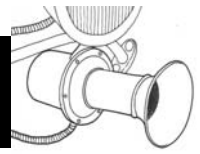




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March 2016



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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, this has been one crazy winter; warm one day and freezing the next. Hopefully the hard winter is almost over.

At our April meeting, we are still looking to have a Model A parts auction, so now is the time to look around your garage and put together parts for that auction. Also in April is the Hellertown car show and flea market, I am looking forward to it, we had a great time there last year.

Now is the time to check out your "A" and make sure it is ready for the spring and summer season. We are still looking for a volunteer to put on a tech talk or a video.

All the best .

Ted

Editor's Message



Hello everyone:

The editorial staff is looking for "then and now" photos of your Model "A" Fords for the newsletter. Submissions can be via email, snail mail, carrier pigeon or in person. Original photos can be scanned and returned.

As Ted mentioned above, its time to check over your Model "A" now. The Hellertown Show and parade season will be here before you know it. Preventative maintenance goes a long way and can avoid unnecessary breakdowns.

The Woodstown Show & Flea Market is coming up in March on the 20th. This is the former "Cowtown" show. Its been a few years since I was there but this was always a nice show. Further details on the next page.

See you on the 3rd! *Jim*

Up Coming Events

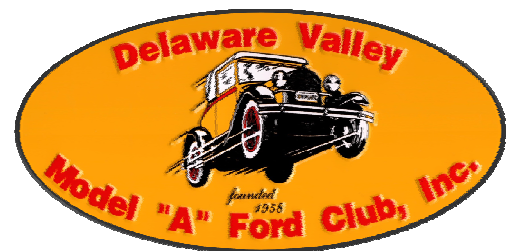
3/3/2016 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

Happy Birthdays for

March 2016!

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

Dolores Roberts	2
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Elaine Updike	15
Carl Megonigle	19
Bea Siliquini	19
Bob Coates	20
Karen Mueller	24
John Sheaffer	31



UPCOMING LOCAL AUTO RELATED EVENTS

From Hemmings Motor News and other sources

See enclosed club event listing for our club events

Hamburg Swap Meet and Car Corral

March 06, 2016 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Indoor and outdoor spaces. Refreshments available. Handicap friendly. For vendor spaces call 610-262-9718. Held rain or shine.

Sponsor: Ontelaunee Region AACA

Location: 127 South 4th St. Rear Pine St. Hamburg PA, 19526

Cost: Adults \$2.00 Child Under 12 free

To Register: call Shirley Schaffer at 610-262-9718 or call Lester Manwiller at 610-944-8619.

45th Annual Swap Meet and Car Corral

March 20, 2016 8 AM - 3 PM

South Jersey Region AACA 45th annual swap meet and car corral.

Location:

Salem County Fairgrounds

Woodstown NJ, 08098

Cost: Vendor spaces \$35.00 ea. No admission charge

To Register: call Chuck Gibson at 609-221-5435 or call Gary Green at 856-575-5547.

Antique Car & Parts Auction Event

April 09, 2016 9 am - 4 pm

Auctioning many Model A Ford cars, WW2 Jeep, '32 Ford V8, '63' Falcon Conv. to name just a few, & THOUSANDS of car parts for Model A, T, Ford V8, and other makes. Auction Preview: Friday, April 8th, 2016, 9am-4pm, or by appointment, contact us

Location:

Wamsleys Texaco Garage, 52 Harding Hwy Rt 40

Upper Pittsgrove NJ, 08318

Cost: no charge for admission, see auction terms

To Register: call Lee Fox at 609-970-5163

Hellertown Model A Show & Swap Meet

Saturday April 23, 2016 9am to 3pm

Hosted by: Hellertown Historic Society & Lehigh Valley Model A Club

No car or entrance fee. Vendor spaces \$10.00 donation requested.

Grist Mill Park on West Walnut Street Hellertown, PA

Contact: Nelson Chegezy 610-867-4395 or email: nsc0646@verizon.net

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
23 – Bensalem / Croydon Parades

June

2 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

July

4 – Lawncrest Parade – 8:30 Form up
4 – Cheltenham Parade – 11:00 Form up
TBD – Pennypack Parade
7 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

August

4 – Club Meeting – 7:30pm Daley’s

September

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

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

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Grist Mill Park GPS Users: 150 West Walnut St, Hellertown, PA 18055.

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"The Car Restorer's Prayer"

Dear God,

Before I proceed to bring this old car back to life,

Please help me keep the receipts from the eyes and hands of my wife.

If she knew the total cost of this project,

It would not be my car, but my life you would have to protect.

Help me, Lord, find deals that make me appear thrifty and smart.

And oh please, God, let this thing start.

Amen....

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.

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!

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course, it will immediately appeal to salesmen, farmers, grocers, or any tradesman who has occasion to carry loads up to a half ton.



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Points and Condenser vs. Electronic Ignition System

By Les Andrews, Grass Valley, California
MAFCA Technical Editor



Point and Condenser Ignition

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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.

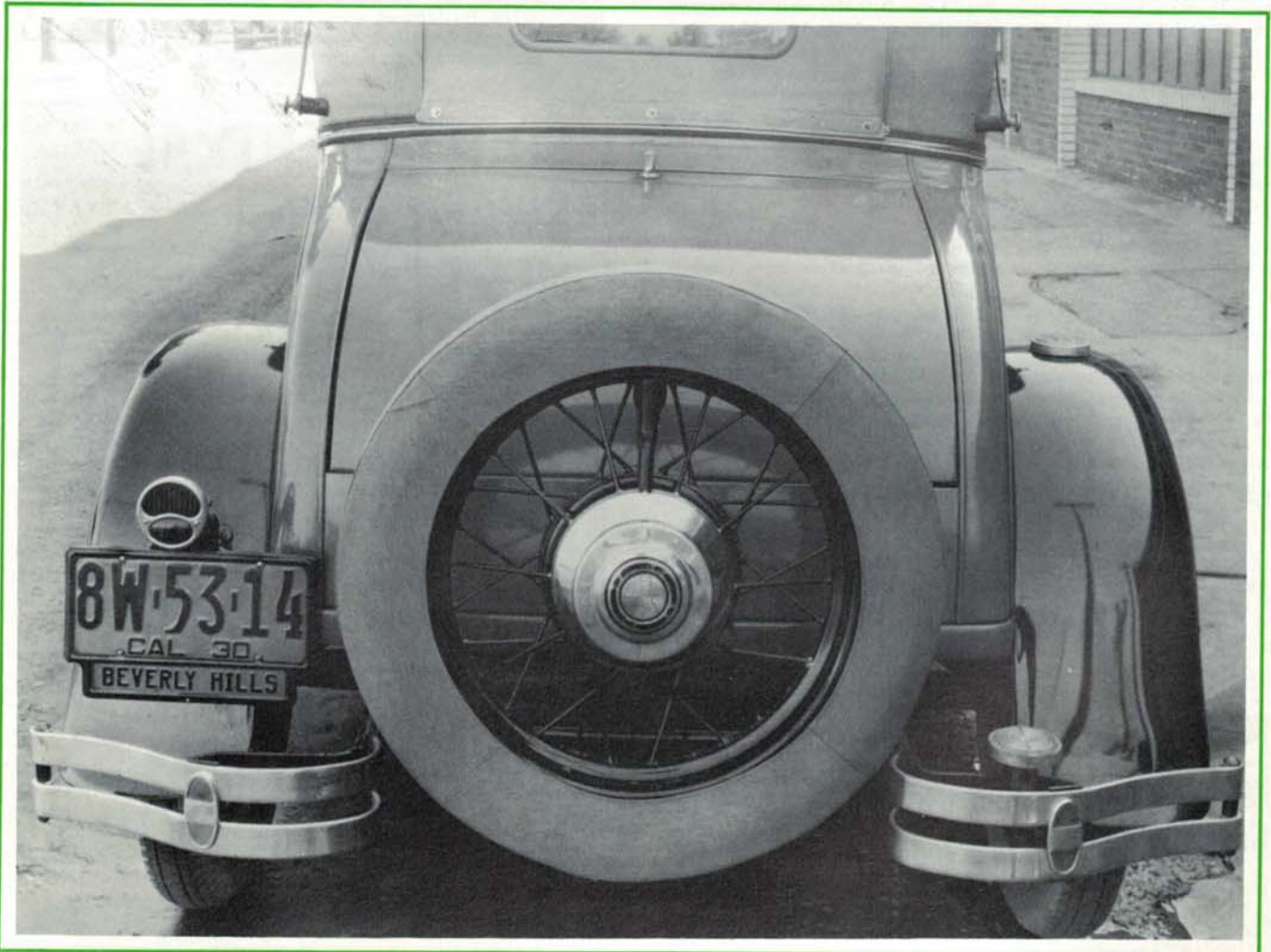
close-up: 1929 Accessories

1929 WHEEL LOCK AND MIRROR—This dandy combination accessory was produced and marketed by The Standard Safety Corporation of Los Angeles, California. The tire and wheel lock could be had singularly or with the attractive side-mount mirror. A practical feature was the bevelled mirror glass which could be replaced via an adjustable bezel. This photo was taken by the manufacturer in November, 1929.

WESBAR HUB CAP—FULTON TIRE LOCK—This photo was taken in January, 1930, as an advertising illustration for the National Auto Top Co., of Los Angeles, California. The firm produced the fabric tire cover as shown. The photo affords an excellent view of the rear details of the 1929 Model A Sport Coupe and some aftermarket accessories. The unusual Wesbar hubcap on the spare wheel was marketed by the Wesbar, Corp., of West Bend, Wisconsin. It functioned quite well with a Fulton tire and wheel lock produced by The Fulton Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



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Our 2016 Club Rosters will begin to be distributed at our March meeting. There is a new page in the front with a listing of birthdays. If we do not have yours listed and you wish to be included on the list, please contact the editorial staff. Recognition by club members guaranteed however Birthday presents are not.

Paul Christensen has done an excellent job of updating our roster, email list and arranging for the printing. In addition, Joe Chamberlain was very thorough on following up with those members whom we had not heard from.

Thank you Paul and Joe for a job well done!



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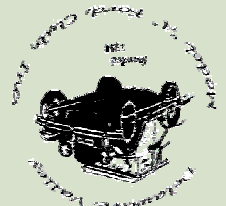
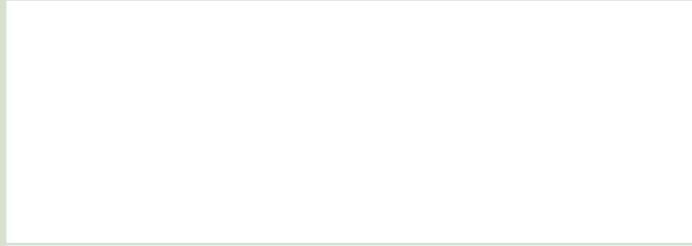


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