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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

Wow, April was a busy month. We started on the 10th with an invitation from the Lehigh Valley Model A Club to visit the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage in Allentown. Unfortunately, the invitation was on very short notice, so not many members could take advantage of the invitation.

A joint lunch event was initiated by the Active A's for Saturday April 13th. While I was setting the lunch up, the North Penn Model A Club was also invited to attend. In the end we had about 40 members from 3 different Model A clubs attend the lunch. More on this event can be found later on in the newsletter.

The next weekend was Raise Your A Day hosted by the Outwater's. It was a beautiful weekend and they had a great turnout. There is more on this event in the newsletter as well.

Last weekend was the Steve Ryan Model A Show. It was another great day with over 80 cars in attendance.

In the coming weeks, we have several car shows and the popular Christmas in July event coming up. So keep those Model A's polished up and gassed up. There are a lot more fun events on the horizon.

See you down the road,

Dave

Welcome New Member



Chris Kampf

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I'm hoping I'm finally "off the hook" for tying up the lift today says Tom F.
THINK AGAIN: Shackles trump frame work every time...



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

Bob & Bernadette Outwater's Garage

10 AM-Saturday, April 20, 2024

On a beautiful and sunny Saturday, attendance was phenomenal at Raise Your “A” Day at the Outwater Garage.

The attendees were Dave Allison, Ken Nygaard, Bob Adams, Tom Fritz, Debbie Daye, Dick & Bobbi Bettle, Chuck & Debbie Savitske, Carl Wiseman, Craig & Lynne Reed, Dennis Peters, Doru Popescu, Chris Kampf, John & Lana Rothrock, Fred Chapman, Carmen Morelli, John & Sharon McCann, John Grier, Craig Kunz, as well as four guests, Bob Daurenheim, Lou Mack, Matt and Rob Gibby. Lastly, our daughter, Sarah, and grandson, Nico (who will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy in June). Our apologies if we missed any names.

As usual everyone got their turn to use the lift to grease their Model A Fords, check fluid levels, adjust



tire pressure, make minor repairs, and confirm everything is in good shape for the 2024 touring season. Our club members were willing and ready to point out all the things they saw as problems. This event hopefully served as a learning opportunity in the maintenance process of our antique vehicles.

Thanks for the fruit, potato and macaroni salads, venison bologna, deviled eggs, donuts, homemade cinnamon rolls, pies, cookies, brownies, other various desserts and ice tea! Also, thanks for the latex gloves, oil/grease donations!



We would also like to thank Bobbi and Dick Bettle for the beautiful picture of our 3 grandchildren on a colorful chef's apron. And thank you to everyone for helping clean up. A special thanks also to Dick Bettle and Tom Fritz for hanging around late to help grease my '29 Model A "Woody" wagon

(still has stock grease fittings that don't EVER cooperate).

Thanks for your participation. This event is always a fun time with a practical purpose, ensuring that our Model A's are safe to drive. Thanks to all for making it a fun day.



Bob and Bernadette





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Overnight Trip to Rhinebeck Auto Show May 4th, and 5th 2024

We are meeting everyone at 9:30 Saturday morning in the BEER EXPRESS parking lot across from Perkins Pancake House Route 209 bypass in East Stroudsburg, PA. For those coming from this area, meet at Helms Garage, 408 West Hartford Street, Milford PA. We will then travel to the Milford Diner for lunch. Again we will be staying at Best Western in Kingston, New York. The number there to make reservations is (845)338-0400 . Any vehicle 1931 or older is free at the show. To register though go to: <http://www.rhinebeckcarshow.com> There are many vendors and a huge car corral of vehicles for sale as well. We usually leave sometime after 2:00pm to head home on Sunday. Remember we all go out to eat on Saturday night at The Hickory Grille. Steve Belton's cell is (908)334-8661, and my landline is (908)362-6344. Kathy's cell is: (908)655-8481.

Larry Whitaker and Dave Allison will be traveling from the Bucks County area to meet Steve in Milford PA for lunch and then travel to Kingston and finally Rhinebeck for the show, weather permitting. We will be returning on Monday May 6th. Contact Dave at 267-733-3708 if you would like to attend the show and travel together.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

This is a great car show with lots of vendors and food for sale. Registration is \$8.00 if you are preregistered or \$10 the day of the show. Registration forms can be downloaded [here](#), or contact Chuck Savitske. If you plan to attend the show, contact Chuck at (610)-573-4378 so you can all get spaces close to each other.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

Holcombe Jimison Car and Tractor Show

Sunday, July 21, 2024

**Holcombe Jimison Farm Museum
Lambertville N.J.**

Watch the newsletter for more details.
Contact Craig Reed at 215-805-6473 or at
creed@innovativesalesinc.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Christmas In July Picnic/Party!

Saturday July, 27th 2024 at 10am

RSVP by July 22nd, 2024

Hosted by Dennis and Donna Peters

Home: 267-536-4825

Cell: 267-374-4856

Located at:

347 New St

Quakertown, PA, 18951

(parking lot behind Peters' residence)



Join us for homemade ice cream, white elephant gift exchange, a short covered bridge tour and a Christmas themed decorate your car contest!

From the Model A Ford Foundation Inc.

You may remember the story about “Betsy” in the last issue of the newsletter. If not, check the story in th MAFFI website. You have a chance to own “Betsy” by entering a Sweepstakes through the website, <https://www.maffi.org/index.htm> , or scan the QR code and receive 20% more tickets for your Donation, available at checkout!"

Happy Motoring,
Cindy Ellenbecker, MAFFI
Trustee-Secretary

Good Luck!!



Joint Model A Club Lunch

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Franconia PA

I was approached by one of our club members, who is also a member of the Active A's, about having a joint event with the Active A's. A lunch sounded like a good idea! Franconia Pa seemed like a good location since it would be about an hour or so run for the Active A's and a pleasant run for most of the Running Board A club members.

We decided that the Franconia Market and Café would be a great place to have the event. We have used the Café before and we remembered that they had a nice room that we hoped to be able to use. In the mean time, the invitation was also extended to the North Penn Model A Club to join us for lunch as well.



Carol Hall, the President of the North Penn Model A club, and I connected through email and then by phone to discuss the upcoming event. It turns out that they had a morning event, so lunch fit in perfectly with their schedule. Carol gave me a headcount

of 16 members that wanted to attend the lunch, and the Active A's told me that 12 of these members would attend.

I had told the restaurant that I thought we would have about 30 people in attendance; AND I found out that the private room that they had was already booked. If you do the math, that was 28 people before I counted ANYONE from our club. Trying to get a head count from our club was like trying to hit a moving target, but it seemed as though 40 people was going to be a good number. The restaurant sat us in the main dining room at 4 large tables. The restaurant did a great job with the



food and with the checks. I think everyone had a good time?? As you can see in the

picture, I sat with Carol Hall. I think we came up with some ideas for more joint events. At the very least, we made some new friends in the Model A hobby.

Dave

Steve Ryan Model A Car Show

Sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Model A Club

Sunday, April 28th, 2024

Dennis Peters, Doru Popescu, Chuck Savitske and I all met at the WAWA just outside of Quakertown to head to the show together. We had a pleasant ride to the show and found that the Running Board A's were well represented. Fred Chapman and Craig and Lynn Reed passed us on the way to the show while we were waiting in the WAWA.



Doug Pyatt, Carmen Morelli, John Grier, Chris Kampf, Steve Belton, Tim Litzenberger, Larry Whitaker, Ed and Peg Hardy, Roger and Kathy Bagley and Sharon and Jack McCann were all in attendance at some point during the day. My apologies if I missed



mentioning anyone. According to Steve Belton, the unofficial Model A count was over 80 Model A's (and at least 2 Chevrolets, but whose counting)! There were several relatively rare body styles there.. It was a



great show. The weather was good and there were plenty of vendors on hand. I was even able to replace a spare radiator hose that I had

“borrowed” from Steve Belton years ago. I saw several other members loading items that they couldn’t live without



into their cars. I am already looking forward to next year's show.

Dave



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For the Running Board "A's"**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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C/O Cindy Chapman

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