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MISSION STATEMENT



The purpose of the Bluegrass Region shall be to augment the activities of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, promote education and fellowship among the various members, and provide for the mutual enjoyment of all aspects of the motor vehicle hobby. You must be a member of the national HCCA to be a member of the Region, but ownership of a pre-W.W. II automobile not a requirement. For more information please contact any of the officers listed to the immediate left.

WEBSITE

Visit the Bluegrass Region website, www.oldtin.net. Contributions and comments are solicited and appreciated.

MINUTES FOR APRIL 19, 2011

The April meeting was called to order by President Tom Klein.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Terri Laughlin reported that the club sent Roy Williams a get-well card. No members were reported ill.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Anna Williams reported the Club net total amount \$933.19.

Anna gave a list of members' dues paid-to-date. Anna was taking dues payments at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Faulkner is leading the Augusta tour Saturday, April 23rd. If the river isn't flooded, plans are to take the Augusta ferry to Grant's birthplace. The club is

101 TIPS FOR THE AUTOIST

Windshield Clarifiers



There are many windshield clarifiers that may be secured from automobile accessory dealers, but as good a plan as any is to wipe the windshield with a piece of cotton or cheese cloth saturated in a mixture of two ounces of glycerine, one ounce of water and one-half teaspoonful of salt.

Here's another method of manufacturing your own windshield clarifier. Cut into fine shavings enough paraffin to be dissolved in a half pint of gasoline—only a very little paraffin need be used. As paraffin is not quickly soluble in gasoline you will find that briskly shaking the mixture will facilitate the solution.

Rub the saturated solution lightly over the windshield. The shield rubbed with this solution will be coated with a thin film of paraffin upon the evaporation of the gasoline.

The paraffin layer will in no way interfere with the transparency of the windshield, but will prevent the shield from clouding in damp or cold weather.

After all, there is no better method of cleaning a windshield than the rubber scraping device.

Windshield Visor



Windshield visors, when constructed of uncolored glass fail to protect the driver from sun and road glare.

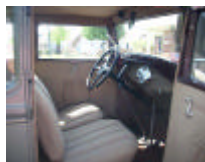
The best method of coloring the visor is to remove it from the car and coat the under surface of the glass with a dark green auto body enamel.

Care should be taken that the finishing strokes of the brush are parallel, running vertically from the hinge frame to the lower edge of the glass.

The painted surface should be allowed to dry for forty-eight hours and a second coat applied in the same manner.

FOR SALE

1931 Model A Victoria. Very good shape. Aftermarket fiberglass front fenders. Asking \$16,000. Call Ken @ 502-762-98932 (Louisville) More photos available from ED.



1931 Model A 4 Door Sedan for sale: Great driving car with smooth running engine. Maroon, black trim, Mohair interior. Restored red wheels and front and rear brakes with new cast iron drums by Tom Mack . Four new Firestone WSW

tires, DSM w/SS covers, Stone guard, MotoMeter, cowl lights, trunk rack, trunk, safety belts, turn signals, tube shocks, Float-a-Motor mounts, battery disconnect switch, 6 V alternator, Safety glass, rebuilt radiator.

NEW PARTS: carburetor, distributor, coil, high compression cylinder head, Aries muffler, starter, starter switch, water pump, aluminum fan, horn, 6V Optima battery. \$15,000

Ed Barrett: 513-300-9070 (cell)

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1923 Buick Model 55 Sport Touring. 124" wheel base, six cylinder engine, dark maroon body, black fenders, restored wheels, new tires, new black leather interior, redone water pump, re-nickled grill shell, much detail work done, only needs final assembly

Tom Currin (h) 859-331-2577 (w) 859-356-6145



PLEASE NOTE: the Buick pictured here is a **REFERENCE** picture only, this is **NOT** the actual car.



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Buick.....	28 1/2	Exess.....	32	Nash.....	30	Pierce Arrow.....	22
Cadillac.....	21 1/2	Ford (Model T).....	42	Oakland.....	31	Pentac.....	31
Chevrolet.....	41	Ford (Model A).....	40	Oldsmobile.....	34 1/2	Reo.....	26 1/2
Chrysler.....	30 1/2	Hudson.....	23 1/2	Packard.....	21 1/2	Studebaker.....	29
Dodge.....	31 1/2	Hupmobile.....	24 1/2	Plymouth.....	26	Whipac.....	41
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BRASS POLISHINGS

A Schedule of events for 2011

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	CHAIRMAN
MAY	May	Pioneer Park Benefit	Terry and Glenna
	May	Memorial Day Parade in Bellevue	Terry and Glenna
JUNE	June	Trip to Blue Licks State Park	Ray and Sam
	June 21	Regularly scheduled meeting at Peewee's	Tom Klein
JULY	June	Carmel Manor Visit	TBA
AUGUST	August	Augusta Festival	Sam and Ray
	August 16	Georgetown, OH Car/Machinery Show	Cas and Gary
	August 18	Regularly scheduled meeting at Peewee's	Tom
SEPTEMBER	September	Pride Park in Taylor Mill	
	September	Dinsmore House	Roy and Anna
OCTOBER	October	Fall Foliage Tour	Rick and Sue
	October 5-8	HERSHEY, need I say more ?	
	October 18	Regularly scheduled meeting at Peewee's	Tom Klein
NOVEMBER	November	Jack Frost Tour	Ed
DECEMBER	December	Christmas party/meeting at the Greyhound	Tom

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AND START AT 7:30. MEETING SITE(S) MAY CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME. IF YOU ARE GOING TO DINE, PLAN TO BE THERE AT 6. MEETING, TOUR, AND EVENT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, ADDITION, OR DELETION. NOTE THAT UNDATED EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE. CONTACT THE EVENT CHAIRMAN IN CASE OF QUESTIONS. STAY IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS. NOT ALL LISTINGS IN THE CALENDAR ARE CLUB SPONSORED OR PARTICIPATIONS. IF YOU HAVE A NON-CLUB EVENT AND YOU WOULD LIKE IT PUT IN THE EVENTS LIST, FORWARD THE INFORMATION TO THE EDITOR. ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE INFORM THE EDITOR OF CORRECTIONS.

AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY AT A GLANCE

May 11, 1947 On this day in 1947, the B.F. Goodrich Company of Akron, Ohio, announces it has developed a tubeless tire, a technological innovation that would make automobiles safer and more efficient. Pneumatic tires--or tires filled with pressurized air--were used on motor vehicles beginning in the late 1800s, when the French rubber manufacturer Michelin & Cie became the first company to develop them. For the first 60 years of their use, pneumatic tires generally relied on an inner tube containing the compressed air and an outer casing that protected the tube and provided traction. The disadvantage of this design was that if the inner tube failed--which was always a risk due to excess heat generated by friction between the tube and the tire wall--the tire would blow out immediately, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle.



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meeting 9 a.m. at the AA Park and Ride. Departure time is 9:30 a.m. Members living in the Falmouth/Berry area can meet at the Quick Stop about 10 a.m.

MAYSVILLE TOUR

Rick and Mary Lane are leading the Maysville tour. Meeting place is the AA Park and Ride. The trip will include seeing a covered bridge. There will be a 1-1/2 hour tour of the Gateway Museum miniature house replicas around noon.

BERRY FESTIVAL

Sam Bonar announced the Berry Festival is canceled. Sam suggested a June Blue Lick tour instead. President Tom Klein will email more info to members, as there will not be a meeting before then.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Members will meet at the AA Park and Ride. The secretary could not hear the meet time.

NEWPORT BAPTIST CONVALESCENT CENTER CRUISE-IN

President Tom Klein announced the cruise-in Saturday, June 18th, noon-4 p.m. Contact Tom for more information if you are interested.

TRIVIA FUN

President Tom Klein passed out a car trivia game. He gave out nice prizes for the most correct answers.

Tom suggested taking a portion of the meetings for technical information. He asked for any member videos to show at an upcoming meeting or getting speakers. Tom said the club should help members, especially new members with questions or problems with their cars.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Ed brought City of Edgewood 4th of July parade flyers and passed them out.

Jeff Nicely announced he is having an Open House again this year, May 21 at his heating and air conditioning company in Erlanger.

SPLIT THE POT

Gary collected \$64. The winner was Mary Lane who went home with \$34.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Respectfully submitted, Terri Laughlin recording secretary

HENRY SAID IT - -

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal"

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."

YOU AUTO KNOW SNIPPETS



Somewhere between an early car and the head-in-the-bed scene in *The Godfather*, the Horsey Horseless Carriage, the brainchild of inventor Uriah Smith of Battle Creek, Mich., was intended to soothe the skittish nerves Ol' Dobbin and the Old Gray Mare. A wooden horse head was attached to the front of the buggy in order to make it resemble a combo horse and carriage (Smith recommended the horse head be hollow to contain volatile fuel – another great idea). "The live horse would be thinking of another horse," said Smith, "and before he could discover his error and see that he had been fooled, the strange carriage would be passed." It's not clear if the Horsey Horseless Carriage was ever actually built or if it is a chimera of auto history, but it reminds us just what a radical, hard-to-conceptualize thing a horseless carriage was.

Buick is one of the very few American automobiles that survived with very little advertising in the early days of the industry. It is almost impossible to find any number of Buick advertisements in any of the popular period magazines or automobile publications prior to about 1907. Such cars as Cadillac, Oldsmobile, Reo, Packard, Ford, White, Studebaker, and other lesser known and long gone and forgotten who may or may not have survived for any length of time, did extensive advertising the virtues of their cars.



CARBIDE LIGHTS

RAIN, COWS, BICYCLISTS, AND OTHER LITTLE THINGS

May 14th was a beautiful day to travel 120 miles from Wilder to Maysville and back.



The sky was a beautiful gray with little diamond droplets of rain falling gently from the sky. You will see photographic proof in many

of the related photos. Richard Middendorf and Tom Currin waved off the ten cars laden with seventeen valiant souls who decided to brave the elements in order to have an adventure with "little things."



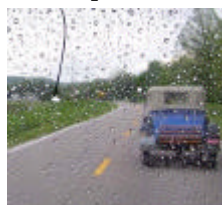
We met our Model T contingency at the Marathon filling station on the AA highway. Our convoy consisted of 3 Sam Bonar, nie Dragoo, and Paula Williams, Cas and Gary Daley, Tom Klein, and Tom Bauer, 2 Shays – Bob and Cindy Collins, and Bill and Jane Portier, and 1 Classic, Richard and Mary Lane.



at Ivor Road. eventually con- Model T's – Ray and Con- and Woody Woodworth, 4 Roy and Anna Williams, Cas and Gary Daley, Tom Klein, and Tom Bauer, 2 Shays – Bob and Cindy Collins, and Bill and Jane Portier, and 1 Classic, Richard and Mary Lane.



Seven of the 10 cars started out from Wilder Park and Ride. The three Model T's joined the parade at Ivor Road. Unlike the weather all the cars were cooperative with no breakdowns, and everyone was in good cheer. So much so, no Golden Coconut Award was given

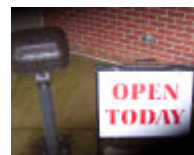


out.

My chauffeur set a brisk pace as we traveled down the road looking at the lovely, albeit wet, spring scenery. En route to Maysville we had to dodge a big Black Angus bull and two cows who were sauntering down the middle of the road. We had no fear. Just a good beep of the horn moved the cows to the side of the road. Another toot or two and they picked up the pace. The danger was that you never know quite which way they are likely to head. Ray and Sam knew who the hamburger-on-the-hoof belonged to, but they did not bother to call the owner because they knew the guy wouldn't go out in the rain to retrieve his cows. Hopefully, the cows found safety since we did not see them on our return trip home.

There were other obstacles in the road. Some foolhardy bicyclists, dressed in full gear, pedaled hard in the rain. It was somewhat difficult to see them. Yes, it was great speeding past the bicycles at our high speeds of 30 mph. The bicyclists were spaced along the road, and it was quite a surprise when we would come upon one as we went over the rise in the road. I have a feeling we may have been enjoying ourselves a little more than those who were pedaling fast and furious in the rain.

We found "the little things" at the Gateway Museum in Maysville.



Miniature displays of homes, mansions, theatres, stores, and every type of room were exhibited. The intricate details of the realistic miniature settings were a sight to behold – from the small paintings on the walls of the mansions to the minute potato chip bags in the drug

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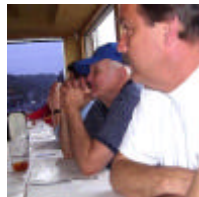


store. Unbelievable! They forbade the taking of pictures so you simply have to see it for yourself to believe it.

After cruising



through the museum we cruised down to the Caproni's



Restaurant By the River for lunch. The

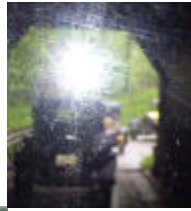
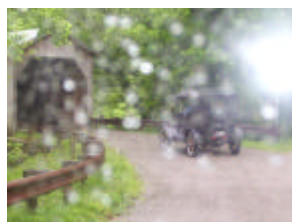
food was good, the conversation was interesting, and there was quite a view of the river. Due to the flooding, there was a lot of debris floating

past. While we ate we could see people coming up to our cars, walking around



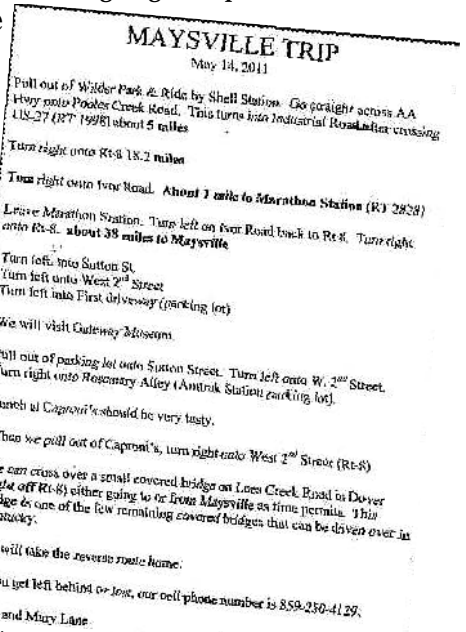
them, and taking pictures. People do enjoy looking at the old cars.

Following lunch we headed back after making a quick drive through an historic covered bridge in Dover. Sam related that the bridge has been restored and moved to its present location. He said back when dirt was new and



he was in grade school they sometimes traversed the bridge but the school bus would stop, make the kids get off, and re-board them on the other side. Since it was raining, it was difficult to get good pictures, but we

did the best we could with what we had to work with. Still it was an interesting and worthwhile experience. After dropping off cars on Ivor Road we headed back to Wilder. It was quite ironic how the sun started shining just as we pulled into the Park and Ride lot.



It was a fitting end to a great outing. Thanks to all who drove with us today. Until later, Richard and Mary



ED. NOTE: The first picture is of Ray and Connie's touring taken just before we left Caproni's parking lot to start home. The other is a copy of a period post card the ED. ran across while doing some research for the Maysville re-cap. Had the post card surfaced before

the fact, it would have mandated that we position our cars in front of the depot. This is a definite "must do" the next time we are in the vicinity. There are lots of interesting things to see and do in Rosie Clooney's hometown, so maybe someone will formulate another jaunt down route 8. (hint. hint) **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MAY 30, 2011**

Much like sporting events, old car activities are at the mercy of the elements. Probably dry and almost anything are preferable to wet and most anything. It was nicely cool in early a.m. but it got to 90° according to usually reliable sources. The sweat boiling on my knee verifies if far as I'm concerned. Wait a minute – women glow, men perspire, and horses sweat. Now I think I have it.

We had eight cars, a fine showing. Well, we sort of had eight. Seven did the parade.



Richard had motored over to Greater Cleves for their parade and upon checking his chronometer upon its conclusion decided he could simonize his arrival at the DQ with



ours. And so it was.



We formed up at Park n Ride in Wilder (so named because it was much wilder in its earlier days). We left about 9:30 and took Licking Pike into town. One better know where you are heading today because otherwise, it's good luck! With Terry's homing pigeon instincts we found our assigned spot easily. Then it was hurry up and wait. Sounds like



the military, eh? We would have gotten off on time but some poor soul fainted and had to be ministered to. Fortunately there was no shortage of medicos, so we commenced not too many minutes late. We had a fortuitous spot. Not a fire truck anywhere near us, though there were several, and we were fairly close to the head of the parade, a nice thing in an old car on a hot day. We wouldn't want any



boiling over now would we? Egg on my face! In spite of the heat, temperature, and humanity our veterans performed admirably. They done us proud.



We collected after the parade and headed for the ol' reliable DQ. Remember – it's eat, drive, eat, drive, eat, etc. You know the routine. The food was as good as it gets. For a DQ that is. The a/c wasn't all bad either. Did anyone mention a 90° day?



As we finished eating, a few folks at a time gravitated to the parking lot to do some more visiting, etc. Then it was time to head down the proverbial road, with Greater Corinth as a goal. Your scribe's Model A was experiencing fuel issues so at the Visalia bridge when the group headed south, he headed north. Shortly thereafter Roy and Anna took leave and headed for Pheasant Drive via historic KY 536.



Memorial Day, Part II, by Glenna

After Roy and Anna and Tom and Russ dropped off, six cars journeyed on. As we reached Pleasant Ridge Church, we took a stretch break and Tom Klein served cucumber-cream cheese sandwiches that Mary Lou made for us. They were delicious! We continued on to Dry Ridge where we made a pit stop – mostly to soak up some air conditioning. Did anyone mention a 90° day?

Along with the A/C, some Icees, and Diet Cokes we were sufficiently rejuvenated to continue on. All was going according to plan as Terry led us through Williamstown until we reached the US 25 bridge that was closed. That called for a turn around and a detour. We had to get on I-75 for one exit to make it the rest of the way to Corinth. There we stopped at Noble's Truck Stop—at least that's what Terry said it was called. Their sign was missing and it was questionable if they were even still in business. But, there was a sign on the door to indicate they were, indeed, open. Tom Klein and Richard Middendorf had other engagements, so they headed back while the rest of us enjoyed salads, sandwiches, or desserts. The "Final Four" cars headed back north on US 25 via the I-75 detour. Terry and Glenna and Bill and Jane broke off toward Taylor Mill, while Tony turned toward Walton and Gary and Cas made their way over the river.

Thanks to all who participated in the parade and went on the ride. We had a great time as usual!

Glenna and Terry

