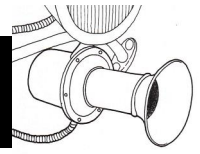
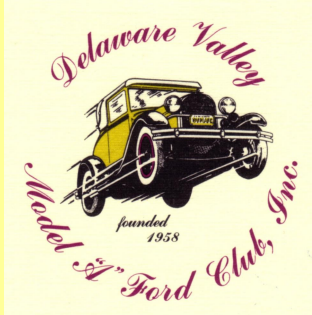




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May 2016



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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:

Our April meeting had a very good turnout, with John Sheaffer giving a tech talk on amp meters and how the connections come loose, a fire hazard for sure. Next we had our parts auction. It went great and was a lot of fun. Carl Megonigle sold the most; somewhere around \$230.00, and he donated it back to the club. From all of us thank you Carl. About eight of us went to Carlisle Car and parts auction, and all came back with sore feet and legs and not much else. The next day about 7 of us both in modern cars and model A's drove to Hellertown for their car show. There was about 12 vendors and 83 Model A cars and trucks. There was a little rain but all in all a great day. Thanks goes out to Billy Long for the meatball sandwiches at the April meeting which was a nice treat. At our next meeting we will be talking about a tour to Boyertown.

See you at our next meeting on May 5th. All the best,

Jed



Editor's Message

Hello everyone:

At our last meeting, John Sheaffer mentioned oiling the Model A horn during his tech talk. I admit that I had never even thought of that. It was very easy and only required the removal of one screw to pull the rear horn cover off to access the oil locations.

Hellertown was a great show. Nelson had mentioned to me that 83 model A's had shown up. This was slightly down from last year because of the early morning showers. The flea market seemed a little larger this year. All in all, it was a great show.

See you on the 5th! *Jim*

Up Coming Events

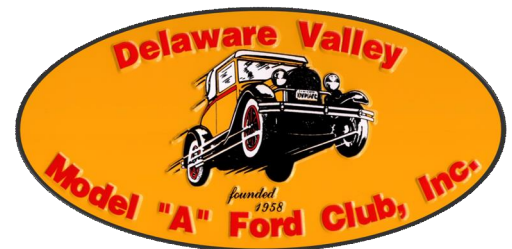
5/5/2016 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

6/2/2016 Hellertown Show

Happy Birthdays for

May 2016!

Dee Coates	1
Joe Weldon	3
Larry Klopfenstein	5
Carol Boles	6
Zach Demusz	6
Michael Etling	12
Janice Skrot	12
Charles Simon	18
Maureen Kress-King	24
Don O'Hara	24
Carl Pfeiffer	26
Barb Zampirri	29
Paul Christensen	30
Bob Kehan	30
Stace Leichliter	30
Fred Mueller	30



UPCOMING LOCAL AUTO RELATED EVENTS

From Hemmings Motor News and other sources

See enclosed club event listing for our club events

Faulkner Mazda "To Be Sure" Car Show May 07, 2016

Saturday May 7th Faulkner Mazda 'To Be Sure' Car Show Faulkner Mazda 4437 East Street Road Trevoise Pa 19053 rain date May 14th, from 9am-3pm \$20.00 Day Of Show only. Enter: Mazda entrance on west bound side Street Road, Mazda is center building between Faulkner Buick/GMC & Faulkner Cadillac. Show is in rear behind building. Flag person will direct show vehicles. All years, makes & models welcome including Rat Rods. Top 50 Trophies plus specialty awards. Sponsored by Faulkner Mazda, Hosted & Judged by Movin' On KruZers. Food Available, Vendors, Giveaways. Indoor Bathroom Facilities, Music by: Tom E Tunes Spectators Free. Vendors or more info please call, Bobbi h 215-752-0484, C 215-820-3276, or www.movinonkruzers.com Registration Close At Noon.

Sponsor: Faulkner Mazda

When: May 07, 2016

Location: Faulkner Mazda 4437 Street Road Trevoise, PA. 19053

Cost: \$20.00

To register: call Bobbi at 215-752-0484

American Heritage Federal Credit Union & 98.1 WOGL's 13th Annual Car Show May 21, 2016

Registration: 9 AM. Car Show: 10 AM - 3 PM

American Heritage Federal Credit Union & 98.1 WOGL will be hosting its 13th Annual Car Show benefiting the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Over 75 specialty and class trophies will be awarded. The day will have something for everyone including Dale Earnhart Jr.s Nationwide NASCAR, a moon bounce, carnival

Sponsor: Benefiting the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

When: May 21, 2016 Registration: 9 AM. Car Show: 10 AM - 3 PM

Location: 2060 Red Lion Road Philadelphia, PA. 19115

Cost: \$20 Car Registration Fee

To Register: call Sara McGilloway at 215-969-2938.

Langhorne Borough's 10th Annual Car Show

June 11, 2016 3pm - 8pm

Run by the Langhorne Borough Business Association

Maple Avenue between Pine Street and Hill Ave.

Further Info: Phone 215-750-3630 or www.LBBA.info

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
30 – 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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Activity List and Highlight Sketches

Early entry is worth doing (it saves you \$\$\$\$\$). Registration postmarked no later than July 1st is just \$52 (per car). After that, it's \$75 (no registrations after August 1st). But even more important, in order to make this event as enjoyable as possible, we are limiting participation to 250 cars. So late registrants may miss seeing the beauty in our little corner of the world and the many Tours we've planned to show it off!

Please note: Cancellations prior to August 1st are subject to a \$20.00 fee. Sorry, no refunds of Registration fees will be granted after August 1st.



We look forward to seeing you!

Please Note:

The complete info packet for this invite is 15 pages, too many to print here. It is available on our website at www.dvmafc.org or contact the editor for a copy.

Charles E. McSorley

Charles was born on September 23, 1936 and passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

Charles was a resident of Philadelphia and a former member of the Delaware Valley Model A Ford Club.

He was married to Elizabeth. Charles was the father of 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Interment Washington Crossing National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers donations to VNA Hospice 3300 Henry Ave. Phila. PA 19129 in his memory.



Joe Chamberlain, our club auctioneer running the parts auction at last months meeting.

George Skrot photo



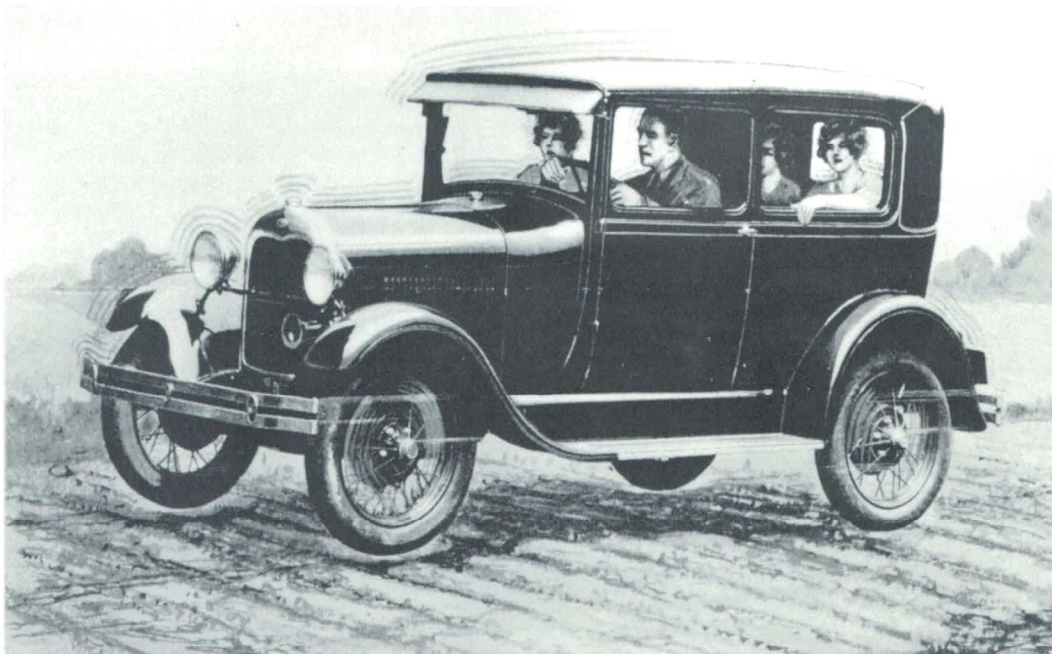
Above & Right: Scenes from our April meeting.

George Skrot photos



HOW TRUE ARE YOUR TIRES TO YOU?

By William S. Hirsch, Newark, New Jersey



How many times have we taken the pains to do a wonderful restoration only to take our favorite car out on the road for a drive and have it start to "shake," "chatter," and almost cause us to lose control? Sound familiar? And what do we do? We check the drag link, tie rods, steering box, king pins, and whatever else is in that front end that could have some effect.

Have you ever thought that it could be the tires? Not just the fronts, but all of them. The very beautiful tires that we are fortunate enough to be able to buy are not always "round." How could they be! Most of them are made not only machine, but by hand. The tires look round, but looks are deceiving and, friends, the most expensive and least expensive, the best and the worst of them can easily be corrected to give you the ride you are looking for; and without having to take a mortgage out on your house.

Some years ago, when I owned a 1948 Packard Custom that I shipped to Europe to keep there for the annual Nordic Packard Meets, I road tested the car at turnpike speeds just to see how the car would perform on fast European roads. As you would expect, at 40 MPH it began to shake all over the road, almost causing me to lose control. I mentioned it to an old time race car driver in the neighborhood and he told me to have the tires "racing trued and balanced." I must confess that I did not understand what he was trying to tell me. It appears that almost in my backyard, in New Jersey, was an old time garage that had a tire truing machine. I made arrangements to bring my wheels over to that garage with the tires mounted on them. They only kept the wheels a day and next day we picked them up, installed them on the car and took the same '48 Packard out on the turnpike again for a test. I took the car up to 95 MPH and there was absolutely no vibration of any kind. I could hardly believe they were

the same tires!

More recently, I had a very similar experience with my '34 Packard V-12 which is a rather large, heavy car. Once up to 35 MPH, it started to shake all over. I called that same garage again only to find that they were out of business and the machine that once did the work was no longer there. I mentioned it to a local restoration shop owner, Bob Turnquist from Hiberia Auto Restoration Company. Bob was interested in my story and it also interested one of his managers who, years ago, was a race car driver. Their interest grew in the machine that could true and balance tires and after several months of consideration, they bought a set of new machines that trues and balances the tire. The truing is a way of shaving the tread of the tire so that it becomes uniformly round. Before doing this, however, they put the wheel with tire into a warming machine which conditions the tire for the shaving process. After the tire is perfectly round and true, they balance it using the proper type weights for our older wheels. It appears that this type of tire truing and balancing was known as "racing balancing."

I took my '34 Packard wheels with tires over to Bob and was able to get them back the same day. They were immediately installed on the car and the car taken out for a trial run again. This time I went up to 70 MPH with it and there was not even the hint of any vibration.

I highly recommend this procedure for any collector car that will be taken on the road. The cost is inexpensive but the results are incredible.

If you are unable to find a shop in your area to do this procedure, contact Bob Turnquist or Bob Rowe of Hiberia Auto Restorations, Maple Terr., Hibernia, NJ 07842. (201) 627-1882. I'm sure they will be able to help you out.



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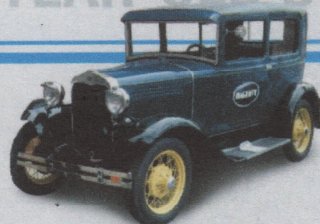
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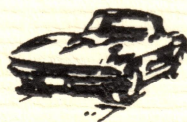
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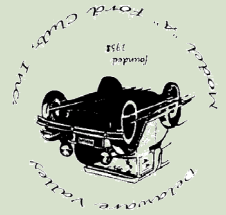
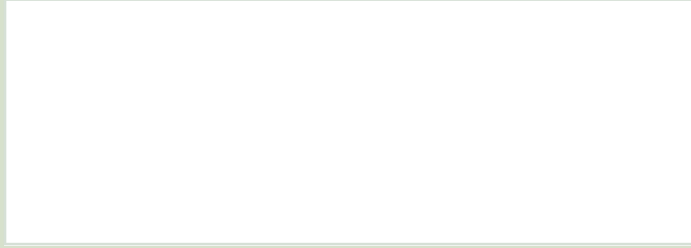


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The End

**(At least for this person found in Bob Russell's trunk at the
Hellertown Model A Show)**