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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 New Year everyone. Time to get the new calendar out and the snow shovel and the ice melt and those new warm gloves to face January. I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday with family and friends. Maybe you can get some quality garage time to spend with your A. I usually get to drive my cars much of the winter season but this years' weather has put a lot of salt on the roads so they're resting right now. I'm planning on going to the Upper Black Eddy fire company breakfast in January and February weather permitting. Let me know if you can join me. I will also be attending the Blue Mountain Gas and Steam Association winter event in Jacktown, Pa. on Saturday January 17th. This is a snow, rain or shine event (dress accordingly). The MARC national tour in the Finger Lakes is a great opportunity to get out and tour with your Model A. Make reservations early before it gets filled up. Let me know if you have any tour or event ideas for the winter season. We can still get together in our modern cars. If you participate in the MARC mileage program get your info to Chuck Savitske soon. Also remember dues are due. Thanks to everyone that submitted a holiday themed picture of your Model A. See everyone soon and drive safe out there. Dennis



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December Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance	\$2820.14
Income	
Dues & Holiday Party	\$419.60
Expenses	
Holiday Party, Passer Community Center, Marc Youth Scholarship, MARC Region Registration	
	\$1243.98
Ending Balance	\$1995.76

Respectfully Submitted
 Cynthia Chapman
 Treasurer

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DUES ARE DUE AND STILL JUST \$15

Make checks payable to

Running Board A's

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Old Car Festival Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village Sept 6-7th

By Fred Chapman

The Old Car Festival, held at Greenfield Village in Dearborn Michigan each year since 1952, is the oldest continuous car show in America. It is held at historic Greenfield Village, a working turn of the century town created by Henry Ford in 1929 to show future generations what life was like in rural America around the turn of the century.

Each year the museum allows 600 cars to participate in the festival by showing and driving their pre-1932 cars in around the village. 5,000 spectators see the cars actually driving in the village just like they did close to 100 years ago.

Cars included: Model T-s. Model A's, a 1903 Curved Dash Olds, Maxwells, Mercers, Stanley Steamers and many more! Over 3,000 entries applied and our 1928 Phaeton was chosen to participate among the 600. They allowed us to drive through the village as much as we wanted during the 2 days! We gave several people rides.



Welcome Mike Stevens

By Doru Popescu

Mike has recently joined the Running Board A's Club, as well as the Lehigh Valley Model A Club. This followed an encounter with Doru at a recent car show in Clinton, NJ. Mike lives in High Bridge, NJ with his wife Teresa. He has four kids, with two still on his "payroll", a daughter at Rutgers and a son who is a senior at Voorhees High School. Here he is with his wife and son, in front of their home, an Americus model home built in 1928 from a Sears house kit.



Mike has just retired from a long and diverse career. He graduated from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA with a BS in Accounting. While working, he also completed Master programs in Fiduciary Banking and Taxation. He worked in the oil business for a while, returned to banking for 15-20 years, then pursued

several other undertakings, with the last 11 years driving a concrete mixer truck. He jokingly claims to be the most educated truck driver around. His hobbies include playing bass guitar, which he picked up during Covid, and coaching kids in wrestling. However, mechanical work was always in his blood. Back when he was a kid, his next-door neighbor restored a WWII Jeep, and ever since, Mike dreamed of owning an antique car one day. He first looked at Model T's, but he quickly decided Model A's were the ones. He bought his first Model A in February 2025, a 1929 Base Tudor. Mike has already done some work on it, fixed the clutch linkage, replaced the head gasket and exhaust manifold, and installed a new harness. He thinks what's left is getting the timing right.



Here is Mike's contact info, pending annual club roster updates. Cell: 908-875-1281,
Email: ahco76@yahoo.com

Welcome Mike!

Rear Oil seal Replacement

By Fred Chapman

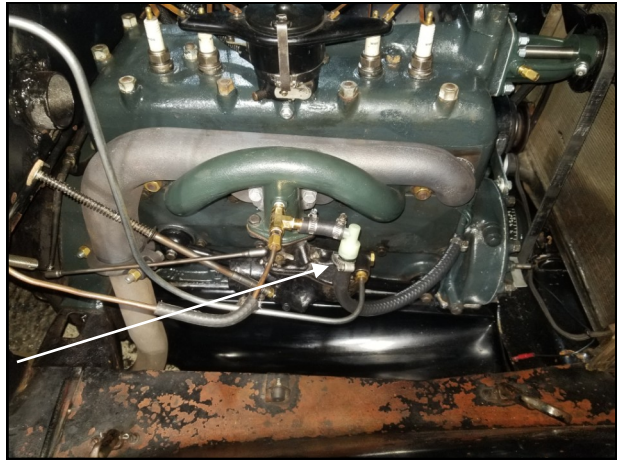
At Raise Your A Day, Bob Outwater, Tom Battle and I discussed putting my PU on the rack at another time to check my main rear leak. We scheduled a time and date for the repair. We



started taking off the oil pan at 10 am. We pulled the pan and the first thing I noticed, the rear gasket was not seated and fell into the pan under the baffle! We attempted to pull the rear main to check the shims but could not get the nuts off! We tried by putting over 100 foot lbs's, of force on the bolts, but nothing moved! We decided to leave it alone and simply put the gasket in. I had purchased the regular cork and the new composite gaskets from Snyders for this job. I was surprised to find out the composite is slightly wider by an 1/8th in. I put the cork one in, which fit nice and snug in the rear main channel. In addition, I replaced the steel return tube also, as the old one had a drilled hole in the side. Why? I have no idea, but I replaced it anyway! The regular cork gasket also allows for Permatex which you can't use with the new composite material, so we went "old school"!

We put it all back together and even added the "Oil Janitor" "oil diaper" which fits under the bell housing, just in case. I brought it home, took it out on the road

at 45-48 MPH, then checked it. Bone dry, even in the Oli Janitor! The problem was the rear gasket all the time. Just for added protection, I used Dave Allison's design from an An-ouncer a few



years ago and added the PCV valve just for good measure. The NAPA part numbers are PCV Valve # CRB 29207 and Breather Cap # THM 7031669 plus 1/8" pipe thread and some fuel line. As a result of great help from fellow club members, I should have many happy motoring miles in my 31 Pick up

5200 VALLEY PARK RD
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18902-9770
(215) 378-7303

Processing for Shipment

	PCV VALVE Part #: CRB 29207 Qty: 1	\$5.49
	BREATHER CAP Part #: THM 7031669 Qty: 1	\$18.49

Estimated Delivery: Thu, Apr 24

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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 \$10.00 per person

**Breakfasts occur on the second Sunday
of each month through May.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Model A Ford Safety
Day. I'm sure we will
have a great time!!



Raise Your “A” Day (or as some may prefer, “Up Your
“A” Day”)

10 AM-Saturday, April 18, 2026

Bob & Bernadette are pleased to once again host “Raise Your A Day”. This is a fun day for you and your Model A to spend some quality time among friends looking for those annoying rattles, cracked frames, real or imagined suspension issues or maybe a quick lube and a top off of fluids. **Sorry, no oil changes** due to time constraints. As always, Bob’s lift will be available for you to check things out.

Please feel free to bring any small parts you may need for your “quick” repair. Donations of grease and transmission oil, etc., will be most welcome to help defray costs of this event.

Sandwiches will be provided by Bob and Bernadette. Please contact Bob or Bernadette to let us know what food items you plan to contribute. We have a list of things we will need: salads, appetizers, soft drinks and desserts.

Please let us know (973) 568-3525 or boutw@aol.com by **April 13** if you plan to attend so we can get a headcount for lunch.

Bob & Bernadette Outwater

32 Mason Farm Rd, Ringoes, NJ 08551; 973 568-3525; boutw@aol.com

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 Striping 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

• No Dogs •

• No Drugs & Alcohol •

Lehigh Valley
Model 'A' Club 

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MARC NATIONAL TOUR
Hosted by Finger Lakes Region of MARC

Penn Yan, NY

EXPLORE
FINGER LAKES



May 11 - May 14, 2026

TOURING!!





Corning Museum of Glass Penn Yan

George Curtiss Museum Dundee



It's a Wonderful Life

THE SENECA LAKE Wine Trail



Grow here. Made here.

Birthplace of Women's Rights



Arts and Crafts





MARC National Tour
Finger Lakes, NY
2026

Click [here](#) for more information

Several Club members are planning to attend this event. If you are interested, contact Dave @ 267-733-3708 or daliso@mail.ptd.net for more information about who is going on the tour.

Member Model A's Decked out for the Holidays



Doru's Fodor decked out for the holiday with some AI generated snow

John Rothrock's coupe ready for the holidays



Dennis Peters Tudor Sedan in the holiday spirit in Quakertown.

Chuck, Deb and Sadie Savitske in the Holiday spirit with Chuck's "red sleigh".



Dave's Tudor Sedan in some Mother Nature generated snow.

Pictures from the 2025 Holiday Party



Road trip to Quogue, NY

By Tim Litzenberger

I planned a road trip to Quogue, NY. on Monday November 24, 2025. This is the first time I have been to a place where I was not sure how to correctly pronounce the town's name. I Googled its location. It turned out to be out on Long Island. I have driven through and into New York city many times in the past. I was much younger then and I am sure the traffic was a lot less. It's been at least thirty years since I have driven into the city. I knew Google maps could get me there but was concerned about safety. I thought a copilot and second set of eyes would be a great asset.

Since I was taking I78, I called Doru Popescu who lives near Clinton, NJ. I could pick him up on the way if he is willing to copilot. His answer was yes. On a sunny fall morning we headed for the Verrazano Bridge on our way to Quogue, NY.

Once in Quogue, we arrived at a Mustang restoration shop specializing in Shelby and Cobra Mustangs. In the back of the shop on consignment they had what I was interested in for a long time. A 1931 Ford Model A Roadster in Washington blue with dual side mount spares. There it was right in front of my eyes!

When my wife Kathy and I first decided years ago we were going to buy a Model A Ford and use it for travel, I thought the Roaster was the car for us. After my discussions with club members, it was decided that the four door was the best option, because it had side windows and room for luggage and passengers was essential. The Roadster was put on hold until now!

After a thorough examination, a test drive was in order. During the test drive, Andy the person who has the car on consignment, informed me that he and a fellow by the name of Jim had been taking care of this car for about 25 years. After a short drive I was convinced this was the car for me. All we had to do was negotiate a price that we were both happy with. That only took a few minutes of negotiations and the car was mine!

I asked Andy if he knew someone who would transport it to Pennsylvania. He said I will call Jim Brand, who knows people who will do it. I asked if this is the same Jim Brand who was helping to take care of the car and does paint striping. Turns out it was. What a small world!

Doru and I had been at this shop for one- and one-half hours. It was time to head home. We decided to take a different route home and see more of Long Island. We used a more northern route over the George Washington Bridge. As we got close to the bridge Google said there was a 30 minute delay ahead. So, Google and Google's assistant Doru, came up with an alternate route to the bridge. The route took us through some of the boroughs of the city. All the time I am thinking to myself I would not want to live here! I think we were sitting in traffic in the Bronx when I finally said to the assistant navigator Doru, thanks for showing me all the places I would never want to live!

All in all, it was a great fall day to satisfy my longtime dream to purchase a 1931 Washington Blue Roadster!



The Model A Restorers Club, Inc.

THE *running* BOARD REPORT

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

January 2026

MARC's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our completely restored website is alive at ModelARestorersClub.org (modelarestorersclub.org.) (If you have the link to the old website on your phone or computer, the old website will automatically connect to our new website). This upgrade marks an exciting step forward for MARC. Our new site uses modern technology to make it easier for members to:

- Browse national and regional events
- Renew memberships online
- Connect with other Model A enthusiasts
- Access club news and resources anytime — even on your phone

As our club continues to evolve, this new digital foundation helps us reach the next generation of Model A owners while staying true to our heritage.

Please take a moment to visit the new site and explore what's new. We welcome your feedback and ideas as we continue improving the online experience for everyone.

As some of you may have noticed on the MARC Facebook group, we advertised a special promotion to attract new members. If you have not been a member of MARC previously, you qualify for this promotion! Sign up for a MARC membership at the regular price of \$50 (12 months membership) and receive FREE editions of *Technically Speaking*, volumes one through thirteen, including shipping (while supplies last). AND if you want to purchase volumes fourteen and fifteen for an additional \$25 they will be shipped with the other volumes! Sign up on our new website by clicking join now. If you want to purchase the additional volumes you must call the office at 734-427-9050 within 48 hours of joining to qualify for free shipping.

Regions, please note that 2026 dues in the amount of only \$25 are now due. They can be paid by accessing our new website at modelarestorersclub.org, select Regions and the Region toolbar to take you to renew. Also, a reminder that most membership fees are due at this time of the year. Don't let your membership expire and miss an issue of the *Model A News!*

Circle your calendars now for July 12-16 and make your hotel reservations for the 2026 MARC National Meet in French Lick, Indiana. 894-241-8391. Driver Class judging standards have been updated and are available to download at modelarestorersclub.org. Plan to enter your Model "A" in the judging!



Happy New Year





**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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C/O Cindy Chapman

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If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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