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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**

The summer touring season is officially here! It's official because I moved my roadster closest to the garage door, and I put the top down and installed the boot over the folded down top for the summer touring season. The Tudor has been relegated to the back of the garage, but is always ready to go if the weather for a tour is the least bit questionable.

It's also the time of the year that many of you have some sort of repair or restoration project going on. I would like to install seat belts in the back of both of my cars for the grandkids. Hopefully I will get to that project over the summer.

There is a newly purchased '28 phaeton that is being worked on by several club members. Hopefully, we will get some details around the progress of that project.

I would love to get some more articles from our membership. I'm sure you get tired of hearing from me all the time. Articles can be as specific as a Model A project you are working on or on more general topics such as an experience you had related to a Model A, or even some facet of the Model A era that interests you. No matter what the topic, articles are always appreciated.

See you down the road,

Dave



# **Wings and Wheels Car Show**

**May 26, 2024**

**Van Sant Airport**

**Erwinna PA.**

This was a relatively last minute event that I didn't know about until after the May newsletter went out. Sorry about that! Feel free to fire me at any time. I was able to send out an email blast about the event and got a pretty good response from the club.

Doug Pyatt met me at my house with his red Model A sedan delivery and so did Chuck Savitske, with his red Model A hot rod. I kind of felt a little out of place with my tan roadster, but you have to drive what you have!!

The show opened at 9:00 AM so we left my house at about 8:45 for the short ride to the airport. We thought we would be some of the first to arrive...boy were we wrong!

The line of cars stretched almost 1/4 mile down the road just to get onto the airport property!



It took almost a half hour to finally get to our final parking spot!



The number of cars was impressive. After we got on the airport grounds and parked, the cars just kept coming....and coming....and coming. Cars were parked way farther down the side of the runway than they were in the fall Wings and Wheels Car Show.

The Running Board A's were well represented at the show. In addition to Doug and Chuck, Jack and Sharon McCann, Lynn and Craig Reed and Roger and Kathy Bagley, as well as Doru Popescu, were also present at the





show. If I have missed anyone, my apologies. It was a big show with a lot of cars and people.

We had a chance to walk around the show to check out the cars and the airplanes. More and more planes showed up and lined the runway as well.

Craig and Lynn Reed scored a couple of prime seats in the shade, right along the driveway, where the cars were going in and out of the show. They also had a great view of the runway so they could see the planes take off and land.

As the morning progressed, the sun got a little hotter, so the beach umbrellas came out to give us a little shade around the cars.

It's fun to be by the cars to field all the questions that come up, especially on Chuck's Model A Hot Rod.



The show was a lot of fun. In addition to all of the cars, including the Bat Mobile, there were plenty of

vintage planes to check out too. Pictures on the next page show some of the air-



craft and other non Model A cars at the show. It was great to see everyone and take in the sights and sounds of the show.



# 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.

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## **July**

### **Holcombe Jimison Car and Tractor Show**

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

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

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Route 29 Lambertville N.J.

Contact Craig Reed at 215-805-6473 or at  
[creed@innovativesalesinc.com](mailto:creed@innovativesalesinc.com)



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## 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!**

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## *Das Awkscht Fescht*

**Saturday, August 3rd  
2024**

**Macungie PA**

**Hosted by Ken Nygard**

This is a great car show with literally hundreds of cars to look over. This show has been a tradition for the club for many years.

To enter your car in the show, **YOU MUST BE PRE REGISTERED BY JULY 1st!** There is no day of show registration. [You can download a registration form here.](#)

If you plan to attend, please contact Ken Nygard at 215-283-7225 or at kanygard@msn.com. We will meet at the WAWA, 1960 John Fries Highway (RT 663) in Quakertown at 9:00 AM and proceed to the show from there.



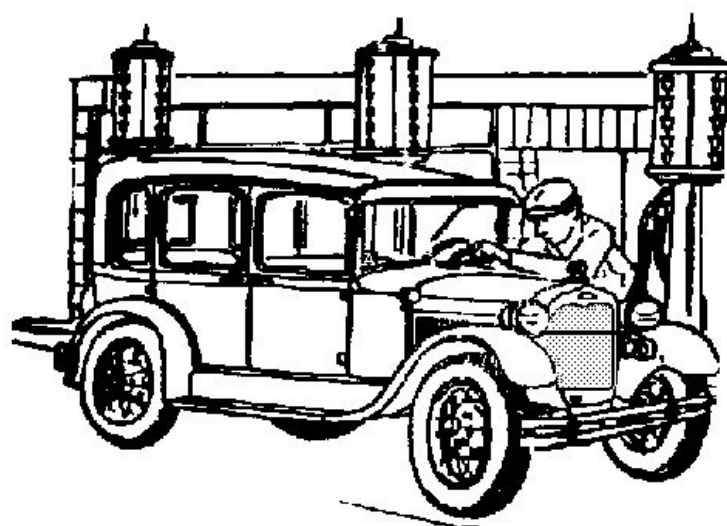
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## **East Broad Top Railroad Tour August 16,17&18 Hosted by Fred and Cindy Chapman**

This is an overnight tour led by Fred and Cindy Chapman over back country roads to the East Broad Top Railroad. It should take about 4.5 hours by Model A. We will leave the local area on Friday morning and stop at the Swigart Auto Museum on Friday afternoon. The cost of the museum is \$8.00. We will stay at the Huntingdon Motor Inn,6920 Motor Inn Dr. Huntingdon, PA 16652 (814) 643-1133 The rates are as follows: \$85.00/night Queen Beds, \$95.00/night King Beds, we have a block of 20 rooms there now, each person needs to call for reservations. Tell them you are with the “Model A Group”. Saturday will be spent all day at the train museum where will get a train ride, a trolley tour and a machine shop tour. The combined ticket price is \$45 per person. On Sunday, we will attend the Lincoln Caverns (\$24.36) and then head home. The tour has been opened to three area Model A Clubs, so it should be a lot of fun. If you are interested, please contact Fred at 215-378-7303 or at [fordchap@gmail.com](mailto:fordchap@gmail.com). Don't forget to contact the host hotel also at the phone number above.



HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY



# Overheating

As I described in the article about the Wings and Wheels car show, it took us a long time creeping up a hill to finally get into the show and park. The whole time this was happening, I watched the thermometer in my motometer on the roadster climb higher and higher. We finally got parked just as I was started to get worried about overheating.

This brought back bad memories of past parades.

One was in Quakertown where my Tudor sedan overheated at the end of the parade. I made it to the finish, but just barely.

The other was in the Doylestown Memorial Parade. I had had the Roadster for less than a year. Diane was running for a political office and I used the car so she could be in the parade. This time, we did not make it to the end of the parade. We wound up pushing it to the end of the line. How embarrassing!!

I thought this would be an easy article to write, after a little research, on how to cure this condition. It was **NOT!**



I realized that for as many people that have had overheating issues, while waiting in traffic or in a parade, there are just as many “fixes” to the problem.

One of our club members, who sat in the same traffic jam as me said that he has a 160 degree thermostat installed and the temp of his engine never went above 160. The theory is that a thermostat slows the flow of fluid down in the system allowing for more time for coolant to be in the radiator, causing it to dissipate heat better. It works for him, but for others, this theory doesn't “hold water”.

The feeling is that if coolant is spending more time in the radiator, it's also spending more time in the engine absorbing even more heat. They feel it would lead to the same over heating issue.

Other solutions include:

- Advance the spark while idling (my first mistake!)
- Make sure your timing is set correctly
- Adjust your GAV valve to make the carburetor run a little richer.
- Make sure your fan belt is tight
- Make sure your fan blades are pitched in the right direction (someone found an aftermarket fan that wasn't)
- Check your radiator for leaks
- Check your coolant level. It shouldn't be too high or too low.
- Have your radiator boiled or rodded out
- Clean out the cooling passages in your engine with all manner of cleaners, including running dishwasher detergent through your cooling system.

If you decide to go the thermostat route, there are several options to install a thermostat in your Model A cooling system. The most common way is to just get a 160 degree thermostat and install it inside the up-

per radiator hose. Some people cut a short piece of lower hose to insert into the upper hose to hold the thermostat in place. You can also use a cable tie or hose clamp to hold the thermostat in place.

You can also cut the upper hose in half and install a pipe between the two sections that has a fitting that will take a temperature probe for a dash board temperature gauge. I have heard of thermostats migrating up the hose and causing unwanted blockages in the cooling system.

If you still think a thermostat is the answer, but don't want to mess with cutting hoses or wandering thermostats, you can invest in the hose outlet shown below. This unit replaces the goose neck on the top of the engine by the water pump and is also a housing that holds a thermostat.

It doesn't look stock, but if you are installing a thermostat in your engine anyway, that ship has already sailed. The unit is made by [Vintage Precision](#). The advantage is that the thermostat is in its own housing and sits right on top of the engine where the most amount of heat accumulates. It is also drilled so you can add an aftermarket temperature sensor if you like.



So I have learned that the answer to my overheating question is that there is no single correct answer. I may look into some of these fixes, but in the mean time I will continue to avoid parades and traffic jams.

Dave



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Running Board "A's"**

Mail to:

**Running Board "A's"**

**C/O Cindy Chapman**

**5266 Valley Park Rd.**

**Doylestown, PA. 18902**

If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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