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MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 2006

We met for our annual Christmas party at the Greyhound Tavern. There were 46 people present. After a delicious meal, the meeting was called to order by President Ed Faulkner.

For the sake of brevity, Ed dispensed with the usual opening business and welcomed all who were in attendance. He thanked Ray Mauer for organizing the dinner; Cas and Gary Daley for decorations and awards; and Tom Bauer and friend Roger for creating our new HCC web site.

1. Check out the website at *oldtin.net*. We will vote in February to keep it up for a small fee, or let it go.

2. Ed reminded us that 2007 dues are due and may be sent to Anna Williams. Ray also reminded us that club decals are available and suitable for holiday gift-giving.

3. Ed opened the floor for nominations for all club offices. As no nominations were forthcoming, it was moved and seconded that the current slate of officers continue their service in 2007. Motion carried.

4. Ed turned the proceedings over to Cas and Gary for some special "awards":

- Marlene Schmid received a lovely 'fan-blade candelabra to commemorate her emergency blade transplant in Brookville.
- Joanna Williams received a lovely spare-fuse-and-chocolate necklace in honor of her many stops on the Jack Frost Tour. In her absence, the award was accepted by her beautiful mother.
- Unfortunately five new tires were outside the budget, so Bill Portier was presented with a tire patch kit he will surely need again for his many "Maypop" brand tires.

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FOR SALE

Numerous Kentucky and Ohio license plates for most years. Also have some years for other states. Ray Mauer 859-363-8880

Transmission filter for Model T, NIB
Ed Faulkner 859-491-2457 efaulkner@fuse.net

1930 Model A sedan, new paint, new interior, and new tires. asking \$8500
Len Cooper 859-635-9963

1957 Thunderbird, needing restoration. Contact Ed Faulkner for more info.
859-491-2457 or email: efaulkner@fuse.net

Shay parts, like new, early take-offs.
Ralph Bailey 859-331-3318

1965 Thunderbird, engine redone, has new: brakes, brake lines, brake booster, tires, rear springs, and fuel pump.
513-533-5966 during business hours, ask for Don.

FREE DUES

Just kidding. But seriously, Anna would like to remind us all that 2007 dues are due. Cash, check, or money orders are accepted, but not Paypal. You can mail your dues to her or pay at the February meeting. Anna's address is to be found on the front page.

BLUEGRASS REGION WEBSITE

If you haven't done so check out the web page. The address is oldtin.net. We will be voting on whether to keep it up or not at the February meeting. We have all been to sites that haven't been updated since Hector was a pup. Intentions are to try to update every month or so. Naturally the winter months are slow news-wise and the volume of the update(s) is likely to be smaller. Once into the touring season, that should change. Should we decide to keep the site, your input is

vital to its interest and success. Contributions can be sent to your ED either by email, snail mail, by phone, or passed on at meetings. The site isn't intended to replace the SPOKES, but rather to compliment it.

President's Message January-February 2007

Belated Happy New Year!! I hope that all of you had a great holiday season. As I write this, we have 1/3 of the winter behind us, so being the eternal optimist, I consider it almost over!! Before you know it, we'll be touring all over Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio again. So, since spring is just around the corner, don't procrastinate with those car improvement projects that you have planned to do, but just never got around to them. They couldn't be done during touring season because you didn't want to car to be out of commission and then the holidays rolled around you were too busy with other activities to work on the car. So, now is the time to get old friend in tip-top shape for the 2007 season. I'm going to take my own advice and rebuild the coil box in the '26 "T" touring car that I bought last summer. To some of you, this might seem to be elementary, but to a novice like me, it's a big project!!

Another great wintertime activity is planning club tours for the upcoming season. It's fun getting out the maps, selecting a destination, considering various routes and then, on a sunny day, running the selected route to make sure the maps are correct. I found out last Christmas that maps, Map Quest and GPS systems can all be wrong. So, I would encourage all of you who haven't led a tour before to give it a try. If you need some help, give me a call! I'm in the process of planning two overnights - one to Hocking Hills State Park in April and one to Bardstown in the June/July time frame. Stay tuned for more details.

We may have some new, or maybe old, features at this year's meetings. I've received suggestions from a couple of people to show some car videos and/or have some technical talks at the meetings. We'll discuss this further we get together on February 20th at Walt's Hitching Post to kick-off the 2007 season. I hope to see you all there!!

Accessory Of The Month

UNLIMITED mileage—not built like a depth bomb to explode at a given point.



BRASS POLISHINGS

A Schedule of Events for 2007

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	CHAIRMAN
FEBRUARY	February 20	Regularly scheduled meeting at Walt's Hitching Post	
APRIL	April 17	Regularly scheduled meeting at Walt's Hitching Post	
MAY	May	Memorial Day Parade in Bellevue	Terry and Glenna
JUNE	June	Berry Festival at Berry, KY	TBA
	June	Carmel Manor visit	TBA
	June 19	Regularly scheduled meeting at Walt's Hitching Post	
	June	Paddle Wheel Regatta and car show in Augusta, KY	TBA
AUGUST	August	Georgetown, OH Car/Machinery Show	Cas and Gary
	August 21	Regularly scheduled meeting at Walt's Hitching Post	
SEPTEMBER	Sept	Swap meet at Marion Co. Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN	
	Sept	Brookville, IN machinery show	Marlene
	Sept	Dinsmore House	Roy and Anna
OCTOBER	October	AACA swap meet at Hershey, PA	
	October	Fall Foliage Tour	Rick and Sue
	October	Regularly scheduled meeting.	
NOVEMBER	November	Jack Frost Tour	Ken and Susie
DECEMBER	December	Christmas party/meeting at the Greyhound Tavern	Ray

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTHLY AND START AT 7:30. MEETING SITES 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 DATES MARKED XX ARE TENTATIVE. CONTACT THE EVENT CHAIRMAN IN CASE OF QUESTIONS. STAY IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS. NOT ALL LISTINGS IN EVENTS 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.

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- John Nicholas was awarded a can of Official Model A Brake fluid and an Official HCC stop block – just in case.
- Tom Bauer is still working the kinks out of his new Model A and was awarded a four-leaf clover, rabbit’s foot, and “tow truck” to help out.
- Cas and Gary were also kind enough to return to Don Trotter a valuable flange (you know how those parts just sometimes drop off) and the heat tape to keep it on.
- Cas and Gary also had gifts for each officer, including an Official HCC lunch box for Ed and his healthy traveling snacks.

5. Each of the guys received a Model A plaque, courtesy of Ray Mauer. Each driver received a Participation Award plaque and each lady received a Santa’s Clothes Basket centerpiece, courtesy of Cas and Gary Daley. Aren’t we lucky to have such creative club members?

6. An impromptu Sunshine Report included Terry Depew, who has been feeling “flu-ish” for quite a while now, Richard Middendorf who lost his brother-in-law and whose sister is in hospice care, and Jack Ross who has been moved to a VA Hospital in Wilmore, KY and seems to be doing better down there. Let’s keep them in our prayers.

7. Split the Pot prizes totaling \$66 were won by Amy Faulkner, Gary Pranger, and Sam Bonar.

Meeting adjourned. Anna Williams,
 substituting for Sue Nicholson, Secretary

AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY AT A GLANCE

January 1, 1919 Edsel Takes Dad's Job



Edsel Ford succeeded his father, Henry Ford, as president of the Ford Motor Company. That same day, the company announced that it would increase its minimum wage to \$6.00 per day. Henry Ford made history in 1914 by

increasing the minimum wage in his factories to \$5.00

per day, far more than his competitors were paying.

February 4, 1941 Seventy-Six Years Olds

On this day, seventy-six-year-old Ran received his last patent for an innovation in his career, Olds American powered vehicle when he was teen. In 1897, he received a patent



seventy-six-som Eli Olds automobile ternal com-design. An throughout built the first steam-in 1887 only eight-Olds re-for his

“motor carriage,” a gasoline-powered vehicle that he built the year before. He is also credited with having developed the first automobile production line. In an effort to meet the production demands for the Olds Runabout, Olds contracted with the likes of the Dodge brothers for the parts to his cars, which he then assembled in his own factory space. Olds' assembly line was able to produce a higher volume of automobiles in a shorter period of time than was possible using the traditional method of building each vehicle individually. Olds Motor Works sold 425 Runabouts in its first year of business, 2,500 the next year, 5,000 in 1904, and the rest is automobile history.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

The complete events calendar from 2006 is posted on page 4. Read it over. It is hoped it will serve as an idea board for events in 2007. Several outings have become well established but there’s room for more and/or maybe some folks who have run a tour for two or three years in a row may want to take a year off. Maybe you have been thinking about sponsoring a drive. It’s been repeatedly said that there’s not a mountain of work in hosting a one day tour. Admittedly an over nighter is a road of different pavement, but perhaps a two-day tour will materialize after a year’s hiatus. Do think about it won’t you?

CARBIDE LIGHTS

3RD ANNUAL JACK FROST TOUR 2006

By some miracle, we experienced the third good weather day in as many years for our Jack Frost Tour. We were more than thankful.

Joining us at McDonald's in the Independence Towne Center, were Janet and Rook, Roy and Anna, Ed, Terri and Glenna, Ray and Mary Lu, Len and Sylvia, Bill and Phyllis, Don, Tom and Richard, representing two Model T's and nine A's. We certainly missed those who could not join us, however enjoyed the company of those who did attend.

We departed at 10:00 AM enjoying crisp cool air, but with sunny skies to arrive at the BP & Country Store in Mt Zion after about an hour of driving. I was accused of driving too fast, however Ed seemed to be able to push us if he so desired. After a short break, we continued on through Elliston, Glencoe, Sparta, and on to General Butler Two Rivers Restaurant for the usual excellent buffet in a private dining room overlooking the River. Upon exiting the park, we took a slight detour for fuel, then continued north on route #36, taking a break at the Glencoe General Store. We continued north on Route #16 through Verona and Walton, losing the Butler and Florence members in

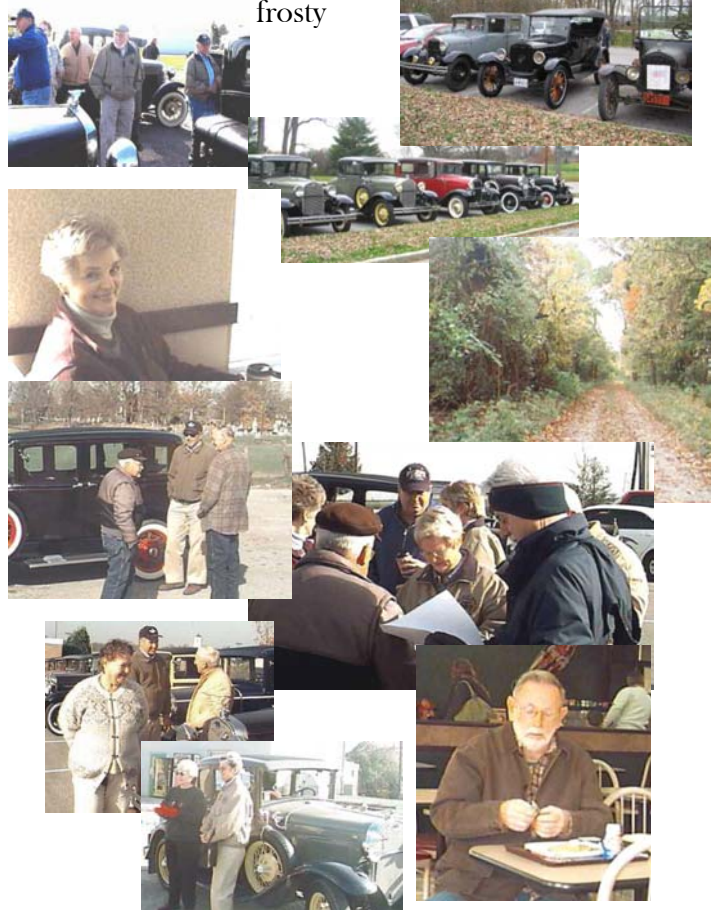


Walton.

We experienced no breakdowns, no delays and a pleasant but somewhat cloudy afternoon in November. It was a great day!! Thanks to all who were able to participate.

Susie & Ken

p.s. Jack Frost, patron saint of our tour, is a figure from folklore, an elfish creature who personifies crisp, cold weather. He is said to leave those beautiful patterns on autumn leaves and windows on



frosty

mornings. It is thought that he originated in Norse folklore as Jokul ("icicle") and Frosti ("frost"). There now. Aren't you just as warm as biscuits fresh out of the oven ? You're welcome.

A FEW POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG OUR ITINERARY

ELLISTON, KENTUCKY - Pretty Boy Floyd robbed the bank here of \$2,700 in May of 1931.

MOUNT ZION, KENTUCKY - Pretty Boy Floyd robbed the bank here of \$4,000 in June 1931.

And you thought nothing ever happened in this neck of the woods? Pshaw. It's a happening area. For 1931, at least.