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## **From the Editor**

The touring season is just about over and there are only two months left in what seems to have been a long year. This time of year, we normally look forward to things like the Road Kill Rally, the business meeting and the Holiday Party, but unfortunately, this year, these events are not going to happen.

I have been surprised by the creative ideas that our members have come up with so far for the touring season. Maybe there will be some creative events planned in the off season too.

While the pandemic has negatively affected us all in one way or another, there are also some positives that have happened this year.

For one thing, our touring events usually fall off in the middle of the summer, but this year, we had a steady stream of events all summer long. I think that we have actually had as many if not more events over the summer than we usually do on a “normal” year.

The other thing is that we have had what I think is a record number of new members sign up this year. Some got involved because of events that were held, some got involved because of purchasing a members vehicle, and some just found us on the web. This is definitely a silver lining in the 2020 storm clouds.

Finally, I have been reading several books on the 1918 pandemic. If history repeats itself, like it always seems to, I think next year will be a better year.

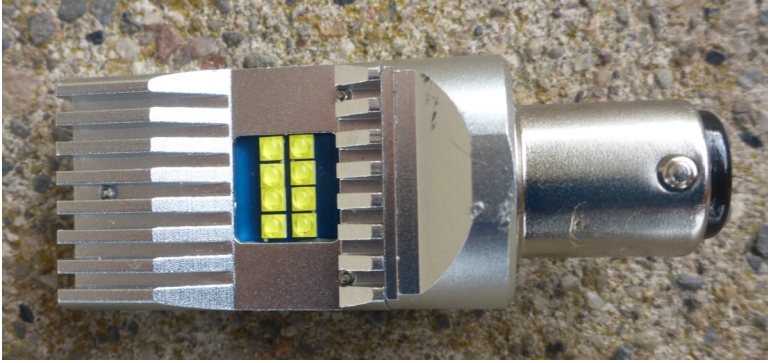
Dave





Dues are due now. They are still only \$15.00. You can make checks payable to the Running Board A's. Send you check to Running Board A's, PO Box 9, Hilltown, PA. 18927

# LED Headlight Bulbs The Rest of the Story



You may remember back in September that I found a website advertising LED headlight bulbs for Model A's and other six volt applications. The company, LEDlight.com, was selling bulbs that fit in Model A headlights for about \$16.50 per bulb. This was about half the price that some of the Model A parts suppliers were selling their bulbs for.

After putting the word out about the bulbs, I asked if anyone would be interested in pooling some orders together, with the idea that we could get a quantity discount and maybe some free shipping. The club came through with a collective order for 20 bulbs. We got a discount for \$15.50 a bulb and did qualify for their free shipping.

The order was placed on October 1, and about a week later, I received the bulbs. They came by slow boat from Arizona, but they did get here in one piece and we didn't have to pay tax or shipping.

The bulbs come with a 12 month warranty so I didn't feel like there was much of a risk.

When I received the order, I immediately went out and installed the 4 bulbs that I had ordered in my two cars. The bulbs do have low and high beams. You just have to check when you install the bulbs if one row or both rows of LED's light up when the switch is on low beams. If both rows light up, just take the bulb out of the socket and rotate it 180 degrees to make just the single row of LED's light up.



It's hard to tell in the picture above, but my car on the left had the LED bulbs turned on and Doug's car has his incandescent bulbs turned on. They are really impressive when operated at night. As a matter of fact, I now have to go and aim my headlights so I don't blind anyone while driving at night.

I did have one bulb blow out on me almost as soon as I turned it on. I checked it out in all 4 sockets and it was definitely dead, so I checked all the bulbs in the order and the rest worked fine. I contacted the company and they immediately sent me a replacement bulb.

If you are in the market for replacement headlight bulbs, [LEDlight.com](http://LEDlight.com) may be a good option.

Happy  
Thanksgiving





**Running Board A's member Todd Paraschos along with his wife Susan took home more hardware with their Model A pickup from the Slate Belt Corvette Club Annual Car show on October 11.**

**The show was held at the Blue Valley Farm Show Fairgrounds in Bangor PA.**

**Out of 170 cars at the show the truck placed in the top 40. Congratulations to Todd and Susan!**

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

We have no events scheduled through the end of the year, but we did not have events scheduled all summer, but that didn't stop us.



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If you come up with an event, try to get it to me in time for the next newsletter, but if you can't, I can always do an email blast to everyone to let them know your plans.



# ANTIQUE / CLASSIC CAR SHOW PARADE

This was the second antique/classic car parade that we were invited to in the Somerset area, through Dick and Bobbi Bettle's association with the NJ AACA. This show took place at two 55+ adult communities, Somerset Run and Sterling Pointe in Somerset N.J.

On Tuesday, October 20th, Doug Pyatt and I met at the Frenchtown bridge at 11:45 to make the hour long trip to the meeting place at Colonial Park, parking log G in Somerset N.J. We were the first cars for the event in the parking lot, but soon, we were joined by several antique and classic cars, including an all original 1928 Model A Ford blind back 4 door sedan.



The parking lot filled with antique and classic cars.



The Bettles arrived which meant that we had a Model A Ford representing each year from 1928 to 1931.



Dick also showed us his latest modification, a third brake light in the shape of a ring around the spare tire. Check out the picture to the left to see the modification.

This time we had a police escort for the entire

parade. I think they had more fun playing with their siren than we had playing with our horns.



We had a great tour through both facilities. At the end, we parked in the parking lot of the clubhouse of Sterling Pointe for a stationary car show. Pictures on the next page show some of the scenes from the parade.



# Fall Foliage Tour

Hosted by Tom Fritz and Deb Daye

Tom Fritz and Deb Daye just could not let the fall season go by without a fall foliage tour. They even had the tour already mapped out. They just used the bridge tour route that they had in September.

The tour took place on Friday October 23, with the starting point at Tincum Park in PA. Those in attendance in addition to Tom and Deb were Ken and Judy Nygard, Tim and Kathy Litzenberger, Bobbie Sliker and Carl Weissman, Larry and Pat Whiticare, Deb's friend in a bright yellow Honda convertible, and me.



When I arrived at the meeting place, I found that River Road was closed just south of Tincum Park, so I offered to lead the group on a short detour around the closed portion of the road. From there

Tom took the lead again and led us on a beautiful tour of Hunterdon County.



Last time we did this route, the focus was on the bridges along the way. This time the beautiful fall colors were the highlight of the tour. The beautiful woods, stream sides and farms were decked out in their finest fall colors.



The tour was supposed to end at our lunch stop at Lenape Park. After lunch he asked if we would like to keep going and complete the tour like we did in September. The extra incentive of ice cream at the end of the tour made for a unanimous vote to keep going. It was a great way to spend a Friday.



# Fall Foliage Tour Break Down

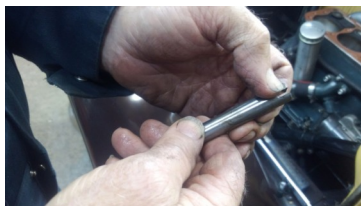
By Dick Bettle

Friday morning started out beautifully. We got on CR 513 and a large, slow dump truck pulled out in front of us (missed the bumper) and proceeded to do 20 miles an hour under the speed limit.

In Pittstown, at our turn, the truck also decided to turn and proceeded to stop dead, just past the intersection. Of course, I downshifted, hit the gas to get around him, and promptly dislocated the distributor shaft.

Carl Weisman and Bobbie Sliker were 2 cars behind us on 513, and when they passed us, they were nice enough to turn around and stop to help. Bobbie and Bobbi had a nice chat while Carl and I managed to get the shaft back in place. I took a slow ride home. Apparently, I needed a longer shaft as I had 3 head gaskets and not a lot of coupling on the shaft. I removed the head, removed the .093" copper gasket that I originally used to lower the compression, and I still had to make the shaft over 1/4" longer. The space from my thumb to the end of the shaft

was all that was connected. Surprised I didn't break down earlier! It helps having removable studs; it sure



makes removing and replacing the head easier. Without the studs, you can remove the head with the water pump and fan still attached.

I removed the head, propped it up on barrels and could work on cleaning it up with all the old gasket pieces falling right into the garbage can below it. All back together. We



are off [tomorrow](#) to the AACAA Mystery tour on the back-roads of Somerset County.

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