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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

Well, the long awaited covered bridge tour has happened. For those that participated, the tour covered over 50 miles. What a great lunch spread was put on at Peace Valley park. After lunch the tour continued with a final stop at Owowcow where ice cream could be had. From there we all returned home. My trip home took a little longer than anticipated as I ran out of gas about 1/2 mile from home. After leaving a note on the car I began walking home to get fuel when a passing motorist stopped me and asked if that was my "A" down the street, I reluctantly replied that it was. He then gave me a lift to my house and a ride back with fuel to get my car going. He told me he had a "AA" truck he was working on but it was still pretty much a basket case. I do believe this "A" is trying to tell me something as this is the second time I've sucked the tank dry. And before someone asks why I don't adjust the float to read more accurately, there is no need as it said very empty and meant it! Looking forward to seeing everyone at Das Awkscht Fescht.

Bob

Covered Bridge Tour

Article and Photos by
Ken Nygard



On Saturday, July 14th the Covered Bridge Tour, which had been previously postponed due to bad weather, took place on a beautiful sunny day on the back roads of

Bucks County. The tour was planned and sponsored by Dick and Bobbi Bettle. On the tour in addition to the Bettles were Bob Adams, JoAnn & Howard Arnold, Peggy and Ed Hardy, Chuck and Debbie Savitske, Lee Stoudt and Ken Nygard. Guests included Chris Kuhl, Jennifer Maloney and Cory Stoudt.

We all met at the Delaware Valley Firehouse and re-assembled at Tinicum Park for a restroom break and a gas station stop at Frenchtown





before beginning the tour.

Our 6 old car and 2 modern car cavalcade proceeded through the Erwinna Bridge, then on to the Frankenfield Bridge cross-

ing Tincum Creek and then to the Cabin Run Bridge and the Loux Bridge, both crossing Cabin Run. We then followed a well-planned route to Peace Valley Park for lunch. Bobbi and Debbie left the group to go ahead and set up lunch for us. As often occurs, the best laid plans did not quite work out as the lunch mobile ended up on the opposite shore of the lake. A couple of phone calls later the food arrived and an amazing meal provided by the Bettles was set out and feasted upon by the always hungry travelers.



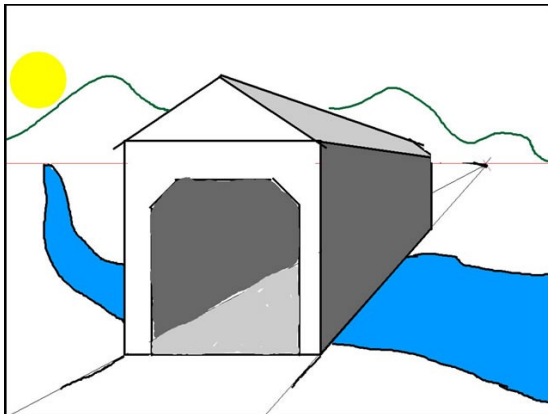
After lunch we proceeded to the Moods Bridge, near



Perkasie crossing the Perkiomen Creek. Then we moved on to Sheards Mill Bridge crossing To-hickon Creek just above Lake



Nockamixon. Following a path on many winding and narrow back roads through seldom traveled parts of Upper Bucks we reached the Knecht's Bridge crossing Cook's Creek in Springfield Township. After this final bridge we took a winding but pleasant ride back to civilization and Ice Cream at Owowcow Creamery.



Lorraine's Shoo Fly Cup Cakes

Mix together; 3 C. flour

1C. sugar

1/2 C. shortening or butter

1/2 tsp. salt

Mix together to make crumbs. Keep 1C. for crumbs
aside for topping.

Mix together; 1C.molasses

1 1/2 C. boiling water

1 tsp. baking soda

Add liquid mixture to flour mixture. Put into 2 dozen
cup cake cups. Sprinkle 1 C. crumbs on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 19 min-



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

Das Awk Fescht

Macungie PA

Saturday, August 4, 9:00 AM

This year the event will be lead by Ken Nygard. We will be meeting at the WAWA on RT 663 in Quakertown at 9:00 AM. Please contact Ken at 215-822-6717 (home) or 267-893-0638 (cell) to let him know you are coming. Remember there is no day of show registration. Registration had to be submitted by July.

**Rough and Tumble Steam Show,
Kinzers, PA August 15 to 18.**

**Wheels of Time Hot Rod Show
Macungie, PA August 24 to 26.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AN INVITATION

FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY REGION

MODEL "A" RESTORERS CLUB

August 25, 2018

Arrive about Noon - Lunch at 2:00



TO: Members of other regions, **especially those of you who were originally members of the Chesapeake Bay Region in the 1950s & 1960s**, you are invited to attend our Anniversary Luncheon at John Wright Restaurant in Wrightsville, PA **1955 to 2018**

RAIN OR SHINE - INDOOR SEATING

**ANY
ATTIRE**



**PERIOD
ATTIRE**

All are encouraged to drive their Model "A" vehicles. There will be a special parking area for our cars. Each will be responsible for buying their own lunch!

You can check the luncheon menu here: <https://jwrpa.com/lunch-menu/>

WHY US? A Little bit of History

Many of the members of your region may remember the **Chesapeake Bay Region** that was formed in 1955 and became the **Susquehanna Valley Region** in 1966. This was one of the very early Regions of MARC. It's membership covered the area from the Delaware River to Gettysburg, PA and from Quantico, VA in the South to Hazelton, PA in the North. Our early meets included trips to William's Grove, Gene Renningers Market in Lancaster, Clair Amspacher Garage in Glen Rock, Christmas parties at Zinn's Diner, a joint meet with the Penn-Ohio Region at Seven Springs, PA and a Summer meet at Bedford Springs. Many of our "far away" members drove their Model "A" to these events. **Let's Do It Again!**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

**September 1, Duryea Days,
Boyertown PA**

9:00 AM

Contact Bob Adams at 215-538-2425 if you want to attend this great car show event.

**Belvidere Victorian Days.
September 7, 8 and 9**

Registration for car show is \$12 prior to September 1.
Registration day of show is \$15. .

Other Activities in September

**September 17 to 20, MARC National
Tour, Elkins West Virginia**

**September 21 to 23, New England
Meet, Lake George N.Y.**

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

Hershey Fall Meet

October 3 to 7

Contact Bob Outwater if you plan to attend

Joint Steamboat/ Model A Meet

Saturday 9:00 AM, October 13, 2018

**Nockamixon State Park, Haycock
Boat Launch Area**

Bring your Model A and a picnic lunch and plan to stay the day. Deb Daye will be giving rides on her steamboat, the *Jimmy D*. This is always a fun event. Watch the newsletter for more details.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Flemington Speedway Historical

**Society Auto Show, Hunterdon
County Fair Grounds, Ringos N.J.**

Saturday, October 20, 2018, 9:00 AM

This event will be hosted by Bob Outwater. We will meet at his house, 32 Mason Farm Road, Ringoes, N.J. at 9:00 AM and leave for the fair grounds from there. There is a \$10 entrance fee the day of show. Contact Bob at 908-237-9322 if you plan to attend.

Road Kill Rally

Hellertown PA

**Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10:00
AM**

Don't miss this fun event to cap off our touring season. Deb and Chuck Savitske always have a great rally laid out and there is always plenty of food and drink after the rally. Contact Chuck and Deb at 610-838-2338 to let them know that you will attend and to let them know what you will bring to share.

GARDEN OF REFLECTION TOUR, YARDLEY, PA JULY 21, 2018 BY, LORRAINE FOX

Photos by Joe Kuhl, Lorraine Fox and Diane Allison



Saturday morning, July 21, was a cloudy, windy morning with lower temperatures and a good day for a Model A tour. The weather

forecast was calling for rain storms later in the day. So we all gathered on my patio around 9:30 for many sweet treats, beverages and lots of conversation. Those attending were Peg and Ed Hardy, Dave and Diane Allison, Debbie Daye and Tom Fritz, Bobbie and Dick Bettel and their friends, Joe and



Chris Kuhl and myself. Around 10:30 we left for our tour to the Garden of Reflection, in Yardley. The Hardy's were unable to go on the tour for they had other plans. We arrived around





10:30 and had a few spectators watching us park the cars. They were anxiously waiting to check out the Model A's, asking Dave

many questions.

We walked into The Garden of Reflection, which was built in memory of the 2,973 people



that were killed on Sept. 11, 2001. As we entered the garden we saw a monument that was made of steel fragments from the World Trade Center which is in a tear shaped court. As we were walking on the path there was a plaque of the Memorial Journey, which explained what everything in the garden represents.



We then came to the Wall of Remembrance where 2,973 victim's names were etched in glass. This wall was built

around the Twin Fountain, rising from square voids representing the footprints of the World Trade Center. Next to the wall was a





plaque for the 18 Bucks County victims, where all their names were engraved.

As we continued walking around the Spiral Walk we saw 42 small

luminaries representing the 42 children from Pennsylvania who lost a parent. There were also 18 Maple trees representing the 18 Bucks County victims and 58 Redbud trees representing the 58 victims from Pennsylvania.

We left the garden around 12:30 and continued our tour on back country roads to the New Hope Star Diner for lunch, arriving around 1:00 PM.



everyone was ready for lunch and Bobbie and Chris were anxious to get out of the rumble seat to stretch their legs. We all had a nice lunch and were ready to get back on the road and get home before the rain storms arrived. A good day was had by all and everyone did get home safe and before the rain storms started. A big 'THANKS' to Dave and Diane for taking me along in their Model A. IT was a great ride!



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For the Running Board "A's"**

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