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Penn Ohio Update

from your Director

This month, I'm all business. Not waxing philosophical or strolling down Model A memory lane.

At last November's Board Meeting a slate of officers was approved to be presented to the membership at the Spring Banquet in May. Of course, that never happened, as Penn Ohio suspended operations due to COVID situation. A key office was that of Treasurer. John Menches was to have been voted on to assume the office. Now that can't happen until the next Spring Banquet which we HOPE will be May of 2021. In the interim, as the Executive Officer of this organization, I have appointed John to the position pending action by the membership. One of the first actions to be completed as John assumes the office will be an audit of Penn Ohio. A few members have asked me if we had any plans to reduce or eliminate dues in light of the fact that we have suspended operations. After we complete the audit, we will be in a better position to consider doing that. Even if we do not have meets, the organization has fixed costs that go on such as insurance and salaries. When the "dust settles", it may very well be that a one time dues adjustment would be appropriate. Such an adjustment is something that I think would be best approved by the Board of Directors, rather than executive action.

Recently, our editor, Diana, has had to deal with requests to advertise cars or parts in the "Quail Call" from non-members or former member or families of former members. Club bylaws don't specifically address this situation, so my guidance to Diana is the following: Classified ads for the "Quail Call" will be accepted for publication provided they are submitted by a member in good standing and that member is the contact person for the item(s) being sold.

Hope you are all doing well. Kathy and I really miss seeing all of you. Stay safe!

Von Wolfe

IN MEMORIAM

Mohican Chapter has reported the loss of member, **RUTH MAYBERRY**. She and her husband, Clyde, joined in 1962 and were +50 year members. Clyde passed away 4 years ago. Our condolences to their family and Mohican Chapter for the loss of Ruth.



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 **stewarddiana711@gmail.com** so there is no chance of me missing it and we can recognize these losses in a timely manner.

2020 CORRESPONDENCE DEADLINE

OCTOBER 5.....OCTOBER ISSUE

NOVEMBER 15.....NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ISSUE

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.

Diana Stewart, Editor

What Was Our Influence

By Valery Johnson

Recently, several members have shared their memories of growing up with Model A's and the passion that it started. I thought I would share our story.... well, I guess my story. Some have assumed when we started in this club many years ago that Jeff was the one that got us interested in having antique cars. If you believed that, you would be wrong! I will dial time back a bit and share how this love of vintage began for me. Growing up, I was fortunate enough to have both sets of my grandparents living in my hometown. That meant that we were able to see them quite often. Whenever we would visit with my paternal grandparents, there was always this series of three black and white photographs hanging on the wall. One picture was of a farm truck, the second of a farm tractor, and the third was a picture of a family dressed in the Sunday clothes in a motor car. The head of that family was Simeon Wheatcraft. He was my paternal great grandfather. He was born in 1875 and was the husband of Lillie Bennett. He was the father of 9 children. When I reached out to verify several details for this article with my 92 year old uncle, the description that he shared of his grandfather were: "he was a religious, quiet man that farmed and loved his horses." He remembers he was quite handy and called him an "independent individual".

Grandpa Wheatcraft was a tile mill owner on the east side of Galion and he loved to use his hands. He completely built the truck, tractor and the family car as I stated that we saw in those photos. We know that Henry Ford reached out to Grandpa for some reason we are told, but Grandpa didn't know if he could trust ol' Henry so no deals were ever struck on car parts/or ideas. That is where Grandpa's "independent" personality also factored in. He never wanted to feel indebted to anyone. We do not know his cause of death, but he died at work at the age of 69.



Members of the Wheatcraft family include: (seated r-l) Simeon, Merle, Bill, Lillie, Myrtle (my Grandma), Blanche and Lucille

Grandpa passed down his love of sweets to the rest of our family tree. He was quoted as saying that Angel food cake was “sweetened wind,” a saying that my Dad quite frequently used!

Years later as my Dad was in high school he used to work for the Rexall Drug Store in Galion. One of his jobs was to deliver prescriptions to folks in the area. He would jump in the store’s Model A sedan and drive “The Orange Crate” around town and drop off the packages to those in need.

After Jeff & I purchased our second Model A, we decided to host a tour for our chapter. Jeff thought it would be nice to invite my folks along for the trip to Lebanon, Ohio for the weekend and to let them drive our other Model A. To prepare for the adventure, Dad thought it would be best to “polish up his Model A driving skills” around our rural neighborhood. Boy was it a flashback to the past to see my Dad getting schooled on his driving skills by Jeff like I did when he taught me how to drive a “few years back”. After the trip, my folks decided to purchase their own Model A and a few year later, even my brother had a Model A truck of his own, known to some as “Pumpkin”. We sure enjoyed traveling as a family and creating so many great memories and experiences. So I guess I have to thank Grandpa Wheatcraft for giving me a little oil in my veins and the love of the put-a-put of that old vintage car.

Editor’s note: Thank you Valery for sharing your wonderful family story and picture!

PENN OHIO CHAPTER NEWS



**FIVE POINTS
CORRESPONDENT:
BRIAN REVAK**

August..... gone and nothing good to report.

A year ago, we gathered at Shaker Woods site for the classic car show at Antiques in the Woods. We're going to do it again this year on September 13th.

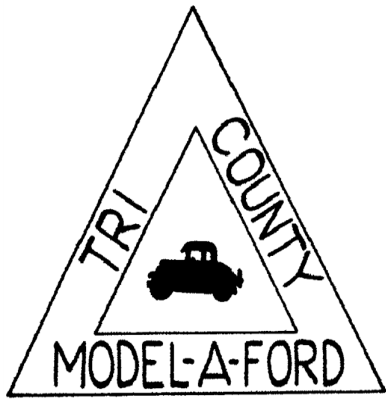
I do know some club members have been out and about for some drive time so myself, Jarrod Shook, and Frank Lohry woke up early one Sunday morning to do the same. We headed out for what turned out to be about 130 miles. We tried to stay on all county and township roads, some of which looked like driveways! We did drive through Hanoverton to see about lunch, we went way too early so we headed home. As we were leaving there, we stumbled across one couple we were surprised to see, and needless to say they were surprised to see us. They seemed to be out for a photo shoot, so they took our pictures as we took theirs.

Hopefully, the weather stays nice so we all can get some more miles in!!!



Five Points continued:





**TRI COUNTY
CORRESPONDENT:
DIANA STEWART**

Leonard Hendershot and Bonnie Affolter picked an absolutely beautiful day to host our September 29th meet at the Unusual Junction near West Lafayette, Ohio, where we had 12 members and 3 A's in attendance.

The Unusual Junction is a diner and country store located in a reconstructed railroad station which was originally located in Fredericktown, Ohio around 1895. It is flanked by several historic railroad cars. There is a large array of memorabilia within the building, among which is the original Bob Barker "Price is Right" sign.



TRI COUNTY Continued:

Lunch was from the menu with large, delicious portions. While waiting on our food, we held a short business meeting where Gary Stewart told the group about an upcoming "Americana Show" featuring a vintage car cruise and show, as well as selling of car and gas and oil collectables, to be held at Hartville Flea Market October 9-10. We discussed it and decided that it might be a good place to get some exposure for Tri County and possibly gain some new members. Gary is to obtain a booth and Tri County will reimburse the price plus provide handouts. Dave Shanklin, Melvin Allen, and Gary Stewart all volunteered to man the booth.

Our next meeting will be hosted by the VanFossens at the Sugarcreek East of Chicago.....date and time to be announced.



**FLYING QUAIL
CORRESPONDENT:
Susan Sandrock**

The Flying Quail held a day of activity on September 13th hosted by Jim Floremar and Brian Snodgrass. The first meeting location was the Village Restaurant in Upper Sandusky for lunch.

After good conversation and a filling meal, the group drove north to McCutchinville to one of only two original stage coach stops in Ohio, the Overland Inn. On this day it became a Model A stop.

We socially distanced in the yard behind the Inn for our meeting lead by President Howard McNish with a nice breeze and some shade. 17 members attended and new member, Rich Kirgis, was introduced. His wife, Linda, was unable to attend. We look forward to meeting her. Rich drove his Model A, to join 5 others parked in the driveway.

The group still has money in the treasury with no receipts or disbursements and plenty of checks available to use according to Treasurer Paul Neal.

FLYING QUAIL Continued:

Howard thanked Sarah Neal for her continued minutes and newsletters.

With activities and car events continually being cancelled, it was decided to continue with our monthly meetings and spontaneous “drives” as the season changes and the weather continues to be nice. Saturday, September 19th is Model A day.

Howard was willing to take names of officers to be elected in November.

Following the business meeting, the group had a tour of the Overland Inn. Most recent renovation was 2002 taking four years. It is nicely decorated and furnished.

The next undertaking for the Wyandot County Historical Society is the general store that was moved to the grounds. It can be said there is something to learn at any of these museums and historic places.

It was another great weather day for an A drive and seeing friends....even if it continues at a distance and masked.



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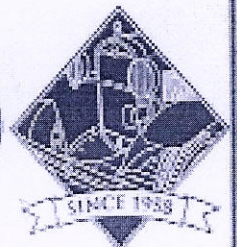
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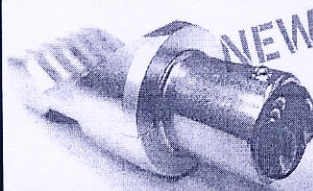
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