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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

Das Awkscht Fescht is next weekend. It's a great show, but it also means that there are just a few short weeks left of summer.

What I won't be sad to see go away is the heat and humidity that we have had this summer. Record breaking heat and humidity have made for a not so pleasant ride in our old cars. I don't know about you but the A/C in my car doesn't work worth a darn. Cooler weather is on the way and we have lots of touring opportunities in the works.

We have reports in the newsletter on several great events that have already occurred in the last month. John Grier still has a mystery that he is trying to solve, so check out the update on his progress. Our club continues to grow with the addition of Roger and Kathy Bagley being our newest members.

I have filled out our Calendar of Events through the end of the year so you can see what's coming up.

Finally, Tim Litzenburger is still looking for input on a potential multi day Model A tour to the Finger Lakes Area of New York in 2024. Be sure you share your ideas and suggestions with him.

See you at the next event!

Dave

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Treasurer's Report

Balance as of June 28, 2023 \$1748.69

Income

Total Income \$0.00

Expenses

Total Expenses \$0.00

Balance as of July 31, 2023 \$1748.69

Respectfully Submitted
Doug Pyatt
Treasurer

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On the cover:

Twin roadsters (almost) on the Covered Bridges Tour. Bob and Sheri Nye's beautiful '28 Roadster in the foreground sits next to my '31 Roadster in Nockamixon State Park. Read about the tour later on in the newsletter.

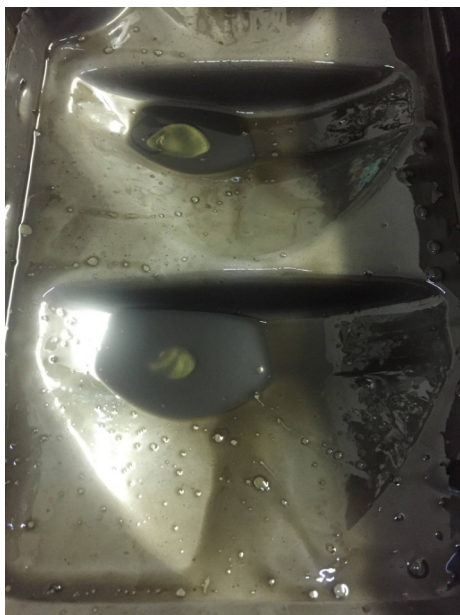
What's Your Diagnosis

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Photos by John Grier

You may recall in last month's newsletter, that RBA member John Grier had a ticking noise in the engine of his '31 roadster. John very diligently set the points, checked and lubricated the distributor and checked the cam gear and when he put it all back together, the noise was ***STILL THERE.***

Several of you have offered suggestions about what it might be, so after checking everything that you all suggested, with no remedy, it was time to remove the oil pan to see what was going on.



After a long struggle to get the pan off, John found nothing obvious in the pan, which I guess, is a good thing. What he did find, however was some coolant dripping out of the number 3 cylinder. That's ***NOT*** a good thing. In the picture to the left, you can see drops of coolant accumulating in the splash pan. He knew that he had to remove

the cylinder head to figure out where that was coming from. John must have an engineering background because he engineered quite the cylinder head puller.



The picture at left is his homemade cylinder head remover. It did the trick and he got the head off.

There was nothing obvious that would cause a leak, but when he took the head to a machine

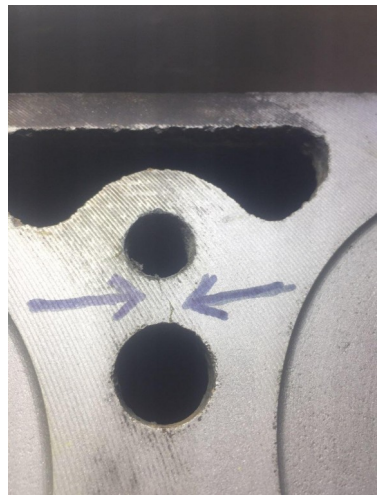
shop, they cleaned it up and promptly found a crack.

So that explains the coolant leak, but what about the tapping noise? A new high compression head is on order as well as all the gaskets and other items needed to reinstall the head.

So what about the tapping noise? Could that be the cause or should he keep looking? He is going to check all the rod bearings and wrist

pins while he has the pan down, but so far, again, nothing obvious. Unfortunately that 4 letter word

“work” keeps on getting in John’s way, but he will keep plugging away at it. So what’s your opinion. All suggestions gratefully accepted.



Joint NJAACA/Model A Covered Bridges Tour Saturday July 22, 2023 Hosted by Dick and Bobbi Bettie

Saturday, July 22nd turned out to be a beautiful, sunny but *very* warm day. The bulk of the NJAACA participants met in Clinton N.J. The Model A participants met in Tinicum Park PA. There were 15 cars that attended the event including 4 Model A's. (There would have been 5, but Dick's car is still in pieces in his garage).

We did get to meet new member Bob Nye along with his wife Sheri. They had their gorgeous '28 roadster out on this beautiful day. We had quite the eclectic collection of cars.



Fifteen cars is a lot of cars to keep track of, especially when you are driving a lotus that only sits about 3 inches off the ground. I decided to bring up the rear since I live in the area,

but one critical mistake that I made was not to take a printed copy of the directions. With that many cars, it was inevitable that we would get separated, which was OK in the beginning where I knew where Dick and Bobbi were going. When the group was headed to the last covered bridge before our lunch break at Peace Valley Park, Doru and I got separated again. I decided to just meet up at the park. Sure enough we passed the whole group going in the opposite direction, so we turned around and got caught up. Some of us elected to stay by the cars and have lunch



in a very sunny parking lot. We got a chance to get to know the Nye's a little bit better while enjoying lunch. Af-

ter lunch Dick asked all the Model A's to stay at the front of the line so he could see us better. That worked out great for all the Model Aer's until one turn at the end of the tour. Dick got ahead of the whole group and left us all in the dust. We were rewarded for finding our way on our own when the Bettles provided Italian water ice at



Lake Nockamixon. It really hit the spot and I think Dick and I are even for when I left him in the dust going to Macungie.

Welcome New Members



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Stewartsville, N.J. 08886

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The Bagley's are pictured above winning a free Club membership for a year at the Christmas in July Event for best decorated car. See the article later on in the newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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AUGUST 4, 5 & 6, 2023
MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK
MACUNGIE, PA

Hosted by Dave Allison

We will meet Saturday August 5th at the WAWA on RT 663 outside of Quakertown at 9:00 AM. From there we will take back roads to the show. You must already be registered. There is no day of show registration. This is a great time and we always have a lot of fun. This year I will try not to leave Dick Beetle broken down along the side of the road.

Please let me know if you are coming by calling or texting me at 267-733-3708 or emailing me at dalliso@mail.ptd.net as soon as possible.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rough & Tumble Engineers 75th Anniversary Thresher men's Reunion August 16 to 19, 2023

This is a great show with a whole bunch of both stationary steam engines and steam powered farm and construction equipment as well as steam powered locomotives. Our own Chuck Savitske operates some of the steam equipment. Members of the club usually attend on Saturday. Contact Chuck at (610)-573-4378 for more information or if you plan to attend.



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Saturday September 2, 2023
Boyertown Community Park
Boyertown PA
Hosted by Dave Allison

We will meet at the WAWA outside of Quakertown on RT 663 at 9:00 AM and then travel to Boyertown from there for the show. You will have the opportunity to visit the fantastic Boyertown Auto Museum while at the show. You can pre register for the show by downloading the registration [here](#). Pre registration is \$12 and must be completed by August 25th. Day of show registration is \$20. Contact me if you plan to attend by calling or texting me at 267-733-3708 or emailing me at dalliso@mail.ptd.net.

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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
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
Join our Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nem2023>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Mark Your Calendars for
These Upcoming Events**

October

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| October 14th | Joint Steamboat/
Model A Event |
| October 21st | Flemington Speed
way Historical
Society Car Show |
| October 28th | Roadkill Rally and
Annual Business
Meeting |
| October 29th | Holcombe Jimison
Farm Museum Car
Show |

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November

**November 5th Riegelsville Fall
Rollout Car Show**

**November 19th Visit to Pearl Buck
House**

December

**December 9th Annual Christmas
Party at Christ
Lutheran Church.
Event will be
catered. Cost yet to
be determined.**

Planning for a 2024 Finger Lakes Tour

Just a reminder that Tim Litzenburger is considering organizing an extended Model A tour to the Finger Lakes Area of New York State. Before he puts much effort into organizing this tour he would like to know how much interest there is in the club for a tour like this. Currently, Tim is tentatively planning the tour for **September 2024**. He plans to visit this area in September of 2023 to plan the trip. This area has plenty of things to do, including antique airplane, boat and car museums, wineries, and beautiful Watkins Glenn State Park. If you think you would be interested in this tour, please contact Tim directly (**not me**) at 610-573-0310 by phone or text or by email at talwrench@yahoo.com. Please contact Tim by August 31 if you have any interest in this tour. Suggestions for attractions to see in the area are welcome.



Christmas in July

July 29, 2023

Hosted by Dennis and Donna Peters

Photos by Ken Nygard

The Christmas in July event was a huge hit! Held on July 29th, 2023 at the home of Dennis and Donna Peters home in Quakertown, PA.

Dennis says, “We enjoyed a fun filled day that in-



cluded a beautiful scenic drive around the hay-cock area of Upper Buck's

County that included 2 covered bridges. We returned from our ride to a great meal thanks to everyone's contributions



of sides, salads, drinks and desserts. Everyone enjoyed the shade and a slight breeze on an otherwise

hot day.” After the meal our very own ice-cream men, Dennis, and Tim, made home-made strawberry and vanilla ice cream, while others decorated their cars in a holiday theme. “I always enjoy



seeing the creativity of the displays. I tasked my 9-year-old granddaughter, Eisleigh with picking the winner and presenting the award. The winners this year were Rodger and Kathy Bagley with their neat

“Home for the holidays” themed display on their gorgeous coupe. Roger and Kathy are also our newest members from Stewartsville, NJ. Also in attendance were Chuck and Deb Savitske, Craig and Lynn Reed, Tim and Kathy Litzenberger, Ken Nygard, Bob and Leslie Adams, my son Cody, my daughter Kate, and my grandchildren, as well as my mom and her friend Walt. After ice cream we exchanged gifts and enjoyed conversation and Tim’s Christmas tunes. Thanks to everyone for helping make this a fun and enjoyable day.”





Membership Application For the Running Board "A's"

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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C/O Doug Pyatt

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