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Board "A's"

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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



Our members are so talented with old car restoration and repair, that nothing scares them (well almost nothing) when faced with a challenging project. One of our members just tried to acquire the relic shown above but the owner refused to sell his “yard art” for any money... One person’s trash is another person’s treasure. Actually, I made that story up, but the picture was so very interesting. Any guesses as to make, year and model?

Bernadette and I really enjoyed seeing everyone at Peg and Ed Hardy’s breakfast a few weeks ago. The food was great, the coffee hot, and the conversation lively. Dave and Diane Allison claimed to have an excuse for being late...something

about an owl rescue; way to go Allison! It was not entirely clear to some of us, HOO did what to HOO, but Peg understood and explained the details to anyone curious as to the whereabouts of Dave and Diane...It was fun to visit the new homes of Peg and Ed, and Lorraine. They are both beautiful! We also enjoyed the delicious snacks and the tour of these fine new abodes. Congratulations Peg, Ed and Lorraine.

Our next event is scheduled for February 8. It's a Mack Truck Museum and America on Wheels visit hosted by Ken Nygard. Details are in the "A"nnouncer.

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. Everyone is encouraged to sponsor a tour or event in 2017. Don't be bashful, the more events the better.

April brings at least two events and maybe more. April 22 is the annual Raise Your "A" Day and the following week on April 29 is the Hellertown Model A show/swap meet.

I think we are off to a great season!

See you soon,
Bob

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Treasurer's Report

Balance as of December 27, 2016	\$749.47*
Income	
Dues	\$45.00
Total Income	\$45.00
Expenses	
Newsletter (Copies & Postage)	\$6.95
Total Expenses	\$6.95
Balance as of December 27, 2016	\$787.52

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Hardy

*December 27 balance corrected from previous newsletter

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On the Cover: A gathering of the club at Ed and Peg Hardy's new home.



Reminder!

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

Note: This will be your last reminder!

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.

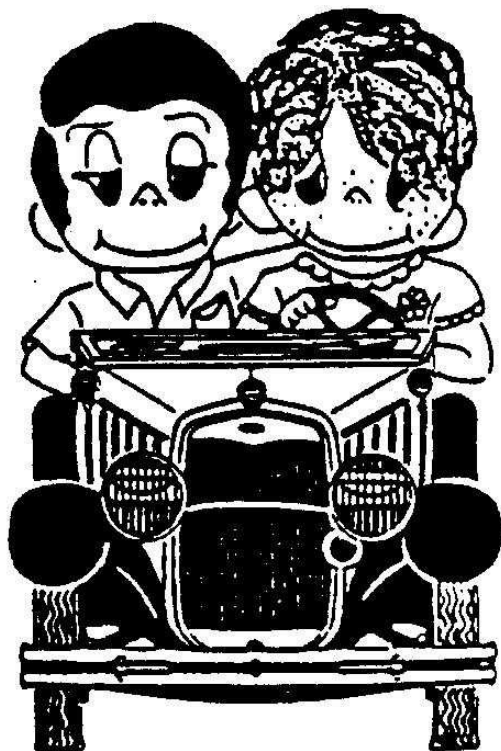
The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. You do not have to be present at the meet to win. Winners will be responsible for shipping costs.

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

Dave



love is...



...trusting her to drive
your Model "A" Ford.

Happy Valentines Day

Thank You

*Tom Burrell would like
to thank everyone who
signed his Get Well card
at the January breakfast.*

*Tom says that he is still
seeing lots of doctors, but
hopes to be feeling better
soon.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Quaker-town 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.

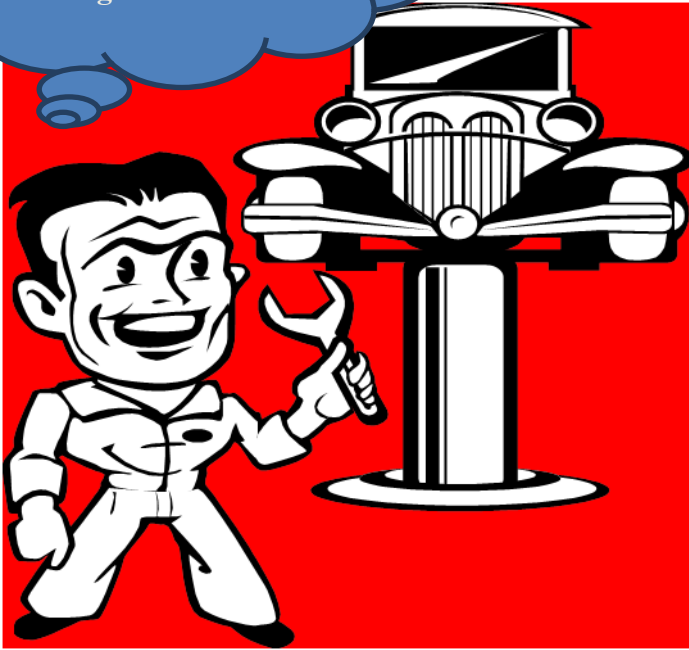
Call or email the Allison's at 610-847-2085 or at dalliso@mail.ptd.net by March 8th to let us know that you are coming and what side or dessert you will bring to share. We will provide sandwich fixings and drinks for lunch.

See you at the meeting!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continued

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 22, 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continued

Bob & Bernadette are pleased to once again host “Raise Your A Day”. This is a day for you and your Model A to spend some quality time together looking for those annoying rattles, cracked frames, potential suspension issues or maybe a quick lube. 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 repair.

Sandwiches will be provided. Please let us know what side, salad, dessert, or other things you will bring to share.

Please let us know (908 237-9322 or boutw@aol.com) by April 20 if you plan to attend so we can get a headcount for lunch.

Bob & Bernadette Outwater
32 Mason Farm Rd.,
Ringo, NJ 08551
908 237-9322

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Hellertown

Model 'A' / 'AA' Show & Swap

Hosted by: Hellertown Historical Society & Lehigh Valley Model A Ford Club

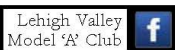
Saturday, April 29, 2017
Event is Rain or Shine
9 am to 3 pm



- **NO Car or Entrance Fee • Local PA History •**
- **Technical Sessions • Swap Meet • Concessions •**
- **Pinstriping by Jim Brand • Hubley Display •**
- **All Types of Model "A" Cars •**

Swap meet spots are a \$10 Donation • Model A / AA & Early Ford Parts Only

Grist Mill Park GPS Users: 150 West Walnut St, Hellertown, PA 18055.
Located on West Walnut Street right off Route 412 (Main Street), Hellertown, PA



RSVP your "A" space or club: Nelson Chegezy,
610.867.4395 or nsc0646@verizon.net



Oak Tree Supply • timzavacki@gmail.com

January Breakfast

I think the members of the Running Board A's must have been feeling a little "cabin fever" by the time our first event for 2017 rolled around, because we had 21 members attend our first event.

The day started off a little differently for Diane and I. As we were traveling to the breakfast, Diane spotted what she thought was an owl sitting on the side of the road. She knows that owls don't just sit by the side of the road, especially in the daylight. I dutifully turned around so she could investigate a little further. We pulled into a driveway close by and Diane got out of the car with a pair of work gloves and a cloth grocery bag to put the owl into if it was still alive. It was an Eastern Screech Owl and was indeed very much alive, but had obviously been hit by a car, probably sometime overnight and was just sitting by the side of the road unable to fly. He was quiet after being placed in the grocery bag to keep him calm. We took him to the AARK, a wild life rehab facility in Chalfont on Upper Stump Road. When we arrived, there were instructions on

how to drop off an injured animal after hours. There was no one around, so the first thing we needed was a box to put him in. Diane keeps a lot of stuff in her car, but a box is not one of them.



We took off for a small farm market up the road. Luckily, they were open and had a suitable box. By this time, I knew we would be late, so I called Peg to let her know. We put the owl in the box and left it at the facility for the staff to deal with when they arrived a short time later. We made our way back to the restaurant for breakfast and were only about 10 minutes late.

When we first walked in, I saw a table with six members with space for Diane and I. What I didn't see was the table with 13 other members that was off to the side. Those in attendance included our hosts, the Hardy's, Doug and Gail Pyatt, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Chuck and Deb Savitske, Ken Nygard, Bob and Bernadette Outwater, Howard and



JoAnn Arnold, Tom Fritz, Deb Daye, Bob Adams, Sonny Sciarretta, Joni Thor, Lorraine Fox and Diane and I.

The attendance was even more impressive considering that there was a threat of snow for later

in the afternoon. We had a great breakfast and then we were invited to see Ed and Peg Hardy's new home in Telford. Almost the entire group descended on their new home. We got the grand tour and some even took a tour of Ed's new shop. I'm sure by now, Ed figured out that as in past visits, some of the tools in his shop have been some-

what rearranged in Running Board A fashion. Those that took part in the rearrangement will remain nameless, but



as they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words", or in this case, three names.

Peg was kind enough to put out a

spread of snacks, which we of course ate, even though we just came from breakfast! We all enjoyed seeing their new home and "playing" in Ed's shop. Their front porch made a great place for a group picture. From there, we traveled to

Quaker-town to visit Lorraine Fox in her new home. She also has a beautiful place, with plenty of room and plenty of



food! We got the grand tour there as well, including the memory room where she has many of the trophies that she and Don won over the years along with pictures of their cars and pictures of other places and event in their lives. It was a special place and we were glad that she shared it with us. After feasting on all that Lorraine had to offer,



and enjoying each other's company, the snow finally began to fall, so it was time to say good bye. It's great to see that some of

our members have made the move to make life a little easier on them and that they are willing to share their new homes with us.

You know it was a good day, when breakfast starts at 9:30 AM and doesn't end until well after 3:00 PM.

One final note, our friendly little screech owl, named HOO by Bob Outwater, was alive and recovering at the rehab center as of this writing. If he continues to improve, he will probably never be released into the wild again due to his injuries, but will be used as an education bird for programs and demonstrations by the AARK Foundation.



**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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