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# *From The President*



Hi everyone, happy summer. With warmer weather arriving I hope you're enjoying your Model A. After an extremely busy month of June I'm looking forward to spending some time behind the wheel of my Tudor. I think I need a name for it, any suggestions. I heard we had a nice group of club members attend the MARC meet in Gettysburg and some brought home some awards as well. More on that in the "official" report. I took the opportunity to attend the Castle Valley Mill tour and had a great time. Special thanks to John and Lana Rothrock for organizing the event. If you have interests or ideas for a tour or event don't hesitate to bring them up, we always enjoy seeing or doing something together and driving the A's. Lots of shows over the July 4th weekend to enjoy. I'll be getting ready for the Christmas in July event at our house at the end of the month. ( see flyer). We can always learn from each others maintenance or repair episodes so please share them with us. Till next time , see you down the road.

Dennis



# Keeping it in the Family

Article and pictures by Jim Duffy

It all started when I kept bugging my Dad for a car and he said, “why don’t we build one”. He had just helped a good friend restore a 1930 Ford Cabriolet so we had accumulated some parts. In 1965 we lucked out when we located a car that someone was going to make over into a Hot Rod. We bought it for \$500.

Using a home-made hoist system and the big Ash tree in the backyard we lifted the body from the frame and began work on the chassis and later the power plant and other moving parts. Truth be told,



dear old Dad did much of the work as I was going to college at the time.

I helped when I could. Even my Mom got into the act. She was an accomplished seamstress and actually upholstered the interior for us. In tribute to her we decided to make no changes to the interior!



I drove that Model A all the way to South Bend, Indiana in 1967. I drove all night long on the Turnpike with throttle set, my back on a pillow against the door and saw that heater glowing



cherry red through the fire-wall. I had hung two containers in the engine compartment for oil and water. If I remember correctly it took about 16 hours to make the trip. The only issue was a broken brake rod. I kind of felt like Charles Lindbergh on his trans-Atlantic flight! I truly enjoyed that car at Notre Dame. I even took some of my profes-

sors for rides once in a while. My roommate, Jim McGuirk, towed the car back to Doylestown at the end of the semester. One way was enough for me.

My wife, LuAnn, and I used the car during our wedding in 1972. I taught my son, Patrick, to drive in that car. He and his brothers, Sean, and Ryan often helped with mechanical repairs such as dropping the oil pan and adjusting shims on the connecting rods. They loved tinkering with that car.



Years later their kids would pose for pictures with the A. Photos show some of our grand-kids (Sean, Zain, Declan



and Paddy) on the running board and in the driving compart-

ment. Some, now in their teens, are expressing a keen interest in getting involved with getting that car road-worthy again.



Thanks to the very generous help of the folks in the Running Board A's we are doing the bulk of the work in Fred Chapman's garage. The pictures below are with son Patrick, Paddy, Declan, Fred, Carmen and me as we prepared to remove the old power plant.



# **Castle Valley Mill Tour**

## **Thursday, June 26, 2025**

### **Hosted by John and Lana Rothrock**

This was John and Lana's first attempt at a tour and it was a huge success. There were 15 RBA members and 4 family members in attendance in 8 Model A's. We met at the Weis Market in Dublin and then went on a wonderful tour of Bucks County back roads to the Castle Valley Mill. Those in attendance were Dennis Peters, Doru Popescu, Bob and Leslie Adams, Pat and Larry Whitaker, Tim and Kathy Litzenberger, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Fred and Cindy Chapman along with son Tom and daughter-in-law Brynn, John and Lana Rothrock and me, along with son Steven and grandson Owen. In a small world story, Steven discovered that Brynn graduated from the University of California at Irvine where Steven is a professor. The Model A's lined up in front of the mill made for some impressive pictures.



The setting was beautiful and the owner, Mark Fischer gave us a wonderful tour of the history of the

mill, the workings of the mill, and the reasons for the wonderful nutritional value of stone ground grain.



After the tour, we all had a chance to shop in the mill store for some of the freshly ground flour and for some pasta made from flour ground at the mill. We



then piled back into our cars and headed for the air conditioning at the New Britain Inn.

There we had a great lunch and we were able to cool off and enjoy a great meal together after the tour.

John and Lana did a great job setting up the tour. The back roads were great Model A roads. My son was amazed at how many people waited patiently at stop signs and intersections so that all the Model A's could stay together. A few days after the event, we made pesto with the pasta that we purchased from the mill. The family agreed that it was some of the best we ever had.

Dave

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**Antique Tractor-Car-Truck Show**

**Sunday July 20, 2025**

**10am - 4pm**

**Car Entry 8am-10am**

**Holcombe-Jimison**

**Farmstead Museum**

**1605 Daniel Bray Hwy**

**Lambertville, NJ**

**609-333-3432**

**[Click here for a copy of the registration form.](#)**

**Car registration is free!**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Please join us for a Christmas in July Picnic/Party!  
Saturday July 26, 2025 at 10am

Hosted by Dennis and Donna Peters

Located at 347 New St, Quakertown, PA, 18951

(Parking Lot behind Peters' residence)

Homemade Ice Cream!

**White Elephant Gift Exchange**

**(\$15 Limit)**

Short Covered Bridge Tour

**Decorate your car contest!**

**(Christmas themed)**

**Winner gets a special gift!**

**Please RSVP by July 21, 2025**

Home: 215-536-4825 Cell: 267-374-4856

Bring a chair or two, decorations for your car, wrapped car related gifts for exchange and be ready for a whole lot of fun!

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

## **Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show**

**Saturday, August 2nd**

**Macungie, PA.**

We will meet at the WAWA on Route 663 outside of Quakertown at 9:00 AM. From there, we will travel back roads to Macungie for the show.

To enter your car in the show, you must have pre registered by July 1.

Please contact me by phone, (267)733-3708, text, or email: [dalliso@mail.ptd.net](mailto:dalliso@mail.ptd.net) if you plan to attend so we know who to wait for.

Thanks  
Dave



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Other Events

### August 30th

Duryea Days Boyertown PA  
Show opens at 9:00 AM

### September 14th

East Jersey Old Town Village  
Piscataway, NJ  
Roaring 20's Jazz Party.

Anyone that wants to display a pre war car may be eligible for a \$100 stipend. Contact Matthew Stroh at 732.819.1566 or email him at [matthew.stroh@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:matthew.stroh@co.middlesex.nj.us) for more information

### September 28th:



### Car Show

Awards will be presented in many categories.  
Raffles and food will also be available.

# MARC National Meet

June 15 -20, 2025

Gettysburg PA

**Article and pictures by Fred and Cindy Chapman**

The National MARC meet was held June 15-20<sup>th</sup> in Gettysburg, PA. Craig & Lynn Reed, Fred & Cindy Chapman Tim & Kathy Litzenberger and Kathy and Steve Belton attended. Since the Reed's don't have a trailer, the Chapman's also drove their 28 Phaeton through the beautiful Amish countryside to Gettysburg. Total trip time was a little over 4 hours. We dodged raindrops most of the way, then the skies opened up once we got there! We met new member



Jim Duffy there on Monday where he did some “40” horse trading with Ora Landis from Schwalm’s for a new motor for his 30 Fordor. His engine should be done in August!



Lots of seminars including a great Zenith carburetor session were conducted throughout the week. Judging for Touring Class, Fine Point and the new Driving class were conducted on Wednesday of the week. Thursday was the mandatory Touring Class Tour, needed to complete the Touring Judging. After judg-



ing was completed on Wednesday, Craig’s car decided to act up. The trundle bolt that adjusts the clutch snapped right in half! Fred and Craig drove Fred’s car to the repair tent where they

met “another” Model A guy named Fred Chapman, from Gettysburg! The Gettysburg Fred went to his home stash of parts and found a new trundle bolt in



his parts bin!  
Fred and  
Craig headed  
back to his  
car and got  
the new bolt  
installed,  
then headed  
back to the  
hotel, 9 miles  
away. Craig's  
car must not

have liked the new bolt because it started backfiring and acting up. It was either fuel or spark. With the help of friend Shannon King from Maine who was in Gettysburg for the MAFCA National Civil War Tour, the carb float was replaced and a float shim taken out which seemed to do the trick. The mandatory tour for Touring Class was completed the next day, all the cars ran great!



Friday the  
weather broke  
and a strange  
phenomenon  
took place in  
the sky. The  
SUN came out!  
We took ad-  
vantage of the  
great weather  
and toured the  
Eisenhower



Craig's Award for his 28 Phaeton to the left,  
Fred's early 28 Phaeton below



Farm and Civil War battlefields including Little Round Top. Friday night at the awards banquet, Craig earned his first Award of Excellence with 487 out of 500 points for his 28 Phaeton! Fred earned the Preservation award for earning two Award's of Excellence in a row for his early 28 Phaeton. The "twin 28's" brought home the hardware! Steve and Kathy Belton also scored 444 points to take a first place touring award.

On Saturday, we headed home from Gettysburg. Craig's car reminded him who the boss is! It fought us all the way home, turning the 4-hour trip into a 7-hour trip, limping home with the coil bypass tool Fred carries with him. The coil had gotten very hot, due to the pop-out ignition switch intermittently cutting out. The cars got home OK but Craig has to troubleshoot and sort out the problems, in between polishing his award! The award is now proudly installed with a new bracket supplied by member Carmen Morelli who had a spare! All and all, a great trip was had by all!

## The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

# THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

July 2025

**M**ARC's Gettysburg National Meet this year is now behind us. We had more than 300 registrations, many informative seminars, Special Interest Group meetings, tours, car judging and great food at the welcome party, grand tour and awards banquet. More details and plenty of pictures in the next *Model A News*. Thanks to Tom and Janora Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region for hosting this great event.

**A**lso, don't forget that we have a special Finger Lakes tour in the pipeline for next May and another great National Meet scheduled for next July in French Lick Indiana. We expect both to be jam packed with fun filled activities so plan to attend. We still need Regions to step up and volunteer to host future events! Your Board of Directors will gladly help you plan a tour, meeting or a national event. Contact any MARC Director please

**R**emember that the online version of the *Model A News* is always available for viewing by the first day of every even month (February, April, June, August, October and December). Going forward, we will communicate availability on Facebook only.

**C**an you imagine that Adina Cloud, representing the French Lick Resort and a MARC member, won the 50/50 drawing at the closing awards banquet and then contributed the winnings to the Model A Youth Restoration Awards? Then, Tom Hovetter and the Gettysburg Region donated the other half: \$2,000 to MAYRA!

Remember that MARC has a special membership offer for youth, 18 -25, not living at home. FREE membership with a sponsor, digital MAN only, but all the other benefits of full membership. Contact the office for details. Let's get those young people signed up!





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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Running Board "A's"**

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**C/O Cindy Chapman**

**5266 Valley Park Rd.**

**Doylestown, PA. 18902**

If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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