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2004 MARCOM New England Meet



Lou Della Vecchia and Josephine, Jack and Louise Martin, and Tom Fritz and Deb Daye all trekked up to Cape Cod for the New England Meet on September 24-26, held in Falmouth MA. The weather was an absolute "10" and MARCOM did a marvelous job hosting the event.

The meet started with an All American turkey dinner on Friday evening. The tour to the Heritage Plantation on Saturday morning was fabulous... the winding roads and seaside atmosphere of Cape Cod really are ideal for touring. Over 250 cars completed the tour, after which we all enjoyed a real New England clambake!

At the plantation, we strolled through the Car Museum, drooling (at least I was) at antique Lincolns, Franklins, Duesenbergs, Cords, etc... and yes, they did have a Model A on display!

The Saturday evening deli-buffet rounded out the day. Other activities included dancing, a comedy show, the Sunday Brunch, and, of course, the obligatory raffles and silent auction.

All in all, the meet couldn't have been better, we all had a great time!

by Debby Daye



Photos by Tom Fritz

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Car of the Month



“TILLY”

Model A fever struck Tom at an early age. Unlike most guys who started driving in the 70's, he had no interest in muscle cars. Rather, he spent his time going to antique car shows and fell in love with Model A's, especially 5 window coupes. It took Debbie a little longer to be infected; that didn't really happen until August 2003 when Tom and Debbie went to Awkscht Fesch. Tom joked that they were going to buy a car that day and Debbie made him stick to his word. They left as the owners on the 1929 Tudor that was featured in an earlier issue of *The AHOOGAH Horn*.

The disease developed quickly... At the October 2004 club meeting, Jack Martin brought pictures of a 1929 Special Coupe that was for sale. The following Sunday, Tom called Debbie and asked what she wanted to do. Debbie replied "you want to go look at the car?" and the rest was history (well actually, Tom started getting cold feet but Debbie kept reminding him that he always wanted a 5 window coupe).

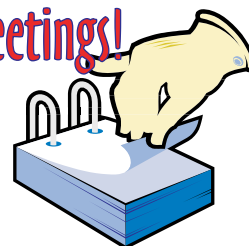
The pictures of the car don't really give it justice. It had been sandblasted and primed and then stored outside under a tarp for 3 years. It looks a lot worse than it is. While there's a lot of body

rust, it's only a light surface rust and shouldn't take that much sanding (they hope). The engine and transmission were rebuilt shortly before getting covered and the chassis and suspension were also restored. The seat has its original upholstery and looks like no one ever sat on it (actually it had a slip cover that looked like an old awning over it— that had a bit of wear). Since the car comes in a bunch of boxes, Tom and Debbie look at it as a giant jigsaw puzzle; hopefully all the pieces are there and all they have to do is put it together.

Tom and Debbie would like to thank (or is that blame?) Jack for locating the car and Lou for his help in getting it to New Jersey. For those with time on their hands, stop by the garage; they need all the help they can get.

If there really is such a thing as Model A fever, both Tom and Debbie hope there's no cure; and don't forget those immortal words "*don't worry Debbie, it only needs a little work!*"

Upcoming Meetings!



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

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

Program for the December Meeting

Teddy Blatt will show us how to do welding. Teddy was a professional welder, and should show us many good tips.

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

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John adds padding to a pleated seat



Minutes of the meeting

After John Bedner showed the club how to replace buttons, tack upholstery and refilling the padding on pleated seats, Lou opened the 295th meeting at 8:55 PM.

Upcoming Events

Club Holiday Party, 12/12/04 1:00 PM Rolf's Restaurant, 65 Stirling Rd., Warren, NJ 07059, 908-754-5500. Should cost about \$12 per person. Please bring a \$5 gift for a man and a \$5 gift for a woman. Mark the gifts for a man or a woman. Any questions, call Lou at 973-635-6239.

Watchung Flea Market, April 2005. New location at the Basking Ridge High School. This is a bigger venue and will also have a car show.

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 \$2,088.72. A motion to accept was made by John and seconded by Teddy.

Secretary's Report

Next 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. There was an error in Tom Petersen's address in the roster I handed out, the updated roster is included in this newsletter.

Club Welfare

Lou announced he had a stint put in and is now doing OK.

Stu is in the hospital with back problems.

Gene Bettel was in the hospital for "differential" problems.

Membership

Frank Colvin of South Plainfield was a guest at the meeting, . Frank has a 1930 Fordor.

The 2005 dues are due in January. Either bring your dues to the meeting, or send a \$10 check made payable to "Watchung Valley Region MARC" to John Bedner, 82 Ravine Drive, Colonia, NJ 07067-3225.

New Business

The auction is coming soon, get your STUFF ready for the January meeting.



Technical

Larry had the engine on his car rebuilt. When it didn't run right they took it apart and found a carburetor jet in the #3 intake valve. It didn't seem to do any permanent damage.

Jack Martin had to have the core changed in his radiator as there was poor contact between the tubes and the fins and therefor not transferring enough heat out. Changing it cured the problem.

Teddy knows of someone who has a '31 that overheats. Suggestions included cleaning out the radiator and block.

Tom and Debby are happy with their new (?) car and are looking to have the paint on the old car touched up.

Programs:

Next month's program will be given by Teddy Blatt.

December: Teddy Blatt

January: Club Auction

February: Hugo Brant

March: Debby Daye

April: Vince DeLisi

May: Lou Della Vecchia

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

50/50

John Bedner had the winning ticket and won \$8.50.



Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 9:40



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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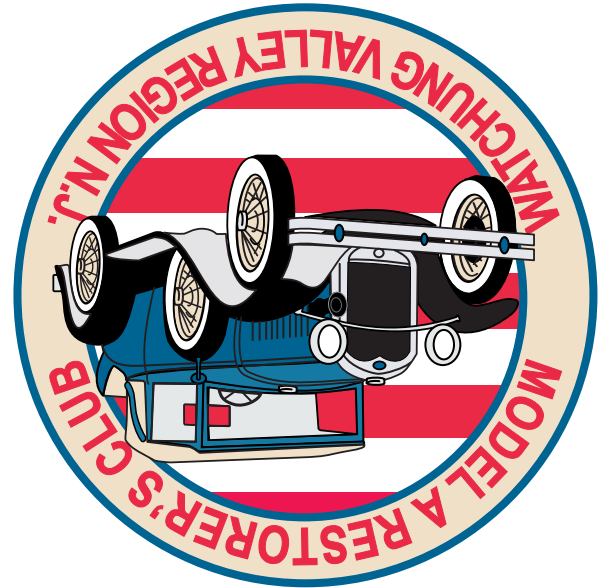
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Teddy Blatt

Welding

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