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The Annual Auction



**Turn sideways next!
Bill shows off his new plates.**



**Vince thinks two heads are better than one,
so he bid on this one.**



**Tom Peterson wants to table this for now --
and he's got the table.**



**Talk loudly and carry a small stick.
Lou auctions off this handy scraper.**

Reminder: \$10 Annual membership for 2004 are due!

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Car of the Month



This month's car was a 1930 Coupe owned by Vince DeLisi.

Its 1943 and a farmer needs a truck. Unfortunately, he could not afford to buy one, even if he could find one. Equally as distressing, his neighbor has a 1930 Model A Ford that was in a serious roll-over accident. The only salvageable parts, in addition to the chassis, were the hood, gas tank, and radiator.

He hauled all of this stuff home, threw away the body, and then began to assemble a small pick-up from the remaining parts.

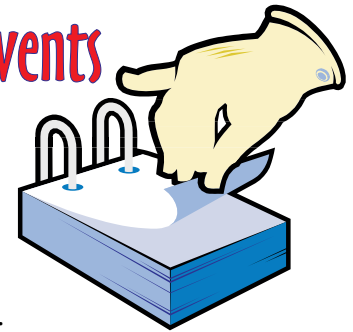
Thankfully, the farmer was a skilled wood worker, with a stock of oak to work with.

What you see before you, is my take on what he would have built!

The real story here is that my brother is hot-rodding the body that was originally on this chassis, a 1930 Coupe. Since I had two daughters in college and was not looking to spend a lot of money at the time, and I did have the oak, I designed and built this vehicle so that I could have a Model A for parades and touring.

In addition to this A, I also have a 1930 Tudor which is still in 1,000 pieces. I drove this vehicle to High School in 1970. The body is in excellent condition. It will eventually be restored. While I have no intention of making a "show car", I do intend to be sure that it is "really nice".

Upcoming Events for 2004!



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

February 10 th	August 10 th
March 9 th	September 14 th
April 13 th	October 12 th
May 11 th	November 9 th
June 8 th	December 14 th
July 13 th	

Program for the February 10th Meeting

Tom Petersen will talk about being a Model "A" purist.

Topic will include:

Is it possible to be a purist?

Is there a model A in existence that is completely original?

When can modern engineering and technology provide necessary safety improvements?.

Wanted:

Stories and Photos for future issues.

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Minutes of the meeting

Lou opened the 285th meeting at 8:08.

Upcoming Events

February 2004 Atlantic City Collector Car Auction 02/26/2004 to 02/29/2004, Atlantic City. 800-227-3868

Watchung Flea Market has been canceled, but they will be back next year.

Annul Auction

The club's annual action brought in \$234.50. Among the items snagged were trailer lenses; model "A" head; water pump parts; shocks; grease guns; Tillitson Carburetor; bumper clamps; 1930 and 1936 license plates; fan blades and spark plugs. The most active bidding was on Lou's gavel, but he wouldn't give it up. Thanks to all who contributed.



Treasurer's Report

Larry reported the ending balance of the treasury to be \$2,044.21. A motion to accept was made by Vince and seconded by Tom.

Membership

15 people still have not paid their 2004 dues. 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.

Three new members joined this month. Tom Fritz, Debby Daye (1929 2-door) and Ray Marino (1929 Woody), and we all extend a hearty welcome to our group.

Old Business

Lou bought 5 radio/tape/CD players for the nursing home for Christmas (\$158.00). Nursing home has said we may use the room by the cafeteria, and if we need to use a VCR, we will need to notify someone ahead of time.

A suggestion was made that we check our antique car registration as the law has changed. We now need to re-register every three years.



Technical

Vince fixed his block by stitching as suggested at last month's meeting. It worked out great.

Tom Fritz asked if anyone used electronic ignitions. It met with mixed reviews. One member had great results and the other not so great.

Lou said when adjusting brakes, don't adjust with the wheels hanging down. Have the axles on jack stands on level ground. The drop changes the effective length of the rods, and you won't get the proper length when the car is dropped to the ground.

Our (Dick and Gene) heater is in and working, with an output of 157° after about a mile of driving. Now if we could only stop the leak from under the windshield from letting in cold air, we would be all set.

Programs

February:	Tom Petersen
March:	George Shoremount
April:	Tom Seiffert
May:	Dave Zuckerman
June:	Tom Arnold
July:	Stu Baron
August:	Ed Becker

John 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 John at 732-388-0894.

If at all possible, please let me know what your program will be about, and I will put a "coming attractions" in the newsletter.

50/50

Lou won \$13.50 in the 50/50.



Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50

Next Meeting:

February 10th

8:00 p.m.

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Tom Petersen

The Model "A" Purist

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