

The Scuttlebutt

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MARC Central Ohio Region
Columbus, Ohio

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Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is a look back to the beautiful fall day last October when the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club took a tour south of Columbus down to Slate Run Park.



The Chief's Corner

We're off and running!!

In spite of a cool, wet Wednesday, our March whistle factory tour was a success. We had 26 attend, and three brave Model "A"s. Good pizza and ice cream topped it off.

Our next event is a dinner meeting at the Der Dutchman, in Plain City, on Wednesday, April 5th, at 6:30 p.m. It will be hosted by Jaci and Steve Rohner. I would suggest that we come prepared to seek out, and sit with, someone we don't know well. It's really fun to get to know new people outside of our normal circles.

Be sure to make plans to bring your Model "A" to one, or both, of our scheduled Tune-Up Days. This year we will have three service stations, offering an oil change, grease job, and ignition help. Bring your own oil, grease, and ignition parts, and we will help you do the job.

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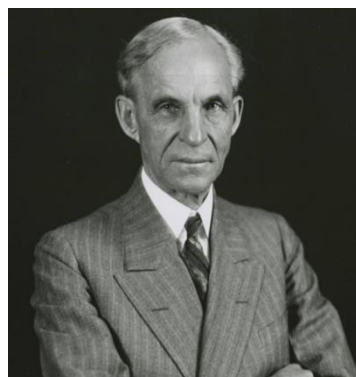
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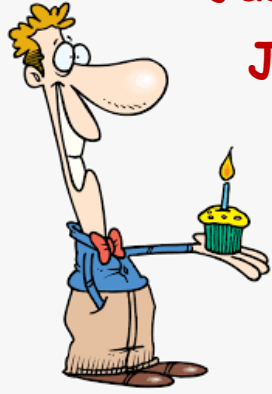
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Before everything else,
getting ready is the secret
of success.

- Henry Ford

April Birthdays



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**Kathy Bickley is our
Sunshine Director!**

**Please notify her of any information
relating to our club members.**

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Our Next Meeting

DATE: April 5th, 2023

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Der Dutchman Restaurant

LOCATION: 445 Jefferson Avenue
Plain City, Ohio

TOPIC: Dinner Meeting

DIRECTIONS:

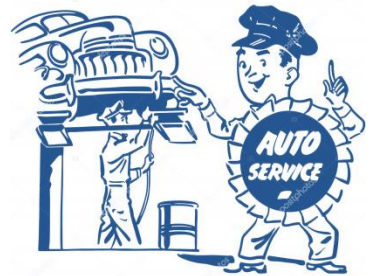
1. Take I-270 to the north east side to exit 17-B (Rt. 33 West).
2. Take Rt. 33 West to exit 106 (Rt. 161 West).
3. Take Rt. 161 West to Rt. 42. Turn south on Rt. 42.
4. Go ½ mile. The Der Dutchman will be on your left.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Since this is a dinner meeting, be sure to bring your significant other!

Model "A" Tune-Up Days

April is here and that means it is finally time to get our Fords tuned up and ready to hit the road. There will be two tune-up days this year. One will be held on the east side of town at John Baker's Garage. A second one will be held on the west side of town at Howard Turner's Garage. If you need a hand in setting your timing, checking your toe-in or greasing your car, this is the time to get that help. This year we are going to try and do things a little different. We will be setting up teams to do specific jobs on the cars. We will have an oil-changing team, lube team, and a timing team. We hope to be able to work more efficiently on more cars. If you want an oil change, be sure to bring your own oil! All members are encouraged to come to one or both tune-up days. Even if your "A" is all set and ready for the season, come on out, get on a team, and enjoy the fun.



East Side Tune-Up Day

Saturday, April 22nd - 9:30 a.m.
John Baker's Garage
3486 Trenton Road
Columbus, Ohio

West Side Tune-Up Day

Saturday, April 29th - 9:30 a.m.
Howard Turner's Garage
4191 Fredericksburg Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

SCIOTO MODEL "A" FORD CLUB SCHEDULE

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>5th - <u>Dinner Meeting – 6:30 pm *</u> Der Dutchman Restaurant 445 Jefferson Avenue Plain City, Ohio</p> <p>14th – 16th <u>MARC Membership Meet</u> Bay City, Michigan (see ad in newsletter)</p> <p>22nd - <u>East Side Tune-Up Day *</u> John Bakers Garage 3486 Trenton Road, Columbus</p> <p>29th - <u>West Side Tune-Up Day *</u> Howard Turner's Garage 4191 Fredericksburg Ave, Columbus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>3rd - <u>Tech Meet – 7:00 pm *</u> Dan Bickley's Garage 12805 Gorsuch Road, Galena</p> <p>27th - <u>Motts Military Museum Tour *</u> Groveport, Ohio</p> <p>29th – <u>Memorial Day Parade</u> Worthington, Ohio</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>3rd – 4th <u>Old Car Festival</u> Lancaster, Ohio</p> <p>7th - <u>Tech Meet – 7:00 pm *</u> Howard Turner's Garage 4191 Fredericksburg Ave, Columbus</p> <p>17th - <u>Heritage Museum Tour *</u> Springfield, Ohio</p> <p>24th - <u>WACO Fly-In</u> Mount Vernon, Ohio</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>5th – <u>Tech Meet – 7:00 *</u> Dick Liston's Garage 751 South State Route 605, Sunbury</p> <p>15th – <u>Miami Valley Steam Thrashers Tour *</u> Plain City, Ohio</p> <p>20th – 22nd <u>Arthritis Car Show</u> Dublin, Ohio</p> <p>30th - 4th <u>MARC National Meet Tour *</u> Hamilton, Ohio</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August</u></p> <p>9th – <u>Tech Meet – 7:00 pm *</u> TBD</p> <p>19th – <u>Cottrill Sculpture Studio Tour *</u> Zanesville, Ohio</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September</u></p> <p>6th – <u>Tech Meet - 7:00 pm *</u> Bill Liberto's Garage 3410 Heritage Oaks Drive, Hilliard</p> <p>9th & 10th <u>Old Car Festival</u> Dearborn, Michigan</p> <p>15th & 16th <u>Model "A" Days</u> Hickory Corners, Michigan</p> <p>23rd – <u>Grimes Field & Museum Tour *</u> Urbana, Ohio</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>October</u></p> <p>3rd - 6th <u>Eastern Fall Meet</u> Hershey, Pennsylvania</p> <p>7th – <u>Club Auction & Cook-Out - Noon *</u> Steve Rohner's Garage 7083 St. Rt. 142 SE, West Jefferson</p> <p>21st – <u>Rock Mill Tour *</u> Lancaster, Ohio</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November</u></p> <p>1st – <u>Tech Meet – 7:00 pm *</u> Station House 11 Front Street, Commercial Point</p> <p>12th – <u>Veteran's Day Parade *</u> Delaware, Ohio</p>

*** Points Event**



FROM THE DESK OF

Pat Liston

SECRETARY

March Secretary's Report

Our second Tech Meeting for 2023 will be held on April 5th at the Der Dutchman Resraurant in Plain City. We will be having a Dinner Meeting, so there will be no tech topic discussed.

Steve Rohner can no longer serve as our Regional Director for Marc and asked if we could get someone to fill that position. No one has volunteered, so we are asking for someone to step up to get that position filled. Being represented in the MARC Newsletter is not a big job, but it does mean a lot and gets our club recognized throughout the region.

On March 22nd, we met at the American Whistle Factory. Our tour guide was very knowledgeable and gave us a very interesting tour of the plant. He tried to be funny as there were some home-schooled children in our group as well. Several questions were asked throughout the tour, so I am sure we tested him well. After our tour, we drove down to the Pizza House, where we had a great lunch and were able to chat with fellow members. We had about 26 people attend the tour, so it was not a light gesture. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Then we headed up to the Worthington Graters for an ice cream treat. It was a fun day!

Now we are looking forward to our April Dinner Meeting and the Spring Tune-Up Days. If there is something special you would like done on your Model "A" at the Tune-Up Days, like an oil change — be sure bring your own oil. Timing done, bring a spare set of points. You get the idea.

Have a Great Day!

You're Invited To "A" Party!

Our Sister Model "A" Club, the Southern A's, are planning a birthday party for Don Mink and Bill McCoy. Our club members have been invited to join their celebration. The party will be held during their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m. They meet at Don Mink's garage, located at 2147 Jackson Pike in Bidwell, Ohio. They will be providing dinner, cake, and ice cream. If you plan to attend, please let Steve Rohner know so he can give them a headcount. Steve can be reached at:

614-579-3803

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HELP!!!

Mary Lou & Dave Gearhart need our help and ideas. Their Model "A" has been sitting in a barn for quite a few years. They recently moved it to a garage in Westerville that has many tools and a lift. It has been recently started. Dave is currently replacing the radiator. Their goal is to have it running good by April 25th, the 53rd anniversary of their first date in their Model "A". Their second goal is to run it in the Worthington Memorial Day Parade on May 29th. Let's plan some work days and help them reach their goals! They can be reached at: **614-507-5555**

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American

Whistle Factory Tour



On March 22nd, the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club took a tour of the American Whistle Factory located in the north end of Columbus. There were approximately thirty adults and children that took the Wednesday morning tour. Three of our members even drove their Model "A"s to the factory. We met at the factory parking lot around 9:30 for the 10:00 tour. Our tour guide did a great job. He even saw that everyone got a whistle on the way out the door! After the tour, we went to the Pizza House for lunch. The service and food was excellent! After lunch, we headed over to Graeter's in Worthington for dessert. This was a very nice, well attended tour put together by our President, Wayne Davis. *Good job Wayne!*

Editor
Scioto Model "A" Ford Club



A display showing each step in the whistle-making process.



The kids waiting for the tour to begin.



One young lady making her own whistle.



The membership deciding what to have for lunch at the Pizza House.



No tour is complete without ice cream!

NATIONAL EVENTS



JOIN US IN BAY CITY, MI
FOR THE
MARC Membership Meet
April 14-16, 2023

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River View Rooms are \$139.00 which includes breakfast for 2 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.

City View Rooms are \$129.00 which includes breakfast for 2 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.

*The block of rooms are available until March 20, 2023.
Availability after that date is not guaranteed.*

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Come Early and Join us for the
Olde Movie Night at the State Theatre
Thursday, April 13, 2023



The original building was built in 1908. The building was renovated and currently features a 1930s art deco design and features a Mayan themed marquee.

This is a FREE event and hotel rates (as published are in place for those with the early arrival.

M A R C Membership Meet 2023



April 30

2023

Sunday • 9 am to 3 pm

Trexlerstown, PA

**Stock or Original Model A Ford
and Era Equipment Only**

Vintage Fords from 1903 - 1942 also welcomed.

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the STEVE RYAN

Model A/AA Show & Swap



Swap Meet • Concessions • Tech Session

Rain or Shine • Free Admission • Free Registration

Pin Striping by Jim Brand • Paved Parking for Show Cars

Co-Host: LVMAC and the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company

7723 Hamilton Blvd • Breinigsville, PA 18031 • Short Drive from Rt 78 and Rt 222

Swap meet spots are a \$10 Donation • Model A / AA & early Ford parts only • NO household items • NO dolls/toys • NO modern tools

An associated car club is not required for show. Interest in Model 'A' Fords recommended.

RSVP your swap space or your club space for the day: 484.548.0632 or lvmodelclub@gmail.com

Lehigh Valley
Model 'A' Club



Auto Wash Bowls of the Roaring 1920s

The Auto Wash Bowl concept originated in St. Paul, Minnesota. It was patented in 1921 by inventor C.P. Bohland, who opened two locations in St. Paul. He devised the bowl as an easy way to clean mud off of the undercarriage of cars. Back in this early age of motoring, roads were often unpaved and muddy, and that mud would get caked on the underside of the car and the wheels — but a spin in the nifty Auto Wash Bowl took care of that. The nearly 80-foot-wide, ridged concrete bowl was about 16 inches at its deepest point in the center. Customers paid 25¢ to an attendant who strapped a protective rubber cover over the radiator. Patrons would then enter the bowl via a ramp and drive their cars around and around the bowl at a speed of about 10 miles per hour. The ridges in the concrete would vibrate the car and the water, creating a sloshing action that helped wash away all the mud from the chassis and wheels. The process took about three or four minutes. The car would then exit the bowl where patrons who wanted a complete car wash could enter one of the bays where the rest of the car would be cleaned. On a busy Saturday, about 75 cars per hour would go for a spin in the Auto Wash Bowl. Once the idea had proved successful in St. Paul, the patent holder began advertising in other cities to franchise the operation. The first Auto Wash Bowl in Chicago was built by C.G. Burkhartsmeier on the city's North Side. Burkhartsmeier bought the rights in 1924 and built his bowl and service station at a cost of \$20,000. Sadly, the Auto Wash Bowl wound up being little more than a novelty as car-washing technology evolved. Just two years later, the North Side wash bowl was bought by a local realtor, the South Side wash bowl was gone by the '30s, and the Auto Wash Bowl went down the drain...



LOCAL EVENTS



Columbus, Indiana

59th ANNUAL MODEL A FORD SWAP MEET

COLUMBUS, INDIANA – MARC AND MAFCA

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

4-H FAIRGROUNDS, COLUMBUS, INDIANA

750 W 200 S, Columbus, IN 47201

8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

(Open for unloading and setup on Sunday at 6:00 A.M.)

NO UNLOADING SATURDAY EVENING – Building Unavailable

CAR PARTS, COLLECTIBLES, NEW PARTS VENDORS,
MODEL “A” CAR DISPLAY

ADMISSION - \$5



SPACES AVAILABLE

- 10X10 INSIDE SPACE - \$10
- TABLE RENTAL - \$2 EACH
- “FOR SALE” CARS - \$6 PER SPACE

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

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2023 FEATURED MARQUES



THURSDAY 7/20 ROLLING LEGENDS TOUR

DEPARTS FROM METRO CENTER AT 9:00 AM

FRIDAY 7/21 CRUISE-IN

SHOW HOURS 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM

FAF/VIP EVENT 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

MUSIC THE MOONBATS 6 PM to 7 PM & 8 PM to 9 PM

AWARDS (FIFTY 6 ft TALL TROPHIES) 7:00 PM

SATURDAY 7/22 ALL DAY CAR SHOW

SHOW HOURS 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

MUSIC DRIVING GUITARS 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM & 2 PM to 3 PM

AWARDS CEREMONY 5:00 PM

MUSIC THE AVALONS 4 PM to 5 PM & 6 PM to 7 PM

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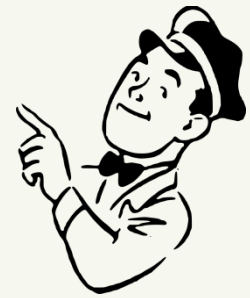
Model "A" Youth News!

This is the final installment of the Adirondack A's Youth Program. The sixth Youth Program was the restoration of a 1931 Sport Coupe. The project was started in 2019 and completion of it was delayed to 2022 by the pandemic. As of yet, they have not started another project. It will be interesting to see what is next for them.





BACKYARD TECH TIP



AIR CLEANER CAN RUIN YOUR ENGINE?

All carburetors released by Ford for use on the Model "A" and "B" engines had the float bowls externally vented. The Zenith Carburetor Company warned of the negative effects of using an air cleaner on early Ford vehicles with externally vented float bowls. The use of an air cleaner of any type will negatively affect the air to fuel ratios as the filter gets dirty. Even with the proper jetting, the carburetor will end up being very rich. The excessive fuel going in the engine will end up doing much more damage than the dust in the air by washing the oil from the cylinder walls. These carburetors were not designed for air cleaner use. To allow the use of an air cleaner, the bowl vent must be plugged and relocated to the inside of the carburetor near the choke plate area so that the engine can only get its air from one source. This is called a pressure balancing circuit. It would take a lifetime to wear out an engine with the little bit of dust that's on our roads today.

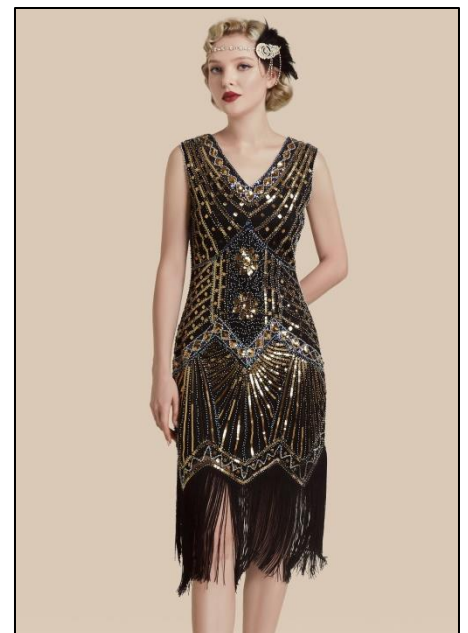


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"A" Word on Fashion

The development of a more convenient, modern female wardrobe was a major trend of the 1920s and was achieved through the progressive simplification of dress as the decade advanced – a rejection of formality and multiple layers, in favor of comfort and a lighter, more natural effect. This simplicity created the popular tubular "la garçonne" look that dominated much of the decade. Also known as the flapper, the look typified 1920s dress with a dropped waist and creeping hemlines that could be created in economical fabrics. Coco Chanel helped popularize this style and was a prominent designer during the period. Both waistlines and hemlines followed similar, though inverse, projections throughout the decade, as waistlines dropped until 1923 before beginning to rise again in 1928; while hemlines rose until 1926, when they started to fall again.

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The Windshield Wiper

Even the most commonplace devices in our world had to be invented by someone. Take the windshield wiper. It may seem hard to imagine a world without windshield wipers, but there was one, and Mary Anderson lived in that world. In 1902, Anderson was visiting New York City. She was riding a streetcar and it was snowing, says the Rev. Sara-Scott Wingo, Anderson's great-great-niece. Wingo says while Anderson was riding the streetcar that snowy day, she observed that the streetcar driver had to get out and continually clean off the windshield. Naturally, that caused delays, and got Anderson wondering, what if there were some sort of blade that could wipe off the windshield without making the driver get out of the streetcar?

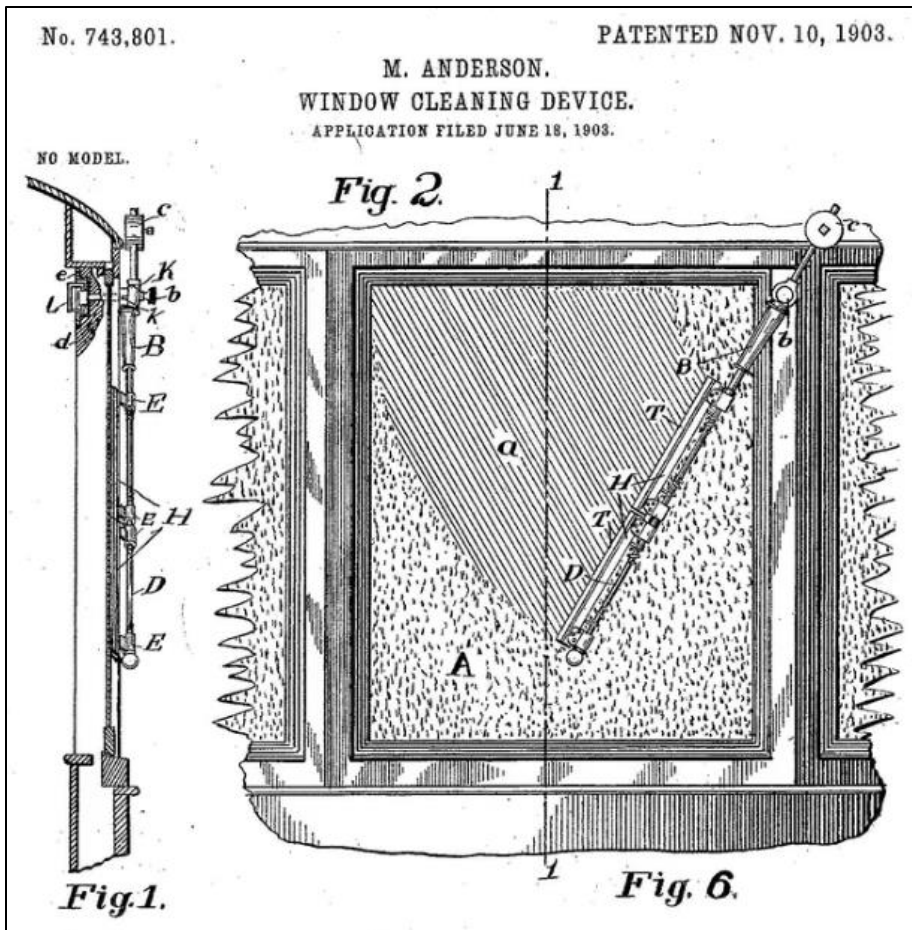


Anderson went back to Birmingham, made a sketch of her device, and wrote up a description of it. Then she applied for a patent. The patent application describes how the wiper was to be operated by a handle inside the vestibule of the motor car, and be easily removable — "thus leaving nothing to mar the usual appearance of the car during fair weather," according to patent language. The application was filed June 18, 1903. On November 10, 1903, the United States Patent Office awarded Anderson patent number 743,801 for her Window Cleaning Device.

Wingo says her great-great-aunt tried to interest manufacturing firms in making this device for the emerging motorcar industry, but got no takers. A letter from the firm of Dinning and Eckenstein is one of her prized possessions. "Dear madam," the letter begins, "We beg to acknowledge receipt of your recent favor with reference to the sale of your patent. In reply,

we regret to state we do not consider it to be of such commercial value as would warrant our undertaking its sale." She doesn't know for sure why Anderson's invention never went anywhere, but she suspects it might have been because Anderson was such an independent woman. She didn't have a father, she didn't have a husband, and she didn't have a son, Wingo said. And the world was kind of run by men back then.

It doesn't seem as if Mary Anderson was the sort of woman to be crushed by the rejections. She lived another 50 years, long enough to see windshield wipers become ubiquitous.



Presenting

The



FLAPPER of the MONTH



This month we feature Anita Page. Anita was born in 1910 in New York. Page was spotted by a man who was interested in representing actors. With the encouragement of her mother, Page telephoned the man who arranged a meeting for her at Paramount Studios. After doing a screen test, Page was offered contracts by Paramount and MGM. Page chose MGM and did her first film in 1928. She was the leading lady to Lon Chaney, Buster Keaton, Robert Montgomery, Clark Gable and others. During the early 1930s, she was one of Hollywood's busiest actresses. She was involved romantically with Gable briefly during that time. At the height of her popularity, she was receiving more fan mail than any other female star, with the exception of Greta Garbo. When her contract expired in 1933, she announced her retirement from acting at the age of 23. She retired as she was denied a pay rise. She made one more movie in 1936, and then retired fully from acting. She married Navy pilot Lieutenant House in 1937. They moved to Coronado, California and lived there until his death in 1991. Page died in her sleep at the age of 98 in 2008 at her Los Angeles home.

THE END

