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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.



Wow! June was a great month to be active with the Running Board "A's. Dick and Bobbi planned a tour that was to start at Tinicum Park. Lee and his friend Jennifer arrived for the tour with steam billowing out from under the hood of their car. The problem was found, quickly resolved, and we got started on a very nice tour. Dick and Bobbi lead us on a great tour along the Delaware River with a stop at Washington's Crossing for a bring your own picnic lunch. The tour ended with a customary ice cream stop.

June 22 was a beautiful sunny day for the picnic held at Tom Fritz's home. Guy Fieri and Bobby Flay had better watch out as the Running Board "A's has their own celebrity chef in Tom Fritz. He showed his expertise on the grill, cooking beef and turkey. There were quite a few sides as well as many fine desserts. Also of note this month, Chuck's street rod was successfully driven up and down his driveway. Congratulations Chuck.

Bob

River Road Tour

June 1, 2019

By Bobbi Bettle



The weather god smiled on us again for the Delaware River Tour hosted by Dick and Bobbi Bettle. Joining them were Dave Allison, Ed and Peg Hardy, Tom Fritz and Debbie Daye, Bob and Leslie Adams, Chuck and Debbie Savitske; Lee and Jenifer steamed in a few minutes after the picture was taken. After a minor adjustment to the thermostat on Lee's coupe we were off and running. We crossed into NJ at the



Frenchtown/
Uhlerstown
Bridge and im-
mediately
turned right
onto River
Road. Just be-
fore turning
onto Route
29S, on the
left, was the



Exoticars USA LLC (auto body, fabrication, storage and custom machine services for such expensive toys as Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, Aston Martin and Porsche. However, none were outside so we didn't stop. Although along the road we were polite drivers,



and pulled over several times to let the people in a hurry go by, we did overtake quite a number of bicyclists on our way down to the Washington Crossing bridge. We also passed a large flea market, but no one wanted to buy any fleas today, so we just kept driving. The river was quite high and very muddy looking, but pretty to look at. We passed quaint old Victorian



houses on beautifully shaded streets, as well as some mega mansions tucked in the trees. After a picnic in the

shade in Washington Crossing park, where, in addition to the lunches we all brought, Lee was nice enough to share his watermelon, we were back on the road on the PA side of the river on PA 32N. As New Hope can present quite a challenge, we skirted around it on our way to Dilly's Ice Cream shop and checked out a couple of new housing developments. I hope everyone had a good time.



Editors Note: More pictures on the following pages.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Somerville Cruise Night Friday July 19, 2019

Contact Tom Fritz at 908 580-0502 for more information.

America On Wheels Summer Camp Friday July 26, 2019 9:30 AM

Members of the Running Board A's are invited to display your Model A/AA at the America On Wheels (AOW) Museum Kid's Camp in Allentown, PA. It is a great opportunity to discuss the many great features of the Model A with the youngsters attending Camp. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided by AOW.

I attended this event last year and it was a lot of fun. Contact Nelson Chegezy at nchegezy@gmail.com for more information.

See the flyer on the next page

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Das Awkscht Fescht **Saturday August 3rd 2019** **Macungie PA**

We will meet at the WAWA on Route 663 outside of Quakertown. The time is yet to be determined. Contact Ken Nygard at 215-822-6717 if you plan to attend. **Please note that you have to be registered by July 1. There are no day of show registrations.**

Rough and Tumble Engineers **Thresherman's Reunion** **August 14 to 17, 2019** **Kinzers PA**

The 71st Thresherman's reunion is the largest gas and steam engine show on the east coast. If you would like more information [click](#) here, or contact Chuck Savitske at 610-573-4378. This is a fun show with lots of things to see and do. Model A's get free indoor parking.

Wheels of Time Auto Show **August 23, 24 and 25** **Macungie, PA**

Hot Rod and Custom Car Show. Contact Bob Outwater at 908-237-9322 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Duryea Days August 31, 2019 Boyertown PA.

We will meet at the WAWA on Route 663 outside of Quakertown and travel to the show together. The time is still to be determined. Day of Show registration is permitted. Contact Bob Adams at 215-538-2425 if you plan to attend. [For more information click here to go to the Boyertown Museum of Historical Vehicles website.](#)



Follow the leader to the next great tour.

On the Mend



Bob Outwater suffered a mild stroke in the middle of June. He spent a few days in the hospital, but was released and was even able to lead a caravan of antique cars and trucks to the picnic at Tom Fritz's house. It was great to see him back to his old self.

Picnic Hosted by Tom Fritz and Deb Daye,

June 22, 2019

Saturday June 22nd was a beautiful day for a drive, and a picnic. We started the day by meeting Bob Adams and Chuck Savitske at the Frenchtown Bridge. Three Model A's made the trip across RT 12 into Ringoes NJ, where we arrived at Bob and Bernadette Outwaters house. Bob agreed to lead us through the back roads of Central New Jersey to Millington and to Tom Fritz's house.

We arrived at Bob's house a little early, but were not surprised to see Doug and Gail Pyatt and Ed and Peg Hardy there already. We waited for a few minutes and at the stroke of 10:30 (our appointed meeting time) Ken Nygard showed up in his 1951 F1 Ford Pickup truck.

Ray and Nel DeMarco were due to travel with the group too, but unfortunately, the engine in his pickup started overheating, so he decided to meet us there in his modern truck.

We had a beautiful ride through N.J. eventually arriving at Tom's house where we were met by Bobbie Sliker and Carl Weissman, and Dick and Bobbi Bettle. Bobbie and Carl brought their newly acquired

Model A Tudor Sedan that was previously owned by club member Jack Martin. After Jack passed away, it was purchased by someone who didn't use it very much, Carl and Bobbie purchased it and added it to their stable of antique cars and trucks. Two other



couples were also in attendance as well as Deb's friend Nancy. That brought the total in attendance to 24 members and friends.



Tents were set up and chairs were brought out as soon as everyone got there. In no time at all, chef Tom began working

his magic with the barbeque grill. His beef and turkey were excellent. (Even the vegetarians in the group had a small sample).



All of the food was excellent. If there is one thing the members of this club can do it's cook. It was a perfect day for a picnic. Thanks to Tom and Deb for hosting this great event.

Banjo Man Finally Sees the Light of Day



Many of you know that Chuck Savitske has been working on a Model A Tudor hot rod for a long time. Well, he finally got it moving under it's own power and his hood ornament, "banjo man" came along for the ride. Chuck created banjo man by scaling down a sculpture that was given to him by Ken Nygard.

There is still lots to do on the hot rod, but Chuck did everything, including the painting by himself. He did a beautiful job, and we can't wait to see it finished.





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For the Running Board "A's"**

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