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Well here comes all the news that is the news. This article is coming to you from the USS never sail located on the banks of Mud creek. I noticed a fellow down the street constructing a new home with a very futuristic design. Both ends of the house were pointed so it could be used as a water craft if need be. With all the rain we have had, show grounds have not been in very good condition. For a moment while trudging through the muck and mire at Das Awkscht Fescht I had flashbacks of years gone by at Hershey. In spite of the less than favorable conditions the Running Board A's were well represented and a good time was had by those who were there.

Bob



# DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT

Saturday, August 4th, 2018

This has been a particularly wet summer, and Saturday, August 4th was no exception. I was woken up by the sound of a torrential downpour early in the morning and the rain continued until 8:00 AM; the time I planned to leave home to meet up with the rest of the group. I decided to wait a little bit to see if the rain let up, and it did by about 8:30. A few of the N.J. members also decided to wait as well out of an abundance of caution. On the way to our meeting place in Quakertown, we traveled through some areas where the water pooled up over the curb. It was a good thing we waited. We got to the meeting place about 20 minutes late, but everyone made it safe and sound.



By the time we met in Quakertown, the sun was beginning to pop out. Those meeting in Quakertown were our fearless leader Ken Nygard, Bob Adams, Dick Bettel and friend Joe

Kuhl, Tom Fritz, and Bob Outwater. It was nice to have Ken's tall, bright red Ford F1 pickup truck at the head of the pack instead of bringing up the rear, like we do for most of the tours. I was bringing up the rear and was very pleased with the operation of my

newly purchased flea market CB radio. Dick and Joe drove modern, so I loaded all their chairs and coolers in my car so they didn't have to carry them in with them. The trip to Macungie turned out to be a pleasant, sunny and uneventful ride.

When we got parked, one of the parking attendants from the Lehigh Valley club showed me some photos of a couple of vendor cars and trucks parked in a low spot on the park grounds. They were up to their hoods in flood water. Not a good weekend for them!!

Doug Pyatt and Chuck Savitske came in Doug's Sedan Delivery and met us at the show.

We quickly staked out a spot in the shade next to our cars and enjoyed a pleasant, if not muddy, day. I thought that by the end of the day, the number of cars ex-



ceeded the number from last years show, but the number of vendors, and the number of cars in the car corral were way down.

Ray and Nel DeMarco joined us later in the day in their '29 roadster pickup. That was the farthest that they have taken their car! We also met up with Tom Burrell, Lee



Stoudt and his friend Jennifer, and I found Sonny Sciaretta sitting in the shade enjoying the show. We

also found club friends Carson and Millie Krause. They attended the Rhinebeck show with us and they are a lot of fun to hang out with.



We made our requisite ice cream stop before we left the show, so we

didn't have to make a stop on the way home.

In spite of the wet start, it turned out to be a beautiful day and the turnout for the Running Board A's was exceptional.

There are a lot more events to come this fall, so make sure you attend. They are a lot of fun and you need to get your cars out and **DRIVE** them.

## Food for Thought

I found, (stole) this article from Betty Fisher, editor of the Greater Baltimore Model A Ford Club. Betty considers herself a Lexophile (see the definition below) and got this from GBMAFC member Bud Carroll.

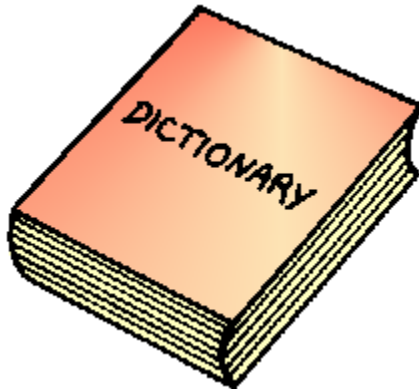
***“Lexophiles” are those who have a love for words, such as “You can tune a piano, but can’t tuna fish,” or “To write with a broken pencil is pointless.” An annual competition is held by the New York Times to see who can create the best original lexophile. Some of the entries are below:***

- No matter how much you push the envelope, it’ll still be stationery.
- If you don’t pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- I’m reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can’t put it down.
- I didn’t like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- I changed my iPod’s name to Titanic. It’s syncing now.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I know a guy who’s addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year old was resisting a rest.
- A bicycle can't stand alone, it's just two tired.
- The guy who fell into an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.
- He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.

**And the winner was:**

- **Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## September

**September 1, Duryea Days,**

**Boyertown PA**

**9:00 AM**

Contact Bob Adams at 215-538-2425 if you want to attend this great car show event.

## **Stockton Fire Company Cruise Night and Ice Cream Social, September 7**

Contact Bob Outwater at 908-237-9322 if you plan to attend



*Stockton Fire Company*  
*Friday, Sept 7, 2018*

*9 Mill Street, Stockton, NJ*  
*5:30 pm - 8:00 pm*

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

## **Overnight trip to the Classic Auto Mall**

### **Morgantown PA.**

### **September 12 and 13, 2018**

We will meet at the WAWA on RT 663 in Quakertown at 10:00 AM on Wednesday September 12. We will travel back roads to the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown PA, stopping for lunch on the way. We will tour the [Classic Auto Mall](#) at 1:30 PM. There are over 400 cars on display. Many are barn finds and some are there on consignment. After our tour, we will get some dinner and be back for the Cruise Night sponsored by the Classic Auto Mall.

We will be staying in the Holiday Inn which is attached to the Auto Mall building. I have reserved a block of rooms @ \$109 per night plus tax. Contact the hotel at 610-286-3000 and tell them you are with the Running Board A's to get the special rate.

We will get breakfast the next day and then be on our way back home.

Please contact me at 267-733-3708 or at dalliso@mail.ptd.net to let me know that you are coming. **I need to know if you are coming even just for the day by September 7th so I can make lunch and dinner reservations**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## October

### Hershey Fall Meet

**October 3 to 7**

Contact Bob Outwater at 908-237-9322 if you plan to attend

### Joint Steamboat/ Model A Meet

**Saturday 9:00 AM, October 13, 2018**

### Nockamixon State Park, Haycock Boat Launch Area

Bring your Model A and a picnic lunch and plan to stay the day. Deb Daye and Doug Pyatt will be giving rides on their steamboats, the *Jimmy D.* and, the *Rangeley* respectively. This is always a fun event.



# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

## **Flemington Speedway Historical Society Auto Show, Hunterdon County Fair Grounds, Ringos N.J.**

**Saturday, October 20, 2018, 9:00 AM**

This event will be hosted by Bob Outwater. We will meet at his house, 32 Mason Farm Road, Ringoes, N.J. at 9:00 AM and leave for the fair grounds from there. There is a \$10 entrance fee the day of show. Contact Bob at 908-237-9322 if you plan to attend.

## **Road Kill Rally**

### **Hellertown PA**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10:00  
AM**

Don't miss this fun event to cap off our touring season. Deb and Chuck Savitske always have a great rally laid out and there is always plenty of food and drink after the rally. Contact Chuck and Deb at 610-838-2338 to let them know that you will attend and to let them know what you will bring to share.

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**Annual Fall Roll Out**  
**Saturday November 4th**  
**Riegelsville PA**

This is the last car show of the season. Contact Bob Outwater if you plan to attend at 908-237-9322

**Annual Business Meeting and  
Lunch**

**Saturday November 17, 2018**  
**11:30 AM**

**Christ Luthern Church**  
**353 East Dark Hollow Rd,**  
**Pipersville PA**

This is our only business meeting of the year. We will elect new officers and conduct the business of the club. Please contact Bob Adams at 215-538-2425 to let him know that you will attend and what you will bring to share for lunch.

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

*Holiday Party and Gift  
Exchange  
Sunday December 9, 2018  
Frenchtown Inn  
Frenchtown NJ.  
12:00 Noon*

Our Holiday Party will be held at the Frenchtown Inn, hosted by Bob and Leslie Adams. Don't miss the fun event that caps off our touring season. Watch the newsletter for more details.



# **Rough & Tumble Engineers**

## **70<sup>th</sup> Annual**

### **Threshermen's Reunion**

#### **August 15 – 18, 2018**

**Article and Photos by Ken Nygard**

If you did not make it to this year's reunion or have never been out to Kinzers to attend this event, you've been missing a great event! Put next year's Reunion on your calendar now! It will be held August 14 – 17, 2019.

There is something for everyone at Rough and Tumble. Featured this year were Oliver, Cletrac & Hart Parr equipment, but there was much more and always something new. There was steam powered construction equipment, (yes, there really were STEAM

SHOVELS and STEAM ROLLERS) stationary steam engines from various industries, LOTS of steam



powered tractors, sawmill and shingle mills (steam powered of course!), big and little railroad rides and of course, OLD CARS and TRUCKS. And it's not just steam. There is



also a large assortment of smaller equipment including lawn and garden, washing machines, water pumps, hit and miss and more.

Our own Chuck Savitske is one of the engineers for the “Little Toot” railroad. Chuck enjoys giving children of all ages a ride on his part of the railroad. You will be saddened to hear that Chuck’s “Willy” did not make it to the show this year. Willy was willing, but it was not to be, his ride to the show broke down. So much for modern transportation!



Amazing to me is that almost everything at the show works! Many of the stationary steam engines from industry were in service for 100+ years before retirement to Rough

& Tumble! It is mesmerizing to watch all the engines with levers, connecting rods, crankshafts and big flywheels spinning and whirring mostly in near silence.





New to me this year was the “Autohaus” with a quite amazing collection of rare and old cars. There were old trucks, a

1906 Stanley Steamer, a 1904 Oldsmobile and a 1909 Sears.



It was a nice way to spend a summer day. There is lots



of shade, plenty of reasonably priced food that supports the fire company, a large flea market and plenty of benches to give your weary feet a rest.



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

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