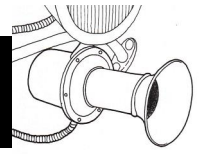




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December 2016



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The Newsletter of the

Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club, Inc.

Founded in 1958

Who are we:

The Klaxon is the monthly newsletter of the Delaware Valley Model "A" Ford Club, Inc. and is circulated to all club members and other interested clubs. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Daley's Service Center, 2749 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA 19020.

If you wish to contribute articles for publication in the Klaxon please do so by submitting them to the editor Jim Maier. Other pertinent information can be obtained from the officers.

Technical and historical questions are encouraged and we'll do our best to get the answers. Questions can be submitted via E-Mail at: M2116x6@comcast.net.

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President's Message



Greetings:

Well, here we are almost another year under our belts. The cold weather is here in full swing, I hope you have your Model A ready; if not you still have time. 16 cars from our club and three from the V8 Ford Club participated in the Levittown Christmas parade. A lot of fun for us and the parade bystanders with happy faces on all the children. After the parade we had a great lunch at the Sunrise Diner in Croydon. Our meeting on December 1st will be our holiday meeting so please don't forget to contact Dave and Shirley Sadowl and let them know what you will be bringing to the party. 267-467-1077 or 215-757-3683. All of our Club officers for 2017 were elected at the November meeting; and on a personal note I wish to thank you for your trust and support.

All the best,

Ted

Editor's Message



Hello everyone.

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Now that we are winding down the year and beginning the next, it is time to mention that our dues are due for 2017. A roster update form is enclosed in this issue. Those of you receiving a mailed copy will find the form as a pull out page. Email Klaxon recipients will receive the form as a separate file as well. Please return it to Don O'Hara or bring it to a meeting. The deadline is February 15th to be included in the 2017 roster. See you on the 1st! *Jim*

Up Coming Events

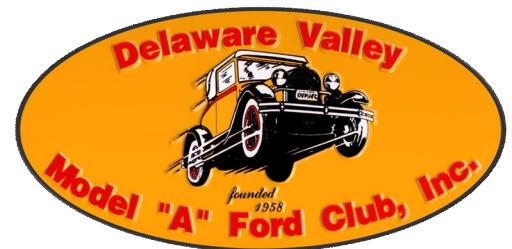
12/1 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

1/5/17 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

Happy Birthdays for December 2016!

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

Kimberly Fritsch	3
Carol Mannherz	5
Jim Buck	6
Patti Whitcomb	9
Bill Ries	11
Billy Long	22
Elizareta Zampirri	27
Monica Cody	28



Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club 2016 Yearly Calendar of Events

January

7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

February

4 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

March

3 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

April

7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

23 – Hellertown Model A Show

May

5 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

30 – Bensalem / Croydon Parades

June

2 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

4 - Holy Nativity Strawberry Fest in Rockledge

16 - Veterans Home Display

July

4 – Lawncrest Parade – 8:30 Form up

4 – Cheltenham Parade – 11:00 Form up

7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

9 - Pennypack Woods Parade

August

4 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

September

1 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

10 - International Model A Ford Day

18 – Club Banquet

October

6 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

5 – 8 – Hershey AACA Meet

November

3 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

TBD – Bristol Township Parade

December

1 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

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Show Dates:

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Show Hours:

Weekdays: 12noon . 10pm
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Sunday, January 29: 9am . 8pm
Sunday February 5: 9am . 6pm

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UPDATE THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

MODEL A FORD CARBURETORS

By PAUL MOLLER

This is intended for the restorer of trophy-winning cars and for those simply interested in the various styles of Model A Ford carburetors used during the four production years of 1928 through 1931.

We are primarily concerned here only with external appearance. In other words: (1) what does a particular model carburetor look like, (2) when was it used on the Ford, and (3) how do they differ as we follow the succession of eight models used in those four years from 1928 to 1931. That's right, there were eight models.

The first model, a Zenith double venturi, was seen in September of 1927 on the first 1928 vehicles. Few of these are currently seen as they were only made for a few months. The name "Zenith" is seen on the bowl of the lower body while a letter "Z" is found on the throat of the upper body. All external fittings were made of brass. External fittings include the choke driver, the filter screen hex nut, the drain plug, air adjusting screw and cover, throttle lever, and the short choke lever. The gas adjusting needle housing is brass for all models. The bolt for the cast iron upper and lower bodies is steel along with the spring for the idle air adjusting screw and the idle speed adjusting screw.

Holley took over as a major supplier of carburetors for the Model A early in 1928. This the second model (Photo No. 2) continued until September 1928, duplicating the Zenith double venturi. Zenith markings changed to a letter "H" on the throat of the upper body and a letter "H" on the throat of the lower body.

The third model, also by Holley, retained the outer styling with a steel choke driver and internal changes made for single venturi operation. As the major changes are internal it may pass for the earlier double venturi model. However, the double venturi carburetor has a noisier rush of air as it enters the air horn of the carburetor. Experienced ears can detect the difference between the single and double venturi carburetors.

Our fourth model is identical to the Holly single venturi except for the marking "Zenith-1" on the side of the bowl and the letter "Z" on the throat of the upper body. These single venturi carburetors continued in use until May 1930. Zenith-1 is seen frequently because a great number were produced. It seems to be an excellent carburetor when properly restored.

1930 found Zenith-1 continued as the fifth model in the series of eight. While a few internal changes were made, the external appearance was changed by the use of steel (cadmium plated) external fittings in

place of former brass fittings. The idle speed adjusting screw was increased in length from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch, finishing the year 1930.

1931 brought Zenith-2 as the sixth model. Design remained the same as Zenith-1 with some internal change. The bowl of the lower body carried the "Zenith-2" marking while the letter "Z" remained on the throat of the upper body.

The seventh model is also marked "Zenith-2" but is only used on vehicles with the indented firewall to mount the gas shut-off valve inside the engine compartment. All earlier A's had the gas shut-off valve inside the car under the gas tank and the gas filter-sediment trap mounted on the firewall inside the engine compartment. This second model of Zenith-2 had the upper body modified to mount the gas filter-sediment trap outside the upper body, eliminating the separate filter screen found inside earlier carburetors.

The last and eighth model is the Zenith-3. This carburetor duplicates Zenith-2 except for the marking "Zenith-3" along with thinner castings for the upper and lower bodies. It is not known if this final model was used for cars in production or simply sold as a Ford replacement part.

A study of the changes in carburetors as the various models appeared must lead to speculation that many changes were made due to a cost factor while some were aimed at improving performance.

This data is presented to help identify the proper model carburetor for use on your particular year Model A Ford. All the cast iron upper and lower bodies are painted black. The first four models used brass fittings except for the few steel items noted. About December 1928 a lower leg was added to the choke lever for a wire to be attached extending to the radiator, making it possible to operate the choke while cranking the engine by hand.

The last four models used cadmium plated steel external fittings. None of these fittings were painted and no carburetor should be considered as correct for judging at a trophy meet if brass and steel fittings are mixed; as would be the case with, say, a brass throttle lever and a steel choke lever or steel plug and brass filter screen hex nut. All carburetors use a steel bolt for the upper and lower bodies, a steel idle speed adjusting screw and a steel spring for the idle air adjusting screw. Except for very early models, a steel choke driver is used.

While many internal changes were made, only the external appearance has been considered here. Zenith and Holley carburetors are the only models which should be acceptable for judging purposes. ●

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November 3rd 2016 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was run by Joe Chamberlain in the absence of our President.

Our Veterans in attendance were recognized.

An update on Jimmie Buck was given. He is in U Penn on a breathing tube.

Old Business:

Roebing Plant Tour was discussed.

Shelly Rosen mentioned that the club calendar project is postponed until next year to allow time to gather photos.

New Business:

Christmas Party was voted on for our December meeting. Dave Sadowl will organize food.

Elections were held for next years officers.

Ted Kulesza - President

Zach Demusz - Vice President

Don Fortune - Secretary

Don O'Hara - Treasurer

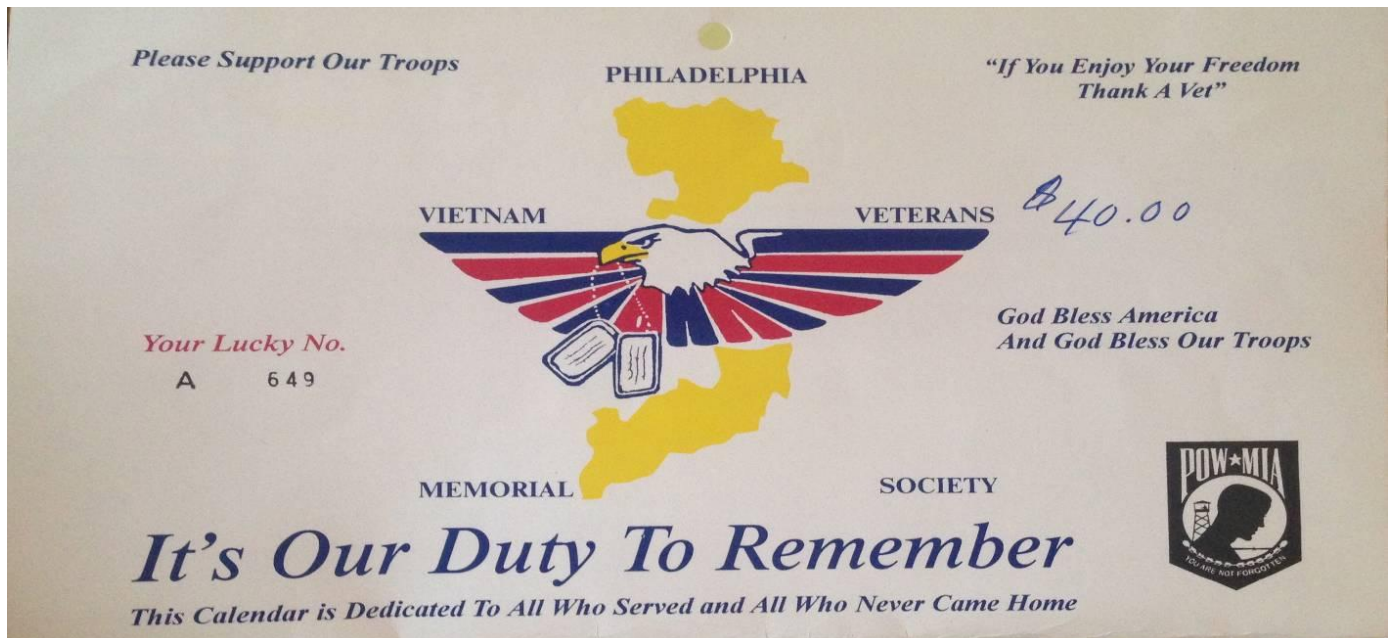
Billy Long won the 50/50

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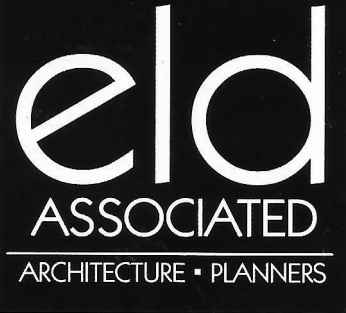
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Club News and Events from Billy Long:

On November 19th, Club members gathered to participate in the Bristol Township Holiday Parade. Some met at Daley's and others came right to the parade. It was nice to see our President Ted Kulesza since he had been away for a few weeks and we all missed him.

Dave Creelman had his new Model A Ford at the event, a 1930 Coupe. Jim Maiers' car made it to the parade but the Zenith carb was having issues before the parade began. He got it running to get it home. Joe Chamberlain had two cars in the parade. Joe was in his 1930 Coupe and someone else drove his 1956 Ford T-Bird. Joe's T-Bird was starting to over heat from the slow running so it had to pull over. Joe took it home and met back at the diner.

Billy Long had Anna Mae Krier, who was a Rosie the Riveter during WWII, ride with him. She told him all about building B-25s, P-61s, and the C-47s during that time. It would be nice if we could get her to come to our club meeting sometime to hear her stories. She is 91 years old. It was a nice day for a parade. The temp was 65 degrees and we had 16 cars. We all went to the diner on Route 13 before heading home.

Info from the 2017 Meet Host Club. Hotels are selling out. Book now if you are planning on attending.

2017 MARC Meet in Gettysburg, PA

Hub City Model A Ford Club is hosting the National MARC Meet in 2017. The Meet will be held in Historic Gettysburg PA from Sunday July 30th through Friday August 4th.

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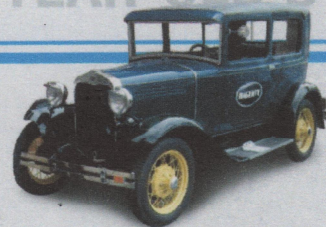
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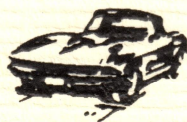
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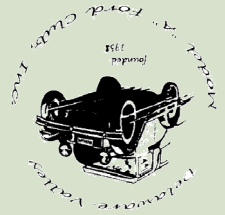
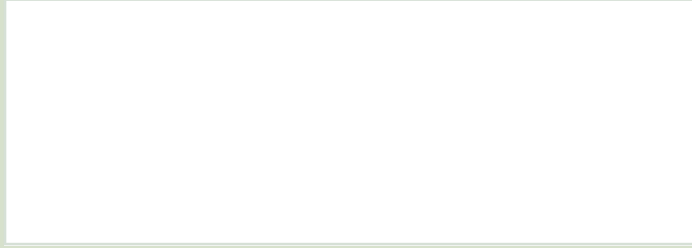


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