the opportunity to get up close to some of the farm animals. Donkeys love carrots!

As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding that got us through a difficult time for our Model A club and other clubs across the county. Even though many events had to be cancelled, thinking outside the box allowed us to be creative and still get together in a safe way and drive our cars. There were even a few high mileage awards earned, and those will be presented soon.

Best wishes to the new officers and the many new members, and here's hoping that everyone has a Happy New Year!

*Stay Safe!*

*See you on down the road!*

## 2020 Officers

President: Harry Spieker  
Vice President: Clark Garn  
Treasurer: Jaci Rohner  
Secretary: Pat Liston

## 2020 Trustees

1<sup>st</sup> Year: Dan Bickley  
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*Harry*



# The Christmas Party has been **CANCELLED!**



Due to the recent increase in virus cases and many of our members choosing not to attend the Christmas party this year, the officers have decided to cancel the party for 2020.

Since the club will not be having any activities for the month of December, there will be No Scuttlebutt Newsletter for the Month of January.

Hopefully, we can start to get things back on track after the first of the year. I would like to personally wish all of you a very safe and happy Holiday Season!

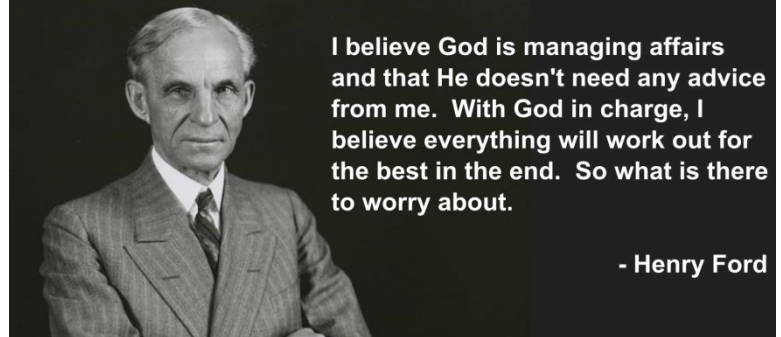


*Allan D. Goldhardt*  
Newsletter Editor



## December Birthdays

**Shirley Doherty**  
**Roseann Harbage**  
**Nick Bova**  
**Barbara Marshall**



There will be **NO** Scioto Model "A" Ford Club meeting in the months of December and January! Our new officers will be busy putting the 2021 Schedule together. You will be notified when and where our next meeting will be. Watch the newsletter for details!

## ***We Need Your Ideas!***

The new officers will be meeting on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, to put together a schedule for the 2021 year. They have to decide where to hold our membership meetings, tech meets, places we can tour, and things we can do together as a club. If you would like to lead a tour, or have a

suggestion of a place we can go, please let them know. If you would like to attend their meeting in January, just give any officer a call and they will let you know where they are meeting and what time they will be getting together.





FROM THE DESK OF

**Pat Liston**

**SECRETARY**

## Secretary's Report for November

What a Beautiful Day we had for our cook-out at Harbage's Farm on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Sunny and warm with a slight breeze. We had tables full of food, from hotdogs and sausages, to deviled eggs, potato salad, baked beans and much, much more. There were so many deserts that we had to start a second table to hold them all. Thank you, Monroe and Roseann, for having us out. We had 16 cars and twenty-two members at our meeting. Most brought their wives, so we had an incredibly good turn-out.

President Harry Spieker had a few words to say, starting with the election of the officers. He had already got the chief's trophy updated with Clark Garn's name added to it. He presented Clark with the trophy and we all gave our thanks. Jaci Rohner was elected as Vice President and Pat Liston will remain as secretary. Since we did not have anyone step up, Pat will also take care of our treasury for the next year as well. Kathy Bickley has agreed to be our Sunshine Director. Harry reminded us that because we were not able to do much this year, and knows that next year will also be a challenge, the officers decided to waive the dues for 2021. If you paid your dues for 2020, they are good for 2021. Those who did not renew their dues in 2020 or anyone that becomes a new member in 2021 will be required to pay. He told us that Steve Rohner will continue as our MARC Director for 2021.

President Spieker told everyone to turn their mileage into Pat Liston no later than Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. This will allow enough time to get the awards processed for the Christmas Party. Be sure to include the serial number of your car if you are part of the MARC's mileage program.

President Spieker also spoke about the Christmas Party to be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the Der Dutchman Restraunt, located at 445 S. Jefferson Avenue in Plain City. The menu will be your choice of chicken or roast beef, along with mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, and pie. There will be more emails about the Christmas Party before the actual date of the party. For those of you who choose to join us and have not yet responded to either Clark or myself, please let us know of your plans so we are sure to get a room large enough for all of us. The deadline to RSVP is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

President Spieker thanked everyone who has turned out all year for our events, despite the challenges we have had with the virus. He hopes we will have less of a problem next year.

Harry, we want to Thank You for being our President this year. We appreciate everything you have done. It has been a challenge, but you made it look smooth.

Have a Great Day,

Pat Liston

# NATIONAL EVENTS

## **MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET 2021**



**April 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Bay City, Michigan**

Host Hotel

**Double Tree by Hilton  
1 Wenonah Park Place  
Bay City, Michigan**

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## **Car Trivia**

1. What American luxury automaker began by making cages for birds and squirrels?

**Answer:**

**The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo, who made the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.**

2. What car first referred to itself as a convertible?

**Answer:**

**The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.**



## **Jaci Rohner**

The Club Spotlight for December is shining on our newly elected Vice President, Jaci Rohner. Jaci was born and raised in Westerville and attended Westerville High School. She and Steve have been married 47 years and are the proud parents of two children, Eric and Becca, as well as three grandchildren: Maddox (15), Ada (12) and Stella (10).

Jaci's professional career consists of a total of 36 years with the Jefferson Local School District. For 28 years she held many different positions in the transportation department including Transportation Director and Secretary. She continued to substitute drive for 8 more years, finally retiring this year.

Over the years, Jaci and Steve have enjoyed any type of outdoor activities and regularly walk at least 20 miles weekly. Add to this Jaci's volunteer commitments with CAPA and Picnic With The Pops, as well as her Treasurer duties with our Club,

and we have a very busy lady on our hands! Jaci and Steve have fallen in love with the State of Tennessee, and visit the state at least yearly.

It's interesting to note that Jaci's first experience with a Model A happened the first time she met Steve, who was driving his original Model A that day. It was love at first sight! (I'm not sure if it was Steve or the car.....just joking.) Anyway, the Rohner's own a gorgeous 1930 Tudor Sedan and also had a beautiful 1964 Ford Fairlane for many years.

Having joined the Club in 2000, Jaci has been our Treasurer since 2014, and our Sunshine Director as well. Her commitment hasn't ended there however. Over the years Jaci has helped organize Club Christmas parties, planned and led many, many tours and has hosted innumerable Tech Meetings. Both Jaci and Steve's love and passion for our Club are unequalled and they have forged many strong and true friendships over the years.

Jaci is the first woman to become Vice President and ultimately President of our Club. Hats off to Jaci....a pragmatic and selfless lady who embodies our Club's mission and ideals.



WISHING YOU ALL  
A HAPPY & HEALTHY  
HOLIDAY SEASON

*Harry, Clark, Jaci, & Pat*



# *The November Membership Meeting*

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of last month, the Scioto Model “A” Ford Club got together for the November membership meeting. The meeting was held out in Plain City, Ohio at Monroe and Roseann Harbage’s farm. It was a beautiful fall day with plenty of sunshine and temperatures in the 70’s. We had a great turn-out with 16 antique vehicles and over 30 people in attendance.

At the meeting, we elected our officers for 2021. Jaci Rohner was elected Vice President and Pat Liston was re-elected as our club Secretary. Since there were no nominations for the Treasurer’s position, Pat offered to do the Treasurer’s job next year for the club as well. Clark Garn will automatically move up from Vice President to President. President Spieker advised the membership that he would not be



attending this year’s Christmas Party, so he officially passed the Chief Scioto Trophy over to incoming President, Clark Garn. He also thanked his fellow officers and the membership for allowing him to be President and for all of the help he received throughout the year.

Monroe and Roseann provided hot dogs and an open fire to cook them over. They also provided baked beans for the membership to enjoy. The membership brought covered dishes and desserts. There was plenty of food for everyone!

After the meeting, Monroe shared some personal history about the farm and what it takes to keep it operating. He explained how he purchased mules to keep the foxes away. He also gave an insight into his egg business.

A big “THANK YOU” goes out to Monroe and Roseann for their hospitality and allowing all of us to visit their farm. Also, congratulations to our newly elected 2021 officers!







The passing of Chief Scioto, our club's mascot, to incoming President Clark Garn.



Chip Stout and a few members checking out Bill Liberto's king pins on his Model "A".

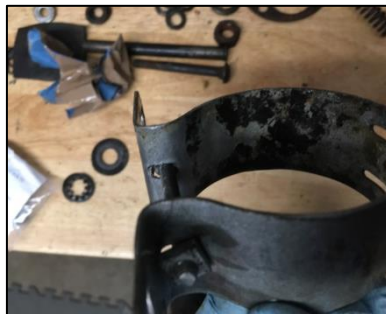


## BACKYARD TECH TIP



### **Are you looking for an easy way to remove rust?**

Use a 50/50 mixture of water and distilled white vinegar. I started with a cup of each and placed my rusty/dirty parts in the mixture. If the item was not covered, I just added another cup of each. I left the item to soak for a day and then took a wire brush to it. You can see the results. I have done the same thing with larger painted items that were pitted deep with rust. I left them in the solution for 1 to 2 weeks. Removed and wire brushed. The rust and paint came off and left the metal clean. I washed the solution off and painted. This has got to be the easiest job I have ever done with rusty items.



By: Dennis Stone  
Old Dominion Model A Ford Club

### **“A” Word on Fashion**

The first appearance of a modern Santa Claus, complete with what we consider to be the Santa suit was in drawings by Thomas Nast. Nast's original drawings were of a small Santa who could slide down chimneys, but his later works made him full size. He was also the first to draw Santa wearing a red suit with fur lining, a nightcap, and a black belt with a large buckle.

Prior to Nast's work, Santa's outfit was tan in color, and it was he that changed it to red, although he also drew Santa in a green suit. This change is often mistakenly attributed to the work of Haddon Sundblom, who drew images of Santa in advertising for the Coca-Cola Company since 1931. Although Sundblom's work certainly changed the perception of Santa Claus, the red suit was shown on the covers of Harper's Weekly at least forty years before his work for the soda company was published.



Thomas Nast hand-drawn Santa from the 1880's.

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# FLAPPER of the MONTH



This month we feature Betty Bronson. Betty was born in Trenton, New Jersey in 1906. She convinced her parents to let her move to California to aid her career in films. Subsequently, the entire family moved to California. Bronson began her film career at the age of 16. At 17, she was interviewed by J. M. Barrie, author of Peter Pan. Although the role had been sought by such established actresses as Gloria Swanson and Mary Pickford, Barrie personally chose Bronson to play the lead in the film adaptation of his work, which was released in 1924. Bronson had a major role, that of Mary, mother of Jesus, in the 1925 silent film adaptation of Ben-Hur. She made a successful transition into sound films in 1928, co-starring with Al Jolson in *The Singing Fool*. In 1930, she was the leading lady opposite Jack Benny in the romantic drama *The Medicine Man*. Bronson continued acting until 1933 when she married a well-to-do North Carolinian, with whom she had one child. She did not appear in films again until 1937 with Gene Autry. In the 1960s, she appeared in television and feature films. On October 19, 1971, Bronson died after a protracted illness in Pasadena, California at the age of 64.

*The*  
**END**

