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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

2016 is almost gone, and it has been a great year for the Running Board As touring season. I want to thank all those members who made an effort to make events happen as well as everyone who participated in those events. I also want to thank our club officers, “A”nnouncer editor, and Web Master for their efforts in 2016. I am especially appreciative of Dave Allison who year after year, month after month generates an outstanding newsletter-Thanks Dave.

Everyone is invited to sponsor a tour or event in 2017. In March, we will hold our annual planning meeting to discuss all of our thinking for future

events. Please make every effort to attend this critical meeting armed with your very best ideas.

Our next event is scheduled for January 14, 2017. It's a breakfast sponsored by Ed and Peg Hardy with a side trip to see their new home (and maybe Lorraine Fox's new home too).

Happy New Year!
See you soon,
Bob

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Treasurer's Report

Balance as of November 17, 2016 \$1249.86

Income

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Christmas Party | \$280.00 |
| Dues | \$60.00 |

Total Income \$340.00

Expenses

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Newsletter (Copies & Postage) | \$6.95 |
| Frenchtown Inn | \$865.44 |
| MARC Region Dues | \$10.00 |
| USPS Box Rental | \$58.00 |

Total Expenses \$94.039

Balance as of December 27, 2016 \$649.47

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Hardy

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On the Cover: Doug Pyatt's work in progress phaeton



DUES ARE DUE

Don't forget to pay your dues. They are still \$15.00 Make checks payable to the Running Board A's and send them to Peg Hardy at :

Running Board A's
P.O. Box 9
Hilltown PA. 18927

Restoration Progress Of Doug Pyatt's 1929 Model A Phaeton

Laat month, I included an update of some of the projects that the club members are working on. I had the opportunity to check out the progress on the phaeton in the beginning of December.

The body has now been mounted on the rolling chassis at Mark Schiable's body shop in Upper Black Eddy. Mark is the one that has done all of the body work and painting for Doug.

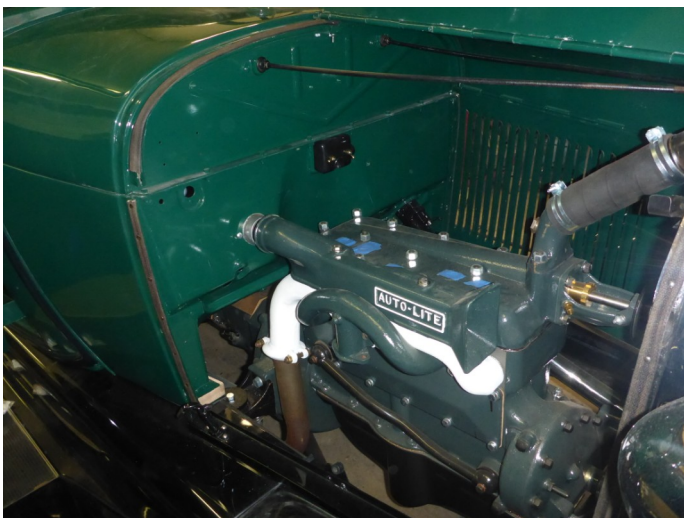


As you can see from the picture above, the car is coming along. It has the body, fenders, bumpers etc mounted, but there is still a lot to do on the car. One of the biggest

things that is needed is an interior. Things like wiring, a



windshield, a transmission shift tower, new top, correct wheels and tires and engine components are still needed. Doug has now had the car moved to his garage where he can work at this own pace. The car has turned out beautifully.



MARC Raffle Tickets

MARC will be holding a raffle at the National Meet in Gettysburg PA on August 4, 2017.

The first prize is LeBaron Bonney interior worth up to \$3800. Second prize is 4 Goodyear Model A tires worth up to \$860 from Keisey Tire. Third prize is a Gift Certificate worth \$500 from Bratton's Antique Auto Parts.

The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. You do not have to be present at the meet to win. Winners will be responsible for shipping costs.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please let me know.

Dave



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

Breakfast

Saturday, January 14, 2017

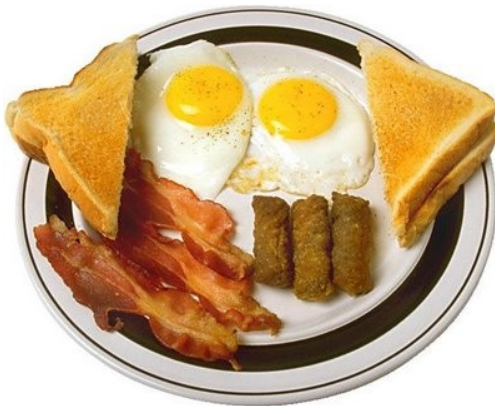
9:30 AM at the Franconia Café

513 Allentown Rd.

Souderton PA. 18964

Hosted by Ed and Peg Hardy. Please call Ed and Peg at 215-828-9185 by Wednesday January 11th to let them know that you will attend.

Afterward, we will ride back to Ed and Pegs new home for a house tour. We may also get a tour of Lorraine Fox's new home.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continued

February

February Event: A Day of Museums hosted by Ken Nygard

What: Visit the Mack Truck Museum and America on Wheels in Allentown.

When: Wednesday, February 8, 2017, bad weather/ snow date Friday, 10th. (The Mack Truck Museum is only open on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays.)

Details: Meet at the Walmart parking lot in Quakertown at 9:30 a.m. to carpool or meet us at the America on Wheels Museum at 10:00 a.m. Admission is \$7.00 if 62 or over. Tour the museum until lunch time. Lunch at a surprise location. (Mainly because I don't know where yet) After lunch proceed to the Mack Truck Museum. Tours are available every ½ hour if we should want to do that. America on Wheels has a special exhibit on cars of the 1950's and the Mack Truck Museum features believe it or not, Mack Trucks.

RSVP to Ken Nygard at Kanygard@msn.com or 267-893-0638 by Monday, Feb. 6th. Both museums are subject to unexpected closures for possible corporate events, so I will confirm opening days the week before. I only need to know who's coming so if there are changes I can let you know!

Locations if you should care to go another day independently: Mack Truck Museum, 2402 Lehigh Valley Parkway South, Allentown, PA 18103
America on Wheels, 5 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA 18102

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continued

March

Annual Planning Meeting
Saturday March 11, 2017
Starting at 11:30 AM
Hosted by the Allison's

Come to our annual planning meeting on Saturday March 11th, 2017. During this meeting we will establish the club touring schedule for 2017.

Bring your ideas for tours, breakfasts, cruise nights etc. to the meeting so we can include them on the club calendar.

Call or email the Allison's at 610-847-2085 or at dalliso@mail.ptd.net by March 8th to let us know that you are coming and what side or dessert you will bring to share. We will provide sandwich fixings and drinks for lunch.

See you at the meeting!



RUNNING BOARD A's HOLIDAY PARTY December 11, 2016

Thank you everyone for making our Holiday Party a great success this year. Although it was a bit chilly outside, the Frenchtown Inn once again proved to be a warm and inviting place to celebrate the end of another exciting touring season. It was so cold that only one member even attempted



to bring his Model A out. Unfortunately, the car had other ideas and got a reprieve. We had 25 members and guests in attendance including Lorraine Fox, Howard and JoAnn Arnold, Sonny Sciarretta and friend Joni Thor, Bob and



Bernadette Outwater, Ed and Peg Hardy, Ken and Judy Nygard, Don and Nancy Steinberg, Doug and Gail Pyatt, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Tom Fritz and Debbie Daye, Tom and Eva Burrell, Chuck and Debbie Savitske, and Dave and Diane Allison.

After a chance to share the latest happenings among our friends, we settled down to a fine lunch including desert and coffee (and for some, a short winter's nap). Yours truly kicked off the always lively gift exchange by explaining a few rules and reminding everyone that they could go out of character and steal a gift if they wanted. It was fun to watch the antics of our friends trying to secure a great gift. I think everyone had fun and enjoyed the party. One poor soul had their gifts stolen FOUR times and was devastated.

Many thanks to Peg Hardy for collecting the money this year and a huge thanks to my dear spouse Bernadette for arranging all of the Frenchtown Inn details.

Lastly, thanks Dave (and others?) for your pictures.

Bob



Roadster Door Alignment

The doors to my Roadster have had a problem closing (and sometimes opening) since I bought it. This has always been one of Diane's complaints about this car. It's not unusual to be traveling down the road at 40 mph and have the door pop open after hitting a bump in the road. This has happened several times to Diane and I get duly yelled at every time. I have made several attempts to fix it, but this is definitely not my area of expertise.

One day I happened to have Bob Outwater in the car . As we were bouncing down the road, you guessed it, Bob's door popped open. We pulled over to try to get the door closed again. After Bob's heart stopped racing and he stopped yelling at me, he told me that I **WILL** bring the car to his shop and we **WILL** correct the situation.

We set up a date and time to do the repairs and also invited Doug and Chuck to come along and lend their expertise.

On the appointed day, it didn't take long before parts came flying off the car. Doug tackled the driver's side door latch while Bob and Chuck tackled the passenger side door. I was trying to be useful, but wound up running for tools and trying to find and pick up nuts and washers that had



dropped down inside body panels. Interior door panels came off, the right side spare tire came off and before long the entire passenger door was off. Doug determined that by removing the jury rigged spacers that I had on the drivers side latch and do-

ing a little bending of the interior door panel and lubricating the latch, the drivers side door worked perfectly. The passengers side was a different problem. They determined that one hinge was bent and that the body



needed to have a shim removed under the right side. They bent the hinge back into shape without scratching the paint and adjusted the body so the door fit perfectly. They also did some work on the hood to make it fit better too. The doors now align perfectly with the body of

the car and they close and latch like the day the car came off the assembly line.

(See the two pictures below). This just one more reason to join a local club.

If you don't know how to fix something, someone else will. Thanks to Doug Pyatt, and Chuck Savitske for

their time, to Bob Outwater for his time and the use of his shop and tools and to Bernadette Outwater for putting up with us!



1931 Model A Pickup for Sale

Rebuilt motor with 1500 miles on it, rebuilt front shocks, stone guard, battery kill switch, Lebaron Bonney interior, (does not have headliner) new brakes, 6 volt alternator. Needs carburetor work a battery and some wiring. Located in Flemington N.J. Asking \$15K

Contact Dave @ 610-847-2085 or 267-733-3708 or at dalliso@mail.ptd.net if you are interested.





**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"

P.O. Box 9

Hilltown Pennsylvania 18927-9711

If renewing, please underline any information that has changed

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