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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.



Happy Spring everyone. As the weather gets warmer that means it's Model A season. I was able to drive my Tudor to 2 events in March. I thought I had my noisy speedometer fixed but now the odometer stopped working. Something else to work on I

guess. We had a great tour of the Martin Guitar Factory. If you have never been there it's a must see. Our planning meeting was good with many events and activities scheduled. We have a busy spring season of events and we could also use a few more in the summer and fall. If you have ideas for an event or tour let me know so we can get it in the newsletter. In case you didn't know, we have a website, runningboardas.com. Check it out for lots of information and a calendar of events. The Running Board A's club is a regional chapter of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) we encourage all members to join that National club as well. A link to the MARC website can be found on the preceding page. Be sure to plan to attend the "Raise Your A Day " at the Outwater's and get your car on the lift and checked out for the upcoming touring season.

Happy Motoring

Dennis



Welcome New Member James Duffy

Jim has actually been a member since last October, but thanks to your incompetent newsletter editor, I missed putting the announcement in the November newsletter. Jim has a Model A that needs some work. Hopefully Jim can join us for Raise Your A Day.

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Martin Guitar Factory Tour March 20th, 2025

**Hosted by Dennis Peters
Article written by Doru Popescu**



On March 20th twelve members and guests of the Running Boards A's attended a fascinating tour of the Martin Guitar factory in Nazareth, PA, organized by Dennis Peters. Domenic DeMenna from the Active A's club also attended the event. Founded almost 200 years ago by a German immigrant, Martin is perhaps the most famous acoustic guitar in the world and is revered by all the greats, including Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, and The Beatles just to name a few. Over 3 million guitars have been manufactured by Martin Guitar so far. The factory tour offered an impressive mix of computer control, lasers and old fashion manual craftsmanship. The average gui-

tar build takes 3 months and goes through 300 steps in the process. There are over 200 models, ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000, with the special one-of-a-kind guitars going for hundreds of thousands of dollars. After the tour we all enjoyed a hearty lunch at The Catty Corner, across the parking lot from the factory. We also got to admire Dennis' recently acquired 1929 Tudor.



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Joe Valentine, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

April 2025

Model A News mailing time. We have heard many complaints from members about the random arrival of the *Model A News*. The Board and our office staff are actively working on a resolution. The magazine was delivered from our printer directly to the post office on February 6th. Once delivered to the post office, the delivery of the magazine seems to vary by weeks depending on state and area mailed to. We have verified with the printer that all magazines were delivered to the postal service at the same time, immediately after printing and have asked the postal service to investigate a number of times with no firm resolution. We are continuing to attempt to resolve this problem and will keep everyone advised of our progress. Please contact your local post office if you do not receive your magazine by the end of third week of April.

An announcement! Tom Hovetter has invited John Abrams, MARC's insurance agent, to attend the Gettysburg National meet this summer where he will conduct a free seminar to answer members questions about our insurance coverage. Please plan to attend and be prepared with questions that you or members of your Region have regarding our coverage!

Regions, as a reminder, your 2025 Region dues in the amount of \$25 are due. They can be paid via the MARC website, select Regions and click on register and pay by either credit card, PayPal or check. Please be ready to provide your 2025 officers information and MARC membership number.

Concerning membership, we have mailed invoices to members who have forgotten to renew. The response has been great! Don't forget that we have created several new membership types for both surviving spouses and youth between the ages of 18 and 21 who may or may not reside at home. Retaining members who may no longer own a Model A but still enjoy participating in MARC events is something that a number of Regions have asked for. Attracting youth to our great hobby for FREE is a great way to grow Regional membership. Please contact any Board member for details.



To all the members of the
Running Board A's



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Joint Luncheon with the Active A's

Saturday, April 12, 2025

12:00 PM

Franconia Café & Market

513 Allentown Road

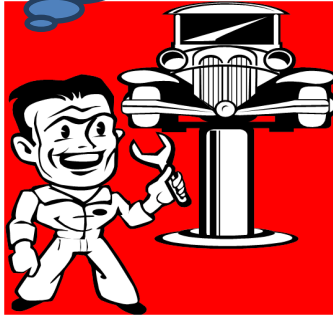
Souderton, PA. 18964

We will have a joint lunch with the Active A's and the North Penn 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 number of members from each club to 10 with a waiting list. We currently have 10 members from our club signed up, but if you would like to be put on the waiting list, contact Dave and Diane Allison @267-733-3708 or dalliso@mail.ptd.net.



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



ROEBLING MUSEUM

15th Annual Car Show

Saturday, April 26, 2025

(Rain Date: Sunday, April 27)

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

100 Second Avenue

Roebling, NJ 08554



Near the Roebling RiverLine Train Station

REGISTRATION CLOSES AT NOON

Spectator Admission Fee: \$5.00 (under 12 FREE)

MUSEUM ADMISSION INCLUDED WITH ENTRY FEE

Car Registration Fee: \$20.00—Day of Show Only

FREE Registration for 1920 and Earlier Stock Cars. Rat Rods Welcomed.

All Military and Emergency Vehicles, FREE admission to display. (Not Judged)

All Tents/Canopies Must Be Secured—No Penetration of Blacktop



Food

Ice Cream

Music By Tom E Tunes

“Top 70 Trophies” plus Specialty Awards

All Years, Makes & Models, Foreign & Domestic

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Vendors! Door Prizes! 50/50 Drawing!



Hosted and Judged By: Movin' On KruZers



Proceeds Benefit Roebling Museum's Community Outreach and Education Programs

For Information Call: Bobbi (H) 215-752-0484, (c) 215-820-3276

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215-378-7303 or fordchap@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 27
2025

Sunday • 9am to 3pm
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 

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rhinebeck Auto Show Rhinebeck N.Y

**. Saturday May 3rd & Sunday May 4th
2025**

We will meet locally at about 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 3rd at the Exxon station at the intersection of Rt 611 and Rt 113. We will then take some great Model A back roads to Helms Garage in Milford PA. After gassing up, we will meet Steve Belton for lunch at a local diner and then proceed to Kingston N.Y where we will stay overnight at the Best Western Hotel (845) 338-0400. We will then attend the show on Sunday May 4th. I plan to stay in Kingston on Sunday night and drive home on Monday. If rain is in the forecast for the weekend, I will not be attending the show. Contact me at 267-733-3708 or at dalliso@mail.ptd.net if you want more information or plan to attend. Dave



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oak Hill Farm Model A Reunion Aldie Virginia May 16, 17 and 18.

Running Board A member John Leydon has extended an invitation to several area Model A clubs to celebrate the final season of Oak Hill Farm (the James Monroe Presidential Estate) This is John's current residence, but in September it will be added to the Virginia State Park System. Details of the event and hotel information can be found in the email attachment that came along with the newsletter. Please let Dennis know if you are interested in this event.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hellertown/Lower Saucon Heritage Day Celebration

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Heller Homestead Parking Lot
(13.96 acres Park)
1892 Friedensville Road
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Time: Display cars from 12 Noon - 2 pm
(FYI, total event is from 10 AM until 3 PM.)

You or your friends are welcome to bring any antique/vintage car or truck.

So, please spread the word and mark your calendars.

Contact Nelson Chegezy from the Lehigh Valley Model A's if you plan to attend.

Email: nchegezy@gmail.com or Home Phone: 610-867-4395

Planning Meeting March 22, 2025

Our annual planning meeting was held at Christ Lutheran Church on March 22. We had a great turnout and lots of events planned for the coming year. Below are some photos of the event and the next page contains a listing of events and dates for the remainder of the year. Look for more details in the calendar of events we get closer to each event.



2025 Tentative Calendar of Events

Compiled by Ken Nygard

June 15th: Father's Day Show at Silver Creek Athletic Association

June 15th : 20th MARC National Meet at Gettysburg*

July 4th: Parade at Titusville, NJ.

July 20th: Holcomb/Jimison Event.

July 26th: Christmas in July

August 2nd: Awkscht Fescht . Register by July 1st

August 13th – 16th: Rough and Tumble at Kinzers PA.

August 30th: Duryea Day at Boyertown.

September 6th: Henry Ford Museum, Detroit MI.

September 20th: Gilmore Museum and National Model A Museum.

October 1st: Carlisle, PA Fall show begins.

October 4th: Race of Gentleman, Wildwood NJ.

October 5th AACA Hershey PA Event

October 18th: Event at Hopewell Furnace National Monument

October 25th: Road Kill Rally and Fall Business Meeting

November 2nd: Riegelsville, PA Fall Roll Out Car Show.

December 7th: Holiday Party at Harvest Moon Inn.

[* If you plan to attend the MARC national meet in Gettysburg, click here for registration forms.](#)



**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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C/O Cindy Chapman

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If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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