

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







#### **Cover Photo**

This month's cover photo is an older picture that I came across. Although I do not know when it was taken, I recognize it as Spencer and Jenni Cheek's 1930 Model "A" Ford Town Sedan outside of their barn in Ashville, Ohio.

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# The Chief's Corner

Hello Everyone,

I'd like to give a big "Thank You" to Jenni and Spencer Cheek for hosting our October Tech Meeting. Spencer gave a very informative talk about timing a Model "A" engine. I learned the trick of putting the car into 3rd gear and then rocking it back and forth to find top dead center.

I would like to give another "Thank You" to the Pre-War Group for inviting us to join them and learn the process of restoring and building a carousel. Being a woodworker myself, I found it very interesting to see the steps and talent that it takes to start from a block of wood and turn it into a beautiful carousel animal.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Dinner Meeting on November 5th for our election of officers.

Your President,



### "A" Quote for the Month



Of all our inventions for mass communication, pictures still speak the most universally understood language.

- Walt Disney

#### **November Birthdays**



#### **Pat Liston**



# Mary Lou Gearhart is our Sunshine Director!

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



The best way to reach Mary Lou is by texting or calling her at: (740) 360-1705

### **Our Next Meeting**

**DATE:** November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Gahanna Grill

**LOCATION:** 82 Granville Street

Gahanna, Ohio

**TOPIC:** Dinner Meeting & Election

of Officers.

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Take I-270 around to the northeast side of town to Exit 37 (Hamilton Road).
- 2. Take Hamilton Road north to Granville Street (0.8 mile).
- 3. Go west on Granville Street to North High Street (0.6 mile).
- 4. The Gahanna Grill is on the northwest corner of Granville & North High Streets.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

1. Parking is in the rear.



## CENTRAL OHIO FIRE MUSEUM

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club will be taking a tour of the Central Ohio Fire Museum. The museum is located at 260 North Fourth Street in downtown Columbus. We will meet at the museum around 9:45 a.m. The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. There is a charge for the tour: Adults - \$8.00, Seniors - \$7:00. The museum is housed in what was originally Engine House #16, built in 1908, and was the last fire station built to house horse-drawn steam engines. You will have the opportunity to view early fire apparatus, including hand-pulled carts, a horse-drawn steam engine, and vintage motorized fire engines. Since this is not a driving tour, feel free to drive your modern car if you wish. This is also a good tour for young children and grandchildren. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend the Central Ohio Fire Museum tour on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month!

2025 SCIOTO MODEL "A" FORD CLUB SCHEDULE			
November		December	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dayton Buckeye Ford Club Swap Meet Troy, Ohio (see ad in newsletter)  Dinner Meeting - 6:00 p.m.  Gahanna Grill 82 Granville Street Gahanna, Ohio	13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party  Der Dutchmen Restaurant 445 Jefferson Avenue Plain City, Ohio
15 <sup>th</sup>	Central Ohio Fire Museum Tour ★ Columbus, Ohio (see details in newsletter)		★ Points Event

#### **2026 National Event Dates**

May (exact dates to be determined) MARC National Tour & Membership Meet

Finger Lakes, New York

**July 12**<sup>th</sup> **– 16**<sup>th</sup> MARC National Meet, French Lick, Indiana

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** Model A Days, Hickory Corners, Michigan

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

## Model "A" Youth News!

My granddaughter spent a few hours with me in the Retro Man Bunker this evening — and we had an absolute blast! We played in the cars, honked the funny old horns, and watched her kid shows on the big screen while sitting in the old Fords... just like a drive-in movie!

Of course, like all good things, it had to come to an end... and it did when she said, "Pop, I want a snack." She wasn't too happy when I told her snacks weren't allowed inside a 1930 Ford Model "A" Roadster. But she got over it fast — and we ended the night with plenty of laughs and memories. Can't wait for the next time she hangs out with Pop in the Retro Man Bunker.

C.S.

Posted by Matt Murrey on the Texas Model A Ford Club Facebook page.





#### October Secretary's Report

Secretary

President Ruede opened the meeting by expressing appreciation to Spencer & Jenni Cheek for graciously hosting this month's gathering and providing refreshments. Special thanks to Jenni for offering something other than pizza, it was a refreshing change!

For many of us, this was our first visit to Spencer's barn, and what a treat it was. The space is impressively large and clearly perfect for family picnics and festive gatherings.

President Ruede and Clark Garn shared updates regarding the upcoming Fall Foliage Tour. We'll be joining the Pre-War Group on their tour scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>. As more details become available, they'll pass them along to Secretary Liston so she can send out an email to help members plan accordingly.

Treasurer Cheek provided an update on our funds.

Secretary Liston thanked everyone for the thoughtful cards following her surgery. She's scheduled to begin strength exercises on October 17<sup>th</sup> and is eager to return to her usual routine. She also reminded members to submit their year-end mileage by November 10<sup>th</sup> so awards can be prepared in time for our Christmas Party.

Sunshine Director Gearhart was in attendance and extended warm wishes to Clark Garn, who had surgery last month on his neck to help relieve a pinched nerve. She also thanked Pat Liston for her continued dedication, joking that she's like the Energizer Bunny, she just keeps going and going! She also shared that Judy Turner had hip surgery and is recovering steadily. If you know someone in the hospital, preparing for a procedure, or simply in need of a cheerful note, please reach out to Mary Lou Gearhart. She is always happy to send a kind message their way!

Spencer Cheek floated the idea of a trip to Berlin, Ohio from April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. (Tuesday - Saturday) There was some interest, so we'll explore adding it to next year's schedule.

Our next Tech Meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We'll gather beforehand at The Gahanna Grill, located at 82 Granville Street in Gahanna, Ohio at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy a meal together. This meeting will also include elections for next year's officers.

On November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., we will meet at the Columbus Fire Museum located at 260 N. 4th Street in Columbus. You are more than welcome to bring your modern car. Admission for Seniors is \$7:00, and Adults is \$8.

This concluded our meeting, except for Spencer Cheek's presentation on how to time a Model "A" using a test bulb. It seemed more complicated to me than the regular old-fashion way, but what do I know? Spencer did a very thorough job. He certainly knew what he was doing. He had several questions asked while conducting his demonstration, which showed people were interested. Thank you, Spencer, for an educational evening.



#### **BACKYARD TECH TIP**



Scioto Model "A" Ford Club

Allan Goldhardt

#### RETAINER CLIP INSTALLATION

**Spring** 

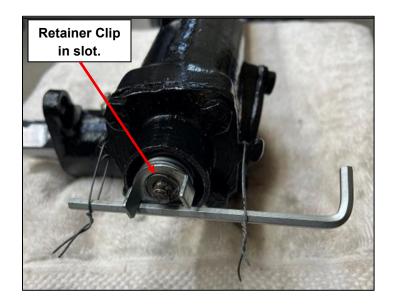
If any of you have ever worked on your light switch at the bottom end of your steering column, you know it can sometimes be a chore. Taking it apart, like most things, is the easy part. Everything is pretty straight forward. Putting it back together is where it can get frustrating. It seems that the most difficult part is sliding a very small "C" shaped clip (spider retainer clip) into the slot on the end of the horn rod. Before installing the spider retainer clip, you must first install the light switch spring and then the light switch spider. This is where it gets fun. The spring is putting tension on the spider and tries to push it off the end of the horn rod. You must push the spider towards the steering wheel, thus compressing the spring, and slide the

**Spider Horn Rod** 

**Retainer Clip** 

retainer clip into the slot on the horn rod at the same time. The problem is that most of our fingers are too big to handle parts this small. Also, if you don't get the retainer clip seated into the slot correctly, it will go flying across the garage floor as soon as you let go of everything. You know it's bad when Snyder's catalog states "Better order an extra one since they are small and easily lost". What they are actually saying is when it flies off, and it will, you will spend an hour crawling around on the garage floor trying to find it!

Over the years, people have come up with a few ways to hold the spring and spider in place while installing the retainer clip. They even sell a special tool just for this job. Ian Steer came up with a unique way of using an allen wrench and some bailing wire to hold everything in place while installing the retainer clip. His pictures are self-explanatory. Check them out and good luck!





### The Scioto Model "A" Ford Club Mileage Program



The Scioto Model "A" Ford Club likes to keep track of how many miles our members put on their cars every year. Could everyone please submit their ending mileage for 2025 no later than November 10<sup>th</sup> to Pat Liston at:

#### dal9137airtoy@msn.com

If you are a member of the MARC's Mileage Award Program, let her know that as well and submit your vehicle's serial number. She will report the information to MARC for you.

## "A" WORD FROM THE EDITOR

I find it hard to believe that our Model "A" touring season is already coming to a close. It has been quite a season with some great tours! This year the number of members participating in tours seemed to be down a little bit. I feel this was due to the extremely hot weather we experienced during July and August.

Now is the time for all of us to start thinking about a good place to go on a tour next year. Please pass along any suggestions or ideas that you may have to one of our officers. We are always looking for new places to go and new things to do. For example, this year we did a Poker Run for the first time. That was probably our most attended tour of the season. So, keep those ideas coming!

With that being said, we are not yet done for the year. We still have the Veterans Day Parade and the Columbus Fire Museum Tour on our calendar for this month. And of course, the Christmas Party in December. Don't put your "A"s away yet!

Allan D. Goldhardt Newsletter Editor

#### It's Time to Vote!

Per our club bylaws, nominations are taken every year at the regular October club meeting for the offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Then, at the regular November club meeting, those nominations are voted on. This year, we have only one nomination for each position. The nominations are as follows:

Vice President – Steve Aspery Secretary – Pat Liston Treasurer – Jaci Rohner

The "official vote" will take place at our next regular club meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. That meeting will be held at the Gahanna Grill, located at 82 Granville Street in Gahanna, Ohio.

## Octoberber Tech Meet

Back on October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club held their monthly meeting at Spencer Cheek's new barn in Ashville, Ohio. His barn is beautiful with insulated walls and in-floor heating. It is not completely finished yet, but it was really nice! President Ruede called the meeting to order with twenty-three members and five Model "A"s present. We had reports from Secretary Liston, Treasurer Cheek, and Sunshine Director Gearhart. After the reports, nominations were taken from the floor for the 2026 Officer positions. Nominated were Pat Liston for Secretary, Jaci Rohner for Treasurer, and Steve Aspery for Vice President. Even though all three candidates are running unopposed for their positions, the official vote still must take place at our regular meeting in November per the by-



laws. After discussing other business, President Ruede turned the meeting over to Spencer Cheek. Spencer gave a presentation on how to set your timing with a test bulb. Steve Baldwin then spoke about some Model "A" classes that he attended out of state. Thanks go out to Spencer and Jenni for hosting the meeting, providing food & refreshments for everyone, and giving a presentation. Our next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be a dinner meeting with elections following dinner. It will be held at the Gahanna Grill, located at 82 Granville Street in Gahanna, Ohio.











# "A" LOOK BACK

## Over 65 Years of Fun!



These pictures were taken on September 11, 1966. The Scioto Model "A" Ford Club was taking a tour to West Liberty, Ohio to visit the Ohio Caverns.



One of the many Model "A"s that attended the tour making its way out of the gate and down the rolling hills on its way back home.



It appears that quite a few ladies and children went along for the ride out to West Liberty, Ohio to tour the caves.





This was the first time that Rick Lindner attended an event with the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club. He is in the picture on the left. Can you spot him? Remember, this picture was taken over 59 years ago!

(Rick is third from the left in the back row)

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

# **National News & Events**

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

## THE running BOARD REPORT

# From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions October 2025

ARC your calendars for the 2026 MARC National Meet at the magnificent French Lick Resort, July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Venture on tours to the Red Skelton Museum, historic New Harmony, and Jasper Engine plant. Or try classic adventures such as French Lick scenic railway, Patoka Lake cruises, and Amish/German country tours. For an active experience, enjoy the resort's new pickleball courts, quick-play (75 minute) 9-hole golf course, and West Baden bowling pavilion. This isn't just a Meet, it's a journey through history, full of Hoosier charm and new excitement!

II, we are compiling a list of members who have Model "A" mechanical knowledge and a desire to help other Model A owners or be a resource to MARC to answer questions from members either via an email, phone call, or through a MARC forum. Please email your information to Larry Shepard at marctech@modelarestorers.org. Include your name, phone number, email address, and your area of expertise. For example:

Jim Zimmer, 614-353-8236, jwzimmer9119@gmail.com, tire pressure.

egions, don't forget that ANY member of your Region who has never been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12-month membership (digital Model "A" News). Also, young adults age 18-25 not living at home qualify as well! It's easy to enroll. Just call 734-427-9050 during normal EST business hours.

onsider hosting a MARC national meet. Our national tours are very popular as there are no seminars, no swap meets, no judging, and no formalities. Just drive your Model "A" and have fun! Contact any Board member for information to get you started. Other Model "A" ers would love to see your part of the country in their cars! We're also looking for Regions to host Membership Meets—we do not have a host for 2027 yet and would be happy to assist with your questions and comments.

#### MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

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Don't miss another issue of the Model "A" Restorers Club's bi-monthly publication, the "Model "A" News". Use the application above and join today!



#### **MAFFI Minute**

#### October 2025

Model "A" Days was a great experience for all who attended! There were a total of 1100 people who attended and were able to see the ribbon cutting of the new expansion to the museum, including the Garage Learning Center. Two hundred and ten Model "A"s took over the Gilmore in support of the event as well as a registered eighty swap vendors at the swap meet making this the largest swap meet to date!

The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by John Begg, with former MAFFI President Stan Johnson, and Brad Minners (on behalf of former MAFFI President Howard Minners) cutting the ribbon.

While we may be finished with the expansion, there are plenty of ways to still be involved with the museum for continued projects such as the "My A Program" as well as the memorial bricks program.

If you did not get a chance to get up to the museum or the see the expansion yet, you can still check out the expansion on maffi.org under the "Cameras" section of the website.

It was really cool to see our hobby come together to celebrate our beloved cars! I know the Gilmore is equally proud to be partnered with us.

Happy motoring!

John Grossheim
MAFFI Trustee/ Secretary
Model "A" Ford Foundation Inc.

## Friendship Village Car Show

Last month, the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club was invited up to Dublin, Ohio to Friendship Village. Friendship Village is a large campus area for senior citizens. It provides assisted living along with other levels of care for seniors. They hold all types of activities and events for their residents throughout the year. Last month they decided to have a car show. They reached out to our club and asked if we would come and display our cars for a couple of hours. While there, the caretakers brought the residents out to enjoy the cars and relive some memories of days gone by. It turned out to be a warm, beautiful sunny day. The seniors were glad to get outside and check out our vehicles. They told stories about some of their old cars and places they used to travel in them. Our club was very well represented with seven Model "A"s and one Model "T". The staff at Friendship Village was very gracious and thanked us numerous times for coming. I would also like to thank those members who were able to come out in the middle of the week and helped make this event a success!











#### "A" Word on Fashion

#### Ladies Headwear (Part III)

The Cloche hat was essential for women of the 20's. It is one of the first icons we think of when we picture ourselves in the 1920s, along with tweed caps, boater hats. three-piece suits, champagne, grandiose parties, and art-deco. The style had gained traction and was by the worn humblest workingclass women to the



most glamorous stars of the silver screen. The short-brimmed cloche hat, which was crystallized as the canonical shape, was particularly suited to short hairstyles. Actresses,



signers, socialites, writers, and thinkers alike, all enjoyed the comfort provided by the cloche hat. quickly rose to prominence fashion all around the western world, while and it eventually had to compete with newer hat styles, none ever replaced it as the most worn women's hat. All hat styles that came after were either trying to reinvent the cloche or were compared to it.





On the 25th of last month, the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club joined the Pre-War Car Club on a trip up to Marion, Ohio to the Carousels and Carvings Company. All of us met up at the Concord Township Park in Dublin, Ohio. From there we took a nice ride on some very scenic roads up to Marion, Ohio. Once there, we were given the opportunity of a lifetime to go through the entire Carousels and Carvings facility led by the owner Todd Goings. Todd took the time to explain how they build, repair, and restore carousels across the country from the ground up. We saw how they hand-carve glued up blocks of wood and turn them into beautiful works of art. They currently are working on two projects. One is for a carousel that will be going to Washington D.C. for the Fourth of July Celebration next year, and the other one is for a brand-new carousel that will become a permanent fixture at the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance to the Ohio State Fairgrounds. It is to be in place for the 2026 State Fair. I cannot wait to see the completed project! They typically do not allow public tours, but through a connection in the Pre-War Club, we got in. They have a complete wood shop, metal fabrication shop, paint shop, and assembly area all under one roof. Even their 30,000 square foot building has history. It was built and used by the government during WWII. Todd was very hospitable and took the time to answer all our questions. He even had picnic tables set up for us, so we had a place to eat our packed lunches. This was one of the best tours that I have had the opportunity to go on with our Club. We were allowed to take pictures but were asked not to publish ones displaying completed carousel items since their clients have not seen them yet. It is truly amazing to know that we have real artists like Todd Goings right here in Central Ohio.





















## Our Members — On the Go!

Spreading the good news about the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club & Luebbe Hearing Services at the annual Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA) conference at the Fawcett Center in September.

Community outreach is important. Dr. Mary Lou Luebbe-Gearhart, AuD Audiologist and her colleague Dr. Kristin Wilson, AuD provided ear exams and lots of better hearing information.

"Car buffs should know that highfrequency hearing loss from noise

exposure (hearing but not understanding clearly) is 100% preventable."



Scioto Model "A" Ford Club members Joel & Barbara Weaver, OSU retirees, always look forward to this annual event.

Submitted by Mary Lou Gearhart Scioto Model "A" Ford Club

The Ramblin' Wreck from Georgia Tech is a 1930 Ford Model "A" Sport Coupe that serves as the official mascot of student body at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The Wreck is present at all major sporting events and student body functions. The Ramblin' Wreck was unveiled September 1961, at Grant Field in front of 43,501 Tech fans, as it led the team onto the field.

# Georgia Tech Ramblin' Wreck



The Wreck became an instant success within the Tech family. The Ramblin' Wreck has continued to lead the team onto the field for every home game since then.

Submitted by:
Mary Lou Gearhart

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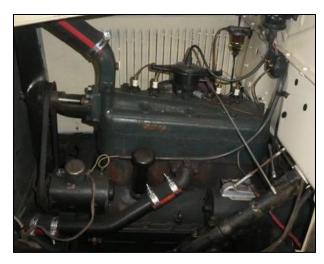
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# **Local Events**





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# FLAPPER of the MONTH







This month we feature Myrna Loy. Loy was born in 1905 in Helena, Montana. At the age of 13, Loy's father died of influenza and the family moved to Los Angeles. At the age of 15, she appeared in local stage productions to help support her family. Mrs. Rudolph Valentino was in the audience one night. She pulled some strings and got Loy some bit parts in motion pictures. Loy signed a contract with Warner Brothers in 1926 but continued to only get small roles. In 1927, she got one star billing but returned to smaller roles afterward. When her contract ended, she signed with MGM. In 1934 she landed the lead role in "The Thin Man". She appeared in five more "Thin Man" movies and was a big box-office draw. In 1936, she was named "Queen of the Movies". With the outbreak of World War II, Loy left Hollywood for five years, devoting her time to the Red Cross. She returned in 1946 and received an Academy Award for Best Picture. She continued to make films through the '50s but the roles started getting fewer. By the 60s, the parts had all but dried up. Throughout her career, Loy was married and divorced four times but never had any children. Loy passed away in 1993, at the age of 88. She had appeared in a phenomenal 129 motion pictures. She is buried in her hometown of Helena, Montana.

