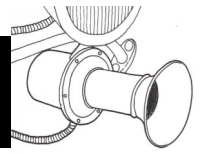
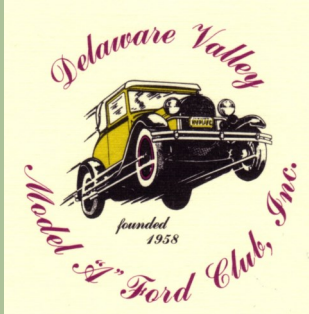




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April 2018



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President's Message



Well they say it is spring but my windows are still frosted and I am not so sure.

I received a letter from Joe Staehly along with a generous donation of \$50 to the club. Joe is living in N.C. with his son. He commented on the nice cards and letters he has received from some of our members. I am sure that he would enjoy hearing from us and I hope that you will keep him in our hearts and mind and continue corresponding with him as I know we mean a lot to him as he meant to us. He especially enjoyed the puzzles that someone sent to him.

The up coming event for April is the big model A day on the 22nd near Allentown. This event used to be in Hellertown but has been moved to a larger location. I hope to arrange for a wagon master to coordinate a caravan for that day, at our next meeting. I will also be bringing a video on installing brake drums and shoes to the April meeting. And Jack, we are still working on the roster.



Dave Miller

Hello,

As Dave mentioned above, The Lehigh Valley Chapter Show that was previously held in Hellertown has been moved to Trexlertown. It will be at Goodwill Fire Company 7723 Hamilton Blvd. We will discuss a convoy at our next meeting.

See you on the 5th!

Jim

Up Coming Events

4/5/18 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

5/3/18 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

Happy Birthdays for April 2018!

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

Jack Fritsch	4
Marcy Jones	14
Lorrie Smith	18
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Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club 2018 Yearly Calendar of Events

January

4 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

February

1 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

March

1 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

April

5 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

22 – Trexlertown Model A Show

May

3 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

28 – Bensalem / Croydon Parades

June

7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

2 - Holy Nativity Strawberry Fest in Rockledge

July

4 – Lawncrest Parade – 8:30 Form up on Rising Sun Avenue above Knorr St.

4 – Cheltenham Parade – 11:00 Form up on Ashmead Road at Front Street.

5 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

7 - Pennypack Woods Parade ~ Billy Long POC

August

2 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

September

6 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

15 - International Model A Ford Day.

?? – Club Banquet.

October

4 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

3 – 6 – Hershey AACA Meet

November

1 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

17 – Bristol Township Parade

December

6 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

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April 07, 2018 8 AM - 12 PM

Join us for an auction and flea market area dedicated to automotive related tools, parts & automotive collectible items. A car corral will be available onsite spring is the perfect time to transition ownership of those classic vehicles. Flea Market & Car Corral open to the public beginning @ 8:00 AM. Auction begins @ 11:00 AM. The event will be held in and around the storage buildings behind the AACA Museum. There is no fee to attend this event. Breakfast, lunch and snack items will be available for purchase from Poppa Js Concessions of New Oxford, PA. For more information visit <https://www.aacamuseum.org/2nd-chance-spring-auction-flea-market-car-coral-aaca-museum/>

When: April 07, 2018 8 AM - 12 PM

Location: 161 Museum Drive Hershey, PA, 17112

Cost: Free

To Register: or call AACA Museum at 717-566-7100

THE BRANDYWINE REGION AACA SWAP MEET

April 14, 2018 8am - 3pm

Our annual good time swap meet. Come sell what you don't need and buy something even if you don't need it. 2 Parking spaces for \$20. Car Corral is \$15 a space. Food vendor will be on site. Vendor set up starts at 6:00am. NEW LOCATION - NEW GARDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

Sponsor: Brandywine region AACA

When: April 14, 2018 8am - 3pm

Location: 299 Starr Road Landenberg, PA, 19350

Cost: No charge for public

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LVMAC Trexlertown Model A and AA Show and Swap

April 22, 2018 9am -3pm

Sponsor: Lehigh Valley Model A Club and Goodwill Fire Company

When: April 22, 2018 9am -3pm

Location: Goodwill Fire Company 7723 Hamilton Road Breinigsville, PA. 18031

Cost: Free to attend, \$10 per swap space

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MINUTES
March 1st, 2018 General Meeting

President—Dave Miller

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Billy Long - Pennypack Parade Saturday July 7th \$200.00 earned.

Ted Etling - Fourth of July Parades- Rising Sun Ave.

Cheltenham

Both are good paying parades

Dave Miller discussed being stopped by the police for having an amber tail light on his Model A.

Lehigh Valley Chapter's Model A Ford Show is April 22nd.

Bill Grun asked about filling the Model A fuel tank with the modern spring loaded fuel pump nozzles. It was mentioned that there is a fuel tank filler neck extension from various suppliers.

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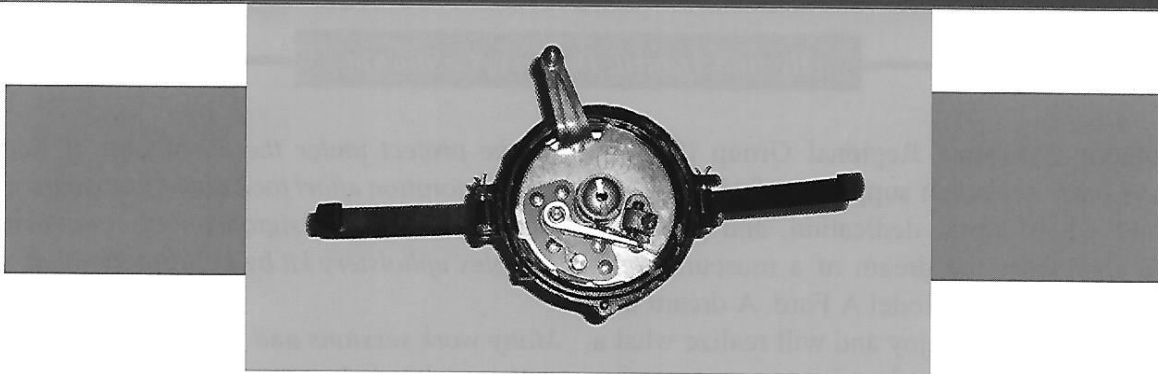
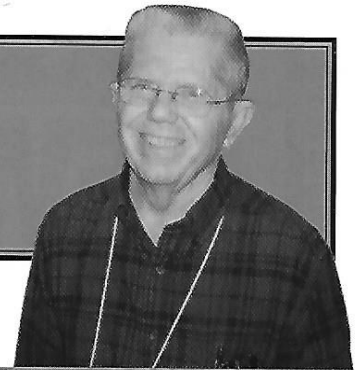
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Points and Condenser vs. Electronic Ignition System

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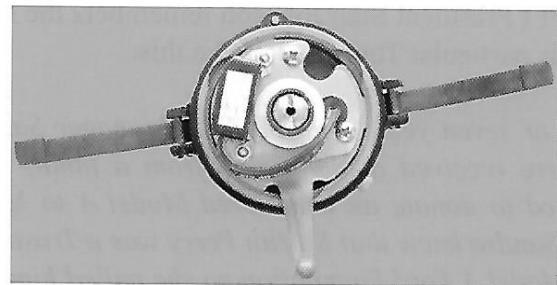
Point and Condenser Ignition

Point and Condenser Ignition

The original ignition system in the Model A consists of a coil, points and condenser. The points are opened and closed with lobes on the distributor cam. The four lobes on the distributor cam control the ignition firing to each of the four cylinders. When the points open, the ignition primary circuit is interrupted. But the flow of current cannot be stopped instantaneously. The current continues to flow and arc across the points. To stop this flow, a condenser is connected across the points so when the points start to open, the current surges into the condenser. By the time the condenser is fully charged, the points are open wide enough to prevent an arc and the current flow stops and the magnetic field in the coil collapses quickly. The speed of collapse is aided by the discharge of the condenser back through the coil primary windings in reverse direction. Therefore, the purpose of the condenser is to reduce arcing at the points, thereby increasing point life, and to speed up the collapse of the magnetic field of the coil.

The period of time that the points remain closed is called "dwell time." The Model A dwell should be about 31 degrees on the cam. A point gap of .018" will result in about 31 degrees dwell on a standard distributor cam. At that setting, maximum saturation of the secondary windings in the coil is completed, allowing the coil to produce its maximum high voltage to the spark plugs.

The above explanation of point and condenser operation points out how critical "point gap" is for efficient running of the engine. Point gap is changed by 1.) wear on distributor cam, 2.) wear on point block, 3.) wear on distributor shaft and bushings, 4.) wear on point contacts, 5.) and engine rpm (causing point bounce).



Electronic Ignition

Electronic Ignition

The most efficient ignition system is the electronic ignition. There are no moving parts or wear to cause a change in timing. A cobalt magnetic sleeve that slips over the Model A distributor cam is used to trigger the igniter module. The electronic ignition provides a constant high voltage to the spark plugs when used with the recommended coil, allowing for a more even and quicker burning of the air/fuel mixture in the cylinders, resulting in more efficient power from the engine. Engine RPM has no reducing factor as there are no mechanical points to bounce at higher RPM's. High voltage remains constant at idle to max RPM, resulting in a smoother and more efficient running engine. In most cases, fuel economy will increase by 3 or 4 miles per gallon.

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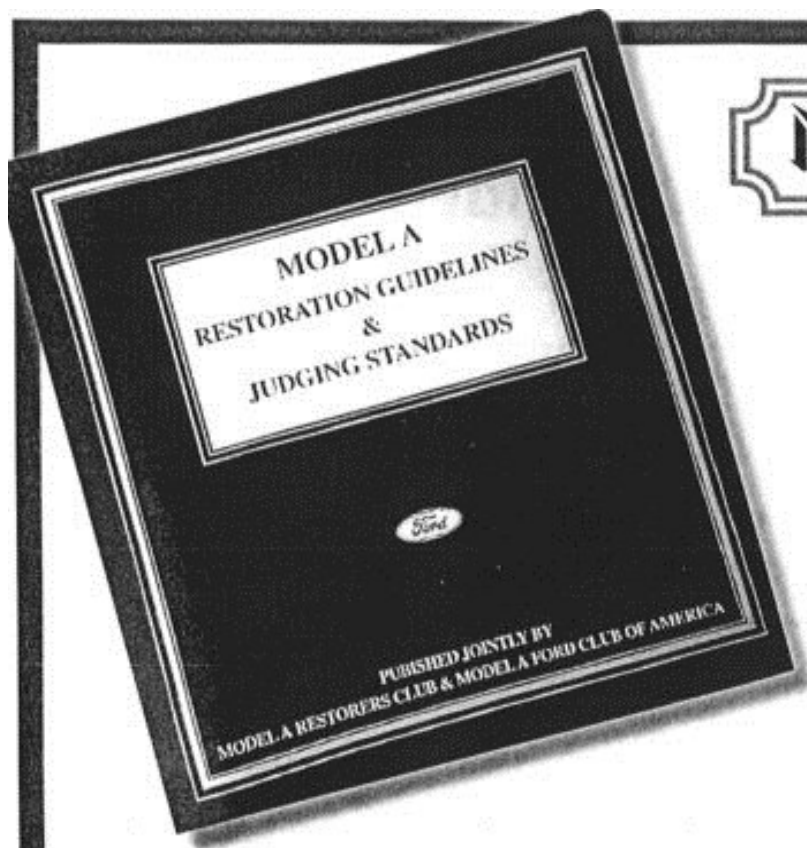
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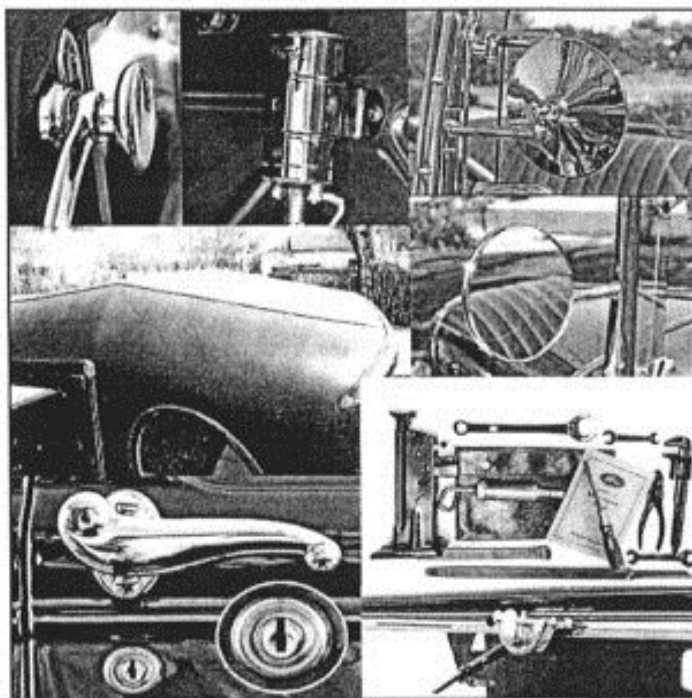
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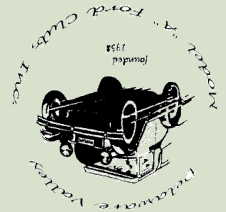
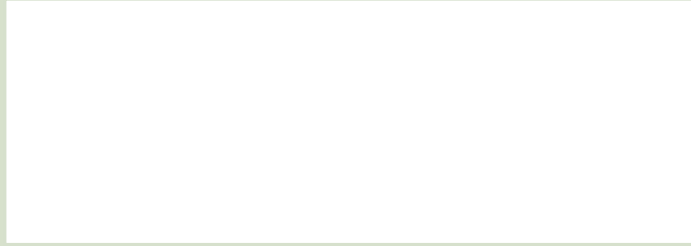


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