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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

Time to put up the new calendar. We begin this New Year with a new president, I only hope I can serve you as well as the presidents before me. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season filled with family and friends. We attended the holiday party and had a great time, many thanks to Doru and Bob for organizing the event. The food was amazing and it was great to visit with everyone. The gift exchange is still full of excitement and laughter. I've been busy spending time with my new to me 29 Tudor just checking everything out and replacing some worn out parts. Some upcoming events to make note of are the breakfast at the Upper Black Eddy fire station that takes place the second Sunday of the month. We can meet at the fire station at 9 am let me know if you plan to come on January 12. Next is the Auto Mania swap meet at Allentown Fairgrounds Jan 17-19. I usually go browse around on Friday evening. Also on Saturday January 18th is the Blue Mountain gas and steam engine clubs winter "snow show" event, held in Bangor Pa at the Jacktown community center. This is basically a large flea market held outside rain, snow or cold. I set up as a vendor and it's a great day with a lot of people attending. They have a BIG bonfire to warm up around. Finally if you participate in the MARC mileage award program contact Chuck Savitske to submit your information for 2024.

Stay warm and happy motoring.

Dennis

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Harvest Moon Inn

Ringoes N.J.

It was a cold but sunny day in Ringoes on the day of the 2024 Running Board A's Holiday Party. A few of the party goers elected to bring their Model A's, but most elected to drive modern cars...with heat. Those who attended the event were the Outwaters, Bettles, Reeds, Peters, Nygard, Bagleys, Savitskes,

Rothrocks, Popescus, Allison and Carmen Morelli .

Bob Outwater and Doru were the ones



that found and contracted the Harvest Moon Inn. The Inn is typically not open for lunch, so we had the whole restaurant to ourselves.

We had a choice of soup or salad for starters. We then had a choice of pork tenderloin, grilled chicken breast, pan seared tuna, or linguini with spinach and wild mushrooms as shown in the picture to the right. Dessert was sorbet and fresh fruit or rice pudding in a phyllo shell, both shown below.



The food tasted as good as it looked. After our meal, we got started on our gift exchange. We had a lot of fun guessing what was in each package, and there was definitely some stealing going on with some gifts reaching the maximum of three steals.

All in all I think we all had a great time. Thanks Bob and especially Doru for finding the Harvest Moon Inn and setting up our event! You can see more pictures of the event below.



Member Profile

Dennis Peters

I reside in Quakertown Pa with my wife Donna. We have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. I graduated from Pennridge High School and Bucks County Community College with a degree in Fine Woodworking. I spent 28 years building high end furniture. I enjoy many hobbies that include hit and miss gas engines, Coleman lantern



collecting, going to flea markets and of course old cars. My interest in old cars goes way back to my teen years as my father was a body man in a few different dealerships so my family always had an interest in



cars. I remember traveling to my father's uncle out around Carlisle to visit and marvel at his Model A Fords, Thunderbird, and other cars. It was cars of the early 30's that caught my attention. In 1979 at 17 years old I bought a 1936 Chevy 1 1/2 ton dump truck in a field on a farm my sister lived on. I gathered many parts over the years but never



really finished working on it and sold it in the mid 80's when we purchased our house. Having many other classic cars over the years I returned to my interest in 30's era cars. In 2001 I found and purchased a 1936 Chevy PU the same color as my original dump truck. Then in 2018 I purchased a 1934 Chevy sedan that was a project but with limited space to work on it I sold it and

purchased my current 1932 Chevy sedan that had been restored and used for touring in Ohio. Not finding many local early Chevy enthusiasts I was introduced to the Running Board A's club by friend Tim Litzenberger who told me "they do a lot of touring and driving ". That's just

what I was looking for. I appreciated their openness to accepting a "Chevy" guy into their midst. I enjoy traveling with others on short and long trips even



overnighters. And just this month I sold my 36 pickup after 23 years and purchased my first Model A Ford. I'm a self taught mechanic and enjoy the challenge these old cars offer to keep them running and on the road.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Upper Black Eddy
Fire Dept. Breakfast
Sunday January 12, 9:00 AM
1716 Firehouse Ln.
Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972**

Meet Dennis Peters at the fire house for a great breakfast and fellowship with other club members. Menu includes: Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Cream Chipped Beef, Sausage, Bacon, Potatoes and Toast. Cost is \$9.00. All proceeds go to the Upper Black Eddy Fire Department.

If you plan to attend, please contact Dennis at 267-374-4856 or at dpeters15@verizon.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Auto Mania Indoor Collector Car Flea Market & Corral

Pennsylvania's largest indoor heated
automotive Flea Market.

Agri Plex Expo Center

302 N 17th St

Allentown, PA 18104

January 17 - 19, 2025

Hours : Friday: 12 PM - 9 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 6 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 3 PM

This event will be hosted by Dennis Peters. Please contact Dennis at 267-374-4856 or at dpeters15@verizon.net to find out what day he plans to attend and where he plans to meet.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. [Discount tickets may be purchased on line here.](#) You will also save time in line. You will only have to show your ticket on your phone at the door.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Blue Mountain Antique Gas & Steam Show



**January 18, 2025
7:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

1279 Richmond Road, Bangor, Pennsylvania 18013

Come out and enjoy some stew, and hotdogs, while doing some shopping from brave participants weathering the cold temperatures.

Dennis Peters is a vendor at this event.

This event takes place no matter the weather!

Contact Dennis at 267-374-4856 or at dpeters15@verizon.net for more information on this event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Planning Meeting March 22, 2025 11:30 AM

The Allison's will host our spring planning meeting again this year in March. The meeting will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Pipersville. The Allison's will provide wraps, coffee, tea and water. Please let us know what side you will bring to share. .



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Joint Luncheon with the Active A's

**Saturday, April 12, 2025
12:00 PM**

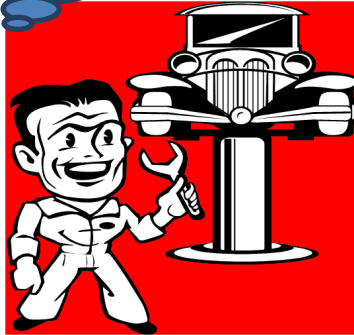
**Franconia Café & Market
513 Allentown Road
Souderton, PA. 18964**

We will have a joint lunch with the Active A's on Saturday April 12. This year, we have the café's private room reserved for the event. The room only holds 30 people, so we are limiting the event to only two clubs. If we have less than 30 people signed up for the event a week before we will open the event to other area clubs. Contact Dave and Diane Allison @267-733-3708 if you plan to attend.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Model A Ford Safety
Day. I'm sure we will
have a great time!



Raise Your “A” Day

(or as some may prefer, “Up Your “A” Day”)

10 AM-Saturday, April 19, 2025

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 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 27
2025

Sunday • 9 am to 3 pm
Trexlerstown, PA

Lehigh Valley Model "A" Club Presents

the STEVE RYAN

Model A/AA Show & Swap

Model A Ford
Stock / Original
Era Equipment

Swap Meet • Concessions • Rain or Shine
Tech Session • Free Admission & Registration
Pin Striping by Jim Brand • Paved Parking for Show Cars

Co-Host: LVMAC & Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company

7723 Hamilton Blvd • Breinigsville, PA 18031 • (Short Drive from Rt 78 and Rt 222)

Swap meet spots are 20' x 20' with a \$10 Donation • Model A / AA, T & early Ford parts only

NO household items • NO dolls/toys • NO modern tools • NO home services

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 via email ONLY: lvmodelclub@gmail.com

- Rain or Shine • No Dogs •
- No Drugs & Alcohol •

Lehigh Valley
Model 'A' Club





**Your 2025 Club Dues are due NOW!
Dues are still only \$15**

**If you joined the club after July 1,
2024 you will not need to pay in
2025.**

**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**

Useful Model A References

During these cold winter months when we don't want to drive or even work on our beloved Model A's you can at least read about them. The Model A Restorers Club (MARC) has come up with a list of publications and general topics that they cover.

For Model A's in general:

- "The Model A as Henry built it" by George DeAngelis
- "The Model A Ford" by Peter Winweisser

Details of Model A's can be referenced in these publications:

- The Ford Service Bulletins by Ford Motor Co. (yellow book by Post publications)
- The Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards by MARC and MAFCA.

If you need to work on or do repairs to your car:

- Model A Ford Troubleshooting and Diagnostics by Les Andrews
- Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook by Les Andrews Vol II
- Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook by Les Andrews Vol I

These references can be purchased through the MARC website or borrowed from a club member.



Membership Application For the Running Board "A's"

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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

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Mail to:

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C/O Cindy Chapman

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Doylestown, PA. 18902

If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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