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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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:

Our December meeting went well, with one of the largest 50/50 ever. Jack Fritsch and Estelle won with Estelle donating it back to the club. Thank you !! Our holiday party was one of the best ever, with a very large variety hors d'oeuvres and goodies. Thanks to all who par-

ticipated.

Well winter will be starting in soon so make sure your cars are ready, before you know it spring will be here.

See you on January 7th at our next meeting. Happy new year!!

All the best,

Ted

Editor's Message

Hello everyone:

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Our Club's Holiday Party was a great event! Thanks to all who supplied food or other items. Its hard to believe that the holidays are over so quick. Soon we will be gear-

ing up for the ride to the Hellertown Show.



With the cold weather upon us, have you remembered to check the antifreeze in your cars?

Please note that M.A.R.C. has increased the dues for 2016. A copy of their blished in this issue. Dues are payable pow

notice is published in this issue. Dues are payable now.

A copy of our roster update form is included with this issue. Copies will be available at our meeting. To be listed in the Roster and continue to receive the Klaxon please get your dues and update form in ASAP! Even if you are a life member please complete a form so any changes can be updated.

See you on the 7th!

Up Coming Events

1/7/2016 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

Happy Birthdays for

January 2016!

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

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Jim

UPCOMING LOCAL AUTO RELATED EVENTS From Hemmings Motor News and other sources

See enclosed club event listing for our club events

Allentown Auto Mania Jan 15-17, 2016

Indoor Event

Allentown Fairgrounds Adult Admission: \$10.00

Gate Times: Fri 12pm-9pm, Sat 9am - 6pm, Sun 9am - 3 pm

Address: 302 N 17th St, Allentown, PA 18104

For more than two decades, Auto Mania has been Pennsylvania's biggest indoor heated swap meet and the tradition continues this year with support from Carlisle Events. The 59,000 square foot facility that is Agricultural Hall at the Allentown PA Fairgrounds plays host to a wide array of vendors and attendees annually. This event is a great opportunity to interact with likeminded enthusiasts in a family friendly atmosphere and is the perfect setting to buy, sell and trade all things automotive. Auto Mania not only has a swap meet, there is a car corral too. There's a great array of parts, literature, services and more. Best of all, you're less than two hours from New York City, Philadelphia and Scranton with major roads like I-78, the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Route 22 all nearby. This event takes place no matter the weather and won't cancel, be postponed or rescheduled under any circumstance. Consider spending your weekend with Carlisle Events in Allentown for Auto Mania and jumpstart the New Year with great automotive excitement.

Philadelphia Auto Show - 2016 Show Information

Show Dates: Saturday, January 30 – Sunday, February 7, 2016

Show Hours: Saturdays: 9AM – 10PM Sunday 1/31: 9AM – 8PM Weekdays: 12NOON – 10PM Sunday 2/7: 9AM – 6PM

Show Location: The Pennsylvania Convention Center 1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA 19107

Model T Snowmobile Meet

February 06 to February 07, 2016

The 17th annual meet will be at the Sunset Motor Inn at the intersection of Rte. 100 & 15 ,there will be Model T Ford Snowmobiles from all over New England & The Northeast.

When: February 06, 2016 9a.m. -3p.m.

Location:

160 VT Route 15W Morrisville VT, 05661

Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club 2016 Yearly Calendar of Events

January

July

August

7 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's

February 4 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley's

March

3 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's

September

1 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley's
10 - International Model A Ford Day
TBD – Club Banquet

4 - Lawncrest Parade - 8:30 Form up

7 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's

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TBD - Pennypack Parade

4 – Cheltenham Parade – 11:00 Form up

April

7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley's 23 – Hellertown Model A Show

May

5 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's23 - Bensalem / Croydon Parades

June

2 - Club Meeting - 7:30pm Daley's

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

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



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Tiny Tips From MAFCA Members

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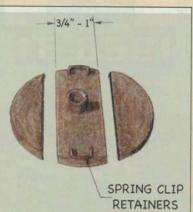
Handy Distributor Diagnostic Tool

James Taylor of Taylor Made Motors produced this handy tool. It helps with tune-ups.

To Make: Simply find an old but usable distributor cap top. Using a hacksaw or grinder, safely cut or grind off the sides of the cap, leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1" in the center. I found the hacksaw method slow and the grinding wheel relatively fast, but dusty. Be sure to wear safety glasses and a dust mask. Leave the spring clip retainers on it so you are able to secure it to the distributor when using.

To Use: Simply replace your distributor cap top with this one and observe the operation of the interior of the distributor when the car is running. This device will clearly show spark between the rotor and each cylinder spark wire as well as mechanical issues that may occur inside the distributor such as a wobbly or misaligned rotor.

Note: be sure to replace the cap with the original to help keep water and other contami-







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Some Model A & T Fords captured at a recent show in Bangor, PA.

Photos by Andy Brandley







TURN YOUR CRANK IN GRAND BLANC, MI MARC MEMBERSHIP MEET APRIL 7- 10, 2016

The Script A Region invites you to Grand Blanc, MI. The beautiful Gateway Hotel is where all the festivities begin! This is located near the birthplace of General Motors Corporation (note that a tour of a local GM plant is in the works). After our welcoming party the real action takes place.

Seminars from the Judging Standard Committee on "Lamps" (area 18) and "Wheels, Tires and Valve Stems" (area 22) will be offered. Also, a "how to" touring class seminar by the Touring Class Committee is sure to improve your cars' judging score!

Internationally known artist (and Script "A" member) Joe Rundell will share his knowledge on "Sculpting of the Automotive Pioneers" and " gun engraving". And for the ladies attention there will be a stunning 1929 fashion seminar by the Fashion Committee.

Interesting tours will include the Sloan Museum (displays that chronicle the history of Flint and Genesee County) and Buick Gallery (20 classic and concept Buicks and Chevrolets with other locally produced automobiles with a wide array of photographs and records). The Longway Planetarium is also a highlight for those who like to "look a bit further". Other areas are close by for self- directed tours such as the attractions in Frankenmuth, the shopping at the Birch Run Outlet stores, many antique shops within an easy drive, and more for those who like to explore. Sunday morning will find participants enjoying an indoor swap meet at the Gateway Hotel. This is but a taste of what is being planned for your enjoyment. Registration forms will be in the November/December 2015 issue of the Model "A" News.

Host Hotel: HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTER 5353 Gateway Center Flint, MI. 48507 Room Rate \$109 per night #!-810-232-5300 Ask for CODE# MRC





Announcing an increase in annual club Membership Dues for 2016

The Board of Directors of the Model A Restorers Club has made a difficult decision to raise the MARC Membership dues to our membership for 2016. After looking into ways to reduce costs and implementing many changes the cost of running our club continues to rise. In almost every category these increases have impacted our clubs bottom line.

Some of the increases have come from many directions, just to mention a few; we are having increases in postage, printing, phone, heating, shipping and most other club expenses. Our insurance increase even included an increase in Workmen's Compensation and the liability insurance continues to be the one of the largest increases in our club expenses. It is now under control but still needs to be paid on an annual basis.

We have asked to reduce expenses from all of the committee's, the Board and the office and they have all done a great job in keeping our costs down to a minimum. We want to thank them for their efforts.

In order to take the club forward and maintain a solid financial future we are raising the dues as follows:

USA Dues for 2016 - \$45.00

Canada Dues for 2016 - \$55.00

International Dues for 2016 - \$61.00

Please send this information out to your club members as soon as possible as it is effective immediately.

We want to thank all MARC Members for your understanding in this matter.

We value and greatly appreciate your support in our efforts to keep the

Model A Restorers Club strong and financially healthy.



MARC National Meet for 2016

When: June 27, 2016 - July 3, 2016

Where: Perrysburg OH USA

Contact: Linda Cook 419-704-5335

The MARC National Meet for 2016 will be held in Perrysburg Ohio It is hosted by the Sweet Sixteen A's!

Save the date More information to follow soon.

See more at: http://model-aford.org/event/marc-national-meet-for-2016/?instance_id=81#sthash.2TrM6 DOA.dpuf

MARC National Tour for 2016

When: September 19, 2016 – September 22, 2016

Where: Newburgh NY USA

The MARC 2016 National Tour will be held in Newburgh, NY On September 19 to September 22

Save the date!

More information to follow soon! - See more at: http://model-aford.org/event/2016-nationaltour/?instance_id=70#sthash.fd8CAfv n.dpuf

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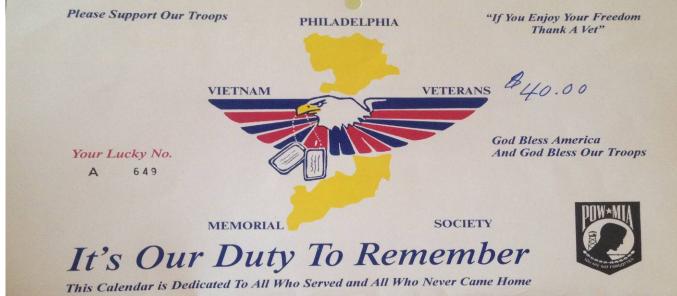
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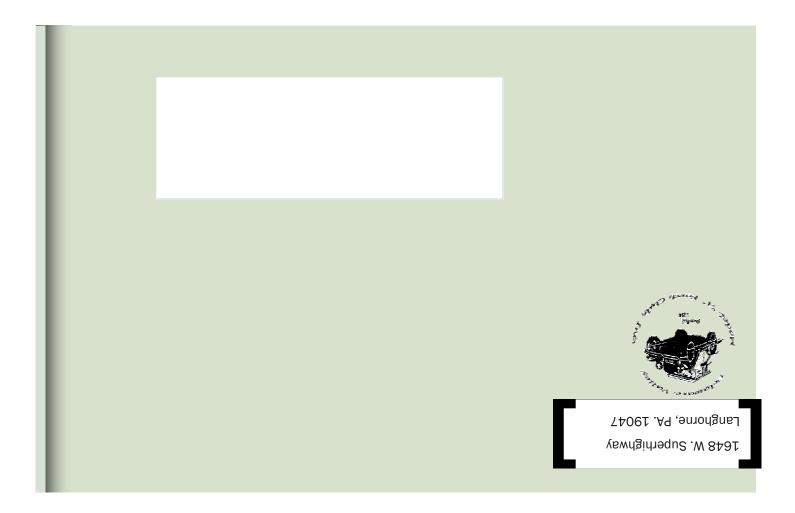
Have a good topic for an article? Why not jot it down and send it to the editorial staff for publication? Feel free to send it via snail mail, email, carrier pigeon or telegram.

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.

Once again this year Joan Ferris is selling calendars to benefit the <u>Viet Nam Veteran's</u>. 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 <u>HELP SUPPORT THE VIET NAM ERA VETERAN'S</u>











With the absence of snow this winter, Santa chose to drive his Model A Ford instead of his sleigh. Thanks to the Chamberlain Family for the picture!