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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

Today, we had a great time at the New Jersey Live Steamers event hosted by Doug Pyatt. The event took place on a very hot and humid day, but that did not detract from the amazing steam powered trains on display and operating on an elaborate system of tracks. Many of us took the train rides available and had a blast. It's truly amazing to think that miniature scale locomotives and train cars operating by steam power could be built with such exacting detail. Many thanks to Doug for inviting us and for the delicious cupcakes made by Gail!

Coming up soon the October events that are always fun. If you have never been to the Hershey swap meet and car show, try to visit for at least a day. Whether you are looking for an obscure part, new project or just a nice day out, it's a memorable experience.

Details for other October activities including the Steam – boat event and the “World Famous” Road Kill Rally are listed in the “A”nnouncer.

As an update to Dick Bettle's drive shaft story reported last month, the repairs were made and the car is back in action. The Bettle's made it to the NJ Live Steamers today, sporting a new drive shaft.

See you soon,
Bob

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Treasurer's Report

Balance as of August 25, 2017	\$821.92
Income	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00
Expenses	
Newsletter (Copies & Postage)	\$6.95
Total Expenses	\$6.95
Balance as of September 24, 2017	\$814.97

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Hardy

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On the Cover: Bob Adams enjoying one of the steam trains at the New Jersey Live Steamers Event. Photo by Ken Nygard

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

October 4 to 8 AACA Fall Event Hershey Event

This is the largest auto show on the east coast.
Contact Bob Outwater for more information at 908) 237-9322.

October 14 Joint Model A Steam- boat Event

9:00 AM Lake Nockamixon, PA
Haycock Boat Ramp

This year there will be no dinner event after the meet, but come and enjoy the boats and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the banks of Lake Nockamixon. Deb Daye is the contact person. Contact her at 908-685-1935
If you have any questions.

October 21, Flemington Speed- way Historical Society Car Show

Contact Tom Burrell at (908) 334-1415 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continued

October 28 Road Kill Rally

Don't miss the World Famous Road Kill Rally held by Chuck and Deb Savitske, beginning at 10:00 AM at their home in Hellertown PA. Contact Chuck at (610)-573-4378 to let them know you are coming and what you will bring to share.

November

November 11, 2017

Annual Business Meeting

11:30 AM

Christ Lutheran Church

353 East Hollow Horn Rd

Pipersville PA

This is our annual business meeting and lunch where club officers are elected and the business of the club is done for the year. Contact Bob Outwater at (908) 237-9322 to let him know that you are coming and to let him know what you will bring to share for lunch.



Joint New Jersey Live Steamers/ Model A/Hudson Terraplane Event September 24th, 2017

We spent a fun and informative day in Basking Ridge N.J. on the grounds of the New Jersey Live Steamers. The day was predicted to be quite warm with temperatures in the 90's but that didn't deter the Running Board A's.



Those coming from PA, met at the Frenchtown Bridge at 9:00 AM. That group included Ed and Peg Hardy, Ken Nygard, Bob Adams, Chuck Savitske, Lee Stoudt, me and our leader for

the day, Doug Pyatt. (Doug was so determined to make this event happen that he drove his Model A with a broken leg!!! That's determination.)

From there, we caravanned to Bob and Bernadette Outwater's house. We had a quick tour of Bob's hot rod project and then it was off to Basking Ridge. Bob was in the lead this time. He took us on the most direct route, right up Route 202. We were a rolling car show on a Sunday morning through central New Jersey.



When we got there, we were met by Tom and Eva Burrell, Dick and Bobbi Bettle, Tom Fritz, Deb Daye, Bobbie Sliker and Carl Weissman. With 17 members



and 11 cars in attendance it made for quite the show. There were quite a few Hudsons in attendance, which added interest to the event.



The main attraction, however, were the trains. Even though these are *models*, they are working models that can be ridden. The amount of detail put into these models rivals the real thing. The amount of ef-

fort and planning that went into laying track and switches would also rival any modern day rail road.



Doug gave us a tour of

his personal trains. The first that he brought out was a steam locomotive with a coal car. The Black River Lumber Co. train was built by Doug from scratch. The detail was truly amazing. We were able to push this engine out of Doug's train shed and put it up on a platform where we could get a better look at it.

These platforms are where most of the members can comfortably work on their creations.

The trains



were rolled up onto the platforms through a series of ramps, so that nothing had to be lifted. One person could

roll the train out of his individual train shed and then place it on the desired platform using a movable trolley. It's hard to describe, but the engineering to lay this all out was amazing!!

The next thing Doug did was bring out his second train. This one had an electric engine. It was also very impressive. This is the one that Doug chose to operate for the day. Actually, Chuck got to run it.



We hooked up a couple of cars that had seating on them and a caboose that Doug also built from scratch. Not only did he build the caboose, he also built all the furnishings in the caboose right down to the calendar that hangs

on the wall.

The rest of the day was spent enjoying the trains and cars. The picture on the front cover of the newsletter shows Bob Adams running one of the other members



trains. They were very friendly and were eager to show us all of their creations. Everyone that wanted a ride got to enjoy a couple of laps around the track.

When lunch time came around there were hot dogs and hamburgers for sale by the train club and many

of the members made sides to share also. It was a great way to spend an afternoon and learn a lot. When it was finally time to say good by, we all piled into our nice warm Model A's and were ready to hit the road when we discovered that Ed Hardy's car wouldn't start. Talk about kids in a candy store! The battery appeared to be dead, so out



came the tools, and I had my trusty 12 volt jump starter box. We think it was corroded terminals, but in no time at all his car was running again.

As soon as we pulled out on the road, my car decided to take a break and died. Before it coasted to a stop, I had it running again with no more problems. Probably a vapor lock on such a hot day!

I think the members from N.J. appreciated for once not having to travel very far for an event. Those of us that went back to Pennsylvania decided to keep up our tradition, especially on such a hot day, and stop for ice cream. After a refreshing stop in Frenchtown, (and jump starting Ed's car one more time), we were on our way again.

Thanks to Doug and the New Jersey Live Steamers, we had a fun and informative day.



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