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# **From the President**

Well, fall is officially here. Our neighbor's maple tree is a beautiful flame red color. Trees all around us seem to be at the peak of their color right now. But the surest sign of fall is that I finally put the top up on the roadster. It has been down all summer.

By now I'm sure you all know that the Road Kill Rally had to be canceled, but we still need to have a business meeting. It has been scheduled for Saturday November 4. You can check the calendar for more details about the meeting, but it is important to get as many members of the club as possible to attend. This is YOUR club. We want to hear from you about your suggestions to make the club better, stronger and more fun!

There are still plenty of events on the calendar, including an overnight trip to Steamtown, the Riegelsville Fall Roll Out, a tour of the Pearl Buck House and our annual Holiday Party. Check out the calendar of events for details around each of these events.

Finally, dues for 2024 are due. Please pay them as soon as possible so we don't have to track you down next year.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming events.

Dave



# HONORING WWII VETERANS

By Tim Litzenberger

Jack Reiss has been my friend for 30 years. I met Jack through the antique engine hobby. He is 101 years old and a WWII veteran. He lives in Hellertown, PA. Hellertown also has two other 100 year old men that served in WWII. They were to be honored in the Hellertown Halloween parade.

When my friend Jack was asked by his daughter in law, Sue, if he was going to go in this year's parade he said no. The reason was he did not want to ride in a modern convertible that was going to be supplied by a local car dealer. Sue, being persistent and wanting Jack to be honored, said what if I ask Tim to take you in his 1930 Model A. Of course he jumped at that chance! He always enjoyed riding in my A's in the past especially my Model A pick up trucks.

Several weeks ago Sue called explaining all this to me. She asked if I would drive all three vets in the parade. After talking about it, we decided that I would try to get two other cars. This way each 100 year old veteran could be honored individually. She also took it upon herself to have banners made. Each car had a banner with the veteran's picture, date of birth, and branch of service they served in. (A really nice touch.) I bought US flags and made brackets to fasten them to the car bumpers.

The next step was to find two other cars. Jack and I have a mutual friend Dennis Peters. He has a 32 Chevy and is a member of The Running Board A's. He agreed to join with his wife Donna. Brian Grube



of the L.V. Model “A” Club also joined, with his 1931 4 dr. to make up the third car. I also had a stand by driver who lives in Hellertown. Chuck Savitske, a member of the Running Board A’s agreed to accept a last minute call to fill in if needed.

On the day of the parade, October 22, we had typical fall weather. As soon as we started out on the parade route many people got up and clapped for these vets, shouted praises, and said “thank you” for serving. There were many salutes given also. Many people knew Jack, and came up to the car to shake his hand! I am sure this was happening with the other two cars also.





I decided to see if my Viet Nam Era Army uniform still fit. To my surprise it did. I wore it that day to chauffeur Mr. Jack Reiss, who served on a mine sweeper in the US Navy, along with my wife dressed as Rosie the Riveter in the

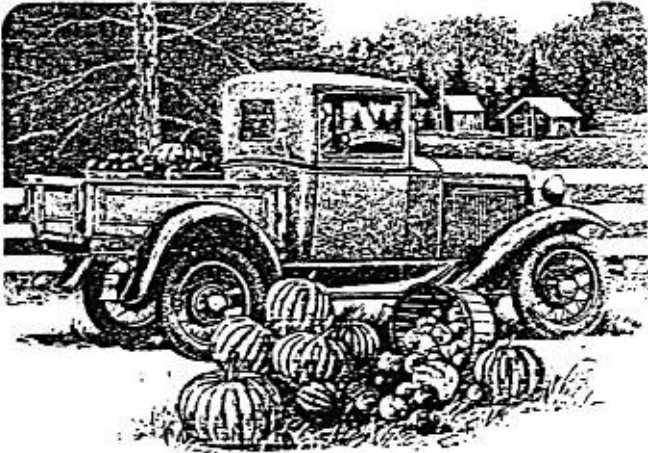
back seat. Dennis Peters and his wife chauffeured Mr. Al Groeger, 100 years old, who served in the US Army. Brian Grube chauffeured Mr. Bill Diehl, 100 years old, who served in the US Air Force.



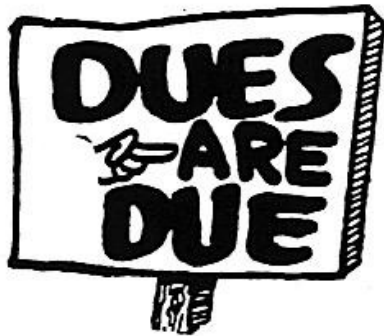
Brian, Dennis and I were deeply honored to help put great big smiles on these vets faces and to be a part of this celebration of their 100 years of life and their Military Service. After all they deserve it. They are part of the Greatest Generation!



# Happy Thanksgiving



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Annual Business Meeting  
Saturday November 4th 2023  
11:30 AM**

**Christ Lutheran Church  
353 East Dark Hollow RD.  
Pipersville PA**

Since the Road Kill Rally was canceled, our business meeting was rescheduled to Saturday November 4. I sent out the minutes to last years meeting and the agenda for this meeting as separate attachments earlier this week.

Diane and I will provide sandwiches and wraps for lunch. Please bring a side or dessert to share. **Please let me know that you are coming by Wednesday November 1, so we know how much food to order.** You can contact me by email at [dalliso@mail.ptd.net](mailto:dalliso@mail.ptd.net), or by text or phone at 267-733-3708.

This is your club! We hope to see you all there!

Dave



# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

## **Riegelsville Fall Roll Out Sunday, November 5, 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*

## **Overnight Tour to Steamtown National Historic Site Scranton PA**

**November 18 and 19, 2023**

**Hosted by Fred Chapman**

This tour is about a 2.5 hour ride from our meeting place at the Exxon station at 1440 Easton Rd in Rieglesville PA. at 8:00 AM. From there we will travel back roads to the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton PA. We will visit the museum for the rest of the day, including a private tour of the machine shop. The next day we will do the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour in the area and then leave in the afternoon and be home before dark on the 19th.

Overnight accommodations will be at the Baymont by Wyndham Dunmore , 1226 Harry P O'Neill Hwy, Dunmore, PA 18512 ,

Phone: (570) 880-0329

Rates are approximately \$98.00 per night. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations.

If you plan to attend this fun event, please contact Fred at [fordchap@gmail.com](mailto:fordchap@gmail.com) or at 215-378-7303 to let him know that you will attend.



# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

## **Tour of the Pearl Buck House**

**December 2, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Hosted by Fred Chapman**

The holidays are a great time of year to visit the Pearl Buck House, a National Historic Landmark at 520 Dublin Rd, Perkasie, PA 18944 . The tour of the house will be led by one of the volunteers at the Pearl Buck House. Our tour begins at 11:00 so we will have an hour to check out the gift shop before hand.

If interested, after the tour of the Pearl Buck House, Fred will lead the group to Peddlers Village for more holiday fun.

Please contact Fred at [fordchap@gmail.com](mailto:fordchap@gmail.com) or at 215-378-7303 if you are interested in attending this great event. The museum needs to have a headcount as they only will do groups of no larger than 10 people at a time.





# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**Annual Holiday Party**

**Saturday December 9th**

**Christ Lutheran Church**

**353 East Dark Hollow Rd**

**Pipersville PA**

**11:30 AM**

Our holiday party will be catered this year by C&C Catering. The meal will be buffet style with veggie lasagna, yankee pot roast and chicken francaise, salad, assorted vegetables and rolls. Dessert will be various delicacies from Lubertos Italian Bakery and Deli.

**The cost is \$30.00 per person.**

We will also have our famous "Gift Exchange". To refresh your memory, or for those new to the event, if you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift of about \$15 in value. It should be labeled for a man or woman. You will receive a number in exchange for the gift. When your number is called, you can select a wrapped gift, or steal one that has already been opened. A single gift can only be stolen 3 times.

Come join the fun! We hope to see you at the last event of the year!

Make checks payable to Running Board A's and send to 1419 E. University Ave. Bethlehem, PA. 18015. Please mail checks no later than November 28th.

# **Wings and Wheels Auto Show Van Sant Airport October 15, 2023**

The Wings and Wheels Auto Show was a huge success this year. I arrived at about 10:00 AM just as the show opened. There were a few cars that arrived before me, but when I got there, I was the only one at the registration table. I found a parking space right in back of the office and across the isle from another Model A that was owned by RBA member Scott Goodwin. I noticed that Scott had driven right past my house on his way to the show. I was just about to



leave when I saw him go by. It wasn't too long before the line of show cars waiting to register was half way down the airport driveway.

I started to walk around the show and spotted another familiar Model A belonging to Tim Litzenberger. Tim was close to his car and showed me his fake Tommy Gun that he keeps in his car just for effect.



As the day went on the airport filled with show cars and spectators. Many of the planes housed at Van Sant were also on display. Other RBA members that I saw included Ken Nygard, Carmen

Morelli, Craig and Lynn Reed and Fred Chapman. Even Batman showed up. There may have been other that I did not see. It was a little windy so most of the planes stayed on the ground, but that gave us a chance for an up close look at them. It was a great show and a fun way to spend an afternoon.



# Holcombe-Jimison Farm Museum October 29, 2023



There were a few members of the Running Board A's that brought their cars out in the cold rain that fell for the better part of Sunday afternoon. Those members in attendance were Carmen Morelli, Craig and Lynn Reed, Larry and Kathy Konsin, and me. One of the museum volunteers also brought his Model A to show off as well.

Although it was a dreary day, there were still plenty of things to see. There was a blue grass band set up



under one of the barn overhangs that played for most of the afternoon. Craig found a listing for one of his

relatives that ran one of the post offices back in the early history of Hunterdon County.



There were plenty of old tractors and equipment on display in the out-buildings on the property. One piece that we

found interesting was a self propelled road grader

from 1929. This road grader would have been used to build the roads that our beloved Model A's would have driven on. There were plenty of other items on display like old pedal cars, tractors and even a horse drawn



hearse. In spite of the weather, it was a fun day. You

should make it a point to attend this event next year!





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

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