



GOING PLACES



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July 2023 Edition

Upcoming Events

- July 2**—Lunch Pitch-in/Ice Cream, Greenfield, IN (Howell)
- July 8**—Picnic at Brown County Park, Stahl Lake Shelter (Sutton, Diehn)
- July 15**—Historic Vernon, Vernon, IN (Meyer)
- July 30-Aug 5**—MARC National Meet, Hamilton, OH
- August 19**—Beck's Mill, Salem, IN (Pendegraft/Sullivan)
- August 26**—The Chicken House, Sellersburg, IN (Prohaska)



"The young people got me interested in aviation. It is part of the motor age. Development is dependent on power."
 - N.Y. American, Geo. Sylvester Vierick interview with Henry Ford August 5, 1928

President's Report

By Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

This month's newsletter is late, for a reason I will cover next. But first, thanks to Kathy and Dennis Meyer for putting on a great trip down to Kentucky. I'm sad I could not attend (my nephew got married that weekend), but I heard great things from other attendees. I realize putting on a multi-day event is no simple task. Rest assured, this does not go unrecognized. Also, thanks to Tim and Freida Howell for the one day trip to Crawfordsville. The rotary jail was very interesting and the Strawberry Festival was much bigger than I was imagining! A great day with great weather.

Now, why the tardy newsletter? Larry Morlock, Ron Huddleston, Ronnie Lawson and I have been busy on the Arvin sculpture. Lots of priming, filling, sanding, more primer, glaze, more sanding over the past few months. As most of you know, a great paint job only happens because of all the preparation that goes into it. I'm hoping that during the July 4th weekend that day will finally come! Still plenty of work that is needed once we shoot paint, but it will be a great feeling to have that milestone behind us. The school continues to be very appreciative of our efforts even though we missed the March 31 deadline. Rather get it right than rushed! All that work means I've been slacking on my newsletter duties; my apologies. My continued thanks goes to Larry, Ron, and Ronnie for all the help and advice so far.

So, with that, back to sanding!

Hope to see everyone Going Places!

-Tim





Tour Updates:

July 2 Lunch Pitch-in/Ice Cream, Greenfield, IN (Howell)

On Sunday, July 2nd, Tim and Frieda Howell are hosting a Pitch-in Lunch at their home. Arrive by Noon. This is a multi-club event including the Indiana Region (Anderson); a great opportunity to meet, eat, and mingle with other clubs! Tim will have a display of Model A accessories with duplicate items being offered for sale. Bring a dish of your choice to share; main, side or salad. Ice cream and drinks (lemonade, iced tea, etc.) and tableware will be provided. This will be an inside event to be out of the heat (and not melt the ice cream!), so chairs will be provided as well. Encouraged to bring your A! Howell's address is 1695 E. 400 N. Greenfield IN 46140. Questions, reach out to Tim at (317) 767-1135 or email at timfriedahowell@gmail.com.



July 8 Picnic at Brown County State Park, Stahl Lake Shelter (Sutton, Diehn)

Join us at our annual Brown County picnic at the Shahl Lake Shelter. Recall this location has paved parking, sidewalks, and most important, flushing toilets and sinks with running water. Take the route to the fire tower and proceed another mile or so and you will see a sign on the left for Strahl lake. The shelter is another 2 or 3 miles on your right. Bring a covered dish; either a side dish or dessert. The club will provide fried chicken and drinks. We will eat at 12:00. Bring a folding chair for your comfort. We will have corn hole setup as well.



July 15 Historic Vernon, Tunnel Mill, and James Covered Bridge, Vernon, IN (Meyer)

The tour begins at 9am at the Jennings Co. Historical Society building (built in 1838 as a stagecoach stop/hotel) at the corner of Pike St. & Brown St, which is also at the North/East corner of the courthouse square (134 E. Brown St, Vernon). So, you'll need to make arrangements and "buddy up" and create small tour groups with other "A" participants in your area to arrive there by 9am. You could also plan to come earlier and have breakfast at Linda's Log Cabin Inn which is a block & ½ walk away, and they open at 7am. At 9am, we'll enter the J.C.H.S. building, and listen to several local historians talk, share stories, historical facts and "Firsts" about Vernon, including Tunnel Mill (built in 1824). At 10am, we'll hop into our "As" (LOL), and be guided to the Baldwin Cemetery, about a mile outside of town, where Dennis will talk about an event that happened there in 1964, and again in 1974. Then, for those who are agile & ready for a "moderate" ¼ mile trail hike, we'll head toward the Tunnel Mill ruins. And for the spelunkers in the group, we'll continue the through the 250 foot long tunnel, so bring a flash light. At 11:30ish we'll get back into our "As" and take a drive back to town and drive through the city Cemetery and continue on for an 18 mile jaunt to, and through, the James Covered Bridge, through Jennings Co. country, and on to Linda's Log Cabin Inn for Lunch around 1pm. After lunch, you're on your own to explore more of the Historic sites of Vernon and/or head home. **Please RSVP to Dennis Meyer at dmeyer4066@sbcglobal.net or call 317-727-5098**



Circa 1900



Tour Updates (continued):

July 30—August 4 MARC National Meet (Sutton)

If you are going to the MARC National meet July 30 - August 4, please let Phil Sutton know at 812-336-8672 or pgsutton@indiana.edu. He will be coordinating our journey. Hope to have a large turnout representing our club!



August 18 Beck's Mill, Salem, IN (Pendegraff/Sullivan)

Meet at Eastbrook Plaza at 8:45 and leave at 9:00. Members who wish may join us at the Premier gas station at the corner of US 50 and Highway 135 in Brownstown. We will also pick up friends around Salem Square on our way to Beck's Mill. The mill as it is today was constructed in 1863. It was in operation till 1950 and then sat idle for over 50 years. With the help of the Cook Family, the mill has been restored to operational condition. Admission to the mill is \$5.00. For more information go to becksmill.org. Just down the road is Neff Farms Pollinator Habitat which we hope is in full bloom.



We will head back to Salem for lunch at Tumbleweed Tex-Mex Restaurant. The next stop is The John Hay Center which includes the following: The Steven's Museum, The Pioneer Village, The Birthplace of John Hay, and The Depot Railroad Museum. We can enjoy self-guided tours for a donation. You can learn more about it at johnhaycenter.org. As we head for home we will share some beautiful country roads with you.

Future Events 'Sneak Peak' for your planning needs

Sept 13 - 17 Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI (Sutton)

We will take 2 days getting to the headquarters hotel in Kalamazoo. We then spend 2 days at the meet with all the hoopla and a Friday Night Dinner and Tour of the Kellogg Manor House. Details about the activities at the meet will follow when the event info comes out. At this time if you plan on going get a reservation at the Delta Hotel 269-375-6000. Tell them you are part of the Model A Group. The Hotel we will use on Wed night will be announced at a later date. We will drive home from Kalamazoo on Sunday. Details will follow later.

Oct 13-20 The Annual Fall Tour, Illinois (Sutton/Howell)

Phil Sutton and Tim Howell will be taking us through Illinois. We will start with a drive to Canton, IL to attend the annual Swan River Festival. Then a day drive to Nauvoo, IL (LDS settlement), followed with a drive to Quincy, IL and Hannibal, MO. Then 3 nights in Springfield doing "Lincoln things". Then home.



Treasurer's Report as of June 25th:

Starting Balance = \$6,113.83

Income:

Dues = \$30

50/50 = \$116

Expenses:

Replace Differential CD = \$29.95

Cleghorn MARC Membership Gift = \$25

Website Renewal 3 yr = \$432

Newsletter = \$22.82

Ending Balance = \$5,750.06



In the  Rear View Mirror #1

SHAKER VILLAGE TOUR – June 2,3,4

Submitted by Larry Morlock

The Shakers were a religious sect who established a colony in 1805 near Harrodsburg, KY, they called Pleasant Hill. They were a communal society who believed in the second coming of Christ and were celibate. Men and women lived separately so they built many dwellings and other buildings, 34 that still survive today. They lived plain lives and were very skilled craftsmen. Much of their simple furniture is prized today. They died out in 1923 when the last Shaker, Sister Mary Settles, died.

Dennis and Kathy Meyer organized the weekend tour to visit the restored Shaker Village. Others on the trip were Ed & Mary Dathe, Tim & Frieda Howell, Randy Hughey, Mike & Carolyn Kemp, Larry Morlock, John Prohaska & mother-in-law Lula Carley, Phil Sutton, and Larry & Jo Ann Wilcroust.

On Friday, we met just south of Columbus and headed down to Madison, IN, then on US 421 through the scenic hills of Kentucky. Lunch was at the Lawson Family Restaurant in Campbellsburg, KY. After that we were treated to sections of the lovely horse country with many huge horse farms, stables and stately homes.



We arrived at Shaker Village mid-afternoon and had a rude awakening when we discovered how primitive our building was – no elevators, steep stairs, and several stories to navigate. However, our rooms had been well modernized with private baths and TV's and were comfortable. Our building was the East Family Dwelling, built in 1805. Everyone got lots of exercise.

We then had time to relax on the lawn and listen to a live Dixieland Band. It was a very enjoyable interlude with comfortable temperatures, plenty of shade and a gentle breeze.



Dinner was at the Trustee Table Restaurant, which is in one of the larger buildings originally constructed to conduct business by the village trustees. After dinner we enjoyed more music on the lawn.



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In the Rear View Mirror #1

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On Saturday, breakfast was at the Village Table. The rest of the day was spent learning about the history of the village and just relaxing. We first had a tour to tell us the good parts of the history and how successful the group had been. We then were treated to a demonstration in the Meeting House of how the Shakers sang and danced. It was pretty animated, hence the name of "Shakers." A later tour told us about some of the bad parts of their history and the struggles they had keeping the group together and obeying their doctrine. We also had ample time for more relaxing on the lawn.

Saturday night found us in nearby Harrodsburg at the historic Beaumont Inn, a stately building that was originally built in 1845 as a school for young ladies. We were pleasantly surprised when Roger and Sherryl Goodman showed up to join us for dinner. We had a long and enjoyable dinner, then headed back to the village for the night.

On Sunday morning we had breakfast again at the Village Table, then headed north back toward home. Some of us had lunch on the way back at Stream Cliff Farm near Commiskey and others headed on up the road.

Thanks to Dennis and Kathy for organizing such a great trip. The weather couldn't have been better and the relaxing atmosphere of the old-timey Shaker Village made it a very enjoyable tour.

Bonus fact: The official name used by the Shakers was "The United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing."



In the Rear View Mirror #2

Rotary Jail and Strawberry Festival, Crawfordsville, IN

Submitted by Tim Diehn

June is known for the large, fast growing strawberries that bear the month's name. And what better way to celebrate the typically bountiful harvest than to have a festival. Crawfordsville has such a festival and Tim and Frieda Howell arranged for a trip to this part of Indiana on Saturday, June 10th. After meeting at the usual spot in Bloomington, we headed north to Crawfordsville to lunch at the Creekside Restaurant. There we had a chance to relax after the drive and catch up with good conversation. Present were Jim and Cathy Dininger, Tim and Frieda Howell with friend Butch, John Prohaska with daughter Sami Voils and mother-in-law Lula Carley, Larry Morlock, Tim Ellis with friend Leo Martin, Phil and Marge Sutton, and the author. Once our bellies were full, off to the first stop.

Opened in 1882, the Montgomery County Rotary Jail was the latest design in efficient incarceration of inmates. The two stories of cells are arranged in a circle connected to a single center axis; like slices in a pie. The jailer rotates the entire cell block to align the desired cell to a single opening. This reduces the need for multiple guards managing multiple entrances to each cell. Costs to house inmates was a great concern and this brought these costs down. Additionally, with only one way in and out of the cell block, security was also greatly improved. Our docent, Philip Roach, had an uncle, Sheriff Roy Hardaker, that lived and worked at the jail. Philip was also a police officer and brought his first arrest here, and now volunteers in the museum. The jail was closed in 1973 after being listed as 'unfit for human habitation'.

Next stop was the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival. *Each year, as the warm summer breeze embraces our town, Crawfordsville comes alive with the fragrant aroma of ripe strawberries and the joyful laughter of families and friends. The Strawberry Festival, a beloved tradition that dates back decades, celebrates the arrival of this delightful fruit and showcases the vibrant spirit of our community.*

The festival features an array of activities and attractions for visitors of all ages. You can stroll through the bustling farmers' market, where local vendors proudly display their fresh produce, handmade crafts, and delectable treats. Indulge in the taste of summer by savoring mouthwatering strawberry pies, shortcakes, and other delicious strawberry-themed treats. Live music fills the air, creating a lively and festive ambiance that truly captures the essence of the event.

Ok, full disclosure. The above was written by ChatGPT, an artificial intelligence program. It does, in general, capture what we experienced. Yikes! We had a good time and it was very busy with several vendors and live music. We enjoyed a strawberry shortcake and relaxed a bit. Time was slipping away and we decided to head back to our respective homes individually.

Thanks Tim and Frieda for hosting a nice, informative day!



2023 Sponsored Tour and Event Schedule

- March 4 Maple Creations Tour, Coatesville, IN (Howell/Sutton)
March 9 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
- April 13 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
April 14-16 MARC Membership Meet, Bay City, MI (Sutton)
April 23 Columbus MARC Swap Meet 4-H Fairground (Prohaska)
April 29 Cobweb Tour/Pancake Breakfast, First United Church, Bloomington (Sutton)
- May 6 Cedar Creek Winery, Martinsville, IN (Sullivan/Rosenbaum)
May 11 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
May 12 Model A Youth Day at Clifty Elementary School, Columbus, 9am (Diehn)
May 20 Gasthof Amish Village/Tulip Trestle Viaduct, Montgomery, IN (Easton)
- June 2-4 Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg, KY (Meyer)
June 10 Crawfordsville Tour & Strawberry Festival, Crawfordsville, IN (Howell)
June 28 Limestone Tour, Bedford, IN (Sutton)
- July 2 Lunch Pitch-in/Ice Cream, Greenfield, IN (Howell)
July 8 Picnic at Brown County Park, Stahl Lake Shelter, (Sutton, Lawson, Howell)
July 15 Eleutherian College at Lancaster/ Stream Cliff Farm, Lancaster, IN (Meyer)
July 30-Aug 5 MARC National Meet, Hamilton, OH (Sutton/Curbox)
- August 19 Beck's Mill, Salem, IN (Pendegraft/Sullivan)
August 26 The Chicken House, Sellersburg, IN (Prohaska)
- September 9 Cherry Hill Farm Cook-out, Greensburg, IN (Cherry)
Sept 13-17 Model A Days, Hickory Corners, MI (Sutton)
September 14 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
September 23 Historic Artcraft Movie Matinee/Garden of Gas Station Signs, Franklin, IN (Morlock)
September 30 "The Fords meet the Hudsons" at Ed Dathe's home (Dathe)
- October 12 Membership Meeting—El Nopal National Rd, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 meeting
October 13-20 Fall Tour, TBD (Sutton)
- November 9 Membership Meeting & Election of Officers - El Nopal 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 mtg
- December 10 Christmas Party, The Seasons Lodge, Nashville, IN, 5pm, (Diehn)

2023 On-Your-Own Tours

- April 1 Franklin County Antique Machinery Swap Meet, Brookville, IN
- May 19-20 Hoosier Vintage Wheels Swap Meet & Car Show, Johnson County Fairgrounds
- June 2-3 Jackson County Antique Engine Show, Fairgrounds, Brownstown, IN
- June 11-12 MAFCA Midwest Regional Meet, Breckenridge, CO
- June xx Columbus Municipal Airport Aviation Day and Car Show
- July 16-21 MAFCA National Tour - Back Roads to the Classics, IN/MI
- July 17-20 Grand Indiana Auto Tour—Richmond, IN
- July 29 Franklin County Antique Machinery Swap Meet, Brookville, IN
- August 3-6 75th Pioneer Engineers Club Reunion, Steam Engines, Rushville, IN
- August 23-25 Tri-state Gas Engine and Tractor Show, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN
- August xx Bartholomew County Historical Society, Reeves Festival @ Breeding Farm
- Sept 7-10 White River Valley Antique Association Antique Show, Elnora, IN
- Sept xx Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN
- Sept 9-10 Old Car Festival, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI
- Sept 15-16 Hoosier Vintage Wheels Swap Meet & Car Show, Johnson County Fairgrounds
- Sept 15-16 Model A Day, Hickory Corners, MI
- Sept 18-21 GAMARAI XXVII (Great Annual Model A Ride Around Iowa), Des Moines, IA
- Sept xx Hot Rods and Rock & Roll, Columbus IN
- Sept 28-Oct 1 Franklin County Antique Machinery Show, Brookville, IN
- Sept 29-30 Brown County Antique Machinery Show and Flea Market
- Sept 29-Oct 1 Newport Antique Hill Climb, Newport, IN
- Sep 30-Oct 15 MAFCA Fall Tour in New England
- Oct 2-6 Hershey Swap Meet, Hershey, PA

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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.

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