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From the Editor

Well, we have made it through another touring season with only one more event scheduled for the year. We are ending the year with a record number of members. Many of the new members have stepped up to host or at least attend events which has been wonderful.

October has been a busy month. There were four events in the month attended or hosted by our club members. The first event was the Flemington Speedway Historical Society Car Show. Next Tom Fritz and Deb Daye hosted a tour of the area around Round Valley and Spruce Run Reservoir. It included a stop for a picnic lunch and a stop for ice cream. Next up was the famous Road Kill Rally hosted by Chuck and Deb Savitske. It was a wonderful event as usual and the event also included our annual business meeting. Thanks to our outgoing officers, Tom Fritz, Deb Daye, and especially Peg Hardy who has been our Treasurer for the past 21 years. Thanks so much for all of your service. The minutes to the meeting have been sent as a separate file along with this newsletter.

On a final note, Fred Chapman is inquiring about a holiday party at a local restaurant. If Fred can pull it together, I will send an email out and make sure the details get published in the next newsletter. We have no other events scheduled in January or February. Typically we usually do a breakfast or some other event (a chili cook off comes to mind) in the winter months. If you would like to host a winter event please let me know and I will make sure to put it in the newsletter.

Diane and I are planning to do our annual planning meeting sometime in March so we can schedule our touring season for the rest of the year.

I'm looking forward to more events and a great year ahead.

Dave

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



New Radial Tires



You may remember back in September that I ordered and received new radial tires for the Roadster. The picture shows the tires finally installed on the car, and I have even had a chance to take the car

on a tour or two.

I must say that the ride and handling of the car is AMAZING with the new tires. It takes bumps and pot-holes much more smoothly, and it doesn't wander all over the road like it used to. I should also say that after installing them, I did an alignment of the front end, and I also readjusted the steering box.

Between the adjustments that I made and the new tires, the car now handles and rides more like a modern car. It is truly a joy to drive. I realize that radial tires are a huge expense, but when I looked at the price of good biased ply tires, the difference was not that much more. I also decided to have Miller Tire and Auto in Blooming Glen install the tubes and tires, which was an added expense, but they only took 45 minutes to install 4 tubes and tires and they disposed of the old tires. I thought it was well worth \$100.

If you are looking to replace your tires, you may want to consider replacement radial tires. They are well worth the extra expense in my opinion.

Model A Cut Out Fun Facts

The Model A Cut Out is the little round thing that sits on top of your generator. Its function is to allow power to flow



only in one direction from the generator to the battery. The original cut out had a set of contacts in it that could wear out or get stuck, causing the battery to short out. New cut outs have a diode in them. A diode is a device that only allows current to flow in one direction, kind of like a check valve in a water pipe. When your car is running

the diode in the cut out allows power to flow from the generator to the battery to charge it, but won't allow the power to flow in the other direction to discharge the battery.

(Diodes do sometimes allow a small amount of power to leak back in the opposite direction, but that is a discussion for another time).

I'm telling you this to make you aware of the possibility of hooking the cut out up backwards. Hooking the battery wire up to the wrong side of the cutout will make it appear that your generator is not working. I know this from experience. When it happened to me, I replaced the generator with a spare alternator that I had. It worked fine for many years, but eventually it starting putting out less and less power until it wasn't charging the battery any more. I went back to the generator and discovered that I had hooked it up incorrectly. With the battery wire hooked up on the correct side of the cut out, the generator worked perfectly. DUH! I also found that the generator charge rate can be set to only a couple of amps by adjusting the 3rd brush in the generator. If you are running LED lights in you car, you don't have to make any adjustment to your generator output when your lights are on, like you do when running incandescent bulbs. One more benefit of LED headlight and tail lights.

**Flemington Speedway
Historical Society
Annual Car Show
Saturday October 15, 2022**



Three intrepid Running Board A members got up early to meet at Bob Outwaters house to make the trip to the Hunterdon County Fair Grounds to display their vehicles for the 11th Annual Flemington Speedway Historical Society Car Show. They were Bob Outwater, Ken Nygard and Chuck Savistske.

Bob brought his '29 Ford Roadster hot rod. Chuck made the trip in his Model A Tudor Sedan hot rod and Ken showed off his '51 Ford F1 pickup.

The show was crowded with over 500 cars, trucks, motorcycles and race cars.

It was a perfect day for a car show. In addition to the car show, there were also plenty of vendors selling all kinds of parts and auto related memorabilia.

There was also plenty of food to be had, so no one had to go hungry.

Overall, it was a great day. Bob didn't mention if anyone in the group won an award this year, but in the past, Bob has driven away with his fair share of awards at the show.

The show is held at the same time every year, except for the COVID years.

Make sure you put it on your calendar for next year. It is a great local show with lots to see and do.

We hope to see you at this event next year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Riegelsville Fall Roll Out Sunday, November 6, 2022 Gates open at 7:00 AM

This show is usually considered to be the last car show of the show season. There are a lot of cars and vendors present as well as lots of food. If you are interested in attending as a group, contact Bob Outwater at 908-237-9322 to let him know that you plan to attend.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Holiday Party

We are looking into a holiday at a local restaurant on Sunday December 10. Watch your email and this newsletter to see if we can make the arrangements.



Fall Tour to Round Valley And Spruce Run Reservoir Friday October 21, 2022 Hosted by Tom Fritz and Deb Daye

Friday, October 21, was a beautiful day to go for a ride in a Model A. Twelve members of the Running Board A's met in Tinicum Park in PA. They included Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Bobbie Sliker and Carl Weissman, Ken and Judy Nygard, Tim and Kathy Litzenberger, Gary Homanick, Tom Fritz, Deb Daye and me.



Tom led the way across the Frenchtown Bridge and then into Flemington. From there we took RT 31 to the Park Headquarters where we met member Doru Popescu. Tom's cell phone was giving him trouble, so Bobbie Sliker volunteered to lead the group to Round Valley and Spruce Run. We went to

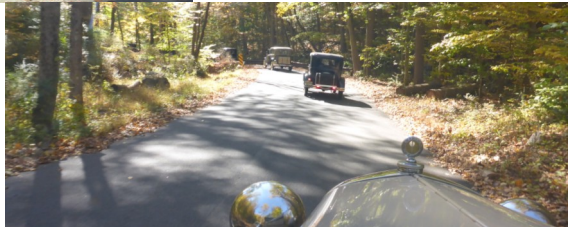


Round Valley first through some beautiful back roads. Carl and Bobbie then led us to our lunch stop at a park in Califon. We all enjoyed our picnic lunch together in a nice picnic pavilion with a bunch of trout fishermen, who also stopped for lunch and were enjoying the Model A car show in the parking lot. After a



group picture, we headed to Spruce Run. More beautiful fall colors on wonderful back roads. It was a great way to spend a sunny fall day. Thanks go to Tom and Deb for organizing

the tour and to Bobbie and Carl for leading us on all of the scenic back roads.



Road kill Rally and Business Meeting Saturday, October 29, 2022 Hosted by Chuck and Deb Savitske

It was another beautiful fall day for the Road kill Rally. The parking area was filled with mostly Model A's but there was also a Model B woody wagon and a few hot rods as well as Dennis Peters beautiful '32



Chevrolet mixed in. We had a chance to chat for a little while after dropping our food off, before Deb sent us out on the rally part of the event. There were six pages of driving instructions and questions to be answered during the rally. In all, 21 members and 6

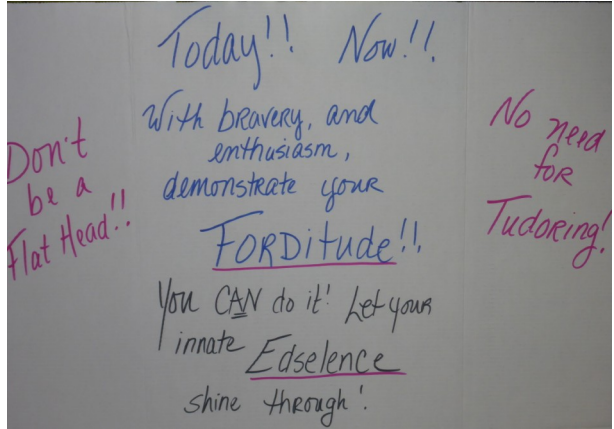
guests attended the event. Twenty one members included Bob and Bernadette Outwater, Dennis and Donna Peters, Doug and Gail Pyatt, Ed and Peg Hardy, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Catherine Marek, Bill McCarthy, Bob Adams, Carmen Morelli, Fred Chapman, Craig and Lynn Reed, Chuck and Deb Savitske and Diane and me.



As usual, the scenery and back roads were spectacular. You could not have asked for a better route to drive. Diane and I wondered why we saw two cars backtracking but later found out that they had missed some questions. There were questions to be answered all the way back and up the driveway. We finally had everyone gathered back at Chuck's garage, so it was time to answer some trivia questions before we could eat.

To get everyone in the mood to answer the trivia questions, Deb made up a sign to inspire us all.

Once the trivial was done, it was time to eat! There is never any shortage of food at this event. Chuck's road kill stew is always a great hit and this year was no exception. In addition to the stew we also had plenty of



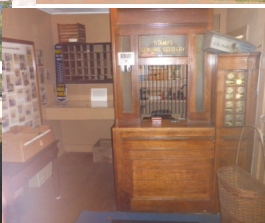
bread and enough deserts to fill a bakery. It was all excellent. Once we finished lunch, Tom Fritz led our annual business meeting. The minutes to the meeting are being sent along with the newsletter. Thanks to Chuck and Deb for hosting and setting up this wonderful event. I heard nothing but praise for the tour and the event overall. Thanks also go to Tom Fritz for running an efficient meeting and to Diane who willingly stepped up to take the minutes for the meeting in Ken's absence. Finally, thanks to Peg Hardy, who has been our faithful Treasurer for 21 years and is now stepping down. Her services as treasurer will be missed.

**Holcombe-Jimison
Farm Museum
Sunday, October 30, 2022
Hosted by Fred and Cindy Chapman**

The weather gods have been smiling on us for the entire month of October for all of our events. This day was no different. I hopped in the roadster and made the half hour trip south along the Delaware River to the Holcombe-Jimison Farm Museum just north of Lambertville. I arrived at about 12:40 to find Running Board A members Carmen Morelli, Dennis and Donna Peters and Tim and Kathy Litzenberger already there. We had a nice parking spot right in the middle of the museum grounds. We sat and chatted for a while and then Fred and Cindy Chapman and Craig and Lynn Reed showed up with a whole bunch of Model A's from the Delaware Valley Model A club.

The museum is housed in several buildings including a large barn and several out buildings. The displays house all manner of farm equipment including apple and egg sorters, various seeding machines, as well as sleighs, wagons, tractors, blacksmith shop, printing shop post office, doctor and dentist office and a barber shop, all dating back to the turn of the twentieth century.

There was a lot of interest in our cars from the public as they toured the museum and out buildings. There was even a small jazz band that came over and had their pictures taken in front of our cars. Fred and Cindy were gracious enough to invite everyone to dinner at a local restaurant and then to their house for dessert. It was a great way to finish the month.





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