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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, another warm weather driving season is almost upon us. Just look at the calendar, not out the window. Hard to believe another snow storm. The good thing is that the 16 inches we got Wednesday had melted down to 6 inches by Friday. I am anxious to get the A back on the road. Speaking about getting the car on the road, congratulations are in order to Doug Pyatt for driving one of his A's over 5000 miles and to Dick Bettle for achieving a 10,000 mile mark with his car. Just a side note, Dick would have had more miles had the drive shaft not let him down on the way to Das Awkscht Fescht last year. Doug has driven almost 5000 miles on another of his cars so he too is a very high mileage achiever. Hope to see more club members join the mileage program. Don't forget that if your "A" has any aches or pains, bring it and yourself to the Outwater's for Raise you're a Day Saturday April 28. Looking forward to seeing you and spring.

Pres. Bob

HAPPY
Spring!



**Annual Planning Meeting
Saturday March 10, 2018
Hosted by the Allison's**

If the number of events that results from a planning meeting is any indication of a success, then this planning meeting hit a home run.

I think that there must have been a case of cabin fever in the membership, because A LOT of members turned out for this event.

Those in attendance included Bob and Bernadette Outwater, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Ken and Judy Nygard, Bob and Leslie Adams, Doug and Gail Pyatt, Don and Nancy Steinberg, Ray and Nel DeMarco, Chuck and Deb Savitske, Lorraine Fox, John Leydon, Dexter Hutchins, Tom Fritz, Deb Daye and Diane and I.

Thanks first of all to everyone for putting up with my parking demands. You all followed directions admirably so we were actually able to fit everyone's car in the drive way. That was no small feat. Some day it will be dry enough that we can park some cars on the grass, but not this year.

Also thanks to everyone for bringing such great food to share. If there is one thing this club knows how to do, it's cook ... and eat! Finally thanks to Diane, who did the meal planning and coordinated all of the items brought to share. That's no small job when planning lunch for 23.



We started out with lunch being served first, because people seem to think better on a full stomach. As an incentive, though, we did withhold dessert (7 different flavors of ice cream) until after the meeting.

According to my notes, we came up with at least 24 events from April through December. That doesn't include the three or four events that we have already had from January through March. There are a lot of the old fa-

avorites on the calendar, like Raise Your “A” Day and the Road Kill Rally, and there are



plenty of new events to try as well.

John Leydon extended an invitation from the Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club for an overnight tour and picnic in Aldie, Va. The Bettles are putting the finishing touches on a Model A Covered Bridges Tour. Lorraine Fox is planning a Fountain of Reflection Tour.

There are several overnight tours to think about, including Rhinebeck, a couple of MARC National Events and the New England Meet, all of which are doable from our location.

The list does not include the firehouse spaghetti dinners and all of the potential Flemington and Somerville Cruise nights. There is also one mid week overnight tour in the works, and at least two restoration shop tours that didn't make the calendar yet. But we are



working on fitting them into the schedule. I have begun working up a master calendar and hope to have it out to everyone in the next few weeks.

In the mean time, there is still room on the calendar, so if you come up with any ideas, don't be shy, let us know your idea. There's always room for one more.

Dave

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAME SHOW • NEW LOCATION

Trexlertown 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

Lehigh Valley
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



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

908 237-9322

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

Rhinebeck Auto show and Tour May 5 and 6

On Saturday, we will leave mid morning and travel up along the scenic Delaware River and stop for lunch in Milford PA. From there, we will then travel for about another two hours to Kingston NY along great Model A roads, where we will spend the night. Sunday morning we will cross the Hudson to Rhinebeck and the Dutchess County Fair Grounds where we spend the day at the Rhinebeck Auto Show. Registration is free for Model A's. We leave the show between 2 and 3 PM and were are usually home before dark. This is a great tour and show. It's great to blow the cobwebs out of the carburetor on this early tour and show.

If you wish to attend, contact the Super 8 Motel in Kingston @ 845-338-3078 to make a reservation. Contact Doug Pyatt at gcdp@rcn.com or at 610-844-6641 to let him know that you will attend .

May 6, 2018

NJ AACA Antique Car Show and Flea Market Mennen Arena 161 East Hanover Avenue, Morris- town, N.J. 07960

\$10 preregistration fee, and \$20 day of show. Contact Dick Bettel if you plan to attend. Dick can be contacted at BettelSr@gmail.com or at 973-615-2831

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18 to 20

Tour Aldie, Virginia and Picnic

John Leydon and the Greater Baltimore Model A Ford club have graciously invited us to tour the Aldie Virginia area and attend a “Model A” only picnic at Oak Hill, the Presidential Estate of James Monroe. The picnic will be held on Sunday. Tours are planned on Saturday to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and through Virginia Horse Country. A block of rooms has been reserved at a couple of local hotels.

Oak Hill is a 2000 acre estate that was designed by Thomas Jefferson and Marquis de Lafayette, and is one of the few Revolutionary Era Presidential homes still in private hands. This estate is not open to the public, but by invitation you will be treated to open access to the formal gardens and a tour of the mansion.

If you would like more information on the event, contact Dave Allison at 267-733-3708 or John Leydon at 215-478-1936 or at jkleydon@gmail.com. You will have to act fast! Registration cutoff is April 15.

May 25, 2018

First night of the Sommerville N.J Cruise season. Contact Tom Fritz at 908 580-0502 for more information.

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>

From the Editor

We are cutting the cord

As of April 1, Diane and I will no longer have our old home phone number. We have gone the way of many of you and eliminated our landline. From now on, please use my cell phone number for all calls and texts. (267-733-3708) Diane has a cell phone number too, but she never has the ringer on, so trying to call her is a lesson in futility.

Calendar of Events

A couple of days after the planning meeting, Diane and I left for a grandkid fix in California, so I have not had a chance to work on the 2018 calendar of events beyond what is in this newsletter. In the next few weeks, I plan to work on it and send it out to everyone so you can fill out your social calendar with all of the events that we discussed at the meeting.

I need to look at the car club calendar and my calendar to fit in the Wednesday-Thursday overnight trip to the Morgantown Classic Auto Mall that we discussed at the planning meeting. It becomes a bit of a challenge when I also have to consider the calendars of my children and grandchildren, but we will get it done.

I have also found out that there are two local auto restoration shops that have offered to give us tours. One is the shop that is owed by John Leydon's brother. He has offered to give us a tour of the shop, sometime in the fall. John has sent me some pictures



of the shop and it looks pretty spectacular.

I also have an invitation for the club to another restoration shop in Lebanon, NJ from a friend who works there. They do concours level

restorations for shows such as Amelia Island etc. I'll try to fit that into another Saturday.

Roster

Where is it? I know, I'm late with the membership roster. Luckily, there aren't a lot of changes so I should be able to get it out relatively soon, but please check to make sure your phone number and email address are listed correctly on the 2017 version. If not please let me know ASAP.

Help!!!!

Have any Model A related projects that you are working on....I know there are some! How about a good Model A related story. It doesn't have to be that Model A related. I am always looking for articles for the newsletter, besides, I'm sure you are getting tired of hearing from me, so anything that you can contribute to the newsletter would be a big help. Remember this is your club and your newsletter, I'm just the guy with a laptop that can type (poorly I might add).

Dave

For Sale

1930 Model A Roadster



This is a local car, located in Bedminster, PA. It comes with plenty of extras including a trunk, side curtains, stone



guard, two spares and turn signals. It currently needs a good cleaning and the carburetor needs to be rebuilt or replaced. Owner is asking \$25K or best offer.

If interested, please contact Dave Allison for more information and more pictures.

Phone 267-733-3708

Email dalliso@mail.ptd.net

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



**Membership Application
For the Running Board "A's"**

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Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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