



# GOING PLACES



## Web Site

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

## May 2015

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 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

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## **President's Corner**

Did you know that the Dodge Brothers built parts for the first 500,000 Ford Model T cars?

The Dodge Brothers built the first automobile with their name on it in 1914 as a 1915 model. Previously the brothers had built all the mechanical parts for the first 500,000 Ford Model T cars. The Dodge Brothers were well known and

Highly respected in the automotive industry because of the work they had done for Ford.

How many notches are on the Spark advance/retard lever, of the Model A Ford, if they are not worn off? There are 11 and if your car is timed correctly, each notch would represent 5 miles per hour when used with the standard rear end and engine.

There is a new website link – [www.modelbasics.com](http://www.modelbasics.com) that has detailed technical descriptions of major functions of the Model A. Some of the functions are animated. It is a very good website and I recommend you take some time to check it out.

**From last month's "What is it?"**



**EMERGENCY BRAKE LEVER EXTENSIONS**

The emergency brake lever for the early 1928 Model A Ford is located on the left hand side of the car whereas on the late 1928 and early 29 Model A Fords it was located in the center of the front floorboard, forward of the transmission gearshift lever. A squeeze grip is used to release the brake. In late 1929, Ford moved the emergency brake lever to the right side of the gearshift lever and redesigned it with a push button release. Releasing the emergency brake lever in a 1930-31 Model A Ford can require a long stretch of the driver's arm.

Several aftermarket parts manufacturers provided an extension to ease the setting and release of the emergency brake. The extension fits over the top of the emergency brake lever and is used to depress the button on top of the emergency brake lever. The driver can then engage or disengage the emergency brake with the extension. The emergency brake lever extensions were apparently popular with women drivers, for whom much of the advertising for the accessory was directed.

The photo above shows various styles of emergency brake lever extensions manufactured for the Model A Ford. Seen in the photograph are the Wells extension, the Motolever, and various designs of extensions built by Fulton.

Original emergency brake lever extensions are often difficult to find, but occasionally can be found at swap meets. Emergency brake extensions for the Model A Ford, especially the ones manufactured by Fulton and Motolever usually bring a good price.

The advertisement below shows the installation of the Motolever by Motometer extension on the Model A Ford emergency brake handle.



## This Month's "What is it"?



We hope to see all of you out "**GOING PLACES**" on our tours.

--Ronnie Lawson

### **Board Meeting, May 20, 2015**

The next board meeting will be at the Riss home, at 7:00 pm.

### **Membership Meeting Minutes**

#### **April 9, 2015**

In President Ron Lawson's absence vice president Gerald Alexander welcomed 32 members to the April 9, 2015 meeting at the Sirloin Stockade in Columbus.

Sickness: Paul Lyle has had 2 more strokes, he is in rehab center.

Roy Whiteman gave treasurer's report in Phil Sutton absence, treasurer's report as follows:

Starting balance:	
\$2792.83	
Income:	
\$83.00 (with a \$7.00 correction)	
Expenses:	\$0.00
Ending balance:	
\$2875.83	

Secretary's report was read by Jane Herbert, secretary and accepted as read.

#### **Old Business:**

Larry Morlock,, Swap Meet-spaces inside sold out, outside available. Asked for volunteer help. Jane Herbert, Swap Meet Kitchen-sent sign-up sheet around for help in the kitchen and

donations.

#### **New Business:**

Hanover Beach outing with Whitey and Jane Herbert was put back on the schedule for May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Change of dates for the MAFCA National Convention.

Everyone was encouraged to go on the Tri-Club garage tour May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Board meeting: April 14, 2015 at Nita and Rex Bridges' home at 7:00 pm.

#### **Special Dates:**

April 10-12 MARC Membership Meet, Joilet, IL (Sutton 9<sup>th</sup>)

April 18 Cobweb Tour (Sullivan Sr.)- Kathryn sent sign-up sheet around

April 25 Pancake Breakfast (Sutton, Lawson)

April 26 Columbus Model A Club Swap Meet at Bartholomew County fairgrounds

May 1-3, 2015: Brown County Antique Engine and Tractor Show

May 2, 2015: Tri-Club Garage Tour. Meet at Eastbrook Plaza shopping center at 8:00 am. Call Ronnie Lawson (812)343-2434 if you are going, Mid-Hoosiers call Randy Hughey (317) 694-1838 if you are going.

May 9, 2015: Gateway Classic Car Spring Fling, Memphis, IN

May 14, 2015 : Membership meet

May 15-16 Hoosier Vintage Wheels swap meet and cruise-in Johnson County fairgrounds, Franklin, IN. 1980 and older cars, trucks, campers, and memorabilia.

May 30, 2015: Hanover Beach (Herbert) we hope to have the trip, but wet weather will make trip impassable.

June 7-12 MAFCA National Tour, Pine Tree A's Chapter Kennebunkport, Maine

June 8-12 MARC, Northwest Missouri MARC Region St. Joseph Missouri

June 11-14 MAFCA Tour, Greater Houston A's 52<sup>nd</sup> Texas Tour, Beaumont, Texas

June 21-26 MARC National Meet, Canadian

MARC Region st Niagara Falls

June 23-27 MARC Northwest Regional Meet,  
Wall Walla Sweet A's Region Walla Walla,  
Washington

August 6-9 Grand Indiana Auto Tour 2015, Ft  
Wayne, IN Contact Randy Hughey-President  
(317)694-1838

August 29 Tri Club Picnic, at Johnson County  
Park

September 19 MAFCA International Model A  
Ford Day 2015

June 19-24, 2016 MAFCA National Convention:  
MARC of Colorado region, Loveland Colorado.

Note: Date changed from June 21-25, 2016 to  
June 19-24, 2016

50/50 drawing went to Fred Neff, \$17.50.

Kathryn Sullivan read article -Fay and Gene Hart  
Announcement: Jack and Kathryn had 31<sup>st</sup> great  
grandchild today.

Whitey Herbert gave a talk on the Miller Valve  
Spring compressor.

Whitey Herbert made motion to adjourn meeting,  
Wilma Evanczyk seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jane Herbert, Secretary

### Tours

#### May 1-3

#### **Brown Co. Antique Engine & Tractor Show**

4-H Fairgrounds Nashville

(On your own.)

#### May 2

#### **Tri-Club Garage Tour**

(Lawson)

Columbus club: meet at the Eastbrook Plaza  
shopping center at 8:00am. Call Ronnie Lawson  
if you are going. We have 3 garages to tour. We  
will also see some used Model A cars for sale.

#### May 9

#### **Gateway Classic Car Spring Fling**

Memphis, IN

(On your own.)

#### May 10

#### **Happy Mother's Day!!**

#### May 14

#### **Membership Meeting**

#### May 15-16

#### **Hoosier Vintage Wheels Swap Meet**

Johnson Co. Fairgrounds

(On your own.)

For 1980 and older cars, pickups, campers,  
bicycles and memorabilia. There will no longer  
be swap meets at the Marion County Fair  
Grounds so you may want to consider  
participating in this event. To show your car,  
advanced registration until May 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25; day of  
show - \$35. Spectator admission - \$5. For more  
information contact Scott Wills at: 317-501-5266.

#### May 23-25

#### **Memorial Day Weekend**

#### May 30

#### **Hanover Beach**

(Herbert)

Leave Columbus at 8:00 am from Eastbrook  
Plaza. Take 7 to North Vernon. We will stop at  
McDonald's on 3 and 7 to meet with folks from  
Seymour and wherever. Leave North Vernon at 9  
am. On to Hanover on Hwy 7 then to 62. We  
will stop at Shell station for a quick break on  
Hwy 62 before we go on to Hanover Beach. We  
will stop for lunch along the way and maybe  
check out the local flea market in Hanover.

Contact us if you are planning to go so we can let  
you know if the tour will go. Call Whitey 812-  
593-8481 or Jane 812-593-1327.

## **June 7**

### **Lawrenceburg Flea Market**

(Bridges)

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

## **June 10, Wednesday**

### **Alexandria Garage Tour**

(Wolfe)

Meet at Highway 9 at Greenfield at the Cracker Barrel.

## **National Meet**

For those of you going to the national meet, you need to contact Phil Sutton about getting a room. He would appreciate it if you would notify him by the Swap Meet, April 26.

Note: you need a passport to get across the border.

## **Membership Roster**

Our 2015 Columbus Model A Roster will be published in May. Dues are a low, bargain price of \$10 per year. If your dues are not paid by April 30, you will not appear on the roster and will be removed from the mailing list.

## **In the Rearview Mirror**

### **A report from the 2015 MARC Membership Meet at Juliet, IL.**

Hosted by the Joliet Region Model 'A' Restorer's Club. They really did a fantastic job on entertaining us. We had 5 Model A's from Columbus and Bloomington clubs drive up.

Those who drove up were,



Phil Sutton with passenger Larry Morlock, Ed and Mary Dathe, Tim Ellis with passenger Rex Hinkle, Don and Ellen McGlothlin, and Ronnie and Susan Lawson. There were over 50 Model A's that drove to the meet. We also met our friends from Mid Hoosiers Club, Tim and Frieda Howell, and Norman and Priscilla Winkler there. The festivities officially begin on Thursday evening with a dinner and tour of the magnificent Rialto Square Theatre. The evening ended with a "silent" Laurel & Hardy film accompanied by the Barton Grand Pipe Organ. Special parking for the Model A's was right on the street in front of the theater.

Friday morning, while the national committees were meeting, we had a "hands on" brake adjusting seminar, and a "GAZ" (Russian Model "A") and "AA" seminar. In the afternoon, Jordon Beller opened his museum to us to view cars, parts, literature, era speed equipment, and much more. Outside of the building, there is the largest collection of AA chassis on the planet. Back by popular demand for the ladies during the day was the "MARC Mini Mall". We ended the day with the welcome party which features an all you can eat pizza, pasta, and salad buffet. The entertainment at the end of the meal was "Name That Tune" quiz show.

Saturday morning begins with two JSC seminars. The General Membership Meeting was early in the afternoon. The evening banquet was enjoyable with era music playing softly in the background. Rex Hinkle from the Bloomington Club sang "O Canada", Mr. Ed received a plaque for 11 years of service on the Judging Standards committee, and Ronnie and Susan Lawson

received a case of oil for driving the furthers away, 280 miles.

The icing on the cake was the Sunday morning indoor swap meet, then back home to Indiana.  
--Ronnie Lawson

### **Library: Roy Whiteman, 812-824-9662**

The Columbus Model A Restorers Club Inc.

Library Holdings are:

#### **Video Tapes**

- 1 Carburetors and Carbohydrates
- 2 Dial D for Distributor
- 3 How to Avoid Fahrenheit Fright
- 4 The Flasher
- 5 Gennin Along with Lloyd and Floyd (Generator)
- 6 Rebuilding the Three Speed Transmission
- 7 How to stop on a Dime (Brakes)
- 8 Timing the Ignition

#### **DVD's**

- 1 Model A lock and Keys
- 2 The Flasher
- 3 Replacing Your Model A Ford Pickup Roof
- 4 Rebuilding a Model A Ford 2-tooth Steering
- 5 Rebuilding a Model A Ford Shock Absorbers
- 6 Rebuilding a Model A Ford Springs
- 7 Installing Flat Head Ted's Brake Floater Kit on your Model A Ford
- 8 Replacing Your Model A Ford Timing Gear While on the Road
- 9 Setting Engine Bearing Clearance on your Model A Ford
- 10 Rebuilding Your Model A Ford Water Pump
- 11 Installing an Overdrive on Your Model A Ford
- 12 Annual Tour Preparation and Decking your Manifold
- 13 Mounting Model A Tires and Installing an Inner Tube
- 14 1931 Slant Window Roof Installation
- 15 Rebuilding and Timing Your Model A Ford Distributor
- 16 How to Replace Your Model A Brake Drums and Shoe Linings
- 17 Rebuilding Your Model A Ford Transmission

### **Swap Meet**

Our 52nd annual swap meet will be Sunday, Apr. 26, at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds. Everyone is asked to pitch in and help. We need people to help with set-up from 6:00-7:00am, ticket sales at the door all day in 1-hour shifts, kitchen help and food donations, and clean-up from 2:00-3:00pm. Everyone is also asked to drive their Model A cars to the meet, as this adds a lot to the enjoyment of the event. All our indoor spaces have been rented, but there is plenty of space outdoors. **Please be sure to bring something to sell at the club table.**

### **Driving Awards**

We have received the driving awards for year-end 2014 and they will be handed out at the May meeting. Here's the line-up of people who received awards this year for having reached a 5000 mile plateau:

Wilma & Dave Evanczyk - 1931 Roadster - 2000 miles  
Roger & Cheryl Goodman - 1930 Town Sedan - 2000  
Chris & Janice Rider - 1931 Roadster - 5000  
Ed & Mary Dathe - 1931 Pick-Up - 20,000  
Ronnie & Susan Lawson - 1929 Town Sedan - 20,000  
Roy & Lavon Whiteman - 1930 Cabriolet - 25,000  
Bob & Sue Murphy - 1930 Cabriolet - 35,000  
Whitey & Jane Herbert - 1930 Coupe - 40,000  
Wayne & Marilyn Rosenbaum - 1929 Roadster - 50,000  
Phil & Marge Sutton - 1930 Town Sedan - 90,000  
George & Verna Titzer - 1930 Town Sedan - 100,000  
Jack & Linda Sullivan - 1929 Roadster - 120,000  
Jack & Kathryn Sullivan - 1929 Roadster - 210,000

The above is cumulative mileage over the years. Looking just at 2014, following are the top ten mileage drivers for last year:

1. Whitey & Jane Herbert - 5858 miles
2. Ronnie & Susan Lawson - 5796
3. Jack & Linda Sullivan - 5269
4. Phil & Marge Sutton - 5128
5. Jack & Kathryn Sullivan - 4252
6. Ed & Mary Dathe - 4219
7. Roger & Cheryl Goodman - 3531
8. Wayne & Marilyn Rosenbaum - 3097
9. George & Verna Titzer - 2913
10. Larry & Lois Morlock - 1881

Back to cumulative mileage, the total miles for everyone in the Mileage Awards program is now 1,289,841. Let's keep driving !!!

**Wanted**

One gently used spare tire. 4.75-5.00 x 19. Call Leonard Bruce @ 812-525-1939.

