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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

It was wonderful to see so many new members at the Raise Your A Day Event on Saturday April 22. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Bob and Bernadette Outwater for opening their beautiful home and garage to host the event. It is a lot of work and effort to host an event like this and they do an excellent job every year.

Poor Bob never even had a chance to get lunch until about 3:00 in the afternoon. The effort was well worth it though. I think almost all the new members got a chance to put their cars on the lift so they could be checked out.

Several minor problems were identified and corrected, including wobbly distributors, loose steering boxes and front ends out of alignment.

Off the lift, a lot of questions were answered about all kinds of topics, from valve taps to rear window frame issues, CB radio operation, cleaning products for wheels, tops, and even what type of motor oil to use.

It was fun to watch that transfer of knowledge from the more experienced members of the club to the newbie's. I have been driving these cars for almost 25 years and I still learn something new each time I attend a Raise Your A Event.

We have set the stage for a great touring season, so let's keep going.

See you at the next event

Dave

Raise Your “A” Day (or as some may prefer, “Up Your “A” Day”)

Bob & Bernadette Outwater’s Garage

10 AM-Saturday, April 22, 2023

On a beautiful, sunny Saturday, attendance was phenomenal at Raise Your “A” Day at the Outwater Garage.



The attendees were Dave Allison, Ken Nygard, Bob Adams, Tom Fritz, Debbie Daye, Dick Bettle, Chuck and Debbie Savitske, Carl Wiseman, Craig and Lynne Reed, Scott Franklin,

Scott Goodwin, Larry Konsin, Dennis Peters, John Grier, Bob Stelle as well as two guests, Bob Daurenheim and Paul Fiedler.





Our apologies if we missed any names.

As usual everyone got their turn to use the lift to grease their Model A Ford, check fluid levels, adjust tire pressure, make

minor repairs, and confirm everything was in good shape for the 2023 touring season. Our club members were willing and ready to point out all the things they



saw as problems. We discovered and fixed several issues, including a loose distributor set screw, loose steering box to frame bolts, and alignment problems.





This event hopefully served as a learning opportunity in the maintenance process of our antique vehicles.

Thanks for your participation, food and soft drink donations. Also thanks for the oil and grease donations. Bernadette would like to thank Bobbi and Dick Bettle for the beautiful





double bouquet of flowers. And thank you to everyone for helping clean up and put things away.

This event is always a fun time with a practical purpose, ensuring that our Model A's are safe to drive. Thanks to all for making it a really fun day.

Bob and Bernadette

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Overnight tour to Rhinebeck Auto Show

Hosted by Steve & Kathy Belton

May 6th and 7th

Rhinebeck N.Y

This is an overnight run to Rhinebeck N.Y. to attend the Rhinebeck auto show on Sunday May 7th. Registration for Model A's is free. We drive up along the Delaware River to Milford PA. After stopping for lunch in Milford, we work our way up to Kingston N.Y. where we stay overnight. Steve and Kathy will most likely stay at the Best Western in Kingston. Please call 845-338-0400 to make your own reservations. There are other hotel options in the area if needed. Contact Steve and Kathy on their land line at 908-362-6344, or Steve's cell at 908-334-8661. You can also reach them at burnedbelly72@yahoo.com. They can tell you meeting times and locations for the event.



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A promotional poster for the Spring Wildwood Car and Truck Show. The title 'SPRING WILDWOOD' is written in large, bold, yellow, distressed letters with a black outline, set against a background of palm trees and a Ferris wheel. Below the title, 'CAR AND TRUCK SHOW' is written in smaller, black, distressed letters. The poster features three cars: a black and orange flame-painted hot rod, a red vintage sedan, and a silver convertible. The background includes palm trees, a Ferris wheel, and a sunset sky. The text 'JSM PRODUCTIONS' is written vertically on the left side. At the bottom, it says 'MAY 12th 13th 14th 2023' and 'SPECTATORS FREE RAIN OR SHINE'. A Facebook icon and contact information are also present.

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Contact Fred Chapman at 215-378-7303 if you plan to attend this event. He can help with the route to the show and overnight accommodations if needed.

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**Wings of Freedom Aviation Museum
1155 Easton Rd., Horsham, PA**

Saturday May 20, 2023

Hosted by Fred Chapman



Arrive at 10:30 AM at the Navy Gate for the tour. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for Seniors 65+. Contact Fred at 215-378-7303 if you plan to attend.

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Save the dates! September 6th – 10th, 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
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Grand Tour Saturday
Banquet at the Hotel Saturday night
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PCV Valve in a Model A Ford

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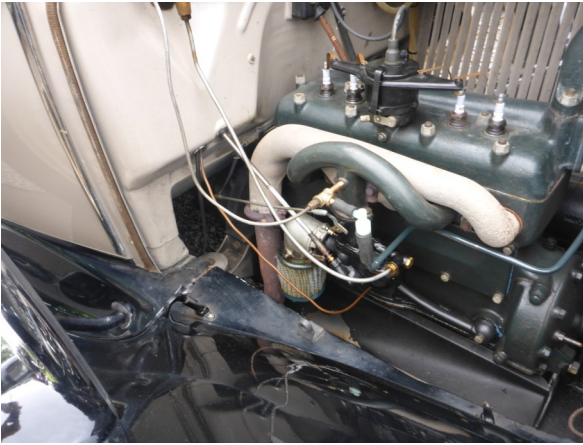
Almost all Model A's leak some oil. Some leak more than others. If yours leaks enough to leave a small puddle of oil on the driveway, but not enough to want to tear the engine down and rebuild it, you may be able to stop the leak by installing a PCV (positive crankcase ventilation) valve.

The leak occurs when oil accumulates around the rear seal, and eventually leaks out when the engine is stopped. In a nutshell, the PCV valve works by pulling a slight vacuum on the crankcase. This prevents oil from accumulating around the rear seal and therefore won't be as prone to leaking when the engine is shut off.

In doing some research on the web, I found that some folks are concerned that installing a PCV valve, especially one that sized for a large V8 engine, may cause parts of a Model A engine to be starved for oil, causing premature wear and engine failure. I have had a PCV valve for years in my Tudor and haven't seen any evidence of this with my engine.

There are a number of ways to install a PCV valve. Some involve drilling a hole in the valve cover for the valve and then running a vacuum line to it. The method that I am going to describe was shown to me years ago by a former club member. This procedure involves NO engine modifications, only some spare parts from an auto parts store and maybe a hardware store. The only problem was that it took some research to get part numbers for a new breather cap and the PCV valve. (If you want to have fun, go to the

auto parts store and tell the person at the counter that you want a PCV valve for a Model A Ford).



The first thing you need is a vacuum source. This is done by tapping into the intake manifold that's already drilled and tapped for the vacuum wipers. A couple of 1/8" nipples and a 1/8" "T" connec-

tor will create the vacuum source for both the wipers

and the PCV valve as seen in the picture. I chose brass hardware, but galvanized pipe works too. The brass is just a little more expensive, but I think looks a little better. A



piece of fuel line is slipped onto one arm of the "T" and the PCV valve (NAPA part #2-9207) is slipped into the other side of the fuel line.

The next thing that's needed is a connection to the crankcase. To do this, the original oil fill cap (or breather cap) is swapped out with one that fits tight on the fill tube and has a nipple for a vacuum hose (NAPA part # BK 7031334). The new breather cap



only comes in yellow, but can be painted black if desired. Since the PCV valve and the breather cap are on opposite sides of the engine, a piece of 3/8" copper tubing was used to run from one side of the engine to the other. A piece of heater hose was used to connect the cap to the copper tube and another piece was used to connect the copper tube to the bottom of the PCV valve. You may need some hose clamps at these joints to make sure that all hose connections are tight. You don't want any vacuum leaks. This can cause the engine to idle rough. You can paint the copper tube Ford engine green, so it's not so noticeable.

This setup has worked great for me. If for some reason, you want to remove the system, you only have to swap the breather cap back to the original and either plug the intake manifold or reinstall the vacuum line for the wiper back into the manifold. It's about a 5 minute job! The cost of the whole project was about \$20.

Steve Ryan Memorial Model A Car Show

Rain was the operative word for this show unfortunately.

John Grier and Sharon and Jack McCann met me at the Wawa in Quakertown to make the trip to Trexler-town. Because rain was predicted to get heavy during the show, we all elected to drive our modern cars.

I led the way and elected to take the same back roads that we usually take to the Das Awkscht Fescht car show in Macungie. When we got there, we ran into Steve and Kathy Belton, Fred Chapman, Carmen Morelli and Tim Litzenburger also from the Running



Board A's. There were quite a few vendors there, including Bratton's Antique Auto parts and other individuals that



just had tables set up with new and used parts for sale. Business had been brisk for the vendors when the show first opened up, but as the show went on, the rains came down. It didn't take too long for some off the vendors to pack up for the day.



The fire company opened up their garage to show off the Model A Fire Truck that the Le-high Valley Model A group re-stored for them.

It didn't take too long to go through the show. Sharon and Jack left a little before us and took Rt 78 home. John and I stayed a little longer to take a look at the fire truck, but left



shortly after that. John followed me home to take a look at the seat belt installation in my roadster and to see where the timing pin is located on the cam gear cover. It was a wet but fun day to hang out with friends and Model A's

Dave



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