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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

Happy Fall everyone. As the temperatures cool down it's a great time of the year to drive our Model A's. I drive the Tudor to the flea market regularly and always have people looking at it when I return to go home. October is a busy month again for me as I have 1 more engine show to prepare for. If you need parts for your car or just need some quality car time head out to Hershey or Carlisle this month. We have our business meeting October 25th. Take note of the new location later in the newsletter. The Roadkill Rally had to be cancelled this year so we are planning a short leaf tour before lunch and the meeting. If you have any business thoughts or concerns, plan to attend the meeting. We still have time for more events, tours and activities as the cold weather sets in so keep up the good work you all have done this year so far. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Dennis



Here's a couple photos from the vintage event at Limerock Ct.

FROM MARC

The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

October 2025

MARC your calendars for the 2026 MARC National Meet at the magnificent French Lick Resort, July 12-16. Venture on tours to the Red Skelton Museum, historic New Harmony, and Jasper Engine plant. Or try classic adventures such as French Lick scenic railway, Patoka Lake cruises, and Amish/German country tours. For an active experience, enjoy the resort's new pickleball courts, quick-play (75 minute) 9-hole golf course, and West Baden bowling pavilion. This isn't just a Meet, it's a journey through history, full of Hoosier charm and new excitement!

All, we are compiling a list of members who have Model A mechanical knowledge and a desire to help other Model A owners or be a resource to MARC to answer questions from members either via email, phone call or through a MARC forum. Please email your information to Larry Shepard, including your name, phone number, email and include your area of expertise at marctech@modelarestorers.org. For example; Jim Zimmer, 614-353-8236, jwzimmer9119@gmail.com, tire pressure.

Regions, don't forget that ANY member of your Region who has never been a MARC member qualifies for a FREE 12 month membership (digital *Model A News*). Also, young adults age 18-25 not living at home qualify as well! It's easy to enroll. Just call 734-427-9050 during normal EST business hours.

Consider hosting a MARC national meet. Our national tours are very popular as there are no seminars, no swap meet, no judging, no formalities. Just drive your Model A and have fun! Contact any Board member for information and to get you started. Other Model Aers would love to see your part of the country in their cars! We're also looking for Regions to host Membership Meets—we do not have a host for 2027 yet and would be happy to assist with your questions and comments.



Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum

By Doru Popescu

On September 19-20, Tim Litzenberger and I spontaneously decided to attend the Model A Days at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. It was a first for both of us, and given time constraints, we chose to fly instead of driving our A's. The famous museum, considered by many to be the Mecca for Model A enthusiasts, was celebrating the grand re-opening following a major expansion. There were even more A's on display, some unique and unusual, all impeccably restored. A new learning and demo center was home for several seminars: Logical Troubleshooting, Interiors, Woodgraining, Short Block Assembly, and Fashion Jewelry.



The most anticipated event was the First Start, where Larry Shepard, MARC Technical Director, along with a group of teens from a local tech school, attempted to fire up the engine of a barn find Model A, which had been sitting for some 35 years. It was quite the challenge, as you can see from the photos, but some 50 minutes later, the engine started running in a puff of smoke and to roaring applause from the large crowd.



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Beyond the Model A museum itself, there is an expansive campus, with additional museums covering many other early American classics, and complete with quintessential Americana like a vintage gas station and diner.



Some statistics I gathered from Mark Maron, one of the event organizers; Estimated 1,200 visitors, around 180 Model A's, and 81 swap meet vendors (compared to 12 back in 2012 at the first opening). And yet, it was a small world. Just as Tim and I were looking for someone (younger!) to take a photo of us

in front of the museum, Fred and Cindy Chapman walked toward us. Turns out they had been vacationing in Michigan for two weeks, and trailered their Model A



Two perfect days, and a well worthwhile trip. We'll visit again, most likely on September 12, 2028, when the organizers promise an even bigger 5-day celebration for the 100-year Model A anniversary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October Events

October 1st:

Carlisle, PA Fall show begins. Wed. to Sat 7 AM to 6PM. Sunday 7AM to 12PM 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd Carlisle PA 17013. Admission \$13. Sunday Admission is free.

October 4th:

[Race of Gentleman, Wildwood NJ.](#) Click on the link for a schedule of events and location.

October 7th

AACA Hershey PA Fall Meet

Antique Automobile
Club of America



2025 Eastern
National Fall Meet



Hosted by the
Hershey Region AACA
October 7-10, 2025
(Tuesday to Friday)
Hershey, Pennsylvania

Click on the brochure on the left for the location and schedule of the fall meet .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wings and Wheels

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Van Sant Airport,

516 Cafferty Rd. Erwinna PA 18920

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Show car registration is \$10

Contact Dave at 267-733-3708 if you would like to meet before the show so we can all arrive together.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FLEMINGTON SPEEDWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

13th Annual
CAR SHOW
HUNTERDON COUNTY'S LARGEST



Saturday, October 18, 2025
Rain Date: Sunday, October 19, 2025
Roger K. Everitt (Hunterdon County) Fairgrounds
South County Park, 1207 Route 179, Lambertville, NJ 08530

For inclement weather updates, visit the FSHS website or scan QR code 

ANY & ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES ARE WELCOME
FLEA MARKET & SWAP MEET
FIRST PLACE CLASS TROPHIES, PLUS SPECIAL AWARDS

Schedule of Events
07:00am Gates Open for Vendors & Exhibitors
09:00am Gates Open for Spectators
12:00pm Engine Start - Outdoor Cars Only
02:00pm Awards Presentation
03:00pm Car Show Ends

*As a courtesy to your spectators, fellow participants and vendors, exhibitors are encouraged to arrive on time and display through at least 2:00pm

Exhibitors
Exhibitor Registration: \$15.00 per vehicle, regardless of entry type
All registrations are day of, payable at the gate, cash preferred;
No credit cards accepted
Race cars are free

Spectators
Spectator Admission: \$5.00 per person;
Kids 12 & under admitted free when accompanied by an adult

Flea Market & Swap Meet
\$20.00 per space; Pole barn locations; No pre-registration required
Parts & Tools, Truck & Tractor Parts, Race & Vintage Race Car Parts, Collectibles, Crafts, Direct Sales Vendors

Proceeds Benefit
The Flemington Speedway Historical Society, Inc. (FSHS) and the Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair.
FSHS is recognized by the IRS code as a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity, whose mission is to Preserve, Protect, and Document the History of the Flemington Fairgrounds and Speedway.

For Sponsorship & Commercial Vendor information contact FSHS
Visit FSHS website: www.flemingtonspeedwayhistoricalsociety.com
(Forms found under Car Show tab)

Follow FSHS on Facebook
Flemington Speedway Historical Society
Hunterdon County Parks System reminder
No Dogs or Alcoholic Beverages Allowed



**Featuring MOPAR Muscle Cars,
Dodge, Chrysler & Plymouth**

Contact Bob Outwater @ 973 568 3525 if you plan to attend the event. If you want to travel to the event together to the event, meet Bob at 7:45 AM at his house, 32 Mason Farm Road, Ringoes N.J.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2025 Business Meeting and Leaf Tour

Join us October 25, 2025 at 10 AM at the Passer
Community Center Schoolhouse for our annual
business meeting!

2580 Richlandtown Pike

Coopersburg, PA, 18036

We will be doing a scenic drive to enjoy the fall
foliage before returning to the schoolhouse to
enjoy lunch and hit the books and get down to
business.

Please RSVP to Dennis Peters by October 21st, 2025

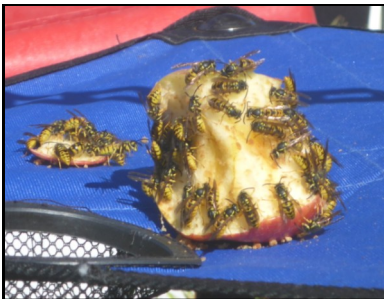
Cell: 267-374-4856 Home: 215-536-4825

Tinicum Park Polo September 20th, 2025

Eight Running Board A members met for a perfect day of Polo at Tinicum Park. Those in attendance were Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Ken and Judy Nygard, Dennis and Donna Peters and Diane and me.

We got there early enough to park our cars right at the center of the field. We broke out the chairs and the food for our tailgate session. Dick and Bobbi were kind enough to bring a pop-up tent to shade us from that intense mid September sun.

As we broke out the food, we realized that the yellow jackets thought the food was for them. Diane made the ultimate sacrifice of an apple to appease the yellow jacket hordes.



It worked and we could finally eat in peace! The polo match between the Arby Dobb club and the Windmill club was exciting. Since we were at mid field,

there was plenty of close up action for us to wit-



ness. You can actually feel the thunder of the horses hooves as they go sprinting by, just a few feet from where we were sitting. The match is divided into several periods, or chukkers each lasting 7.5 minutes. Before the last chukker, the audience is invited out onto the field to stomp the divots. There is also time for spectators to try their hand riding “Charlie Chukker” and to swing a polo mallet. The picture below



shows our fearless leader Dennis taking a turn with Charlie Chukker.

The end of the match was very exciting when Arby Dobbs, who had been trailing for most of the match fought back and tied the match in the last 10 seconds of the match. Everyone was cheering them on as the



horses sprinted the length of the field to tie the match as time ran out.

At then end of the match all of the players circle the field giving high fives to the audience. It was a fun and exciting day with lots of questions about the cars and lots of action on the field.

Dave



Woodward Dream Cruise

By Fred Chapman

The Woodward Dream cruise took place outside of Detroit Michigan on Woodward Ave, (runs through 13 suburban towns from Detroit to Pontiac) in SE MI. Held August 15-16th. For those of you not familiar with the cruise, it started 30 years ago as a soccer fund raiser and has grown into a celebration of American Automotive genius with 1.5M spectators and 45,000 cars estimated to attend each year.

I have participated 3 times in the last 7 years including last month! I brought my 31 Pickup and even got interviewed by WXYZ TV for their “Dream Cruise” special. The funny thing was there were over 700 muscle cars at Memorial Park in Royal Oak where I was parked and she only wanted to talk to the un-restored Model A truck guy! Just goes to show you the lasting appeal of our A’s!



Del Val Fire Dept. Car Show.

Saturday September 28th, 2025

Below are some photos from the Del Val FD Car show. Spotted at the show were RBA members Lynn and Craig Reed and Bobbie Sliker and Carl Weissman. Some of the photos below are from Lynn and Craig.



Happy Halloween





**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

5266 Valley Park Rd.

Doylestown, PA. 18902

If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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