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The Holiday Party



The annual Holiday Party as held on December 7, 2003 at Snuffy's on Route 22. Thanks to Bill Koeth, we had a table at the Holiday Party of the "Radio Club". Jack & Jean LeCarr, Art & Joyce Hall, Lou DellaVecchia & Josephine, John Bedner, Bill & Janet Keoth, Barb and I all had a great time. We had a choice of Salmon, Chicken,

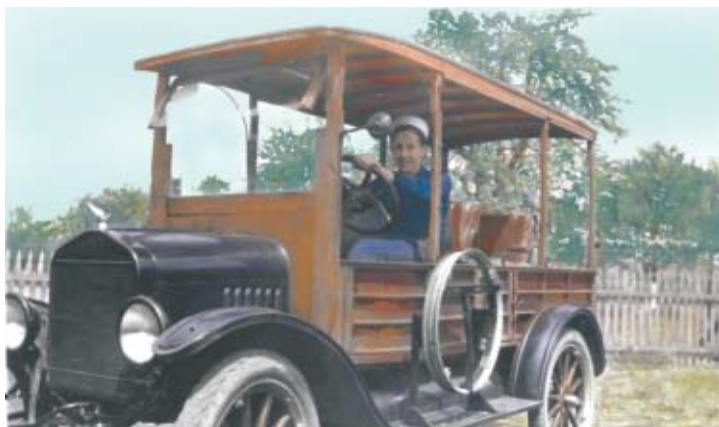
Beef or Turkey with coffee, cake and an after dinner drink. Music was played during dinner and Josephine won the 50/50 (\$85.00). Lou tried to cozy up to her, but she wasn't sharing. We did our usual gift exchange, with a couple of steals; Jean lost her teddy bear and Bill had enough nerve to steal his wife's tote bag.

**Reminder: Annual membership for 2004 are due!
Please get your \$10 payment in if you have not already!**

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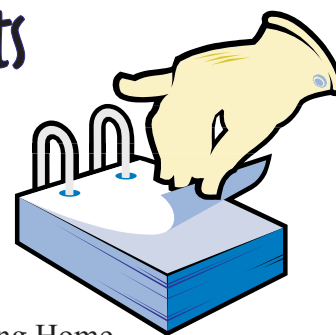
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Car of the Month



This month's car is actually a 1922 Model "T" Depot Hack. It was Gene Bettle's first car. His father bought it for him in 1937 for the grand sum of \$15.00. The car had been lost under a collapsed hay loft for almost 15 years. The curtains were in perfect shape, and the paint even had a shine to it. The only part that needed changing was the battery, and the only part missing was a spare tire. The self-starter even worked. The car was originally owned by Sperry Company of S&H GreenStamp fame. In 1939, the car was modified into a boat-tailed speedster, after hitting a good bump and having a friend's head go right through the roof. Gene later replaced this car with a 1929 Model "A" Ford Cabrolet ... But that's another story.

Upcoming Events for 2004!



Meetings: 8:00 p.m.
Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home
303 Rock Ave
Green Brook, NJ

January 13th
February 10th
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th
June 8th

July 13th
August 10th
September 14th
October 12th
November 9th
December 14th

Program for the January 13th Meeting

January is our Annual Club Auction. Last year the club sold quite a few great items (including a pair of coveralls that fit me), and made a tidy profit. The money is used to defray our costs, and keep down the club dues. Please bring all your spare parts! Clean out your garage, and cellar too. Bring plenty of cash. You never know what might show up.

Wanted:

Stories and Photos for future issues.
Please call 973-966-2947; or
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Club meetings are held on the **second Tuesday**
Of every month

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Minutes of the meeting

Lou opened the 284th meeting at 8:02. As there was no program, a discussion as to who should have had the program, and who should be the next in line. There is some confusion over the rooster as to who is still in the club. We will restart the order in February, with the next person in line.

Lou is still looking into what the nursing home would like for this years Christmas Gift.

Bill suggested we sit around the room so there is no 'upfront', to make it more comfortable to those giving their presentations.

Vince made a motion to have the newsletters e-mailed to those who desire. If you are interested, please let me know.

Vince and Dave will look into alternate meeting sites. Some of the alternative sites include Livingston Community Center and Fanwood Train Station. Dave will look into the Livingston site and Vince will look into Fanwood. Both will report back next month. Any other suggestions will be appreciated.

Lou talked about the cancellation of the Madison Christmas Parade. There was no rain date.



Treasurers Report

Larry reported the ending balance of the treasury to be \$1965.54. A motion to accept was made by Lou and seconded by Vince.

Upcoming Events

January 2004 Allentown Auto Mania swap meet 01/16/2004 to 01/18/2004 at the Ag Hall, Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown PA All new indoor car corral, antique, classic cars and trucks, parts, memorabilia, collectibles, toys and much more, great fun for the whole family. Friday 4 pm-9 pm, Saturday 9 am-6 pm, Sunday 9 am-3 pm; Spectator Fee: \$7 Contact Phone: 717-215-0700 Email: www.automaniashows.com

Tentative club outing (to be scheduled at January meeting)

February 2004 Atlantic City Collector Car Auction 02/26/2004 to 02/29/2004 Atlantic City, NJ Contact Phone: 800-227-3868

Watchung Flee Market will not be canceled, but moved; the new location is not known yet.

Tom Seiffert brought in flyers for the 2004 New England Meet in Cape Cod.

Property

Lou will make up a list of the tools the club owns that are available for use by the members.



Technical Questions

Tom Fritz asked about using STP in the transmission of a Model "A". No one seemed quite sure about STP, but the general consensus was that 600W oil from a Model "A" supplier would probably be safer.

Larry mentioned he put 3-in-1 oil in the bushings of his horn and now it sounds great.

Vince questioned how to repair a crack on the side of one of his engine blocks. It was recommended that he stitch the crack with 1/4" brass bolts and high temperature epoxy.

Tom Peterson then asked what meant by stitching. Gene and Lou explained that to stitch a crack, you first drill a hole at one end of the crack. You then tap the hole, screw in a bolt with high temperature epoxy on the threads. The bolt is then cut off flush with the surface of the block and ground smooth. Another hole is then drilled next to the last one overlapping the first bolt. This process is then repeated until you reach the other end of the crack.

Membership

There were 14 members present. John reminded everyone the 2004 dues were due. Either bring your dues to the next meeting or send a check made payable to "Watchung Valley Region MARC" to John Bedner, 82 Ravine Drive, Colonia, NJ 07067-3225.

Guests

Three guests, Debby Daye, Tom Fritz, and Ray Marino, were at the meeting. This was the third meeting for each of them. At the next meeting they attend, their fourth, they will be eligible to join the club.

Programs

January: Annual Club Auction. Bring your spares!
February: Tom Peterson
March: George Shoremount
April: Tom Seiffert
May: Dave Zuckerman
June: Tom Arnold
July: Stu Baron

Vince will be mailing out letters to the people who have the next 6 presentations. If you have a problem with the date of your presentation, contact Vince at 908-755-4266. If at all possible, please let me know what your program will be about, and we will put a "coming attractions" in the newsletter.

Secretary's Report

I would like to thank Bill for doing the past year's newsletter, and his support in my efforts. Please provide me with pictures and a write-up on any special car you have, have had, or only wished you had. They will be featured in future issues of *The Ahoogah Horn*.

50/50

Larry Littman won \$9.00 in the 50/50.



Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Next Meeting:

January 13th

8:00 p.m.

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