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From the Editor

This entire summer has been very busy for the Allison household, but unfortunately we haven't done a lot with the Model A's. Our grandkids have been with us for six weeks over the summer and we even had our granddog for a week while our daughter and her family took a trip to Florida.

I'm really looking forward to the fall with cooler weather and quite a few Model A activities on the calendar. It felt good to make the trip to Macungie and attend the Das Awkscht Fescht car show. Seeing the cars and some old friends was a great experience that we haven't had in a while.

Speaking of grandkids and Model A's does anyone have any experience putting lap and shoulder seat belts in the back seat of a Model A Tudor. I would like to do that, but have no clue how to proceed. I would be more inclined to take the kids out in the car if I could figure out how to install them.

Looking ahead there are several events coming up that you can take your car to. First up is the Duryea Days car show coming up in just a few days. This is a nice show in a nice shady setting.

Next up is the Del Val Fire Department Car Show in Erwinna. This is a local show that has really grown in the last few years. There are a lot of nice cars that come out for it and all of the proceeds go to a good

cause, the operation of our all volunteer fire department.

Diane and I decided to try something a little different with our Polo in the Park event. We attended our first polo match earlier this season with the grandkids and really had a blast. We thought it would be a fun thing to do with the car club, so we hope you will join us for this event.

The Road Kill Rally is now on the calendar and is really a lot of fun. This year we will also hold our annual business meeting during the event. Check out the calendar of events for more information.

Finally, I am always looking for articles and events to put in the newsletter. I know some of you have been working on projects for your cars, and I would love to hear about them. It always makes me happy when I have a member article or two to include in the newsletter. The article last month from John Leydon was a prime example of an article that wasn't exactly about Model A's but was still about a very interesting car rally in Europe. So break out those pens and pencils and let me know what you have been up to or what event you are planning.

I'm sure EVERYONE will appreciate hearing more from you and less from me.

Dave

Ouch

A few weeks ago, Todd and Susan Paraschos, were in an accident with their trophy winning Model A pickup truck. No one was hurt in the accident. Todd was rear ended, damaging the tailgate and bed of the truck and pushing the bed into the cab of the truck. I guess a bright red antique truck is hard to see when it is stopped in front of you???? The truck is repairable and hopefully Todd and Susan will be back on the road again raking in more trophies at car shows.



History of Labor Day

For most of us, Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer. Kids usually go back to school around this time and vacation spots like the New Jersey Shore begin to quiet down after the fast paced summer season. Have you ever wondered how this national holiday came about? Well, here is the story according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Records show that a holiday honoring labor was proposed as early as 1882. In 1885 and 1886, several municipal ordinances were passed establishing the holiday at the insistence of local labor activists. New York State was the first state to introduce a bill establishing a state holiday, but Oregon was the first state to actually pass the bill and establish an actual holiday. That holiday was February 27, 1887. By the end of the year, 4 more states established the holiday as well. New York finally passed the law as well as Colorado, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

The movement to recognize the contributions of labor for the success of the country really began to take hold by the end of the decade, and by 1894, 23 more states signed the holiday into law.

Finally, in 1894, Congress passed a law mandating that the first Monday in September would be the official Labor Day holiday.

Labor Day was first proposed in 1882. It is not entirely clear who was the first to propose it? There are two individuals that have made that claim. The first individual to make the claim

was Peter J. McGuire, the general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who also went on to be one of the founders of the American Federation of Labor.



The other person who claims to be the founder of the holiday is Matthew Maguire. He was the secretary of the Central Labor Union in N.Y and later went on to be the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson N.J. Both men



appeared at the first Labor Day Parade in New York City in 1882, well before any laws were passed declaring the holiday.

An interesting story appears on the Labor Department's website concerning the first parade in New York.

It seems that on September 5, 1882, parade Grand Marshall William McCabe showed up and was ready to parade at 10:00 AM, but the problem was that very few other marchers were there to join in the parade, and there was no music to march by.

Suddenly, Matthew Maguire ran up to the Grand Marshall and told him that 200 marchers from the Jewelers Union of Newark had just crossed over to N.Y. on the ferry and...they had a marching band. As the parade passed by more and more spectators joined the parade and it was estimated that in the end, anywhere between 10,000 and 20,000 people had joined the parade, which ended in Reservoir Park. By the time the speeches, drinking and cigar smoking ended at around 9:00 PM, an estimated 25,000 people including members of unions that did not participate in the parade had celebrated the



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

55th Annual Duryea Day Saturday September 4, 2021 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Boyertown PA

I plan to attend this event. If you would like to join me, please meet at the WAWA on Route 663 just outside of Quakertown PA at 9:00 AM. From there, we will travel to Boyertown and the show. The day of show registration is \$20.

This show is held in a beautiful shaded park with lots of vendors. Food is also available at the show, and there is usually a bus to take you to the museum if you would like make a visit during the day.

Please call or text me at 267-733-3708, or email me at dalliso@mail.ptd.net if you plan to attend. If you told me that you were going to attend at Macungie, you might want to drop me a line to remind me.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Delaware Valley

Volunteer Fire Company

Annual Fall Car Show

Sunday, September 26, 2021

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Day of Show Registration \$15

Rain Date October 3rd, 2021

Door prizes, 50/50 raffles and food are available. Trophies for various categories will be awarded. Cars are judged by show participants. All proceeds benefit the Del Val Volunteer Fire Company. For more information click [here](#)



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Polo in the Park

Tinicum Park PA

Saturday October 2,

2021 12:45 PM

Join the Allison's at Tinicum Park for the last Polo match of the season by the Tinicum Polo Club. We will meet at Delaware Valley Fire Department, 75 Headquarters Rd., Erwinna PA, at 12:45. We will then travel as a group to the park when the gates open at 1:00 PM. We will be able to park right next to the field. Please bring your own food, drinks and chairs. Wearing closed shoes is also recommended. The match lasts in total of about an hour and a half to two hours. The entry fee is \$10 per car. This should be a fun way to spend the afternoon, watching some of the best Polo on the east coast and socializing next to all the action. If you want to brush up on your Polo rules and etiquette, check out [Polo Life Magazine](#).

If you plan to attend, contact Dave and Diane Allison by phone, text, or email at 267-733-3708 or at dalliso@mail.ptd.net by Friday October 1.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
**Road kill Rally and
Business Meeting
Saturday October 30
10:30 AM**
Hosted By Chuck and Deb Savitske

The Road kill Rally is back! Yeah!!!! The event will be held at the home of Chuck and Deb Savitske, 3379 Reservoir Road Hellertown, Pa. 18055. For the newer members of the club, this is the one event that you don't want to miss. It is about the most fun that you can have on 4 wheels.

The event is held either outside, weather permitting or in Chuck's shop where there is plenty of room to spread out. The rally portion of the event usually leads you through beautiful sections of Bucks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, while following printed directions and looking for clues. Bring a spouse or a friend to help you navigate the rally portion of the event if you can.

After the Rally you will be feasting on Chucks world famous Road Kill Stew. (Ok, it's actually chicken, ham and what ever else Chuck decides to throw in, along with tons of vegetables, that are cooked over an open fire). Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Our annual business meeting will also be held at this event. Don't worry, it's never a

2 hour knock down drag out event. This year we elect a new President, and, I don't know, maybe even a new newsletter editor????? I know, wishful thinking.

If you plan to attend, please give Chuck and Deb a call at 610-573-4378 at least a week in advance so Chuck knows how many squirrels to get.... I mean how much food to get and let them know what side or dessert you will bring to share.

This is a great event with lots of fun and surprises. You can even do the rally in a modern car if you must, so no excuses, go put it on your calendar and give Chuck and Deb a call....right now!

Chuck can also use some help to set up the event, so if you think you can lend a hand give him a call.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022 MARC National Meet Morgantown PA June 5 to 11, 2022 Hosted by the North Penn Model A Ford Club.

The MARC National Meet will be held almost in our back yard at the Classic Car Museum in Morgantown PA. For more information, click [here](#) to go to the MARC website for more information. There is hotel information and more at the MARC website. It's not too often that we have a national event just about in our back yard, so lets take advantage of it.



Das Awkscht Fescht

August 7, 2021

It was good to get back to the car show circuit again. The show at Macungie, although not as big as it has been in years past is still an impressive show.

The Running Board A's were well represented at the show. Many of the members met at our usual spot at the WAWA on Route 663 just outside of Quakertown.



The group included our fearless leader Ken Nygard, Tom Fritz, Bob and Leslie Adams, Dick Bettle and friend Joe Kohl and head trouble maker Bob Outwater.

The next picture is to satisfy Bob's need to harass me about not putting my picture in the newsletter, so here you go Bob. Photo credit for this photo belongs solely to Bob.



We left the WAWA at 9:00 and our little caravan arrived at Macungie a little after 9:30. I have never seen such a long line of show cars trying to get into the show, but we later found out that we arrived just as they finished saluting the flag, so that delayed everything for a few minutes. I was also a little nervous be-



cause it was a warm day and I was worried about the car overheating while waiting in line and I was also concerned about carrying over my registration from the previous year. It all worked out

and we found parking spots right across from a huge shade tree. We were then joined by Doug Pyatt and Chuck Savitske. During the course of the day, Ed and Peg Hardy joined us as well as Bob Outwater's brother Mark and his wife. Sonny Sciarretta was also at the show and late in the day Lee Stoudt and friend Jennifer also made an appearance.



There were not nearly the number of vendors there this year, and in fact, one whole back field next to where the car corral is usually held was empty, so the car corral was in just one corner of the vendor field.

We still managed to have a lot of fun, purchase some items from the flea market and eat ice cream at the end of the day. What else could you ask for?





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