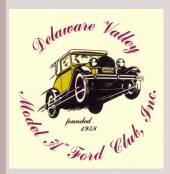


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#### February 2019



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# Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club, Inc. Founded in 1958



Stace Leichliter's Phaeton at the Trexlertown Show last spring. This show will be upon us again very soon.

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**

2/7 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

3/7 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

# Happy Birthdays for February!

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

Dick Wainwright	3
Edward Mitchell	5
Mike Jones	7
Lin Bethman	12
Rich Nash	13
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### **President's Message**



Fellow members - Letøs get right to it.

February's meeting will be full of issues that need to be addressed and voted upon.

First off, we need to decide if we want to move our annual banquet date to earlier in the calendar year. Several members mentioned this move because the annual picnic and banquet feel too close together. I've spoken with the catering manager at the Irish Rover Station (where we've had the banquet before) and she's amendable to moving our date. It's been suggested to hold the banquet in late April, May, or early June. So think about it before the meeting.

Secondly, we need to decide when to hold our July meeting, since the 4th of July, falls on the first Thursday of the month. It's been suggested to hold our July meeting on the 2nd of July, Tuesday, to iron-out any last minute details for our July 4th parade plans. As we all know, the parades are our "money-makers" for the club.

And lastly, Willie Long, is looking into the purchase of club jackets and polo shirts, since they have not been available for a while. We have new members that might like to purchase these items to show-off their "new found pride" in becoming club members. Boy, is it getting deep in here or what?

I'll be away for the February meeting, soaking up the sun in Baja California; but I'm certain that my fellow officers will handle everything without a hitch. Please be kind to them, remember it's an all volunteer force - just like the military. See ya when I return.

- Mike St George





### Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club 2019 Yearly Calendar of Events

January	July
3 - Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley's	<ul> <li>4 - Lawncrest Parade - 8:30 Form up on Rising Sun Avenue above Knorr St.</li> <li>4 - Cheltenham Parade - 11:00 Form up on Ashmead Road at Front Street.</li> <li>? - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's</li> <li>6 - Pennypack Woods Parade ~ Billy Long POC</li> </ul>
February	August
7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley's	1 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley's
March	September
7 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's	5 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's
	? - International Model A Ford Day Picnic
	? – Club Banquet.
April	October
4 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's	3 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's
	9-12 – Hershey AACA Meet
May	November
2 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's	7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley's
18 – Trexlertown Model A Show	
28 - Bensalem / Croydon Parades	16 – Bristol Township Parade. Kicks off at noon at the elementary school on Haines road, Levittown.
June	December
6 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's	5 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's

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

1 - Holy Nativity Strawberry Fest in Rockledge

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# **UPCOMING LOCAL AUTO RELATED EVENTS**

### From Hemmings Motor News and other sources

See enclosed club event listing for our club events

### Philadelphia Auto Show February 2 – 10, 2019

The Pennsylvania Convention Center 1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA 19107

Monday 2/4 ó Friday 2/8: 12noon ó 10pm

Saturday 2/9: 9am ó 10pm Sunday 2/10: 9am ó 8pm

#### **Regular Price Tickets:**

General Admission (age 13+): \$14.00. Children (age 7-12): \$7.00. Children 6 & under: FREE with ticketed adult Tickets will be available to purchase online in late November.

Service fee applies to all online ticket sales. There are no fees at the onsite box office.

Seniors (62+) ó \$7.00: Senior tickets are available for purchase at the Pennsylvania Convention Center box office every weekday during the Auto Show. Proof of age is required.

# Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet and CarCorral March 31, 2019 8am - 6pm

Indoor/Outdoor swap meet and car corral for auto related items only at the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown Pa. on Sunday March 31st, doors open at 8am till 6pm. Over 120 indoor swap meet spots are 12ftx15ft at \$15.00 each, pre-registered, \$25.00 each, day of show. Unlimited number of outdoor swap meet spots which are a block of 4 parking spaces for \$15.00 each pre-registered, day of show, \$25.00. Outdoor car corral spaces are one parking spot at \$10.00 each, no parts in car corral. Over 400 indoor Car Corral spaces are already all sold out. Indoor swap meet vendors must set up Saturday afternoon 12-7pm. Outdoor set up 6am Sunday. No spectator admission during Saturday set up or until 8am Sunday. Contact for space availability or text to 610-430-8432.

Location: 6180 Morgantown Rd Morgantown, PA, 19543

### Spring Carlisle April 24 to April 28, 2019

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### **January Meeting Minutes**

Presidentøs opening remarks

Two new members - Bill King (2 1931 Aøs) and Norm Kohler (1931 Phaeton)

Financial Report read by Dave Miller

#### **Old News**

Need roster update forms from members

#### **New Business**

Proposed move of July meeting to 2nd. John Daley ok.

Concern regarding Picnic & Banquet too close. Suggest early 1/2 of May. Sunday 5/5 good. Irish Rover.

Mike St. George discussed a brake repair book available.

Jim - Bill Grun recovering from bladder surgery.

Jack Fritsch - Gifts for Stace & John Daley. Where is Shelly?

50/50 won by Dave Creelman, Rosa Miller, Jimmy Buck, Ron Kerr, Jack Fritsch, Dave Creelman.



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# Ted Kulesza's 1930 Cabriolet at Trexlertown last spring.





# NEW MEMBER/ROSTER UPDATE FORM – 2019

# **DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15th for inclusion in 2019 roster**

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

**How To Test The Ignition Circuit** 

By Les Andrews - Grass Valley, California

Gosh, it won't start. What do I do now?

The ignition circuit should be the first thing to check when the Model A won't start, or if it quits while on tour. Many times the carburetor or fuel system are the first to blame when the Model A quits running or won't start. A quick check of the Ignition Circuit first can isolate the problem about 90% of the time. Testing the Ignition Circuit and isolating an ignition problem should not take more than 10 to 15 minutes. The ignition circuit consists of the battery, fuse (if installed), terminal box, ammeter, coil, ignition cable, ignition switch, and distributor, in addition to 29 electrical connections between the battery and the distributor. The objective is to get the battery voltage from the battery or generator/alternator, through the ammeter, the coil, and ignition switch to the distributor points, thereby developing high voltage (24,000 volts +) from the coil to each spark plug. This ignites the compressed fuel in the cylinders, causing the engine to run.

A volt meter is necessary to test the ignition circuit. This test checks the presence of battery voltage (either -6 volts or +12 volts). The engine doesn't care if it's running on -6 volts or + 12 volts. The battery connection and generator/alternator output MUST be the same. In other words, if the battery connection is positive to ground, the generator/alternator must be polarized to output a negative voltage and vice versa.

### A Quick 6 Step Voltage Check

An inexpensive voltmeter is needed to perform all tests and can be purchased from Radio Shack or any electronics store for around \$10 to \$30. If the battery is connected for positive 6 volt ground, use the red lead on the voltmeter for ground connection to the engine, and use the black lead to measure voltage points. If the battery is connected for minus 12 volt ground, use the black lead on the voltmeter for ground connection to the engine, and use the red lead to measure voltage points.

#### 1. Measure battery voltage at the starter switch.

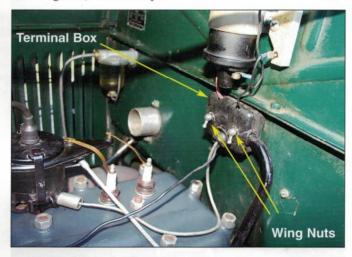
If no voltage is measured, check battery cable connections at the battery and starter switch or charge battery. If battery voltage is present, go to step 2.

#### 2. Check or replace fuse if installed on the starter motor.

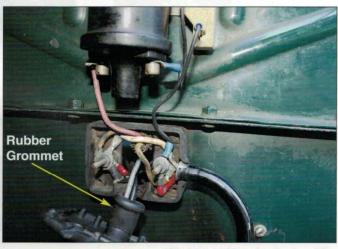




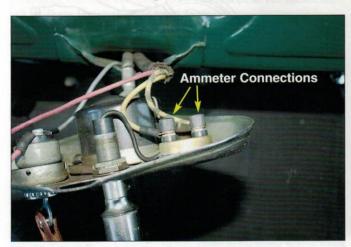
3. Measure battery voltage at both brass wing nuts on the fire wall terminal box. If battery voltage is measured at both terminal box wing nuts, move to step 4.



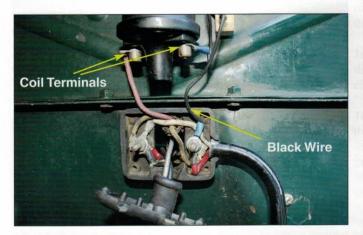
If no voltage or low voltage is measured at both or either terminal box wing nuts, remove wing nuts and terminal box cover and check for loose or corroded connections at each terminal box stud. Make sure the armored ignition cable is not shorted against either terminal box post. A rubber grommet around the armored ignition cable keeps the armored cable from shorting against either terminal box post. Battery voltage is present at the two terminal box posts at all times.



Remove the instrument panel and check for tight connections at both ammeter connections. Loose ammeter connections are a major cause of low voltage reading. Turn headlights on and off to see if ammeter is working. Measure battery voltage at both ammeter terminals. Correct battery voltage must be measured at both ammeter terminals. Replace ammeter if it is defective.

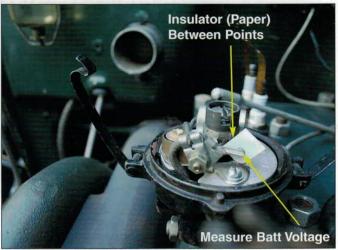


**4. Measure battery voltage at both coil terminals.** If battery voltage is measured at both coil terminals, move to step 5.



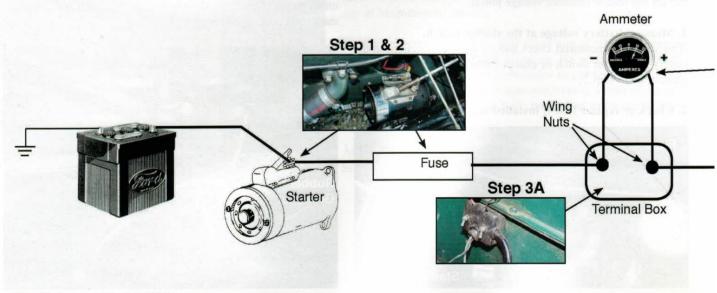
If no voltage is measured at either coil terminal, check for loose, corroded or broken black wire at the terminal box post.

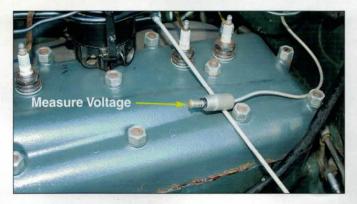
**5.** Place a small piece of paper or business card (insulator) between the points to hold the points open. Turn ignition key ON and measure battery voltage at the tip of the points. If battery voltage is measured at the points, turn ignition key OFF, remove the paper insulator, reassemble distributor and move to step 6.

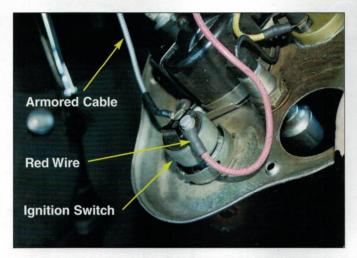


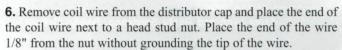
If no voltage is measured at the points, remove the ignition cable from the distributor. With ignition key ON, measure battery voltage at the tip of the ignition cable. If battery voltage is measured at the tip of the ignition cable, look for a short or broken wire inside the distributor or shorted condensor.

If no voltage is measured at the tip of the ignition cable, check for voltage at the back of the ignition switch. **Measure battery voltage at the red lead** on the switch. Turn the ignition switch ON and **measure battery voltage at the armored cable connection.** If no voltage is present, replace armored cable or switch.

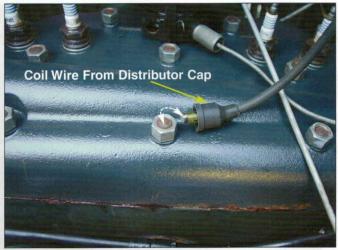




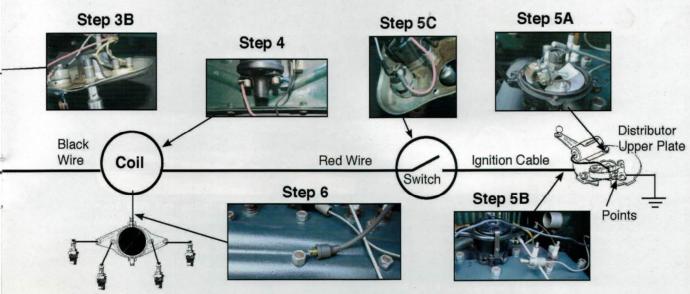




Use a screwdriver to open and close the points or turn the engine over with the starter and observe that a bright blue arc jumps from the tip of the coil wire to the head nut each time the points are opened and closed. A spark should also be observed at the points each time they open and close.



If no arc is observed jumping from the coil wire, check the point gap setting, burnish the points and retest. Set the point gap to .018 to .022". Replace points, coil wire or coil if necessary. If battery voltage is measured at points and an arc can be drawn from the coil wire to a head nut, the ignition system is operational. If the engine does not start or continues to run poorly, check timing and carburetion. If you step through this process several times while the car is in running condition and get familiar with the ignition circuit, you will be able to isolate the problem in a few minutes, fix it, and be on your way.





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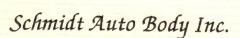


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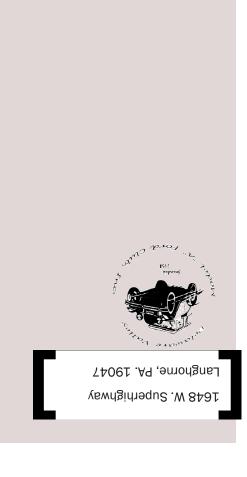


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