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# The Running Board “A’s” Officers

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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



Photo by Fred and Cindy Chapman

As the sun is setting on the 2023 touring season, I'd like to take a few minutes to thank our club officers who have worked to keep the club running like a fine Swiss watch. I would also like to thank all those members who organized events. I think Raise Your A Day was the most popular this season. Special thanks goes to Bob and Bernadette Out-

water for putting out the time, effort and expense for this fun and educational event.

I'd also like to thank everyone who participated in all of the great events we had scheduled this year. It's this participation that makes this club fun to be involved with. If you haven't had a chance to participate this year, you don't know what you are missing! If you are making New Years resolutions, how about a resolution to attend more club events next year!

The holiday season is upon us. I look forward to seeing many of you at the holiday party. For those that are not attending I hope you have a safe and joyous holiday with friends and family.

Till next year

Dave



*Happy  
Holidays*



# 2023

## Business Meeting

### November 4, 2023

There was no drama! That's the kind of business meeting that I like. Actually, I take that back. Deb Savitske did have us do a little acting and singing, since she missed the opportunity to do so at the Road Kill Rally. So there was a little drama and a whole lot of comedy! The minutes to the meeting can be found on the next two pages.



**2023 Running Board “A’s” Business Meeting  
November 4, 2023  
Christ Lutheran Church, Pipersville PA.**

Attendance sheet attached. 22 people attended.

The meeting began at 12:40 following lunch with a team building game by Debbie Savitske. Each table was to come up with a phrase for a club “Oath”:

“On my honor I will drive my car once a week, rain or shine. I will help others in the hobby. I will say something nice to my car every day. I will pass my Model A on to someone who will care for it, nurture it and love it.”

Next challenge was to devise a fight song to the tune of the *Colonel Bogie March* in the “Bridge Over the River Kwai”.

Next challenge was to put on a “production number at any time”. A small group of “movers and shakers” proceeded to put on a show coached by Debbie. (With a bit of coercion and arm twisting.

The “Official” call to order came at 1:00 p.m. by Dave Allison.

The minutes for the October 29, 2022, meeting were read. Motion to approve by Tim Litzenberger. Chuck Savitske seconded. Motion carried.

Report from President Dave Allison:  
Membership stands at 35 families.  
The club has sponsored 22 local events and members have attended some national events.

Treasurer’s report:  
Doug Pyatt reported a balance of \$1738.69. There are no outstanding bills. The balance includes 2 payments for the Holiday

Party previously made.

Doug will accept dues and payments for the holiday party after the meeting.

Diane Allison moved to accept the report. Tim Litzenberger seconded.

The motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New business:

The Holiday party on December 9<sup>th</sup> will be held at this location. Any help with decorations will be appreciated. It will be catered.

Some members have requested technical seminars run by members. Dave asked for people to consider running/leading an event to teach other members various skills about their cars.

Dave Allison suggested we should discuss using some of our dues for a donation to some organizations that benefit the hobby.

Chuck Savitske made a motion to discuss the idea. Doug Pyatt seconded.

A discussion followed which centered on what organization would use funds to further the growth of the hobby by youth. Also, should we raise funds through other means? We heard from Tim L. of their experience of trying unsuccessfully to keep the funds local, such as to a vocational school. The MARC organization has a youth scholarship program. How much to give was discussed as a separate item. Overall club expenses were examined as part of the discussion.

Motion by Doug Pyatt and seconded by Tim Litzenberger to donate \$100 this year to the MARC Youth Scholarship program. The motion passed unanimously.

MARC membership is technically required of club members since we function as a Region of MARC. We do not police membership. Benefits of MARC include Certificates of Insurance if needed for an activity as well as the magazine, national events

and technical advice among others.

Advertisement for the church concert.

Election of officers:

Nominations were opened. A motion was made by Diane Allison to nominate all existing officers to continue in their current roles. Carmen Morelli seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Dave Allison – President

Chuck Savitsky – Vice President

Doug Pyatt – Treasurer

Ken Nygard - Secretary

Tim L. made a motion for a donation to the church of \$100 total for use of room for this meeting and the holiday party. Doru Popescu seconded. The motion carried.

Calendar Review:

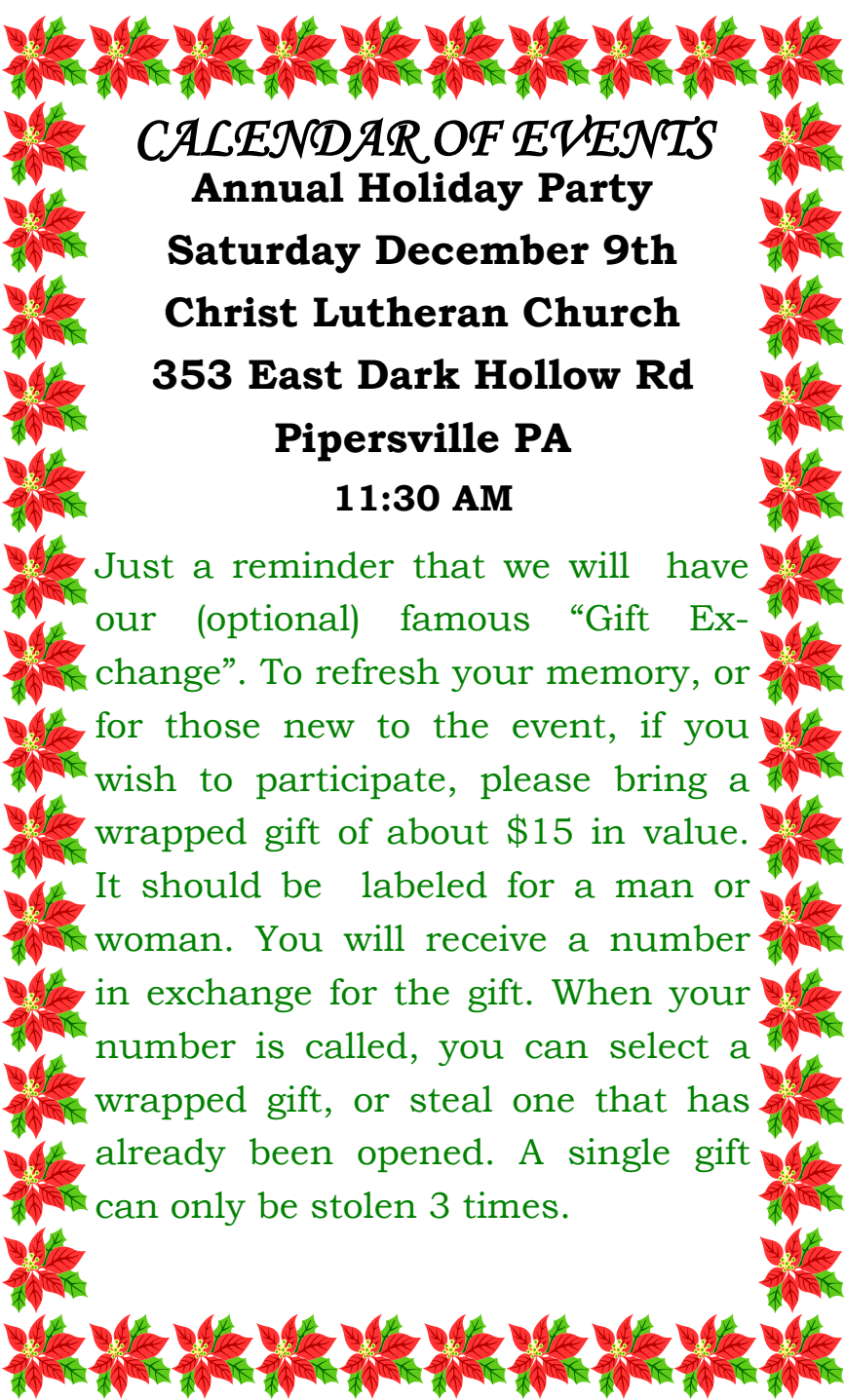
Upcoming trip to Steam Town in Scranton.

Fred Chapman would be interested in sponsoring a Spring Trip if people are interested. Call Fred.

Questions about logoed club merchandise from Dennis. We have none, but there is information on the website. Dave will publish information about how to order logoed items in the next newsletter.

Thanks were given to current officers for their work from Carl Weissman.

Motion to adjourn by Diane Allison. Bob Adams seconded.  
Meeting was adjourned at 1:33,



*CALENDAR OF EVENTS*  
**Annual Holiday Party**  
**Saturday December 9th**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**353 East Dark Hollow Rd**  
**Pipersville PA**  
**11:30 AM**

Just a reminder that we will have our (optional) 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.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 28**  
**2024**

**Sunday • 9 am to 3 pm**  
**Trexlerstown, PA**

*Lehigh Valley Model "A" Club Presents*

**the STEVE RYAN**

*Model A/AA Show & Swap*



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Swap Meet • Concessions • Rain or Shine  
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**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





**Please remember to pay your dues.**

**They are still only \$15**

**Make checks payable to :  
Running Board "A's"**

**Mail to: Doug Pyatt  
1419E. University Ave.  
Bethlehem, PA. 18015**

## How to order Club Merchandise



There are two places where our club logo is on file. The first can be found in our [website](#) under “regalia” You can order cloths, hats and other items such as mugs. I am not sure if there are minimum numbers of items needed to make up an order.

The second is [Solid Products](#), a division of Wehrungs on Rt 611 in Ottsville. They can put our logo on just about anything, but they require a minimum of 12 items per order. If enough people are interested, maybe we can get an order together.

# Steamtown Trip

## November 18-19, 2023

Article and photos by Fred Chapman

On Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, members of the Running Boards Model Club toured from Bucks County to Steamtown National Historic Park and the Lackawanna Coal Mine in Scranton.



Attendees included: Fred and Cindy Chapman, Dennis and

Donna Peters, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Carmen Morelli



and fellow Model guests from the Delaware Valley and Active A's clubs Mike and Beth Ann Etling and Mike Etling Jr and his girlfriend Jordon.

Our tour started in Riegelsville, PA where we headed north on Route 611 through the Poconos on a beautiful sunny but, chilly drive to

Scranton. Once we arrived at Steamtown, we got a private tour of the locomotive machine shop from Rangers Dave and Bob. They shared historical aspects of what used to be the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. We then toured the rest of the museum, which was very interesting! We decided to order in dinner and went to an upscale supermarket and brought dinner back to the hotel where we could better visit and discuss the

day's activities more easily than in a restaurant.



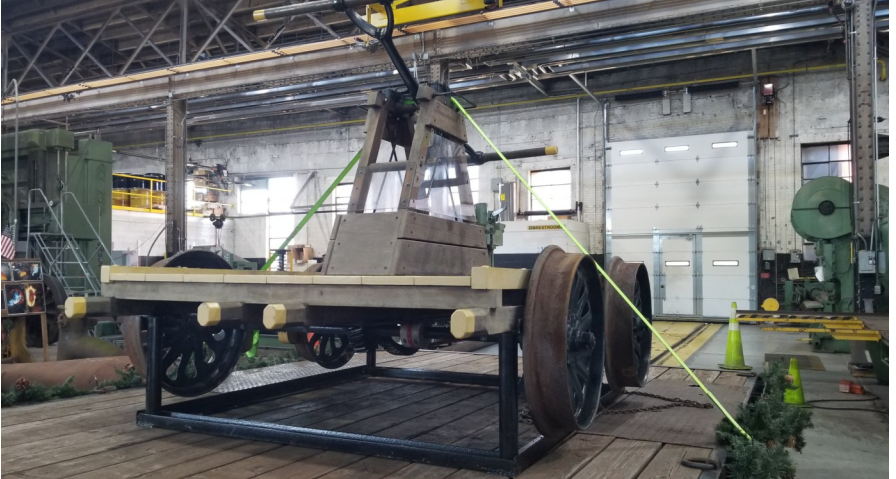
On Sunday morning, we awoke to frost and Dennis' dead 32 Chevy battery. It turned out to be a loose relay switch which Dennis easily fixed, then got a jump start from the group. All was good! Dennis and our group were back on the road



where we headed to the Lackawanna Mine Tour. We went underground 280 feet down where we got a great tour from our guide whose relatives worked at the mine back in the 40's and 50's We never realized how difficult the miners' work was for such little pay, \$.40/day at the turn of the century!

We had lunch at a local restaurant, then headed back south about 3:00 PM. Everyone made it back home safe and sound after driving our beloved A's (and Dennis' 32 Chevy) 250-300 miles! Next time, we hope to have a larger number of attendees since our cars are meant to be driven!









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 Jerry Notaranni

  
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SCRANTON, PA**



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For the Running Board "A's"**

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