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MODEL A FORD CLUB
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

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Final Fall Activities Close out the Season

Read about past fall activities and future events

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*From
the
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Once again there was lots to report on this month and I was glad it all fit into our 16 page format. Tim Howell sent in an interesting report on the October Ohio tour. Sounds like it was a great event. Linda Sullivan filled us in on the Fall Colors Tour and I can attest having driven it, that it was a fun tour, getting a last look at the Autumn leaves. Special thanks to Deglan for his article on the progress with his pickup also.

I placed a small ad for a 1931 Model A Tudor from a Columbus resident, Mark Leaser who has offered it for sale. When I saw the story he posted on Facebook I included that also, with his permission, as it was interesting and typical of situations in our own members' past experiences..

Winter is coming with activity slowing down. It's a good time to sit down and write out a story about your Model A or a prepare a tech article for publication. Hope you all have a great Holiday Season !

John

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7 - Christmas Party Four Seasons Lodge.

January 8 - Membership Meeting El Nopal Nat. Rd.

January 10 - Model A Swap Meet, Shepardsville, Kentucky

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Word From Tim Diehn



Hello Membership,

At the November Membership Meeting, we elected our leadership team for 2026. I'm happy to report that we will mostly maintain the experienced team we have, but with a couple of changes. First, we extend our sincere thanks to Sid Pendygraft for his service over the past year. Sid is stepping down from the Board, but I welcomed his insights and contributions to our meetings. Second, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Roger Dean, who has been elected as a new Board Member. Roger brings valuable prior experience from his past service as board member and Vice President, and I'm excited to have him rejoin us!

Our touring season has officially come to a close! Our last tour of the year was a fascinating trip to the IMS Museum. For those who haven't been recently, the museum has undergone a complete overhaul—a full gutting and reworking of the entire museum experience. I thought they did a wonderful job of capturing the race traditions and history, especially the very impressive recreation of the opening ceremonies on the starting line. We had a modest turnout, with a great mix of our trusty Model A's and modern cars. On a personal note, I was blessed to have Levi (Jerry and Deana Glunt's grandson) travel with me from Columbus to our breakfast stop at Charlie Brown's Pancake and Steakhouse in Speedway. His inquisitiveness and funny sayings made the hour-and-a-half trip highly enjoyable. Thanks for riding with me, Levi!

Our Christmas Party is the last official event on the club calendar and a truly wonderful way to end the year. I warmly welcome everyone to attend! Please check the newsletter for all the details and description. This year, we have an incredible opportunity to give back to our broader community. We will be taking up a generous offer from Dennis Meyer and Meyer Financial Strategies to match our donations to the Midwest Food Bank of Indiana dollar for dollar! Please make every effort to attend and bring what cash you can to help out this truly worthwhile cause. I will also be giving my traditional year-end wrap-up at the party, along with a look forward to what is sure to be a very busy and exciting 2026!

Our club membership is an annual one that follows the calendar year. Therefore, your 2026 dues of \$10 are coming due! Please take the time at the Christmas Party, or soon after, to find Phil Sutton and give him your payment to keep your membership current.

See you at the Christmas Party

Tim

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

December 2025

Membership in MARC has increased this year over last year. This after declining for many years. This is Very Encouraging for our hobby! Many thanks to Regions who have encouraged their new and existing members to either take advantage of our free 12 month membership (non MARC members, digital magazine) or take our regular membership and receive the award winning *Model A News* magazine. Please continue to invite your members and anyone interested in our hobby to join.

As you may know, we are updating the *Driver Class Judging Standards*. For example, some of these changes include the acceptance of fiberglass fenders, later Ford front and rear axles and leather or vinyl upholstery material for all years/models. The updated standards will be published soon. Make plans now to enter your Model A in Driver Class judging at French Lick in July!

Recently we asked Region Presidents/Directors to email your Region's logo, in an image, PDF or similar format, for inclusion in our updated website. We have received many, but are missing many more. You will want your logo to be proudly displayed! If you haven't already, please email a copy of your logo to the MARC office at modelarestorersclub@gmail.com or to Jim Zimmer at jwzimmer9119@gmail.com. Additionally, Larry Shepard is looking to compile a list of Model A Mechanics to use as a resource to help fellow Model A owners with mechanical questions. Please volunteer by emailing Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org.

Certainly we are all looking forward to the upcoming MARC Finger Lakes Tour next May. Online registration forms will be available on December 1st and hotel reservations will open on December 10th. Plan now to attend another great MARC event in a beautiful part of our country!





December 7- Christmas Party, The Seasons Lodge, 3pm, Nashville, IN (Diehn
January 8 -- Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting
January 10 – 41st Annual Winter Model "A" Swap Meet. Shepherdsville, Kentucky
Hosted by The Falls City Region Model A Ford Club.

Annual Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is just around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate the season with you.



December 7th 3:00 pm
Season Lodge
560 SR 46, Nashville, Indiana



The evening will begin with a social hour at 3:00 PM, featuring drinks from the cash bar. Dinner will be served buffet-style starting at **4:00 PM**.

Gourmet Buffet Menu

Prepare for a wonderful feast, including:

- **Entrées:** Chicken Breast Parmesan, Baked Cod, and Prime Rib
- **Sides:** Garden Salad, Broccoli Salad, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, and Fried Biscuits
- **Dessert:** Cheesecake with Cherries, Sugar Cream Pie, and Chocolate Cake

Following dinner, Tim will provide a year-end wrap-up of our club's accomplishments and share our exciting outlook for 2026!

Give Back This Season: Midwest Food Bank Match!

This year, we have an incredible opportunity to make a difference thanks to a generous offer from **Dennis Meyer and Meyer Financial Strategies**.

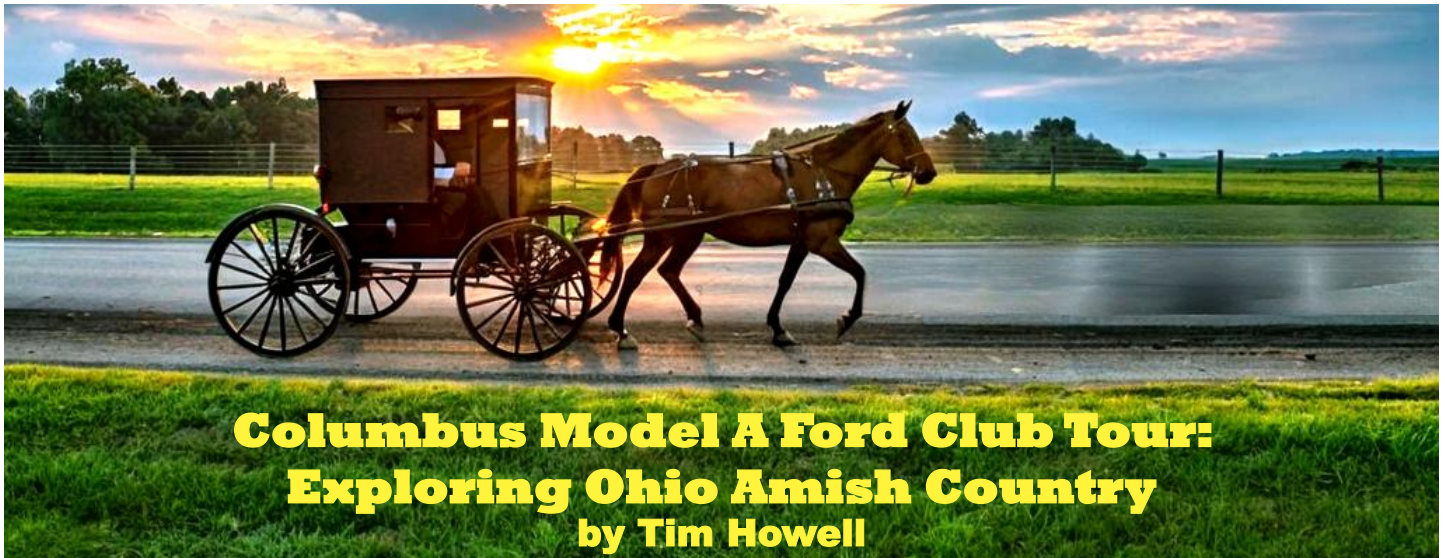
Meyer Financial Strategies will **match dollar for dollar** all donations made by our club members at the party to the **Midwest Food Bank of Indiana!**

- **About the Cause:** This vital agency serves over 62 counties in Indiana, helping to alleviate hunger and malnutrition. They partner with nearly 300 local organizations and can turn every **\$1 donated into \$30 of food distributed!**
- **Our Goal:** Please open your hearts and wallets at the Christmas Party. Let's maximize this generous match! To kickstart our efforts, the club is donating **\$200!**

Important: RSVP & Payment

If you have not yet done so, please confirm your attendance by submitting your **\$30 payment** to Phil Sutton no later than **Monday, December 1st**.

- **Payee:** Phil Sutton
- **Payment Due:** December 1st
- **Mailing Address:** 936 S. Hawthorne, Bloomington, IN 47401
- **Phone (if needed):** (812) 336-8672



Columbus Model A Ford Club Tour: Exploring Ohio Amish Country by Tim Howell

In October, members of the Columbus Model A Ford Club embarked on a memorable journey through Ohio's Amish Country during the traditional fall tour. The adventure began early on Monday, October 20, as a group composed of Columbus and Bloomington based members met up with Tim Howell and others further north ready to hit the road to Ohio in their classic Model A Fords. The convoy set out for Millersburg, Ohio, covering an impressive 280 miles on the first day—a challenge that these vintage cars handled with style and reliability.

The group settled in at the Millersburg, Ohio Holiday Inn Express Monday night. Tuesday morning started with a visit to Keim Lumber Co., a treasure trove of woodworking artistry. The group marveled at a nearly seven-foot diameter turned bowl inlaid with intricate designs and a large wooden "picture" crafted by a talented 14-year-old. This display included a miniature, multi-wheeled truck hauling a massive load, showcasing the creativity and skill found in Amish craftsmanship. Lunch at the Carpenters Cafe provided a delicious break before the next stop.

Continuing the tour the group viewed "Behalt", A 10 foot by 265-foot mural in the round that vividly depicts Amish and Mennonite heritage from the time of Christ to the present day. The painted oil-on-canvas cyclorama uses unique artistic techniques of line and color to illustrate multiple stories within a vast time-line. The name Behalt, means "to keep, hold, remem-

ber." in the German language. Located in the world's largest Amish community, the mural's history and informative narration captivated everyone. The nearby bookstore offered literature and displays of clothing, highlighting differences among the Amish and other groups of the Anabaptist tradition.

Exploring the back roads led the group to a delightful supper at an Amish home, followed by visits to various Amish-owned shops. These included a quilt shop, buggy shop, wheelwright, country furniture store, broom-making demonstration, leather craft shop, and a basket store. Each stop offered a glimpse into the everyday life and entrepreneurial spirit of the Amish community.

Thursday's itinerary featured Lehman's Hardware, where history was displayed on every surface, and lunch was enjoyed among the antiques. The Ashery Country Store in Fredericksburg, Ohio offered unique bulk foods, and deli meat & cheese. Another home-cooked Amish meal awaited the group that evening. On the way back to the hotel, the convoy passed an Amish wedding in progress, held in a large white tent with buggies, bicycles, and modern cars in attendance—a blend of tradition and modernity.

By Friday, the group returned to Indiana, tired but joyful, having experienced a week filled with friendship, fascinating sights, and the warm hospitality of Ohio's Amish Country.



Schrock's Buggy Works
October 22



Mike Brown at the Keim Home
Center Millersburg Ohio OCT 21



HOMESTEAD FURNITURE



First stop Sat. Oct 20
Mount Vernon Ohio IHOP



Sunday OCT.21 Visit to the
Guggisberg Cheese Factory



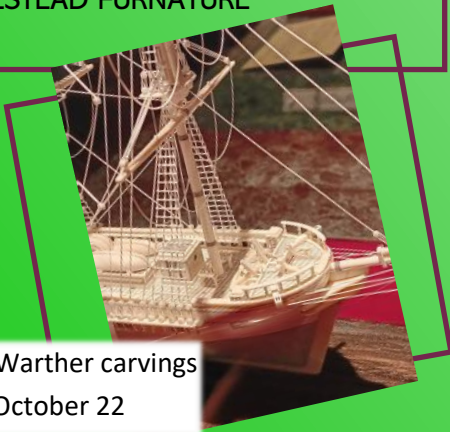
OCTOBER 23
ASHERY COUNTRY STORE



Lone Star Quilt Store



David Warther carvings
October 22





November Fall Colors Tour

A Perfect Autumn Adventure

By Linda Sullivan

Crisp air and golden sunshine greeted us on November 1st—an ideal backdrop for our much-anticipated Fall Foliage Tour. Spirits were high as our convoy of 13 gleaming cars rolled out of Columbus, weaving through the scenic twists of Highway 58 and a handful of charming country roads. Every turn revealed new bursts of color, with fiery reds and brilliant golds painting the landscape.

Our first stop was Bedford, where we switched to Highway 450 and made our way to Shoals. The highlight here was Overlook Park, now boasting a brand-new wooden viewing platform. From this vantage point, we soaked in panoramic views of the rolling hills, ablaze with autumn's finest hues. Our group filled the parking lot, laughter and camera shutters echoing in the crisp air.

Lunch at Velma's Diner was like stepping into a time capsule. The retro décor and classic comfort food set the stage for lively conversations and plenty of reminiscing. There's something special about sharing a meal with friends while surrounded by the nostalgia of a bygone era.

Back on the road, we headed east on US 50, where the fall colors seemed even more vibrant. Our next stop was "Applacres", a cozy orchard where the scent of fresh apples and maple cookies filled the air. Here, we stocked up on sweet treats and said our goodbyes to members heading in different directions—north, south, and east.

But for some of us, the adventure wasn't quite over. The eastbound group couldn't resist one last seasonal indulgence, so we made a final stop at the Brownstown Dairy Queen. It was the perfect ending: one more round of treats, laughter, and memories before the season slipped away. *(Many thanks to tour organizers Jack & Linda Sullivan, Editor)*



1931 Ford

Model A Tudor

Mark Leaser of Columbus Reminisces
About his Father's Model "A" Ford

Growing up in southern Indiana, my father as young boy became intrigued with Ford Model A's. The simple yet stylish vehicle always caught his eye and hearing the distinct sound of the horn always brought a smile to his face.

When Dad was a young man, mechanically inclined, employed with money of his own, the thought of owning a Ford Model A became a possibility.

Then one day, on his way to pick up a young lady at her parent's house for a first date, he happened to drive past a beautiful, black 1931 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan, parked by the road, with a "For Sale" sign. Even though it made him late for his date, he stopped to look at the car and ended up buying it.

When he arrived to pick up his date, his date naturally wasn't happy with him. He was over an hour late. He apologized and explained that he had just

bought a Ford Model A. When he mentioned the car, her father knew the person who owned the car and explained that this person was the only owner and took good care of the car.

Long story short, the young man who was late for his date due to buying a Ford Model A, ended up marrying that young lady and she became my Mom. For the newly married couple, the Ford Model A became more than a car from the past. It became part of their future. In their younger years, they'd drive the Ford Model A somewhere every weekend. They drove the car in several parades in Columbus and Hope Indiana. Through the years, they loved taking family, friends, and children on joy rides, making memories.

Since the car was stored in a barn, it became necessary to reupholster the seats. They bought the LeBaron Bonney material kit from Snyders Antique Parts. Then,

a mesh wire cage was built inside the barn to park the car in to keep critters out.

In his later years as Dad's health declined, my mom became his caregiver. The car sat idle for a few years not being started. When the children came to visit, someone would suggest going out to the barn to look at the old car. The car would be pushed out of the cage into the daylight. Someone would make sure to crank the engine, but everyone took turns sitting in the driver's seat. While they admired the car's simple beauty, memories began to be shared.

After 60 years of having a loving home, the Ford Model A is again for sale. It's an opportunity for a do-it-yourself mechanic to bring the car some mechanical and cosmetic attention. The last time it was driven, it shifted through all the gears and ran well. Most important, the car should be making memories.



See classified Ad on Page 15.



Meeting Minutes



By Rob Kirkpatrick

Membership Meeting Minutes El Nopal Mexican Restaurant, November 13, 2025 Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Vice President John Emmering

39 members and one guest were present: Mike and Cindy Baker, Steve Butler, Ed and Mary Dathe, Roger and Nora Dean, Jim and Cathy Dininger, Christian and Susan Easton, John Emmering, Gary and Linda Hayes, Tim and Frieda Howell, Blake and Michelle Hudman, Maurice Ketchum, Rob and Debbie Kirkpatrick, Dennis Knight, Ronnie Lawson, Bryan and Alice Mattison, Dennis and Kathy Meyer, Larry Morlock, Albert Ogden, Sid Pendencygraft, Chet Pietras, Chris Rider, Jack Sullivan, Phil and Marge Sutton, Don Wesseler, Jay and Caryn Williamson, Deglan Cunningham, & Zachary Jordan, Albert's Guest

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting balance was \$ 6,452.79

Ending balance was \$6,583.79

Reminder re: Ohio Fall Tour, Let Tim know if you're going.

Committee Reports:

Cares & concerns

Randy Hughey is having back problems and going into PT

Touring Notes:

Make your list of touring ideas for next year and bring it to the January meeting

Keep in mind the MARC tour of the Finger Lakes region in May

Phil has tours lined up for the MARC summer meet

Save the date: Christmas Party on December 7th

(Note that the club covers more than half of the cost of this event for members)

New Business:

Larry Morlock moved, Chris Easton seconded, to approve the slate of officers as proposed, and the motion passed without objection.

- Tim Diehn, President
- John Emmering, Vice President
- Phil Sutton, Treasurer
- Rob Kirkpatrick, Secretary

Board Members:

Jay Williamson
Dennis Meyer
Roger Dean

Larry Morlock moved, Chris Easton seconded, to keep membership dues at \$10 per year, and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Jay Williamson won the 50/50: \$72

From Eddie: Chris Eaton won a vintage plate from the Ford cafeteria

Speaker:

Rob Kirkpatrick gave a presentation about the 3-week Route 66 trip that he and Debbie took, with 7 other Model As and many new friends. Next year is the 100th anniversary of Mother Road. Plan your own trip!

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Rob Kirkpatrick*

YOUTH Department

**By Deglan Cunningham,
Age 20 Youth Columnist**



Hey there fellow Club members!

Another two months have passed since an update, so it's time for another one! In the last one I made progress on the brake system on the Model A pickup truck. Since then, my dad and I have ordered the rest of the parts to make the rear brakes complete. We are 3/4ths of the way done with them. Some important parts were missed in the order. As for the issue of the parking brake connecting rod, we have devised a plan to use one of the outer arms and mill it down to fit into the arm that actuates it. That way, we can connect the handle to the cross shaft without trying to salvage the correct part. We are not sure if it will work, but we will give it a solid attempt.

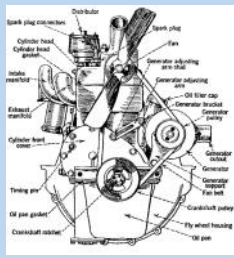
Now onto bigger news! After nine weeks of eager waiting my radiator finally came in! Brassworks did an excellent job on it, and it looks amazing. Now the test will come when the car runs. Once we got that attached, we thought the next step would be to see how the body lines up and make sure it's got everything it should before it gets painted. Over the past weekend my dad and I were able to test fit the body onto the chassis. It seems to line up correctly without any issues, and it has all the thru holes it should. Now we are looking into places to get the parts painted to keep progressing forward.

With the exciting news of the body moving forward, I decided to investigate the seat that my grandfather bought. I believe it to be an insert brand seat. I need to do more research on the brand to try and find the options the seat has and what I need to install. Otherwise, I'm still installing the steering box and trying to free up the rods in the collum I have. We are slowly making progress on other things as well, but those are the main topics of these months.

Here is the section where I ask for your help. If you know of a good interior person, also, if anyone has one and the adjusting rods are free, please call me or text me anytime so I can contact them to help me progress along. Also, if you would like to come see my shop or want to come help contact me, the help is ALWAYS appreciated! Thank you for taking the time to read my segment and I hope to hear from you at the next meeting or over the phone!

Deglan

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FORD MODEL "A" ***MECHANICAL TIPS*** **ENGINE VIBRATION**



Despite perfect balance, even if you have an A engine counter-weighted and built to Formula 1 or NASCAR standards it will vibrate, and excessively so at certain harmonic RPM points. Why? There are several key issues, addressed in later inline-four cylinder engine designs and chassis builds, as automotive engineering knowledge progressed:

- 1) Due to unequal piston velocity and loading profiles during each of the four cycles (intake, compression, power, exhaust) no inline-four cylinder design engine is balanced' at all RPM's and power (throttle, torque) levels.
- 2) It was learned that offset pistons and or rods, although yielding more torque out, add to the vibration. A's are offset 0.125".
- 3) It was learned that strokes shorter than the bore reduce vibration. A's have longer strokes than bores.
- 4) It was learned that higher compression made for stronger peaks in the torque resulting in more vibes. Most A's now sport increased compression.
- 5) It was learned that a mathematical relationship between the above and con-rod length affects vibration. A's flunk that math test.
- 6) It was learned that a harmonic balancer at the front of the crank reduces secondary 'ringing' of the crank. A's do not have one.

7) It was learned that specific controlled ignition advance profiles, coupled with matched camshaft design (engine breathing timing) reduce vibration. Not on A's.

8) It was learned that the inherent inline four cylinder vibes could be controlled in established driving RPM's by adding an opposite, out of balance counter shaft either geared or chained to the crank. A's have no counter-shaft.

9) There are other points, like what category of vibes are addressed and mitigated to heat energy, by correctly designed and placed elastomer engine and drive train mounts and components. A's? No way! Float-A-Motor's add a crude elastomer, but not everywhere and not necessarily in the correct physical place in the drive-train.

10) Modern cars have vibration dampening/ absorbing components that, unlike springs, convert mechanical vibration energy into heat energy. They are in floor-pans, seats, steering, pedals, suspension, just about everything. A's are pretty much bolted solid. Bottom line, have fun blaming everything under the sun for vibes and claiming only Henry had perfect balance, but those are all just stories to tell.

The A is what it is, a moment in automotive design history, now owned and preserved by YOU. Embrace it and enjoy. Unplug your massage chair and drive the Model A!

From the Santa Clara Chapter MAFCA

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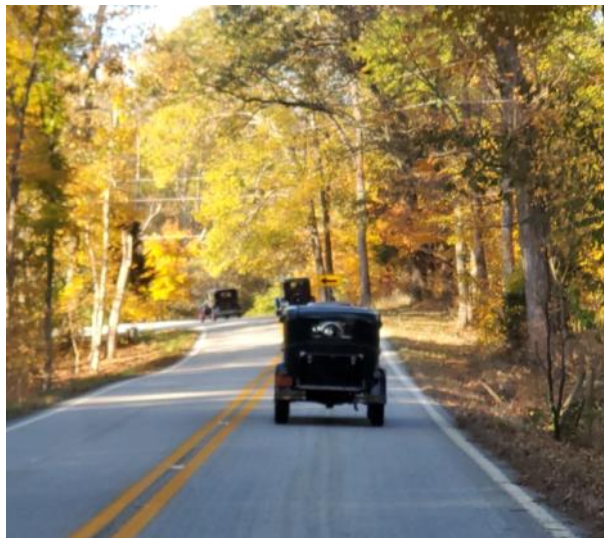
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DECEMBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH



A group Columbus Model A Club members took to the road to view the beautiful southern Indiana colors November 1st. The Fall Colors Tour was the last big tour of the year. The tour was organized by Jack and Linda Sullivan. Read Linda's story about the tour on page 8.