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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.**

# **From the President**

## **Happy New Year!**

I am excited to start this new year as both your newsletter editor and your President. First I want to thank our outgoing officers, President Tom Fritz and Vice President Deb Daye for their service and dedication to the club. I would especially like to thank Peg Hardy for serving as Treasurer since the club began in 1998. I believe she was even treasurer for the previous club, The Mercer A's. This means that she held the office for over 25 years. Thank you Peg (and Ed) for your dedication and service to the club. Thanks also to Ken Nygard for continuing his role as Secretary of the club and to Dick Bettle as webmaster.

I would like to thank Chuck Savitske for stepping up to take the Vice President position and thanks go to Doug Pyatt for taking the Treasurer position. Doug has experience as Treasurer in other clubs where he is a member, so our club treasury is in good, experienced hands.

Finally, I would like to thank the membership of the club. Many of our long term members continually step up to lead tours and events, like Raise Your A Day, Road Kill Rally, Covered Bridges Tours, breakfasts, picnics, car shows and the occasional overnight tour.

I have been amazed at the growth of our club over the last 3 years. Many organizations, churches and even Model A car clubs have seen a dramatic decline in their membership. In last 11 years, our little club membership has averaged about 24 families per year.

In 2019 our membership increased to 27 families and by the end of 2022, our membership has increased to 39 families, about a 30% increase in 3 years. We must be doing something right, but what that is, I have no clue.

I do know that if you are interested in monthly meetings to talk about Model A's we are not your club. We would rather drive them. There are other clubs in the area that have monthly meetings and they are very successful at it. In fact many of our members do maintain membership in more than one club. We enjoy attending other club functions like the Steve Ryan Car Show put on by the Lehigh Valley Model A Club. These folks do a lot of great things and I applaud them for their efforts.

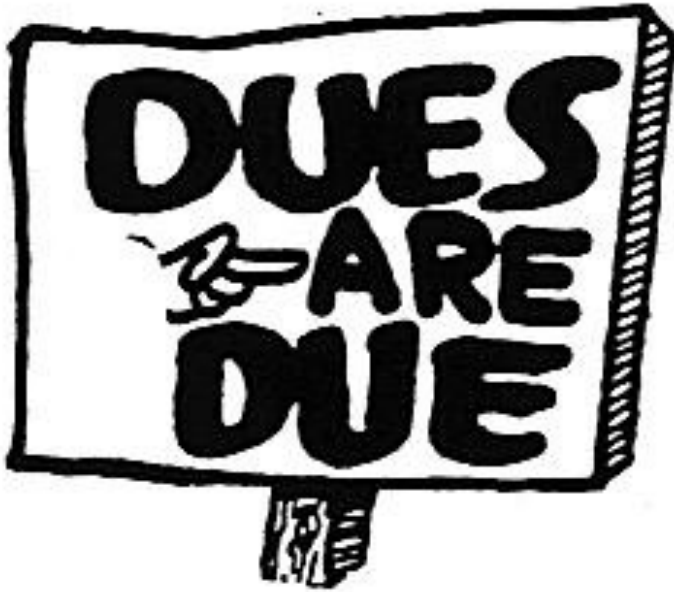
Our newer members have begun to step up with events, which is great to see. The Christmas in July event and the day at the Holcombe-Jimison Farm Museum are two that come to mind. I look forward to more events like this and I hope that the entire club membership supports these new ideas and events.

In closing, I am extremely optimistic about our club in the new year. If you have an idea for an event, don't be shy, let us know. If you have any ideas that would benefit the club, let me know about that too. As always, I also appreciate any articles or even ideas for articles for the newsletter. Every little bit helps.

2023, here we come, ready or not!

Dave





**Your 2023 dues are due NOW**

**Please make checks**

**for \$15 payable to:**

**Running Board A's**

**Mail to:**

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**C/O Doug Pyatt**

**1419 E. University Ave.**

**Bethlehem, PA. 18015**

# MARC Mileage Program

It's that time of year again, to turn your mileage in to Chuck Savitske to get credit for miles driven in your Model A. For those not familiar with the program, MARC gives out certificates for those driving their Model A's 5000 miles or more. Mileage is cumulative from year to year, so if you don't reach a mileage award level this year, each years mileage will be added until you hit an award level. You must be registered in the program to participate. The registration fee is \$1.00. Contact Chuck at 610-573-4378 or at [savolcar@yahoo.com](mailto:savolcar@yahoo.com) to report your mileage or enroll in the program.



*Getting  
There Is  
Half the Fun!*



## **Welcome New Members**

**Larry & Kathy Konsin**

155 Windsor Rd.

Yardley, PA. 19067

Phone 267-969-1128

Email: [Larrykonsin@icloud.com](mailto:Larrykonsin@icloud.com)

# A "Thank You" Note For Our Participation at the Holcombe-Jimison Museum Closing Day



Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead  
1605 Daniel Bray Highway  
Lambertville, NJ 08530

Model A Club  
% Craig Reed  
82 River Road  
Titusville, NJ 08560  
December 5, 2022

Dear Friends,

The trustees of Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead greatly appreciate your participation in our Closing Day Event on October 30, 2022. Those Model A Beauties couldn't help but "steal the show!"

We hope you'll consider coming to future events. We'll keep you informed of event dates and special activities.

Once again, we so appreciate your friendship and interest!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Lou".

Mary Lou Crabtree, Secretary

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## **Hosted by Ken Nygard**

Meet at America on Wheels, 5 North Front Street, Allentown PA 18102 at 10:30 a.m. Self-guided tour or docent led by me if preferred. (Individual choice on the day of the event)

**January 18th**

**Snow date: January 25th**

Lunch at a local and nearby restaurant following the tour.

For anyone preferring to travel as a group, I can lead a group from the Quakertown Walmart, 195 N. West End Boulevard. Meet at the lower end of the Walmart parking lot by 9:45 and proceed to AOW at 10:00.

Currently featured are unrestored all original automobiles from each decade beginning in the 1910's. Also, several new (old) Mack trucks have been put on display loaned by the Mack Truck Museum. That's about 20 new exhibits on display to begin the new year!

Let me know by Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in attending including lunch or wish to meet at the Walmart. Contact Ken at 267-893-0638 or at [kanygard@msn.com](mailto:kanygard@msn.com) if you plan to attend. Model A's optional only if conditions permit.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Planning Meeting

April 1, 2023

11:30 AM

**Christ Lutheran Church**

**Parish Hall**

**353 East Dark Hollow Rd  
Pipersville, PA**

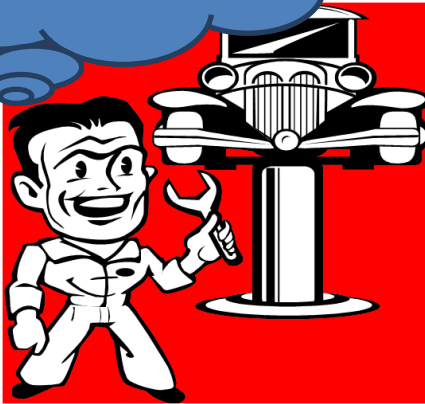
Bring your ideas for the new touring season. We will provide sandwich fixins, water, coffee and ice cream sundae fixins for dessert. Call Diane and Dave to RSVP by March 30th and to sign up for a side dish to bring. 267-733-3868. If you can't make the meeting, you can always let me know ahead of time what event you would like to lead.

Hope to 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 22, 2023**

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 and top off of fluids. Sorry no oil changes. Tire pressure check will be an optional extra charge (ha ha it’s a joke). 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 “quick” repair. Donations of grease and transmission oil will be most welcome.**

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](mailto: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 30**

**2023**

**Sunday • 9 am to 3 pm**

**Trexlerstown, PA**

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

**Vintage Fords from 1903 - 1942 also welcomed.**

*Lehigh Valley Model "A" Club Presents*

**the STEVE RYAN**

*Model A/AA Show & Swap*



**Swap Meet • Concessions • Tech Session  
Rain or Shine • Free Admission • Free Registration**

**Pin Stripping by Jim Brand • Paved Parking for Show Cars**

**Co-Host: LVMAC and the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company**

**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 household items • NO dolls/toys • NO modern tools**

**An associated car club is not required for show. Interest in Model 'A' Fords recommended.**

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

Lehigh Valley  
Model 'A' Club



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Save the dates! September 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Hosted by the Model A Ford Club of Long Island



Hyatt Regency Hotel  
1717 Motor Parkway  
Hauppauge, NY  
800-233-1234

Welcome Dinner Thursday night  
Guided tour on Friday  
Dinner Friday at the hotel  
Grand Tour Saturday  
Banquet at the Hotel Saturday night  
Sunday afternoon Tour  
Car Judging

Make reservations by 8/1/2023 for  
the Special Meet Rate of \$159 a night  
Listed under Model A Ford Meet  
[https://salesportal.hyatt.com/env-  
web/gsm/ui/#/booking/26523323](https://salesportal.hyatt.com/env-web/gsm/ui/#/booking/26523323)

Hubley Derby  
Onsite Trailer Parking  
Secure Parking  
Maintenance Tent  
Awards Breakfast Sunday morning  
Raffle Prizes and more!

For more information contact: [2023NEM@gmail.com](mailto:2023NEM@gmail.com)  
Join our Facebook Group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nem2023>

# 2022 Holiday Party December 11, 2022 Pipersville PA

In spite of a late start in planning the event, we still had 25 members attend the event. Fred Chapman took on the role of planning and coordinating the event. After a feudal attempt to make a reservation at a restaurant, we decided to turn the event into a pot luck lunch held in the Christ Lutheran Church Parish Hall. Fred took on the chore of notifying the membership by email and then coordinating all of the food offerings so that we didn't wind up with all desserts! He did a great job in planning the event.

Those in attendance were Bob and Bernadette Outwater, Dennis and Donna Peters, Ed and Peg Hardy, Chuck and Deb Savitske, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Carmen Morelli, Judy Nygard, Tom Fritz, Deb Daye, Doru and Linda Popescu, Fred and Cindy Chapman, Craig and Lynn Reed, Catherine Marek, new members Larry and Kathy Konsin and Diane and me.





*Photo here and previous page by Bobbi Bettle*

Thanks also go to Diane for decorating the hall on short notice.

After everyone arrived and had a chance to settle in, the food was ready and the dinner bell rang. We all sat down to a great meal with good company.



After going back for seconds and in some cases, thirds it was time for the gift exchange. Numbers were passed out to everyone who had brought gifts. We turned the festivities over to President Tom Fritz, who took care of getting the numbers called for each participant and added his light hearted touch to the event.

Things were civil...for a while, until a few of the gifts were opened so that others could see what was worth stealing.



By the end of the afternoon everyone that brought a present had something to take home with them. New friends were made and I think a good time was had by everyone.



*Photo at left: Larry Konsin and Chuck Savitske getting to know each other.*

There was even a snowman that was dressed just like Carmen Morelli!



And for all of you that say I never put a picture of myself in the newsletter, here you go. Thanks Bernadette for such a nice picture....of Diane!



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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