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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

We had four great events this month. It was wonderful getting to see everyone and to get out and enjoy our cars in this beautiful, but very dry, weather.

I was very happy with the performance of my tudor sedan on all of these outings. The sedan spent a lot of time in the garage this summer while the roadster was the car of choice in the warmer weather. Now that it has cooled off, a car with a top and windows is definitely a better choice. I checked the air in the tires, as well as the transmission, rear differential and engine oil levels and I topped off the antifreeze in the car. That was it, and it ran like a champ!

There are more stories in the newsletter about the trials and tribulations of each event. Each event was a real learning experience.

Looking forward, our business meeting is upon us, so don't miss it. The Fall Rollout is also happening this weekend. This is considered to be the last car show of the season, but you better get there early. When the field is full, they turn cars away. Finally, our last event of the year is our Holiday Party. This year we will go back to having the party in a restaurant as we did in years past. Doru and Bob Outwater recommended the Harvest Moon Inn in Ringoes N.J. Full details are in the Calendar of Events!

Our Model A season isn't over yet!

See you down the road!

Dave

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September Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$1848.59
Income	\$60.00
Total Income	\$60.00
Expenses	
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$1908.59

Respectfully Submitted
Cynthia Chapman
Treasurer

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On the cover:

My tudor sedan and Bob Outwaters custom built '29 roadster hot rod are ready to go to the Flemington Speedway Historical Society Car Show in Ringoes N.J. There is more on this event beginning on the next page.

Flemington Speedway

Historical Society Car Show

October 19, 2024

There aren't many things that I get up for before the sun comes up, but this car show is one of those things. As soon as I pulled the tudor out of the garage and started down the road I knew that I had made the right decision about which car to take. A roof and roll up windows definitely beat a convertible on this morning. The sun had not crept over the horizon yet, until I got to the top of the hill on RT 12 going out of Frenchtown. That's where the sun was a ball of fire burning into the pavement. I made it to Bob's house and let him know that I was there. When he came out of the house, he had enough warm clothes on to rival any Eskimo!

We made the 4 mile trip to the show uneventfully and met up with Craig and Lynn Reed. We had a great day enjoying each others company and the hundreds of cars that attended the show.



Trip to Jim Thorpe PA October 22 & 23, 2024 Hosted by Fred & Cindy Chapman

A little before 9:00 AM, I arrived at the Weis parking lot in Dublin to meet the rest of the group for our trip to Jim Thorpe, PA. Roger and Kathy Bagley were already there. Soon 6 more Model A's pulled in. Fred and Cindy were in the lead, followed by Craig and Lynn Reed, Carmen Morelli and three cars from the Delaware Valley Model A club. Willie was in a four door sedan by himself and Joe and his wife, Cheryl came next and then Ted and his wife Jeannie rounded out the group. So far there were eight cars in all. We left the parking lot and took back roads up to



Bethlehem where we met up with the Bettles at the Waffle House just off Route 78. We

filled the parking lot with Model A's and the Bettles showed up at 10:00 AM on the dot. We had six walkie-talkies for 9 cars, so we were able to keep track of



everyone. Willie volunteered to bring up the rear to help keep us together. We followed Fred and Cindy through

back roads on a beautiful and uneventful ride to Jim Thorpe. Some of the cars were getting low on gas, so



we went through town and finally found gas on the far side of town. The traffic was horrific considering that it was a weekday. There was no parking available in any of the public lots. Joe finally convinced a property owner to let us park

our cars in her lot. By this time Craig's car was beginning to act up, so he was pushed into a parking space. The 1:00PM train that we were hoping to get



on for the ride through the Lehigh Gorge was sold out. Some of us were able to get on the

3:00PM train and others got on the 4:00PM train.

After a quick lunch, Fred and I noticed that they were letting people park in the public lot again. Fred and I walked up the very steep hill to retrieve our cars.

When Fred tried to start his car, the starter jammed, so after unsuccessfully trying to rock the car to free the jam, out came the tools and eventually the



starter. It was freed up with no damage to the bendix or flywheel, so off we went back down the hill. By the time we got parked, there was just a few minutes before my train left, but I made it! What a beautiful ride!



After the train ride, they got Craig's car going again by adjusting the points. We all headed to the hotel, but his car still wasn't running great. We installed a spare carburetor that I carry with me, but it still didn't fix the problem. Craig and Lynn

went to dinner with me in my car. After dinner, we tackled Craig's car again. After more ignition work, the car seemed to be running well.



The next day we were going to try to get on the 10:00 AM trolley for a ride around town, but it was sold out until 2:00PM. Other attractions were also sold out until late in the

day, so we decided to head for Country Junction in Lehighton, the worlds largest general store.

After spending some time at Country Junction, we headed toward home with a lunch stop in Upper Black Eddy. We had to make one more stop to adjust points, but then made it



to our lunch stop. This trip was definitely a lot of fun and showed how some team work can get you through most situations. Oh, by the way, Ted got a flat tire after he left our lunch stop on his way home.

Happy Thanksgiving



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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 December 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!



Menu

*Choice of Soup or House
Salad*

*Choice of Three Entrees from
the Lunch or Dinner Menu*

*Choice of Desserts: Rice Pud-
ding in Phyllo, Assorted Sor-
bets and Fresh Fruits*

Road Kill Rally

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Hosted by Chuck & Deb Savitske

It was another beautiful day for a car event as all the days in October have been. By my count there were 13 antique cars that showed up for the event and we could have had one more, but it failed to start .



As the people and food poured in, Deb started sending folks out on the rally. The rally took about an hour to complete. It took us through some beautiful countryside, although I think I need a new clutch and brakes for all the hills that we went up and down.

When we got back, Deb had us do a team building exercise and she even got a few people to get up and dance!





After the team building exercise it was time to dig into lunch. Chuck's road kill stew was as good as ever! I think everyone had a great time. The winner of the rally will be reported at a future event.



Wings and Wheels

Car Show

Van Sant Airport, Oct 27, 2024

My day started when someone from our church came in and said, “hey, there is a car out in the lot that looks like yours that’s backfiring a lot”. That someone was John Rothrock. I didn’t have any tools or parts with me. I had planned to go pick up my car after church and take it to the show. Since the service was about to start, I invited John to church so we could deal with the problem after the service.

We decided to just go to the show in my car after the service and fix it after the show.

It was a lot of fun walking around with John. He is a pilot and knew about all of the aircraft on display.

What a learning experience for me! There was also a



huge turnout of cars. We ran into Fred Chapman and Mike Ettling...and

they had parts! After the show, they followed us back to church to fix John’s car. In the process, they held a master class in engine diagnosis and repair. After replacing points, the condenser, spark plugs, and installing a spare carburetor (the same one that we put on Craig’s car on the Jim Thorpe trip), they figured out that there was a bad connection on a coil wire. After I made a quick trip to my house to get MORE tools and parts, the problem was fixed!



GOTS AND WANTS



MODEL "A" PARTS

1 PAIR HEADLIGHTS
& LENSES

1 ENGINE INTAKE &
EXHAUST MANIFOLD
W/WAFFLE

1 ENGINE INTAKE
& EXHAUST MANIFOLD

1 EXHAUST MANIFOLD
W/WAFFLE

1 INSTRUMENT CLUSTER

1 CARB Tillotson

1 EXHAUST CLAMP

2 WATER PUMPS W
STEEL FANS

2 OIL RETURN TUBES

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

2 FLYWHEEL HOUSING

1 CLUTCH HOUSING

1 REAR SPRING

1 FRONT SPRING

3 MOTOR MOUNT YOKES

1 ROUND SPEEDOMETER

3- 19" TIRES & TUBES
(SPARE OR SHOP USE
ONLY)

3 ENGINES IN
VARIOUS CONDITION
NON RUNNING
KEPT IN DOORS

MISC NUTS BOLTS
SPRINGS ETC

If interested, contact Mike Ulmes at mike@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.



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

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

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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C/O Cindy Chapman

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