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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 fall touring season is finally here. For me at least, some parts of the summer just flew by and other parts of the summer just dragged on. I missed several of my favorite events, including Christmas in July, Das Awkscht Fescht and Duryea Days. Oh well, there is always next year.

My apologies for not getting last month's newsletter out. Hopefully no one missed any events because of it.

I am back in action for this month's newsletter. There are lots of events coming up, including car shows, a new overnight tour, the Fall Roll Out, the business meeting, the Christmas Party, and one of my favorite events, the Road Kill Rally. Check out the calendar of events for more details.

I was able to do a little work on one of my cars. The Tudor sedan was getting hard to start, and there was a rattle that made it sound like the left front fender was going to fall off when going over every bump in the road. I fixed the starting problem by cleaning the oil from under the points and by cleaning and resetting the points themselves. The rattle turned out to be a loose spare tire holder on the front fender. It was an easy fix.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who sent me articles and pictures from events that I missed. It is much appreciated.

See you down the road,

Dave

August and September Event Summary

Das Awkscht Fescht by Ken Nygard

Das Awkscht Fescht adventures got under way on Friday with a call from Chuck that somehow, he never registered! Not a problem with our club since Dick Bettel offered to pick up Chuck and then went directly to the show arriving earlier than the rest of us. Bob Adams discovered on Saturday morning that his gas gage was stuck on full. That discovery was made when he ran out of gas before arriving at the Wawa. He managed to get back home, get gas and still get to the show only a few minutes later than the Wawa crew. The Wawa crew now consisted of Ken Nygard, Roger Bagley and Tom Fritz. Tom got gas for the rest of the trip at Wawa and his Model A apparently was very thirsty since his card was charged over \$100 for his approximately 4 gallon purchase! After that was resolved the reduced crew of Ken, Roger and Tom arrived without further issues at Macungie. There was a rumor that Dennis Peters was also there, but I was not able to confirm with a sighting.

The crew settled in under the usual shade tree and was treated with prime seating with the roving Oompa band. It appears that the show attendance was on the light side. Could it be that it was just too darned hot, and folks just stayed home?

In any case, there were lots of prime examples of classics of all ages both for cars and attendees and all of us enjoyed the show.

Das Awkscht Fecht Pictures



East Broad Top Railroad Trip by Fred Chapman

Running Board A members Fred Chapman and Carmen Morelli joined Dennis and Donna Peters and Tim and Kathleen Litzenberger, on a tour that went from Bucks County to Huntingdon County, PA, 270 miles away. The tour was 540 miles, 620 total miles for Carmen who drove from Bristol! Everyone had a great time. We kept it at 50 MPH and went through some gorgeous PA farmland and small towns, mainly on Route old US 22. First day we arrived at the Swigert Auto Museum where we looked at some great cars including a 1948 Tucker and a 31 Slant windshield Model A. When we arrived, the curator thought our cars were being brought in, not just stopping by! He was impressed with the number of miles we drove to get there!. Day two was spent entirely at the East Broad Top Railroad, a narrow gauge RR started in the 1880's which is still running! The machine shop tour, train ride in the caboose and the restored buildings were the highlight of the trip! We even met up with

former Delaware Valley Club Member Josh Gradwohl and his wife Lynn who recently moved to State College. As an aside his 30 Coupe is running great!

East Broad Top Railroad and Trolley Museum



Rough & Tumble Steam Show. Photo by Craig Reed



Pictured above is Chuck Savitske running “Little Toot” the Steam Train.

Duryea Days Photos an article by John Rothrock

A great day to get a close up look at a large variety of antique, classic and vintage cars and trucks of all types at the 58th annual “Duryea Day” at Boyertown Community Park, with Bob Adams (event host).

There was plenty of shade and mild temperatures that made for a perfect day. Flea market vendors were in abundance, and I was able to bring home a nice “new old stock” black turn signal actuator at a great price !



Bob’s Phaeton and John’s Coupe above.

Polo at Tincum Park by Dave Allison

On a warm, sunny afternoon, 14 members and 6 antique cars showed up to watch a polo match at Tincum Park. Many had never been to a Polo match before, but they ALL know what a chukker is now!



Tour of Hunterdon County Photos by Craig Reed
Craig and Lynn Reed, Carmen Morelli and Fred Chapman did an impromptu tour of Hunterdon County in their Model A's



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Delaware Valley Fire Department Car Show

This car show was postponed from Sunday, September 29th to Sunday, October 6th. Raffles, judging and food will all be available on October 6th. Gates open at 8:00 AM. Come out and enjoy the fun.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FLEMINGTON SPEEDWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

12th Annual
CAR SHOW
HUNTERDON COUNTY'S LARGEST



PRESENTED BY: PIONEER POLE BUILDINGS, INC.

Saturday, October 19, 2024
Rain Date: Sunday, October 20, 2024
Roger K. Everitt (Hunterdon County) Fairgrounds
South County Park, 1207 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530
For inclement weather updates, visit the FSHS website or scan QR code



ANY & ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES ARE WELCOME
FLEA MARKET & SWAP MEET
FIRST PLACE CLASS TROPHIES, PLUS SPECIAL AWARDS

Schedule of Events
07:00am Gates Open for Vendors & Exhibitors
09:00am Gates Open for Spectators
12:00pm Engine Start - Outdoor Cars Only
02:00pm Awards Presentation
03:00pm Car Show Ends*

*As a courtesy to your spectators, fellow participants and vendors, exhibitors are encouraged to arrive on time and display through at least 2:00pm

Exhibitors
Exhibitor Registration: \$15.00 per vehicle, regardless of entry type
All registrations are day of, payable at the gate, cash preferred;
No credit cards accepted
Race cars are free

Spectators
Spectator Admission: \$5.00 per person;
Kids 16 & under admitted free when accompanied by an adult

Flea Market & Swap Meet
\$20.00 per space; Pole barn locations; No pre-registration required
Parts & Tools, Truck & Tractor Parts, Race & Vintage Race Car Parts, Collectibles, Crafts, Direct Sales Vendors

Proceeds Benefit
The Flemington Speedway Historical Society, Inc. (FSHS) and the Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair.
FSHS is recognized by the IRS code as a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, whose mission is to Preserve, Protect, and Document the History of the Flemington Fairgrounds and Speedway.

For Sponsorship & Commercial Vendor information contact FSHS
Visit FSHS website: www.flemingtonspeedwayhistoricalsociety.com
(Forms found under Car Show tab)

Hunterdon County Parks System reminder
No Dogs or Alcoholic Beverages Allowed



Featuring CORVETTES!

If you would like to travel together to the show, meet at Bob Outwater's house, 32 Mason Farm Rd. Ringoes NJ at 7:30 AM. Contact Bob @ 973-568-3525.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jim Thorpe Tour Trip with Model A's Tuesday & Wednesday October 22-23, 2024 Hosted by Fred Chapman

We will meet at the Dublin, PA Weis Market Lot 113 & 313 at 9:00 AM Tuesday October 22nd. From there we will travel back roads to the town of Jim Thorpe and get on the 1:00 PM train through the Lehigh Gorge. Tickets are \$22.00 After the train ride we will tour the Aca Packer Museum and/or the Jim Thorpe Jail. Meals will be at a local restaurant.

We will be staying at the MAHONING Inn 71 Blakeslee Blvd Dr. E Lehigh, PA 18235. The next day we will tour other local attractions and then head home no later than 3:00PM so everyone makes it home before dark.

Make reservations at the MAHONING Inn by calling 610-377-1600. Reservations should be about \$80 for the night of October 22.

Contact Fred to let him know that you will attend @ fordchap@gmail.com or by calling 215-378-7303.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Road Kill Rally
Saturday October 26,
2024
Hellertown, PA

**Note: This event is rain or shine. If raining,
just bring modern cars!**

Join Chuck and Deb Savitske for their **FAMOUS** Road Kill Rally. It's about the most fun that you can have in a 90+ year old Model A. Enjoy the drive through a beautiful area while answering questions about what you see along the way. After the tour, enjoy Chuck's famous Road Kill Stew along with all the sides and desserts provided by club members. You don't want to miss out on this event. Call Chuck at (610)-573-4378 or email him at savolcar@yahoo.com to let him know that you are coming and to tell them what you will bring to share.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wings and Wheels Event
Sunday October 27th
Van Sant Airport
Erwinna PA
Show opens at 9:00 AM**

**Running Board A's
Business Meeting
Saturday November 2, 2024, 11:30 AM
Christ Lutheran Church
Pipersville PA.**

This is our one meeting of the year where we conduct the business of the club and elect officers for the next year. Please contact the Allison's if you plan to attend. We will provide various sandwiches and wraps. Please let us know what side or dessert you will bring to share. We will provide water and coffee to drink. If you would like something else to drink, please bring it along. Phone 267-733-3708. Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



33rd Annual

1967 VW Beetle Sedan

Riegelsville
Fall Roll Out
CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

8AM - 2PM (Rain or Shine)

Riegelsville Ball Park, Rt. 611, Riegelsville, PA

Spectator Donation: \$5 per person
Children 12 and under are FREE

Sponsorship opportunities are available!
For more information or Questions
Please call (610) 749-2726 or
Email: RiegelsvilleFallRollOut@gmail.com

For the Safety of everyone attending we ask that there is no vehicles leaving the Car Show grounds before 1:30pm

- No Vehicles newer than 1999
- Exhibitors entry begins at 7am
- Vintage, Antiques, Street Rods, Customs & Trucks
- No entry or registration fee
- First 475 exhibitors receive dash plaques
- Show Cars enter via the Show Car Lane along Rt. 611 from the South
- Automotive Flea Market
- Vendors Spaces Available (Contact info on flyer)
- Borough Ordinance NO pets or bicycles!

Sponsored By The Riegelsville Recreation Board

This is generally considered the last car show of the season, so get there early if you plan to attend.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Annual Holiday Party
Saturday 14, 2024
12:00 Noon
Harvest Moon Inn
1039 Old York Rd, Ringoes,
NJ 08551**

**Time to get into the holiday
spirit and celebrate with your
Model A friends.**

**The cost is \$47.50 per per-
son, which includes tax and
gratuity**

**There will be our usual gift
“exchange” and a whole lot of
fun!**

**More details will be in the No-
vember newsletter**

Hope to see you there!



For Sale

All parts we purchased through Bratton, Snyder's, and Hershey as new.

\$200.00 plus shipping unless local (Bucks County, PA)

New Model A Ford Red book

New Positive battery cable

Zenith Carburetor gaskets

License plate Brackets

Gas gauge kit

6 Wiring claps underside

5 Radiator Cap Gaskets

5 Gas line Fittings

Distributor caps, 1 clear cap and 1 black cap

Wire connectors, female and male

Extra parts for the Horn,

Ignition Coil - IC5-502 and wire

3 Extra brake light lens

LED 3rd brake light for the back window

Scott Franklin

Cell - 215-808-9353

Email s32franklin@gmail.com

For Sale

MODEL "A" PARTS	
1 PAIR HEADLIGHTS & LENSES	2 FLYWHEEL HOUSING
1 ENGINE INTAKE & EXHAUST MANIFOLD W/WAFFLE	1 CLUTCH HOUSING
1 ENGINE INTAKE & EXHAUST MANIFOLD	1 REAR SPRING
1 EXHAUST MANIFOLD W/WAFFLE	1 FRONT SPRING
1 INSTRUMENT CLUSTER	3 MOTOR MOUNT YOKES
1 CARB Tillotson	1 ROUND SPEEDOMETER
1 EXHAUST CLAMP	3- 19" TIRES & TUBES (SPARE OR SHOP USE ONLY)
2 WATER PUMPS W STEEL FANS	3 ENGINES IN VARIOUS CONDITION NON RUNNING KEPT IN DOORS
2 OIL RETURN TUBES	MISC NUTS BOLTS SPRINGS ETC
1 WINDOW REGULATOR	
1 DOOR HANDLE	
1 DOOR LATCH	
2 BELL HOUSINGS	
1 DASH RAIL	
1 WATER OUTLET	
1 WATER INLET	
2 WATER PIPE	
MISC MIRRORS	

If interested, contact Mike Ulmes at mile@ulmes.net. Mike says that there are more parts available that are not on the list.

This is a great opportunity to stock up on parts from both Scott and Mike.



WANTED

The late 1927 Model A Ford crank (A-17036) with FORD script on the middle (angle) bar, 11/16" lug nut socket, 8 inch throw-offset, 90 degree pin position. Contact Bill Nitschke Cell (914)-323-8958

THANK YOU !

Bill Nitschke
163 Essex Street
Deep River, CT. 06417

E-mail : williamjnitschke@gmail.com



**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"

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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