

THE SULLIVAN TRAIL A's NEWS

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

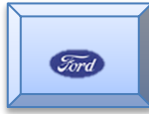
- Henry Ford



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- Monthly
- 2nd Tuesday September - June
- 7pm
- United Methodist Church
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Do the words "barn find" excite or
confuse you?



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GARAGE

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and eager for spring to arrive. We've begun conversation about our 2017 activities which include some tours and visits to a nice variety of museums. We'll discuss more about these adventures in the spring.



Registration for the **MARC National**

Meet July 30 – August 4 is now available on the Hub City Model A Club's web site [<http://hubcitymodelaclub.com/>] and in the current issue of the **Model A News**. This should be a fun Model A week.



All for now, Jim



Tuesday February 14, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Morris at 7PM. Thirteen members were present.

- There was no Treasurer's report due to illness.
- Motion to approve Secretary's November minutes by Bruce, second by Tom. Motion carried
- Correspondence: Notice that the AACA and museum are separating due to ongoing difficulties.
- MAFCA is having a 100K in a Model A day that is open to all clubs. Clubs are urged to do a tour and record all the mileage of all cars for the day. There is no specific day for this just sometime during the summer.
- MAFCA is also offering free 1 year membership to new MAFCA members.
- Ginny handed out flyers concerning the upcoming TTCC show.
- The tour to Auburn was discussed and Jim said he would try to get more information.
- Don suggested a possible tour to the Sayre Historical Museum at the old railway station in Sayre, PA. Have breakfast or lunch at Reese's.
- Suggestion for a tour to the Radio and TV Museum in Bloomfield was suggested with a stop for breakfast en route. Also, a possible tour to Letchworth State Park Aug 20th (biannual Model A Gathering).
- Harold said he was going to Hellertown for a swap meet and anyone wishing to ride along was welcome.
- Harold and Don talked about a possible flea market at Bradley Farms in the future. They will get more information about how much they will charge for the use of the facilities. Liability insurance was discussed.
- Bruce explained the difference between A & B head gaskets for a high compression head.
- It was decided that we would do the Christmas dinner at the church. Everyone enjoyed it last year and felt it was the best one so far.
- Motion by Ginny, second by Larry to donate \$100 In Karren's memory to the church. Motion carried.
- Refreshments for the meeting were provided by Barb –THANKS! March refreshments will be provided by Bev and Ginny has volunteered to do refreshments for April.
- 50/50 raffle saw Ginny leave the meeting \$15 richer!

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Harding, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

2017

National or Regional Events of Interest:

- MARC 2017 Membership Meet @ Shishewana, Indiana Mar 23 – Mar 26
- MARC 2017 National Meet Gettysburg, Pennsylvania @ Wyndham Gettysburg Jul 30 – Aug 4

Next Regular Meeting of Sullivan Trail A's:

- April 11, 2017, United Methodist Church, 1034 W. Broad St., Horseheads, NY



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Did (or do) you know ...

...this about traffic control in the 1920s?



We take traffic control for granted these days, but in the 1920s, before modern electrical traffic control systems were set up, a scene as (above) was common. The Detroit traffic cop is in a simple booth, with a plain light over his head as he directed traffic by hand signals.

“The Detroit traffic cop is in a simple booth, with a plain light over his head as he directed traffic by hand signals.”



A silent policeman as they were called at the time, as used at less active intersections, can be seen (above and below). The devices came in many variations. Early examples used a kerosene lantern, while some only used a flag.



At about the same time (below) can be seen a much more deluxe enclosed booth with sliding windows, where the officer may have controlled the electric traffic lights above him from the booth as necessary.

Photos courtesy of the Henry Ford, where you can to learn all about the Henry Ford Museum and Dearborn Village. Many other photos from The Henry Ford, (scroll down) can be seen here on *The Old Motor*.

In 1920, in Detroit, Michigan, a police officer by the name of William Potts wanted a way to efficiently control the flow of traffic. The number of automobiles on the road had increased, which meant that the number of automobile related accidents also increased. He wanted a way to make the flow of traffic more tolerable to everyone. What he had in mind was the idea of using the same theory that of a railroad signal lights. He took parts from a railroad signal and added more wires and switch to create the first four-way three-color traffic light. Pott's traffic light was first installed at a corner of an intersection in Detroit. Within a year more than a dozen of his traffics lights were installed throughout Detroit. With this four-way traffic light, it was made possible to control the flow of traffic in four directions. His invention worked very well on managing traffic flow. Meanwhile during the same time period an African American by the name of Garrett Morgan from Cleveland, Ohio, also noticed the traffic issues was on the rise since he is considered the first African American to own an automobile in Cleveland. Morgan invented an electric automatic traffic light, very much like Pott's traffic light except that it was not a four-way traffic light. Unlike William Potts, Garrett Morgan patented his traffic light on November 12, 1923. The modern day traffic light that we use today though is from William Pott's prototype that he invented.

- <http://trafficlight.umwblogs.org/invention/>



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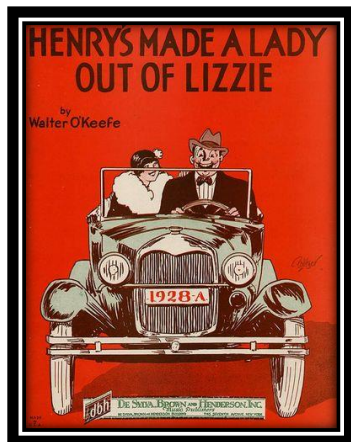


Vacuum Wipers (thanks to Bill Day, Lions Gate Model A Club, Canada)

The Restorer magazine January/February 2012 issue featured a short article on lubricating vacuum wiper motors. I had installed a rebuilt vacuum wiper on my 1930 Roadster Pickup and had been (as predicted by others) disappointed in the utterly inadequate performance of the wipers – weak, intermittent, floppy action that came to a dead stop under any acceleration or slight uphill climb. The article explained that vacuum wipers need regular lubrication – a teaspoon of light oil (I used 3in1) sucked in to the motor through a six inch bit of hose and manual movement of the wiper blade. The result was close to miraculous. The wiper now works like a damn, and is completely adequate. The rebuild was obviously well done. Apparently, frequent lubrication is necessary. For me, this was worth the subscription to the MAFCA.



Nothing here this issue!



Beginning lyrics and cover of the sheet music for “HENRY’S MADE A LADY OUT OF LIZZIE,” Walter O’Keefe’s 1928 song about Ford’s new Model A:

*Have you seen her, Ain't she great?
She's something you'll appreciate,
I'm sure you understand just what I mean,
Ev'ry body, Every where, is falling for her now,
I'm talking bout the new Ford and boy it's sure a wow!
When you see her, You'll agree,
She's just the one for you and me,
She's everything that any one could ask,
"Sittin' pretty yes I am, With her I'm always found
You "oughtta" see her Chassis, it's sure the best around.*

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