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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**

Spring is almost here...really! I know we have had a couple of snow storms lately, but now that we are turning the corner to March, spring can't be far behind. St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th of the month and Easter is on March 31, so it won't be long before we are trying to get the lawn mowers started and putting the top down on the Roadster.

We already have a full schedule of events planned for the next two months. Dennis Peters has added a "How It's Made Tour" to a local furniture maker on March 7th. These tours are always very interesting and usually well attended. Check out the calendar of events for more details. We also have our annual planning meeting coming up on Saturday March 16th. Bring a calendar and your tour ideas to the event. I think this year will be a memorable one for tours.

Next month will be a joint lunch with the Active A's. They are a great bunch of folks. I am really looking forward to getting together with them. Raise Your A Day, one of the most popular events of the year is also next month. This is where you can put your car on a lift and check it out. You can also get it lubed and the oil in the transmission and rear axle checked. You also have the opportunity to learn about other Model A's thanks to the generosity of Bob and Bernadette Outwater. Finally, the annual Steve Ryan Car Show will be held in Trexlertown, PA and is put on by the Lehigh Valley Model A Club. Lots going on in the next few weeks, so come out and join the fun!

Dave



# Dick and Bobbie Bettles

## 1930 Sport Coupe

Article and photos by the Bettles

As far back as I can remember, my father always said he had a '29 Cabriolet in high school and wanted to restore a Model A Ford. Fast forward to 1998 after my next door neighbor died. I was helping his daughter Linda clean the snow from her driveway when my snow blower decided it had done enough work for the day and quit. At that point Linda said wait, use mine. She opened the garage door, and there inside was a 1930 Model A Sport Coupe, and a 1951 Nash Ambassador. I asked her what she was going to do with the Ford, and was told she would probably try to sell it. At this point, when I got home I called my father and told him about my discovery. His comment was what year, what model and how much. The family came up with the money and bought it for his 78th birthday. With my wife Bobbi, video recording the proceedings, my son Rich and I blew up 3 of the tires (the 4th was a total loss) put a strap between my '86 BMW and the back of the Ford and pulled it out onto the street. After attaching the BMW to the front of the Ford, we pulled it up one driveway to ours. My son grabbed a piece of rope, tied it to the front of the car, and the other end around his waist. He proceeded to pull it down to the level area of my driveway and then he quit. Next stage, the rope was tied to his motorcycle and pulled into the garage where the rope was released and the bike continued out the other door. My wife managed to get Linda's comment on tape, "It looks a lot better in your garage then it did in mine!" With this done I went up and called my father to ask him what he and my mother were doing. I was told they were going out to my aunt's house, why? I said I



had something very old and rusty in my driveway and thought they might like to see it. Needless to say, in less than 1/2 hour they pulled into my driveway.



Now comes the 8 year project. His first thought was if we can get it going, we will fix it up and then, he said he wanted the '35 Ford wheels and 16" tires like he had on his '29. He found a picture of his Cabriolet

and we could read the license plate on it, UO338. I managed to register it on his 78th birthday and got QQUO338. For the following week we ordered a battery, coil, plugs, points, & a condenser. We also poured





some oil down into the cylinders and managed to turn the engine over with the crank. The last time the car had run was in the early 50's, before Linda was born.

With all those goodies in hand, the following week we decided it was now or never and put all that stuff to work.

Luckily it turned over with the battery. As we worked at getting it to run, we discovered with all the rust in the distributor, the plate was totally insulated from the body. So, we added a second pig-tail wire in there and got a spark at the coil but none to the plugs.

All this was recorded by my mother on stills and Bobbi with the video camera. At this point we scratched our



heads until one of us noticed the rotor sitting on the cowl. OOPS! We played for a while and eventually got it to fire up, followed by a great cloud of smoke from the oil we added to the cylinders. To make a very long story short by the end of the day I drove Linda up and down the driveway, something that had never happened in her life.

With it now running(???) we got to pulling it apart and fix-

ing other little things like the hole in the radiator, the hole in the gas tank and all the larger holes in the body and roof.

All in all, we finished the car in about 8 years. We changed all the body rails with the body in place, did all the body work including patch panels all around the lower 6" of the body, reupholstered the seats and doors, installed a new top, and painted everything. Later on, I had Ora at Schwalm's rebuild the engine, and last year I had Ora rebuild the rear end.

When we got the car, it showed around 59,000 miles at the end of 2023 it had 103,250 miles.





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## HOW IT'S MADE!

ROGER WRIGHT FURNITURE LTD

Thursday, March 7th, 2024  
at 10:30 AM

911 S Perkasio Rd, Blooming Glen,  
PA 18911

Meet at 10AM  
at Weis supermarket on the corner  
of RT 113 and RT 313

A deli lunch to follow!



RSVP to Dennis Peters by March  
4th, 2024  
Cell: 267-374-4856  
Email: [dpeters15@verizon.net](mailto:dpeters15@verizon.net)

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## **Upper Black Eddy Fire Department Breakfast Sunday March 10, 2024**

We will meet at the fire house, 1716 Firehouse Ln, Upper Black Eddy Pa, on Sunday March 10, 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 to 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 Dave Allison at 267-733-3708 or at [dalliso@mail.ptd.net](mailto:dalliso@mail.ptd.net) if you plan to attend so enough seats can be saved for everyone to sit together.

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**Planning Meeting  
Saturday, March 16, 2024  
Christ Lutheran Church  
353 E. Dark Hollow Rd  
Pipersville, PA  
11:30 AM**

Our annual planning will be held at the above place and time. Please bring your ideas for events and activities for the Model A touring season.

The Allison's will provide sandwiches, coffee, tea and water and ice cream sundaes for dessert. Please contact us to let us know what side or salad you will bring to share. Contact us at 267-733-3708 or at [daliso@mail.ptd.net](mailto:daliso@mail.ptd.net) by March 14 so we know how much food to order.

Dave



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**Lunch at  
Franconia Square  
Café and Market,  
513 Allentown Rd,  
Souderton, PA 18964  
Saturday April 13, 2024**

This is a joint event with the Active A's. For those who want to travel together, we can meet at the Weiss Supermarket parking lot at the intersection of Rt 113 and Rt 313 in Dublin at 11:15 AM. We plan to be at the restaurant by 12:00 noon. You can check out their menu [here](#). Please let Dave know if you plan to attend by April 1, 2024 so we can make reservations at the restaurant. Contact me at 267-733-3708 or at [dalliso@mail.ptd.net](mailto:dalliso@mail.ptd.net).

Hope to see you there!

Dave



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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](mailto: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.,

Ringoes, NJ 08551; 973 568-3525; [boutw@aol.com](mailto:boutw@aol.com)

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**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





**Welcome New Members**

**Craig & Yvonne Kunz**

**121 Van Dyke Rd.  
Hopewell, NJ 08525  
609-466-4899  
cakunz@verizon.net**



**Welcome New Member**

**John Rothrock**

**51 Aarons Ave.**

**New Britain, PA 18901**

**Home phone 215-345-5682**

**Cell phone 315-383-0265**

**wingpod@msn.com**



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Running Board "A's"**

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**C/O Doug Pyatt**

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