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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's hard to believe that September is here and that the summer is almost over. The good news is that the weather should start to cool off a little and the fall is a great time to do tours and other events in your Model A. Check out the calendar of events to see what's coming up. If you have an idea for an event please let me know.

In August, we were fortunate to have our two grandkids from California stay with us for a couple of weeks. For one weekend, we also had our two grandkids from Harrisburg stay with us too. Of course, the girls want to do everything together, and so do the boys. That means that Grandpa doesn't have enough seat belts in either Model A to take any more than one grandkid at a time. It looks like I will be installing more seat belts in both cars as a fall project.

Finally, as we enter the fall touring season, please mark your calendar for the Road Kill Rally in October, where we will also conduct our annual business meeting. This is one of only two meetings that we have each year, so be sure you attend. If someone would like to run for President for next year, feel free. I will not be offended. I have been saying the same thing about the newsletter editor position (and you don't even have to run in an election for that), but after 20 years, I still have no takers.

See you at the next event.

Dave

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Treasurer's Report

Balance as of July 31, 2023 \$1748.69

Income

Total Income \$0.00

Expenses

Total Expenses \$0.00

Balance as of August 28, 2023 \$1748.69

Respectfully Submitted
Doug Pyatt
Treasurer

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On the cover: No matter if you are 8 or 80 I think just about every little boy's dream is to sit in a fire truck. The cover shot is of Tim Litzenberger at the Plumsteadville Fire Department Car and Truck Show sitting in a privately owned fire truck. This was 3 days prior to Tim's 80th birthday. ...And for all the spouses out there that think that Model A's take up too much space in the garage, be glad WE don't collect fire trucks!

What's Your Diagnosis

Part 3

As you may remember RBA member John Grier has had a tap in his engine that no amount of valve adjusting seemed to cure. He pulled the oil pan to look for anything obvious, but could not find anything. He did notice, however, coolant dripping into the oil pan from the #3 cylinder. After pulling the cylinder head, John found a crack in the head, so a new one was ordered. So here is the update on the story.

John now has the new cylinder head and got it painted. When he cleaned up the block, he was disappointed to

find that six bolt holes for the cylinder head studs had heli-coiles in them, but at



least there were no cracks in the block. John also checked all the connecting rod bearings and piston wrist pins and found no issues. He spent a lot of time checking piston clearances and getting the cylinder



head studs adjusted to the right height.

He was surprised to find that the water pump didn't fit into the cylinder head properly.

He had to grind the tip

of the water pump shaft to make it so the water pump would fit into the head without bottoming out. After



making this correction he was finally able to reinstall the cylinder head on the engine.

John hopes to have the engine back together this week. Good Luck John!



Congratulations

Our own Fred Chapman headed out to the MARC National Meet in Hamilton Ohio, with his beautiful '29 Phaeton. He had a great time at the meet.



Fred entered his phaeton in the touring class to be judged. He was pleasantly surprised to score 491 out of 500 points and took home an Award of Excellence

for his phaeton.

#79 Fred Chapman - 1928 Phaeton
Award of Excellence Medallion



Congratulations Fred!!

Not to be out done, Larry Konsin decided to enter his Model A Coupe in the New Hope Auto Show. Larry



thought that he would be in the top 40 for his class because there were less than 40 cars in his class. As the awards ceremony progressed, the awards presenters worked their way up to best in class, and much to Larry's surprise, he won best in class, beating out other Model A Fords and a beautiful Packard that, I believe, is sitting next to Larry's car in the picture below. Larry has



been on a roll lately. You may recall that in the spring, Larry attended the Wildwood N.J. Auto Show and

took not only the best in class award for his car, but also best in show.

In the first two shows that Larry has entered his car, he has received two first in class and one best in show award. Not bad for the first two times out. A picture of Larry's awards are on the next page. Congratulations to Larry and to Fred for their recent local and national awards!



BILL SPING HELMWOOD
CAR AND TRUCK SHOW WINNER

SPRING 2015 HELMWOOD
CAR AND TRUCK SHOW
TRUCK WINNER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Saturday September 2, 2023
Boyertown Community Park
Boyertown PA
Hosted by Bob Adams

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. Day of show registration is \$20. Contact Bob if you plan to attend by calling 215-538-2425.

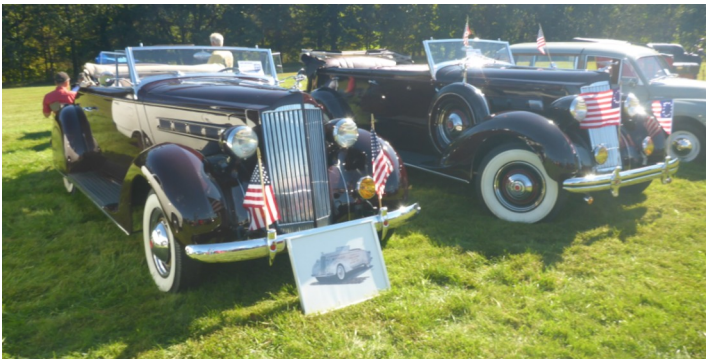
*Please note that I had planned to host this event, but a change in our schedule caused me to leave the hosting duties to Bob. Thanks, Bob

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Delaware Valley Vol. Fire Co. Fall Car Show Sunday September 24, 2023 75 Headquarters Rd Erwinna PA. 18920

All makes, models and years of cars, are welcome. Registration fee is \$15. Registration is from 8:00AM to 11:00 AM. Show time 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is an all attendee type judged show. Judging time is from 11:00AM to 1:00 PM. There will be a large amount of raffle prizes, door prizes and 50/50 raffle drawing. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Rain date is October 1, 2023. In case of rain the morning of the show call 610-294-9385 or go to www.delawarevalleyfire.com for more information.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Saturday October 21, 2023 Ringoes N.J.

Bob Outwater has graciously agreed to host this fun event. If you plan to attend-you can meet at Bob's house, 32 Mason Farm Road, Ringoes N.J. at 7:30 AM on Saturday October 21st. Contact Bob at 973-568-3525 if you plan to attend. From there, Bob will lead the group to the fair grounds where we can all park together. The entry fee is \$10 payable in cash only at the gate. There is no pre registration for this event.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Road Kill Rally and Annual Business Meeting

Hellertown PA

Saturday, October 28, 2023,

10:00 AM

Don't miss this fun event to cap off our touring season. Deb and Chuck Savitske always have a great rally laid out and there is always plenty of food and drink after the rally. Contact Chuck and Deb at 610-838-2338 by October 24th to let them know that you will attend and to let them know what you will bring to share.

Also our annual business meeting will take place where we will elect officers and conduct any club business. You won't want to miss this event!

Holcombe-Jimison

Farm Museum

Route 29

Lambertville N.J.

Sunday, October 29, 2023

This is closing day of this great farm museum. They love to have our Model A's on display for the event. Watch next month's newsletter for more details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Mark Your Calendars for
These Upcoming Events**

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.**

DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT

Saturday August 5, 2023

We had a great turnout for the Macungie Car Show. The weather was great with no rain in the forecast. Those in attendance included Ken Nygard, Sharon and Jack McCann with a friend, Bob Outwater, Tom Fritz, Bob Adams, Chuck Savitske, Dick Bettle and me.



This year, we had an uneventful trip from our meeting place to the show. No one broke down or got lost thankfully. I did learn that I need to wipe

the sunscreen off my camera lens to prevent pictures like the one to the right. I also had to take it a little easy walking around the show because I had spent the previous morning in the ER with a very painful bad knee. I



was very relieved to have it feel good enough to make it to the show.



We found a nice shady spot to sit for the day with a good view of our cars. I am always amazed at how much attention Bob's Woody Wagon

draws. There seemed to be more interest than usual this year in our Model A's. We capped the day with some ice cream courtesy of Dick Bettle....Thanks Dick!

We hung around to receive our participation awards (thanks Bob for standing in line for me) and then we were on our way home. It was a great day!

Plumsteadville Fire Department

Auto and Truck Show

Saturday August 26, 2023

We had a nice turnout from the club for this first annual Plumsteadville Fire Department Auto and Truck Show. Those in attendance from the club were Steve Belton, Tim Litzenberger, Tuck Elfman and Larry Konsin.



Tim brought his unrestored 1928 Roadster Pickup. Steve had his beautiful tudor sedan. (His panel van is still having engine problems). Larry brought his award winning 1931 Model A coupe and I had my roadster. Larry was busy for most of the day talking to folks about his coupe. Tim, Steve and I spent most of the day in the shade behind some of the big



antique fire trucks talking to some of the firemen. When they found out that Tim had worked for Mack Truck for over 30 years, they had non stop questions for him because a lot of the fire trucks were Mack trucks. It was a great day. There were lots of cars and trucks on display. Hopefully next year's show will be even bigger and better.



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

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Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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