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Board "A's"

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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**

Wow, if you ever wanted to put some miles on your "A", May would be the month to do it. Actually April starts things off with Raise Your "A" Day hosted by Bob and Bernadette Outwater on April 27. Next will be the trip to Rhinebeck N.Y. May 4&5. Also on May 5 there is a car show in Morristown N.J. The following Friday night May 10 a spaghetti dinner at the firehouse in Erwinna. May 18 is the Lehigh Valley "A" car show in Trexlertown. If these don't get your motor started, a June 1<sup>st</sup> Delaware River Scenic Byway Tour hosted by Dick & Bobbi Bettle should get you cranking. Also on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> the Lehigh Valley Harmonizers (a barber-shop singing group) will hold a show in Bethlehem titled "In the Mood with music of Big Band Era and also featuring the 16 piece Hanover Swing Band. Bring your dancing shoes! For more information on this contact Bob Adams.

Bob

***Activities Build Membership.***



## **Passing the Baton (or in this case, Grease Gun) of Knowledge**



During the Raise Your A Day event, Bob made sure that his grandson Nico, age 12, got a chance to grease a couple of fittings on one of the Model A's. Under grandpa Bob's watchful eye, Nico performed the task perfectly!

Hopefully, Bob can pass along some of his mechanical skills and fabrication techniques as well as his kindness, compassion and sense of humor to Nico. I hope Nico realizes what a great role model he has in his grandpa!

# America on Wheels Update

By Ken Nygard

*Editors Note: Ken is a volunteer at the America On Wheels Museum in Allentown PA. He periodically provides an update on what's going on at the museum.*

It's been awhile since my last update for America on Wheels in Allentown. If you haven't been there for a while, it is time to visit again! It's easy to get there from both PA and NJ, parking is abundant and free and the cost is reasonable or even free on First Thursdays if you are 65+. If you want to bring the Grandchildren, 12 and under are free on weekends. Special student rates up to 16! Many buy one get one offers are also available!

If you missed "Fabulous Fins of the Fifties" it's too late! But.....

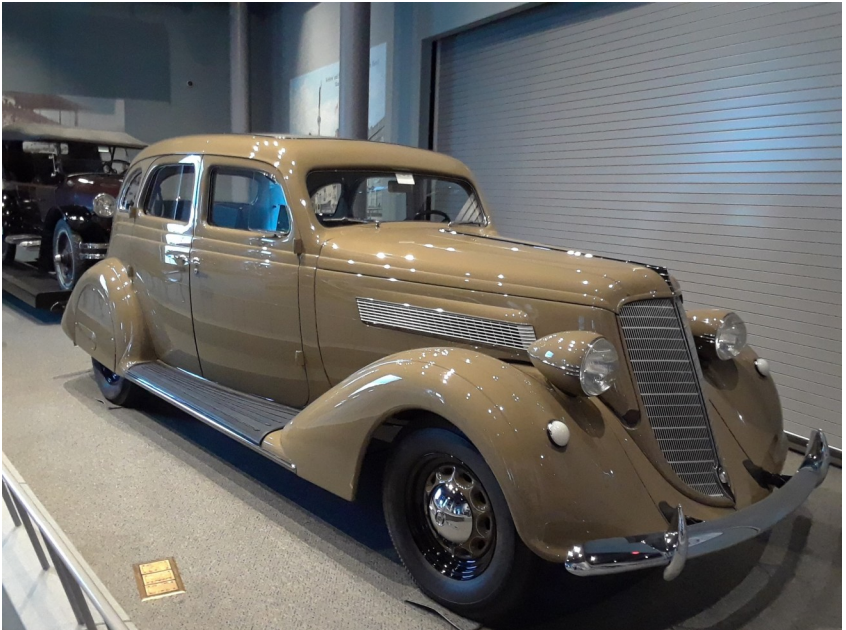
A new collection has just arrived and will be on dis-



1933 Marmon Six-  
teen Victoria Coupe



play through September! Many of you know about the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage, aka the private collection of Nicola Bulgari. Now you can see a special selection of this amazing collection.



Among the cars on display are a 1933 Marmon Sixteen Victoria Coupe. The 16 is for the V-16, 490 cid engine! And yes, the hood is open!

Others include several very rare automobiles by Nash, Desoto, Hudson, Lincoln, Graham and of course Buick.

There are other newly displayed cars scattered about the museum as well.

But wait, there's more!

Immediately across the street is the R.B. Collection! What is that you ask? A new state of the art automotive restoration garage and showroom has just



R.B. Rotisserie

opened. Why is this important? Starting later this spring or early summer you will be able to tour the facility in conjunction with your museum admission. From

an oil change or tune-up to a full restoration you will be able to see work in progress at this new facility. Check the AOW website for up to date information on availability of this great addition.



R.B. Garage



R.B. Paint Booth



Restoration in Progress

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

## **Rhinebeck Auto show and Tour May 4 and 5**

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 we 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](mailto:gcdp@rcn.com) or at 610-844-6641 to let him know that you will attend .

## **68th Annual Spring Show Meet Date: Sunday, May 5, 2019 (Rain or Shine)**

Location: Mennen Arena – 161 East Hanover Avenue  
– Morristown, NJ 07960

Typically, this show draws as many as 225 restored and original condition vehicles, ranging in age from the 1900's brass era to the early 1990's for this event. The Spring meet also includes a flea market, car corral and food vendors. Open to the general public this event draws many spectators who are admitted for a modest donation.

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## Firehouse Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, May 10th marks the beginning of the firehouse spaghetti dinners at the Delaware Valley Firehouse on Headquarters Road in Erwinna PA. The dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Bring your old cars and enjoy the meal with others in the club. The dinners are held monthly on the second Friday of each month. The cost is \$10 per person and includes all you can eat salad, spaghetti and dessert. It also includes beverages and bread. Come out and enjoy the fun. Contact Dave and Diane Allison for more information.

## Firehouse Ice Cream Social

Also, on Friday May 10 is the Stockton N.J. Firehouse Ice Cream Social. The firehouse serves hand dipped ice cream and hosts a Friday night cruise night. If you are really good, you can have dinner in Erwinna and then hustle down River Road for ice cream for dessert! Contact Bob Outwater for more information.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## *Continued*

### **Annual Steve Ryan Model A Show and Swap Meet.**

Members of the club are encouraged to attend this annual show (flyer on the next page) put on by the Lehigh Valley Model A Club. We will meet at 10:00 at the show.

Come on out to this great Model A only show.



*Getting  
There Is  
Half the Fun!*

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*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 Stripping 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

## Trexlerstown, 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](mailto:lvmodelclub@gmail.com)

Lehigh Valley  
Model 'A' Club



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## Delaware River Scenic Byway Tour

### June 1, 2019 @ 10:30 am



River, canal, and roadway - the parallel ribbons of heritage in the historic Delaware River Valley - have played a transforming role in American history. And few regions express these ribbons of heritage as well as the historic places and scenic landscapes along the Delaware River on NJ 29 & PA 32. The route also closely follows the still-intact 19th-century Delaware and Raritan (D&R) Canal.

We will start our tour at the Tinicum Park on Route 32; crossing into New Jersey at the Frenchtown Bridge; following Route 29 South down to Titusville; over the Washington Crossing Bridge and stopping at Washington Crossing State Park in Pennsylvania on PA 32 North for a bring-your-own picnic lunch.

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A stop at Dilly's Corner at Center Bridge (just across the bridge from Stockton) will allow us to stretch our legs and avoid the crowds in New Hope on a Saturday afternoon. Besides, no Model A event is complete without stopping for *ice cream!!!* Contact Dick and Bobbi Bettle at (973) 966-2947 if you plan to attend.

## **Picnic at Tom Fritz's Home**

**Saturday June 22, 2019**

Tom has graciously offered to host another picnic at his home at 78 Midvale Avenue in Millington N.J. The picnic will start at 11:30 AM. Please contact Tom to let him know what you will bring to share. Bob Outwater has volunteered to lead those coming from the far western reaches of our club through the wilds of N.J. We can meet at Bob's house at 10:30 the day of the picnic. Contact Tom at 908 580-0502 to let him know that you are coming and what you will bring. Contact Bob at 908-237-9322 if you want to travel with the group.



# **Raise Your A Day**

**Saturday April 27, 2019**

Another Raise Your A Day has now come and gone, with lots of helpful advice and good natured kidding shared in the process. There were 17 members and friends in attendance. They included members Tom Fritz, Deb Daye, Dick Bettle, Ken Nygard, Doug Pyatt, Chuck Savitske, Bob Adams, Ed and Peg Hardy, Ray and Nel DeMarco, hosts Bob and Bernadette Outwater, and me. Friends included Bob and Dorothy Dauernheim, and Phil Scherrer with a newly acquired Model A. (We love newly acquired Model A's).

During the course of the day 7 Model A's and one Ford F1 pickup made it onto Bob's lift for the requisite greasing and inspection. This year there were no cracked frames, spring shackle replacements, or potential broken oil pumps to be dealt with. Phil Scherrer got a crash course in Model A brakes, steering and front cross member issues with his new Model A.

Thanks go to Bob and Bernadette for opening their home and garage, supplying lunch and supplying grease and gear oil for the event. This year, we were cleaned up and out the door by about 4:30 PM.



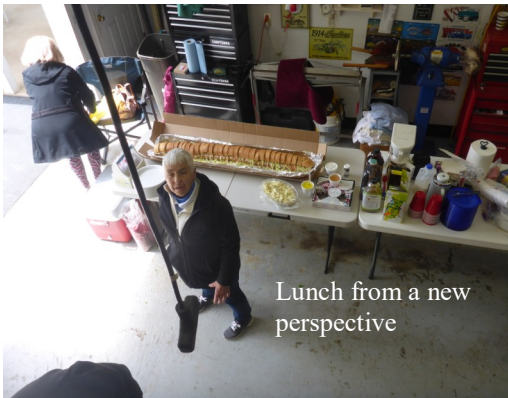
Doug working on his '29 Sedan Delivery

Ken and Doug working on Ken's F1 Pickup



A meeting of the minds.





Lunch from a new perspective



Doug and Phil inspecting Phil's car



You gotta wonder if Ray is asking Phil if he really wants to trust his car to these clowns.



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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