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# *From The President*

Happy Thanksgiving fellow Model Aer's. I hope you all are filled with turkey and pie. I just returned from a cold little holiday ride around town. I'm always looking for neat photo opportunities. That gave me an idea! How about we all submit a holiday themed photo with your A. I snagged one by the Christmas tree in town, but I don't know what time of the day they turn the lights on. I'll have to try again.



We have the holiday party next Sunday I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone there. I know 1 member got an early Christmas gift under the tree (well in the garage) but I'll let them present it. We'll be attending the Sunday breakfast in January at the Upper Black Eddy firehouse. I'll also be attending the winter show at the Jacktown Community Center the 3rd Saturday of January.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and please submit a holiday photo to Dave for the newsletter next month. Also remember your dues are due.

Safe travels Dennis





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# Riegelsville Car Show

*By Roger Bagley*

The Fall Roll Out in Riegelsville PA on November 2 is one of the last shows of the year and extremely popular. I decided on taking my 40 Buick Special. After purchasing the 31 Vicky, garage space is beyond reasonable capacity! I threw in a For Sale sign, packed a sandwich, filled a thermos of coffee and headed out the door at 6:30 am.

The only cars on the road at that hour on a Sunday were obviously heading to the same destination. I found myself leading the pack, with a Model A hot rod, Camaro and a GTO being my fellow road warriors. We crossed the Riegelsville bridge onto 611 South and were merged into a long line of fellow car lovers. Our 45 minutes in line gave us plenty of time to admire the other participants.

The show included over 450 cars of all years and makes. There were plenty of car related vendors scattered around the park, however, not much in the Model A category.

I met up with some friends from our NJ region AACA , but didn't spot any of our A club friends in the crowd. All in all, the weather totally cooperated and made the day very enjoyable. The only thing that could have been better would have been finding a buyer for the Buick!



A view from the of the Riegelsville Fall Rollout from the air.

*Photo by David Hunter from his J3 Cub Piper plane*

# Seat Belts in the Rear Seat of a Model A Tudor

For years, I have only had seat belts in the front of my Tudor sedan. After all, that's where Diane and I ride whenever we have the car out. One word caused me to change my thinking about seat belts in the rear of the car...grandkids! Seat belts for the front seats are relatively easy to install. There is a steel cross member just behind the front seats where you can anchor the seat belts with relative ease.

There is no real structural support behind the rear seat to anchor seat belts, but I saw a Youtube video that showed how to install them that made sense to me. I started by ordering two sets of seat belts from Bratons. The advantage to this was that they matched the front seat belts that I installed 20 years ago! The disadvantage was that they came with no hardware, so I made a trip to my local hardware store, where I purchased some 7/16" x 1 1/2" X 14 bolts, corresponding lock nuts and some 1/2" X 2" fender washers. I also made trip to my local sheet metal shop and purchase a 1/4 X 2 X 48" piece of aluminum stock. I cut the aluminum stock to fit between the frame rails at the very back of the car. I ground down the corners of the aluminum to fit nicely between the frame rails.

I checked to make sure that there were no obstructions where the holes for the seat belts would be drilled into the floor pan. The holes were



actually located behind the rear seat frame. I did have one minor obstruction that I had to account for. Years ago, I had the floor pan under the rear seat replaced and there was a large pop rivet that I had to work around. I just cut a notch in the aluminum to accommodate the rivet.

After fitting the aluminum piece in place I removed it and put it in a

vice where I drilled ½” holes 1 ½” from each end of the aluminum. I then found the center of the aluminum bar and drilled 2 holes 1 ½” from each side of the center mark. Since I was working by myself, I crawled under the car and held the bar in place with one hand to use it as a template and drilled one of the



½ “ center holes with the other hand. I clamped a pair of vice grip pliers to the head of a bolt and then put the bolt through the seat belt attachment point and dropped it into the newly drilled hole in the floor pan. I went under the car again and slid the aluminum bar and fender washer over the bolt and then installed the lock nut. After tightening the bar to the floor pan, I was then able to use the bar as a template to drill the three remaining ½ “ holes. Instead of using the vice grips, I was able to use a 5/8” wrench to hold each bolt in place while I tightened each one down. Eventually, after torturing this 71 year old body by crawling under the car so many times, I had all the seat belts installed! I just had to slide the rear seat back in place, and I was done.



I can now take more than one grand-kid in the car at a time. I have no idea if this install will hold up in the event of an accident, but I think it’s better than nothing! Besides, I have no intention of ever testing my work.

Dave

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**Annual Holiday Party  
Sunday, December 7, 2025  
12:00 Noon**

**Harvest Moon Inn  
1039 Old York Rd, Ringoes, NJ  
08551**

**Time to get into the holiday spirit  
and celebrate with your Model A  
friends.**

**The cost is \$52.40 per person,  
which includes tax and gratuity.**

**There will be our usual gift  
“exchange” and a whole lot of fun!**

**Please make checks out to:  
Running Board A's  
Send to:**

**5266 Valley Park Rd  
Doylestown, PA 18902**

**More information on the next page**



*The Holiday Lunch*

*Includes:*

*\*Choice of Soup or House Salad*

*\*Choice of Three Entrees from the  
Lunch or Dinner Menu*

*\*Choice of Desserts:*

*Rice Pudding in Phyllo  
Assorted Sorbets and Fresh Fruits*

*Please let Cindy Chapman  
know if you will attend by  
Monday December 1st*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPPER BLACK EDDY FIRE COMPANY

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

JANUARY 11, 2026, 9:00 AM

1716 FIREHOUSE LN.

UPPER BLACK EDDY PA 18972



Breakfast Options include:  
Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Cream  
Chipped Beef, Sausage, Bacon,  
Potatoes and Toast.  
Cost is \$9.00 per person

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

## ***Raise Your A Day***

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Watch the newsletter for  
more details



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 26 2026**

**Sunday • 9 am to 3 pm**

**Trexlertown, PA**

*Lehigh Valley Model "A" Club Presents*

**the STEVE RYAN**

*Model A/AA Show & Swap*



**Model A Ford  
Stock / Original Era Equipment**

**Swap Meet • Concessions • Rain or Shine**

**Tech Session • Free Admission & Registration**

**Pin Stripping by Jim Brand • Paved Parking for Show Cars**

**Co-Host: LVMAC & Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company**

**7723 Hamilton Blvd • Breinigsville, PA 18031 • (Short Drive from Rt 78 and Rt 222)**

Swap meet spots are 20' x 20' with a \$15 Donation • Model A / AA, T & early Ford parts only


NO household items • NO dolls/toys • NO modern tools • NO home services

Associated car club is not required for show. Interest in Model 'A' Fords recommended.

RSVP your swap space or your dub space for the day via email ONLY: [steveryanshowLVMAC@gmail.com](mailto:steveryanshowLVMAC@gmail.com)

• No Dogs •

• No Drugs & Alcohol •

Lehigh Valley  
Model 'A' Club 

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Keep an eye out for these  
upcoming events:

\*Jacketown Swap Meet

\*Tour of Leydon Auto Restoration Shop

\*More Firehouse Breakfasts

\*Overnight tour to Ronks, (Lancaster  
County) PA

\*National Meet in French Lick Indiana  
July 12-16

\*Finger Lakes National Tour  
May 11, 14 2026

# Member Profile

## Dave Allison

I grew up in a small town in North Jersey called Pompton Lakes. We lived on a dead end street with 8 houses on it. In two of those houses, lived two aunts, two uncles and 10 cousins. We had a blast. We had a pool to swim in, a lake to fish, boat, and ice skate on, and a hill to sled on. What more could you want as a kid. Although my dad worked for a large insurance company in New York City, he was very mechanically inclined. My mom used to say that if she couldn't find my dad, all she had to do was look up and down the street to see who had the hood up on their car and she knew he would be there! My grandfather also had motor oil running through his veins. He worked for Packard and was an expert in magnetos. In fact, the trunk that's on my Tudor Sedan is a Packard trunk that was originally owned by my Grandfather. There was always a car, lawn mower or some kind of motor apart in our garage while I was growing up.

I went off to Del Val College in Doylestown in 1972. On the first day of freshman orientation, I noticed this tall dark haired girl that was in our class. It took most of our freshman year for her to notice me. When we did finally start dating, our first date was to a junk yard to find some now long forgotten part. Do I know how to show a girl a good time or what? Diane should have known then what she was getting herself into, but we stayed together and got married right out of college. This year was our 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

I graduated from Del Val College with a degree in Horticulture. Somehow I turned that degree into a 30 year career with Johnson & Johnson. I started out as a manufacturing technician, then a production supervisor, buyer/planner, and finished my career as a Senior Scientist in Biological Technical Support. Boy did I have them fooled!

We have two kids. Our son, Steven, is a professor at the University of California, Irvine. He and his wife, Karen, have two kids, a girl, Anna, and a boy, Owen, ages 16 and 14. Our daughter, Briana, is the Assistant V.P. of lending in a credit union outside of Harrisburg PA. She and her husband, Brandon, also have two kids, a girl, Brinley, age 15 and a boy, Brody, age 13.

The whole time my kids were growing up, we seemed to always have some kind of vehicle in the garage that I was working on to sell to make a little vaca-

tion money. It turns out that Diane is good at body work. I am not! We worked on various cars and trucks and I even rebuilt an engine in a motor home that we then drove to Alaska and back in the summer of 1989, basically problem free.

In 1998, I came home from work one day and was sent out to take some recycling out to the garage and in the garage, to my GREAT surprise, sat a 1931 Model A Tudor Sedan. Diane bought it for me so I would have “something to do”. It was in rough shape but I learned a lot getting it into shape to be a dependable driver. I also joined a newly formed local club, the Running Board A’s. In 2001 I was talked into being the newsletter editor for the club. The Tudor Sedan to this day is in Diane’s name, so in 2007, I bought “my own” Model A, a 1931 Deluxe Roadster. I have been enjoying my cars and the hobby, but mostly the people associated with the hobby ever since.



Before and after pictures of Diane’s ‘71 Super Beetle restored in 1981



1963 International Pickup ready for paint in 1983



1976 MG Midget undergoing restoration in 1985.

Please submit YOUR member profile, so we can get to know you better!!!

## The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

# THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

December 2025

**M**embership in MARC has increased this year over last year. This after declining for many years. This is Very Encouraging for our hobby! Many thanks to Regions who have encouraged their new and existing members to either take advantage of our free 12 month membership (non MARC members, digital magazine) or take our regular membership and receive the award winning *Model A News* magazine. Please continue to invite your members and anyone interested in our hobby to join.

**A**s you may know, we are updating the *Driver Class Judging Standards*. For example, some of these changes include the acceptance of fiberglass fenders, later Ford front and rear axles and leather or vinyl upholstery material for all years/models. The updated standards will be published soon. Make plans now to enter your Model A in Driver Class judging at French Lick in July!

**R**ecently we asked Region Presidents/Directors to email your Region's logo, in an image, PDF or similar format, for inclusion in our updated website. We have received many, but are missing many more. You will want your logo to be proudly displayed! If you haven't already, please email a copy of your logo to the MARC office at [modelarestorersclub@gmail.com](mailto:modelarestorersclub@gmail.com) or to Jim Zimmer at [jwzimmer9119@gmail.com](mailto:jwzimmer9119@gmail.com). Additionally, Larry Shepard is looking to compile a list of Model A Mechanics to use as a resource to help fellow Model A owners with mechanical questions. Please volunteer by emailing Larry at [marctech@modelarestorers.org](mailto:marctech@modelarestorers.org).

**C**ertainly we are all looking forward to the upcoming MARC Finger Lakes Tour next May. Online registration forms will be available on December 1st and hotel reservations will open on December 10th. Plan now to attend another great MARC event in a beautiful part of our country!





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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Dues are \$15.00 annually. Please make checks payable to:

**Running Board "A's"**

Mail to:

**Running Board "A's"**

**C/O Cindy Chapman**

**5266 Valley Park Rd.**

**Doylestown, PA. 18902**

If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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