# The Scuttlebutt

The Official Publication of the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club







#### **Cover Photo**

This month's cover photo was taken last month at the South Side Tune-Up Day that was held in Circleville, Ohio. It features club member Jerrold Field's beautiful 1930 Model "A" Town Sedan.

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# The Chief's **Corner**

Hello Everyone,

April had a lot of club activity.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we had a well-attended tech meeting on headlight adjustments at Mike Ruede's home. We also had a demonstration of the new LED headlights verses the early Ford headlight bulbs.

Our first Tune-Up Day of the year was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Dan Beckley's home. About twenty members attended. Due to poor weather, not many Model "A"s showed up. A second Tune-Up Day was held at Mike Ruede's home on April 26<sup>th</sup>. More Model "A"s were driven to that one. Everyone enjoyed looking at Allan Goldhardt's newly installed Burtz engine. Some minor maintenance work was done on another Model "A" that day.

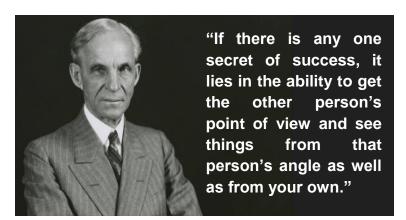
In May, we will have our first Model "A" tour of the year. We will be visiting the Mansfield Reformatory. Be sure to check the schedule in the newsletter and make plans to attend.

We are still looking for volunteers to do presentations at our upcoming tech meetings. We also need some ideas for topics to be discussed. Please let me know if you are willing to do a presentation or have an idea for a topic.

Your President.



# Russel Pavkov Werner Rase Joan Reither Don Reither Niti Spieker Joel Weaver



# **Our Next Meeting**

**DATE:** May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Dave Graney's Garage

**LOCATION:** 3566 Schirtzinger

Hilliard, Ohio

**TOPIC:** Model "A" Horns

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Take I-270 to the west side of Columbus to Cemetery Road (Exit 13).
- 2. Go west on Cemetery Road to Britton Parkway (.2 miles).
- Go north on Britton Parkway to the third round-a-bout, Davidson Road. (1.2 miles)
- 4. Go east on Davidson Road to Schirtzinger Road. (.6 miles)
- 5. Dave Graney's Garage will be on the north side of the road.

**NOTES:** Be sure to bring a chair to sit on!

# Ohio State Reformatory Tour

The Scioto Model "A" Ford Club will kick off its touring season this year on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Steve & Lisa Aspery will be leading the club up to Mansfield, Ohio for a private group tour of the Ohio State Reformatory. The cost of the tour is \$40 per person. This historic prison was built between 1886 and 1910. It remained in operation until 1990, when a United States Federal Court ruling ordered the facility to be closed. The Model "A" Drivers of East Central Ohio will be joining us on this tour as well. We will all meet at the Kroger Parking lot located at the intersection of US 36 & State Route 3 in Sunbury, Ohio. We will leave for Mansfield at 8:45 a.m. After the prison tour, we will be making a stop at the Richland Carrousel Park. This park features the first new,

hand-carved carrousel to be built and operated in the country since the 1930's. The carrousel features 30 horses, 22 menagerie figures, and two chariots. We will finish off the day with a late lunch in downtown Mansfield. This is sure to be a great way to start the 2025 touring season. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of the Ohio State Reformatory Tour!



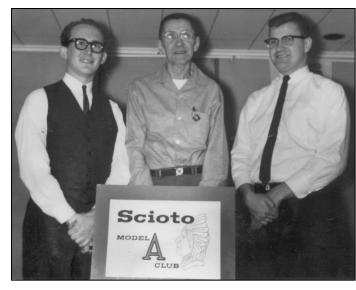


# "A" LOOK BACK

# Over 65 Years of Fun!

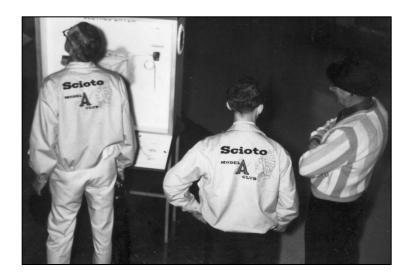








This month we are taking a look at the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1965 club gathering for a White Elephant Sale. The sale took place at the home of Gary Potter. Above, in the middle picture, are President Fred Kerns, Vice-President Bill Brex, and Secretary & Treasurer Gary Potter. It appears that two members were not real impressed with their sale items. The other three pictures were taken on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1965 when the club traveled to downtown Columbus and took a tour through the Center of Science & Industry (COSI).







Pictures Submitted by: Rick Lindner Scioto Model "A" Ford Club



#### **Pat Liston**

SECRETARY

## April Secretary's Report

A big thank you to President Mike Ruede for hosting us and generously providing pizza, which we enjoyed before and during the meeting. Mike's informative presentation comparing the different LED Headlights for Model "A"s was insightful, and he oversaw our many questions with grace. We genuinely appreciate you stepping up, Mike!

Our officers are working hard to finalize this year's calendar, but we're facing challenges in getting volunteers to speak at meetings. We previously shared a list of topics that members wanted more information about, hoping to spark interest—but so far, there's been no response. Without speakers, our meetings will be much shorter and, frankly, less engaging.

Our Treasurer, Spencer Cheek, attended the meeting and shared an update on our funds. He is also exploring the possibility of a donation or scholarship to a local school that trains students to work on vintage automobiles, particularly from 1928 to 1935. We look forward to hearing more about his findings. Thank you, Spencer!

Secretary Pat Liston reminded Steve Aspery and Clark Garn to provide details about their upcoming tour meet-up locations, as well as information on lunch and ice cream stops.

She also expressed her concern about how hard it is this year to get our calendar scheduled. She is working on a location for our November dinner meeting but has not found a place large enough yet, without being costly. She is considering the Berwick Party House.

Unfortunately, our Sunshine Reporter, Mary Lou Gearhart, was unable to attend, so there was no Sunshine Report at this time. If you know anyone in the hospital, getting ready for a hospital stay, or in need of some cheer, please let Mary Lou know. She would be more than happy to send a get-well greeting. Also, I learned Mary Lou had eye surgery this past month. Hope all went well, and you are feeling better!

On April 19<sup>th</sup> we had our first Tune-Up Day at Dan Bickley's Garage. We had an exceptionally good turnout with about twenty members, and we even had five spouses attending. We worked on oil changes, alignments, timing, and brake light adjustments. We have a second one on April 26<sup>th</sup>, but that will happen after my cutoff date for the newsletter. So, I will let you know more about it later.

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Our next tech meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Dave Graney's Garage. His garage is located at 3566 Schirtzinger Road in Hilliard, Ohio. Dave will be discussing the Model "A" horn. Be sure to bring your own chair to sit on!

On May 30<sup>th</sup> we will be touring the Ohio State Reformatory located in Mansfield, Ohio. We will be meeting at 8:45 a.m. at the Kroger Parking lot located at the intersection of US 36 & State Route 3 in Sunbury, Ohio.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> we are going to the National Air Force Museum. Again, I do not have a meet-up location as of yet, but we are supposed to meet at 9:00 a.m. As soon as I have the information, I will let you know.

Have a Great Day!



# **BACKYARD TECH TIP**



# REMOVING DIFFICULT HINGE PINS

In order to fit my new external mirrors to my Sports Coupe, the top hinge pins needed to come out. After a week of spraying them with Break Away, and thumping them with a pin punch, they hadn't budged. After searching the internet, canvassing expert and non-expert opinions, I was almost at the stage of trying to remove the hinges using heat, and re-painting them. Then I came up with a successful solution. It involved the use of my cheap, monster 1500W hammer drill / jack hammer. Using my normal drill, I drilled a small dimple in the bottom of the hinge pin to try to stop the pointed chisel tip from sliding off. Because I couldn't get the big jack hammer directly under the hinge, and it was always going to jump off towards the car, I notched a piece of wood for my accomplice to hold to keep the chisel tip in position. After that preparation, one pin took about 10 seconds of high pressure and heavy percussion before it popped-free, while John Moorehead the other came free very quickly. Western Model "A" News





# Model "A" Youth News!

## Bringing it Back to Life!

Sherry Winkinhofer A World Editor, MAFCA

Fynn and Abel live in Canada with their dad Matthew. They are helping him bring this great car back to life! Matthew obtained a Model "A" chassis and engine from someone who was stripping their grandfather's car to make a hot rod. He then collected enough parts from various sources (he estimates from at least 18 different cars) to put it together as a running 1929 Model "A". He is working hard to keep it as original as possible. As you can see, Fynn and Abel have been involved in the process from the beginning! And the progress as shown in the pictures is astonishing. What a great looking car. The whole family, especially Fynn and Abel, are going to have years of fun riding, and eventually driving, this special vehicle!











# 2025 SCIOTO MODEL "A" FORD CLUB SCHEDULE

	May		lung	
May		June		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tech Meet - 7:00 p.m. * Dave Graney's Garage 3566 Schirtzinger Road Hilliard, Ohio	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tech Meet - 7:00 p.m.  Mike Purcell's Garage  58 Arnold Alley  Westerville, Ohio	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Ohio State ReformatoryTour  Mansfield, Ohio (see details in newsletter)	7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lancaster Spring Festival Car Show Lancaster, Ohio	
	(see details in newsieller)	14 <sup>th</sup>	National Museum of the USAF Tour ★ Dayton, Ohio	
		15 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	MARC National Meet Gettysburg, Pennsylvania	
		27 <sup>th</sup>	National Waco Club Reunion Mount Vernon, Ohio	
July		August		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tech Meet - 7:00 p.m.*  Davis's Garage 117 Balbriggan Lane Granville, Ohio	6 <sup>th</sup>	Tech Meet - 7:00 p.m. ★ Howard Turner's Garage 4191 Fredericksburg Avenue Columbus, Ohio	
17 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Arthritis Foundation Car Show Dublin, Ohio	16 <sup>th</sup>	Poker Run Tour ★ TBD	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Shawshank Woodshop Tour ★ Upper Sandusky, Ohio	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Southern A's 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic Gallipolis, Ohio	
September		October		
3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tech Meet - 7:00 p.m. ★ TBD  Old Car Festival	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tech Meet - 7:00 p.m.*  Spencer Cheeks Garage 6227 State Route 752 Ashville, Ohio	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Greenfield Village, Michigan  Cookout & Tour  West Jefferson, Ohio	7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, Pennsylvania	
19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ford Model "A" Days Hickory Corners, Michigan	18 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Foliage Tour  * TBD	
November		December		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Meeting - 7:00 p.m. ★ TBD	13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party Der Dutchmen Restaurant	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Central Ohio Fire Museum Tour Columbus, Ohio		445 Jefferson Avenue Plain City, Ohio  ★ Points Event	

# April Tech Meet

Last month, the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club held their monthly meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at President Mike Ruede's Garage down in Circleville, Ohio. After all of the usual business items were taken care of, Mike did a presentation on Model "A" headlights. He showed the different types of headlights that are now available from the various parts suppliers. These included the original headlight bulbs, the first



edition of LED lights, and the newest item on the market, LED lights that can be focused. He took the time to answer the member's questions and explain the differences and costs of each type. Mike also provided plenty of pizza and drinks for everyone to enjoy during the meeting. A very big thank you goes out to our President for hosting the meeting, providing refreshments, and giving a very informative seminar. Our next meeting will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Dave Graney's Garage. His garage is located at 3566 Schirtzinger Road in Hilliard, Ohio. The topic will be Model "A" horns.



### **2025 National Event Dates**

June 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

MARC National Meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Old Car Festival, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan

September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Model "A" Days - Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan

October 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Hershey Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, Pennsylvania



# Model "A" Tune-Up Days

Last month the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club held their Tune-Up Days. The first one was held north of Columbus in Galena, Ohio at Dan Bickley's Garage. There were around twenty members present. Due to the expected rain that day, not many members drove their Model "A"s. We did get some work done on the few Model "A"s that

were there, including a grease job, oil change, installation of new LED brake lights, and a front bearing inspection. We also went over the process of how to do a toe-in adjustment on a Model "A".

Our second Tune-Up Day was held south of Columbus in Circleville, Ohio at Mike Ruede's Garage. We had eighteen members and eight Model "A"s on site that day. Even though we had more Model "A"s show up, I think we did less work. But we still enjoyed the fellowship and the donuts!

A big "Thank You" goes out to Dan & Kathy and Mike & Ann for giving us a place to hold our Tune-Up Days and for all of the goodies that each of them provided!

Newsletter Editor Scioto Model "A" Ford Club

















#### Children's wear

Children's wear in the 1930s continued much in the same vein as it did in the 1920s. Like womenswear, however, girls' dresses saw a return of the natural waist. Cotton and muslin were popular fabrics for dresses and embellishment consisted of embroidery, piping, and ruffles. Peter pan collars continued their reign and dresses could be made in solid or patterned material. Puffed sleeves, high-waists, and severely short dresses for much younger girls were especially popular thanks to child movie star Shirley Temple. Older girls wore longer dresses that fell just above their knees. These were punctuated with ankle socks and Mary Jane shoes as shown in the picture below.







The newest members of the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club are Robert & Karen DeClerck. They live in Churchville, New York. That's right, NEW YORK!!! Robert & Karen have a 1931 Model "A" Roadster. Robert was at the Tune-Up Day last month at Dan Bickley's Garage.

# NATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

# THE running BOARD REPORT

# From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions April 2025

odel "A" News mailing time. We have heard many complaints from members about the random arrival of the Model A News. The Board and our office staff are actively working on a resolution. The magazine was delivered from our printer directly to the post office on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Once delivered to the post office, the delivery of the magazine seems to vary by weeks depending on state and area mailed to. We have verified with the printer that all magazines were delivered to the postal service at the same time, immediately after printing and have asked the postal service to investigate a number of times with no firm resolution. We are continuing to attempt to resolve this problem and will keep everyone advised of our progress. Please contact your local post office if you do not receive your magazine by the end of the third week of April.

n announcement! Tom Hovetter has invited John Abrams, MARC's insurance agent, to attend the Gettysburg National meet this summer where he will conduct a free seminar to answer member's questions about our insurance coverage. Please plan to attend and be prepared with questions that you or members of your Region have regarding our coverage!

egions, as a reminder, your 2025 Region dues in the amount of \$25 are due. They can be paid via the MARC website; just select "Regions" and click on "Register". You can pay by credit card, PayPal, or check. Please be ready to provide your 2025 officers information and MARC membership number.

oncerning membership, we have mailed invoices to members who have forgotten to renew. The response has been great! Don't forget that we have created several new membership types for both surviving spouses and youth between the ages of 18 and 21 who may or may not reside at home. Retaining members who may no longer own a Model "A" but still enjoy participating in MARC events is something that a number of Regions have asked for. Attracting youth to our great hobby for FREE is a great way to grow Regional membership. Please contact any Board member for details.



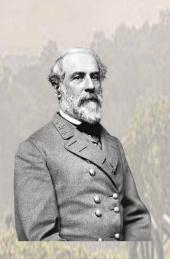
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JUNE 16-20,2025



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June 16 thru June 20, 2025



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#### **MAFFI Minute**

#### **April 2025**

The Ford Model "A" Museum at The Gilmore in Hickory Corners, Michigan is the world's largest museum dedicated to the Ford Model "A" thanks to the Model "A" Ford Foundation Inc. Inside you will find the very first Model "A" ever produced, which was a gift to Thomas Edison. The Museum is filled with every body style of Model "A" you can imagine, a Model "AA" school bus, and a plane!!!

The museum expansion is well underway, but we still need to outfit the interior of the addition. You can be a part of preserving history and supporting the museum by:

#### 1. Buying a plaque:

For \$200, a donor will receive a plaque mounted on a museum wall showing their vehicle, name, home area, and vehicle body style. For more information on the "My A Program", contact Val Maron at 847-951-5858, send an email to TheMyAProgram@gmail.com, or visit our website at www.maffi.org

#### 2. Entering the Sweepstakes:

Enter to win a 1928 Ford Model "A" 4-Door Phaeton. For more information on the Sweepstakes, contact Jarrod Williams at jarrodwilliams81@gmail.com. Entries start at \$25.00.

3. Buying an engraved brick paver

For \$150, a 4" X 8" brick will be placed under the museum canopy with your message laser engraved into it. For more details, visit our website at www.maffi.org.

4. Buying some swag:

Purchase T-shirts, hats, mugs, and other items depicting our museum at ModelATShirts.com. 10% is donated to the museum with every purchase you make.

5. Becoming a MAFFI member

For only \$35.00 annually, you can become a member. Go to www.maffi.org to join.

Thank you for helping to keep Model "A" history alive and for driving those Model "A"s!

Cindy Ellenbecker, Secretary/Trustee Model "A" Ford Foundation Inc.

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### 1931 FORD MODEL "A" PICKUP







# "A" WORD FROM THE EDITOR

During the past month, we have had some nice days. I have been trying to take advantage of them by getting a few miles logged on my Model "A". I was out in my Model "A" this past week and I had stopped for lunch. When I came out, there was a Mother lining up her boys beside my car for a picture. I asked them if they wanted to jump in and get their pictures taken. They were all smiles.

Now that we are getting back out in our Model "A"s, don't forget to take the time to talk to the people who are looking at our cars, especially the kids. We must remember that we are all ambassadors of the hobby and the kids are the future. So, take that extra five minutes and put a smile on someone's face. Consider that your job as a Model "A" owner.



Allan D. Goldhardt Newsletter Editor

# LOCAL EVENTS

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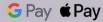
### **AWARDS:**

- Top 25 Vehicles
- Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
- Dash plaques for
  - first 25 vehicles













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# FLAPPER of the MONTH







This month we feature Louise Dresser. She was born Lulu Josephine Kerlin in Evansville, Indiana in 1878. Her family moved to Columbus, Ohio when she was in her teens. At 16, she ran away from home and set her sights on making a career in entertainment. She pursued singing roles in burlesque and vaudeville. During this time she became the protégé of composer Paul Dresser. Upon finding out Louise was his friends daughter, he launched her as his younger sister, and she took on his last name. Louise worked as a burlesque dancer and singer. She married in 1899 and made her vaudeville debut in 1900. Louise made her Broadway debut with her husband in 1906. They divorced the following year, but she remarried in 1908 to Jack Gardner. Although Louise and Jack headlined together in vaudeville for many years, they decided to move to California in 1920. At the age of 44, Louise starred in her first film and Jack became a studio executive. Louise was nominated for the very first "Best Actress" Oscar award. She became a familiar presence opposite Will Rogers for many years. After Roger's tragic death, she was devastated and only made one more movie. After that, she and Jack both retired. They remained together until Jack's death in 1950. Louise lived another 15 years until her death in 1965 after surgery for an intestinal blockage.

