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From the Desk of the President



Hello Fellow Members!

We just want to let everyone know that we got a basket full of goodies for Patty and the staff at Pattys Thunder for Christmas. We took it to her when we received it. We hope everyone can make the brunch at Dan and Penneys on JANUARY 9th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Pray for a great 2016.



Hope to see you all at the next meeting Tuesday, January 5th, same place, same time.

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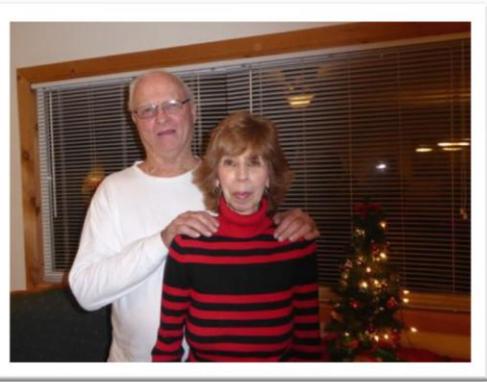
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GETTING OUT AND HAVING FUN

December Events

The Schreiber's Hanamas party



Our Hosts, Rich and Holly always put on a great party

The table is laid with the greatest of care

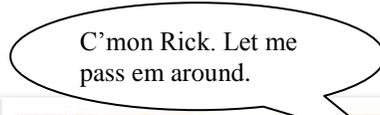


And of course, there is plenty of liquid refreshment!

I don't know what these little goodies are but they look lethal.



Mike, Bill and Phil share a beer and a tray of Jello Shooters



Rick has a thumb-lock on that tray!

Bernadette gives her recital of "I think that I shall never see"



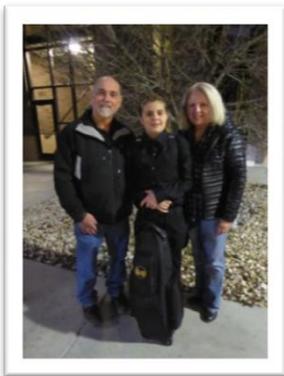
Jen's Christmas game is always a lot of fun for everyone. That's cause the good kids get presents!!

I don't know but it has lots of holes!

What the heck is that thing, Joe?

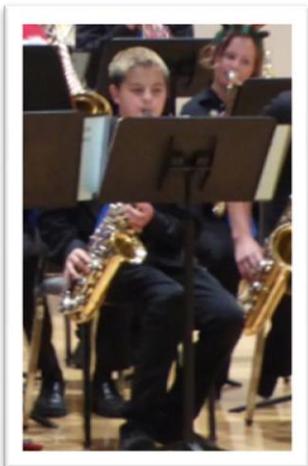


A "tip" of Smokey's Fedora... to Joe and Heather for the excellent reporting!



Joe and Heather recently attended a performance which included their grandson on sax.

"It's easy to see where the lad gets his musical talent" says Joe.



"Now where did I put those bagpipes??"

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am living in Germany and I attended a nice Rally (Kronprinz Wilhelm Rasanz) with cars built before 1930. This year a Ford Model A from 1903, coming from England, participated as well. Of course there were older cars, if I remember right, the oldest was a Peugeot from 1898, but the 1903 Model A was the best runner. I attached some pics of my Model A, my ones together with the Model A of 1903 and one picture of my Model A together with a very nice Rolls Royce was taken at Schloss (Castle) Dyck, where the famous "Classic Days" are taking place every year.

This tour starts and ends at a nice Castle (Krickenbeck Castle) close to Moenchengladbach, Germany and has the lunch break at Dyck Castle.

My Model A Roadster from 1930 ran also very well as usual, even the Rolls Royce couldn't follow :-). If you want to publish the pics

on the internet or in the Restorer Magazine, feel free.

The Model A Roadster you see on the pics, I own since 1994 and I did a full frame of restoration in 94/95

by myself. Today I share my hobby with my son and we love to attend classic car events.



Best regards from good old Germany

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Many thanks

To Jill Thach from the Mohair Flyer for this international editorial and especially to Ralf for his excellent contribution!

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COMEDY CORNER

VINTAGE FORD HUMOR

When does a Ford cease to be a Ford?
When it turns into a garage!

“Here’s absolute proof,” writes a reverend gentleman who is also a staunch Ford enthusiast, “that the Ford is the only car mentioned in the Bible. ‘Elijah went up to Heaven on high,’” he quotes, then adds, “Surely nothing but a Ford could accomplish that!”

A lady-like lad in Sandusky,
Was in love with big Mary McClusky.
He asked her to ride
In the Ford by his side:
“Not for me” said the maid, “I’m too husky!”

Abe – “Did you know that Smith has lost the Ford agency?”
Gabe – “You don’t say so. How did that happen?”
Abe – “Woolworths 5 and 10 cent store got it away from him.”

ANOTHER KIND OF HUMOR

An Irishman and a Scotsman were on a train from Belfast to Dublin. The Irishman took out his pipe and then realized he had no tobacco. He said to the Scotsman, “Pardon me, but do you have a bit of tobacco I might borrow?”

The thrifty Scot reluctantly handed over his tobacco pouch. The Irishman then began searching for matches and realizing he had none, said to the Scot, “I see I have no matches”
“In that case,” said the Scotsman quickly, “you won’t be needing my tobacco.”

I was reading in the paper today about this dwarf that got pick pocketed.
How could anyone stoop so low.

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference!

I'm retired. Go around me



January Annibirtharies



- Jennifer Seibold ----- 1st
- Sally Grassi -----3rd
- Joyce Dryer ----- 15th
- Al Hansen -----27th



- Rich and Holly -----25th
- Butch and Sheila Vargas -----26th

UPCOMING TOURS and ACTIVITIES

Jan 5th..... Monthly meeting at Patti’s Thunder.

Jan 9th at 10:30.....Brunch at Dan and Penny’s. Hosted by Penny and Bernadette

The evolution of the Milk Truck



The Hillcrest Jersey Cream Co.



Looks like maybe a 27 to 29 Chevy?



Elsie the cow brings your milk to your door.
Even I can remember this delivery truck!
(And I'm just a Spud!)

Automotive Trivia 1935

The Automobile Manufacturers Assoc. sponsors the 36th National Automobile Show in November.

Fords appear at the National Automobile Show – for the first time in 25 years.

Lower priced “affordable” cars are the primary trend at this year’s Show. Models with fewer features or less power are announced by Chrysler, DeSoto, Graham, Hudson, Packard, Pontiac and Reo.

General Motors cars begin the switch to Fisher all-steel “Turret-Top” roofs eliminating the customary fabric inserts.

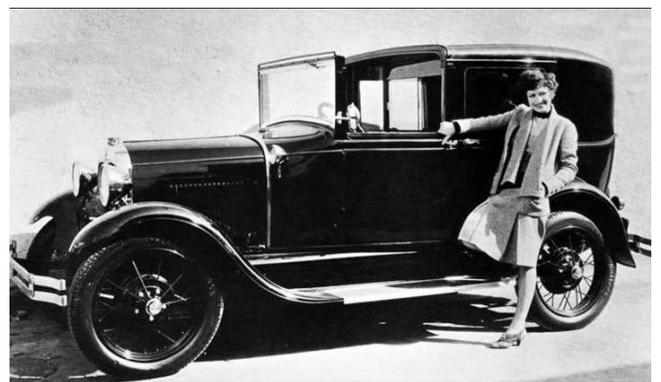
Sedan bodies, particularly “trunkback” versions, grow in popularity. Open cars are slipping slowly into obscurity.

Chevrolet introduces the “Suburban” Carryall, the first all steel station wagon.

Trivia Quiz, questions and answers

Q. What year did Ford create a Sedan with an open chauffeur’s compartment?

A. In 1929 Henry’s son Edsel created the formal looking Town Car. At \$1400, it cost twice as much as any other Model A.



Joan Crawford with her Ford Town Car

Next Month

The Murray Corp. manufactured bodies and parts for Ford for years. What other auto bodies did they produce?