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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 business meeting has happened. Officers for next year are the same as this year. Check the who's who list on the previous page of the newsletter if there any questions. Our next event is the Christmas party at the Frenchtown Inn on December 9th. For those in the mileage award program don't forget to give me your current readings. If anyone else would like to join the program, contact me for additional information. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and shared the festive season with family and friends. Leslie and I were able to once again share the day with our son-in-law's family in Wilkes-Barre....always a good time. We are looking forward to the Christmas season and looking forward to celebrating what CHRISTmas is all about. Be careful, be safe, and have a great holiday.

Bob



Fall Roll-Out, Riegelsville, Pa

November 4, 2018

(Story and Photos by Bob Outwater)



Another "last of the season" car show and swap meet in beautiful Riegelsville PA!

There are always a few hearty souls who enjoy an early morning breakfast and car show event on a clear but chilly late fall morning. Chuck Savitske,

Tom Fritz and Bob Outwater met at 6:30 AM on Rt. 611 in Riegelsville, and were among the first cars to arrive. After waiting in line for the gates to open, everyone got great parking spots and headed to the nearby \$9.00 all-you-can-eat breakfast. Tom naturally made multiple trips for food, claiming he had nothing to eat the previous day! The parking lot was full by around 7:30 AM.

Anyway we had a great time making the rounds to visit the many vendors first, then a walk around to see the many hot rods, cool cars and trucks.



I'm not sure why we endure this very early event every year. I guess we just don't want the fun to end for the cruising season or maybe we're just crazy.

Club Logo Items

During our annual meeting, some of the newer members of the club inquired about obtaining clothing and other items with our club logo. It has been a while since we published the information, so here it is.

First, from Dick Bettle, we have used www.cafepress.com/runningboardas. The items and prices in our club store are pictured below. Dick says that we can get any item from the cafePress with our club log on it. Contact Dick at bettlesr@gmail.com if you have any questions or need help ordering.



[Running Board A's Black
Cap With Patch](#)
\$14.99



MORE COLORS AVAILABLE
[Running Board A's Trucker
Hat](#)
\$10.99



MORE COLORS AVAILABLE
[Running Board A's White
Cap](#)
\$14.99



MORE COLORS AVAILABLE
[Running Board A's 11
Ounce Mugs](#)
\$10.99



MORE COLORS AVAILABLE
[Running Board A's 15
Ounce Mugs](#)
\$11.99



[Running Board A's 22
Ounce Stein](#)
\$13.99



[Running Board A's
Mousepad](#)
\$10.99



[Running Board A's Tile
Coaster](#)
\$4.50



[Running Board A's 16 Oz
Travel Mug](#)
\$14.99

Ken Nygard also has information on how to order shirts, and jackets with our club logo on them. His instructions are below.

Running Board "A's" Shirts can be ordered in your choice of sizes, colors and styles. We do need to place our order as a group. **No individual orders to the producer!**

Step 1: Choose what you want from this website www.companycasuals.com/embroiderybysusan If you have trouble with this please contact Ken Nygard and tell him the type of shirt you want, size and color and we will work it out. (I think most of us have denim shirts and/or T-shirts if we want to be pretty much the same look!)

Step 2: Email Ken at kanygard@msn.com with the style, size, color AND stock # from the website. Your cost will be the item cost from the site + \$10 for embroidery + shipping. Shipping is from the wholesaler to Susan. Susan will get the order to Ken at no additional charge.

Step 3: Ken will place the order and get the final cost including shipping.

Step 4: Ken will receive the order and get your product to you. You will pay Ken directly for your merchandise.

Please place your order by January 31st! Order to delivery will be from 2 – 4 weeks. This should give us time to order and receive our merchandise before the Spring car shows and events!

Annual Business Meeting
Saturday November 17, 2018
Christ Lutheran Church
Pipersville, PA.

There were 23 members and guests in attendance for our annual business meeting. Those in attendance were Bob and Bernadette Outwater, Bob and Leslie Adams, Chuck and Deb Savitske, Ken and Judy Nygard, Ray and Nel DeMarco, Ed and Peg Hardy, Dick and Bobbi Bettel, Tom Fritz, Deb Daye, Dexter Hutchins, guest Nancy Compton, Lee Stoudt and his son Corey and finally Lorraine Fox. Oh yeah, Diane and I were there too!

The meeting minutes will either be a separate email attachment for the electronic version of the newsletter or a separate sheet enclosed in the hard copy of the newsletter, but the bottom line is that our officers are all staying the same for 2019 .

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As always, it's was a bit of a challenge to keep the rambunctious crowd under control during the meeting, but President Bob Adams did a great job, as well as Ken Nygard who recorded the minutes of the meeting. Lunch was served after the meeting. The food

was great as always. There is always way too much to eat, but the meal was enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to our next event, the Holiday Party!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Reminder!
Holiday Party and Gift Exchange
Sunday December 9, 2018
Frenchtown Inn
Frenchtown NJ.
12:00 Noon

Our Holiday Party will be held at the Frenchtown Inn, hosted by Bob and Leslie Adams. Don't miss the fun event that caps off our touring season. The cost is \$37 per person. We will do our annual gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift, \$10 to \$20 in value marked for a man or woman. The menu for the event can be found on the next page. Hopefully you have already made your reservations for this event.





The Frenchtown Inn
Happy Holidays

Choice of Appetizer

Puree of Wild Mushroom Soup

New England Style Seafood Chowder
with Shrimp and Crab

House Salad
Seasonal Selection

Choice of Entree

Salmon

New York Sirloin

Served with Garlic Whipped Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
finished with Red Wine Au Jus

Chicken Penne

Penne Pasta tossed with Chicken, Sundried Tomatoes, Wild Mushrooms, Spinach, Garlic, Pecorino Romano, and Shallots finished with White Wine Cream Sauce

Choice of Dessert

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Continued

Breakfast 10:00 AM
Saturday January 26, 2019
Franconia Café Market
513 Allentown Rd.
Souderton PA, 18964

Hosted by Ed and Peg Hardy

Ed and Peg will host a breakfast at the Franconia Café Market In Souderton PA. The breakfast will begin at 10:00 AM Please let Ed and Peg know that you will attend by calling at 215-828-9185. Please contact them by January 24th so they can give the restaurant a count for the event.



Hydrogen, Fuel of the Future?

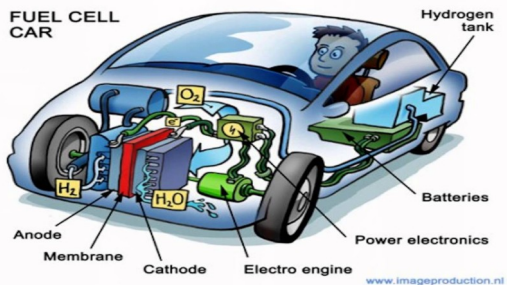
By Ken Nygard

Lots of questions often come up about Hydrogen as a fuel for cars and trucks. Most seem to center around safety, others are about infrastructure, still others are about the environment and efficiency. Some are aware that there are currently Hydrogen fueled vehicles for sale and in use in California but few know that these cars are well beyond the experimental stage.

Hydrogen fueled vehicles do not “burn” hydrogen. They are not converted internal combustion engines burning LP gas like various industrial equipment and many buses. Hydrogen fueled vehicles are powered by electric motors and use drivetrains similar to other cars such as Tesla, Chevy Bolt, Nissan Leaf and others being introduced by various luxury brands.



The electricity is produced by fuel cells which combine Hydrogen and Oxygen which chemically react and produce a current across a negative and positive electrode as in any battery. Fuel cells are best thought of as generators. The military is developing fuel cells that can be brought into war zones or disaster areas as power sources.



So, will you explode following an accident or even while fueling? It's highly unlikely and apparently much safer than liquid fuels. How can this be? We all have in our minds the picture of the

Hindenburg exploding way back in the 1930's!

As the lightest of all elements, hydrogen disperses quickly should there be a leak. Gasoline pools and spreads. When fueling with



hydrogen there are sensors in the car fuel tank AND the hydrogen fuel station that check the integrity of the entire system. In the event of a collision, sensors in the car stop all fuel flow

from the tank. It may seem scary that the tanks themselves could explode. Think of gasoline sloshing around and spilling from a plastic or steel tank. Now think of the hydrogen in carbon fiber tanks that can absorb 5 times the energy of steel. The hydrogen however, is stored at very high pressure, about 10,000 psi. There are no hydrogen related parts inside the car cabin.

Environmental issues are a bit more complex. It is billed as a clean, renewable, abundant fuel. Well, it could be and, in the future, may be, but current production does not quite provide all these benefits.

The fuel cell itself when producing electricity is totally clean producing only a small amount of water out of the tailpipe. Production of hydrogen is not a clean process. First, the main source of hydrogen is from the breakdown of natural gas, so there is still a tie in to carbon-based fuels and the production of natural gas is not without issues. Think fracking, methane emissions and potential water



pollution. Then the breakdown of the gas to hydrogen also produces by-products and emissions. Overall, from production to tailpipe, the use of hydrogen produced by current commercial processes, produces about a 50% reduction in greenhouse gases. This is really good but doesn't quite meet the hype of the industry. (Personal opinion here!)

Potentially, hydrogen produced from water (including sea water) using renewable energy from wind or solar and then used as fuel can be a pollution free fuel! It just can not be done on a large scale so far. It can also be produced from biofuels and sewer plant emissions so is at least partially renewable.



Hydrogen is available more widely than most of us are aware! The infrastructure is becoming more widespread and is growing. In California there are now approximately 100 fueling stations! It is now possible to drive from San Diego to Los Angeles, then to San Francisco and continuing to Lake Tahoe. The next area planned for fueling stations will be in the Northeast in New York and the New England states. Locally, Air Products has a fueling



station in Allentown which is being used experimentally for buses. Fueling time is 5 minutes. No plug-in charging is required.

How about cost? Right

now, Hydrogen is more expensive than gasoline. Costs are trending downward and should be about the same as gasoline on a cost per mile basis as the availability increases.

Toyota, Hyundai and Honda are selling/leasing cars now in California, where about 5000 vehicles are on the road. Cost for these



cars is in the \$50,000 range but there are tax credits available. (At least for now!) The Toyota Mirai that I was able to see is really a nice luxury level car and it comes with up to \$15,000 of complimentary fuel, 3 years maintenance and 3 years of customer call support. Fuel economy is 67 mpge and 312 mile driving range. Sounds like a pretty good deal to me!

Source for this information is from a lecture hosted by America on Wheels and Air Products and advertising literature from Toyota.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS



1928 Ford Model A four-door Phaeton

Based on features, the car is a late (Oct) 1928 Phaeton in Maroon with straw pinstripe, black wheels, black wall tires, and sidemount spare. Engine serial number, A325876, is from August 1928 which would be consistent with the Oct timeframe body build. All stock 6v electrics.

Older restoration with a refurbish probably in the 80's. Car has been gone through with a major engine tune-up, all new stock ignition components, and freshened engine compartment. Suspension and brakes have been completely cleaned, rebuilt, and adjusted. New top (no side curtains), Varco trunk, replica trunk rack, thermoquail, and freshened interior. Wheels have been blasted and powder coated black with new tubes and Lucas black wall tires. Paint is old but presentable and while not a correct color for 1928, is attractive. Very nice looking and driving car. Late 1928 features include: nicked radiator shell, headlight buckets, drum tail light, and dash; fluted glass in the headlights; red steering wheel; proper Zenith carb; and June 28 - Nov 28 emergency brake style and position. Car has a side mount spare with leather cover and mirror. Includes full and correct 1928 tool kit under the front seat.

Car was owned and cared for by a friend's father who passed away a couple years ago. I'm helping the fam-

ily to sell to an owner who will appreciate this very nice piece of automotive history. Asking \$26,000, car in western suburb of Philadelphia, PA.



If someone is interested they can contact Wayne at this email address rosenkran1@aol.com



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