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From The President

Greetings Folks, I notice the days gradually getting shorter and the temperature slowly cooling as we slip past Labor Day into early unofficial fall. As I turn another calendar page



I wonder where did my summer go. Early August I found myself busy getting ready for the New York State Steam Pageant in Canadagua, NY for the weekend. And now for the Labor Day weekend my sons , grandson and myself head to Limerock racetrack in Connecticut for the annual Vintage/Historic Festival that brings old race cars from all over the country to race on the famous Limerock track. If you've never experienced it, you should plan to. It's a great weekend with a large car show on Sunday with all the cars parked on the track. This years feature exhibit is pre 1920 race cars. I missed all the Running Board events in August so I'm looking forward to reading the newsletter to get caught up on what you all have been doing with the A's. I know we have some events coming up in September and October which is a great time of the year to be driving our cars. I hope someone can organize a fall leaf tour this year as well. I've been encouraged by all the events we've had this summer from our "regular "events to a bunch of new events thanks to your enthusiasm and creativity. Keep up the good work friends. As always, see you down the road. Dennis

Das Awkscht Fescht

Saturday, August 2, 2025

It was one of those unusually cool and pleasant days in August, not the hot and humid that we usually have for the Das Awkscht Fescht Car show. Because it was predicted to be such a nice day, I brought my roadster with the top down. Bob Adams must have had the same thought, because he brought his phaeton with the top down as well.



We met at the usual spot outside of Quakertown and then took very scenic back roads to Macungie. We met some of the other members of the club, including Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Chuck Savitske, Ken Nygard

and Sonny Sciarretta at the show. Tom Fritz was also present.



Chuck's Model A "Clown Truck"

Ken was having trouble with his '51 Ford F1 truck stalling on the way to the show, so he wisely decided to leave it home and drove his modern car. While we were all sitting around at the show, we discussed Ken's truck and decided that it was a carburetor issue. Ken decided to take the carb off later in the week and let Chuck take a look at it. That's one of the many benefits of being in a club.

We all had a chance to walk around the show while enjoying the nice weather. The cars present at the show are still spectacular, but there are not as many

as there used to be. There are not as many vendors present as there were in the past either. There has even been a decline in participation from our own club! I hope that this downward trend changes. I think this is a really nice show and I hope it continues for a long time to come.

Sonny came in his '57 Fairlane and brought along his friend from the Active A's, Matteo Riordan. It was great to see Sonny and to meet Matteo. Matteo is the future of the Model A hobby. He is young and has his own Model A that he drives all over. He is also the new newsletter editor for the Active A's and makes YouTube videos of his Model A experiences. Matteo made a video of his wandering at Das Awkscht Fescht. [You can check it out here](#). You may see some familiar cars in the video! Matteo is a great asset to the hobby. It is great to see someone his age with the enthusiasm, knowledge and the skill that he has put it to good use to support the hobby.

We were disappointed to see that the ice cream shop, located just outside the gate of the show was closed and was being sold. Hopefully a new owner will open it up and sell ice cream once again. Dick and Bobbi were not to be deterred, and found some for sale in the show and treated Chuck and I to a cup. Thanks!

We all waited to the end to receive our participation award and then it was time to hit the road again. Hopefully we will see more participation next year. More photos of the event appear on the next page.

Dave



1910 Buick Roadster

Spectators checking out the Model A's



A Stanley Steamer

Running Board A Members at Other Car Shows



Fred attended the Woodward Dream Cruise in Detroit. Fred said that out of all the muscle cars present, they zeroed in on his Model A pick up truck.

He was interviewed by the local Channel 7 news crew about his Model A. He will try to get the video of the interview to share with everyone.

I attended the Perkasio “Cars under the Stars” Car show on the evening of August 16th. My Tudor was also unique in a sea of muscle cars (over 400 cars present). There was a lot of interest in the Tudor, but I didn’t get interviewed by any news crews. The streets were blocked off until 9 PM so that spectators could safely view the cars. I was glad to have my LED headlights and tail lights for the ride home.

Dave



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

Cemetery Tour

“Boatmen of the Delaware Canal”

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Tinicum UCC Church

310 Dark Hollow RD Pipersville PA.

If you are interested in area history, this tour will be of interest to you. The tour information was researched by our own Judy Nygard.

Judy and Diane Allison will lead the tour of the cemetery telling the stories of the boatmen interned in the cemetery and their impact on the history of the area.

Two tours will be offered, one at 11:00 AM and one at 1:00 PM. The requested tour donation is \$10.

The tours are held in conjunction with the Tinicum UCC yard sale going on from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All proceeds benefit the historic Lower Union Cemeteries.

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

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October Events

October 1st: Carlisle, PA Fall show
begins.

October 4th: Race of Gentleman,
Wildwood NJ.

October 5th AACA Hershey PA Event

October 12th: Wings and Wheels Van
Sant Airport

October 18th: Event at Hopewell
Furnace National
Monument

October 18th: Flemington Speedway
Historical Society Car
Show

October 25th: Road Kill Rally and Fall
Business Meeting

**More information on these
events will be in next
month's newsletter.**

The Campbell Auto Museum

August 11, 2025

Photos by Tim Litzenberger, Craig Reed and Dave Allison

Our tour to the museum started at the Weis Market in Dublin. We met John and Lana Rothrock, Tim Litzenberger, Craig Reed, Dave and Connie Vanium



from the Lehigh Valley Model A Club, Chuck Savitske and Doru Popescu. I handed out directions and walkie-talkies to everyone and we were on our way. I think everyone enjoyed the use of the

walkie-talkies. We took about a half hour drive around Lake Galena and arrived at the Campbell Insurance Agency at about 10 AM. We met Ken Nygard and Dick Bettle there. Bob Campbell, the owner of the private collection also met us at the back of his facility. He



started by taking us on a tour of his cars stored in garages along the back of his facility. Bob has amassed a collection of cars, motor cycles, farm equipment and memorabilia that we probably all wish we could do at some point. He has Model A's, Tbirds, Corvette's and even a Co-

bra signed by Carroll Shelby. None of these vehicles were



in the actual museum. From here, he walked us through the office area of the insurance business. It was a mini museum itself, with Whizzer and Indian motorcycles on top of file cabinets. I know that I would never get any work done in a place



like that! We moved through the office and finally onto the museum area that is in the back corner of

the building. The show piece of the museum is a 1960's vintage Ford GT 40. This is the actual car used in the film *Ford*



Verses Ferrari. He is actually in possession of several movie cars, including one of the vehicles from the *Mad Max* movie.



There was a story for every vehicle in the place. Bob also has quite the sense of humor. Someone asked him about a small generic John Deere law tractor that was beautifully restored. He said it was the mower that his lawn crew used to cut the grass, but after they rolled it into his pond, **TWICE**, he took it out of service, had it restored, put it in the museum.

It was a great tour and Bob was an excellent host. After the tour, we headed to the New Britain Inn for lunch, where we cooled off and had an excellent lunch.





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For the Running Board "A's"**

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