



# GOING PLACES



## Web Site

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## June 2018

Membership meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Ignition Problem - by Ronnie Lawson

Ignition problems are probably the largest share of on the road problems with your Model A. In a well maintained Model A, with all parts of the ignition system in correct tolerance, there should be no on the road failures.

Let us assume the car has stopped or is running poorly and you have checked the fuel and it is OK.

The next obvious thing to check is for spark. Remove one of the brass strips from a spark plug and position it about 1/4 inch from the top of the plug. Turn on the key and crank the engine over. There should be a bright, fat, bluish-yellow spark that regularly jumps the gap. This spark should create an audible crackle or snapping sound. This would indicate that your spark is good but the engine could be out of time possibly due to a loose cam screw.

Remove the cap from the distributor, crank the engine over and watch to see if the rotor is turning. It is possible that the timing gear has lost teeth and is not turning the cam shaft which in turn operates the cam.

Check the point gap at the high point of each of the four lobes of the cam. They should be about .020 + or - .002. Put your finger on the cam and check for side play in the distributor shaft. About .001 to .003 is normal play. Less play will mean a smoother running engine. Also check for side play in the upper plate. If the center hole in the plate is enlarged it will also allow for wobble in the point gap. All these things could add up to a poor or no running engine.

To time the engine, move the spark arm to retard (or up) position and remove the distributor body. Remove the timing pin, reverse it, and put back in the hole. Slowly crank the engine by hand until the pin drops in the hole. Sometimes this is difficult as it will want to go past the hole. If it goes past the hole, put the car in high gear & let off the emergency brake. While holding the pin in the hole, move the car back & forth a little. The pin should drop into the timing hole. Be sure and take the car out of gear and reset the emergency brake. Be sure to replace the timing pin in the hole as it was originally, because oil will spray out of the hole if you don't.

At this position of the cam, the next tiny bit of rotation should just start to open the points. The cam turns in a counter clockwise direction and there may be some backlash. Be sure to account for this. The notch in the cam should be near the number one cylinder post of the distributor body and the rotor should be at about the 4 o'clock position when looking down from the top. Set the end of the coil wire where the spark can jump about a quarter inch to some metal part of the engine head. Turn on the ignition and pull the spark lever down slowly. The spark should crack or snap at about the third notch down from the top lever position. Loosen and adjust the cam

until it meets at this spot. The car should be in proper time. Make sure the cam is tight. Replace everything.

The engine should start easily and run smoothly if each one of the items is working as it was designed.

It's amazing how much time we put into setting the breaker point gap to tune our Model A's to perfection, yet almost always ignore the gap between the rotor tip and the contact points in the distributor body.

Many times the alignment of the rotor tip and contact point is skewed and also too far apart. This results in taking more voltage for firing the spark plugs.

First, check the alignment of the rotor tip to contact point with the distributor off. Remove the spark plug wires from the distributor body so that they will not put any tension on the body, thus cocking it. The flat angled rotor tip should be horizontally straight across, not higher or lower. If the center of the rotor tip is below the contact point in the distributor body, do not try to bend the tip, as this will either cause it to break or will cause rotor tip to not be parallel to the contact point.

The solution is to cut some shims, placing them inside of the rotor body between it and the cam screw until rotor tip alignment with the contact point in the distributor is correct. Remember to cut a notch in your shims to match the inside of the rotor body. After years of polishing rotor tips and contact points, many Model A's have as much as a 0.060 gap. Try a new rotor and/or distributor body and bring the gap down to 0.035 + or - 0.005. This is where the Model A runs best at top speed. You can also build up the contact points with solder and then carefully file them back to the correct gap. If you originally had any missing or sputtering, this may solve your problem. —Ronnie Lawson

**Tours:**

**June 3**

**Lawrenceburg Flea Market**

(Sutton)

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the McDonald's in Seymour at the junction of 31 and 50. We will leave shortly thereafter and pick up anyone at North Vernon. We will eat lunch after checking out the flea market.

**June 2-4**

**Model A Day, Sharon WI**

(Howell)

Contact Tim Howell for information on this tour - 317 767 1135.

**June 9**

**Columbus Airport Day**

(Larry Morlock)

Columbus Municipal Airport Aviation Day and Car Show

Park your car in front of the museum around 9am.

**June 22-26**

**National Meet, Branson, MO**

(Phil Sutton)

Dancin' In Branson A's Region

Phil will contact travelers with final instructions on when and where to meet.

**July 4**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and dinner**

Please note: **This event has been cancelled.**

**July 14**

**Picnic at Brown County Park**

(Alexander, Sutton, Lawson)

Join us at our annual Brown County picnic at the Brown County State Park. Follow the yellow signs and balloons to the Walnut Shelter. Bring your favorite covered dish, either a side dish or a dessert. The club will provide meat and drinks. We will eat at 1:00. Bring folding chairs for your comfort.

Be sure to call Gerald or Lyn Alexander by the 9th at (812) 988-6949, if you are planning on attending.

**July 22-26**

**Great Lakes Tour**

(Howell)

**August 11**

**Tri-Club Picnic**

(Lawson)

At Johnson County Park, Indiana Live Steamers.

**For Your Information Tours:**

**June FYI Tours**

June 4-8 Heart of America MAFCA Regional Meet, Springfield MO

June 24-29 MAFCA National Convention, Reno, NV

**Board Meeting**

The next meeting is June 19 at 2pm at the Riss home.

**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 4-10<sup>th</sup>.

Host Hotel: The Edwards Hotel & Convention Center, 600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126, 313.592.3622 CODE: MARC \$119.00 per night + Tax.

**Medical Report**

The following members could use your support and thoughts:

Wayne Arnholt will be starting chemo for 6 weeks for bladder cancer.

Susan Lawson is not doing well with several medical problems.

### **A Big Thanks**

Thanks again to Linda Sullivan and Nita Bridges for taking over our Swap Meet kitchen at the last minute and making it a big success! Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped out in the kitchen. It is really wonderful to have so many people willing to help.

We also want to thank Nora Dean for taking over the Secretary position. This is in addition to her work as Club Reporter. Thanks, Nora.

### **Swap Meet Results**

55<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet April 29, 2018

Total receipts from swap meet \$2,206.15 (Door \$756, Rental \$603. Kitchen \$685 and Club Table \$387. Expenses \$225).

### **Treasurer's Report**

Our starting balance was \$1918.13. Money collected was a \$121.50 (\$20 dues, \$84 swap meet rental, \$17.50 from the 50/50), and \$1954.10 from the Swap Meet. Expenses paid out were \$525 (\$200 to Larry Morlock for change, \$100 to Nita Bridges for change, and \$225 for rent for fair grounds). Our ending balance is \$3468.73. Phil Sutton

### **MILEAGE AWARDS**

At our last meeting, we handed out the Mileage Awards received from MARC National for year-end 2017. The following members received recognition for having achieved one of the 5000 mile levels:

Jack & Katherine Sullivan 225,000; Jack & Linda Sullivan 140,000; Phil & Marge Sutton 105,000; George Titzer 105,000; Larry Morlock 75,000; Wayne & Marilyn Rosenbaum 55,000; Randy Huey 50,000; Ron & Susan Lawson 45,000; Roger & Cheryl Goodman 15,000; Tom Bruce 10,000 and Chris Rider 5,000.

This year we hit the million and a half mark for all those participating in the MARC Mileage Program. As a group, we have accumulated 1,530,86 miles in our Model A's.

Keep driving !!! - Larry Morlock  
**Answer to last month's what is it?**

### **Model A Inner Seal**

For the front hub, this is the metal seal that drives onto the spindle to seal the hub once slid into place.



**What is it?**



Answer, next month.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes May 10, 2018

Recorded by Nora Dean

Ron Lawson called meeting to order at 6:30 pm. New members and guests: Matt Cooper, new member. Guest Karen, Mary Dathe's daughter. Sickness and Deaths: Wayne Arnholt will be starting chemo for 6 weeks for bladder cancer. Secretary report was approved.

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Old Business:

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New Business:

-Thank you notes from Clifty Elementary School were shared by Tim Diehn. Tim reported there were 4 cars that came to the school. The children really enjoyed seeing and climbing in the cars. Mrs. Diehn reported that the kids talked about the cars the rest of the day.

-Tim Howell reported on the Lafayette Tour.

-MARC National Membership Meet for 2019, Feb. 28-March 2. Richmond Hill, GA.

-Susan Riss received a MARC Award of Merit for the newsletter.

-Next Board meeting at the Riss' house on Thursday, May 17 at 2 pm.

-50/50 drawing collected \$32. Tom Whiteman won \$16.00.

-New Secretary – Nora Dean

-Thank you to Tom Whiteman for making backup copies of our Library's CDs.

-Sign up for picnic in July 14.

-Jack Sullivan had a list of cars that are for sale. Info will appear in newsletter.

-Larry Morlock handed out mileage 2017 mileage awards to Jack & Katherine Sullivan 225,000, Jack & Linda Sullivan 140,000, Phil & Marge Sutton 105,000, George Titzer 105,000, Larry Morlock 75,000, Wayne & Marilyn Rosenbaum 55,000, Randy Huey 50,000, Ron & Susan Lawson 45,000, Roger & Cheryl Goodman 15,000, Tom Bruce 10,000 and Chris Rider 5,000.

-Ed Dathe gave a program on brakes.

-Last meeting until September 13.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Wanted:

**1929 Tudor windshield frame.** Call Gary F. Hayes phone: 812.889.3955

**1928 or 1929 Tudor**

Ben Rowan, a member of Twin City Model A Ford Club for about 4 years is searching for his first Model A. He has two boys, 12 and 9, and wants the entire family to enjoy the Model A.

He is looking for a 1928 or 1929 Tudor. It has to look stock. My first choice is Arabian Sand. Second choice Bonnie Gray and third would be Rose Beige.

If you have a Tudor to sell, contact him at:

Ben Rowan-Minnesota fella

TCMAFC

651-202-3040 home

612--749-0214 cell

brrowan94@yahoo.com email

For Sale:

Lewis Miller has several cars listed for sale.

1925 Model T \$12,000

1928 Ford Sport Coupe \$16,000

1928 Ford Touring \$17,000

1929 Roadster \$16,000

1930 Fordor \$19,000

Contact Lewis Miller at

527 Popp Ave.

Sellersburg, IN

Phone: 812-246-9037

Jack Sullivan, Sr. submitted the following:

1929 Roadster, Jack Mahuron, Salem

1930 Fordor (belonged to Don Johnson), Mike

Boling, 135 N., Salem

Contact Jack, Sr. for more information.

Model A engine, touring setup, complete overhaul. Contact Larry Purcell (317) 402-1288