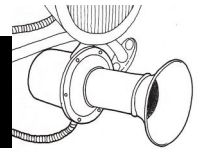
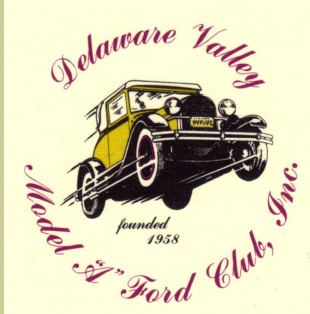




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February 2017



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The Newsletter of the  
**Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club, Inc.**  
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Don Fortune's 1929 Leatherback Fordor

**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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## Up Coming Events

2/2/17 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

3/2/17 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

## Happy Birthdays for February 2017!

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

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## President's Message



### Greetings:

It's that time of the year again. Dues are due and payable now. \$15.00. We must have the dues paid by the 15th of February so we can put your name, address, phone number and cars into the 2017 Club roster. As a regular Club member or a life member we need you to fill out the roster form so that we have the correct information. Thank you for your cooperation. During February and March at our regular meetings we will have Tech talks thanks to Bob Russell (January Tech Talk), John Sheaffer and Don Mannherz. Hope to see you all there. Good to see Jim Buck back in action again.

All the best,

*Ted*

## Editor's Message



Hello everyone,

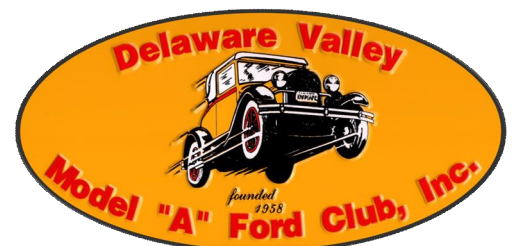
This year we began placing a photo on the front page of the newsletter. I have a limited supply of photos of members cars to work from since I can't get to that many events.

If anyone would like there car's photo in the newsletter, please send a photo to me. Email or originals can be scanned and returned.

The Hellertown Model A Show is on Saturday April 29th. Mark your calendars. A flyer will be in the next issue.

See you on the 2nd!

*Jim*



# 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

Please advise the editorial staff of any additional events, as well as any changes.



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### 2017 Philadelphia Auto Show

**Show Dates:**

January 28 . February 5, 2017

**Show Hours:**

Weekdays: 12noon . 10pm

Saturdays: 9am . 10pm

Sunday, January 29: 9am . 8pm

Sunday February 5: 9am . 6pm

**Ticket Prices:**

General Admission (age 13+): \$14.00

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Children 6 & under: FREE with ticketed adult

**DISCOUNT TICKETS:**

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Seniors (age 62+): \$7.00 (*weekdays only – purchase at box office or SEPTA locations*)

Group Discount (25+ tickets): \$11.00 each

**Location:**

The Pennsylvania Convention Center 1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA 19107

### Spring Carlisle

April 19 to April 23, 2017

Spring Carlisle, a collector and classic car swap meet, car corral and auction is held each April in Americas Automotive Hometown, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This event was showcased in 2015 by a Fox News web article as one of the top five automotive swap meets in the world. Not only is this show one of the best of its type in the world, it also marks the beginning of the Carlisle based show and swap meet season. The event plays host to thousands of collector and classic automotive enthusiasts, who travel to the 150-acre Carlisle PA Fairgrounds from all points of the globe to buy, sell and celebrate all things automotive. This is a fun-filled weekend the entire family will enjoy. While exploring the grounds and 8,100 vending spaces, you will marvel at one of the largest automotive swap meets in the world. Carlisle is the place to purchase any of the 2,000 vehicles at the car corral where you can slip behind the wheel and get a feel for the vehicle. Even better, you can deal directly with the car owner to work out the best price. This is where you can buy, sell and trade with total confidence. All roads lead to Carlisle, Pennsylvania where you will find a community of passionate motorheads and a commitment to superb service that can only be achieved through more than three decades of know-how.

**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



## ROSTER UPDATE FORM – 2017

**DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in 2017 roster**

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Use backside if you want more than 4 cars listed

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE UPDATE EVEN IF YOU ARE A LIFE MEMBER SO WE CAN  
UPDATE THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

## Member's Cars

Thomas Patron's

1921 Ford Model T Huckster

With Peawe the Parrot posing on the steering wheel. Peawe is owned by James Ammean.



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## January 5th, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting was lead by Vice President Zach Demusz. Dave Miller filled in as Treasurer since Don O'Hara was working.

### Old Business:

There was no old business.

### New Business:

Joe Chamberlain gave a report on Jim Buck who had been hospitalized. His condition is improving and he is looking forward to joining our guys for the next Tuesday breakfast.

Bob Russell presented a Tech Talk on rear main bearing leaks and a solution to the problem.

Ted Kulesza asked for volunteers for future Tech Talks.

Dues are now due. Roster update forms are requested from all members.

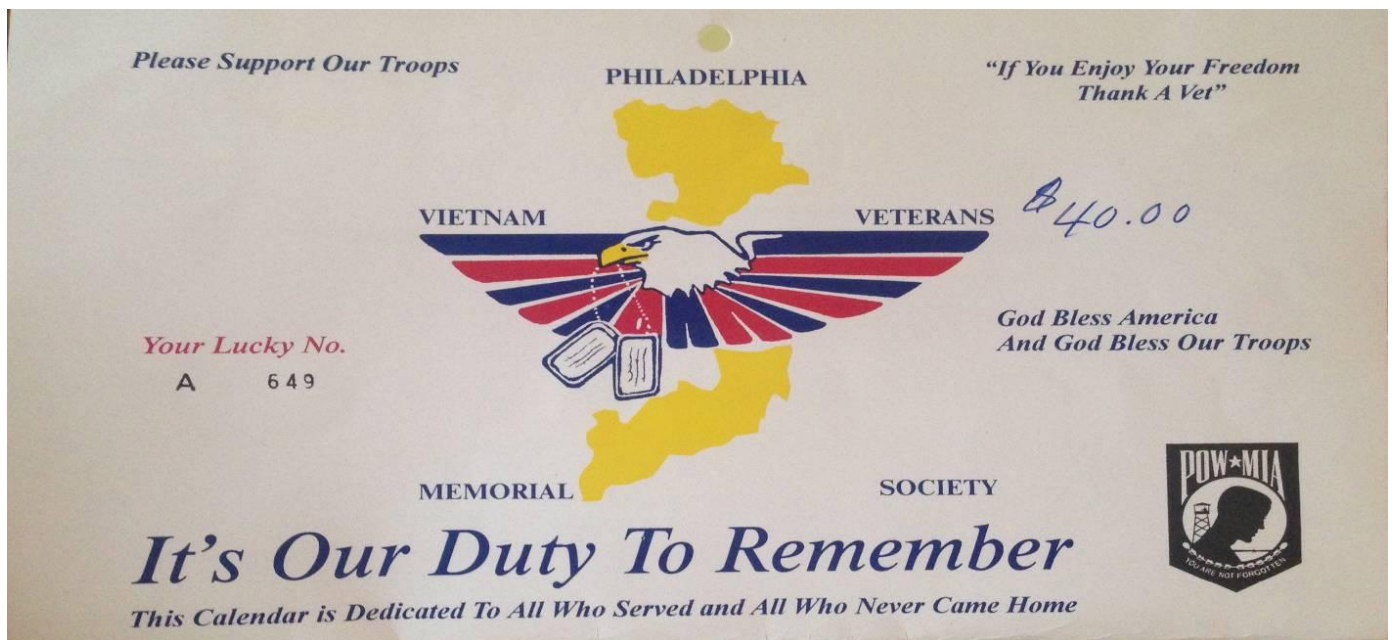
50/50 was won by Carmen Morelli and donated back to the club.

**Once again this year Joan Ferris is selling calendars  
to benefit the Viet Nam Veteran's.**

**The calendar will contain a PA Lottery Number for the evening drawing.**

**The cost is \$40.00. Contact Joan directly at: 1-856-662-3239**

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## In Memory Ben Brzoza

Ben Brzoza died peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017 after a four-year battle with brain cancer. He was 83.

Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of Roman and Mary Brzoza, and a longtime resident of Bensalem. A 1951 graduate of Bensalem High School, he was a member of the 1950 Championship football team. He served in Korea with the Army Corps of Engineers. After returning home he attended Temple University evening classes under the GI Bill. He worked in construction until 1976 when he opened his own real estate office, Liberty RE.

He was the beloved husband for 56 years of Betty (Smith); the loving father of Ben Jr. and Beth Ann; the cherished Dzia Dzia (grandfather) of Danielle Brzoza, Tom Brzoza, Emily Tarnoff and Ashley Tarnoff; and brother-in-law of Robert Smith and Susan and Jim Creevey. He also is survived by his sister, Rose Baldyga; his brother, Joseph Brzoza; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Joan Gittings.

Remembered by his humor, kindness, and honesty, he had a smile you couldn't forget. He enjoyed traveling the world, spending time with family, grandchildren and friends, gardening, collecting anything old, and was a die hard Philadelphia Eagles fan. He enjoyed country and polka music.

A devout Catholic, he was a founding member of St. Ephrem Church, where he served as an usher. A member of the St. Ephrem Senior Group, he was affectionately known as Mr. Sunshine. He will be greatly missed.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at St. Ephrem Church, 5400 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem. Interment will be held privately at a later date.

Mass cards would be appreciated.

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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.

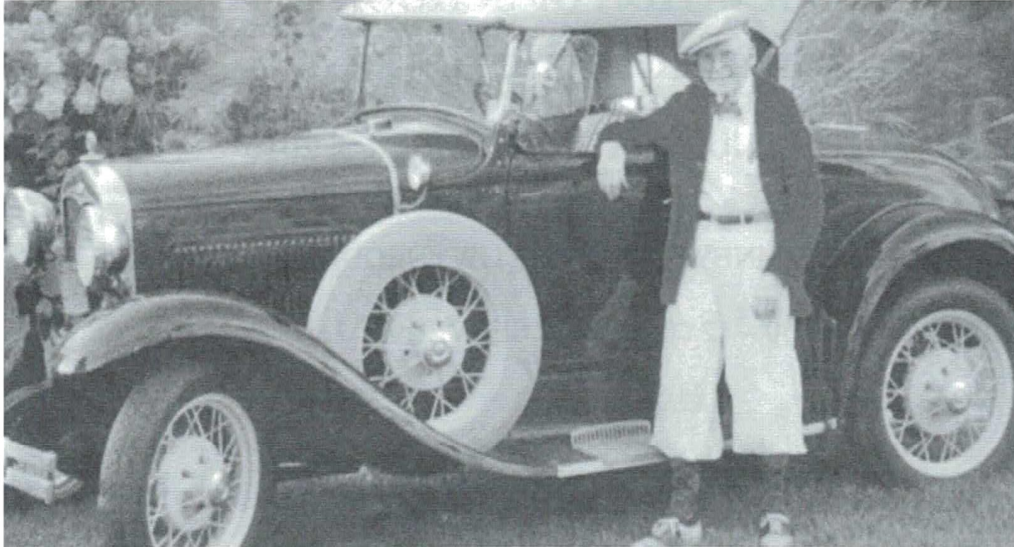


**The following is an article on one of our members,  
Bill Grun. Submitted by Jack Fritsch**

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**GETTING TO KNOW YOU.....**



When Tom Brokaw wrote his book, The Greatest Generation, he could have included our friend and fellow PASR life member, William (Bill) Grun. Bill was raised in the Frankford section of Philadelphia and graduated from Frankford High School. After graduation, he went off to Penn State University to study Industrial Arts. Two

weeks before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Bill enlisted in the U. S. Navy, thus putting his PSU studies on hold. Bill never went to Boot Camp but was immediately sent to Cape May, New Jersey where he served as a cook and carpenter on the Mine Sweeper USS CanaryASC25. His next assignment was at the Naval Air Station in Atlantic City and then Submarine School in Brigantine, New Jersey. His time at the shore ended with his assignment to the destroyer escort USS Seiberlig DD441 and saw extensive combat action in the Pacific. At war's end in 1945, Bill returned to PSU, graduating with honors in 1947.

Bill began teaching Industrial Arts in the Bristol Township School System. After two years he moved to the Abington School District where he taught for 31 years. While at Abington he served on numerous curriculum committees and helped build a model Industrial Arts program. He served as Department Chair at Abington High School North Campus from 1964 until his retirement.

While teaching and raising a family with two daughters, and completing a Master's Degree from PSU, Bill re-enlisted in the Navy Reserve and served at Willow Grove Naval Air Station. He retired from the Navy as a Lt. Commander after 28 years of service.

At 96 years young, Bill is a widower. His oldest daughter recently retired after 40 years of service at the Neshaminy Manor in Warrington. His youngest daughter, an ordained Presbyterian minister, followed her father's Navy footsteps and is a Two-star Admiral, responsible for all Navy chaplains. For the past 25 years Bill has volunteered every Friday at Holicong Middle School teaching Tech Ed. He has been directly involved in public education for over 70 years! Bill has taken courses at Princeton Seminary, teaches Sunday School classes at Doylestown Presbyterian Church, and is involved in Mission work. He contributes time to the Bucks County Conservancy and worked with the Habitat for Humanity after Hurricane Sandy.

When asked how he stays so young, he quickly responded "Keep a positive attitude and keep your faith." His hobbies include biking as shown on a recent TV special, and showing his 1931 Model A Ford. Bill's PA Driver License has recently been renewed for four more years, good until age 100! Bill is a quiet caring gentleman who truly represents the Greatest Generation. Thank you Bill for your service to our country and the many young people whose lives you have touched.

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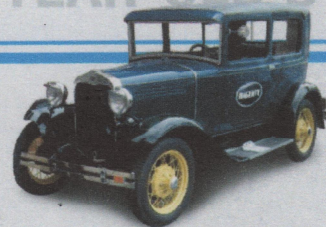
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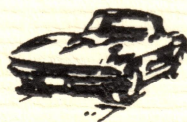
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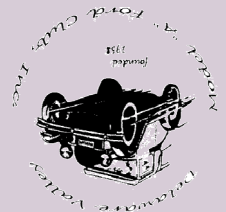
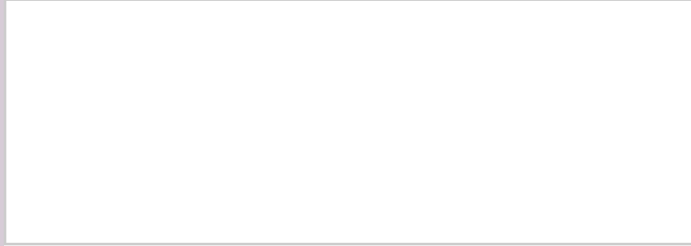
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