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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy Spring everyone. The flowers are blooming, birds are singing, grass is growing. That can only mean one thing- it's Model A driving season! We have a busy spring full of events and tours. A special thanks to the Outwaters for hosting the Raise Your A Day. It is always well attended and organized. It is a tremendous opportunity to service your A or learn about how

to service your Model A. Thanks Bob and Bernadette!! At the Steve Ryan Show our Running Board A club was well represented with at least 12 members attending. There were lots of A's and vendors if you needed that special part. I picked up a luggage rack before it made it to the vendor area. Looking ahead we have 2 overnight tours in May, the Rhinebeck show and the Oak Hill tour. Other events are found later in the newsletter. As summer approaches let me know if you have any event or tour ideas. An idea could be a tech session for a particular part or service. You don't need to be an expert to show how to do to the job at hand and help someone that has never done that job before. I recently rebuilt and updated my distributor and retimed the engine. I thought it would be nice for others to see how that is done . It's great to have the knowledge and it's even better to share it with others.
As always Happy Motoring

Dennis

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April Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$1976.64
Income	
Dues and \$5 to General Fund	\$20.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$1996.64

Respectfully Submitted
Cynthia Chapman
Treasurer

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On the cover:

Model A's parked outside of Bob and Bernadette Outwater's beautiful home during Raise You're A Day.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Dick Bettle for winning the AACA National Newsletter award for 2024 with his AACA club newsletter, *The Roadmap*.

Joint Model A Club Lunch Saturday April 12, 2025 Franconia Café & Market Souderton, PA

At least it was supposed to be a joint lunch. In reality the two other clubs that were invited to attend did not attend. I guess there were two things that were not in our favor. One was that I had reserved the private room in the café. The hostess stated that we were limited to 30 people in the room, so to be fair I decided to limit participation to 10 members from each club with a waiting list.

The other issue that really surprised me was that there was a concern about rain in the forecast. Members of our club who were concerned about the weather, just drove their modern cars. John and Lana Rothrock and Diane and I drove our Model A's. It did rain a little, but our cars did not melt, break down or slide off the road.

Thirteen members of the Running Board A's did show up and we had a great lunch together. I guess you could say that it was a joint club lunch because some of our club members are also members of the North Penn A's and the Lehigh Valley Model A Club.



The restaurant also seemed to appreciate having the extra space!

Dave

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

From Tom Hovetter, President and Jim Zimmer, Director of Regions

May 2025

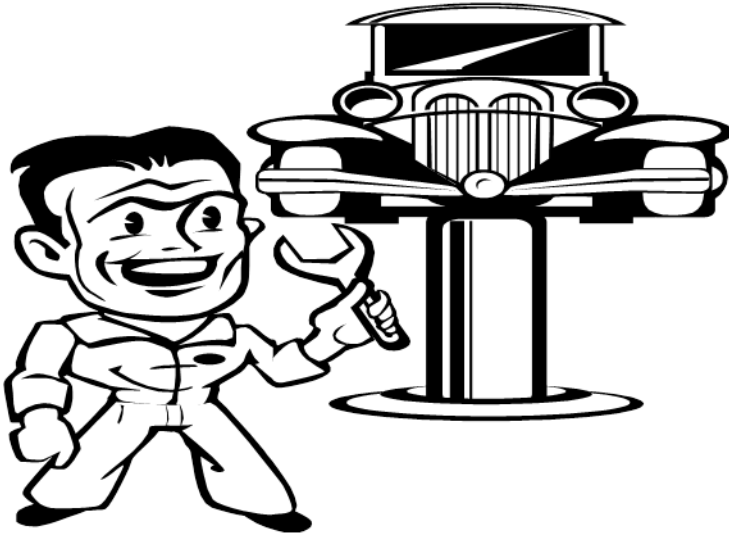
Members, we are excited to introduce your Board of Directors for 2025; President, Tom Hovetter; Vice President, Joe Valentine; Secretary, Chris DuVall; Treasurer, Paul Ganning; Director of Publications, Bill Bass; Director of Membership and Public Relations, Joe Fox and Director of Regions, Jim Zimmer. We all look forward to serving for the next 12 months and have a full schedule ahead of us.

As you may know, one of several areas of focus by your Board during the past year was growing our membership. It now looks like we will meet or exceed our budgeted membership level. However, we would certainly like to see continued membership growth. With that goal in mind, we are announcing a new membership initiative. ANY member of a Region who has never previously been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month trial membership, digital copy of the *Model A News*, and all of the other benefits of full membership. Call the MARC office Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm at 734-427-9050 to enroll.

Recently we learned that international postage expense has increased to the point that an issue of the *Model A News* mailed to some countries postage expense is more than \$12 per issue. Due to the extremely high cost, your Board has decided to hold international membership dues to \$50 per year, but offer the digital version of the *Model A News* only to our international members. Paper issues will still be available, but shipping will be at cost.

Certainly you've seen that Larry Shepard is our new Technical Chairman. Please direct any technical questions or tips to Larry. He would also like to communicate directly with all Region technical advisors. Email Larry at marctech@modelarestorers.org to be added to his contact list.





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

Bob & Bernadette Outwater’s Garage

10 AM-Saturday, April 19, 2025

On a beautiful and sunny Saturday, attendance was phenomenal at Raise Your “A” Day at the Outwater Garage. Once again, despite early predictions for cloudy and rainy conditions, we lucked out with sunny skies and 80 degree temps, not bad!

The attendees were Dave Allison, Bob and Bernadette Outwater, Ken Nygard, Dick & Bobbi Bettle, Craig & Lynne Reed, Chuck Savitske, Carl Wiseman, Dennis Peters, Doru Popescu, Chris Kampf, Fred Chapman, Carmen Morelli, John Grier, Jim Duffy, Roger Bagley, Larry Konsin, Tom Fritz, as well as guests, Bob Daurenheim, Lou Mack, Paul Fiedler, Matt and Don Raleigh. If we forgot someone’s name, please accept our apologies.

As usual everyone got their turn to use the lift to grease their Model A Fords, check fluid levels, adjust tire pressure, make minor repairs, and confirm everything is in good shape for the 2025 touring season. Our club members were willing and ready to point out all the things they saw as problems. This event hopefully served as a learning opportunity in the maintenance process of our antique vehicles or at the very least, a chance to harass someone taking too long on the lift.

Thanks for the fruit salad, bean salad, potato salad and Caesar salad, pies, cookies, brownies, cake and other various desserts and ice tea and sodas! Thank you, Bobbi Bettle for the flowers! Also, thanks for the latex gloves, oil/grease donations! This year we used 6 tubes of grease and 3 Qt's of transmission oil.

We would especially like to thank Bobbi Bettle and Lynn Reed for all the help you gave during the event. And thank you to everyone for helping clean up.

Thanks for your participation. This event is always a fun time with a practical purpose, ensuring that our Model A's are safe to drive. Thanks to all for making it a fun day with our great friends. Photos of the event are below and on the next page.

Bob and Bernadette





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



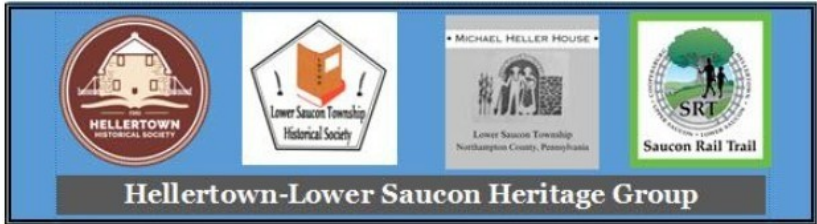
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Oak Hill Farm Model A Reunion Aldie Virginia May 16, 17 and 18.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025 MARC National Meet
June 16 thru
June 20, 2025



2025 Meet Raffles

Four-Goodyear Tires
(Value of \$1140.00)

Model A Rebuilt Transmission
(Value of \$1100.00)

COMPLETE Model A INTERIOR Kit by
Classtique Upholstry!
Your choice for a 1928-31 Std. Roadster, Coupe or Tudor.(Value \$3000.00)

Model A Block Kit PLUS*
by Burtz Engine
Including
Connecting Rods, Crankshaft,
Camshaft, Flywheel,
High Compression Head
(Value \$5600.00 *Engine is unassembled)



ONE Ticket Drawn for Each Item

Tickets are \$5.00 Each or Five (5) for \$20.00
Winners need not be present & must arrange shipping by Saturday Morning

[Click here for a registration form](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

23rd Annual Father's Day Car Show

Sunday - June 15, 2025

**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Gates open at 8:00 AM**

RT 413 Springtown PA



[Click here for registration form](#)

Wanted

Your Member Profile

I have had a lot of nice comments about the member profiles that we have run so far in the newsletter. I need YOURS next. It can be on any aspect of your life, how you got interested in Model A's, other cars that you have owned, your job, other hobbies, crazy things that you did as a kid, etc. If you are not comfortable writing a story, just send me the facts and I'll weave them into a story. I hope to hear from you soon.

Dave

Tech Tip

If you need to change out your radiator hoses, don't make the same mistake that I did (twice) by putting the clamps too close to the bottom radiator hose inlet on the radiator. If you do, you risk cutting or cracking the radiator hose at the bottom of the radiator with the sharp edge of the radiator inlet when you tighten the clamp. I did find out that it's easier to fix it in my garage than on the road!

Dave



Steve Ryan Model A Car Show

Sunday, April 26, 2025.



Although the weather was not perfect, there was still a great turnout to the Steve Ryan Model A Car Show. Running Board A members that I saw at the show included Tim Litzenberger,

Chris Kampf, Larry Whitaker, Dennis Peters, Chuck Savitske, John Grier, Roger and Kathy Bagley, Craig and Lynn Reed, Steve and Kathy Belton, John Rothrock and Fred Chapman. My apologies to anyone that I may have forgotten. It was great to have such a nice turnout from our club.

This was Chuck's first outing in his "clown" truck and boy did it get everyone's attention. It was also Dennis Peter's second or third outing in his newly acquired Tudor sedan.



Chuck and I left his house at about 8:45 and Dennis, Craig and Lynn left Quakertown at about 9:00. Somehow, we all met up together on Route 100 in Macungie and traveled to

the show together. Thanks to Dennis for leading the way after I made a wrong turn! The temperature was about 45 degrees with a very strong wind, so it made for some uncomfortable travel, especially in open cars. Tim Litzenberger and Fred Chapman both had tables set up to sell off some of their excess parts. I think by the end of the day, they were both happy with their quantity of sales.



Fred also used his newly acquired Model A pickup truck to transport his parts. This, I think, was the first outing for the truck, especially after Fred and Bob Outwater fixed an oil leak and installed a PVC valve just a couple of days before the event.



By the time we were ready to leave, the sun started to peek out from behind the clouds, which brought the temperature up. It made the ride home, especially in open car, much more en-

joyable.

It was another great Model A Event! Thanks go to the Lehigh Valley Model A Club for hosting this great event .
Dave

For Sale

1930 Tudor Sedan

It has not run in several years. It has been stored in a dry garage. The paint and interior are very nice. The gas tank looks good, is completely empty and dry. Shocks are missing.



**Car is located in Washington N.J.
If interested, call Chuck Savitske for
more information, at 610-573-4378
or Todd (the owner) at 610-442-
1874.**



**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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