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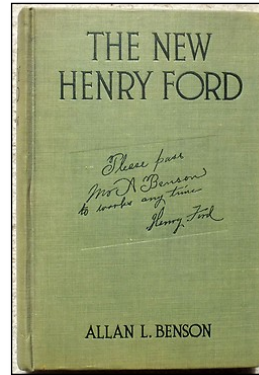
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November 2023 Edition

Upcoming Events

Nov 9—Membership Meeting & Election of Officers, El Nopal, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting

Dec 10—Christmas Party, The Seasons Lodge, Nashville, IN, 5pm, (Diehn)



"I don't like to read books. They muss up my mind."

The New Henry Ford

Allan L Benson

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More context from Allan Benson: *It is quite conceivable to me that much reading might have spoiled Ford. It would have spoiled him if he had believed what he read. Ford is a success only because he has done so many things that the best authorities said could not be done.*

President's Report

By Tim Diehn



Hello Membership!

Well, our touring season has come to an end. Great places, great times. Not too soon to start thinking about next year. What tour was your favorite? Should we do something similar? What should we do less of? Please start thinking and let any board member know your idea.

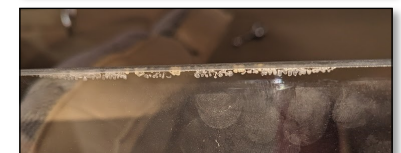
Our November Membership Meeting is an important one. We will have the Election of the 2024 Leadership Team. Currently on the ballot, we have:

- ♦ Tim Diehn—President
- ♦ Dennis Meyer—Vice President
- ♦ Phil Sutton—Treasurer,
- ♦ Rob Kirkpatrick—Secretary
- ♦ Jay Williamson, John Emerick, and Linda Sullivan—Board Members

Per our bylaws, our club elects this leadership team annually based on a majority vote of those members present at the November Membership Meeting. I highly encourage all current members to come to this meeting to vote. Also at the November Meeting, Ben Clark from the DNR will be present to talk about history of our state parks. I'm looking forward to this! Hope you are as well.

Lastly, we are grateful that the Meyers are recovering well from their accident. I wanted to remind folks how easy it is to check if you have safety glass in your windows that you can roll up and down. Roll the window down and look at the edge. There should be a parting line visible between the two panes of glass. Its harder to tell on the fixed windows, but if you see a bit of delamination (bubbling) then they are safety glass.

Hope to see everyone Going Places! -Tim



Membership Meeting Minutes

El Nopal, National Road, Columbus, October 12, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Diehn at 6:35PM

31 Members and 2 guests were present: Ed & Mary Dathe, Rob Kirkpatrick, Larry Morlock, Steve Butler, Chris Easton, Ronnie & Katy Lawson, Don Wessler, Jack & Linda Sullivan, Tim Diehn, Roger & Nora Dean, Dan Young, Nathan Cleghorn, Justin Cleghorn, Deanna & Jerry Glunt, Ronnie & Denise Pendency, Jim & Cathy Dininger, Phil Sutton, Dennis Meyer, Jack & Marge Schmeckebier, John Emmering, Jay Williamson, Maruice Ketchum, Jack Badger (Founding Member 1964!) and guests Gary & Karen Homanick.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as published.

Six members drove their As today.

Treasurer's Report: September 12, 2023

Sept 14 50-50	32.00
Dues	20.00
	+ \$ 52.00
Expenses	
Spoon River, Fall Tour	20.00
Newsletter	23.39
	- \$ 43.39
Ending Balance	\$5,200.02

Committee Reports

Cares & concerns were shared.

Dennis Meyer was happy to be here! He and Kathy are progressing but it will take quite a while to recover from that nasty accident on August 26. CHECK YOUR GLASS.

Jack Sullivan reports his Dad has fallen a couple of times, still in assisted living. He has a nurse named Paul who reminds him of Randy Hughey, so he's now nurse Randy

Whitey & Jane Herbert's youngest daughter died a couple of days after their celebration of life.

Tim Ellis is doing fine after knee replacement surgery.

Ronnie fell off a step stool. The stool is doing OK, but Ronnie will require several weeks of PT.

The Kathryn Sullivan Memorial joke was a list from Tim Ellis that deserves its own place in the newsletter.

Phil provided a Spoon River update. They are adding a Rt. 66 museum. Hershey was down from years ago. Upcoming tours include The Chicken Place, Ed's Hudsons/Model A Day, and he asked us to start thinking about some new stuff – or really old stuff, for next year's tours.

Reminder: Next year is our 60th anniversary. Tim has asked Phil Sutton, Larry Morlock and Tim Howell to serve on a committee to plan the celebration. IDEAS ARE NEEDED from the membership.

The winner of \$40 in the 50/50 will be added to the corrected minutes at the next meeting, if someone has read this far. Other items awarded in the drawing, both donated by Ed Dathe, included an LED light and a cool cig lighter baby bottle warmer in its original box!

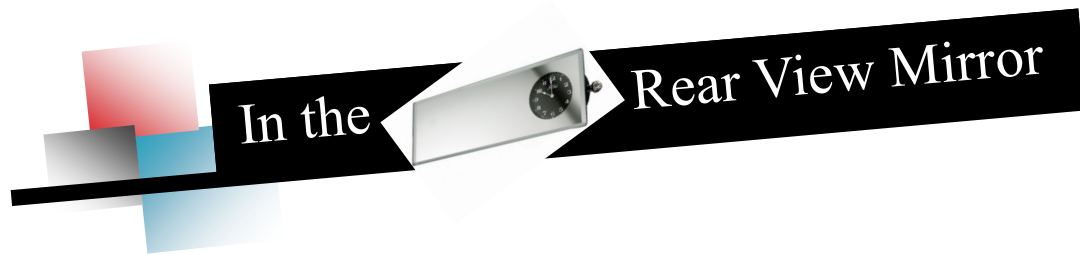
New Business

Tim provided an update on MAFFI's impressive growth plans. Chris moved to donate \$300 to MAFFI. Rob seconded and it passed. This will be in addition to our standing \$100/year, so they will get \$400 this year.

Note that a \$200 personal contribution will get your name and a picture of your car on a plaque.

Tim introduced our evening's program, the silent movie The Buckeye Bank Robbery. It was acted and filmed by the members of the Dayton-Buckeye Model A Ford Club, directed by Roger Kaufman, circa 2005. Great find, Tim!

The meeting adjourned some time after 8:00 PM. Respectfully submitted, Rob Kirkpatrick



Fall Tour to Illinois – October 12 to October 20

Submitted by Carmen Huddleston and Sharon Curbox

On Friday the 13th our journey west began with eight Model As. The group included Phil and Marge Sutton, Larry and JoAnn Wilcrou, Mike and Carolyn Kemp, Roger, Cheryl, and Eric Goodman, Tim Howell and his friend Cletus Lamm, Randy Hughey, Jerry and Sharon Curbox, Ron and Carmen Huddleston, and Ron Lawson and Katie Matthews in their “chase” vehicle, Harvey.

After fighting heavy Covered Bridge Festival traffic near Rockville, we headed toward Canton, IL. Near Perrysville, IN, Friday the 13th cursed Phil and Marge when blue smoke began rolling from the back of their car and it was determined the car was done for the trip... the actual problem yet to be determined. Phil rode back home in the AAA hauler while Marge hitched a ride with the Lawson’s. We drove in rain the remainder of the day! Driving his modern car, Phil was able to rejoin us in Canton that evening. Our home base for three nights, the Canton Harvester Inn, a Bill Cook project, was, in itself, worth the trip to Canton. First class in every way!



Saturday and Sunday we drove both loops of the Spoon River Scenic Drive and Festival, and made many stops at flea markets, museums, antique machinery demonstrations, and a winery. We were all amazed when we ordered the “world’s largest tenderloins” at Spoonies Restaurant in London Mills. They certainly lived up to the advertising.

Monday we headed toward the mighty Mississippi. A stop at Nauvoo, IL, found us bundled in blankets on a horse and buggy ride where we learned the history of the early Mormon settlement.



Keokuk, Iowa, was our next stop. Our guide at the Keokuk Dam Museum, showing an extraordinary assortment of original pictures and equipment, explained the construction of the first dam and the largest lock on the Mississippi River.

A trip back across the river brought us to Quincy, IL, and a 1930’s Ag Museum, a fantastic collection of agricultural equipment dating back many decades. One of our hosts at the museum told us that he also had a Model A. It turned out to be a very green 1940 Model A John Deere tractor. We then headed back across the river, this time to Hannibal, Missouri and to our hotel for the evening.



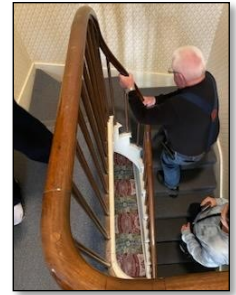
Tuesday we explored the Hannibal area including Mark Twain’s boyhood home and surrounding buildings. The Mark Twain Museum houses a large display of Twain artifacts and a wonderful collection of Norman Rockwell illustrations. Luckily, we didn’t have to help whitewash the fence, but we did get to spend some quality time in the town where Mark Twain got his inspiration from local townspeople for the adventures and the characters of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

That afternoon we turned east to the Illinois capital of Springfield. We thought the most exciting part of the trip would be a mini cattle stampede and a farmer rounding up two unruly cows along the road. That was until Jerry and Sharon experienced a rough-running engine. Troubleshooting by committee determined a faulty carburetor. Five minutes down the road the loaner carburetor fell apart (literally), and finally a replacement condenser solved the problem.

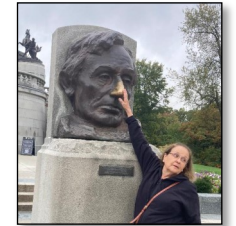
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Wednesday we drove into downtown Springfield and learned a great deal about our 16th President. We had a guided tour of Abraham Lincoln's neighborhood and home, where we were able to touch a stair rail that Lincoln himself had used. We spent the afternoon at the beautiful Abraham Lincoln Museum and Library. Since Springfield is on Route 66, dinner Wednesday evening was at the Cozy Dog Drive-In, a Route 66 original, and where the corn dog allegedly was born.



Thursday morning, a drive to Oak Hill Cemetery brought us to the impressive monument housing Lincoln's tomb, also the final resting places of his wife and three of his four children. A large bust of Lincoln graces the front of the tomb. Superstition says that if you rub Lincoln's nose, you will have good luck, so we all took a turn touching Abe's nose.



An extra side trip while in Springfield was a visit to the Dana-Thomas House, a 12,000 square foot, 35 room creation designed by famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright. We cruised in to Motorheads Bar & Grill and Rte. 66 Museum for lunch on our last day in Springfield.

Friday saw us on the road early, and soon we all headed our separate directions home. Thanks to our leaders for a great trip, and thanks to Abe and his magic nose for a trouble-free journey home.



Tim's Top Tip

Rags. Cloths. Towels. What's so exciting about these everyday things? Because having the right rag for the job makes all the difference. I've been using rags for as long as I can remember and some 'rag technology' has really advanced. And other rag technology is as good today as it was 100 years ago. Humor me and read on about what I have learned about this ubiquitous shop tool.

Old T-shirts—While plain cotton undershirts may be ok, certainly stay away from a shirt with screen printing or embroidery from a vacation trip years ago. And some of the new synthetic materials just don't work for mopping up oil. And how many old undershirts does one person have anyway!

Red Shop Rags—A staple rag that any '50's gas station attendant had hanging out their back pocket. Good for wiping down greasy things, but not good for polishing or paint work. However, the real secret to a red shop rag is how it can transform. The red is actually a litmus material that changes to bright blue when exposed to acids. Good way to tell if your battery is leaking. Or when you have properly neutralized your acid wash/etch of car body parts prior to painting!



Old Bath Towels— Everyone has stacks of these from bathroom remodels over the years. Handy to dry your car after a perfect wash, right? No! They leave streaks, get super heavy when wet, hard to wring out, etc. This is a job for the chamois. Read on!

Chamois— A proper chamois made from animal hide (sheep or deer) and not the synthetic stuff is the right rag for any drying job. I've used chamois for years with watermark free drying. In fact, a chamois works better when wet! And when it gets soaked, a simple twist will get it dry again. Hand wash with mild soap between uses.



Paper Towels— Not the kitchen Bounty style, rather ones designed for tough, challenging jobs found in the work shop. For many years, the blue ones by Scott's was a mechanic's go-to. But I have recently discovered a competitor brand made by Intex that works much better. They have a smoother finish, feel like cotton cloths, and are tougher in scrubbing conditions. At about 3 cents a piece, they are cost effective and lint free (ish).



Microfiber Cloths— When these first came out, I did not like them at all. They felt 'scratchy' and were not very absorbent. But improvements have come and these feel and behave closer to their cotton counterparts. I use them mostly for paint polishing activities. Harbor Freight sells a line called Grant's and I really like the quality. And when they get dirty, just pop them in the washing machine.



Microfiber Cloths for Glass— These microfiber cloths have a nice smooth finish that leave glass streak and lint free. When you wash these, don't use fabric softener or dryer sheets to keep that streak free quality.



What do you think? Do you have a favorite rag for a particular job? Still seem like a silly topic? Let Tim Diehn know!





Christmas Party Time!

Please join us at the Seasons Lodge Event Center at 560 SR 46 Nashville, IN 47448 at 5pm on December 10th for the annual Christmas Party!

The buffet style dinner is \$20 per person which includes choice of 3 mains, sides and dessert . A cash bar will be available for drinks. The Club will pickup the remainder including gratuity.

Please RSVP (and pay) to Phil Sutton at 936 S, Hawthorne, Bloomington, IN 47401, (812) 336-8672

December 1st is the final RSVP date so we can get an accurate count for the Seasons.

Hope to see everyone there!



The SEASONS
Lodge



An advertisement for Western Mechanical Works. It features a black and white illustration of a man in a suit sitting on the fender of a severely damaged, front-end-crushed vintage car. A speech bubble from the man says: "THERE'S one ray of sunshine in such a situation...even if the car seems to be a complete wreck ... Western Mechanical Works will recondition it to the same fine appearance and mechanical perfection it had the day it left the salesroom floor." Below the illustration, the text reads: "Western Mechanical Works", "Buck · Nat · Ham · Proprietors ·", "3221 S.Figueroa St. LOS ANGELES", and "Humbolt 4155".

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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.

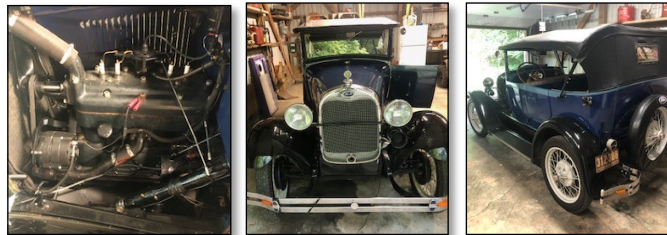
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For Sale

1929 Model A Phaeton

Off frame restoration and motor rebuild, Beautiful paint job
\$17,900

Call Steve Carley 317-696-602



WANTED

Have an engine block that is not salvageable? What about a rear end setup with the axles and drive shaft? Tim Diehn is learning how to pour babbitt bearings, machine for inserts, and rebuild rear ends. But no sense messing up completely good parts. **Please contact Tim at 812-374-2882 or timdiehn@yahoo.com** if you have such items that are heading to the scrap yard!

HELP WANTED

John Badger is selling off his Model A Parts. He needs help pricing the items. If you wish to give him a hand, **please call John at 812-371-0249**

