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# From The President

Happy winter everyone, I hope you're staying warm in this frigid weather. I know I'm already looking forward to spring and warmer temperatures. We did have a great get together for breakfast at the Upper Black Eddy firehouse. Fred Chapman and Carmen even drove their A's. We will meet there again on Sunday February 8th at 9 am. I did go to Jacktown on the 17th in the snowstorm and left again by 9:30. It snowed so much you couldn't see what was on the tables. Took me over 1 1/2 hours to get home on the icy roads. It was still a well attended event.

It's never too early to start thinking and planning events and tours. If you would like to host or lead an event, let me or Dave know so we can get it on the calendar and in the newsletter. Dave has set a date for the planning meeting (info in this newsletter). Time to welcome some new members. Mike Stevens and Art Dysart recently joined the club. I got a chance to meet Mike at the breakfast in January look forward to meeting Art soon. Welcome guys! It sounds like the MARC Finger Lakes tour is filling up fast, so if you're interested in going, make your arrangements soon. There are a good group of Running Board A members traveling to this event so it's a good opportunity to buddy up and travel together. I dodged a catastrophe this week. With the single digit temperatures I decided to visit (check on) my old cars in the storage garage. Both started up fine but when I checked the radiator on the Tudor it was a little slushy!! I left it run for 1/2 hr and then drained the radiator and added a gallon of straight antifreeze and left it run for another 1/2 hr. Did I mention I'm ready for warmer spring weather already. Stay warm out there. Dennis





# WELCOME NEW MEMBER



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# Member Profile

## Chris Kampf

I was born in the northeast section of Philadelphia but my parents soon moved to Feasterville, Pa when I was 2. At the age of 5, my brother, 5 years my elder and I got an early introduction to the gas powered, motorized world when my father gave us a homemade go cart he constructed for us for Christmas. I don't think my Mom (who's grey hair can be directly attributed to our antics growing up) could ever imagine what my father started. Over our lives, my brother and I had go carts, mini bikes, dirt bikes, ATV's, VW dune buggies, street bikes, snowmobiles, and many boats in addition to various cars along the way. A lot of tinkering and repairs were performed in my dad's two car garage over the years.



During high school and college I worked for a local 1 hr photo lab in Newtown, PA and I gained access to professional photographers who hired me as a sublet photographer to take photos/portraits for probably over a thousand weddings, bar/bat mitzvah's and commercial jobs which I did from 1982-2005. That helped me support my car hobby.

I purchased my first car in 1983 from my father who was the original owner, a Tropical Turquoise 1964 ½ Mustang notch back. Later in 1983, I attended



the New Hope auto show (which was much larger and prestigious than it is now) and saw two original Shelby Cobras, I really wanted one of those cars but due to the high cost, I knew I was going to be in the world of replicas, I saved and saved and started my



search for the “right” car in 1999. In 2001 I purchased an extremely accurate recreation of a 427 big block Competition car

out of Southport CT manufactured by ERA . I still own that car today after 25 years. Later that year, I handed down my Mustang to my brother's oldest son with the caveat that if he ever gets tired of it, I get first right of refusal.

I attended Penn State University and studied Labor and Industrial Relations and graduated in 1988, while I was offered jobs at Owens Corning and John Deere, I wanted to stay local and secured a job at Allstate Insurance company where I worked in various roles in claims over a 32 year career, retiring in November 2020 during the COVID pandemic. My wife Karen and I got married in 1989 and moved to Burgundy Hills in Southampton, Pa where we still live today. While she’s not a fan of my Shelby because it's loud, very fast and brutal to ride in, I’m hoping she will enjoy the slow pace and comfort of our Model A.

I have two daughters, Nicolette 33, (named after Nicolette Sheridan from Desperate Housewives show) who has more interest in dogs and collecting antiques than cars and Jessica 31, who is very interested in cars, recently married to Tyler, an auto enthusiast.

Both of my daughters live very close to me (sometimes too close lol) in Southampton, PA which is handy when I perform and teach them about home improvements and upkeep of their properties.

Over the years while attending local car shows and cruise nights, every time I came across an old Model A, I kept being pulled back to look at them a second or third time. I found them so simplistic but also advanced for their time and obviously the look of a Model A can't be beat. I started to research the various configurations that were offered and the more I read and learned about them from the development from the Model T over to the Model A design and production, I fell in love with the hobby,

So I searched the internet to find a local club I could join. I called Dave Allison about the Running Boards and Dave could not be any more welcoming and on that initial call invited me to the "Raise Your A day" at Bob Outwater's house and after that day, I was hooked.

Due to my Cobra being a two seat roadster with no top, I started my search for a 4 door closed Model A so I could take more folks with me during tours and events. I want to personally thank Fred Chapman for discussing, inspecting and giving feedback on the cars I was interested in during my search which helped me pull the trigger on my Slant Window on January 8th of this year.

After a long search I "FINALLY" (Roger Bagley lol) located a Ford Maroon and Black 1931 Slant Window Murray body Town Sedan. The car was located in Kennett Square and has been in the same family for over 50 years and was a multiple AACA Junior and Senior National meet winner in the early 80's in PA and VA. Ironically that was around the same time



that I started driving my Mustang at 16 years old. I'm looking forward to driving on some tours and events instead of being a passenger (thanks Dave) Thanks again to the entire Running Board Family that took me in when I didn't have a car but still included me in all of the events and fun they had to offer, I truly appreciate it.

Now I just have to give her a name

Chris Kampf



Proud owner of a Model A

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPPER BLACK EDDY FIRE COMPANY

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY 8, 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 \$12.00 per person**

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

# *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

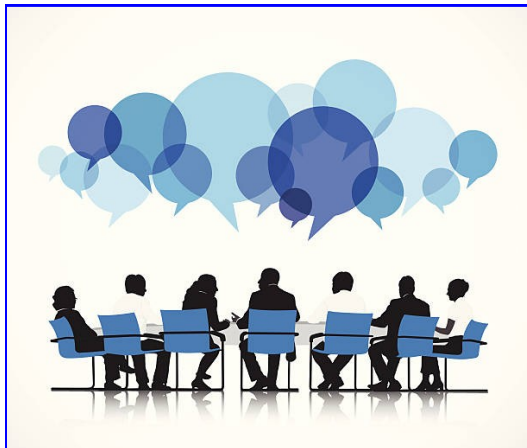
## **Annual Planning Meeting**

**Saturday March 14, 2026**

**11:30 AM**

**Christ Lutheran Church  
353 East Dark Hollow Rd.  
Pipersville PA.**

The Allison's will provide sandwich wraps for lunch as well as coffee and water to drink and ice cream sundaes for dessert. Please RSVP by Wednesday March 11, if you plan to attend and what side you will bring to share. Also bring your ideas for tours and activities for the club to attend. Contact the Allison's at [dalliso@mail.ptd.net](mailto:dalliso@mail.ptd.net) or call or text 267-733-3708. Hope to see you there!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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](mailto: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](mailto:boutw@aol.com)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 26 2026**

**Sunday • 9 am to 3 pm**

**Trexlerstown, 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 club space for the day via email ONLY: [steveranshowLVMAC@gmail.com](mailto:steveranshowLVMAC@gmail.com)

• No Dogs •

• No Drugs & Alcohol •

Lehigh Valley  
Model 'A' Club 

# CALENDAR OF EVEN



**MARC NATIONAL TOUR**  
Hosted by Finger Lakes Region of MARC

Penn Yan, NY

**EXPLORE FINGER LAKES**

May 11 - May 14, 2026



**TOURING!!**




*It's a Wonderful Life*

**THE SENECA LAKE Wine Trail**



*Grown here. Made here.*

**Birthplace of Women's Rights**



**Arts and Crafts**



**Corning Museum of Glass**



**George Curtiss Museum**



**Watkins Glen Waterfalls**





**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 dalliso@mail.ptd.net for more information about who is going on the tour.

# Special Delivery

The other day, I was working on the tudor sedan. I had a broken spoke on the left rear wheel, so I took the wheel off . My plan was to take it to Chuck Savitske to get the spoke welded. While I had the wheel off, I decided to find the rattle that seemed to be coming from somewhere around the running board on the left side. While I was laying under the car, struggling with yet another rusty bolt, I heard a vehicle drive into the driveway. The mail truck stopped right opposite the open door of the garage. Our mailman, Andy, is always kind enough to bring large packages to the house and drop them off. After dropping off a large box, he came back to the garage, and asked me if the two cars in the garage were Fords. When I confirmed that they were, he proceeded to tell me that his father had recently passed away and while cleaning out his house, he found several wrenches with the word “FORD” on them. He asked if I would be interested in them. I’m a sucker for old tools so I said “Sure”. The next day, sitting on top of our mail in the



mail box was a bag of Ford script wrenches, a “special delivery” indeed. Does anyone know what era these tools are from???

# JANUARY 11, FIRE HOUSE

## BREAKFAST

On Sunday, January 11, 10 members of the Running Board A's met at the Upper Black Eddy Fire house to enjoy the monthly breakfast offered as a fund raiser by the fire company. Members in attendance included Roger and Kathy Bagley, Dennis and Donna Peters, Fred and Cindy Chapman, Carmen Morelli, Doru Popscu, new member Mike Stevens and Dave Allison. Rain the night before had washed most of the salt off the roads, so two members, Carmen Morelli and Fred Chapman brought their Model A's

It has been a month since we have had an event, so there was much discussion about some of our upcoming activities. It was also great to meet new member Mike Stevens, although he is no longer the *newest* member of the club!

We had a great breakfast! I'm sure that no one went away hungry that morning. The firemen do a great job serving breakfast fast and they keep the coffee flowing. One of the young future firefighters was kind enough to take some group photos of us while she was busy clearing tables. The food is great!, The service is great, and the \$12 spent on breakfast goes to support the firehouse. What a great cause. Come out and join us again on February 8th for the next firehouse breakfast.



Happy Valentines Day  
from the  
Running Board A's





**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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**First Class Mail**