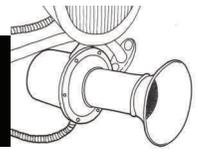
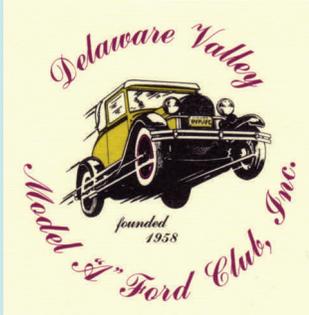




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Who are we:

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 Steve Organ. Other pertinent information can be obtained from the officers.

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President's Message



Greetings:

Hopefully everyone is enjoying a happy and healthy Holiday Season.

That was a very enjoyable party that we had at the last meeting. Thank you to all for bringing the delicious food and desserts! It was surprising how many birthdays were celebrated that night as well.

For our January meeting we could use a tech topic from someone. If anyone is interested, please contact me before the meeting to schedule it.

Now that winter is upon us, what restoration projects are you working on in your garage? How about a short article for Steve to put in the Klaxon? Larger articles for the newsletter would also be appreciated. A write up on a restoration that you are working on or even one that you have completed. Photos would be appreciated as well.

For those of you who were not at the last meeting, please be sure to complete a roster update form and return it to Steve Organ. Even if you are a life member. If you need a form, please contact Steve or myself.

See you on the 2nd!

Jim

Up Coming Events

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3/6/2014 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center (

Happy Birthday for January 2014

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

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Is the tide turning against ethanol-blended fuels?



On the surface, it appears as though E15 ethanol-blended fuel, commonly thought to cause substantial harm to all vehicles built before 2001 is here to stay. The U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear arguments against the Environmental Protection Agency's approval of E15 this summer, and legislative attempts to suspend the sale of E15 have stalled in the U.S.

Congress. Yet the EPA now seems on the verge of backing off its push to add more ethanol into the American fuel supply, and a recent Associated Press report has scrutinized the ethanol mandates for causing more harm than good. Much of the recent discussion on ethanol has centered on the so-called E10 blend wall, essentially the inability of U.S. oil refiners to add any more ethanol to the U.S. fuel supply. While the EPA is charged with implementing the Renewable Fuel Standard as outlined in the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act and has thus progressively increased the volumes of ethanol in the U.S. fuel supply chain every year since, U.S. motorists have actually cut back on their fuel consumption in recent years. Allowing the sale of E15 ethanol-blended fuel would have theoretically given the refineries the ability to absorb the additional volumes of ethanol, but gas stations across America have been slow to adopt E15, which they're not required to do. A report from the Detroit News earlier this year noted that only a couple dozen gas stations across America (out of 180,000) were set up to vend E15. While the EPA has yet to take steps to avoid the E10 blend wall, it did acknowledge it as "an important reality" earlier this year and could soon – for the first time – reduce the volume of ethanol it expects refiners to add to fuel in 2014. While many see such a reversal as monumental, it doesn't mean that E15 – or the Renewable Fuel Standard – will go away anytime soon. By declining to hear arguments against E15 this past June, the Supreme Court effectively backed the EPA by giving its blessing to E15, leaving Congress the only recourse for opponents of E15. Two pieces of legislation introduced in Congress earlier this year – House Bill 875 and Senate Bill 344 – asked the EPA to suspend the sale of E15 until the fuel could be studied further, but no action has been taken on either bill since last spring. According to a recent Associated Press report, however, a number of former ethanol proponents – including some environmental groups – have soured on corn-based ethanol as an alternative fuel. Not only has the use of corn-based ethanol not met some of the envisioned goals of providing a cleaner fuel, the report notes, it has also led to wide-scale destruction of farmland and increasing levels of fertilizer in water supplies and has contributed to an expanding dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico. Meanwhile, according to the SEMA Action Network, at least two states have taken steps to reduce the amount of ethanol-blended fuels sold within their borders. Florida repealed a previous state law that required all fuel sold in the state to contain 9 to 10 percent ethanol, while Maine passed a law that actually prohibits the sale and distribution of corn-based ethanol fuel in the state as long as a certain number of other states do the same.

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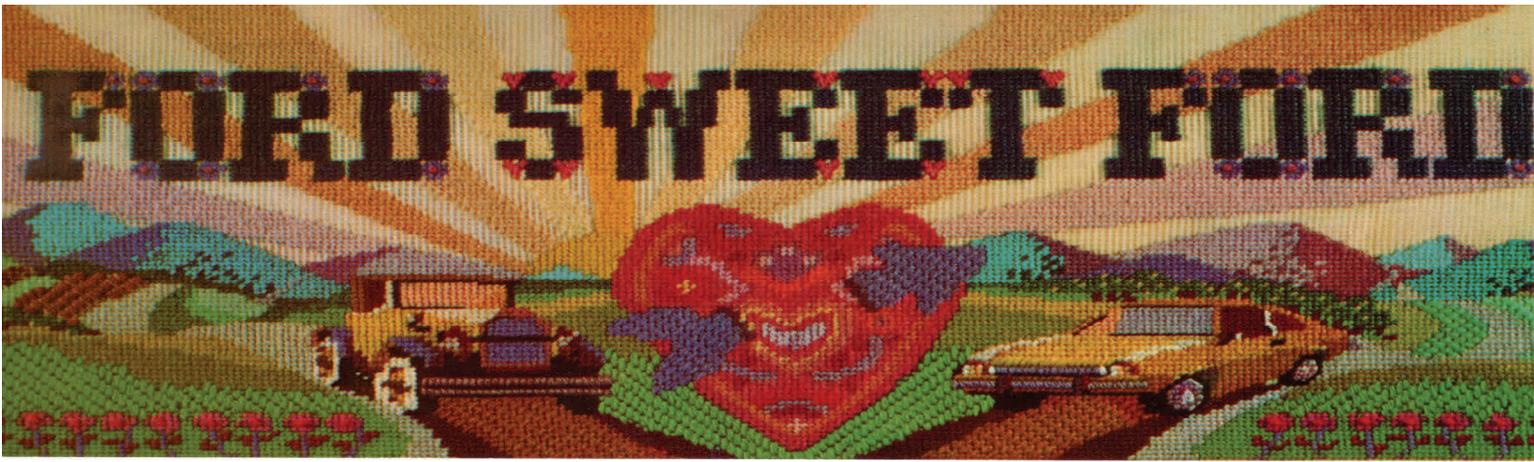


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Enclosed is the Club's Roster Update Notice. Please complete the form EVEN IF YOU ARE A LIFE MEMBER! This is the only way we can make changes to our Roster which comes out every April.

Also, at the November meeting the club voted beginning January 1, 2015 that all Life Members who wish to receive the Klaxon via USPS will be assessed a \$10/year charge—however, if you receive the Klaxon via E-Mail there will be NO yearly charge.



Tips to Keep Mice out of Stored Cars

If you're a classic car owner, chances are that you've had to store your car at some point. Check out readers' best ideas for nipping rodent problems in the bud, ranging from D-Con and dryer sheets to sulfur and steel wool. If you're putting your car away for the winter, keep reading for ways to keep those small, unwanted guests out of your classic.

1. Dryer sheets

"I have had a 1966 Ford Fairlane 500 XL for 18 years, and I also have an acre in the country, so we see our share of mice. The best thing I've used is dryer sheets. Just go to the Dollar Store and buy a box. They don't have to be expensive. I just lay them all over the interior, under the hood, in the trunk, on top of the tires – even in the exhaust pipe. Then, in the spring, gather them all up and toss them. Not only will there be no mice, the car will smell like it just came out of the dryer. Works great for me!"

"Try Bounce fabric softener dryer sheets. Mice don't like the smell, but you'll like it better than moth balls. Use them in several places in the car."

"One of the best things to deter rodents is to put multiple sheets of a fabric softener inside the car ("Bounce" is excellent!). There is a very low odor associated with the smell after taking the car out of storage, yet rodents hate this item!!! I have a car that I put in storage each winter and also have a 30-foot camping trailer that I store. I have never had one problem since I was introduced to this idea years ago, and I had many problems with rodents before using this technique."

"I've tried with a good amount of success using fabric softener sheets placed around the car and inside the vehicle. Bounce seems to work the best. I received this information from an upholstery shop that does a lot of work on vehicle interiors."

2. D-Con

"The best (and most effective) means of removing all rats and mice from virtually any place is to place **D-Con** around in areas accessible by the mice and rats, but too small to be accessible by dogs, cats, or any other pets you may have. You may (or may not) detect a slight odor as they are killed off, but I can assure you will never be bothered by them again. I'm 75 years old and have used D-Con all my life, and have yet to see any signs of mice or rats beyond the third or fourth day of setting out the D-Con. I have an antique car, and I use D-Con in it while it is in storage to guarantee against any damage to upholstery or insulation in the car." (Continues on Page 7)



EDNA'S BACK!!

John Sheaffer's Tudor "Edna" is back and looks better than ever. In case you don't know, John suffered a serious head-on accident while driving Edna. She has been totally rebuilt. When you see John or Lorraine please tell them how great the car looks.

The picture was taken the first time Edna was out for an event—the Holiday Parade for Bristol Township.

CLUB SIGNS

OUR NEW CLUB SIGNE FOR PARADES MADE THEIR FIRST INTRODUCTION DURING THE BRISTOL HOLIDAY PARADE. SPECIAL THANKS TO DON FORTUNE WHO SAVED THE FIRST SIGN THAT FELL OFF OF JOE WELDON'S TRUCK. IF YOUR CAR IS HEAVELY WAXED THE SIGNS WILL NOT STICK. PLEASE CHECK THE SIGNS ON YOUR CAR BEFORE GOING OUT ON A PARADE—IF IT WON'T STICK TIGHTLY PLEASE PASS IT ON TO ANOTHER MEMBER.



Trivia Question

1. What was the first official White House car?
2. Which President of the United States urged Congress to create the interstate highway system?

1. 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.
2. Dwight Eisenhower

Answer



3. Traps

“The best killer is the Victor snap traps with the 1-inch square plastic yellow tongue. It's more sensitive than traditional snap traps with the small metal tongue. I prefer a small smear of peanut butter in a center hole. You don't want much; just enough to give off the scent. The one downside of these traps is that if they sit long enough without a mouse going for the bait, crickets (and some small bugs) can eat all the traces of peanut butter without setting off the traps because they are so light. A combination of fabric sheets, snap traps, and building inspection and maintenance will keep your classic rodent free.”

“I have five classic cars and believe me, I have tried everything to keep the mice away. But I keep going back to the old faithful mouse trap. You have to keep an eye on them, but they do work. I also have a commercial pest control company put out poison. So far (keeping my fingers crossed) I haven't had much trouble or damage from the varmints. Years ago I made the mistake of putting the trap inside the car. It was nearly impossible to get the smell out of the car! Don't make that mistake.”

4. Mothballs

“The ultimate prevention to mice invasion, or any other rodent invasion, is the good, old-fashioned mothball. By the first of summer the mothballs are gone. By opening up the car and taking a few rides, the smell is gone as well.”

“This is the second winter I've tried Bounce, in the car and under the hood. It worked OK last year, so hopefully it will continue to. But of course, there's that half box of mothballs spread around and under the car and in the far corners of the [old] garage, so it may be this combo that works. It sure keeps the chipmunks – destructive monsters compared to mice – out of the garage and from under the porch. “

5. Sulphur

“Garden stores sell granular or powdered pure Sulphur. Mice, roaches and other vermin hate the smell. Cut an old pillowcase into 8" x 8" squares and put a spoonful of Sulphur in the center. Gather the ends and tie into a small pouch. Place these bags around areas that may have a mouse or bug problem.”

6. Steel wool

“In addition to the soap and mothballs, I put wads of steel wool inside the pipes on my modified '48 Willys Jeepster.”

7. Other tips: Tape, jacks, 'Tom Cat,' lowered visors, no covers

“Don't forget to put tape over the tail pipe opening and the air intake. A friend could tell you a story about tearing down an engine and finding a mouse carcass on top of a piston.”

“I maybe go a bit overboard, but I'd rather spend a few dollars and be safe than lots come spring. I put my car up on jack stands so only mice that can pole vault or jump really high can reach it. I also put lots of Bounce sheets inside and under the hood. I set about four or five mousetraps that I check every time the weather is warm enough to walk over to the garage where I keep it stored (it's only a 50 ft. jaunt, but at 20 below it seems like a mile). I also, since no pets can get into my garage, set out about six little caps of antifreeze. Most of these can be used year after year and so far have been very effective, or maybe I'm just lucky. Either way, when spring comes and everything is the way it was when I parked it, I'm happy.”



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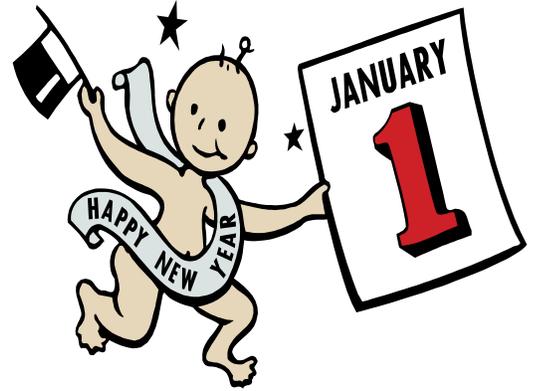
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"This is not a method to prevent mice from getting in, but rather an extra precaution in case they do get into the interior. Mice have been known to 'nest' behind the sun visor and cause damage to the visor and headliner. Always lower the visor to eliminate the chance for the critters to establish residence on them."

"I learned not to cover the car because mice like dark areas to build their nests, usually out of the car's installation, hood blanket, seat cushioning material, etc. I live in Colorado and every fall mice and other critters look for a place to come in out of the cold. Anyway, I now leave my trunk and hood both open and no longer have a problem."



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Member's Spotlight



Joe and Cheryl's Chamberlain's Garage of Cars

Joe and Cheryl own a 1956 Ford Thunderbird and a 1965 Ford Mustang GT Convertible. They named the T-Bird "White Lightening" and the Stang "Red Ryder". Cheryl thinks of herself as Susan Summers from the movie *American Graffiti* while driving the T-Bird. That's fine with Joe as long as he's the only one she says "I Love You To".

The T-Bird has a 312 Y Block engine with Auto Trans. The car has both a Convertible and Hard Top. The Mustang is powered by a 289 with a 4-Barrel Carb and a 4-Speed Auto Trans. It is an "A" Code GT, the cam has been changed and has an Edelbrock intake with a Holly Carb and a 4-Speed Hurst Trans. Joe hopes to have each back to stock in time.

When Bill (Joe's Dad) passed he inherited the 30 Model A and the 1959 Nash Metropolitan. The A is named "Old Red" and the Met is named "Old Yeller". Joe used all the cars in parades, proms, shows and weddings. Be sure to see Joe and Cheryl's cars as they bring them to our events.

