



GOING PLACES



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September 2011

Membership meetings are held on the 2nd Sat. of the month unless a change is announced. The meetings are held Sept. through May, at Ryan's Steak House on US 50 West in Seymour. 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

Don't forget to "MARC" Saturday, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011 as **INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY**, an opportunity for folks around the world to all drive their **Model A's** on that same day.

Our meetings will now take place at Ryan's Steak House on US 50 West in Seymour on September 10, 2011 at 6:00 pm. This will be a good time to drive on the International Model A Ford Day. See the USA, in your Model A. OK that is all folks.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Thursday, September 15, at 7 pm at Phil and Marge Sutton's home.

Webmaster Update

Check out the website where there have been many new technical articles and tips included. Go to <http://www.modelacolumbus.com/forum>

Our Meeting Place Will Change

When our Model A meetings start up again this September we will be in a new place. Our meetings will now take place at Ryan's Steak House on US 50 West in Seymour. The times are the same. The meal will be at 6 pm and the meeting follows at 7 pm. We hope to see you all there!!

In the Rearview Mirror Model A Picnic

The sixth annual picnic for our Model A Club was held Saturday July 16th at the Brown County State Park. We had Bar-B-Q pork sandwiches and drinks provided by the club. Members brought salads, casseroles, and desserts. They started arriving about 11:30 and we ate at 1:00. It was a lovely sunny day with 44 in attendance. Several conventional cars along with 17

Model A's were driven. After lunch games were played and Don Miller won the drawing for the black Model A collectable car. We all enjoyed the afternoon visiting and relaxing then departed about 4:00. A great time was had by all.

--Gerald & Lyn Alexander

Reminder for Tour Leaders:

If you are a tour leader, we **need the information for the tour by the time of the monthly board meeting.** That will be September 15 for tours in October. You can send this information by e-mail, regular mail or phone, to Susan Riss. Thanks!

Attention, attention!

We are asking everyone who is interested in going on a particular tour to call the leader and let them know you are coming. If we know that no one is showing up for a tour, the tour will be cancelled.

Tours

September 3, Saturday
Columbus Hospice Concert
(FYI)

September 8, Thursday
White River Valley at Elnora
Antique Show
(Whiteman)

This features tractors, steam engines, antique machine shop and a flea market.

Meet at Columbus West Hill Shopping Center and leave for Bloomington at 7:30 am. Take IN 46 West to Bloomington and meet at McDonald's on East Third St. We will leave Bloomington at 8:30, taking IN 37 South to IN West to Elnora. Let Roy Whiteman know if you plan to go. (812-824-9662)

September 10, Saturday
Young Eagles
(Morlock)

Anyone interested in providing Model A rides to young kids, meet at the Columbus Airport terminal

building at 8:00 am. The kids are given a free airplane ride and really enjoy the Model A rides as well. We will be finished by noon.

September 10, Saturday
Membership Meeting

Ryan's Steak House in Seymour

September 10, Saturday
International Model A Ford Day
participation (FYI)

September 10-11
Scottish Festival, Columbus
(FYI)

September 15-17
Hoosier Auto Show and Swap
Meet
(On your own.)

September 17, Saturday
Hot Rods and Rock 'n Roll
(On your own.)

Saturday, Sept 17
Bob Murphy's Birthday
(Bob Murphy)

I would like to invite members of our Clubs to attend my 80th birthday celebration.

Saturday, September 17, 2010,
3:00pm to 5:00pm with a chuck-wagon meal served at 4:00pm.

Lawton Street Christian Church,
Jasonville, IN. (Turn South 1
block West of the only stop light in
town and go 3 blocks.)

RSVP by 1 September because of
the Chuck-wagon meal.
Please, no gifts.

September 18, Sunday cancelled
Mystery Tour
(Bridges)

Cancelled due to Bob Murphy's
birthday on Saturday the 17th.

October 13 through October 21
2011
Columbus MARC-Hoosier Hills
MARC Branson Tour

(Ron Lawson and Phil Sutton
leaders)

Thursday Oct 13: This is a driving
day ending in Giant City State Park
Illinois. We hope to get in early
enough to enjoy the beautiful setting.

Friday Oct 14: This is another
driving day ending in the mountains
of Arkansas. We will stay on the
Missouri border in Mammoth
Springs Arkansas.

Saturday Oct 15: This is a 160 mile
drive into Branson. We should be in
early enough to settle in and take in
our first show.

Sunday Oct 16: We will head back
across the border for a day trip to
Eureka Springs. This is a very
unusual town built on the side of a
mountain in the 1800's. We
probably won't do a show this
evening so we don't have to rush.
Since it's Sunday several shows don't
run.

Monday Oct 17: We will spend the
day in the Branson area taking in the
sights. That evening we will do
another show.

Tuesday Oct 18: We will start the
day with a day trip to the Bass Pro
Shop in Springfield. This is the
home office and the facility is huge
with places to eat, a building the size
of most shopping centers, and a trout
stream. That evening we will take in
our last show.

Wednesday Oct 19: We will drive
through the Ozarks taking in more
fall foliage and end on the Missouri
river in Hermann. This is German
wine country and full of interesting
sights.

Thursday Oct 20: We have an easy
day (less than 100 miles) and we will
take in what we missed the night
before in Hermann and head on to
Hannibal and the Mark Twain sights.

Friday Oct 21: This is our longest driving day because we will head back to Indiana and home.

If you plan on going let Phil know by September 10th. I will get all the rooms at that time and arrange for the tickets for the 3 shows. The show list is on the way and Ron and I are open to suggestions. After I get the final arrangements made I'll let each of you know what you owe.

Contact me at:

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Saturday, September 10th.

Dates on Tires

It depends on how old the tires are. If they pre-date 1990, likely no code.

If sold in the USA in the 90's there is a three-digit code on one side, the first two digits the week of the year (01X to 52X) and the third digit the year in the 90's. (237 = 23rd week of 1997). In 2000 it went to 4 digits at the end of the DOT code, the last two are the year in the 2000's. (at end of DOT code, 0903 = 9th week of 2003).

Numbers and letters prefixing the last 4 digits of the DOT code also identify which of the 850+ listed manufacturing plants produced it. It is not uncommon for a tire with a specific brand name molded on the tire to have been produced by contract in another manufacturer's plant! That's why the modern code. Never assume.
--Ron Lawson

Whitewall Tire

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Background

Whitewall tires or white sidewall (WSW) tires are tires having a stripe or entire sidewall of white rubber. Early automobile tires were made

entirely of natural white rubber; however, the white rubber did not offer sufficient traction and endurance so carbon black was added to the rubber used for the treads. Using carbon black only in the tread produced tires with inner and outer sidewalls of white rubber. Later, entirely black tires became available, the still extant white sidewalls being covered with a somewhat thin, black colored layer of rubber. Should a black sidewall tire have been severely scuffed against a curb the underlying white rubber would be revealed, it is in a similar manner that raised white letter (RWL) tires are made.

Overview

The status of whitewall tires versus blackwall tires was originally the reverse of what it later became, with fully black tires requiring a greater amount of carbon black and less effort to maintain a clean appearance these were considered the premium tire; since the black tires first became available they were commonly fitted to many luxury cars through the 1930s. During the later 1920s gleaming whitewalls contrasted against darker surroundings were considered a stylish, if high-maintenance, bit of "flash", still too flamboyant for those with conservative taste. The popularity of whitewalls as an option increased during the 1930s, automobile streamlining and skirted fenders eventually rendered the two-sided whitewall obsolete. The single-sided whitewall remained a desirable option through the 1970s, becoming a hallmark of "traditional luxury".

Beginning in the early 1950s whitewall width began to diminish as an attempt to reduce the perceived height of the wheel/tire, during the decade increasingly lower vehicle heights were in vogue. Finally in 1957 the production version of the ultra-exclusive Cadillac Eldorado Brougham was fitted with whitewalls that were reduced to a 1"

wide stripe floating on the tire sidewall with a black area between this stripe and the wheel rim. Wide whitewalls generally fell out of favor in the US by the 1962 model year. They continued as an option on the Lincoln Continental for some time thereafter but most common were the 1"-3/4" stripe whitewalls. During the mid-1960s varieties on the striped whitewall began to appear, a red/white stripe combination was offered on Thunderbirds and other high-end Fords and triple white stripe variations were offered on Cadillacs, Lincolns and Imperials. During the 1970s the ostentatious vehicles emerging from Detroit inspired an increase in whitewall stripe width (1 5/8" plus) while full-fledged wide whitewalls had made a return within the pimpmobile culture.

Modern

Although wide whitewalls are virtually non-existent on modern automobiles, they are still manufactured in original bias-ply or radial form by specialty outlets and/or classic car restoration companies such as Diamond Back Classics, Coker Tire, Lucas Classic Tires, and Vogue Tyre Company. Some companies manufacture wide whitewall inserts - the Portawall inserts are usually sold through VW Beetle restoration companies. Portawalls can be used with radial tires, but the use of inner tubes is recommended to stiffen the softer sidewalls of radial tires.

--Ron Lawson

