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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

It seems that Old Man Winter is keeping his snow for himself – for now, anyway. As we close February and move onto March, it seems that we have been blessed with some pretty good weather. I even managed to drive my “A” a few times. In past years, we’ve been hard-pressed to put our cars on the road during this time due to all the salt conditions, etc.

The Chili Cook-off was a big hit, especially since it ended up that there were two winners of the contest, who shared the honor of “Best Chili Maker in Ringoes.” Congratulations to Chuck Savitske and Donna Cawthorne for their outstanding blends of beans, meat, and sauce that tantalized our taste buds. A special thanks to our hosts Bob and Bernadette Outwater, and to everyone who competed/tasted all the delicious dishes.

Our planning meeting is next on the agenda, and I’m sure this will be filled with many ideas for fun-filled Model A excursions. Perhaps an overnight trip, or one a few days long. There are a lot of roads in PA, for example, that are great for our cars. Keep this in mind and bring your list of ideas.

See you in the Fast Lane,

Doug Pyatt



Welcome New Member

Todd Paraschos

4086 Church St.

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Phone (Cell) 610-392-1133

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Todd bought Doug's pick up truck and is relatively new to the Model A hobby. Let's give Todd a warm welcome and lots of support.

Happy St. Patrick's Day





SIXTH Annual Cold Winter-Hot Chili Cook-Off February 8, 2020

After a four year hiatus, the Sixth Annual Chili Cook-Off was held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the home of Bob and Bernadette Outwater.

Nineteen Running Board A members and guests attended, including Dave Allison, Chuck and Deb Savitske, Tom Fritz and Debbie



Daye, Ed and Peg Hardy, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, John and Donna Cawthorne, Doug and Gail Pyatt, Ken and Judy Nygard, our newest club member, Catherine Marek, honorary guest, Bob Daurenheim and Bob and Bernadette.

There was the usual tension in the air as the six culinary competitors jockeyed for the optimal crockpot counter plug. Once the crockpots began to warm their



delicious content, an announcement was made that the judging would be done by none other than the attendees themselves, leaving Bob Daurenheim free to sample the chili without fear of being bribed!

Several caucuses were spotted, votes were presented on paper slips deposited in the voting bowl. Votes were tallied and low and behold, there was a tie! After much deliberation ... should we vote again? should we flip a coin? and Donna willing to give her vote to Chuck ... it was agreed that Donna Cawthorne and Chuck Savitske would share first place! Donna received a bouquet of flowers and Chuck received the famous trophy with both their names inscribed, with Chuck agreeing to give the trophy to Donna in six months. The bouquet exchange? Ah probably not.



Along with the chili, members and guests bought fresh breads, ice cream, ice tea and desserts (one of which was deliciously laced with Bailey's and was

the first to disappear).

After the huge lunch, the boys headed outdoors to play in the garage for an additional hour to see Bob's latest project, a '30 Model A Ford pickup truck hot-rod.

Thanks to everyone for coming and for all the help cleaning up and carrying chairs downstairs. Bernadette and I thoroughly enjoyed the day and your company as always.

Best wishes,
Bob and Bernadette



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

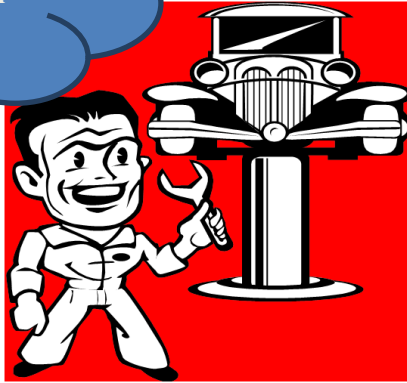
The Allison's will provide sandwich makings, drinks and dessert. Please let them know by March 10 that you are coming and find out what you can bring to share in the way of a side dish with the group. Contact Dave and Diane at 267-733-3708.

See you there



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Model A Ford Safety Day. I'm sure we will have a great time! !



Raise Your “A” Day (or as some may prefer, “Up Your “A” Day”)

10 AM-Saturday, April 18, 2020

Bob & Bernadette are pleased to once again host “Raise Your A Day”. This is a day for you and your Model A to spend some quality time together looking for those annoying rattles, cracked frames, potential suspension issues or maybe a quick lube. As always, Bob’s lift will be available for you to check things out.

Please feel free to bring any small parts you may need for your repair.

Sandwiches will be provided by Bob and Bernadette. Please let us know what side salad or dessert, or other things you will bring to share.

Please let us know (973) 568-3525 or boutw@aol.com) by April 15 if you plan to attend so we can get a headcount for lunch.

Bob & Bernadette Outwater

32 Mason Farm Rd.,

Ringoes, NJ 08551

973 568-3525

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 26, 2020

Sunday • 9 am to 3 pm

Trexlerstown, PA

Free Admission

Free Registration

Hubley Model Car Display

Technical Presentation

Pin Striping by Jim Brand

Paved Parking for Show Cars

Swap Meet & Concessions

Rain or Shine

Lehigh Valley Model "A" Club Presents

the **STEVE RYAN**

Model A/AA Show & Swap

**Stock or Original Model A Ford
and Era Equipment Only**

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. Interest in Model 'A' Fords Recommended

RSVP your swap space or your club for the day: 484.548.0632 or lvmodelclub@gmail.com

Lehigh Valley
Model 'A' Club



Model A Ford Foundation Inc. (MAFFI)

Liaison Letter

March 2020

Buy a Brick!

Since 2011, when we first started raising money for the construction of the Model A Museum, about 1580 bricks have been ordered in memory or in honor of your favorite Model A'ers, Model A clubs and regions. We have limited room left under the gas canopy at the Museum. It would be a wonderful thing if we could finish off that area by Model A Day 2020! So how about ordering a brick for a loved one for Father's Day, Mother's Day, Anniversary or just because. A personalized brick would make a great gift for that parent or grandparent who really doesn't 'need' anything and of course, it would benefit the Model A Museum as well. If your Model A region or club doesn't yet have a brick at the Museum, now would be a good time to do that as well. Use the brick order form on our website (you will need to print it, fill it out and mail it) to order your engraved brick or copy and paste this link into your browser:

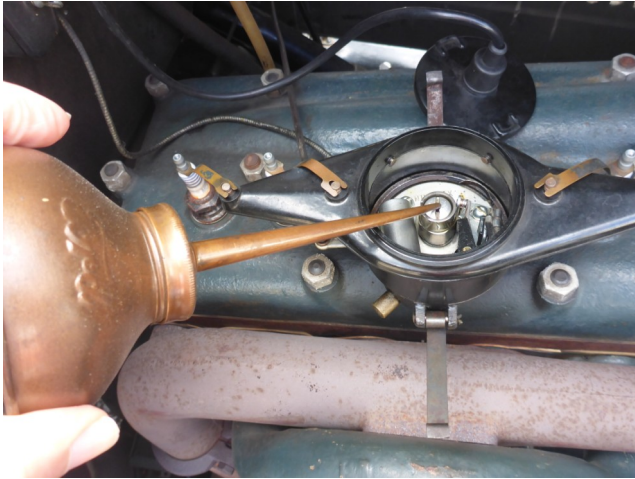
<http://www.maffi.org/WSContent/Download/BuyABrickDonation.pdf>

It will be in place at the Museum by September 19, 2020.

Tech Tip

Distributor Lubrication

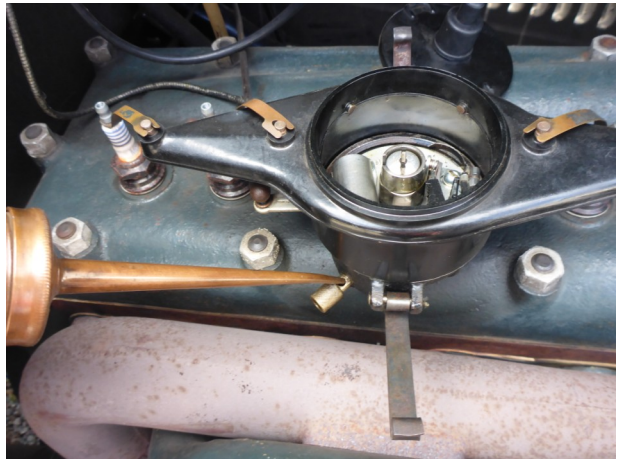
After a long winter hibernation, it's time to get your Model A back on the road. One of the often overlooked areas of maintenance for a Model A is lubrication of the distributor. It's important to lubricate the distributor shaft, especially after a long sleep to keep the shaft and bushings from wearing. To lubricate the shaft and upper bushing, simply



remove the distributor cap and rotor and drop a couple of drops of oil in the hole in the cam retainer screw as shown to the left. Be careful not to put too much oil in the hole. That could

cause your points to misfire and foul. To lubricate the bottom bushing and shaft, simply pull out the knurled, spring loaded cap

at the bottom of the distributor and add a few drops of oil there too. It pays to do this a couple of times during the touring season. Don't forget to lube the point cam with a light coating of grease too!



Martin Guitar Tour

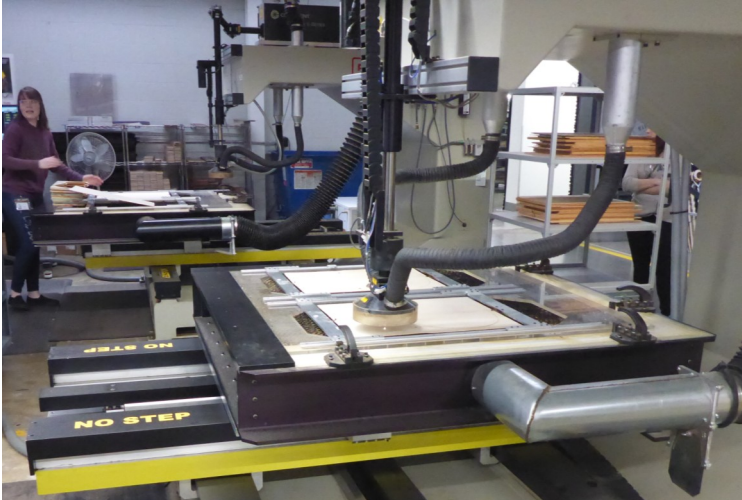


We had a great day for our Martin Guitar Tour, on Thursday February 28. Twenty one members and guests of the Running Board A's met at the guitar factory in Nazareth PA. They included on the front cover from left to right, Chuck Savitske, Ken Nygard, Deb Savitske, Judy Nygard, Deb Daye, Tom Fritz, Bobbi and Dick Bettle and Kathy and Tim Litzenburger. Members and guests in the photo below include Doug Pyatt, Diane Allison, Ed and Peg



Hardy, Donna and John Cawthorne, guests Bill and Ann Ballantine, and Bob and Bernadette Outwater and I took the picture. Our group was large enough that we were split into two groups. The earphones that we all wore were a great idea because it was relatively noisy on the factory floor. Our guide, Ben wore a microphone and we all could easily hear him.

My take on the process was that the whole manufacturing process had been automated where automation paid off for insuring that parts were uniform, like cutting out the tops

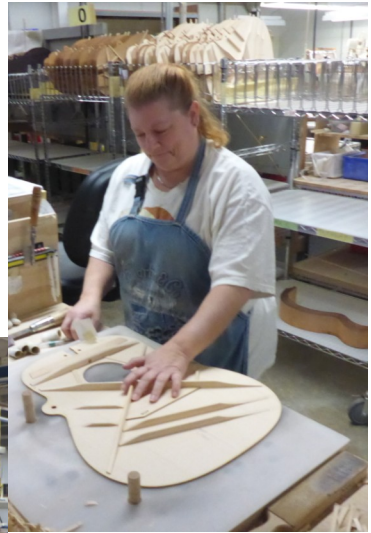


of the guitars and cutting the tone holes in, and that some of the mundane buffing and polishing steps were performed by robots. But all of the quality inspections assembly and custom work was performed by



highly skilled craftsmen and women who took tremendous pride in their

work. The factory produces around 200 guitars a day. There are several hundred steps in producing a Martin guitar. In addition to the wood seen on the outside of the guitar, there are many wooden supports that are made, fitted and glued on the inside. Pieces of the guitar need to be heated to be bent in a jig and then glued together with clothes pins used as clamps in the process, as seen in the picture below.



The top and bottom of the guitar need to be mated to the sides and are placed in a separate jig to assure a good fit. The neck of the guitar is made out of a single piece of wood in a separate part of



the building. The body and neck of the guitar are mated to each other using robotic technology to assure that the components are exactly centered and joined to each other. The neck of the guitar is where a lot of the custom work is done using inlaid mother of pearl from abalone shells .



The finish on the guitars is exquisite. The guitar goes through a multi stage process of filling, sanding, scraping and coated with laquer to get such a beautiful finish. After



the tour, we had a chance to wander around in their gift shop and in their guitar museum. In the museum, we saw a display of-what the shop looked like in the early days. They also had many different instrument on display includ-

ing ukuleles, mandolins and other stringed instruments. They also had the 1,000,000th and 2,000,000th guitars on display. After the tour, we walked across the parking lot to



a local restaurant and had a great lunch. I think everyone enjoyed the tour and had a good time. Is there a place that you would like to tour? Set it up and bring along your Model A friends.



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

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Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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