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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.

View Behind the Wheel



My first order of business is to thank the members for electing me as the President of the Running Board A's. I look forward to serving for the next year, and to working with our new Vice-President Debbie Daye, who brings much knowledge and experience to the organization, both from Model A's and as Captain of her

own steamboat!

Next, a big thank-you to our outgoing President Bob Adams, who held the office for two years – his enthusiasm provides a great example for us to follow. Another big round of thanks to our continuing officers Peggy Hardy as Treasurer, and Ken Nygard as Secretary – they keep our operations running smoothly and accurately, and exhibit a high degree of professionalism that we greatly appreciate.

Finally, a special note of gratitude to our newsletter editor Dave Allison. This is a position Dave has held for many years, one that requires a lot of time and effort, and Dave does a wonderful job keeping us informed about our numerous events and projects within the club, not to mention cataloguing our gatherings with so many pictures! (The First Lady wanted me to note that part.)

Of course, having safe-to-drive cars is also important.

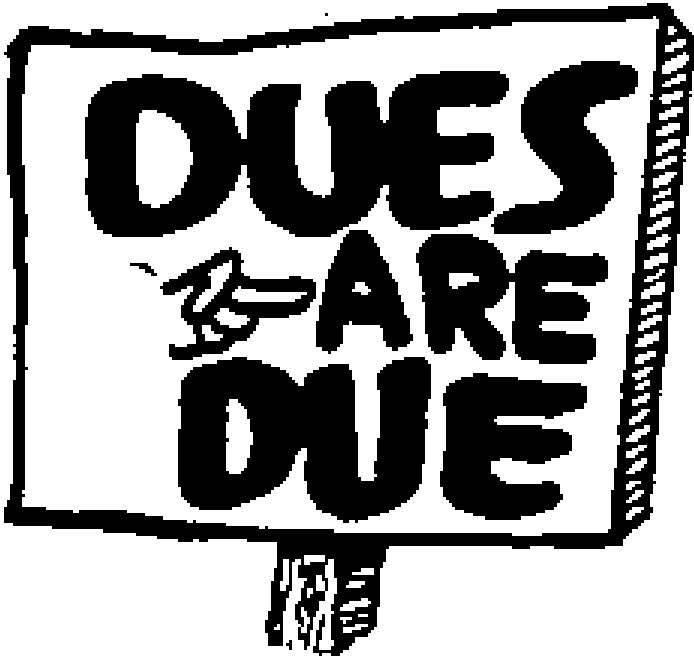
The annual event in Bob Outwater's garage (Raise Your A Day!) is not only lots of fun, it's important in enforcing the connection we share, which is the care and feeding of our Model A's. Reading technical information in MARC and other publications is useful, but putting our cars on the lift and keeping them road-ready really drives the point home. Multiple sets of eyes on undercarriages have identified problems and provided solutions, and our group synergy helps us all continuously learn from each other about our Model A's.

Ultimately, the membership is the glue that binds us all together. Our members each have unique contributions – we can count on someone to have the tool, or the parts, or the expertise to help us further our restoration, or make a necessary repair. From what I've witnessed, it seems that OUTSTANDING is just standard operating procedure for the Running Board A's. So, let's continue the tradition for the upcoming year!

See you in the Fast Lane,

Doug Pyatt





Dues are due for the 2020 touring season. They are still \$15. Checks can be made out to:

Running Board A's

Mail to:

Running Board A's

PO Box 9

Hilltown, PA. 18927-9711



The Model "A" RESTORERS CLUB

Speaking of Dues, it's also time to pay your dues to the Model A Restorers Club, of which the Running Board A's club is a region. Dues for new or renewing members is \$45, which includes a subscription to the club magazine, *The Model A News*, and a host of other resources and benefits. You can even read about our club activities in the "On the Road Again" section of the magazine. To sign up or to visit their website go to <https://model-a-ford.org/> or call 734-427-9050.

Apparel with Club Logo

After the business meeting Dick Bettel called our source for club logo apparel and found that they are still in business and ready to go. Directions to order apparel appear below.

Running Board "A's" Shirts can be ordered in your choice of sizes, colors and styles.

Step 1: Choose what you want from this website www.companycasuals.com/embroiderybysusan If you have trouble with this please contact Ken Nygard and tell him the type of shirt you want, size and color and we will work it out. (I think most of us have denim shirts and/or T-shirts if we want to be pretty much the same look!)

Step 2: Email Ken at kanygard@msn.com with the style, size, color AND stock # from the website. Your cost will be the item cost from the site + \$10 for embroidery + shipping. Shipping is from the wholesaler to Susan. Susan will get the order to Ken at no additional charge.

Step 3: Ken will place the order and get the final cost including shipping.

Step 4: Ken will receive the order and get your product to you. You will pay Ken directly for your merchandise.

Please place your order by January 31st! Order to delivery will be from 2 – 4 weeks. This should give us time to order and receive our merchandise before the Spring car shows and events!

Note: According to Dick Bettel, if you prefer, you can place orders directly on the website.



2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Breakfast 9:30 AM
Saturday January 25, 2020
Franconia Café Market
513 Allentown Rd.
Souderton PA, 18964

Hosted by Ed and Peg Hardy

Ed and Peg will host a breakfast at the Franconia Café Market In Souderton PA. The breakfast will begin at 9:30 AM Please let Ed and Peg know that you will attend by calling at 215-828-9185. Please contact them by January 23rd so they can give the restaurant a count for the event.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NOTE: NEW DATE

Cold Winter-Hot Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, **February 8**, 2020 at **Noon**

Please join Bob and Bernadette Outwater for the sixth Running Board A's chili cook-off being held at our home in Ringoes. As we know from previous years, everyone seems to have their own favorite chili recipe, so whip up a batch and let's enjoy a tasty lunch and some sassy competition too.

We will again have an "expert" judge who will enjoy taste testing your fine offerings.

The cherished event trophy will be awarded to the winner of the "Best Chili in Ringoes".

Please let Bob and Bernadette know if you plan to attend by February 1. Also, please feel free to bring a dessert and or bread of your choice.

Bob and Bernadette Outwater
32 Mason Farm Rd.
Ringoes, NJ, 08551
908 237-9322

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continued

Martin Guitar Plant Tour **Thursday, February 27, 2020** **10:30 AM** **Hosted by the Allison's**

We will meet at 10:30 in the parking lot of the Martin Guitar Factory, 510 Sycamore St, Nazareth, PA 18064 for a factory tour of the CF Martin Guitar Company. Martin Guitar is a family owned company that has been in business since 1833. They are known world wide as one of the worlds best guitar makers. Each guitar is hand made, and artists such as Ed Sheeran, Willie Nelson and David Crosby have all played Martin Guitars.

There is a \$3.00 fee per person for the tour, which lasts about an hour. After that, we will have lunch at a local restaurant. Shake off those winter blues and come and join your Model A friends for this great plant tour. Contact Dave and Diane at 267-733-3708 by phone or text, or by email at dalliso@mail.ptd.net to let them know you are coming.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continued

Planning Meeting
Saturday March 14, 2020
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 2020 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 12 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



Annual Holiday Party
Frenchtown Inn,
Frenchtown New Jersey
December 8, 2019

Our annual holiday party was a huge success again this year, thanks to President and First Lady Bob and Leslie Adams.

It was a little chilly to drive a Model A to the event, but I think I did see one BRIGHT Red Model A hot rod in the parking lot. You never know what shape Santa's sleigh is going to take with this crew! There were 26 members of the club present. They included Bob and Bernadette Outwater, Ed and Peg Hardy, Bob and Leslie Adams, Chuck and Deb Savitske, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Howard and JoAnn Arnold, Ken and Judy Nygard, Doug Pyatt and Gail Capuano, Lee Stoudt and Jennifer, Carl Weissman and Bobbie Sliker, Sonny Sciarretta and Joni Thor, Tom Fritz and Deb Daye and Diane and me.

The meal was excellent as always, and the gift exchange was spirited with plenty of stealing going on. There had to be several "watchers" to keep track of how many times several gifts were stolen.

There were some beautiful hand made items made by some of the members, and tools and jewelry were

popular items to be given (and stolen). It was a fun day as usual with lots of laughs to close out the end of the touring season. Thanks again to outgoing President and First Lady Bob and Leslie Adams for another wonderful holiday party.





Model A Barn Find

Photos by Chuck Savitske

Look what just rolled into Chuck Savitske's shop. This is a 1929 Tudor Sedan.



According to Chuck, it was purchased from a used car lot in 1969 for \$1250.00. The family enjoyed it until 1978 when it was put in storage in a damp garage. The result of that was a rusted fast engine. It was then moved to dry storage in a barn. After that it was moved to a dry shed and that's where it was picked up. The body is super straight with no rust holes. There is some surface rust where the paint fell off. The seats are in good shape but the squirrels ate the door panels and head liner. The plan for the car is to clean it, and do necessary repairs to make it run and be safe to drive.

Actually, I wouldn't call it a barn *find*, I would just call it barn forgotten, since it is still owned by the family of the owner from 1969. (Those tie down straps look familiar from a certain Christmas party that we

all just attended. The engine has since been removed and is now unstuck. Depending on how much money the owner wants to put into it,



the engine may just be used as a core for a Schwalm engine. It looks pretty good overall considering it sat for 41 years. It will be fun to watch the progress on



this well preserved Tudor. It's a local car so we may even get a new club member out of the deal.



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

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

Dues are \$15.00 annually. Please make checks payable to:

Running Board "A's"

Mail to:

Running Board "A's"

P.O. Box 9

Hilltown Pennsylvania 18927-9711

If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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