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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

As the weather continues to get nicer, it also gets a little hotter, and drier. This reminds me to look over the cooling system in the Model A. We have learned that the A's seem to "seek their own level" where the amount of water in the radiator is concerned. However, it is a good idea to occasionally add some water so the water pump can re-seek its proper level.

A good safety check is also advised. During the month I'm always looking for potential problems, but especially the day before a tour. I like to check the car over thoroughly -- lights and signals working, how well it starts, last oil change, fuel, etc. Then trip planning is next.

For this I reference the newsletter to copy down information. First on the list is the trip host and their posted phone number -- usually a cell phone. The trip destination, and the time I need to arrive to make the trip. Any snacks or water I may need, and don't forget lunch! Most of our adventures involve eating, so one could possibly say we are an eating club -- we just happen to own Model A's too!

Last year I was late for two trips. One was a breakdown that involved totally missing the trip with a roll-back moving the car back home. The other was a minor problem that caused delay, but I could still get there. I hate to be late and realize that others who must wait are not pleased either. Since my prior collection of information contained the host's phone number, I was able to call and make the trip with a minimum of time delay.

So, the moral is—please be mindful of your fellow travelers. Leaving a little earlier will make for a happier trip in the end was the lesson I learned.

See you in the Fast-Lane,
Doug Pyatt

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Treasurer's Report

Balance as of April 26, 2021	\$1396.09
Income	
Total Income	\$0.00
Expenses	
Newsletter	\$9.60
Total Expenses	\$9.60
Balance as of May 20, 2021	\$1386.49

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Hardy

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On the Cover:

Participants from the Over the River and Through the Woods Tour gather for a great day of touring thanks to the Bettles.

Over the River and Through the Woods Tour

Saturday May 1, 2021

On a bright and beautiful [Saturday](#) morning, Bobbi and I took off for Tinicum Park with Mary Hayes from the MG Club. At 10:30 am we arrived at the Park to find that Tom and Debbie were already there, and raring to go. Attending the tour were from the Running Board A's were: Debbie Daye and Tom Fritz,



Bob & Bernie Outwater, Ed & Peggy Hardy, and Greg & Karen Homanick. Jesse James and Kerry & Janice Lambert from the Lehigh Valley Model A's also joined us. Mary Hayes



from the MG club went modern, and Greg & June Roser came in their 30 year old bright red Mercedes.

We left the parking lot a little after 11:00, and after getting out the passports, crossed over the bridge into Frenchtown, The first mile of Creek Road is quite an interesting Model A





road, slightly rough and quite narrow. It runs along the creek for 4 miles, with hardly another car to be seen, and nice back woods scenery. After traveling over many bridges, crossing many rivers, some more than once, we arrived at Alpha Park for a picnic lunch. Although the pavilion was supposed to be

rented, we had the park all to ourselves. After lunch, we rode along the Delaware River for a while before heading inland again, up some very interesting hills, ending at Jimmy's Ice Cream. Hopefully, everyone had a good time.

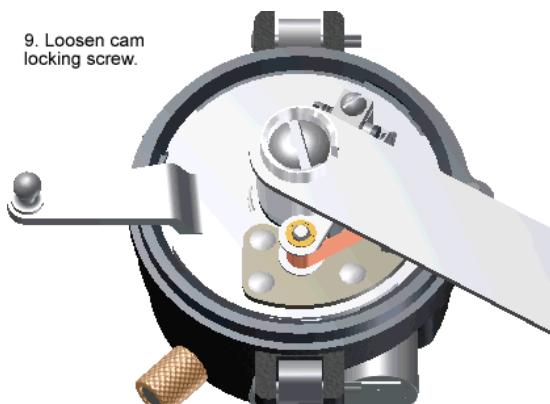
Pictures were provided by Bobbi, using my cell phone, and June Roser.

Ignition Timing

Recently, I was talking to a relatively new member of the club who was having trouble getting the ignition timing correct in his engine. It turns out that he was following the direction on a timing wrench cam tool that was suppose to be fool proof. It got him in the ballpark, but the timing was not exactly right. The method that I use goes like this. First, set the point gap to .018 to .022. I usually set mine to .020. Remove the timing pin from the front cam gear cover and insert it into the hole. Next, rotate the engine so that the #1 cylinder is at top dead center. (I can rotate the engine by pulling on my fan blade. You may need to remove the spark plugs to do this). You will feel the pin drop in the hole in the timing gear. Loosen the point cam and turn the ignition to the “on” position. Rotate the cam until you see a spark jump across the contact point.

Tighten the cam screw without moving the cam. A \$1.00 cam wrench works great for this. Reinstall the distributor body, cap and rotor

9. Loosen cam locking screw.



and reinstall the pin in the front timing gear cover. If you removed the spark plugs, reinstall them. Your car should be perfectly timed. If not, repeat the process, making sure the backlash is taken out of the distributor shaft.

From the Editor

We have a lot of events planned in the next few weeks, but there is always room for more. If you would like to host an event, or just have an idea and don't know how to proceed, let me know.

The country's adult population is now 50% vaccinated with 63% having at least one shot of the Covid Vaccine, so lets get out there and tour, have a picnic or go to a car show.

The Raise Your A event is always very educational and a lot of fun. It's great to see that Bob and Bernadette are hosting it again.

The Silver Creek Athletic Father's Day Car Show is a nice event, and Das Awkscht Fescht is an event that you don't want to miss.

Maybe we will even see the return of the Road Kill Rally, Business Meeting and Holiday Party this year as the Covid Pandemic fades away.

If you have an idea for an event, let me know as soon as possible to give me plenty of time to get it in the newsletter. My experience is that the longer the lead time for an event, the more successful it is.

I try not to send out too many emails so as not to annoy the club membership, (although maybe I should send out more so I get fired), so the more lead time for your event, the better.

So lets get some more events on the calendar!

Dave

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

On Saturday, June 5, 2021 (rain date is Sunday, June 6, 2021), we are scheduled to conduct our **First** Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of the Somerset Run Condominium Association of Somerset, located at 101 Stone Manor Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873, (732-356-5662). Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for around 10:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area to the right of the main entrance to the club house facility. **The car display is from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM.** Cars will be parked every other space to comply with social distancing requirements. Face masks are required for all participants and must be worn at all times except when eating lunch. Social distancing is required of all participants (presenters and spectators). There will be no exceptions to these requirements. **Based on the available parking to comply with social distancing requirement, this event is limited to 36 antique vehicles (25 years old and older).**

Somerset Run will have a DJ to provide music for the event and will have a food truck(s) available. All car owners and their spouse or companion will be provided a meal ticket. All others and residents of the community will be able to purchase food from the vendor(s). Come join your friends and the residents and staff of this adult community. If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 or via email abe-platt@aol.com. **If there is a chance of rain or it is raining please call my mobile phone to confirm day of event activity. Day of event mobile phone (732) 433-5319.** The rain date is Sunday, June 6, 2021.

Please let me know by May 31st if you would like to attend so that we can provide Ms. Clickner with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. **We cannot have more than 36 cars so you must let me know you are coming so that we do not exceed this number.**

Thank you,
Abraham Platt, Event Chair
NJ Region Member #1524

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BrightView Senior Living of Paramus

Saturday, June 12, 2021

11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

On Saturday, June 12, 2021 we are scheduled to conduct our **First** Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of The BrightView Senior Living facility of Paramus, NJ. The Vibrant Living Director, Allison Vovk, reached out to the NJ Region AACA to conduct an antique car show, and will be our hostess for this event. The BrightView facility is located at 396 Forest Avenue in Paramus, NJ 07652: (201) 957-1955. Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for around 11:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the south side (right side) of the facility. **The car display is from 12:00 AM until 3:00 PM.** We will be provided with lunch in an appropriate area of the Senior Living facility depending on Pandemic Restrictions; while the residents, their families, and the staff look at our beautiful antique vehicles. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA as well as members of the assisted living and senior living communities. Please let me know by June 8th if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Vovk with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. Thank you for your participation. **Based on the available parking and to comply with social distancing requirements, this event is limited to 35 antique vehicles.**

Face masks are required for all participants and must be worn at all times while on the premises, except when eating lunch. Social distancing is required of all participants (presenters and spectators). There will be no exceptions to these requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 (home office) or via email abeplatt@aol.com. **If there is a chance of rain or it is raining, please call my mobile phone to confirm day of event activity.** Day of event call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319. The rain date is Sunday, June 13, 2021

Thank you,
Abraham Platt, Event Chair
NJ Region Member #1524

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, June 12, 2021

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 NOTE THE FOLLOWING COVID RELATED RESTRICTIONS FOR THIS EVENT:

Fully vaccinated participants only

Please bring your own lunch, mask and chair

Event will be limited in the number of participants (eight)
so let us know ASAP if you plan to attend

Coffee and donuts will be provided by Bob and Bernadette.

Please let us know **(973) 568-3525** or boutw@aol.com by June 5 if you plan to attend.

Bob & Bernadette Outwater

32 Mason Farm Rd., Ringoes, NJ 08551

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Silver Creek Father's Day Car Show

**Saturday June 20, 2021
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

The 19th Annual Father's Day Car Show will be held at the Silver Creek Athletic Field, 2943 Route 212 Springtown PA.

Show car registration is \$8.00 for pre-registration and \$10.00 the day of the show. If you would like a pre-registration form click [here](#) to print one out.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BrightView Senior Living of Warren

Saturday, June 26, 2021

11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

On Saturday, June 26, 2021 we are scheduled to conduct our **THIRD** Annual Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event for the Residents of The BrightView Senior Living facility of Warren, NJ. The Vibrant Living Director, Gayla Zieser, will be our hostess for this event. The BrightView facility is located at 57 Mount Bethel Road in Warren, NJ 07059: (908) 756-3790. Our arrival/assembly time is scheduled for around 11:30 AM and we will assemble in our designated parking area at the front (east side) of the facility. **The car display is from 12:00 AM until 3:00 PM.** We will be provided with lunch in an appropriate area of the Senior Living facility depending on Pandemic Restrictions; while the residents, their families, and the staff look at our beautiful antique vehicles. Come join your friends from the NJ Region AACA as well as members of the assisted living and senior living communities. Please let me know by June 23rd if you are planning to attend so that we can provide Ms. Zieser with an idea of how many people and cars we can expect. Thank you for your participation.

Face masks are required for all participants and must be worn at all times except when eating lunch. Social distancing is required of all participants (presenters and spectators). **There will be no exceptions to these requirements.**

If you have any questions, please contact Abraham Platt (732) 752-6341 (home office) or via email abemplatt@aol.com. **If there is a chance of rain or it is raining, please call my mobile phone to confirm day of event activity.** Day of event call my mobile phone (732) 433-5319. The rain date is Sunday, June 27, 2021

Please note that since the Delaney of Bridgewater and the Brightview of Warren are only about 20 minutes apart (approximately 7 miles), **please consider joining us for both** the Drive-by Parade at the Delaney of Bridgewater and the Antique Automobile Enjoyment Event at the BrightView of Warren. See the write-up for the Delaney of Bridgewater for meeting details.

Thank you,
Abraham Platt, Event Chair
NJ Region Member #1524

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Das Awkscht Fesch

Saturday August 7, 2021
Memorial Park
Macungie PA.

We will meet at the WAWA on Route 663 just outside of Quakertown at 9:00AM. From there, Ken Nygard will lead us to the show field in Macungie.

Keep in mind that if you plan to show your car, you must be pre-registered by July 1. You can download a registration form [here](#). If you were registered for last year's show, which was canceled, you may already be registered for the 2021 show if you chose to roll over your registration. If you are unsure of your status with registration you can use the ["contact us"](#) form to check your status.

If you plan to attend, please contact Ken by August 5 at 215-822-6717 or 267-893-0638 , or kanygard@msn.com to let him know that your will attend.



INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY, 2021
PO BOX 45 NORTHPORT, NY 11768

April 28, 2021

Dear Model "A" Ford Club Representatives:

INTERNATIONAL MODEL "A" FORD DAY, 2021, will take place Saturday, September 11th, with a local rain date of 9/12. Put on an event, keeping Social Distances, like a tour & picnic.

This day is simply a formal opportunity for Model "A" Ford owners and Clubs around the world to all go out for a drive or event on that same day and submit photos to me for submission to the National Magazines. Hopefully, the photos will show UNIQUE backgrounds to your locale. Email JPEG photos to sailbruce@aol.com

EMBROIDERED 3.5" IRON-ON PATCHES, as above logo, to commemorate the day are available for \$3.00 apiece, minimum order twenty, from Bruce Adams, Founder, International Model "A" Ford Day. **All profits will be donated to The National Club's MODEL A YOUTH Scholarship and Restoration programs.**

Checks to **Bruce Adams, PO Box 45, Northport, NY 11768** includes shipping and handling.

Hoping to see you and your club participate and enjoy this great day and to submit photos to share with the entire Model "A" Ford community.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Adams

Bruce Adams

Coordinator-Founder-International Model "A" Ford Day

MAFFI Newsletter Minute

May 2021

Our Annual Model A Day is fast approaching and since our last year's event had to be postponed to this year, all of our displays are already in place, just waiting for your arrival! We talk a lot about all of the beautiful cars that are on display in the Museum but did you know that there are many era fashions that are also on display year round. Our museum fashion director, Linda Morford does such an excellent job of keeping these displays fresh and ever changing. This year we have changed out a couple of our mannequins to wear our First Responder outfits.

If you have been to the museum in the past, you may have noticed "Dolly" donning her lovely vintage housedress and apron. This year, Dolly has been transformed into Nurse Dolly. Her uniform is thanks to a find by Executive Director, John Marshall and the beautiful cape came from Julie Kluttz, of the MARC Fashion Committee. Don't worry, she will have white shoes by Model A Day!

Officer Delaney was once our Good Humor Ice Cream man. He now proudly wears an authentic Police Uniform also donated by John Marshall.

Our fireman (yet unnamed) is wearing a complete era fireman's outfit thanks to Ken Ehrenhofer. I was there when they were dressing this guy and let me tell you, it's not easy putting those boots on a mannequin! A hole needed to be cut in one of the boots in order for it to fit onto the

stand. Fire boots were not meant to be cut into!

Hopefully you will be able to make it to Model A Day [September 18th](#), to see these wonderful displays in person. For more information go to our website at: maffi.org. Start making your plans now, it's gonna be great!

See you in September!!





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

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Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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

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