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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.



This month I have the opportunity to share a near breakdown event my car experienced. Returning home after the Lehigh Valley A's show in Trexlertown, my car let out one of those explosions like you used to do as a kid. You all know what it sounds like when the ignition is turned off and then turned back on again. All that accumulated gasoline in the cylinders and exhaust system lights off at once, making an extremely loud *BANG*. Well, after having one very loud hiccup, everything seemed to return to normal. That was until heading out of Macungie and going up *THE HILL*. Almost at the top of the hill where RT100 joins into RT29, it happened again. All I could think about was "not here" where there is no room to pull off the road. The car must have read my thoughts, gave out another loud *BANG* and began to run like nothing was wrong. The rest of the trip home was uneventful. Once home, I decided to replace the condenser as this could be the cause of the problem. Well, the distributor did not want to come out. After two hours of gently prying and many applications of PB blaster it finally came out. Rust had built up between the head and the distributor body. The condenser was replaced and the distributor re-installed. All that is left now is to take a trip to determine if the problem has been solved. One final note. Last month I wished for a light rain to wash away the winter salts from the roads, well enough already. Bring on summer and another good touring season.

Bob

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!



Rhinebeck Auto Show

May 5 and 6

Rhinebeck N.Y.

Ken Nygard and I left my house at about 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 5th. We met Doug Pyatt at the Roosevelt State Park parking lot at the intersection of Rt 611 and Rt 212. When we got there, Doug was waiting for us, so we were on our way north by 8:30 AM. We had a pleasant trip up through the Delaware Water Gap and on to Milford PA, where we stopped for gas at Helms Garage.

At Helms, we met Steve and Kathy Belton in their 1931 Tudor Sedan and Tom Scharpf in his 1929 pickup truck. Steve, Kathy and Tom are all members of the Lehigh Valley Model A Club. Helms Garage is



an interesting place with several Model T's and A's for sale along with other vintage autos from the era.

The owner is a great guy and let us tie up his gas station for as long as we wanted. The pic-

ture above shows a 1926 Model T that was for sale along with Steve and Kathy's Tudor and Tom's pickup. We spent about a half hour at the garage and then went on to the Milford Diner for lunch.

After a nice lunch, we all headed north again with our final destination for the day being Kingston N.Y. It was a nice ride with great weather, but at times, dodging pot holes was somewhat challenging. We arrived in Kingston at about 2:00 PM so we couldn't check into our rooms yet. We decided to head for the Kingston waterfront along the Hudson River to take in the sites. Our first stop was the Maritime Museum. They had changed some of the displays since we were there last year, so it's always interesting to see the new displays.



Across the street is the trolley museum. We had a chance to check that out, including their display of "The Last Train". This is the only surviving subway



car that was under the World Trade Center on September 11. We had a chance to ride a vintage trolley car out to what used to be an amusement park around the turn of the century. The ride

took us along the Hudson River water front where we

could see a lighthouse out in the river. We had a great



afternoon together. Kingston is a neat place with lots of restaurants and plenty of things to see and do along the waterfront.



We went back to the hotel and checked in and then took off for dinner. We had a nice dinner and finished up the evening with wine and conversation.

The next morning, we woke up to rain as expected. (I think they should call the place Rainbeck). The rain

stopped by the time we were on our way. We were the first four Model A's to enter the show field. We could tell that there were not going to be a lot of cars attending, so *even I* decided to let them judge my car. During the course of the day, a writer from *Old Car Weekly* interviewed Doug about his Sedan Delivery. The interview took about an hour and the writer took lots of pictures.



In the end, Doug took first place in the truck class and Tom took second. A few more Model A's showed up, so Steve took second place in the car class, and out of sympathy, they gave me third place! Our ride home proved to be somewhat challenging because we hit monsoon rains from Milford PA south. Our faithful Model A's were up to the task and motored through everything mother nature could throw at us. We all made it home with no problem. We had a great time and completed 320 trouble free miles.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June



STOCKTON FIRE CO.

Presents

CRUISE NIGHT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Date: Friday June 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Place: 9 Mill Street, Stockton, NJ



Enjoy delicious homemade Ice Cream



*Please join us for
Great Food, Great Cars, Great Fun!*

Please contact Bob Outwater if you plan to attend. We can meet at Bob's house or meet at the firehouse . Contact Bob at 973-568-3525 or boutw@aol.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 16 & 17

America on Wheels Event


Vehicles on display will have their hoods open so that the public can see what powers these beautiful machines. Contact Ken Nygard at 267-893-0638 for more information.

June 17, 2018

Silver Creek Auto Show

Fathers Day Auto Show in Springtown PA. Registration is \$10 day of show. Gates open at 8:00 AM. [Click here for more information](#)

16th ANNUAL
Silver Creek



Father's Day Car Show

General Admission \$4.00
Kids 12 & Under - FREE

\$1.00 of every General Admin supports:

• ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD • DRINK
• 50/50 • PLAYGROUND FOR KIDS

Silver Creek Athletic Association • 2943 Route 212 • Springtown, PA 18081

JUNE 17, 2018

9:00am – 3:00pm

Gates open at 8:00am

"NO PETS OR BICYCLES PERMITTED"
RAIN OR SHINE

ALL PROFITS BENEFIT OUR YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

Registration ENDS at 12:30pm ... VOTING 12:30-1:30pm ... TROPHIES PRESENTED AT 2:30pm

Classes		
<small>"Stock Classes - Minor Modifications Only"</small>		
1 - 1900-1937 (stock)	7 - 1966-1970 (stock)	13 - 1991-2000 (stock)
2 - 1938-1949 (stock)	8 - 1966-1970 (custom)	14 - 1991-2000 (custom)
3 - 1950-1960 (stock)	9 - 1971-1980 (stock)	15 - 2001-current (stock)
4 - 1950-1960 (custom)	10 - 1971-1980 (custom)	16 - 2001-current (custom)
5 - 1961-1965 (stock)	11 - 1981-1990 (stock)	17 - Street Rod - 1900-1949
6 - 1961-1965 (custom)	12 - 1981-1990 (custom)	18 - Pro Street - Any Year
		19 - Rat Rods - Any Year
		20 - Best Truck - Any Year
		21 - Best Motorcycle - Any Year

Plus! * Kids Choice
*** Best of Show**

Questions? Contact us at SilverCreekAA@gmail.com or visit our website at www.silvercreekathleticassociation.com

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO S.C.A.A. - PO BOX 165 - Springtown, PA 18081 - 610-346-6840

CAR Show Pre Register \$8.00 Day-of-Show \$10.00 <small>* Car Registration Fee includes admission for 2 adults</small>	Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____
AUTO Flea Market Pre Register \$10.00* (20 x 20 space) Day-of-Show \$10.00	Phone _____ Class _____ Make _____ Model _____ Year _____
NON-AUTO Flea Market Pre Register \$10.00* (2 1/2 Tables Under Pavilion) Day-of-Show \$10.00	* Day of Show: All PRE-Registered Vendors will receive a \$5.00 refund per space
TOTAL _____ Permission for SCAA to photograph my vehicle and publish _____	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Model A Covered Bridge Tour 11 AM-Saturday, June 23, 2018

Dick and Bobbi Bettle are pleased to finally host the long awaited Model A Covered Bridge Tour . We will start at Tincum Park in Erwinna, Tincum Township (behind the John Stover house) and visit 6 different bridges with a nice, leisurely drive through the countryside of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Our final stop will be at Owowcow Creamery in Ottsville.

Sandwich fixings and salads will be provided by Dick and Bobbi. Please bring your own drinks and chairs (the picnic spot has a limited number of picnic tables).

Please let us know 908.354.8236 or bobbi170b@gmail.com by June 21 if you plan to attend so we can get a headcount for lunch.

Dick and Bobbi Bettle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

**July 21, Garden of Reflections
Tour, Yardley PA**

9:30 AM

The Garden of Reflections Tour, Yardley, Pa on July 21,2018. Hosted by, Lorraine Fox. Everyone is to meet at my home around 9:30 am for coffee ,tea, pastries and conversation. From there we'll leave for The Garden of Reflections , which was built in memory of the people who lost their lives on Sept.11,2001. The gardens are 30 miles from my home. After we leave there we'll stop for lunch at the New Hope Star Diner in New Hope PA. Please contact me by July 17, to let me know if you are coming. Let's pray for nice weather! If it rains, the tour will be cancelled.

Lorraine Fox ,

1141 Arbour Lane,

Quakertown, Pa 18951

Phone# 267-347-4177

Cell# 215-512-7244

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Overnight trip to the Classic Auto Mall

Morgantown PA.

September 12 and 13, 2018

We will meet at the WAWA on RT 663 in Quakertown at 10:00 AM on Wednesday September 12. We will travel back roads to the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown PA, stopping for lunch on the way. We will tour the [Classic Auto Mall](#) at 1:30 PM. There are over 400 cars on display. Many are barn finds and some are there on consignment. After our tour, we will get some dinner and be back for the Cruise Night sponsored by the Classic Auto Mall.

We will be staying in the Holiday Inn which is attached to the Auto Mall building. I have reserved a block of rooms @ \$109 per night plus tax. Contact the hotel at 610-286-3000 and tell them you are with the Running Board A's to get the special rate.

We will get breakfast the next day and then be on our way back home.

Please contact me at 267-733-3708 or at dalliso@mail.ptd.net to let me know that you are coming.

Dave

Oak Hill Estate Tour

Aldie Virginia

As many of you may remember, Running Board A member John Leydon and the Greater Baltimore Model A Club were kind enough to invite us to their tour and picnic at the Oak Hill Estate in Aldie, Virginia. I don't think anyone in the club took advantage of the invitation, but John sent me some pictures just to show us what we missed. It looks like a great event!



Firehouse Spaghetti Dinner

May 11, 2018

Erwinna PA

It was a beautiful evening to bring the cars out for a ride and to enjoy some good company. Bob and Bernadette Outwater and Ed and Peg Hardy did just that on Friday May 11. They joined Diane and I and our friends Ann and Bill Ballantine at the Delaware Valley Fire House in Erwinna PA for their monthly spaghetti dinner.

It was such a nice night in fact that I think a lot of folks decided to stay home and get caught up on yard work and cutting the grass.

We had a great dinner, and Bob even got a lesson in CB radio antenna tuning by our friend Bill Ballantine who is a ham radio operator.



We got caught up on everyone's activities. Ed and Peg had another obligation, so we were not able to make an ice cream run, but there was plenty of dessert to

be had, so everyone had their sweet tooth satisfied.

Next month, we will be supporting the Stockton N.J Fire Department by attending their Ice Cream Social and Cruise Night on June 8th. Check out the calendar of events for those details.

It seems that Bob Adams was not the only one to have some popping and backfiring going on as he stated in the President's Message. Bob Outwater also had some issues as he and Bernadette headed for home through Frenchtown. Bob said the car made a couple of "huge" backfires and then died. He had recently replaced the distributor with a newly rebuilt one and thought that might be the problem.

The car made it home with the help of a flatbed tow truck.



When Bob got a chance, he put the original distributor back in the car and it started right up.

It sounds like if your name was Bob, it was not a good time to be driving your

Model A around during the last month or so.

Hopefully everyone's car is roadworthy for the next event.

For Sale

1930 Model A Roadster

This is a local car, located in Bedminster, PA. It comes with plenty of extras including a trunk, side curtains, stone guard, two spares and turn signals. It currently needs a good cleaning and the carburetor needs to be rebuilt or



replaced. Owner is asking \$25K or best offer.

If interested, please contact Dave Allison for more information and more pictures.

Phone 267-733-3708

Email dalliso@mail.ptd.net



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For the Running Board "A's"**

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Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

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