



# GOING PLACES



**Columbus MARC Region Since 1964, MAFCA Chapter since 2009**

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## Upcoming Events

**Nov 12-** Membership Meeting —Sirloin Stockade 5:30 dinner, 6:30 meeting

**Dec 13-** Christmas Party at Pines with Entertainment, 4pm

**November 2020 Edition**

"Greatest thing we can produce is character. Everything else can be taken from us, but not our character."

-Henry Ford

*Cincinnati Times Star, Beckman interview  
November 11, 1937*

## President's Report

By Ron Lawson



Hello Membership!

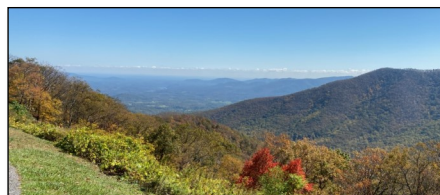
Our touring has been slow this year because of the virus. Next year will be better for touring.

I want to thank Larry Morlock for the tour on International Model A Ford Day to Butler Winery. It was enjoyed by all who attended.



I want to thank John Prohaska for the Tour de Cluck at Wagner's Village Inn - Oldenburg, they had great chicken. It also was enjoyed by all. See the writeup later in this newsletter.

I want to thank Phil and Marge Sutton for the Tour on the Blue Ridge Parkway. We had fifteen cars on this Tour. The fall colors were at their peak and was enjoyed by all.



Robert (Bob) Crandall passed away October 11. He was 84 years old. Our condolences to the family.

Mary Dathe's son, Duane, has passed away. Please keep Ed, Mary and their families in your thoughts during these difficult times.

See ya on the Road— **Ron**

## **October 8 Membership Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

**Sickness/Deaths:** Mr. Harold E. Mix, 93, of Seymour, Ronnie was sad to report that Harold Mix died Monday September 28, 2020. Harold was a past club member for years and his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Duke Mathis, are current members. The club sends our condolences to the Mix family.

**Secretary report:** Discussed the September minutes. Minutes accepted as written.

**Treasure report:** Starting Balance of \$1,559.11  
September Income \$5.00 from 50/50, \$40 from Dues.  
September Expenses \$100 MAFFI Dues  
Ending Balance: \$1,534.11

**Tour report:** October 10, 2020 - Tour de Cluck. 125 mile round trip to Wagner's Village Tavern in Oldenburg, IN for pan fried chicken. Host: John Prohaska. October 13 to October 21. Blue Ridge Parkway Tour is still on. Host: Phil Sutton.

**Old Business:** September 19th Thanks to Larry Morlock for organizing a tour on International Model "A" Ford Day 2020. Larry lead a tour to Butler Winery through the hills of Brown and Monroe County. Approximately 7 cars from Columbus participated and join others from Bloomington.

**New Business:** December 13, 2020, Christmas Party at the Pines, 4:00pm. (22.82) \$23.00 per person. Need money by November 24, 2020

**Board Meeting:** We are continuing to have email meetings

**Librarian:** For Club videos contact: Wayne Arnholt (812-522-1007)

**MAFFI Calendar:** Thanks to Wayne Arnholt for loan of one of the most recent addition to the Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan, is a 1931 Ford Ambulance, Ford body style 280-A. There is a real good write up about it in the September/October 2020 "The Restorer" magazine.

**MAFCA Calendar:** June 20-25 MAFCA National Tour. See "The Restorer" magazine for details.

**MARC Calendar:** MARC Membership Meet. April 9-11, 2020. Bay City, Michigan. See the "Model A News" magazine for details.

**MARC National Meet:** June 7-11, 2021. Oshkosh, WI. See the "Model A News" magazine for details.

Submitted by: John Prohaska

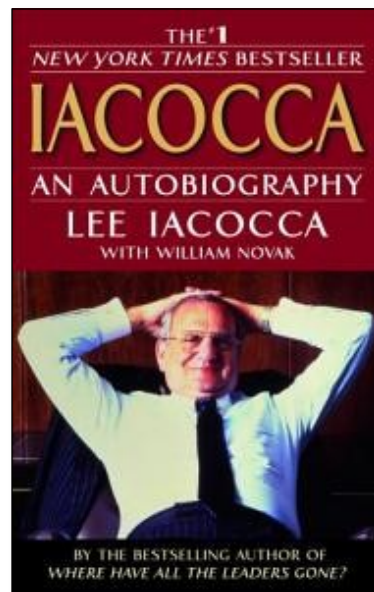
## FROM THE EDITOR

I took a week vacation in early October to finally enjoy a little relaxation. I have been meaning to read Lee Iacocca's autobiography *Iacocca* for awhile and now had the time to do it. Like most autobiographies, they are written as the author wishes their history to be remembered. "Never let the truth get in the way of a good story", Mark Twain once quipped. While I think most of it is factual, there are two sides to every story!

First half of the book talks about his Ford years. Lee does not portray Henry Ford II very positively at all, which from what I have heard is more or less true. I was particularly interested to read his recollection of the Mustang. Surprisingly, Gale Halderman was not mentioned, but plenty of others involved were. The second half of the book talks about his Chrysler years with much focus on the loan guarantee, not to be confused with a 'bail out' per Lee. The federal government made out well in that deal, forcing Lee and his team to jump through many hoops and give the government stock options.

Written in 1984, at that time, Japan continued to be a huge threat to the industry, worrying Lee quite a bit. Also, air bags were being considered by the NHTSA as standard equipment which Lee did not support. And the federal deficit was \$200 billion and rising which also really worried Lee. Today it is north of \$27 trillion. Finally, not to drift into political space, the final chapter of the book is titled *Making America Great Again*. I had to chuckle as that was 36 years ago.

Tim Diehn, Newsletter Editor



Get Ready to Vote!

Membership Meeting  
November 12, 2020

### *Voting for 2021 Club Officers*

Do you want to be part of the leadership team of our club in 2021? Well, now is your chance! If you are interested in a position, please contact Tim Diehn, Larry Morlock, or Dennis Meyer, the nominating committee. At the November Membership Meeting, we will be voting for the 2021 club officers.

Please make every effort to attend the next meeting for this important vote!!





### Tour de Cluck October 10, 2020 by John Prohaska

It was a wonderful Fall day for a tour to Wagner's Village Inn in Oldenburg, IN. Club members started at the Cummins CEP parking lot in Columbus and mostly took county roads for the 1 hour 15 minute trip for fried chicken. After lunch we were honored to be invited to the farm of Denis and Pat Schrank north of Oldenburg for a tour of Denis's antique farm equipment which included a 1918 International 1.5 Ton truck. We even got to take a trip around the farm in the truck which has wooden wheels with solid rubber tires. A good time was had by all!! The round trip for the day totaled 124 miles.



at  *The Pines*

**December 13th, 4:00pm**

Please come join us for the annual Christmas Party at The Pines at 4171 N. US Highway 31, Seymour, IN 47274, Phone: (812) 522-4955.

Cost this year is \$23 per person including tip. We realize this is a substantial increase from past years, but we did not have the revenue from our annual Swap Meet which normally allows the club to pickup some of the cost.

**Please RSVP (and pay) Phil Sutton** (936 S, Hawthorne, Boomington, IN 47401, (812) 336-8672) **at the November 12th membership meeting.**

November 24th is the final RSVP date so we can get an accurate count for the restaurant.

Hope to see everyone there!

## Don's Secrets of Speed

By Tim Diehn

Don Miller is certainly not slowing down. Many in their early eighties would be thinking of taking it a bit easier to simply enjoy what they already have accomplished. Not Don. He had just completed a full restoration of an early Case model SC tractor. Prior to that, he completed a full restoration of a 1932 Ford Model B Coupe. There are several more 'prior to' projects (1931 Ford Model A Station Wagon, 1939 Thieman Tractor, 1940 Ford Convertible to name a few) that have paved the way to his current project.

Don, 82, has been an avid collector of Ford Model A and early Ford V8 cars and parts. Over the years, he has purchased NOS and obsolete parts from dealers and has amassed an impressive collection. Don knows his way around this market, as he owned a couple of auto salvage yards in his life long home town of Clay City, IN. All of that provided a perfect supply of correct parts for finishing his latest project; a 1928 Ford Model A speedster.

This project actually started 20 years ago when Don purchased a used Rootlieb Speedster Kit. Currently painted bright green, Don is redoing the previous subpar paint job and



checking the body work over before placing it atop a specially prepared chassis. He has completed

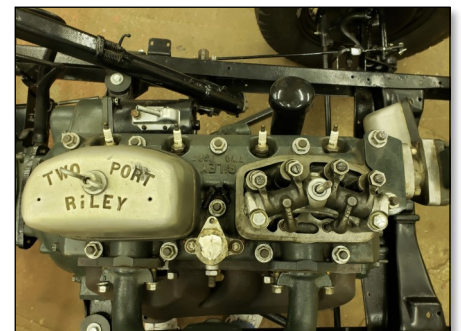


the chassis with some unique modifications. Starting with the engine, Don has chosen a diamond block Model B engine to ensure he has all of the latest improvements. Building off this, he added a Riley Two Port high compression overhead valve



head from Charlie Yapp of Secrets of Speed/Scalded Dog Speed Parts fame. Don is a little unsure on what carburetor setup he is going to use, but it certainly will make use of the two intake valve setup.

Moving down the powertrain reveals a unique solution for the transmission. Wanting to take full advantage of the anticipated 95 mph speed potential, a 4 speed gearbox was needed. Don decided



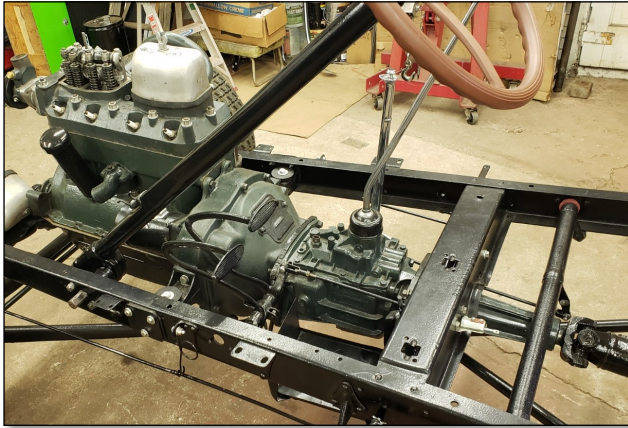
upon a mid-80's F150 4 speed transmission.

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To get this to fit properly and avoid the need to modify the frame cross member, Don used a Model AA transmission bell housing with an adapter plate. The shorter bell housing allows the transmission to clear this cross member. However, a modification was needed for the

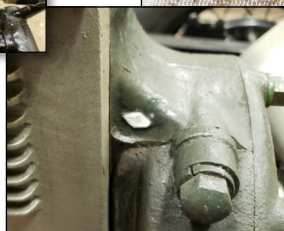
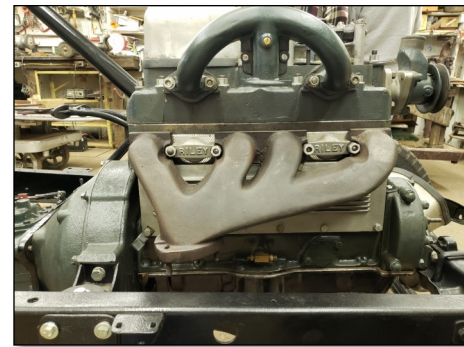


brake cross shaft. Starting with a stock cross shaft, Don used heavy wall hydraulic pipe to fabricate a square bend around the tail shaft. A bracket was fabricated to mount the rear radius rods and provide rear rigidity and support for the tail shaft. A modern style driveshaft was used in place of the torque tube with an adapter to the differential. Finally, since stopping this speedster is just as important as going fast, Don has setup the original



mechanical brakes to 'get all you can everywhere you can'. He has some really good brake advice to give to other Model A'ers, which will be a future newsletter article.

Don is hoping to get this finished within the next few months. He is already thinking about his next project. He certainly has plenty to choose from. No slowing down for Don!







## ‘What Is It?’ Challenge

### Answer to last Month’s Challenge



It is a well drilling rig. If you look close at the radiator shell of the engine mounted in the bed, you will see a foreign car bowtie emblem!



### This Month’s Challenge

*What is it and what is it used for?*



## The Model A Ford Museum is pleased to announce the newest pin for your collection!

Since MAFFI was unable to have an official Model A Day this year, it was decided to create a pin as a fund raiser to help raise money that would have normally come from the event. To keep with the First Responder theme they have decided to feature their Fire Truck that is on permanent display at the museum and is featured in the First Responder Display. This vehicle was donated to the museum by Jerry Austin.

The cost is \$7.00 per pin which includes postage. This is a tax deductible donation! Send your requested number of pins and a check payable to MAFFI to: Suzan O’Neal, 477 Beaver Pond Way, Mineral, VA 23117

Thank you for your continued support!



## 2020 Sponsored Tour and Event Schedule

- ~~April 2-4~~ — ~~MARC Membership Meet, Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth, IN (Sutton)~~  
~~April 9~~ — ~~Membership Meeting - Sirloin Stockade 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting~~  
~~April 18~~ — ~~Spring Mill State Park and breakfast at the Inn/Cobweb Tour (K. Sullivan)~~  
~~April 25~~ — ~~Pancake Breakfast - Bloomington, IN (Sutton/Lawson)~~  
~~April 26~~ — ~~Columbus MARC Swap Meet 4-H Fairground (Morlock)~~
- ~~May 4-6~~ — ~~Spring Tour to Berlin Grand Hotel, Berlin, OH (Howell)~~ **Cancelled**  
~~May 9~~ — ~~Ron and Katy Lawson Wedding, North Vernon, IN (Lawson)~~ **Postponed**  
~~May 14~~ — ~~Membership Meeting - Sirloin Stockade 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting~~  
~~May 20~~ — ~~Stream Cliff Farms and Winery, Commiskey, IN (Meyer)~~  
~~May 30-Jun 8~~ — ~~MARC National Meeting, Oshkosh, WI (Lawson/Sutton)~~
- ~~June 13~~ — ~~Tour de Cluck, Wagner's Village Inn at 12:30, Oldenburg, IN (Prohaska)~~  
~~June 13~~ — ~~Pancake Breakfast, Bloomington, IN (Sutton/Lawson)~~  
~~June 27~~ — ~~Hardy Lake Breakfast and Car Show (Lawson)~~
- ~~July 11~~ — ~~Picnic at Brown County Park (Sutton, Lawson, Howell)~~  
~~July 22~~ — ~~Dine at Ford Garage, Nashville, IN, Lunch 1pm (Lawson)~~  
~~July 25~~ — ~~Pitch in Dinner and movie at The Historic Artcraft Theatre in Franklin (Dean)~~  
~~July 31-Aug 1~~ — ~~Clifty Falls Inn, Madison, IN (Sutton/Meyer)~~
- ~~August 7-9~~ — ~~Keck-Gonnerman Steam Show, Mount Vernon, IN (Morlock)~~  
~~August 22~~ — ~~Tri-club picnic at Brown County Park, Indiana Live Steamers (Lawson)~~
- ~~Sept 10~~ — ~~Membership Meeting - Sirloin Stockade 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting~~  
~~Sept 12~~ — ~~Fire Truck Show, Seymour, IN (Pinder)~~  
~~Sept 19~~ — ~~North Vernon Airport Day (Huddleston)~~  
~~Sept 19~~ — ~~Model A Day Tour—Butler Winery (Morlock)~~
- ~~October 3~~ — ~~"The Fords meet the Fords" at Ed Dathe's home (Dathe)~~  
~~October 8~~ — ~~Membership Meeting - Sirloin Stockade 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting~~  
~~Oct 13-20~~ — ~~Blue Ridge Parkway Tour (Sutton)~~  
~~October 31~~ — ~~Fall Foliage Tour (Jack/Linda Sullivan)~~
- November 12 Membership Meeting and Election of Officers - Sirloin Stockade 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting  
 December 13 Christmas Party at Pines with Entertainment, 4pm, (Club Officers)



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Going Places is the official publication of the Columbus Model A Restorers Club Region and the Columbus Model A Ford Club of America Chapter. The general purpose shall be to encourage the members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and make use of the Model "A" Ford vehicle, model years 1928 through 1931 and all things pertaining to the Model "A" Ford, including literature, technical and historical information and to promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship for the enjoyment of its members.

This publication is mailed or emailed to members and editors of similar publications monthly. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month. We invite members to submit articles containing technical Model A information and other interesting tidbits for publication in this newsletter.

# Classifieds



## 1932 Model B Coupe

For Sale, 1932 Model B Coupe, rumble seat, high compression head. Recently completed restoration with some original rare interior parts preserved.

**Call Don Miller**  
**812-939-2779**



## 1929 Model A Roadster

For Sale, 1929 Model A Ford Roadster, Red and Black. Dual side mount spare tires, Model B engine, Weber downdraft carburetor, four speed transmission, high speed differential, new tires. \$15,000.

**Call Tom Bruce**  
**317-402-5845**

## 1930 Model A Coupe

For Sale, 1930 Model A Coupe, complete and all original.

**Call Don Miller**  
**812-939-2779**



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