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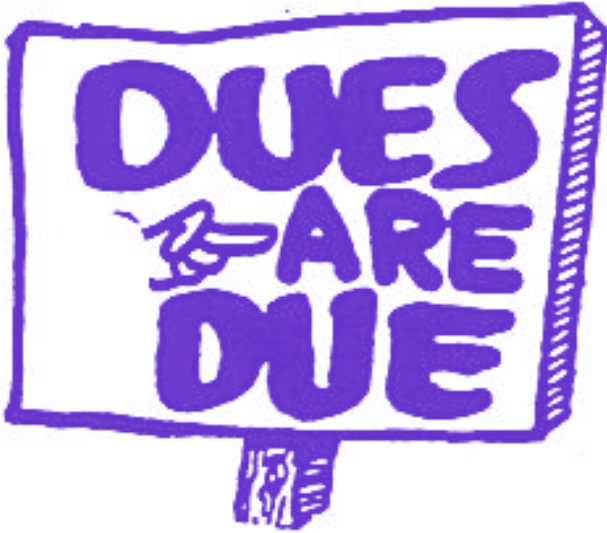
**The Running Board “A’s” club is a Model “A” Ford touring club. We are a region of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC). MARC recommends that all region members become members of MARC. See <http://model-a-ford.org/> for more information.**

## **From the President**

The annual breakfast get together sponsored by the Hardy's was a great success. The restaurant knowing how noisy we are put us in a room to ourselves. There was lots of good food and conversation to be had. Now is the time to be thinking about places we can tour to this year. Is there a favorite place you like to go to? Why not share it with the club! Do you have other hobby interests beyond our cars? Some of the greatest adventures have been our week long trips. Why not plan one now? What a great way to make winter fly by. Many adventures can be had in the Lancaster area. Like to visit old battlefields? How about old homesteads? The possibilities are endless. Looking forward to seeing you at the planning session in March, and in February on the tour of the Malmark Bellcraftsmen factory.

Prez Bob





Don't forget, your 2019 dues are due now. They must be paid this month or you will be dropped from the club.

They are still \$15.

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Steve and Kathy are no strangers to the Running Board A's. They have traveled with members of our club for several years to the Rhinebeck Auto Show in N.Y each May. They are also members of the Lehigh Valley Model A Club and they own a 1931 Model A Tudor Sedan and a 1931 Model A Panel Truck.

**Welcome Aboard!**

# **January Breakfast at the Franconia Café Market**

Hosted by Ed and Peg Hardy

We had a relatively nice Saturday morning in January to have our first event of the year, a breakfast hosted by Ed and Peg Hardy. There were 21 members and guests that showed up for the event. Not bad for a Saturday in January. Members included Lorraine Fox, Ed and Peg Hardy, Tom Fritz and Deb Daye, Bob and Bernadette Outwater, Bob and Leslie Adams, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Ken and Judy Nygard, Sonny Sciarretta and Joni Thor and Diane and me. Distinguished guests included Stan and Betty Wise. Stan is the President of the Active A's. Unfortunately, Lola Stretch had a fall as she and Jack were getting ready to attend the event. Howard and JoAnn Arnold could not attend because they were under the weather, so we were missing 4 other members. We hope that they are all on the mend.



While the wait staff came around to take our orders, we had a chance to catch up on what everyone was up to over the winter.

Photographs of car projects were being passed around and I even saw a box or two of Model A parts come into the room and get distributed!

Kudo's to the Franconia Café Market. They took all of our orders individually, so there was no splitting of checks. It made paying for the meal very easy. As Bob Adams eluded to in his President's message, we must have a reputation with the restaurant, because they put us in a private room, so we could be as noisy as we wanted to without bothering any of the other customers.



Ken Nygard brought along his lap top to show everyone pictures taken from many of last year's events. Everyone enjoyed looking at the pictures. Hopefully it

will inspire some ideas for the planning meeting in March.



I think everyone was surprised when Bernadette Outwater stood up and got everyone's attention. She has **NEVER** done that at any gathering, even at her own house! I think I was the one most surprised when she announced that it was *my* birthday and she led everyone in singing a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday! I understand that I turned a deep shade of red and I couldn't convince

anyone that it was just sunburn from our latest trip. Thanks to everyone who made it a special day for me. I can't think of a better group of friends to spend the morning with. Thanks also to Ed and Peg for setting up the breakfast and coordinating the event.

Speaking of events, Diane and I will be hosting the next two events on the calendar. The first is at the end of February and will be a tour of the Malmark Bellcraftsmen Factory in Plumsteadville. This is a new event for us. It should be very interesting and I hope you will all join us. The next event is the annual planning meeting at our home. Bring your ideas to this important meeting. Find further details for both events in the calendar of events on the next page. We hope to see you there.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday February 25, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**Tour of the Malmark  
Bellcraftsmen Factory**

**5712 Easton Rd**

**Plumsteadville PA**

**Hosted by Dave and Diane Allison**

Malmark produces the largest range of hand bells in the world. These bells are most often seen and heard in church and other types of hand bell groups. The tour has been called one of the 50 best immersive tours in the Northeast. You will get to see the extensive machine shop used to manufacture these bells and will get to hear them in the demonstration room at the end of the tour.

The cost of the tour is \$5.00 per person. No open toed shoes are permitted. The tour lasts about 1.5 hours. We will get lunch at a place to be determined after the tour. Contact Dave and Diane at 267-733-3708 or at [dalliso@mail.ptd.net](mailto:dalliso@mail.ptd.net) to let them know you plan to attend.



# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

## *Continued*

**Planning Meeting**  
**Saturday March 16, 2019**  
**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 2019. 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 and drinks. Please let them know by March 13 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

## Continued



*Annual*  
*Formerly the Trexlertown Show*

Lehigh Valley Model "A" Club Presents  
**the STEVE RYAN**  
Model A/AA Show & Swap

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**  
**9 am to 3 pm**  
Rain or Shine

Free Admission  
Free Car Registration  
Hubley Model Car Display  
Technical Presentation  
Pin Striping by Jim Brand  
Variety of Model "A" Cars  
Show Car Paved Parking  
Swap Meet & Concessions



## Model 'A & AA' Only Car Show & Swap

Stock or Original Model A Ford & Era Equipment Only

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

## Trexlertown, PA



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

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

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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# The Green Book

Imagine that you are back in the 1930's. The country is coming out of a great depression and you are finally able to afford a shiny Model A Ford. With a little spare cash in



your pocket, you decide to take the family on a vacation...a road trip in your new car. The first time you stop for gas, no one comes out to serve you. You stop for something to eat at a diner and you get the same treatment. Finally, you stop for the night at a motel and the office clerk will not rent you a room. This sound implausible in this day and age, but this was the fate of most black Americans in the 1930's. Black Americans thought that automobile ownership might be a way to get around segregation on buses and trains and other forms of transportation. They were able to be in control of their travels instead of being relegated to the back of the bus or the segregated cars of a train.

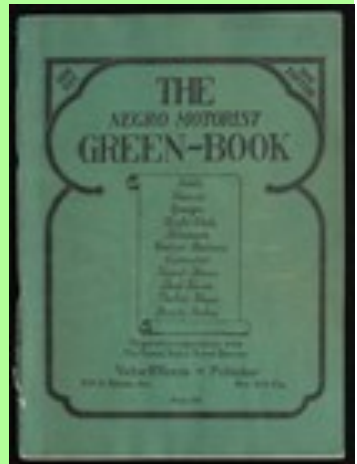
Segregation was very much a part of the landscape back in the era of the Model T's, Model A's and beyond, but the local black population knew where they were welcome and where they were not. That was not the case when they traveled outside of their local area. In fact, many towns had "Sundown Laws" which prohibited Black Americans from being in town after sundown.



A man named Victor Hugo Green, who grew up in Hackensack, N.J. but lived in Harlem NY, was a postal worker. He was tired of the embarrassment and problems that were part of the black motorist experience, so he set out to do something about it. Inspired by a booklet published to aid the Jewish population in their travels, he compiled a list of service stations, restaurants,

bars, hotels and even beauty parlors that would cater to black clientele. The list was first published in 1936 in booklet form and was titled, "Negro Motorist Green Book". The first edition only covered the area around NY city and cost about 25 cents. By the early 1940's he used his connection with other postal workers throughout the country to compile friendly establishments from coast to coast. In fact, there were so few hotels that would rent rooms to Black Americans that he developed a list of private homes where travelers could spend the night.

Many black owned businesses sold the guide, but Green found sponsorship with the Standard Oil Company and his travel guide was



sold in ESSO gasoline stations. In the late 40's and the 1950's upwards of 15,000 copies of the Green Book were sold throughout the country for \$1.25. Green even offered to pay people if they identified establishments that were friendly to Black Americans. In the 50's and early 1960's the listings in the guide were by state, and every state in the nation was represented. By this time the name of the guide was changed to "Negro Traveler Green Book" reflecting that it wasn't only for motorists any more. The foreword in the 1956 edition of the guide stated, "the White traveler has had no difficulty in getting accommodations, but with the Negro it has been different." Each edition of the guide carried the motto, "Carry your Green Book with you-You may need it".



Hugo Victor Green died in 1960, but had gone on to become a successful travel agent and his guide included, cruises, air travel and train travel in the US and some foreign countries. He longed for the days when his guide was no longer needed, but unfortunately, he did not live long enough to realize his dream. His wife continued to publish the guide until 1966. When the Civil Right Act of 1964 was passed, it did away with racial segregation in public places. This was the beginning of the end of the Green Book. In 1966, the title was again changed to "Travelers Green Book: International Edition." It was to be the last edition of the Green Book to be published.

Recently, renewed interest in the Green Book has emerged. In September, Hemmings reported on an effort to study the remaining Green Book sites for black motorists along the famed Route 66. Author and photographer Candacy Taylor will be traveling Route 66 thanks to a \$20,000



grant from the National Park Service and intends to explore as many Green Book sites as she can find along Route 66. Initial studies indicate that about 20 percent of the Green Book sites

still exist and about 3 percent are still in business. The National Park Service is hoping to get at least nine sites listed in the Green Book nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

There is also a recently released film called "Green Book"; a true story in which a white Italian American is hired to drive a black American jazz pianist around to concerts in the South in the 1960's. The film has been nominated for several Academy Awards this season including "Best Picture".

These stories are being kept alive to remind us of the struggle that our nation has had and continues to have and how the automobile played an important role in these issues.



# Diane's Favorite

## Baked Beans Recipe

After the business meeting many of you asked for Diane's baked beans recipe, so here it is.

### Ingredients

One 28 oz can of baked beans

One 15 oz can of red kidney beans

One 15 oz can of butter beans

Two medium onions, chopped

1/4 cup of vinegar

1/2 cup of brown sugar

1/4 tsp of mustard

1/4 tsp of garlic powder

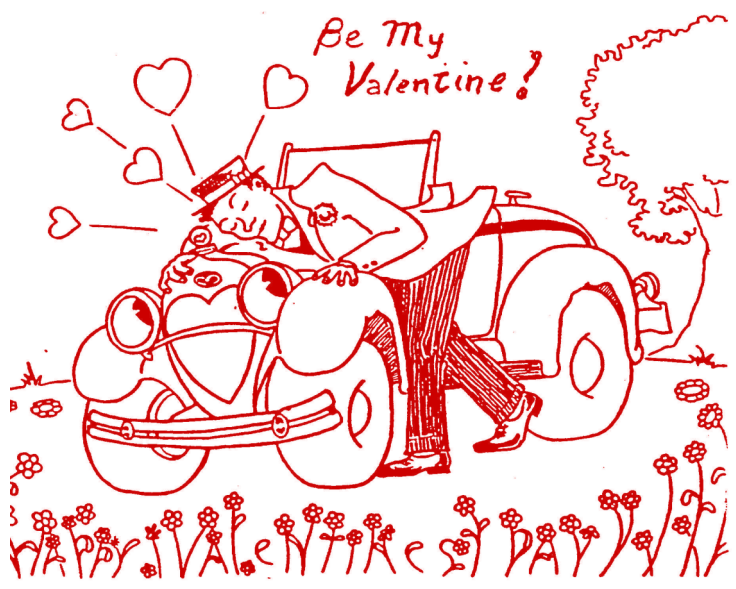


### Directions

Fry the two onions, then combine with the vinegar, brown sugar, mustard and garlic powder and bring to a boil.

In a 9 X 13 pan, add the beans and the other ingredients and mix well. Bake for 45 minutes at 350F.

# Happy Valentines Day





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

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