



GOING PLACES



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August 2018

Membership meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Sirloin Stockade in Columbus. The meetings are held September through May. The meal will be at **5:30** p.m. with the meeting following at **6:30** p.m.

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President's Corner

For our members: please check out the new tour scheduled for August 12 in support of the Firemen's Cheer Fund.

Henry Ford was the industrialist founder of the **Ford Motor Company**, and innovator of the development of the assembly line technique of mass production. He was born in the American state of Michigan to William and Mary Ford.

He was **not the inventor of the automobile**, which is generally accredited wrongly to him. However, he manufactured an affordable automobile for many middle-class Americans. He and his company famously introduced the 'Model T' automobile, which revolutionized American industry and transportation.



Henry was a dear ole friend of mine.

There are 36,500 oil drops in a quart of oil. A gasoline engine uses 1/1100th of a drop on every power stroke, and that equals 1 quart per 1000 miles. However, if the engine leaks 1 drop every 50 feet it will use a quart in 300 miles. - (speed doesn't matter as long as it drips every 50 feet.)” The purpose of these facts were to show the working service technician that a drip was worse than a burn!

Ron Lawson

Extra Thanks

We would like to give an extra thanks to Lyn and Gerald Alexander for all their work on our Model A picnic. They spent days cleaning the floor and the tables we used, in addition to getting the tables put in place. We also always enjoy the extra touches of the red and white checked table clothes and the pretty vases with flowers set on each table. Thank you so much!

Tours:

August 11

Tri-Club Picnic

(Lawson)

On Saturday August 11, 2018 the annual Tri-Club picnic will be held at the Johnson County Park at the Indiana at the Live Steamers shelter house across the road from the Heart Nut shelter house. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon with meat, drinks and table service furnished. Please bring a dish to pass and folding chairs for your comfort.

Car games and train rides will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please come and join in on the fun. Any questions, call Ronnie Lawson (812) 343-2434.

A new tour has been added to August.

August 12, Sunday

The Firemen's Cheer Fund

This is an event to help out the Cheer Fund.

The Bartholomew County Radio Control Fliers will host its annual fly-in to benefit the Cheer Fund, which provides holiday help for families in need.

The event will be 9 am to 3 pm, August 12, at the club's field at the reclaimed Petersville Convenience Station operated by the Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District, 11110 25th St., east of Columbus.

The fly-in is **free** and the public is invited to watch remote control planes and learn about the hobby.

Hot dogs and soft drinks will be available at the event.

The Radio Control club invites the Model A club to join the event by showing their Model A's, hoping to attract more people to check out the old cars. If you are interested in showing your car and watching airplanes, please come.

For more information: 812-343-2842, or contact Larry Riss at 812-342-7644.

On Your Own Tours:

Aug 3-6

Pioneer Engineers, Steam Engines 3707 S 200 W, Rushville, IN

August 6-9

Grand Indiana Auto Tour

Aug 18-19

Greensburg Power of the Past

Aug 23-26

Tri-state Gas Engine and Tractor Show at Portland

August 24th, 25th, and 26th

Tree City Car Show

Decatur County Fairground, Greensburg, IN

All cars and trucks are welcome! This year is our First Annual Car Show Event. For our first show, we have chosen to feature Model T, Model A, and Model B Fords. You are our guests, so **we are waiving all registrations fees** for you to attend. Trophies for first and second place, best paint, best interior, best overall appearance, and best in show will be awarded. For additional **information and lodging questions contact:** Decatur County Tourism, 211 N. Broadway St., Greensburg, IN (812) 222-8733. You can also email: info@visitgreensburg.com You can also call Ron Lawson at 812-343-2434.

Save the Date – New Tour

Oct 22-25 – Middlebury (Sullivan, Sr.)
Touring Amish sites, eating at Amish home, antiquing. Kathryn will provide more details in September newsletter

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is Tuesday, Aug.21 at Larry & Susan's home at 2pm.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Sutton

We have a \$4004.49 balance as of July.

News Flash

It's official. We are proud to announce the 2019 MARC NATIONAL Meet!! It will be where the Model A was born: Dearborn, MI in 2019. August 4-10th.
Host Hotel: The Edwards Hotel & Convention Center, 600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126, 313.592.3622 CODE: MARC \$119.00 per night + Tax.

In The Rearview Mirror

National Meet, Branson, MO

BRANSON DIARY – June 22 to July 1, 2018

Eight Model A Fords and one modern car made 14th trip to Branson, MO, to attend the 2018 MARC Convention. Participants were Tim Ellis, Dave & Wilma Evanczyk, Jeff Franz, Tim & Frieda Howell, Ron & Carmen Huddleston, Randy Hughey, Larry Morlock, Phil Sutton, and Don Wesseler. Don was joined later by his son and grandson. Phil was our fearless leader and did his usual outstanding job of setting up the route and all the hotels, plus leading us every day along the way.

We had two minor problems before we started when the choke rod on Tim Ellis' car came loose and we had to replace the distributor cap on Tim Howell's car. After that, we had no other problems the whole way. Pretty good for 90 year old cars (and their mechanics). The round trip was about 1200 miles.

On Friday, the first day, we ran into and out of rain most of the day, but the Model A's liked it and ran well. We stayed at Giant City State Park in Southern Illinois. We each had individual cabins in a very nice setting. We got there in time for some of us to take the hiking trail to see the giant rocks the park is named for, then had a good meal in the lodge.

Saturday had no rain, but comfortable weather again. Once we got into Missouri, the roads were curvy and hilly in the Ozark foothills all the way. We stayed the night in a good Mom & Pop motel in West Plains, MO.

As soon as we left on Sunday morning, the skies opened up and it rained hard most of the way to Branson. This included lightning and thunder. We got to Branson about noon, checked into the hotel and registered for the meet. There were 400 registrations. The temperature turned pretty hot and steamy in the 90's from then on.

The rest of the week was our typical convention activities, but interspersed by going to some of the many music shows that are available in Branson. On Monday, we went to a good show

with 50's music, then attended the Welcome Party that evening.

Of course we spent a lot of time at the swap meet and several seminars. On Tuesday, some of us went to a show with 60's music, then that evening took a cruise on the Branson Belle dinner showboat. Unfortunately, the rain caught us again as we were waiting to board, but it was a very good show.

On Wednesday, Jeff and Larry participated in the Touring Class car judging. Others went on a local drive to the Top of the Rock. That night was the Ice Cream Social, which was held at a very interesting car and farm equipment museum.

Thursday was the Grand Tour to the Silver Dollar City amusement park. Jeff and the Wesseler's stayed at the park for the day and the rest of us went to see a fish hatchery and the College of the Ozarks, where we had a nice lunch and toured their campus that had an old grist mill and several other attractions. That evening we went to a Magic Show at one of the theaters.

We did something unique on Friday by going to a morning Country Music Show. All the shows were entertaining, but there were no big-name stars anywhere like it used to be. Larry won a raffle by guessing how long it would take to get an "out of the barn" Model A started. Friday night Jeff and Larry attended the awards banquet.

We decided to start out for home at 5:30am on Saturday to beat the heat and it was a good choice. We got into our hotel in Chester, IL, at 3:00pm and avoided the worst of the heat. Sunday we were away at 5:00am and home by mid-afternoon.

It was a great experience and everyone enjoyed it. Please consider going on one of these in the future. The friendship and fun will be remembered forever.

--Larry Morlock

July 14, Saturday

Picnic at Brown County State Park

(Alexander, Sutton, Lawson)

On July 14th, the Columbus Model A club had an "old-fashioned" picnic at the Brown County State Park. This was our 13th year to enjoy the Walnut Shelter house. There were 48 members and guests in attendance with 5 Model "A's" being driven. We had a warm day, but people came early and enjoyed fried chicken and wonderful home-made salads, casseroles and desserts. The tables were covered with antique red and white tablecloths and fresh Black-Eyed-Susans. Richard Wolfe brought the corn hole game and several enjoyed using it. People stayed until about 3pm. Special thanks to Phil and Marge Sutton for bringing the fried chicken and food tables, and Ron Lawson for bringing the soda pop and ice. Thanks to for all who stayed and helped at the end. We all enjoyed visiting and getting to know each other better. What great fun these Model "A's" have given us! Come join us next year in Brown County.

--Gerald and Lyn Alexander

Medical Report

The following members could use your support and prayers:

Wayne Arnholt will have surgery on July 27.

Keep Susan Lawson is in home hospice care.

Cleo is now living at Silver Oaks if you want to drop him a line. Cards can also be sent to him c/o Connie and Gary Lawless.

Roger Dean has recently been very ill. The doctors have finally figured how to treat him and he is recovering well.

Answer to last month's what is it?

Model A center bumper clamp. Used from February 1928 to May 1929



What is it?



What is it and what is it used for?

Answer next month.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND CAR ADVERTISEMENTS

Over the years there has been an increasing number of antique cars changing hands. As a result some new expressions have been adapted to describe the car for the potential buyer. Here is a guide to help you interpret the ads.

This is what they say:	This is what they mean:
25 coats of paint	It took that much to cover the rust
Ready for show	just washed it
New paint job	back yard vacuum cleaner spray job
New top	two years ago
Restorable	if you're loaded
75% restored	went broke
Low mileage	on the second 100 thousand
First prize winner	only car in its class
Interesting body style	really a monstrosity
Good tour car	well, it runs
Solid as a rock	everything rusted together
Top good	leaks only when it rains
Must sacrifice	can't give it away
Leaving for the army	finance company getting tough
Won prize at national meet	got ribbon for attending
Rare car	I'm the only one stuck with it
Motor quiet	if you use No. 60 oil
No rust	where you can see it
Used by original owner until recently	as a chicken coup
Parts car	bring along a basket
Stored 25 years	under an apple tree
Motor not running	frozen tight
Other interest interferes	wife says, "Out!"