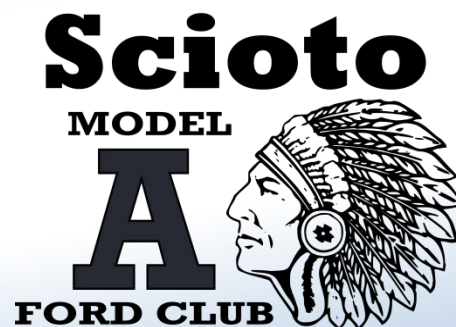


The Scuttlebutt

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MARC Central Ohio Region
Columbus, Ohio

December 2025

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo features a beautiful 1929 Ford Model "A" Pickup Truck atop a hill in the snow at Christmas time. It is all decked out with a wreath on the front, and a Christmas tree loaded in the back. The photo was posted online by r/classiccars.



The Chief's Corner

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving Dinner. Anne and I hosted ten family and friends at our home. We enjoyed being together and having a great meal together.

Thanks to Dick and Pat Liston for setting up the meeting at the Gahanna Grill for our election of officers for 2026.

I'm looking forward to another year of Model "A" tours and Tech Meetings in 2026. I hope everyone has their "A"s tucked away for the winter.

Our last tour of 2025 was an interesting tour of the Columbus Fire Museum. Our guide was very informative about the history of the museum. We had three Model "A"s attending.

Our Christmas Dinner will be at the Der Dutchman on December 13th from noon to 3:00 p.m. I hope to see all of you there!

Your President,

Mike

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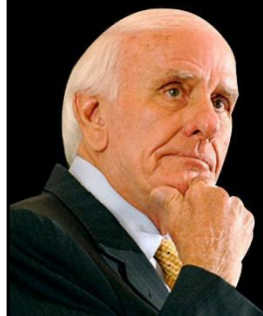
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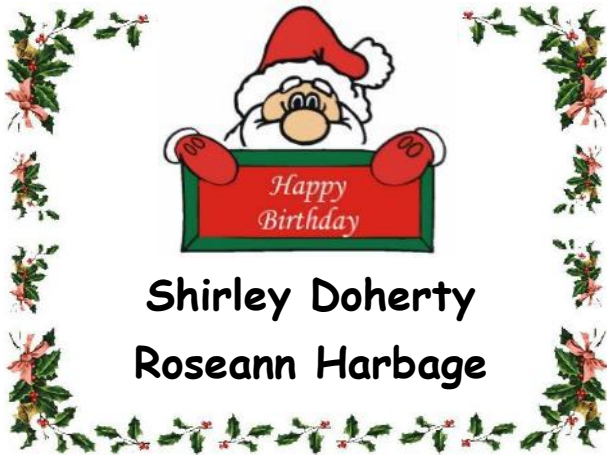
"A" Quote for the Month



Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune.

– Jim Rohn

December Birthdays



Shirley Doherty
Roseann Harbage

Your Dues Are Due!

It's time to pay your 2026 club dues.
The dues are \$25 for the entire year.

Please submit your check payable to:

Scioto Model "A" Ford Club
751 South State Route 605
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

If you have any questions about your dues,
please email Pat Liston at:
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Our Next Meeting

DATE: December 13th, 2025

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Der Dutchman

LOCATION: 445 Jefferson Avenue
Plain City, Ohio

TOPIC: Christmas Party

DIRECTIONS:

1. Take I-270 around to the northwest side of town to Exit 17B (Route 33 West).
2. Take Route 33 West to Exit 106 (Plain City, Post Road).
3. Turn left at the light (west) onto Post Road.
4. Post Road turns into Dublin Plain City Road. Continue west to Jefferson Avenue in Plain City.
5. Turn left (south) onto Jefferson Avenue. The Der Dutchman is on the left.



This year's Christmas Party will be held on December 13th at the Der Dutchman Restaurant beginning at 12:00 noon. The Der Dutchman Restaurant is located at 445 Jefferson Avenue in Plain City, Ohio. The cost of the meal is \$30.00 per person. All meals must be paid for in advance by December 4th.

Submit your Payment by December 4th to:

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Merry Christmas



From Your 2025 Club Officers!



From the Desk of

Pat Liston
Secretary

November Secretary's Report

President Mike Ruede opened the meeting with warm thanks to Dick and Pat Liston for organizing our Dinner gathering at the Gahanna Grill. Mike welcomed everyone and asked if we had any new members joining us. While none were present this time, he shared exciting news that our group will be visiting the Columbus Fire Museum on the 15th of November. We will meet at the museum at 9:45 a.m., with the tour beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Treasurer Spencer Cheek provided an update on our funds.

Secretary Liston expressed gratitude to Mike and Clark for coordinating the Fall Foliage Tour on October 25th. It was put together by the Pre-War Group, and they asked us to join them. It was a delightful day with bright sunshine most of the time and a refreshing breeze. Many of us were surprised to discover such beautiful scenery right here in Ohio! We also toured the Carousel and Carving Shop, where the craftsmanship and attention to detail were fascinating. It was a wonderful surprise to discover such artistry so close to home.

Secretary Liston also reminded members to submit their year-end mileage by November 10th so awards can be ready for our Christmas Party. She encouraged everyone to send in their party payments by December 4th, ensuring we can provide the restaurant with an accurate head count for what promises to be a festive celebration. Although details were not available, Pat shared that the Christmas Party will be held at Der Dutchman, located at 445 S. Jefferson Avenue in Plain City, Ohio. Please plan to arrive by Noon, as we will need to conclude by 3:00 p.m.

Our Sunshine Reporter, Mary Lou Gearhart, was in attendance and extended warm wishes to everyone, as there were no additional hospital stays or illnesses reported for the month. Mary Lou also shared that Judy Turner was recovering nicely from her hip surgery. If you know someone in the hospital, preparing for a procedure, or simply in need of a cheerful note, please reach out to Mary Lou. She is always happy to send a kind message their way!

Spencer Cheek floated the idea of a trip to Berlin, Ohio from April 28th – May 2nd, 2026. (Tuesday - Saturday) There was some interest, so we will explore adding it to next year's schedule.

Our next Meeting will be on December 13th. It is Our Christmas Party. We will need to arrive before Noon so lunch can be served promptly.

This meeting also included elections for next year's officers. Mike Ruede will remain President for 2026 since Dave Graney stepped down from his role as the incoming President. Steve Aspery was elected to the position of Vice President. Spencer Cheek is stepping down as Treasurer and Jaci Rohner was elected as our new Treasurer. Pat Liston was elected to remain our secretary. With elections concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

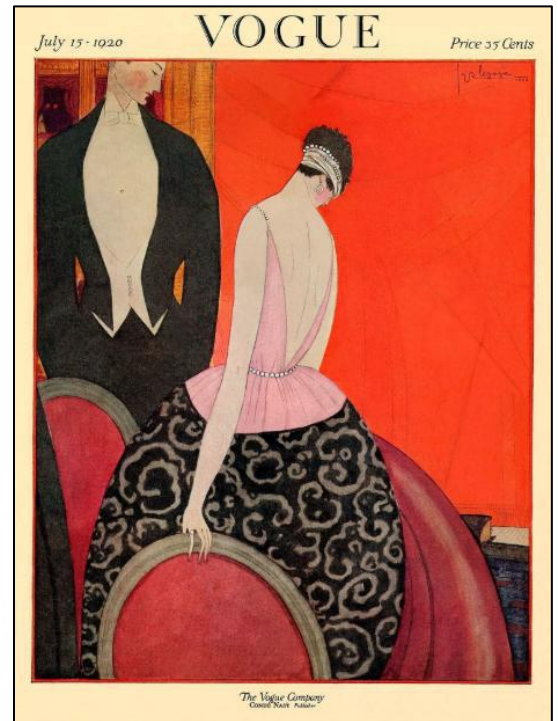
Have a Great Day!

Trends That Made the Roaring Twenties Roar

How did 1920s fashion help to make the Roaring Twenties roar? Bernice had bobbed her hair; French tennis star Suzanne Lenglen was fueling the sportif craze; the taste for all things Art Deco carried over into fashion; and Chanel had slipped women into something more comfortable known as the “Little Black Dress”. The “Little Black Dress” was deemed such a closet mainstay that Vogue drew a comparison to Ford’s revolutionary Model T of 1908. In an article in their 1926 October issue, Vogue captioned a sketch of a black, long-sleeved frock that fell just below the knees as “The Chanel Ford, the frock that the world will wear”.

On their covers, Vogue celebrated the decade with illustrations from the likes of Georges Lepape, Benito, and William Bolin. A harmony of linear elements that appear plucked from the sketches of the forthcoming Chrysler Building, these illustrations helped feed the Art Deco frenzy.

Fashion-wise, women were dressed in cloche hats, tubular silhouettes with drop waists, and handkerchief hemlines boldly skimming shins, which were on show for the very first time.



Vogue cover, 1920.



Vogue cover, 1925



Vogue cover, 1929

November Dinner Meeting

Newsletter Editor
Scioto Model "A" Ford Club

The Scioto Model "A" Ford Club held their November meeting on the 5th of last month. The meeting was held at the Gahanna Grill on the east side of Columbus. There were twenty members in attendance and one Model "A" in the parking lot. This was a dinner meeting as opposed to our regular tech meets. President Ruede opened the meeting and went through the usual club business. We then had reports from our Secretary, Treasurer, and Sunshine Director. Monroe Harbage won \$19 in the 50/50 raffle. There will be no regular meeting held in December since we will be getting together for the Christmas Party. This year's party will be held on December 13th at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City, Ohio. See the details in this newsletter.





BACKYARD TECH TIP



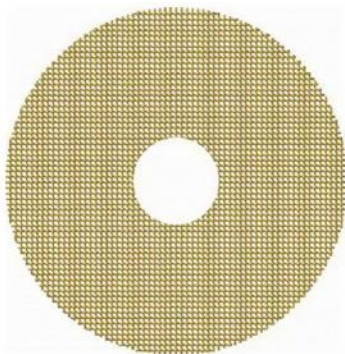
FUEL BOWL FILTERS

Jim Cannon
Western Model A News

Ford originally used a fine mesh brass screen at the top of the glass fuel strainer bowl that's mounted to the Model "A" firewall. The bowl gives a place for water to settle into (water is heavier than gasoline) and a place for dirt and rust particles to collect. The screen also keeps these particles from traveling down to the carburetor (where you have another screen!). With all these screens, I think Ford knew that gasoline supplies at the time were prone to contamination (more than today).

Many people have started to install a small, pleated paper filter element in the glass bowl instead of the brass screen. I'm not so sure it's needed; I think the brass screen is enough. The Model "A" has no fuel pump, it relies only on gravity feed, and I'm concerned about adding another restriction to the fuel flow.

But if you use one of these paper filters, you need to know that the rust, dirt, etc. is trapped on the inside the paper element, not on the outside of it like you'd think. Therefore, you can be collecting a lot of junk inside the filter and plugging up the filter element on the inside and not even know it. One day, you lose all your power, and the engine really acts like it is starving for fuel. You thought you would see the rust and dirt collect on the outside of the filter, but it looks clean.



Original Fuel
Bowl Screen



New Paper Filter Kit



Installed Paper Filter

So, if you are going to use these pleated paper filters, get into the habit of replacing them regularly, maybe once a year, since you can't see how dirty they are inside. And carry a spare filter and gasket with you in the car. It's an easy thing to swap out in a parking lot. Kind of messy, but it can be done without tools. Be sure to use some disposable gloves so you won't smell like gasoline for the rest of the day!



CENTRAL OHIO FIRE MUSEUM

On the 15th of last month, the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club took their final tour of 2025. This tour was at the Central Ohio Fire Museum. This was not a driving tour because of the time of year and unknown weather conditions. For this tour, everyone just met at the museum. We had 13 adults and 4 kids participate on the tour. We also had three Model "A"s on site. This was a very nice tour with plenty of antique fire apparatus and equipment to enjoy. The building itself is also unique. The museum is housed in what was originally Engine House #16. It was built in 1908 and is the last house that was built in the city of Columbus for horse-drawn steam engines. Because of that, the building even has horse stables. We also got an extra surprise when Columbus's Ladder One, "Top Gun", showed up on site!

After touring the museum, the group headed down to Planks on South High Street for an enjoyable lunch before heading home. Thanks go out to Mike Ruede for setting up our final tour of 2025!



Pictured is a beautiful 1915 Ford Model "T" Firetruck that some of our own members helped restore years ago.



A horse drawn steam engine like what was used in this fire station when it was originally built.



1888 Hand Drawn Pumper.



1907 Hand Drawn Hook & Ladder.



Members learning about fire safety.



One of the Stations horse stables.



Club Member Allan Goldhardt waiting for a call aboard "Top Gun".



Columbus's "Top Gun" Ladder Truck #1.

"A" LOOK BACK

Over 65 Years of Fun!

These pictures were taken on October 30th, 1966. The Scioto Model "A" Ford Club was having a Contest Meet in the parking lot of the Graceland Shopping Center. Graceland is located on North High Street just north of Morse Road. It appears that a "young" Rick Lindner is holding the big trophy for the day.



Pictures Submitted by: Rick Lindner
Scioto Model "A" Ford Club

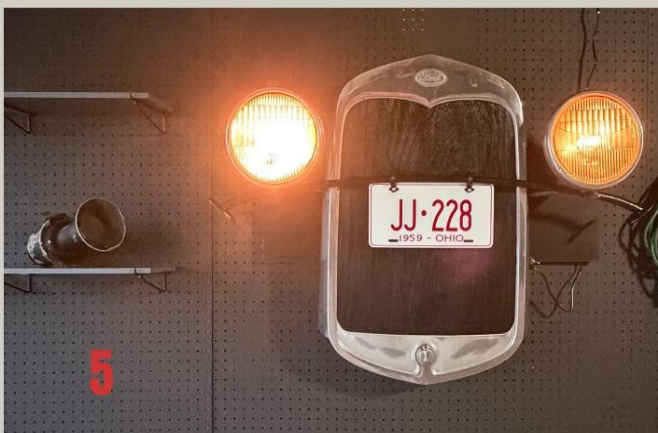
GENERATIONAL LEGACY

BY JIM JANOSIK

It was a painful decision as anyone who has made it knows. After decades of blood, sweat, tears, and money, the dream of having my grandfather's beloved 1931 Sport Coupe ride again came to end recently. In 1957 on a trip from Cleveland back to the family farm in Johnstown, PA my grandfather came across this beauty. While he owned over 150 cars in his lifetime before passing away in 1993, this one was special to him. I recall the many rides with him on summer visits to Ohio and watching him tinker with her in the driveway. I longed for the day to drive her myself. Yet after completely tearing her down to the frame and having the chassis and engine completely rebuilt, the body proved to worse for the wear to restore. And having a donor body and fenders, for me at any rate, would have meant it was not my grandpa's "A". So the salvageable parts have become donors for other A's while several components have become memorial legacy displays for our family for generations to come!



- 1: My grandfather Joe circa 1970's in Euclid, OH.
- 2: My son Adler, myself, and my dad Joe with memorial pieces.
- 3: New custom-made garage signs for each of us.
- 4: Closeup of memorial board hanging in my garage.
- 5: Original horn, radiator shell, and lights displayed in Adler's garage.
- 6: Me at about 8 years old ready to go for a ride.



Millington Car Enthusiast Builds Custom Classic Car

A local classic car enthusiast is preparing for his second auto show in less than a year, and he's only 11-years-old. "Nobody else in my class does this! My dad started working on his car and I thought it was pretty cool, so I started building my own cars and inventions," said Landon Cunningham. The Millington, Michigan boy has already built his own custom car, taking parts from his go-kart and an old lawn mower to build his 1930 Ford replica. "I was sitting here one day, and I found some go-kart parts. I decided that I wanted to build something out of those parts". He and his father started looking around for a lawn mower. Once they found one, Landon stretched it and then built his own car.

Easy enough, right? Landon said it only took him 36 days to complete it, just in time to enter it in the Frankenmuth Auto Fest last fall. "I was very impressed, very, very impressed. Thankfully it was during summer vacation and he spent every hour of every day out here," said Joshua Cunningham, Landon's father.

Joshua, who is a mechanic himself, said the best part of this experience has been watching his son embrace his own hobby. He was very ambitious when he came to me with the idea that he wanted to take this car to Frankenmuth Auto Fest last year. I told him, "it's just over a month away and he had his hands full". He said "challenge accepted".

Landon's next stop with his Ford replica will be the Detroit Autorama Car Show, which runs March 1st - 3rd. His family could not be prouder of him. "They're all pretty overwhelmed with it too. They're just as proud as his mom and I are", Joshua said.



National News & Events

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE running **BOARD REPORT**

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions
November 2025

Members had a great time at Hershey this year. The chili/hot dog lunch was a great success and raised over \$1,000 that will be donated to MAYRA. This year we opened the tent early on Monday afternoon to allow existing members a chance to renew and new members to join. Look for additional changes for next year!

Also, the MARC National Meet for 2026 is just around the corner in July. Driver Class judging will be offered again this year. If you are proud of your Model "A" and would like to be recognized for the quality of work you have in your vehicle that has been modified from original to enhance your driving experience, please consider registering for French Lick next year. New improved judging standards will be published soon!

Remember that the 2026 Finger Lakes National Tour will be held in May of next year. This will be a very popular event based on the interest so far. Registrations will be limited due to the hotel and banquet capacity. The team is working hard to make this a memorable event for our members!

Certainly you read in last month's newsletter that Larry Shepard is compiling a list of Model "A" mechanical experts to assist members and potential new members with mechanical issues or restoration questions. I'm sure that every Region has at least one person that should qualify. If any of your members are willing to help, please contact Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org and provide your name, contact information and area of expertise. One of the best parts of being a MARC member is being able to tap into the wealth of Model "A" knowledge this club has to offer.



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Don't miss another issue of the Model "A" Restorers Club's bi-monthly publication, the "Model "A" News". Use the application above and join today!

Model A Ford Foundation, Inc.

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MAFFI Minute

November 2025

Winter is approaching here in the Midwest, and the museum is still rapidly working on new and updated exhibits! Darwin Schafer donated a really special unrestored and fully original 1930 De Luxe Delivery (130) which was originally used by a funeral home for flowers (*See the picture on the following page*). This will be used during Model "A" Days to demonstrate corn shelling since it has a power take-off system for a belt (personally, I might try and sneak an ice cream maker on it!).

Andrew Oliver of Connecticut won the sweepstakes on the 1928 Phaeton and Kris Wilson of Missouri won the rebuilt engine.

Now that the trustees have had a chance to go over the numbers for the 2025 Model "A" Days, it looks like it was a great success thanks to all our hobbyists who came to support the museum. There are plenty of ways to get involved with helping and still plenty of ways to donate to the museum between the My-A-Program, Brick Memorials, and even regular donations. As we get towards the Holiday Season, this is something great to keep in mind, especially for your local club.

Keep on motoring!

John Grossheim

MAFFI Trustee / Secretary

Model "A" Ford Foundation Inc.



Here is the unrestored and fully original 1930 De Luxe Delivery which was donated to MAFFI by Darwin Schafer.

2026 National Event Dates

May (<i>exact dates to be determined</i>)	MARC National Tour & Membership Meet Finger Lakes, New York
July 12th – 16th	MARC National Meet, French Lick, Indiana
September 18th – 19th	Model A Days, Hickory Corners, Michigan
October 7th – 10th	Hershey Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, Pennsylvania

“A” WORD FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals in our club that put together and led the tours for the 2025 touring season, opened their homes and garages for us to meet at, presented seminars at the meetings, and provided food for the membership to enjoy. Without you, we would not have a club. I would also like to thank all the 2025 officers for the hard work they did to keep our club running for another year. We sometimes forget the details that must occur before the club starts heading down the road on a tour or even holding a meeting. We don't see the logistics and preparations that take place behind the scenes prior to each event. We rely on our officer's leadership and guidance to keep things moving smoothly.

Finally, I would like to wish all my Model “A” family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I can't wait to see what lies ahead for us in the 2026 Model “A” season!

Allan D. Goldhardt
Newsletter Editor

DELAWARE COMMUNITY VETERANS PARADE

Last month, a few of our members got together and represented the Scioto Model "A" Ford Club in the Delaware County Veterans Day Parade. This is one of the largest parades in Central Ohio that honors our Veterans. Prior to the parade, they offer a free lunch and hold a program celebrating our Veterans and their service to our country. They also pass out some awards to the parade participants. One of the awards is for best antique car. The judges loved our Model "A"s, but couldn't agree on which one should get the award. Since we were all from the same club, they decided to present the award to the club instead of an individual. As recipients of the award, we decided to give the award to Dave Gearhart, the only veteran from our club that participated in the parade that day. We would like to thank the Parade Officials for the award and for allowing us to participate in their parade. We also want to thank all the Veterans for their service and dedication to our country.



Our members getting ready for the parade.



Our Club's award from the Delaware County Veterans Parade.



Veteran Dave Gearhart enjoying lunch prior to the parade.



A view from the parade.



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This month we feature Phyllis Haver. Phyllis was born in 1899 in Douglas, Kansas. When she was a child, her family moved to California. Young Phyllis got a job playing piano at a local movie theater. On a whim, she auditioned and was hired by Mack Sennett. Between 1916 and 1920 she appeared in more than 35 short films. With her curvy figure and blonde hair, she quickly became one of the most popular of Sennett's bathing beauties. Eventually she left Sennett and signed a contract with Cecil B. DeMille. In 1929 she married millionaire William Seeman. Although she was at the peak of her career, she retired from acting and moved to New York City. Phyllis said she never wanted to return to Hollywood. After 16 years of marriage, she got divorced. She never had any children. After getting divorced, Phyllis moved to Connecticut and became a recluse. Her only companion was her longtime housekeeper. She reportedly made several suicide attempts and was devastated when her former boss, Mack Sennett, died. In 1960, 61-year-old Phyllis took her own life with an overdose of barbiturates. She was found in her bed, fully dressed and wearing make-up.

THE END

