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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

Hello fellow Model A'ers. I hope your summer is going well. I have been busy as usual but have been enjoying my Tudor and the "other " car with local trips.



I have to mention that, YOU, the members of our club are the most friendly, welcoming, relaxed, helpful, I'm not sure of the correct words to describe the atmosphere when we gather, but thank you for being YOU. You make my job easy, enjoyable, and fun. We have some events scheduled for August so please check the calendar of events so you don't miss an event. I'd also like to thank all the people that have planned, organized and helped with events. I'm looking forward to the progress report on Jim Duffy's engine/car project, what a great example of members helping members. As always take an opportunity to share our club with other enthusiasts and invite them to an activity. I'd like to research some promotional ideas to make our club more visible when we're out and about. Maybe a magnet or cling type paint friendly signs to put on our cars when we travel around. Any ideas or suggestions please let me know. I'm sure there will be a report and pictures from the Xmas in July event later in the newsletter.

Happy Motoring Dennis

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July Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$1996.64
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$1996.64

Respectfully Submitted
Cynthia Chapman
Treasurer

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On the cover:

Model A's traveling through a covered bridge on the tour during the Christmas in July event.

Photo by Bobbi Bettle

Holcombe-Jimison
Antique Tractor-Car-Truck Show
Sunday July 20, 2025



Pictured above is Craig Reed's 29 Phaeton.

Mystery Engine Noise Solved at Gettysburg, PA. MARC Meet

Article and Photos by Tim Litzenberger

For about 18 months or maybe even two years, I had a noise in my engine. After many trouble shooting attempts I never really found the source of the noise but I was always suspicious it was the timing gear. When the normal procedure of taking the timing pin out and reversing it, sticking it back in the opening with some pressure yielded no change in sound, I thought it's not the timing gear. Several thousand miles later, while still driving with this noise, we arrived at Gettysburg for the MARC meet.

The last Friday of the meet I decided to hang out at the repair tent. I decided to volunteer my time and thought maybe I could learn something. When I got there they were working on a carburetor. It got a good cleaning, was reinstalled, and was being adjusted. The fellow adjusting the carburetor had it running so smooth that I asked if he would adjust mine.

I thought I knew how to adjust carbs but I never got mine to run as well as that one did.

The gentleman adjusting the carburetor said, "Bring it over let's have a look". As soon as we lifted the right side hood he said, "Your timing gear is going bad". I said, "Are you sure? I have done the timing

gear check many times and it never indicated that the gear was bad". He reversed the timing pin, placed it back in the hole and squeezed it as hard as he could and sure enough the sound went away. I said, "Let me try that," and sure enough squeezing it with all the strength I had made the sound go away.

My previous timing gear diagnosing did not take near as much pressure to have the sound change or go away. He asked how far I had to go to get home. "4 hours", I said. "Good luck getting home", was his response. It turns out this was Larry Shepard, the new Technical Chairman for MARC. A big thank you to Larry for finally diagnosing my problem!

Here is my installation procedure and some helpful tips from others to install a new timing gear without removing the radiator:

The most difficult part is always to get the timing marks to line up.

With the help of Doru Popescu, we brought the #1 cylinder up to top dead center. This was important, because on my engine it was very difficult to find the timing mark on the crankshaft gear.

I placed a piece of card board against radiator to protect it from damage.

We removed the cover and old gear according to the red Model A Repair Handbook.

We marked the entire length of the tooth on the crank gear, where the mark is, with a silver felt tip pen.

We marked both sides, the front and back of the teeth on either side of the timing dimple on the timing gear with the silver felt tip. The crank gear will slide between these two marks.

We lubed several teeth on either side of the timing

mark on the new gear at point of contact with grease. This allowed the gear to slide freely when tightening the gear on the cam shaft. After installation, we lubed the entire gear with motor oil.

We were now ready to install the new gear. Since the crank gear is marked on both sides, we could look at the back side of the crank and set the cam gear on top of the correct tooth on the crank gear. I had a 2"X4" mirror on a telescoping arm. Without this tool I don't think this job would be possible. We used the mirror to see that the dowel pins were lined up. We had to turn the crankshaft slightly to line the dowels up and then we tightened the nut. As a double check we could see that the three silver marked teeth were in the correct position on the front side of gear. After 2 1/2 hours the car started and there was no noise!!!

Upon inspection of the old timing gear there were no obvious defects. I expected to see very worn teeth, or chips, something that would explain the noise. I measured the width of the teeth with a micrometer and found them to be 10 to 15 thousands of an inch under size compared to the new one installed.



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

August 2025

Maybe you haven't visited the MARC website recently, but if you have, you are aware that our website is rather outdated and while our Facebook page has thousands of members, very few take the next step to join MARC. Your Board of Directors has just approved a preliminary budget and formed a committee, led by Chris DuVall, to review and make changes to our complete social media strategy and website. The committee will begin meeting on a frequent basis and we will keep you updated on our progress.

Also, speaking of Chris, he recently posted a brief video on our Facebook page on the basics of starting a Model A. We need more videos like this to teach new Model A owners the basics of diagnosing and fixing mechanical issues. If you are interested in producing a video, please contact Joe Fox or any other Board member.

Regions, we still need volunteers to step up to host future MARC meets; a National Meet, Tour, or Membership Meet. As you know, we will be combining our 2026 Membership Meet with our Finger Lakes Tour in May. All of your Board members have experienced hosting a Meet and we will help any Region interested in hosting a future event. Contact Jim Zimmer or Joe Valentine for any information.

Continuing our focus on Region recognition, the Board recently approved a motion to recognize Regions who have achieved 50+ years MARC membership. A brick will be donated in your Regions name to be placed at the Gilmore Museum! As we donate annually to MAFFI, they provide us bricks that we will use for this purpose. We currently have 40 bricks available and will begin recognizing the 40 longest member Regions first. Twenty more will be recognized in 2026 and the remainder in 2027. We will notify you as your bricks are placed.



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 if you plan to attend so we know who to wait for.

Thanks
Dave



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Campbell Auto Museum Tour

Monday, August 11, 2025

Doylestown, PA

On Monday, August 11 we have been invited to tour the Campbell Auto Museum on Wells Road in Doylestown. Tours are only given during the week to this private museum. It is not open to the public. We will meet at the Weis supermarket in Dublin at 9:00 AM, then tour around Peace Valley Park before going to the museum. We will have lunch after the tour at the New Britain Inn. There is no fee to enter the museum, but all donations are gladly accepted and go directly to the Salvation Army. This is a rain or shine event. Please let me know ASAP if you plan to attend. I need to give the museum a head count. Please contact me by phone, text or email if you plan to attend.

Dave,

267-733-3708



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



August 30th

Duryea Days Boyertown PA
Show opens at 9:00 AM

Please let me know if someone would like to
coordinate this event

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 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 for more information

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Polo at Tincum Park Saturday, September 20, 2025

Get ready to learn everything that you always wanted to know about Polo. We will meet at the Tincum Park boat launch parking lot at 12:00 Noon and then travel a short distance to the polo field together. The cost is \$20 per car. Bring chairs and a picnic lunch or plenty of snacks to enjoy during the match. We will be tailgating right next to the field of play. If you are a member of any of the other local car clubs, including, Lehigh Valley, Delaware Valley, North Penn, Active A's or AACA, feel free to extend the invitation to your other club members. The more the merrier! Contact me at 267-733-3708 or dalliso@mail.ptd.net if you plan to attend. Dave



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Delaware Valley Fire Department Car Show

Sunday, September 28, 2025

DELAWARE VALLEY VOL FIRE CO.

ANNUAL FALL

CAR

28
SEPTEMBER
2025

RAIN DATE:
OCTOBER 5, 2025



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CHRISTMAS IN JULY SATURDAY JULY 26, 2025

HOSTED BY THE PETERS

Article by Dennis Peters

Photos contributed by the Bettles, Chris Kampf and
Dave Allison

The Xmas in July event was held on July 26th. Donna and I enjoy hosting this activity each year, it's fun to relax and socialize with everyone. We had great weather, a little hot but thankfully we have some



shade trees that helped. We met at 10 and by around 10:30 we headed out for an enjoyable scenic 1 hour tour of the countryside and crossed 2 covered



bridges. We returned close to noon and enjoyed a great meal. Thanks to everyone for providing the great salads, sides, drinks, and deserts. The car decorating contest was won by the Bagleys. Dick and Bobbi Bettle

even decorated their car twice. The gift exchange was fun as always with many creative gifts. We finished the day off with home-made ice



cream. Members present were Roger and Kathy Bagley, Dick & Bobbi Bettle, Dave Allison, Chris Kampf, John & Lana Rothrock, Chuck & Deb Savitski, Ken &

Judy Nygard, Tim & Kathy Litzenberger, Fred & Cindy Chapman, Carmen Morelli, Jim Duffy and his son and grandsons, Donna & I and my whole family and my friend Ed Johnson.



More pictures on the following page





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

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Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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