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The Running Board “A’s” club is a Model “A” Ford touring club. We are a region of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC). MARC recommends that all region members become members of MARC. See <http://model-a-ford.org/> for more information.



Well it's almost time for the planning session meeting. I hope everyone has been thinking about new exciting things we can do as a club. Although we are primarily a Model A touring club, we are not limited to just touring. I fondly recall a great chili cook off hosted by past pres. Bob Outwater. as well as a Halloween party complete with pumpkin carving. The car tour to Harpers Ferry hosted by Dave and Diane Allison took a tremendous amount of planning, and the end result was a fantastic tour. Although I was not there for it, I heard the tour across the top of Pa. was great. Your imagination is the only thing in the way of making tours such as these be a success. Saturday March 10 is the date for the planning session. Look to see you all there with ideas in hand. Bob "A"

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



Museum Tour

February 9, 2018

The museum tour, hosted by Ken Nygard, was scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, but Mother Nature had different plans. A snow and ice storm hit the area on Tuesday. That closed the schools in the area, which also closes the museums in the area as well. Luckily Ken had Friday in the back of his mind as a snow date. Making the change actually increased the number of people in attendance!

Our first stop was the National Museum of Industrial History in Allentown PA. The museum is located in the electrical repair

shop of the old Bethlehem Steel Mill. There was quite the crew of Running Board A's members and guests in attendance. Members included Ed and Peg Hardy, Bob and Bernadette



Outwater, Tom Fritz, Deb Daye, Ken Nygard, Chuck Savitske, Dick Bettle and me. Guests included Paul Fiedler, Bob Daurenheim, Joe Kuhl, Carl Swope and Ray Campbell.

Our tour guide, Larry, was very knowledgeable, but little did he know that both Ray and Chuck worked in the steel mill. In fact, Ray worked in the building right next door. He also didn't expect a group with as much

experience with the operation of steam engines. Chuck runs many of the steam engines at the Kinzers Rough and Tumble event and Deb owns her own steam boat!

Our guide, Larry, pictured at right, is next to a foot pedal operated wood lathe on loan from the Smithsonian Institute. This mu-



seum is actually one of the first satellite museums of the Smithsonian. Many of the artifacts on display are on loan from the museum. Many other items came

directly from the steel mill, including a metal lathe that was actually operated by a long belt that was connected to an overhead shaft that was turned by a steam engine.



One of the bigger machines in the museum is a steam operated water pump that was last used in York, PA after a hurricane and flood took out the water system in the town in 1972.

The museum obtained the pump from the Kinzers

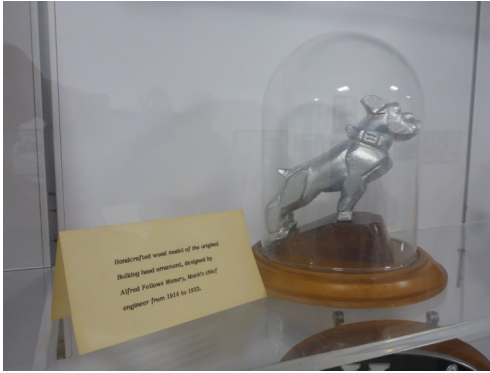
steam engine display. They have plans to restore it and make it operational again. I understand that Chuck has volunteered to assist the museum in this process.



In addition to the various heavy industry and steel making displays in the museum, there was also a display on silk making. This covered everything from the use of silk moths and what it takes to collect the silk to weaving various silk items for the White House.

There were also other displays about various industries in and around the Allentown area. One was on the development of propane gas that was very interesting.

We ended our tour around noon and then took off for the Brass Rail Restaurant in Allentown for lunch. After a great lunch, we headed just a short way down the road to the Mack Truck Museum. Our guide at this museum was Jim. He took us through a timeline of the development of the company, including how the iconic bulldog came about. It was during World War I that the English thought that the trucks were as tough as bulldogs, so the label stuck and a mascot was born. There was even a hand carved bulldog on



display that was used as the model for the Mack Truck hood ornaments. This was a great tour with lots of historic trucks on display, including a beautifully restored 1913 bus that we thought would make a

great bus for the club...except that it can only go 15 miles per hour!



We had a great day! Thanks to Ken Nygard for setting up a day at the museums.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Planning Meeting
Saturday March 10, 2018
11:30 AM
Hosted by the Allison's
108 Ervin Rd Pipersville PA. 18947

Come to the planning meeting where we will plan our touring and event schedule for 2018. Bring your ideas! If you have never planned an event, we can offer plenty of help to make sure your event is a success.

The Allison's will provide sandwich makings, drinks and ice cream sundae fixin's for dessert. Please let them know by March 7 that you are coming and find out what you can bring to share in the way of a side dish with the group. Contact Dave and Diane at 267-733-3708.

See you there



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAME SHOW • NEW LOCATION

Trexlerstown

Model 'A & AA' Only Car Show & Swap

Hosted by: Goodwill Fire Company & Lehigh Valley Model A Ford Club



NO Car or Entrance Fee
Hubley Model Car Display
Technical Presentation
Swap Meet & Concessions
Pin Striping by Jim Brand
Variety of Model "A" Cars
Paved Parking for Show Cars

Stock-Original Model A Fords and Ford Era Equipment Only

Sunday, April 22, 2018


Rain or Shine

9 am to 3 pm

7723 Hamilton Blvd
Breinigsville, PA 18031
Short Drive from Rt 78 and Rt 222



An associated car club is not required for show.
RSVP your swap space or your club for the day:
484.548.0632 or lvmodelclub@gmail.com

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Model 'A' Club 

Swap meet spots are a \$10 Donation • Model A / AA & Early Ford Parts Only
NO house hold items • NO dolls • NO modern tools • NO modern toys

Oak Tree Supply • timzavacki@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Model A Ford Safety
Day. I'm sure we will
have a great time! !



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

10 AM-Saturday, April 28, 2018

Bob & Bernadette are pleased to once again host “Raise Your A Day”. This is a day for you and your Model A to spend some quality time together looking for those annoying rattles, cracked frames, potential suspension issues or maybe a quick lube. As always, Bob’s lift will be available for you to check things out.

Please feel free to bring any small parts you may need for your repair.

Sandwiches will be provided by Bob and Bernadette. Please let us know what side, salad or dessert, or other things you will bring to share.

Please let us know (908 237-9322 or boutw@aol.com) by April 25 if you plan to attend so we can get a headcount for lunch.

Bob & Bernadette Outwater

32 Mason Farm Rd.,
Ringoes, NJ 08551

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARC Membership Meet

April 12-15

Granville, Ohio

MARC National Meet

June 24 to July 1

Branson Missouri

MARC National Tour

September 17-20

Elkins, West Virginia

Information on the meets above can be found in the MARC magazine, *Model A News*, or on the MARC website <http://model-a-ford.org/>

2018 New England Meet

September 21 to 23,

Lake George, NY

For more information go to

<http://www.adirondackas.org/2018-new-england-meet.html>

Old Cars

Since January, Diane and I have been doing quite a bit of traveling. During our travels, it has been interesting to see how old cars have been used and abused around the country.

During our travels out west to New Mexico and Arizona, we decided to try and find and document as many old vehicles as we could. The relic below was



seen while driving across the border from Arizona to New Mexico. This gem of a Model T below, was seen while driving through southern Arizona. (I almost got the rental car stuck trying to get this picture).



We also found some restored vehicles along the road that were mostly used for advertising. The fire truck on the next page was a great example. It was used to advertise meetings for the fire company that owned it.



Speaking of advertising, how about this gem of a Studebaker used to advertise a chain of restaurants.



We actually saw several different makes and models advertising the same restaurant chain.

Our next trip took us on a drive south, where we made a stop in Washington DC. We spent a day at the Smithsonian Institute, mostly in the Natural History Museum, but at the end of the day, we decided to check out the American History Museum. Naturally I was drawn to the transportation section of the museum, where they had modes of transportation ranging from horse and buggies through modern electric cars. I was not surprised to find an example of our

beloved Model A representing the era in the late 1920's and early 1930's. Our final museum stop was



in a small auto museum right next to Luray Caverns in Virginia. The Car and Carriage Caravan Museum, had lots of cars packed into this tiny museum and our Model A's were well represented, but the Ford that I found most intriguing was this 1906 Ford



Model N. Although rare now, the Model N was the most popular Ford Model before the introduction of the Model T.

Cars were not the focus of our trips, but it certainly was fun to incorporate a look at some great examples of early transportation history while traveling around this wonderful country of ours.

Dave

For Sale



1930 Model A Coupe

Nice paint, mechanically sound, a good runner. Asking \$17,000

This car belonged to Don Ludwick and is now for sale.

Please call Christine Ludwick if interested.
610-495-5454



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For the Running Board "A's"**

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