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I know this piece was in here... Somewhere!

Tom Seiffert... Building a Noiseless Transmission

The quiet smooth operation of the Model A transmission is the result of precision fit and close tolerances in the assembly of the gears and shafts. To maintain a true and accurate alignment of the teeth face, it is also essential that the sliding gears fit the splined output shaft accurately. Misfit of the sliding gears to the splined output shaft is the major cause of transmission growl.

Tom showed us how to disassemble the transmission, what to check, and how to test the fit of the various pieces. He brought many spare used parts to show us the various worn pieces so that we could see where they most commonly wear, then showed the proper procedure for reassembly of a transmission.

A very interesting and informative presentation. Thanks Tom.

Reminder: You can get your copy of The Ahoogah Horn in color by e-mail

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Car of the Month



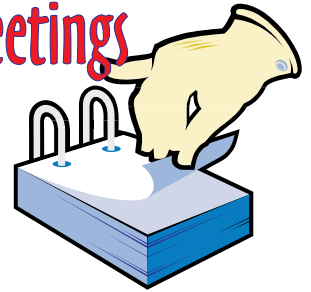
Tom Arnold's Model "A" Pickup

Owning a Model "A" truck was a dream of mine since childhood. Our next door neighbor purchased Model "A" trucks and sedans for \$25 to \$50. He then let his older children drive the "A"s in a farmer's field in front of our house.

The 1930 Model "A" roadster pickup I own is highly modified, but still looks original. It is powered by a stock 1940 85 HP, V8 Ford flathead, which is connected to a 39 Ford 3 speed trans. It has 40 Ford hydraulic brakes and a 26 gallon custom gas tank hidden in a leather trunk in the rear pickup bed. It has numerous other modifications that enhance the drivetrain.

I found the vehicle in an auto publication called "Old Car's", June 2000 issue. The vehicle was purchased sight unseen from Muskegon, Michigan. It was about 50% completed when received; the remaining work was completed by me over the next two years. It has been quite a learning experience with a lot of \$\$\$%^&*^%\$# and fun. This spring I will put it up for sale and, when sold, I will be looking for my next Model "A" experience.

Upcoming Meetings for 2004!



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

May 11 th	November 9 th
June 8 th	December 14 th
July 13 th	2005
August 10 th	January 11 th
September 14 th	February 8 th
October 12 th	March 8 th

As a reminder:

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

Program for the May 11th Meeting

Dave Zuckerman will be showing us a video on how to rebuild the brakes on our Model "A" Fords. This should be a very interesting and useful presentation.

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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53rd Annual Spring Meet

New Jersey Region AACA - Chartered 1951

Sunday, May 2, 2004

Automatic Switch Grounds

50 Hanover Road, Florham Park, NJ

Field opens at 9:00 a.m. Rain date May 9, 2004

Chairman - Dave Zimmerman 908-234-0535
 Chief Judge - Lawrence Ashley, Jr. 973-989-5058
 Registration - Donna Ashley 973-989-5058

Plaques for the first 200 cars registered

A fire extinguisher: 2-1/2 lb. Type B-C or equivalent, UL approved **must be in the vehicle** for entrance to the show field and **visible in the vehicle for judging.**

In the event of threatening weather call Dave Zimmerman at 908-234-0535 between 6 & 6:30 a.m. to determine if rain date will be used. After 6:30 a.m. call Donna 973-219-9903 at the show field. (This number can be used in an emergency to contact the field.)

REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON SITE

NJ Region Members Only

Region No.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ Veh. make _____ Model _____

Body Style _____ Year _____ Car to be judged? Yes _____ No _____

If you are an AACA member will you judge? Yes _____ No _____

CLASSES

1. Thru - 1932 Autos
Thru 1927 No fee if pre-registered
2. Ford Model A
3. 1933 - 1942 Autos
4. 1943 - 1951 Autos
5. 1952 - 1956 Autos
6. 1957 - 1964 Autos
7. 1965 - 1967 Autos
8. 1968 - 1970 Autos
9. 1971 - 1979 Autos
10. Classics, AACA recognized
11. Senior Spring Show winners
1999 - 2003 (must display 1st place plaque)

12. Trucks, Fire engines & Military to 1979
13. Imported sports cars, cycles & racers thru - 1979
14. Corvettes thru 1979 & 1955 - 1957 T-Birds
15. HPOF - AACA recognized - display only
(Historic Preservation of Original Features)

We reserve the right to combine or add classes

REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGING

- (1) The vehicle must be on the field by 12 noon.
 - (2) The vehicle must have safety glass in the windshield and wind wings. (3) No "For Sale" signs on the judging field. (4) On questions of authenticity the burden of proof is on the owner. (6) The vehicle must be **DRIVEN** through the safety check and on to the show field.
- First place winners at the '99 thru '03 Spring Show Meets must register in Class 11 & display 1st place plaque. Check your class assignment for accuracy and your registration packet's judging check list.**

FEES

Pre-registered by April 27 \$ 10.00
 Day of show \$ 15.00
 Flea Market Space \$ 15.00
 Car Corral space \$ 10.00
 1927 or earlier **NO FEE** if pre-registered.

If you bring a car other than the one pre-registered you must pay the \$5.00 difference for the day of show registration.

**SPECIAL AWARD
 FOR THE NICEST, AUTHENTIC
 1954 VEHICLE ON THE FIELD**

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Make checks payable to NJ Region AACA (must be received by April 27 for pre-registration) and mail to **Donna Ashley, Registrar - 35 Harvard Street, Dover, NJ 07801**

Car Show

Pre-registered vehicles thru 1927 - no fee

Pre-Registered \$ 10 \$

Day of Show \$ 15 \$

Flea Market spaces @ \$ 15 \$

Car Corral spaces @ \$ 10 \$

Total enclosed \$

Class entered



Minutes of the meeting

Following Tom Seiffert's presentation on Rebuilding a Model A Ford Transmission and a short break, Lou opened the 288th meeting at 9:00 PM.

Upcoming Events

Automatic Switch Antique Auto Show & Flea Market, 05/02/2004, Hanover Rd, Florham Park, NJ. Contact Phone: Anne Klutkowski at 732-388-3029.

Car Show, 05/08/2004, Pope John XXIII High School, 28 Andover Road, Sparta, NJ Registration \$10.00 Spectator \$5.00 Contact Phone: Ryan Weber at 973-726-6563

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

Das Awkscht Fest, 08/07/04, Macungie Memorial Park, Main Street, Macungie, PA . You must register by 07/01/04. Contact Phone: 610-967-2317 . The Club will be going on Saturday August 7, 2004.

New England Model A Ford Meet, 09/24/04 to 09/26/04, Sea Crest Resort, Falmouth, MA. Contact Phone: Debra Bergevine 508-528-2840 .



Treasurer's Report

Larry reported an ending balance of the treasury to be \$2,251.27. A motion to accept was made by Vince and seconded by Jack.

Club Welfare Report

Lou reported he sent a birthday card from the club to Roger Carroll who is 90 this year. He also will be sending a card to John Bedner for his son who is undergoing Chemo.

Lou also said his Roadster is finished and back home.

Secretary's Report

As of this mailing I have no more pictures for the car of the month after April. Please - If you want to see your car in the newsletter, send me a picture and a short write-up about it.

Old Business

The Club is having a luncheon at the China Buffet on April 25 at 2:00 PM. Bring your car.



Technical

Bill Koeth said about a year ago he bought a fuel shut-off valve for his car. His problem with it has something to do with it still being in the box and not on his car.

Teddy has a problem with the wiper arm falling off of the wiper motor. He said he had to turn the arm around and rework it before it would stay on.

Programs:

Next month's program will be given by Dave Zuckerman. He will show us a video on rebuilding the brakes on the Model "A".

June: Tom Arnold
July: Stu Baron
August: Ed Becker
September: John Bedner
October: Dick Bettel
November: Gene Bettel

Life Membership

Lou presented Jack Martin with a Certificate of Life Membership

50/50

Teddy drew the winning ticket and won \$9



Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 10:00

Letter to the Editor

I would really like to have a couple of cars for the Memorial Day Parade in Scotch Plains/Fanwood. I am a member of the Historical Society and we have some older folks that would like to ride. I will be driving my Hack.

*Thanks,
Vince*



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

Jack Martin is looking for a **Model "A" 4 door sedan** or a **Coupe**, as long as it has a bench front seat. Call Jack at 908-832-5486 Finder Fee Paid.

Lou is looking for a **windshield wiper motor** for his '31 roadster. Call Lou at 973-635-6239

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Next Meeting:

May 11th

8:00 p.m.

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May Meeting:

Dave Zuckerman

Model "A" Brakes

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