



GOING PLACES



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February 2017

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

The year 2016 has been a good one. It is hard to believe that it is past already. I want to thank all of our 2016 officers and board members for the outstanding job that they have done. Now we can start thinking about trips and events that we would like to do in 2017. We will be discussing them at our February meeting.

The members have agreed to donate \$100.00 to the Model A Youth Scholarship Fund with a check payable to Anne Neely-Beck of Jeffersonville, GA.

You may have seen the following article in The Republic newspaper recently:



In May 1989 Arvin Industries Inc. commissioned and dedicated in August 1991, a display at their new corporate HQ in remembrance of their very first product: a tire pump. It is a real 1931 Model A Ford, with a 1931 license plate on it. It has a full-scale replica of a man in 1930's dress with long sleeved shirt rolled to the elbows, beside the front fender. He is depressing a tire pump to inflate the front tire. His hat, jacket, and scarf are draped across the hood. Inside the car is a young boy sitting on the driver's side seat, with hands on the steering wheel. The statue pays tribute to Arvin Industries Inc., which originated as Indianapolis Air Pump Co. J. Seward Johnson completed the figures. The clothing on the human figures is real, preserved using a patina and lacquer process that Johnson developed. J. Seward Johnson has more than 250 life-size cast bronze figures in private collections and museums around the world. His work in Columbus is titled, "When I Was Your Age".

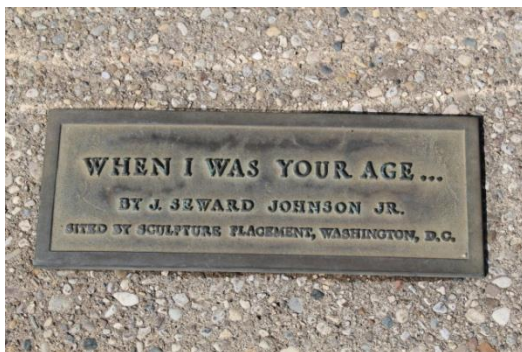


The statue was supposed to be put on display at the Arvin Headquarters on a small round-about at 13th and Hutchins Avenue, and dedicated in 1990. On the night before the dedication an inebriated driver plowed into the statue.



That delayed the dedication and it had to be repaired. It was repaired and dedicated August 1991.

It was eventually moved to a facility in Walesboro.





Faurecia America had acquired the statue when it assumed control of one of Arvin's divisions at Walesboro following the breakup of the company. Faurecia has just restored this piece of art and is donating it back to the school district so it can be displayed to the public again. The school district plans to place it inside decorative security fencing according to Superintendent Jim Roberts. Dawn Swindle, Faurecia spokeswoman said the Arvin Foundation and Heritage Fund - The Community Foundation of Bartholomew County, are providing funds to create the display area and install a protective pergola.

Memo from Ron:

I have contacted Dawn Swindle and Jim Roberts about when this art piece is going to come back to Columbus. I told them that we could have some Model A Fords come in when they are ready to dedicate it. They said that the dedication will most likely be sometime this spring, and they would get back with me.

More later on when I hear something about the dedication.

Please Note: The time of our **dinner for our regular meeting has been changed to 5:30** with the meeting to follow at 6:30. This is because the Sirloin Stockade needs us to be out by 8 pm.

Thanks to Larry Morlock

Larry Morlock has contacted **Gaslight Auto Parts** and they will be at the Columbus Club Swap Meet in April to serve your Model A or

Model T parts needs. If you are planning on picking up new parts at our swap meet, please call **Nick Harrigan** at **Gaslight Auto Parts** and place your order so they will have it for you to pick up at the April swap meet, saving on the high cost of shipping.

Gaslight Auto Parts can be reached at:

Address:

1445 US-68

Urbana, OH 43078

1-800-242-6491 or 1-937-652-2147

E-mail: gaslight@ctcn.net

Gaslight Web site: www.gaslightauto.com

Answer to last newsletter's picture: Have you seen this coffee pot? If so, where did you see it?



The above is the picture. It doesn't exist anymore. You can see four Standard Oil gas pumps visible on the right side of the picture. It was once a busy State Road back in the 30's. Its location was on US Route 31, south of Austin, IN. It was located on what is called "Coffee Pot Curve" and "The Coffee Pot" is the name on the pot.

MARC National Meet

Katheryn Sullivan wants to know who is going to the MARC National membership meeting in Shipshewana on March 23-26, 2017. She is making reservations for a group for an Amish

meal. Please let Kathryn know at the next February meeting or call her at 812-883-8779. Thanks!

This Month's Question

Mystery markings on tape measures. What is the black diamond on a tape measure?



Board Meeting and 2017 Tour Planning

The board meeting will be at Phil's house during the tour planning meeting.

The tour planning committee will be meeting **February 19, Sunday**, to create the 2017 tour schedule. Please consider trips you would either like to lead, or recommend that we add to our schedule. We will be asking for your input during the next **membership meeting on Thursday, February 9**. The meeting begins at 5:30 pm with the dinner to follow at 6:30.

Driving Awards Program

For those participating in the MARC Driving Awards program, please submit your year-end 2016 odometer readings to Larry Morlock. You can give them to Larry at the next membership meeting, or by email l.morlock@att.net, or by phone 812-371-6628.

Also, the Driving Awards program has been computerized, so complete mileage history of each car is now available. If you would like a copy of the historical mileage record for your car, please let Larry Morlock know.

Dues

Phil Sutton needs the member dues paid on or before the Swap Meet. You can bring them to the meeting or mail them to Phil.

Membership Roster

Our 2017 Columbus Model A Roster will be published in May.

Swap Meet

Our 2017 swap meet will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds on April 30, from 7am to 2 pm. Still only \$3 entry fee. This is our main fund raising event for the year. We need all our members to help in making it a success!

Website Update

We have implemented a new website. It is very similar to the old site with the same general navigation and content.

The website holds historical information, current tour information, and technical content. In future newsletters I'll explain more about the website. This month, let's discuss the "Publications" section.

When the newsletter is published, it is also posted on the website. So if you misplace your newsletter, you can always find it on the website. Also, past newsletters are also posted there. To see the newsletters, hover your mouse over the "Publications" link and then click on the year for the newsletter you want to see. They are listed by month and are in pdf form.

