



# GOING PLACES



## Web Site

[www.modelacolumbus.com](http://www.modelacolumbus.com)

## February 2011

Membership meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month unless a change is announced. The meetings are held Sept. through May, at the Golden Corral, 1250 N. National Road at the corner of US 31 and 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Columbus. The meal will be at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

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## President's Corner

by Ron Lawson

Happy New Year to all. I hope you had a very enjoyable holiday season. My family and I did - - - a little hectic but very nice!

We had a great Christmas party and many thanks to Jack and Kathryn Sullivan for putting it together. The dinner was at Christie's on the square of Salem (Greaaaaat Food). Kathryn and Jack invited everyone to their house after the dinner. We had wonderful fellowship together there also.

First I want to thank all the officers and board members for the past 2 years. What a great job they did for our National MARC Meet at French Lick.

We also had a lot of great trips last year. The tour masters did an outstanding job of putting them together.

Also, as Club members, please remember to fill out and return your Registration Form.

The Model "A" Restorers Club encourages membership in our bi-monthly publication, The Model A News, providing technical information and free liability insurance when participating in Club Events.

What drove you towards the Model A hobby and not some other type of vehicle?

The year was 1984. Susan and I had gone to a street rodder's cruise-in at the Hills parking lot. We saw some great looking cars. Susan asked me why I didn't do anything like this. That was all she needed to say, the bug bit me. I thought about what my first car was and did I want to restore one of them. It was 1953 Dodge

Ram. No I wanted something with some wood in it. So I decided on a Model A Ford.

The next thing was to find a car. I talked to Bob Bozell. I worked with restoring a Model A roadster. Bob said he would keep an eye open for one. About a week later Bob said he saw an ad in the newspaper for a 1930 pick-up. I purchased it and the work started. When I brought it home, Susan said that it was a pile of junk. Four years later restoration was completed.



Before restoration.



After restoration.

Well, that's enough from me for now. Hopefully I'll see you at the next monthly meeting on Saturday February 12th at the Golden Corral in Columbus.

### Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Thursday, February, at the Lawson's house at 7 pm.

### Membership Meeting Minutes

Ron Lawson opened the January 8 meeting and welcomed everyone. He thanked the officers for all the work they did last year, especially for the MARC Meet at Fr. Lick. He also commented on the Christmas Party and the nice time everyone had at the Sullivan's house afterward.

Secretary's minutes were approved as published.

Phil Sutton gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Beginning balance:	\$2918.46
Income:	229.24
Expenses:	650.12
Ending balance:	\$2497.58

Ron introduced Maurice Ketchum. He also reminded us of the Louisville Swap meet Jan. 15, the Membership Meet at St. Augustine, FL Mar. 24-27 and the National Meet in Dan Diego June 27 to July 2. Also MAFFE has over \$5 million for the museum.

#### New Business

Phil Sutton moved to keep our dues at \$5.00, seconded by Whitey Herbert.

Larry Morlock reminded us that we need to send in our mileage for the driving awards. Also he has started advertising for our Swap Meet.

Phil Sutton reminded everyone that our dues cover the year from January to December. So our dues for 2011 should have been sent in by now. The dues also determine who is on the roster.

Ed told us about two Model A suppliers and their phone numbers: Bob at 631-256-0030, and Bill at 570-538-3200.

Nita told us that Aline Reynolds had passed away on December 15.

Phil and Ron showed pictures of the Vermont trip.

Vic Rudder won the 50/50 raffle. Gerald Alexander is ordering extra copies of the Model A news on the National Meet.

Alex made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Rex Bridges. Respectfully submitted, Wayne Arnholt, Secretary

### Double Clutching

Ron Lawson

You can smooth the **up shifting** by double clutching.

When you shift out of first, shift to neutral and let out the clutch with your foot off the gas, then push in the clutch and shift to second and accelerate. Repeat this for the second to third shift. Practice will help you to learn the correct engine speed and road speed at which to shift. Double clutching is better than jamming the gears, as you are trying to match gear speeds, so the gear teeth slide together smoothly.

You can **downshift** from 3rd to second in this manner:

Depress the clutch and shift from 3rd to neutral, let out the clutch, tap the gas pedal to slightly rev the engine, depress the clutch, shift into second, release the clutch and accelerate. This maneuver requires some practice to find the speed and engine revving at which downshifting works best for your car; it should be done only at speeds under 15 mph. Downshifting should be a relatively rare maneuver given the low speeds at which gears are shifted. The Model A Instruction Book (owner's manual) advises that all gear shifting be done at very low speeds. The manual suggests shifting from 1st to 2nd at 5-8 mph and from 2nd to 3rd at 12-15 mph. Keep in mind that practice will help you find the optimal speeds at which to shift gears for your car.

## **Reading**

The best Model A books start with the free catalogues from Snyder's, Bratton's, Mac's and Sacramento Vintage Auto Parts. They have the best pictures and descriptions of parts.

Then get "How to Restore Your Model A" series from MAFCA and the "Technically Speaking" series from MARC.

Get a copy of "Service Bulletins" (be sure to buy the full size edition from one of the 2 national clubs).  
The Model A Ford as Henry Built It.

3 volumes of Les Andrews' Shop manuals.

Owner's Manual.

Judging Standards.

Parts Price List.

If you wish to see a list of ALL KNOWN publications, go to Steve Pluck's website ([www.pluck329s.org](http://www.pluck329s.org)) and go to "Additional Studies"...there you will find a list and it is a good website.

## **Webmaster**

There have been some updates to the website. Please take a look.

One new area is called "Tool Sharing". As you know, there are many specialized tools for working on the Model A. And somewhere in our club, we are likely to have the tool. We just don't know about it! This webpage will list the specialty tool, the owner and contact information. If you have a need for a specialized tool, you can contact the owner.

In upcoming membership meetings, we'll be asking you to let us know what specialty tools you own and whether you would let us show it on the Tool Sharing website.

## **Trip Planning**

The trip planning committee will be meeting in February to put the 2011

tentative tour schedule together.

Please come to the next membership meeting with ideas for tours you would like to drive.

The Columbus Model A club is legendary for driving the cars, and we have a lot of great daily, weekend and longer tours each year. Please contribute ideas and tour leadership for 2011!