

# GOING PLACES



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## April 2012

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 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**

By the time that you get this newsletter spring should have sprung. It is time to start your Model A's. If you have not changed your oil before you stored your Model A, now is the time to change your oil and check your vital fluids.

Last month's newsletter we had the draft 2012 Tour Schedule and 2012 Roster. You might want to check to see if your name, address, email and phone number is correct in the Roster. I know when I type my fingers lie to me. They sometimes type what they want to type. If there is an error please contact Larry Riss at [risslarry@comcast.net](mailto:risslarry@comcast.net) or phone 812.320.3884.

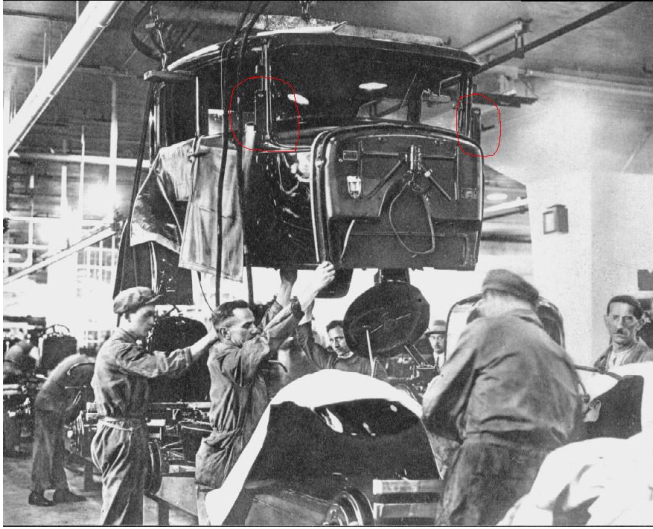
The final 2012 Tour Schedule is included in this newsletter.

Just a reminder about the Chattanooga National Tour in September - Phil Sutton has 9 rooms left for someone if you do not have a room you might want to call Mr. Phil @ 812.369.9915. Phil needs to confirm reservations by mid-May.

Something to look for at swap meets, would be turn signal arms/trafficators. The Model A did come out with turn signals. They would not flash but they would light up after they were opened out.

All road vehicles in Germany (Denmark and several other European countries) in the 1930's

were required to have them. They served as turn signals. When they were turned on, the arm swung up via an electric solenoid mechanism. The light in the orange lens lit up (and blinked if attached to a blinker relay).



The above is from FordBarn. Com

The trafficators were not Ford made parts and were never listed in any of the parts books (at least not in any of the many original parts books that I have looked through) nor in the German Ford Service Bulletins. There are many different types that were used (or available as required accessories). The most common ones were made by Scintilla (Made in Switzerland). Pictured below is a complete NOS set. Note that the trafficators are made for a specific side of the car. The difference can be seen in the screw heads or bolts that hold the body together. The toggle switch was mounted over the center bolt on the dash rail.



From FordBarn.com

There were even versions with Ford scripts on the orange lenses and/or a Ford script on the trafficator body. Two different versions are shown below.



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Hunt's Safetisigns is another manufacturer of indicators. They were British made. From the installation instructions below you can see them mounted on the A pillar door post. Also note on the instructions below that the car is a right hand drive.



From Ronnie Lawson's collection



From Ronnie Lawson's collection

Trico is another manufacturer of the Direction Indicators. These were also British made.

### Board Meeting

The April board meeting will be held at Linda and Jack Sullivan's on April 19<sup>th</sup>

### Membership Meeting Minutes

The Columbus MARC membership meeting was held on March 10, 2012 at Ryan's in Seymour, IN. Ron Lawson, president, called the meeting to order. Thirty seven members and one guest were present. Jezza was a guest of her grandmother, Connie Brace.

The secretary's report was corrected to say Ed Dathe shared a gas tank neck extension for Model A's instead of a gas tank filter. Minutes were approved. Roy Whiteman gave the February treasurers report for Phil Sutton.

Beginning balance for February::	\$1,514.00
Income:	14.00
Expenses:	00.00
Ending balance	1,528.00

Special dates announced by the president were the board meeting at the Bridges' on March 13<sup>th</sup> and a March 17th garage tour and electronic ignition seminar at Randy Hughey's, (1139 Janet



Drive, Greenwood IN.) Ed Dathe's cut-a-way will also be at Randy's for viewing. The club will meet at Eastbrook shopping center at 7:44 a.m.. Please RSVP to Ron Lawson if you plan to go.

Committee reports:

Swap Meet: Larry Morlock, chairman, announced all spaces are filled. At the April meeting, members can sign up to help with the Swap meet.

Jane Herbert, chairman for the kitchen, circulated sheets for kitchen help and also donations for food. Contact Jane if you did not have a chance to sign up.

Driving awards: Larry Morlock encouraged members to enroll in the driving award program. The cost is \$1. Once you have driven 2,000 miles, you will receive a plaque. Every 5,000 miles after that, you will receive a tag.

Library: Roy Whiteman announced DVD's and tapes were available to check out.

Activity Chairman: Gerald Alexander asked if anyone wanted to share history about their car and if it had a name. Whitey said they purchased one of their "A's" from Cecil Duckett so they just call their car "Cecil".

Tours: The tour schedule is tentative and will be revised. The Spring Blossom festival will be held at Brown County on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration for the parade needs to be in by mid-April. Contact Phil Sutton by the middle of May if you need a room reservation for the Chattanooga trip. (Ron will have info at the board meeting for another tour led by Joe Goebel in mid-August.)

Larry Morlock informed the group that MAFFI would like to acquire the model A sculpture that is displayed in front of the Forecia plant near Walesboro. They would like

to acquire it for the new Model A Museum at Gilmore, MI . If anyone has any connections let Larry know so he can pursue the project.

Show and Tell:

Ed Dathe..... kill all switch

Ron Lawson... governor for a milk and delivery truck

Town Sedan magazine

Betty Goebel (?) won the 50/50 drawing of \$16.00

After the meeting was adjourned, everyone enjoyed meeting our newest member, Shelby Rider., precious! Shelby was one month old on March 10<sup>th</sup> ...her first model A meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nita Bridges, Secretary

### **Club History – 1991**

The following officers of the Columbus Region were elected for 1991:

President – Jack Sullivan, Jr.

Vice President – Larry Riss

Secretary – Larry Morlock

Treasurer – Wayne Arnholt

Directors – Linda Sullivan, Phil Sutton,

Gary Lawless

There were 44 families who were members in 1991. New members were Keith & Carolyn Jacob.

Tours for 1991 included an 8-day trip down the Blue Ridge Parkway, led by the Suttons and Morlocks. Highlights included the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Cherokee, NC, the Maggie Valley swap meet, the Biltmore Estate and Phil & Kathy's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration. An article about this trip was published in the national "Model A News" magazine, authored by Kathy Sutton and Larry Morlock.

Other touring events included the cobweb tour led by Klick and Klack, the Tappet brothers (aka Gary Lawless and Larry Riss); the Brown County Log Cabin tour in June on a 90+ degree day; General Butler State Park, led by Ronnie and Susan Lawson; an overnight to Hodgenville, KY, attended by 14 people traveling in a van; Billie Creek Village with seven cars – Lawless, Sparks, Riss, Sipes, Burns, Sullivan and Shick; the Linton parade led by Paul & Juanita Wright, an ice cream social at Ceraland; and the Brownstown Watermelon Festival, hosted by Wharton & Aline Reynolds.

The National Meet was held in Indianapolis, with a large number of Columbus Region families attending. Highlight was driving our A's around the Indy 500 track. Our annual Swap Meet was moved back to the 4-H Fairgrounds and was held on Oct 20. Jack Sullivan, Jr. was the meet chairman.

The Christmas party was held at the Country Squire Restaurant in Nashville, IN. Hosts were Lee & Marge Schick, Phil & Kathy Sutton, and Roy & Lavon Whiteman. Centerpieces on the tables were various Model A parts and gifts were provided by our Model A parts vendors.

Frank Fisher, one of the charter members and a moving force in the establishment of our club, passed away in 1991.

### **A Reminder**

Anyone interested in going on Chattanooga trip call Phil by Apr 15 to register a room.

### **Message from Webmaster**

I've been updating the website, so take a look from time-to-time.

One area that I find interesting is the section called [Regions](#). I've been trying to find other Model A websites and list them here so we can keep up with our friends. While looking around, I found a very interesting and fun video on the home page of the [Dakota Territories Model A Club](#) who participated in the making of a short film called "The Headliners." The club provided many of the autos used in the making of this film. I commend this to you for your viewing enjoyment!

## 2012 Tour Schedule

Apr 14	Membership Meeting
Apr 12-15	Membership Meet Perrysburg (Sutton)
Apr 17	MAFFI Model A Museum Ground Breaking (on your own)
Apr 21	Cobweb Tour (Sullivan, Sr.)
Apr 28	Pancake Breakfast/Fairgrounds Yard Sale (Sutton)
Apr 29	Swap Meet (Morlock, All members)
May 5	49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Blossom Parade (On your own)
May 12	Membership Meeting
May 12	General Butler Park KY-Scottish Weekend (Lawson)
May 13	Happy Mother's Day
May 15-18	Portland Spring Meet (on your own)
May 18-19	<a href="#">Hoosier Auto Show and Swap Meet</a> (on your own)
May 19	Ron Lawson/Wayne Arnholt Garage Tour (Lawson, Arnholt)
May 26-28	Memorial Day Weekend
Jun 2	Young Eagles
Jun 3	Lawrenceburg Flea Market (Bridges)
Jun 9	Clay City Pottery Tour (Whiteman)
Jun 9-17	MARC Meet – Oshkosh (Sutton)
Jun 16-22	MAFCA Meet – Marquette Michigan (Sutton)
Jun 17	Happy Father's Day
Jun 22-29	Lake Superior Canada Tour (Sullivan, Jr)
Jun 23	Brown County Studio and Garden Tour (Riss, Schmelz)
Jul 7	Young Eagles
Jul 14	Picnic at Brown County Park (Alexander)
Jul 20-21	South Boston Opry (Sullivan, Sr)
Aug 4	Young Eagles
Aug 9-11	Secret of Speed Society, Mt Vernon (On your own)
Aug 11	North Vernon Airport Awareness Day and Car Show (on your own)
Aug 18	Antique Fire Truck – Uniontown (Rider)
Aug 16-19	<a href="#">Greensburg Power of the Past</a> (on your own)
Aug 22-25	Tri-state Gas Engine and Tractor Show at Portland (on your own)
Sep 1-3	Labor Day Tour to Danville-Harrodsburg Sullivan, Sr, Sullivan, Jr)
Sep 6	White River Valley Antique Show at Elnora (Whiteman)
Sep 8	Young Eagles
Sep 8	Membership Meeting
Sep 22	International Model A Ford Day participation (FYI)
Sep 8-9	Scottish Festival, Columbus (FYI)
Sep 11-21	National Tour – Chattanooga (Sutton)
Sep 21-22	<a href="#">Hoosier Auto Show and Swap Meet</a> (on your own)
Sep 29	Mystery Tour (Sullivan, Jr)
Oct 6	Oldenburg (Morlock)
Oct 10-13	Hershey FYI
Oct 13	<a href="#">Ethnic Expo</a> (Lawless, Sparks)
Oct 13	Membership Meeting
Oct 14	Wine & Fall Tour (Riss)
Oct 22-26	Roger Goodman's Tour of Kentucky weekday 5 day tour, dates TBD
Nov 10	Membership Meeting
Dec 8	Holiday Party (Alexander)

