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"Who's Your Elmer?"

My fellow Ham Radio operators will know what an "Elmer" is. That is Ham speak for a mentor. Most every Ham can point to someone who introduced them to the world of amateur radio. Your Elmer might have helped you prepare for your FCC exam, learn Morse Code, may even offered you equipment to get started. Your Elmer had a real impact on you and your pursuit.

Most everone of us can point to someone in our past who "Elmered" us into the world of the Model A Ford. For me, it was the late Mr. Joe York, who was one of the founding members of the Fort Worth Model A Ford Club. Mr. York sold Model A parts out of his jewelry store just off the TCU campus. He was an invaluable help to this 14 year old kid who had just got his first Model A. Joe's been gone for many years, but I often think of him when I am attempting to share what I've learned about this little car.

I have forwarded an unpublished manuscript of a tribute to a Model A mentor, written by Five Points member, Robert Calcagni. It is entitled "Jalopy Perfume" and should be posted to our website. Robert is an accomplished writer having written and published two books and he has also been published in Reader's Digest. While still living under the Pandemic, we all have a little more time on our hands. So I am recommending that you read "Jalopy Perfume" and welcome the chance to reflect on that "Elmer" that first shared the Model A Ford with you. Who knows? Maybe there's a tribute in you waiting to be told.

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IN MEMORIAM

Rubber City regrets to announce that Betty Coleman, 96, and wife of John Coleman, passed away June 15th. She enjoyed Model "A's", especially the rumble seat. They have owned a '31 Coupe and always made the journey to Hershey PA every year. Betty was the oldest member of Rubber City and will be missed by all.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to thank all of those chapters who have continued to send in monthly Chapter News during this Pandemic down time! I know it is sometimes hard to find things to write about but even

a "hello" from the friends we are unable to meet with is welcome news!!!

I also managed to pick up on some chapter losses in their chapter write ups. If you lose a member, PLEASE send the info to me at **stewartdiana711@gmail.com** so there is no chance of me missing it and we can recognize these losses in a timely manner.

2020 CORRESPONDENCE DEADLINE

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KEEPING IN TOUCH DURING COVID 19

We are going to try to keep Penn-Ohio member "in touch" during this stressful summer. One way of doing that is by continuing to publish the "Quail Call" on its regular monthly schedule. Since the Penn-Ohio events have all been cancelled, that cuts into much of the material normally found in each edition. Many chapters have cut their meetings as well.....causing loss of even more news/pictures.

I am asking for YOUR HELP at this time. IF your group meets, please send in a writeup even if it is small ... pictures would also be great.

If you are one of our Model A tinkermen and have any tips you'd like to share.... now would be a great time to do so!

If you have any great memories or pictures that you could share, I'd be happy to receive them! Please note that I have best results with the program I am using if the pictures are sent in as JPEGs. Thanks in advance for you help.

PENN OHIO CHAPTER NEWS



FIVE POINTS CORRESPONDENT: BRIAN REVAK

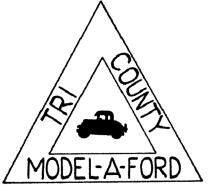
Hmmmmmm..... I've got nothing!!!

Five Points had scheduled a July meeting which was cancelled. Social distancing outside during a thunderstorm would not work...so we were hoping for August which, unfortunately, had to be cancelled also......UGH!!!

This summer has made for some tough updates for the Quail! I really feel awkward sending in so little information.

I did just so happen to see a few A's coming past my house one Saturday morning heading somewhere haha! At least the cars are getting out a bit to stretch their legs!

I guess the best news I have is that as far as I know, everyone in Five Points is healthy, BORED but healthy!!!



TRI COUNTY CORRESPONDENT: DIANA STEWART

Tri County Chapter met August 9th on a gorgeous sun-filled day at the home of Dave and Candy Shanklin. To meet the covid 19 requirements, the meeting was held in Dave's large workshop with tables spaced and masks in place. We had 14 members and 1 guest present and 5 A's finally made it out of hiding!!

Candy made a wonderful basic meal - hot dogs, coneys, pulled pork sandwiches and a great peanut butter/chocolate dessert. The rest of us filled in with covered dishes and NO ONE went home hungry!

Very little business to discuss since the pandemic is still keeping just about everything at a crawl.

TRI COUNTY continued:

Leonard and Bonnie will be holding a meeting on September 20 at the Unusual Junction in West Lafayette, Ohio.

It was truly great to see our friends again and hope to see even more of them at the next meeting!











KEYSTONE CORRESPONDENT: CAROL MENGEL

The Keystone Chapter was finally able to join together on July 12. We met at the Venango General Store in Venango, PA, hosted by Roger and Cheryl Anderson. The store was built in 1864

along with a 3-story grist mill at the back of the property. The new owners have done a lot to the property and is decorated in the time period of its build. The food was great! Our hosts entertained us with some patriotic sayings.

Our next meeting is at Romesburg Park and in September we will be having an Amish dinner. We always have a good time together. We had 7 antique cars driven to our meeting.



RUBBER CITY CORRESPONDENT: JON PETERSON

This year has definitely been a unique series of happenings. Political chaos on the national level filtered down to even the lowest levels. The Peterson's experienced a scheduled family tenth year

reunion to be canceled on our part. Folks were planning to come from Maine, Boston Ma., Cape Cod.. our family and our son elected to not attend when we read the newspapers that the Governor of New York State noted that visitors from various states including **OHIO** must go into quarantine status due to the coronavirus 19. Other car clubs, township activities, & theatrical organizations had to cancel their plans. We hunkered down like everyone else and adjusted.

John and Sherri Hall joined the Peterson's for a planned dining visit with John and Mary Menches at their restaurant. We reminisced and longed for the opportunity to see all of our good friends in the "A" clubs.

As many of our "A" comrades know, my '28 Phaeton had been in R & R since Dec. 2019. I felt it was important to change my incentives. When a task was in front of my sons, I resorted to bribery as a positive encouragement of ice cream cones. Naturally, I joined them in the celebration. My professional repair team of John Menches, Jim Klimo and Gary Martin were favorably affected with a high likelihood of Pat's infamous chocolate chip cookies. Thus, we expect the 4-door Phaeton to be roadworthy before the weather turns cool.

Pat and I had the opportunity to enjoy an outing 8/01/20 with the NOMAC (Northern Ohio Model "A" Club) group. This was a delightful large group of "A's" and two moderns. The tour was through the N.E. Ohio area covered bridges. It was a magnificient tour orchestrated by Chris and Nancy Wolf (NEO). Many of these 10 bridge structures were constructed in the 1860's to the early 1900's.



FLYING QUAIL CORRESPONDENT: SUSAN SANDROCK

President Howard McNish suggested the Flying Quail meet on Sunday, August 10th in Findlay. Our first meeting place scheduled was the Denny's parking lot. 5 Model A's and 4 modern cars carrying 16 members arrived on this sunny day with the forecast for warmer

temps and humidity as the day progressed. It was suggessted that we bring a 6 foot stick to the meeting. Paul and Sarah arrived with a 6 ft. stick running thru the length of the car appropriately marked. No excuse not to be socially distanced.

We were given a "scavenger" hunt list of questions for the day, as we headed out State Route 224 to the west toward the Litzenberg Memorial Woods...our next scheduled stop for our socially distanced picnic lunches.

FLYING QUAIL continued:

A nice covered picnic area was a perfect spot...with breeze included.

There was the usual chatter during the meal and we caught up on news of members. Carol Weihrouch is in a rehab facility following shoulder replacement surgery. (She needs a good wing to play cards with the girls.) The Sandrocks reported a recent poolside chat at the home of Von and Kathy Wolfe after running into Von at Snyder's picking up parts. Good to catch up with P-O members, and pick up P-O shirts.

After eating lunch, Howard conducted the business meeting, with Paul Neal giving an update from the July meeting that our check supply should last into 2028 not 2027.

Most car shows and events continue to be cancelled that were on our list.

There was some discussion on car part availability and wiring. The LeRoux's told us about an incident in their car storage building where all the vehicles were coated with a fine powder... not knowing what it was until they found the handle of the fire extinguisher lodged in the ceiling!! Check your fire extinguishers for a plastic cap!

Howard then gave a talk about the history of the park and the 1847 McKinnis house. He was part of the Kiwanis group that rebuilt the barn.... those woodworking skills come in handy.

Don Bench had his name drawn and took home the Model A mug. Bill Pahl went home with the embroidered Flying Quail picture.

We loaded up the A's to drive on and continue answering our questions, great job Howard and Diane. (Diane, you have definitely lost your "visitor" status).

Final stop was at the Rawson Park for our Dietsch's ice cream treats that Howard had on dry ice. Ice cream and another great breeze in our socially distanced circle.... with a squirrel that wanted in on the action.

The Baileys had the most correct answers in the hunt with the Bowers coming in second.

Another fun day with our A friends and weather that cooperated again on our rare drives of the season. September hosts are Jim and Florence Snodgrass...TIL we meet down the road again....











NEO CORRESPONDENT: PAT PROCH

On Saturday, August 1st, NEO went on the road again, thanks to Chris and Nancy Wolf, who designed a Covered Bridge tour with a lunch break. A group of members and guests met at the Village Park in Madison, where the participants were given a list of bridges to be seen or driven across and to note all of the "barn quilts" seen on the drive. Those who saw the most barn quilts at the end of the tour would be given a prize.

The partipants on this tour were Chris and Nancy Wolf, Ken and Sharon Keener, Bill Schreiber, Debbie Lynch, Pat Proch, Rich Walters and Jean Yamber, Rich and Linda Dynes, Jim and Kayne Krager, Tom Bradbury, Jim Ulle, and Ed and Sue Joyce. Guests: Jon and Pat Peterson of Rubber City, Jerry and Jeanne Siracki of NOMAC, John and Martha DiLorenzo, and Walt Buehner. The number of people going on the tour shows how happy people are to be able to do a Model A activity and drive the A's on the road.

The tour began with the Harpersfield bridge, followed by the Mechanicsville Rd. Bridge in Geneva, the Doyle Rd Bridge, the Netcher Rd. Bridge, the South Denmark Bridge, and the Graham Rd. Bridge. These five bridges are all in Jefferson. While in Jefferson, the tour stopped at a small downtown park with a covered pavilion for a lunch break. Participants provided their own lunch and drinks and face masks and social distancing was followed. After lunch, the tour continued, ending with the Root Road Bridge in Conneaut and the Smolen-Gulf Bridge in Ashtabula, the longest covered bridge in the U.S.

The group then headed back to Madison Village, where the number of barn quilts observed by everybody as they drove along on the tour was tallied. Ken and Sharon Keener had the highest count. Even though it rained during part of the tour as well as the lunch break, the tour was welcomed and enjoyed by everyone.

On Sunday, August 2nd, Timberlake held their annual parade without floats or marchers or food. The parade lasted for 35 minutes without the usual crowds, with relatively few people, 154, counted as observers. NEO had 5 cars in the parade: Jim and Jayne Krager, Rich Walters and Jean Yamber, Chris and Nancy Wolf, Bill Grof, and Tom Bradbury.

At least this year, a few chances to drive in a group activity and get together become highlights of the driving season. We hope everyone is staying healthy and can at least take your car on the road to maintain it in running condition.



RIDGE RUNNERS CORRESPONDENT: DARLYNN FINK

The Ridge Runners had a great drive planned by Brian and Bonnie Amsler on Friday, July 10th. Fourteen members met in Leeper, PA, and began our journey. One car decided to stay in Leeper and wait for a tow home, but

four Model A's and two modern cars took part in the exciting adventure. Our first stop was for brunch at Kaffe Sol in Mount Jewett, PA. This quaint little restaurant provided a treat for our taste buds. One of the top choices was the cinnamon roll which was not only freshly baked but also scrumptious. I only wish that I lived closer to this little gem of a restaurant because I would regularly treat myself to their wide variety of baked goods and specialty breads.

After the special meal, our group drove to the Nebo Lutheran Church and Cemetery (see front cover), a historic landmark in Mt. Jewett. The church is octagonally shaped and was designed similar to a church in Stockholm, Sweden.

From the church, the group then traveled to Kinzua Bridge State Park to view the Kinzua Viaduct



Skywalk. The original railroad bridge was built in 1882. It was an active part of the Erie Railroad until 1959. In its later years as a railroad bridge, it was used for passenger excursions by the Knox and Kane Railroad. In 2003, tornado winds took down part of the bridge. Today, the standing portion has become a skywalk a partial glass observation deck. Even though temperatures were soaring that day, the group enjoyed walking across the remaining bridge and viewing the valley below and the fallen towers. The Visitor Center provided some relief from the stifling heat and the displays explained the function and role of the railroad to the area.



Our next stop was Rimrock Overlook near Warren, PA. Rimrock is considered the most popular overlook in the Allegheny National Forest, offering spectacular views of Kinzua Bay and Reservoir. The group had a short meeting in the picnic area before heading to Kinzua Dam where we had the opportunity to talk to one of the rangers on duty.



The day-tour ended with the group enjoying ice cream before heading home. The trip was well-planned and enjoyed immensely by all who participated.

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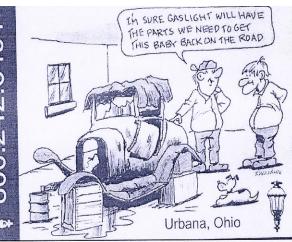
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