

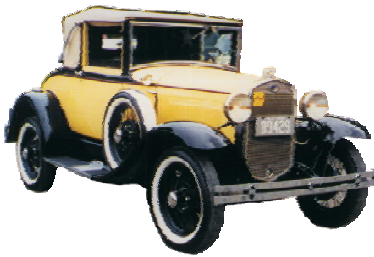
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The Purist Car?



The Practical Driver?



Tom Petersen asks: Is an exact reproduction harness 'Original'?

Tom Petersen's presentation of the Model "A" Purist evoked a great number of responses from the club members. The question of what is considered an original part, and what is considered modified, had a different answer from almost everyone at the meeting. Other than on a strictly 'show' car, some changes are almost a necessity in order to drive on today's roads with other vehicles. Better lights, brakes, tires and directional signals certainly help. Modern water pump seals and distributor parts help keep your car from breaking down on the

highway. Some changes are made because the owners remembered what it was like when they made the changes to their car back when it was 'new'; and yes, some of us get carried away with hot water heaters, 16" wheels with radial tires, shortened pitman arms, powder coated wheels, seat belts and various other modifications. It all depends what you want to do with your car. Which ever way you go, the name of the game is to enjoy your Model "A" and, if you have a choice, err on the side of safety.

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

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The Watchung Valley Region of the Model "A" Restorers Club is an affiliate of the Model "A" Restorers Club. Membership in the club is open to all. Ownership of a Model "A" Ford is not a condition of membership.

Car of the Month



Jack LeCarl's Story

I have always admired the Model "A" from afar, remembering riding in the rumble seat as a kid.

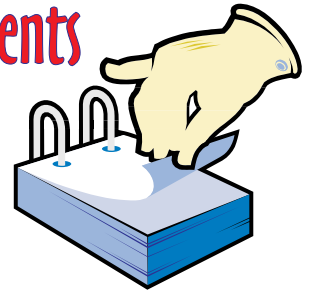
As retirement was near, it seemed the right time to get one. September 2001, I purchased my "31" Deluxe Coupe from Matty in Garwood. It was an older restoration in very good condition.

As I started to drive it around a lot, different problems showed up. My knowledge of how to repair the car was nill, so it was difficult for me to make the repairs. With limited information from Matty, B&B, purchasing repair books and joining this club, I was able to make the repairs.

The middle of last summer I finally had the confidence the "A" could be driven anywhere.

It has been enjoyable and fun to be the owner of a Ford Model "A".

Upcoming Events for 2004!



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

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

As a reminder:

The member giving the month's presentation is responsible for bringing the refreshments.

Program for the March 9th

George Shoremount will present a video for the clubs enjoyment and enlightenment. Be sure to come early to get a good seat and don't forget the popcorn!

Wanted:

Stories and Photos for future issues.
Please call 973-966-2947; or
e-mail AhoogahHorn@heavenlymud.net

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Club meetings are held on the **second Tuesday**
Of every month

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Minutes of the meeting

Following Tom's excellent presentation, Lou opened the 286th meeting at 9:35.

Upcoming Events

Leesport Show & Automobilia Meet (NO PARTS), 02/28/04 Leesport Farmers Market, Rt 61, Leesport PA J&G Auto Parts 215-679-4683; Cover outdoors & indoors; 7-3

Leesport Swap Meet/Car Corral/parts, 02/29/04 Farmers Market, Rt 61, Leesport PA J&G Auto Parts 215-679-4683; 7-2

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

North Hill Flea Market, 02/29/04, Allison Park, PA. Contact Phone: 412-487-1911

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

Cowtown 33rd Annual Flea Market and Car Coral 03/14/04, 8am Free, Sharptown, NJ. Contact phone: 856-678-0074

Spring Carlisle, 04/21/04 to 04/25/04, Carlisle, PA

King of the Hill Car Show, 05/15/04, Fireman's field, Baker Street, Mine Hill, NJ . Contact Phone: Edna at 973-366-6144.



Treasurer's Report

Larry reported the ending balance of the treasury to be \$2,203.21 A motion to accept was made by George and seconded by Ted.

Property:

Lou has a lot of parts left over from the auction.

Membership:

Two 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.

Old Business:

Lou will meet with the facility manager.

A group of members are planning to get together for a Sunday Lunch or Dinner, date to be determined. Please let us know if you are interested.

The club would like to have a summer picnic, again, the time and place to be determined.



Technical

Teddy asked which way the cable goes into the speedometer housing. - The cable goes in from the speedometer end. This puts the end with the 'washer' to the speedometer and the keyed (or small square) towards the drive shaft end of the housing.

Programs:

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

Next month's program will be given by George Shoremount. It will be a video presentation

50/50

Art Hall won \$10.50



Adjournment:

Lou adjourned the meeting at 10:00



Tom Petersen's **1953 Buick Hardtop** is still for sale...-\$20,000.00. Call Tom at 973-543-2924.

Jack Martin is looking for a **Model "A" 4 door sedan**. Call Jack at 908-832-5486 Finder Fee Paid.

Vince DiLisi is looking for **4 Model "T" wooden spoke wheels** for demountable rims. Spoke condition is unimportant. Call Vince at 908-755-4266

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Next Meeting:

March 9th

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George Shoremount

A Video Presentation

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