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From the President

It's great that we seem to have a relatively "normal" spring so far this year with typical temperatures and rain. This past weekend was "Raise Your A Day" and although the weather forecasters predicted a sunny day 24 hours before, we got light rain showers all day long. That did not dampen the enthusiasm or our appetites for Model A Ford repairs or food; more about this event in this issue of the "A"nnouncer.

This is easily my favorite time of the year as far as a great time to enjoy the outdoors and, of course, having fun with our old cars. The touring season is now finally upon us. The Hellertown Model A Ford show and swap meet was April 29 and is a great little show. I hope you all had a chance to get there.

Coming up soon is another excellent swap meet and show in Rhinebeck, New York. A few of our members are planning to make the trip. Next up is the AACA Spring Meet. Details of these events and others appear in the "A"nnouncer.

As the touring season evolves, remember to share your ideas for new events with everyone. Dave Allison would be happy to add your event details to our club newsletter.

See you soon,
Bob

Update on Hoo, the Owl

You may recall that in January, Diane and I were on the way to the January Breakfast Event and we took a little detour to try and save our friend Hoo the East-



ern Screech Owl. Diane saw, him sitting on the side of Route 113 just outside of Dublin, apparently hit by a car. (Hoo was aptly named in the February Announcer by our President, Bob Outwater.) We took him to the AARK wildlife rehabilitation facility in Chalfont where he has been convalescing. We want to report that Hoo **WAS RELEASED** back into the wild in April. Way to go Diane for spotting this little guy on the side of the road and for taking him to a place where he could get help. It's nice to know that our efforts were not in vain.

Dave

Antique Auto Restoration

By Doug Pyatt

Many of us like to work on our old cars, and our club is really starting to produce some talented restorers. Much of this seems to come from several homes, and I want to mention at least two places. Bob Outwater has been building cars and trucks for many years, and has created some really nice vehicles. He is always ready to share ideas, and some quality time on projects for others too. Also, Chuck Savitske has repaired many cars for local drivers and club members. He is always willing to share his skills and ideas.

There are a few guys on the club periphery who give technical advice, and they all seem to be named Bob something. There is Ica-Bob, Bonneville-Bob,



etc. all of whom are semi-regulars at club gatherings. One key place for getting together is Chuck's garage in Lower Saucon Township. Ken Nygard found his way there with his '51 Ford pick-up. This classic old Ford truck looked like it just came off

of the movie studio lot for "Sanford and Son".

The first order of business was the removal (at Chuck's garage), and rebuilding of the V-8 flathead engine. The motor was sent out and rebuilt while Chuck showed Ken how to weld up some new motor



mounts. Now the truck purrs like a kitten. Next the front fenders were removed and again Chuck showed Ken how to make the necessary repairs. The story goes on to the bed of the

truck while Ken learns how to do more welding.

All of this has produced a nice repair,



and saved Ken critical funds that could be used elsewhere in the rebuild. Ken showed his gratitude by purchasing a bolt “stick man” figure that was welded up by an artist. The figure is of a man playing a banjo. Banjo playing is something Chuck learned to do in his spare time, so he really appreciated the gift.





While Chuck was continuing to work on his own “hot rod” project he thought the Banjo Man would make a wonderful radiator ornament. He put it

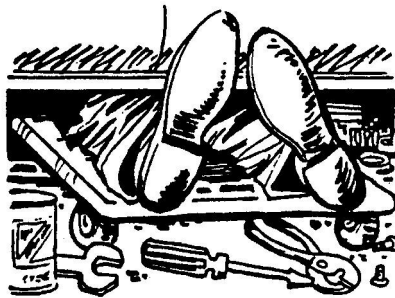
in place, but although he liked the look, it seemed to be too big. After some thought a new figure was welded together that was half the size, and then affixed to the radiator cap. Perfect!

Next, after Chuck and Bob Outwater cut



and extended his (Bob’s) pick-up cab for more leg room, Chuck decided that his hot rod Tudor body really needed to be a Deluxe Delivery body. After much thought and a lot of courage to

touch a cutting wheel to your car, he cut out a door. He skillfully made a steel frame and placed hinges with hardware to make an operating door. This came out really very well. Sometime next year we will see three very nice vehicles that were completely done by club members. It is amazing what a few people can create while working as a team.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

Rhinebeck New York Antique Car Show and Flea Market

Saturday and Sunday May 6th and 7th

The car show and swap meet will be rain or shine in Rhinebeck, NY. We will initially meet on U.S. 611 and RT 212 in Riegelsville and travel along 611 to 209 up to New York on May 6th. We will be spending one night at the Super 8 Motel in Kingston, NY. The next day (May 7) we will meet early and travel to the fairgrounds for parking on the show field. Model A cars (and occupants) get in for free, but newer cars have to pay a registration fee. There are many places to obtain food, etc. on the grounds and we usually start leaving around 2:30 PM for the return trip home. The Super 8 is located at 487 Washington Ave., Kingston, NY 12401 (phone: 845-338-3078). Let Doug Pyatt know who will be going, PH 610-974-9718.

AACA 66th Annual Spring Meet

Sunday May 7th 2017

Mennen Arena 161 East Hanover Rd

Morristown N.J

This is the AACA event that replaces the Automatic Switch show in Florham Park N.J. It is hosted by Dick and Bobbi Bettle. Please call to let them know that you are coming at (973) 966-2947.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Delaware Valley Fire House Spaghetti Dinner

Friday May 12, 2017 5:30 PM

Come out and bring your car to support the Delaware Valley Fire Department on Headquarters Road in Erwinna PA and enjoy the company of your fellow Model A Club members. Dinners are \$10 each and include salad, main course, bread, wine, coffee and dessert. See you there.

June

Race of Gentlemen, Wildwood N.J Friday June 9 to Sunday June 11

Contact Tom Burrell at (908) 334-1415 for more information. [Click here for the website.](#)

Delaware Valley Fire House Spaghetti Dinner Friday June 9, 2017 5:30 PM

See above for details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Picnic at Tom Fritz's House
Saturday June 17, 2017
78 Midvale Ave,
Millington N.J.

Get your passport to N.J. ready. Tom Fritz will host his annual picnic at his house beginning at 11:00 AM. Please let Tom know what side or dessert you will bring. This is always a fun event. You never know what Tom will come up with during the event.

Contact Tom at : (908) 580-0502 or at thomas.fritz@exelisinc.com to let him know that you are coming and what you will bring.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Every Friday in June Somerville N.J. Cruise Night

Contact Tom Fritz at 908-580-0502 for more information

Every Other Saturday in June Flemington Cruise Night

Contact Bob Outwater at 908-580-0502 for more information





Raise Your “A” Day (or as some may prefer, “Up Your “A” Day”)

10 AM-Saturday, April 22, 2017

Dave Allison, Doug Pyatt, Tom Fritz and Debbie Daye, Dick Bettle, Ken Nygard, Tom Burrell, Tom Battle, Lee Stoudt and his son Corey, Peg and Ed Hardy, John and Donna Cawthorne, and Bob and Bernadette Outwater, attended the 2017 Raise your “A” Event. This was great turnout despite light showers and cool temperatures all day.

Everyone arrived with their “As” at 10:00 AM with their treats

and lunch goodies. We enjoyed coffee and donuts while we caught up on the latest news and events happening since our last meeting in March (Planning Meeting).



Dave Allison was the first to arrive so he earned the first spot on the lift and the “early bird gets the worm” award. Dave had asked Bob a few weeks earlier if we could remove a very very stubborn and severely cracked steering wheel from his roadster. Happy to oblige, Bob pulled out the heavy machinery;

including, wiz wheels, wheel pullers, acetylene torch and hammers to Dave’s horror! After about 90 minutes the old steering wheel relented and a shiny new one appeared. Dave was able to manage a broad smile after his blood pressure came down.



We all enjoyed a great lunch of Italian sub sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and of

course, treats like tasty carrot cake, brownies, ice cream and cookies for dessert. Thanks to everyone for their generous contributions of





food and beverages.

Our newest members, Tom Battle and Lee Stoudt attended their first “Up Your A Day” and a turn on the lift to check out their Model A Fords (1928

Tudor and 1930 Coupe, respectively). I think both Tom and Lee enjoyed the “inspection” and friendly advice and suggestions on making their cars more road-worthy, safer, and even more fun to drive.



As usual, everyone else got their turn to use the lift to grease their trusty Model A Fords, check fluid levels, adjust tire pressure, and confirm everything was in good shape for the 2017 touring season. This event is important to our club and it is gratifying that our members are willing and ready to point out all the things they see as potential or real problems. Our lively debates and hysterical banter are always a treat.

A special thanks to Bernadette for her hard work and patience in making this a great day.

Hellertown Model A Show

Lehigh Valley Model A Club

April 29th 2017

The Lehigh Valley Model A Club's Annual Model A Show in Hellertown just keeps getting bigger and better every year. This year, I would estimate that well over 100 cars were in attendance. The Running Board A's made a great showing with 17 members attending in 13 cars. Those in attendance included Bob Outwater, Bill Hall, Tom Burrell, Tom Fritz, Deb Daye, Ed and Peg Hardy, Doug Pyatt, Chuck Savitske, Bob Adams, John Leydon, Ken Nygard, Lee and Corey Stoudt, Tom Battle, Dick Bettle and me. In all fairness, John Leydon came with his home club, the Greater Baltimore Region. They had 12 cars, and stopped in on their way to a tour of the Hudson River Valley. We don't get to see John all that often, so it was great to see him and to chat with some of the other members of his club.

There were some great demonstrations of how Model A's were used in the day to make some chores easier, like removing corn from the cob and grinding corn.

There was also a hit and miss engine demonstration and an AA truck with a huge compressor on the back that was on display.



One vehicle that seemed to always have a crowd around it was Chuck Savitske's Model A farm truck, "Willie". With



not one spot of paint on it, it's "hillbilly turbo charger", and vice grip pliers shut off valve, just to name a few of the many options on the truck, it was

definitely a conversation piece.

There were lots of vendors in the flea market. I saw lots of our club members walk out with items that they



just couldn't live without.

It was a great day! Thanks go out to the LVMAC for all their efforts to make this event happen.



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