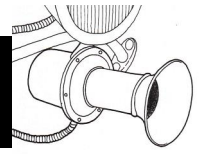
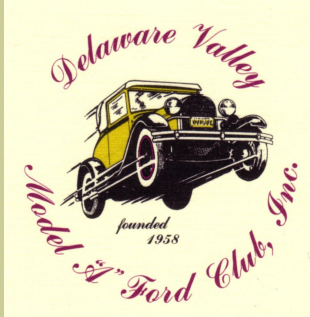




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March 2017



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**The Newsletter of the
Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club, Inc.
Founded in 1958**



James Ammean's 1930 Tudor

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.

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President's Message



Greetings:

It sure looks like spring will be early this year. These last couple of days were in the seventies. Since our last meeting, both myself and some of our members traveled by train to the Philadelphia car show. A great day and lots to see.

Also this month on February 24th we took 8 people and 7 Model "A" to Doylestown Pennsylvania to visit the Bucks County Civil War Roundtable Museum. The guide we had was very interesting and informative with many facts we never heard of before. We're trying to put together at least one or two tours per month I hope you're interested. As we left one of the cars broke down. We all enjoyed sitting around in the Sun at 72 degrees shooting the bull waiting for the tow truck.

At our February meeting John Sheaffer gave a tech talk on the Model A charging system, adjustments and maintenance;. It was very interesting and enjoyed by all. Thanks John for your efforts! This month at our March meeting Don Mannherz will give us another tech talk.

All the best,

Jed



Editor's Message

Hello everyone,

What a warm winter we have had so far! I guess many of you have been driving your Model A's throughout the winter.

It is car show & flea market season soon. A large swap meet is coming up in south Jersey in March. Info is a few pages from this note. Also, next month we have the Hellertown Model A Ford Show on Saturday April 29th. Mark your calendars. Start getting those cars ready!

See you on the 2nd!

Jim

Up Coming Events

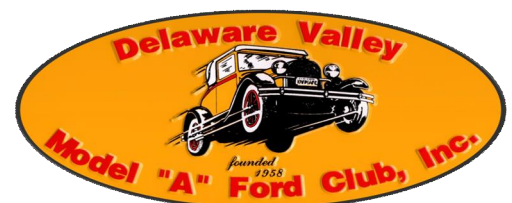
3/2/17 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

4/6/17 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

Happy Birthdays for March 2017!

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

Dolores Roberts	2
Tom Roberts	3
Bill Maier	5
Tom Boles	8
Dave Creelman	8
Don Fortune	10
David Miller	10
Lorraine Sheaffer	10
Nick LaForgia	12
Robert Russell Jr.	13
Mike St. George	14
Elaine Updike	15
Carl Megonigle	19
Bea Siliquini	19
Bob Coates	20
Karen Mueller	24
John Sheaffer	31



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

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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. 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.

When: April 19, 2017 Wed.-Sat. 7am - 6pm, Sun. 7am-3pm

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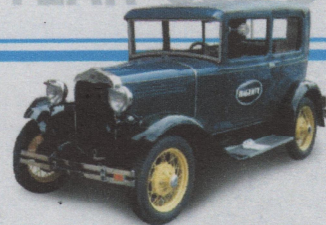
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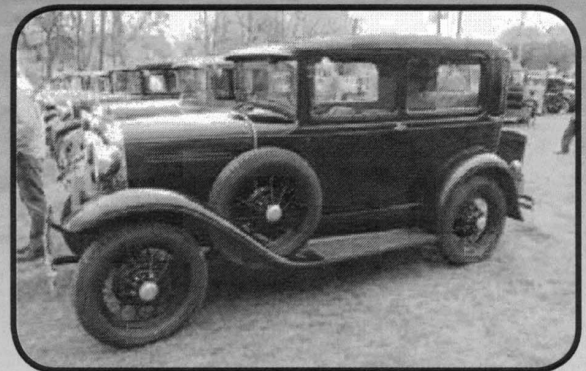
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Hosted by: Hellertown Historical Society & Lehigh Valley Model A Ford Club

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Event is Rain or Shine

9 am to 3 pm



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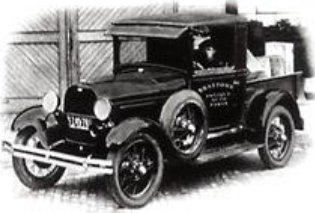
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February 2, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Visitor - Stephan Miller from Denver to see his dad, Dave Miller & George (fm Friday breakfast)
Dave Miller read the financial reports. Looking for Dues by 2/15 deadline.

Old Business:

Car show trip to Philadelphia Auto Show. Ted, Billy & John Sheaffer went.
Food jar needs more \$\$ donated.

New Business:

Dave Creelman reported that he is looking for a trunk.

John Sheaffer presented a tech talk on Model A Ford electrical & generators.

Donn Mannherz will be doing a tech talk in March.

50/50 won by Ted K. Money donated back to club. 1951 Buick Picture won by Dave Creelman.

Jack Fritsch - Willys shirt for Billy Long

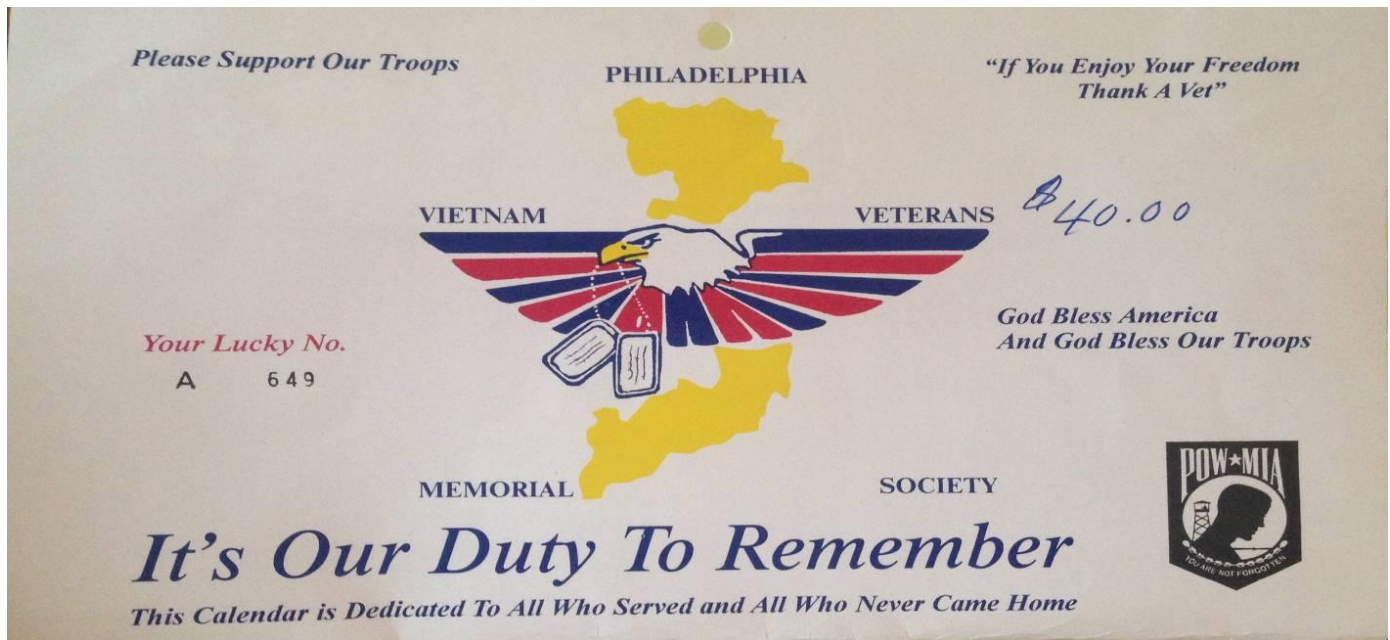
April 22 - Cars wanted for car show at United Church of Good Sheppard

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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.



This photo of the 1930 Ford Model A Deluxe Coupe, dubbed "Annie," was taken in 1958, the year the car was purchased from its original owner. Chris Shelby, seen here as a boy, continues to maintain the car with his father, Wally Shelby, who made the purchase in 1958. (Chris Shelby photo)

Annie— a unique and well-loved Model A

OLD CARS

August 1, 2002

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In October of 1930, Annie L. Bayless purchased a new 1930 Model A Ford DeLuxe Coupe from H. M. Lawrence Ford of Oakland, California. After owning and driving the car for 28 years, Bayless sold her Ford to Wally Shelby for \$50. It was, writes current owner Chris Shelby, "money well spent for an original-owner, garage-kept Ford with 47,785 miles on the clock." The car was affectionately named "Annie," in honor of the first owner. Shelby added, "My love for this car has never ceased, and I enjoy taking Dad, who is not driving at the age of 88, out for a few laps." Currently, the coupe has 57,241 miles on the odometer and is undergoing a complete brake job, since the original factory-installed linings are finally spent.

When Annie Bayless sold the car to Wally, it still had the Firestone tires that were on the coupe when she purchased it. Three years later, when the Ford turned 50,000 miles with the Firestones still on the job, Shelby and the car made the local papers when the tires were finally replaced. A photo at Howard Eddy Motors in Concord, California, shows Shelby and one of the technicians checking out the somewhat worn but still original "road skins."

Shelby still has Annie's original radiator-mounted brass dealer medallion, the auto club tag, and the California registration, which says Annie was sold and first registered on October 11, 1930. The tag also includes information like the engine number, A3791748, the type of car, recorded as "Coupe DeL," the name and address of the owner, and the \$3 fee.

Of interest to Model A Ford enthusiasts, and a point of curiosity for others,

are some of the facts which Wally and Chris Shelby would like to share about their coupe.

First, the car was built as a 1930 DeLuxe Coupe trunk model painted Standard Black with brown mohair and wood grain moldings — but without cowl lamps. The original wire harness was set-up to allow for the lights, but they were not installed. In 1977-'78, when the car was restored, the cowl lights were added and the car was repainted Washington Blue and Tacoma Cream. "When we re-restore the car," writes Shelby, "I will return it to black with dark green wheels and stripe — I always liked that dark, original look."

The original stripe on the side of the car was a very dark green, and it matched the car's optional painted rims. The interior tank striping was a creamy off-white, and there is an unusual script of an almost elliptical design painted on the interior firewall indent. It had to have been done by the striper because this was an original, unrestored car. "My thoughts on the striping," writes Chris Shelby, "are that the striper finished lunch early and was bored so he took his wet brush in hand and went at it." Another possibility, according to Shelby, is that the coupe was a cancelled fleet order car, evident by the lack of cowl lamps, optional dark exterior striping and rims, especially paired with the fact that the car was sold so late in the year.

Shelby also pointed out that body number SF A11538 is stamped on the passenger side floorboard area, indicating the car was built at the San Francisco assembly plant. According to Ford

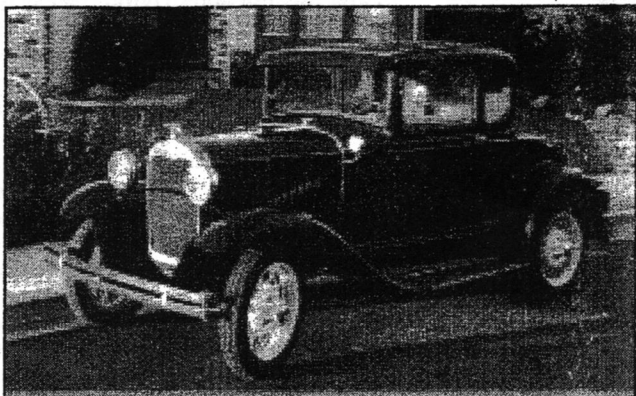
production by body type records, a total of 29,779 DeLuxe Coupes were assembled worldwide in 1930. Of these, 1,737 were assembled at the San Francisco plant.

The DeLuxe Coupe was one of five new types announced by Ford during 1930. The others were the DeLuxe Sedan, DeLuxe Phaeton, DeLuxe Roadster, and the Victoria. Dealers were told that the DeLuxe Coupe and Sedan were "provided to meet the constantly growing demand, particularly from women buyers, for smart, richly trimmed body interiors."

According to a June 13, 1930, Buffalo Branch price list, the DeLuxe Coupe listed at \$545 (later reduced to \$525). With his 17 1/2-percent discount, the dealer's actual cost was \$449.63. Added to this were bumpers (\$12.38), freight (\$36.25), and \$3.02 for gas and oil. Net cost to a dealer from the Buffalo Branch was \$501.28.

There would be a difference for a San Francisco area dealer in the freight charge and, possibly, the cost of gas and oil. Everything else was the same.

After 44 years of ownership, Annie has become a member of the Shelby family, and the Shelby family has become a part of the car's own unique history.



The 1930 Model A DeLuxe Coupe as it appears today. When the Shelby family re-restores the car, they plan on returning the currently Washington Blue car to its original Black with Dark Green wheel combination. The original dealer medallion may also return to the radiator at that time, too. (Chris Shelby

Model A Ford article from Old Cars Magazine submitted by Jack Fritsch



Early "Meals on Wheels"

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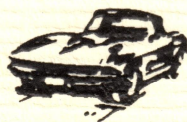
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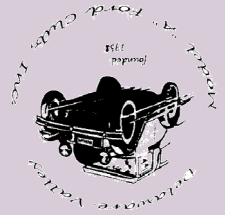


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