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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

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a great holiday season. Looking ahead, I am really getting excited about our up coming touring season.

There are several fun events on our calendar. Bob and Bernadette Outwater have already scheduled "Raise Your A Day" for April. It's a great event that you don't want to miss.

The Steve Ryan all Model A car show has also been scheduled in April. Last year, there was a lot of rain on the day of the show, so attendance and the number of Model A's in attendance was light. Hopefully this year the weather will cooperate so there will be more cars and more people in attendance.

I also know that there is at least one overnight trip in the planning stage. There is nothing better than taking your Model A on an overnight trip to build confidence in your car and your ability to drive it. You will be with like minded people with tools, parts and know how to get you out of most common breakdown situations.

Finally, we are always in need of more events, especially in January, February and March. Breakfasts have always been popular, so I have us on the calendar to attend the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company breakfast on Sunday January 14th. You will find more details in the calendar of events.

Hope to see you all soon,

Dave

Holiday Party

December 9, 2023

Photos by Fred and Cindy Chapman

Well, the 2023 Holiday Party is in the books. The hall was reserved, food was ordered and 24 of the 26 people who signed up attended. Unfortunately, the two that didn't were Diane and I. We both tested positive for Covid the week before the party happened, so we had to stay away. We are very grateful to Ken and Judy Nygard for taking up the slack to meet the caterer, pick up the dessert platter, hand out the tickets for the presents and organizing the cleanup. Thanks also go to Deb Savitske and to Kathy Bagley for the decorations and beautiful Model A centerpieces. I hope everyone had a great time. We can discuss at the next planning meeting what worked and what needs to be tweaked for next year.









Don't forget to pay your dues. I'm sure you wouldn't want to miss a single issue of this Pulitzer Prize winning newsletter!

Dues are only \$15 and are payable to:

Running Board A's

Mail the check to:

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Don't Forget Your GAV

By Dave A.

If you are like me, you usually get in your Model A, turn on the gas, turn on the ignition, set the throttle, pull out the choke, hit the starter button and away you go. When you have the car tuned correctly it can be very dependable without a lot of extra things to worry about.

The other day I hopped in my Tudor to go for a spin and went through the above procedure to start the car. It started right up, but was not running real well. I thought that since it had been a long time since I tuned the car up, and it was pretty cold outside, it finally needed a tune up. Before I broke out the wrenches and screw drivers I decided to check the GAV.

Some of you who are new to the hobby may not know what the GAV is or where it is located. It stands for Gas Adjusting Valve and is part of your choke rod. Much of the literature on how to start our beloved Model A's says to turn the knob on the choke rod all the way clockwise until it stops and then turn it counter clockwise 1/4 turn to start the car. Once the car starts and warms up, you are supposed to give it another 1/4 of a turn counter clockwise to make the engine run efficiently.

I never think of doing that! I just start the car and go! On the day that the car was not running well, I turned the GAV almost 3 and 1/2 turns clockwise until it stopped and then opened it about a half turn in the other direction. The engine smoothed out and purred like a kitten. On some cars, the valve stays where you set it. Mine does not. If your engine is not running right, check your GAV. It may be all you need to fix the problem.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Upper Black Eddy Fire Department Breakfast Sunday January 14, 2024

We will meet at the fire house, 1716 Firehouse Ln, Upper Black Eddy Pa, on Sunday January 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Breakfast Options include: Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Cream Chipped Beef, Sausage, Bacon, Potatoes and Toast. The cost is \$9.00 per person.

This is a Model A optional event. The point of the event is enjoy the company and fellowship of other club members and to support one of the local fire departments. Driving our Model A's will be a bonus if the weather cooperates. Contact me at 267-733-3708 or at dalliso@mail.ptd.net if you plan to attend.

Dave

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



Stock & Original Model A Ford & Era Equipment

Swap Meet • Concessions • Rain or Shine
Tech Session • Free Admission & Registration
Pin Striping by Jim Brand • Paved Parking for Show Cars
Vintage Fords from 1903 - 1942 also welcomed.

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.

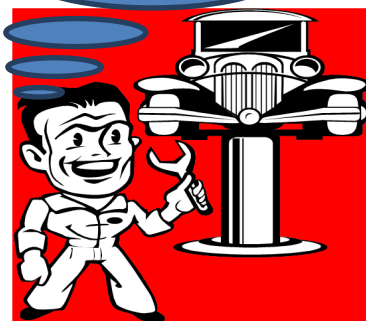
RSVP your swap space or your club space for the day: 484.548.0632 or lvmodelclub@gmail.com

Lehigh Valley
Model 'A' Club



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Model A Ford Safety Day. I'm sure we will have a great time!



Raise Your "A" Day

10 AM-Saturday, April 20, 2024

(or as some may prefer, "Up Your "A" Day")

Bob & Bernadette are pleased to once again host "Raise Your A Day". This is a fun day for you and your Model A to spend some quality time among friends looking for those annoying rattles, cracked frames, real or imagined suspension issues or maybe a quick lube and a top off of fluids. **Sorry, no oil changes** due to time constraints. As always, Bob's lift will be available for you to check things out.

Please feel free to bring any small parts you may need for your "quick" repair. Donations of grease and transmission oil, etc., will be most welcome to help defray costs of this event.

Sandwiches will be provided by Bob and Bernadette. Please let us know what side salad, dessert, or soft drink you will bring to share.

Please let us know (973) 568-3525 or boutw@aol.com by **April 15** if you plan to attend so we can get a headcount for lunch.

Bob & Bernadette Outwater

32 Mason Farm Rd.,

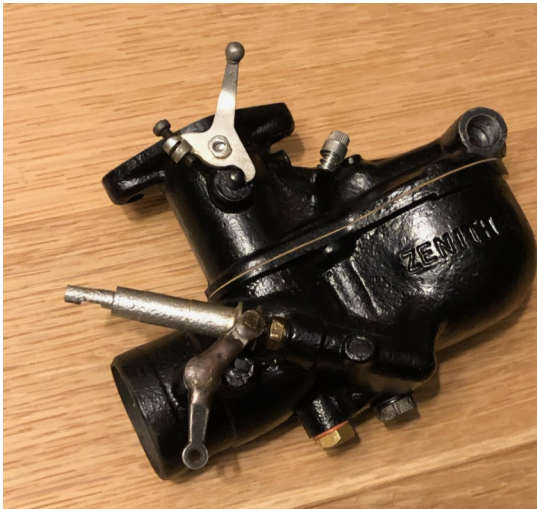
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Refurbishing a Model A Carburetor

Article and Photos by Doru Popescu

My 1930 Town Sedan came with a spare carburetor, but its condition was unknown. The one installed in the car was running OK, but it leaked at the intake and the idle was not great. So one day, I decided to be brave enough and refurbish the spare carb, something I had never done.

Good friend and club member Bob Outwater encouraged me and also offered his impressive shop for the job. Bob likes to do things right, no shortcuts. So we removed all parts, taped all openings, then sand blasted and painted the old carb, before doing any refurbishing. When dry, we used compressed air to



clear out any debris from all chambers and passages. I also used a thin wire to make sure it was all clear.

I replaced the float valve and all jets. Well, almost all jets; and here was the first lesson learned: do not over tighten the

jets. I did just that with the comp jet and managed to break it. Those jet brass walls are very thin, and for a moment panic set in, as the threaded part of the bro-

ken jet was now stuck in the lower body of the carb, with the distinct possibility of having to throw it away. Not so fast though. With Bob's help and a very small sharp flathead screwdriver, we managed to unscrew the broken piece of the jet and rescued the project.

I went to install it a few days later, but first noticed the gas line fitting into the carb didn't look right. It had two fittings instead of one, no ferrule, and a nylon washer instead (see photo). This was an improv by the previous owner, which I never liked, as it was leaking slowly. I ordered a new gas line with correct fittings, and it is now nice and tight, no leaks.



A major confidence booster came

when the car started on the first crank with the newly

refurbished carb! I'm still fine tuning the idle mix and speed, but I declare this small project a success. Of course, now the shiny new carb sits next to the rusty engine block and the peeling paint, so another project is on the horizon.

A final thank you to Bob for letting me use his shop, his tools, and for his guidance.



Model A Restorers Club (MARC) Mileage Program

For those of you who are new to the club or who are unfamiliar with the MARC mileage program, Fred Chapman suggested to me that it might be a good idea to write something up about the program and how it's administered through our club.

The guidelines on the next two pages provide the details about how the program works, but in summary, it's a program where you register your car in the program and then report your mileage each year to MARC. When you accumulate 2,000 miles on your car (which can take place over several years) you will be eligible for an award. Awards are then given for every 5,000 miles accumulated after that. You and your car will also be recognized in the *Model A News*, the national magazine of the Model A Restorers Club.

There are two basic requirements to participate in the program. The first is that you have to be a member of MARC, not just of the Running Board A's. Membership in MARC is \$50 per year. You get 6 issues of the *Model A News*, and some potential insurance benefits that we can cover at a later time.

The second requirement is that you register for the program. The cost to register is a whopping one time fee of \$1. The Vice President of the Running Board A's (currently Chuck Savitske) is the person who administers the program for us. If you are interested in the program, make sure your MARC membership is current and then contact Chuck about the program.



MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB MILEAGE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Revised December 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of the MARC Mileage Program is to offer national recognition for all miles driven by MARC members in a Model A registered in the Mileage Program. There is no intent to supersede or cancel any Regional or local driving programs now in existence; rather, the program seeks to further them by offering a driven-car recognition for all Model A vehicles registered in the Mileage Program.

GENERAL STANDARDS

All Model A's owned by MARC members and registered in the MARC Mileage Program, and which meet the following standards, are eligible.

- A. Of original manufacture from 1927 through 1931.
- B. Titled or registered as a Model A in accordance with respective state requirements.
- C. Authentic in overall appearance, with a minimum of the following basic features:
 1. Model A type four-cylinder engine visually indistinguishable from and not exceeding the horsepower of the original Ford Model A engine produced from 1927 through 1934.
 2. Correct body style for year of manufacture.

REGISTRATION

- A. A registration fee of \$1.00 is required at time of vehicle registration and is good for as long as the owner is a member in good standing of MARC. If MARC membership is allowed to lapse, vehicle must be re-registered, but mileage reported during prior MARC membership may be carried forward.
- B. The Mileage Program chair shall maintain a copy of the original registration as a permanent record for each vehicle registered and receiving recognition.
- C. Upon the death of a registered owner, the vehicle's registration in the Mileage Program may be transferred to a surviving spouse without re-registering the vehicle or paying a fee. However, if the vehicle passes to another relative (son/daughter/brother/sister, etc.) or other individual, that person must be a current MARC member and the vehicle will need to be re-registered and the registration fee paid.
- D. A vehicle sold or otherwise transferred to another MARC member who re-registers the car may maintain its reported mileage award level and continue eligibility for further awards.

RULES FOR MILES DRIVEN

- A. No mileage driven prior to vehicle registration shall be credited.
- B. No mileage shall be credited for any period of time that the owner is not a member of MARC.
- C. All ground mileage is creditable. No mileage may be credited for a vehicle in tow.
- D. Mileage to be credited must be attested by Regional Mileage Coordinator (if owner is a member of a MARC Region) or by vehicle owner (if Unaffiliated).
- E. All credited mileage is cumulative from year to year and to each higher award level.
- F. Mileage does not have to be updated every year to maintain eligibility.
- G. The MARC Mileage Program chair is the final authority on mileage credit and awards.

NATIONAL AWARDS

- A. Award recognition begins at 2,000 miles; the second award level is 5,000 miles; and subsequent levels are at each additional 5,000 miles thereafter.
- B. A radiator plaque is awarded with the first mileage level, and a replacement mileage tab is awarded thereafter.

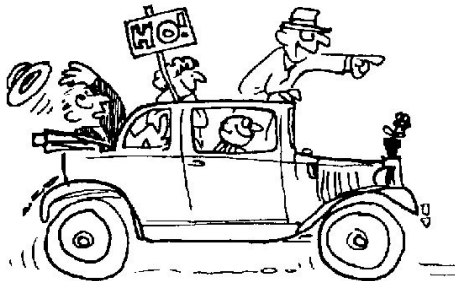
Questions concerning the MARC Mileage Program may be directed to the Chair:

Betty Fisher
7049 Ridge Road
Hanover, MD 21076-1426
Phone: 443-889-1018
Email: marcmileage@comcast.net

If you would like more information about the program, or would like to download the registration forms, please click [here](#).

Thanks to Fred Chapman for suggesting that we present this information to the club.

Dave



2024



Happy
New Year





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

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

Dues are \$15.00 annually. Please make checks payable to:

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C/O Doug Pyatt

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If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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