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First Annual Club Picnic September 12th, 2004



The day was great and we had 27 people attending. There were 6 or 7 Model "A"s and Jim Bushnell's Packard. The club supplied hot dogs and hamburgers and everyone brought something special.



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Car of the Month



“EMILY”

Tom Fritz’s and Debbie Daye’s Tudor rolled off the assembly line in March of 1929. The car was purchased in August of 2003 and was fondly dubbed “Emily” (by Debbie, at least). The Tudor was restored about 12 years prior, but, as Tom and Debbie were soon to find out, the job was all but perfect!

Being new to the antique car hobby, Tom and Debbie have gone through the typical trial by fire. At their first event, they discovered a shot water pump. At the second event, a fractured fan ensured that everyone heard them coming. Carburetor problems surfaced. After the new pump, fan and carburetor were installed, Tom also put in new points, straightened the break rods, installed a regulator and replaced myriad other parts. Timing the engine became a major project when they found out the crank didn’t line up with the engine. Most of the interior hardware was replaced and other cosmetic fixes kept Tom busy for most of the winter. Debbie was delighted to see that the passenger side front window crank no longer fell off at her feet!

In May, Tom and Debbie took off to their first event of the 2004 season. It was raining that morning (Tom always seems to drive in the rain, remember last year’s New England meet?) but they forged ahead. The weather turned out fine in the end and they

Upcoming Meetings!



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

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

Program for the November Meeting

John Bedner will show us how to do upholstery. John was a professional upholsterer.

even came in 2nd place in the Model A category. (Only 4 cars were being judged, but don’t tell anybody!) According to Tom, “our strategy is to go to small shows or shows where it’s raining in the morning, then we have a chance!”

Trophies aside, Tom and Debbie are having a ball with Emily. Driving through country roads on a beautiful day with family and friends, watching the faces of kids as they peer into Emily’s sparse interior in amazement or listening to the old timers say “I remember cars like this” makes it all worthwhile.

Owning a part of American history is, as we all know, a lot of work. Tom and Debbie are now faced with redoing the brakes, restoring the paint scheme and figuring out the best way to mount a trunk on the back of a standard Tudor. But it’s been so much fun, that they are thinking of buying another Model A!

Editors Note: Congradulations to Tom and Debby on the purchase of their new project, a 1929 Leather back Coupe!

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Of every month

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Minutes of the meeting

Following Gene Bettles video on some of the modifications made to our 1930 Sport Coupe, Lou opened the 294th meeting at 8:40 PM. Debby gave us a run down on the New England Meet. There were 286 cars registered and over 580 people at the banquet.

Upcoming Events

Ascention Parish Flea Market/Car Show, 10/23/04 9am to 3pm, Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ Contact Phone: Barry Doll 201-385-8770

Big Club Fall Foliage Tour, 10/24/04

Club Holiday Party, 12/12/04 Save the date. Place to be announced

49th Annual New England Model A Ford Meet, 09/23/05 to 09/25/05, The Sheraton Long Island, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, Smithtown, NY 11788. Contact Phone: Walter Blessing 631-757-3139.



Treasurer's Report

In Larry reported the ending balance of the treasury is \$2,219.79. A motion to accept was made by Gene and seconded by George

Secretary's Report

This month's car is the last picture I have. Please sent me some pictures and a short write up on you cars or I will have to put in pictures of mine. It doesn't have to be the car you have now.

Shows

South Plainfield Parade: There were 8 of our cars in the show and we got the Best Group Showing trophy Many continued on to the nursing home picnic where the cars drew a lot of attention from the residents.

Bottle Hill Day in Madison: Jack, Lou and Dick attended. We each got a best 50 trophy. Lou also had 3 other cars scattered around town.

Manville Show: Teddy and his friend each came home with 3 trophies. The event also had a Tetter-totter and a drag race, where the winner was the person who could get their car to run along the slowest.

Hershey: A number of members went to the Hershey Show. The parts quality was poor and the prices were quite high.

Old Business

We are still trying on a location for the club holiday party. Teddy will check out Rolf's.

New Business

The auction is coming in just a few months, get your STUFF ready for the January meeting.



Technical

Jack Martin had a radiator made, and when he installed it the cover would not fit.

Teddy is looking for someone who can open a combination lock filing cabinet/safe for him. Please call him at 908-754-4036.

Programs:

Next month's program will be given by John Bedner.

November: John Bedner	February: Hugo Brant
December: Teddy Blatt	March: Debby Daye
January: Club Auction	April: Vince DeLisi

The member giving the presentation is responsible for bringing the refreshments.

50/50

George Harbt had the winning ticket and won \$8.50.



Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 9:50



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

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

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Next Meeting:

November 9th

8:00 p.m.

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303 Rock Ave

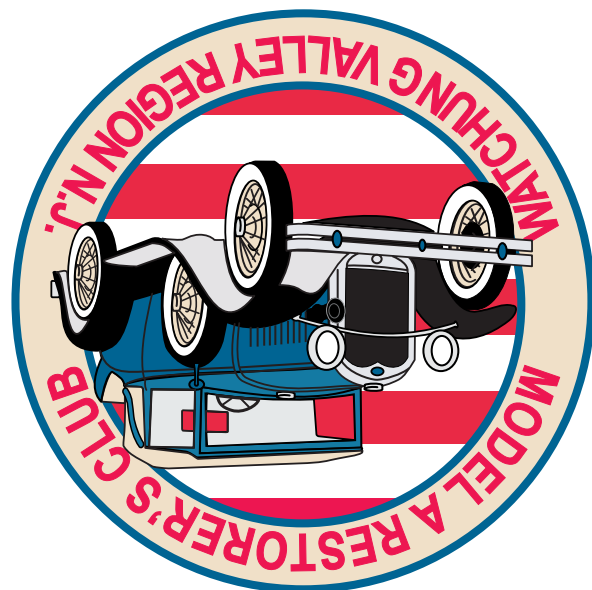
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Upholstery

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