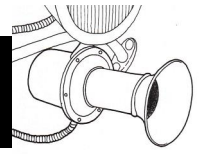
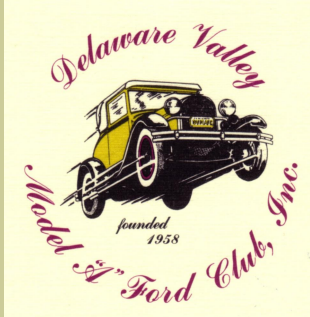




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Founded in 1958**



Ted Etling's 1931 Model AA Fire Truck

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President's Message



Greetings:

Boy, what crazy weather we've been having. I don't know about yours but my Model A has been going stir-crazy in my garage, and it can't wait to get on the road.

Over the last few weeks a group of us I've been going over to Daley's garage after Tuesday's breakfast to help John work on his Yellow Taxi cab . We managed to get one of his Model A engines running and it sounds like new. The next project is the transmission and putting the whole assembly into the car.

On March 27th myself, Don Mannherz, Stace Leichliter' and Dave Sadowl drove down to Cowtown New Jersey to participate in the South Jersey Region AACA Flea Market and pick up a few things. All and all a good day. At our April 6th meeting we will have a guest speaker.

John Lauriello a survivor of the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima , the battle lasted more than 30 days and John was there the whole time. Hope to see you there.

All the best,

Ted



Editor's Message

Hello everyone,

I would like to thank Billy Long for providing the newsletter with the happenings of the club. He is taking the time to write up the tours and events that our guys do. This is very much appreciated! Could somebody get a photo or two of these events as well for the newsletter?

A month from now we will be enjoying the Hellertown show. Are your cars ready?

See you on the 6th!

Jim

Up Coming Events

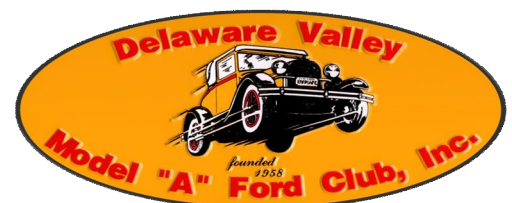
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5/4/17 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

Happy Birthdays for April 2017!

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

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Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club 2017 Yearly Calendar of Events

January

5 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

February

2 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

March

2 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

April

6 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

29 – Hellertown Model A Show

May

4 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

29 – Bensalem / Croydon Parades

June

1 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

3 – Holy Nativity Strawberry Fest in Rockledge

July

4 – Lawncrest Parade – 8:30 Form up

4 – Cheltenham Parade – 11:00 Form up

6 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

TBD – Pennypack Woods Parade

August

3 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

September

7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

TBD – International Model A Ford Day

TBD – Club Banquet

October

5 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

4 – 7 – Hershey AACA Meet

November

2 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

TBD – Bristol Township Parade

December

7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

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Spring Carlisle

April 19 to April 23, 2017

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When: April 19, 2017 Wed.-Sat. 7am - 6pm, Sun. 7am-3pm

Location: 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd. Carlisle, PA, 17013

Cost: Wed.- Sat. \$10 / Sun \$7 / Event Pass \$30

To Register: call Carlisle Events at 717-243-7855

United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd Car Show

April 22 10901 Calera Rd, Phila. Pa. 8-2 DOS \$20.00 call to reserve space 215-637-6457

Annual Bucks County Technical High School Car Show

April 22nd 10am until 2pm (rain date April 29th). food vendors, specialty vendors, basket items and so much more. Registration is \$20 DOS All makes, models, years and clubs are welcome. Contact Mr. Ody if you have any questions. kody@bcths.com or 215-949-1700 ext. 2348.

Hellertown, PA Model A Ford Show and Swap

April 29, 2017 9 am to 3 pm

Hellertown, PA Model A / AA Show & Swap. Hosted by: Hellertown Historical Society & Lehigh Valley Model A Ford Club. Saturday, April 29, 2017 9 am to 3 pm. Event is Rain or Shine. NO Car or Entrance Fee. Local PA History, Technical Sessions, Swap Meet, Concessions, Pinstriping by Jim Brand, Hubley Display and more. 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:

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Sponsor: Lehigh Valley PA Model A Ford Club and Hellertown Historical Society

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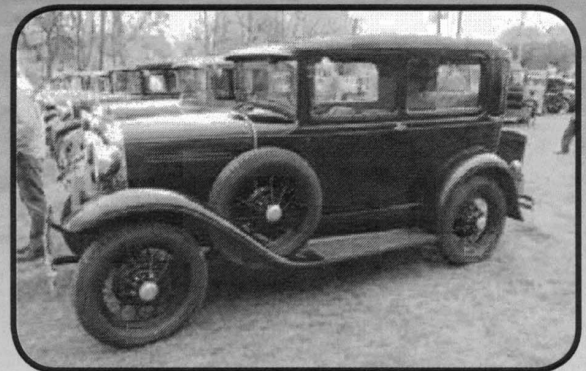
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March 2, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting were read.

Don O'Hara read the financial reports.

Old Business:

Tour to the Civil War Round Table, Inc. Library & Museum in Doylestown

Also mentioned, Don Mannherz had a breakdown on this trip.

The bus trip to the April Carlisle Show was discussed.

New Business:

John Daley mentioned that he has parts ready for assembly on his Model A Taxi. He requested help from the members. Anyone with a specialty.

Don Mannherz presented a tech talk on various options for turn signals on the Model A. It was very well received.

50/50 won by Rich Winans.

Club News and Events from Billy Long:

2/23 ~ During a prior breakfast at the diner, Joe Weldon & Billy Long volunteer to survey the route to Doylestown for our club trip to the Civil War Round Table Library & Museum in Doylestown. With the route planned, attending members (John Sheaffer with Joseph Staehly as passenger, Don Fortune, Don Mannherz, Dave Sadowl and Ted Kulesza, Joe Weldon and Billy Long) met at Manhattan Bagel in Langhorne for breakfast before departing. We arrived at the Museum at 10 am. Betsy Ross was serving cookies. Our members had a very good time there. It was very educational. We were headed to Tony's Place in Ivyland for lunch. Don Mannherz had trouble with his distributor. After trying to repair it on the roadside, it was determined that the car would need to be towed home. We waited for the tow truck with Don before departing.

P.S. It is nice to have friends with when you take the old cars out for a ride. We love our old cars!

3/7 ~ After a breakfast at the diner, some of our members went to help John Daley with his 1930 Model A Ford Taxi. He is working on the running gear now. Dave Sadowl, John Sheaffer, Don Mannherz, Ted Kulesza, Jack Fritsch, Joe Weldon, John Korhonen and Billy Long went to assist at 10 am.

John had four Model A engines in the garage that had not run in 5 - 10 years although they had oil in them. Our guys were able to get two of them running well. We worked until 2 pm when Billy had lunch ready for the guys. It was a productive day.



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We are also looking for members to do short tech talks at our meetings on various topics related to Model A Fords. If you are interested, please contact one of our officers to schedule a time.

Submitted by Jack Fritsch
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Squeezing three in the front, three in the rear, they drove through the dusty countryside

The Pumpernickel

By RAY BRADBURY

ILLUSTRATED BY BILL BAKER

MR. AND MRS. WELLES walked away from the movie theater late at night and went into the quiet little store, a combination restaurant and delicatessen. They settled in a booth, and Mrs. Welles said, "Baked ham on pumpernickel." Mr. Welles glanced toward the counter, and there lay a loaf of pumpernickel.

"Why," he murmured, "pumpernickel . . . Druce's Lake . . ."

The night, the late hour, the empty restaurant—by now the pattern was familiar. Anything could set him off on a tide of reminiscence. The scent of autumn leaves, or midnight winds blowing, could stir him from himself, and memories would pour around him. Now in the unreal hour after the eater, in this lonely store, he saw a loaf of pumpernickel bread and, as on a thousand other nights, he found himself moved into the past.

"Druce's Lake," he said again.

"What?" His wife glanced up.

"Something I'd almost forgotten," said Mr. Welles. "In 1910, when I was twenty, I nailed a loaf of pumpernickel to the top of my bureau mirror . . ."

In the hard, shiny crust of the bread, the boys at Druce's Lake had cut their names: *Tom, Nick, Bill, Alec, Paul, Jack*. The finest picnic in history! Their faces tanned as they rattled down the dusty roads. Those were the days when roads were really dusty; a fine brown talcum floured up after your car. And the lake was always twice as good to reach as it would be later in life when you arrived immaculate, clean and unrumpled.

"That was the last time the old gang got together," Mr. Welles said.

After that, college, work and marriage separated you. Suddenly you found yourself with some other group. And you never felt as comfortable or as much at ease again in all your life.

"I wonder," said Mr. Welles. "I like to think maybe we all *knew*, somehow, that this picnic might be the last we'd have. You first get that empty feeling the day after high-school graduation. Then,

when a little time passes and no one vanishes immediately, you relax. But after a year you realize the old world is changing. And you want to do some one last thing before you lose one another. While you're all still friends, home from college for the summer, this side of marriage, you've got to have something like a last ride and a swim in the cool lake."

Mr. Welles remembered that rare summer morning, he and Tom lying under his father's Ford, reaching up their hands to adjust this or that, talking about machines and women and the future. While they worked, the day got warm. At last Tom said, "Why don't we drive out to Druce's Lake?" As simple as that.

Yet, forty years later, you remember every detail of picking up the other fellows, everyone yelling under the green trees.

"Hey!" Alec beating everyone's head with the pumpernickel and laughing. "This is for extra sandwiches, later."

Nick had made the sandwiches that were already in the hamper—the garlic kind they would eat less of as the years passed and the girls moved in.

Then, squeezing three in the front, three in the rear, with their arms across one another's shoulders, they drove through the boiling, dusty countryside, with a cake of ice in a tin washtub to cool the beer they'd buy.

What was the special quality of that day that it should focus like a stereoscopic image, fresh and clear, forty years later? Perhaps each of them had had an experience like his own. A few days before the picnic, he had found a photograph of his father twenty-five years younger, standing with a group of friends at college. The photograph had disturbed him, made him aware as he had not been before of the passing of time, the swift flow of the years away from youth. A picture taken of him as he was now would, in twenty-five years, look as strange to his own children as his father's picture did to him—unbelievably young, a stranger out of a strange, never-returning time.

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Was that how the final picnic had come about—with each of them knowing that in a few short years they would be crossing streets to avoid one another, or, if they met, saying, "We've got to have lunch sometime!" but never doing it? Whatever the reason, Mr. Welles could still hear the splashes as they'd plunged off the pier under a yellow sun. And then the beer and sandwiches underneath the shady trees.

We never ate that pumpernickel, Mr. Welles thought. Funny, if we'd been a bit hungrier, we'd have cut it up, and I wouldn't have been reminded of it by that loaf there on the counter.

Lying under the trees in a golden peace that came from beer and sun and male companionship, they promised that in ten years they would meet at the courthouse on New Year's Day, 1920, to see what they had done with their lives. Talking their rough easy talk, they carved their names in the pumpernickel.

"Driving home," Mr. Welles said, "we sang Moonlight Bay."

He remembered motoring along in the hot, dry night with their swim suits damp on the jolting floor boards. It was a ride of many detours taken just for the hell of it, which was the best reason in the world.

"Good night." "So long." "Good night."

Then Welles was driving alone, at midnight, home to bed.

He nailed the pumpernickel to his bureau the next day.

"I almost cried when, two years later, my mother threw it in the incinerator while I was off at college."

"What happened in 1920?" asked his wife. "On New Year's Day?"

"Oh," said Mr. Welles. "I was walking by the courthouse, by accident, at noon. It was snowing. I heard the clock strike. Lord, I thought, we were supposed to meet here today! I waited five minutes. Not right in front of the courthouse, no. I waited across the street." He paused. "Nobody showed up."

He got up from the table and paid the bill. "And I'll take that loaf of unsliced pumpernickel there," he said.

When he and his wife were walking home, he said, "I've got a crazy idea. I often wondered what happened to everyone."

"Nick's still in town with his café."

"But what about the others?" Mr. Welles's face was getting pink and he was smiling and waving his hands. "They moved away. I think Tom's in Cincinnati." He looked quickly at his wife. "Just for the heck of it, I'll send him this pumpernickel!"

"Oh, but—"

"Sure!" He laughed, walking faster, slapping the bread with the palm of his hand. "Have him carve his name on it and mail it on to the others if he knows their addresses. And finally back to me, with all their names on it!"

"But," she said, taking his arm, "it'll only make you unhappy. You've done things like this so many times before and . . ."

He wasn't listening. Why do I never get these ideas by day? he thought. Why do I always get them after the sun goes down?

In the morning, first thing, he thought, I'll mail this pumpernickel off, by God, to Tom and the others. And when it comes back I'll have the loaf just as it was when it got thrown out and burned! Why not?

"Let's see," he said, as his wife opened the screen door and let him walk into the stuffy-smelling house to be greeted by silence and warm emptiness. "Let's see. We also sang Row Row Row Your Boat, didn't we?"

IN THE morning, he came down the hall stairs and paused a moment in the strong full sunlight, his face shaved, his teeth freshly brushed. Sunlight brightened every room. He looked in at the breakfast table.

His wife was busy there. Slowly, calmly, she was slicing the pumpernickel.

He sat down at the table in the warm sunlight, and reached for the newspaper.

She picked up a slice of the newly cut bread, and kissed him on the cheek. He patted her arm.

"One or two pieces of toast, dear?" she asked gently.

"Two, I think," he replied.

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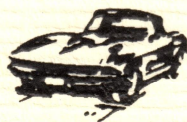
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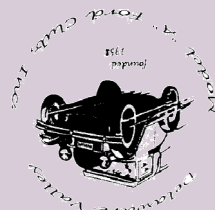


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