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A 1930 Sport Coupe comes to Life... Again (PART 1)



RICK TOWING THE CAR



LOOKS A LITTLE AIRY IN THE LIGHT.

Part 1 of probably quite a few. In the early winter of 1997-1998, I was helping my next door neighbor Linda, blow the snow off of her driveway. When my snow blower quit, as it did quite often, she suggested I use hers instead. When she opened the garage door to remove the snow blower, sitting there in front of me was an old, beat up Model "A" Ford Sport Coupe and a 1951 Nash Ambassador. She said the Ford had been there since they moved in and had never run in her life time.

Gene, had mentioned over the years that he would like to rebuild a Model "A" if one ever showed up at a reasonable price. When I got home I immediately called dad and asked if he was interested. He said to find out she wanted for it, and what shape it was in. It seemed to be all there (yeah right!), and after about six months, a couple of Linda's trees removed, and some monetary consideration, the transaction was made and my son,

Rick, and I towed it home. While bringing it home, Linda remarked "It looks a lot better in your driveway than in my garage!"

I called my father and told him I had something old, green, and very rusty in my driveway that he might like to see, and in about 20 minutes, he was there to see our "new?" acquisition.

We discovered it had not been registered in over 50 years, as the last inspection sticker was from the early 1950s.

It didn't take too long to realize that, although it was mostly all there, you could see through every panel on the car, and could stand on the ground while in the rumble seat. So what's wrong with a little rust?

The "Bettle Brothers" project was underway!

Reminder: Annual membership dues for 2005 are due!

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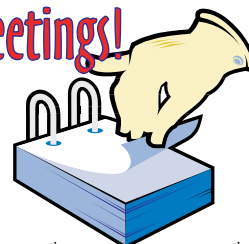
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Lou's Fruit Truck

Lou and his son Lou Jr. built a green, Model "A", Huckster for Lou Jr. to use. The body was a school woodworking project. As the only fruit on it was a bunch of bananas hanging on the back, it became known as the Banana Truck.

Later, Lou decided he wanted to build one for himself, this time with a greater variety of fruits and vegetables. Wanting the produce to look real, he started collecting the various items. While visiting his in-laws in Charleston, SC, he purchased most of the items at the Walmart there. With Lou Jr. in college in Manfield, PA, Lou went to a sawmill there and bought enough wood of the proper thickness to make the body. The first huckster was made of laminated wood to get the right thickness. Putting together a chassis and running gear from spare parts in his basement, the project was started. All in all, it took him

Upcoming Meetings!



Meetings: 8:00pm
Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home
303 Rock Ave
Green Brook, NJ

March 8 th	June 14 th	September 13 th	December 13 th
April 12 th	July 12 th	October 11 th	2006
May 10 th	August 9 th	November 8 th	January 10 th

Program for the March Meeting

Next month Debbie will talk about the Touring Class Standards.

about two years to complete the job.

The "Fruit Truck" has been a fun vehicle, always drawing lots of attention from the crowd, and collecting many trophies a long the way.



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Club meetings are held on the **second Tuesday** of every month at 8:00pm

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Minutes of the meeting

In Hugo's absence, a video from the club library on Ahoogah Horns was shown. It covered the differences in the different years and manufacturers, and would have shown how to rewind the coils if we had seen the end of the tape. After this veerrrry long video, Lou opened the 298th meeting at 9:40pm.

Upcoming Events

Atlantic City Classic Car Event 02/24 to 02/27/2005, Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ. Contact Phone: 800-227-3868

Leesport Eleventh Annual February Thaw-Out Swap Meet 02/27/2005, Farmers' Market, Rt 61, Leesport, PA. Contact Phone: 215-679-6532.

Thirty-Fourth Annual Flea Market & Car Corral, 03/13/2005, Rt 40, Sharptown, NJ. Sponsored by South Jersey Region AACA, formerly known as Cowtown Flea Market & Car Corral; moved to a larger location 1/4 mile west of Cowtown; Rt 40; free admission, Contact Phone: Gary Green 856-678-0074 or email chevy1957@verizon.net.

Watchung Flea Market, 04/17/05. New location at the Basking Ridge High School. This is a bigger venue and will include 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, Smithson, NY 11788. Contact Phone: Walter Blessing at 631-757-3139.



Treasurer's Report

Larry reported the ending balance of the treasury is \$2,206.81. A motion to accept was made by Teddy and seconded by Jack.

Secretary's Report

I will be adding some highlights of the restoration of the Bettle Brothers' 1930 Sport Coupe in place of some columns, in

months when I have no other pictures or articles. I have about 25 hours of video to steal pictures from. Only YOU can stop me! Send in your pictures.

Club Welfare

A motion was made, by Vince, to donate \$100 to the charity of Stu's wife's choice. She requested that the club make a donation to Cancer Care.

Membership

Frank Colvin has three meetings under his belt. He will be eligible for membership at the next meeting.

The 2005 dues are due now! 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. Remember, you must also be a member of the national MARC.

Old Business

Lou is still trying to determine what the nursing home would like for last year's Christmas gift. Club business cards for the members to give out to people interested in the club were handed out.



Technical

On January 15th, Lou, Dick, John, John's son and Jack went out to the Allentown flea market, Jacktown and other assorted flea markets.

Programs:

March: Debbie Daye June: Tom Fritz
April: Vince DeLisi July: Don Geddis
May: Lou Della Vecchia August: Art Hall

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

50/50

Lou had the winning ticket and won \$9.00



Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 10:15pm



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

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Next Meeting:

March 8th

8:00 p.m.

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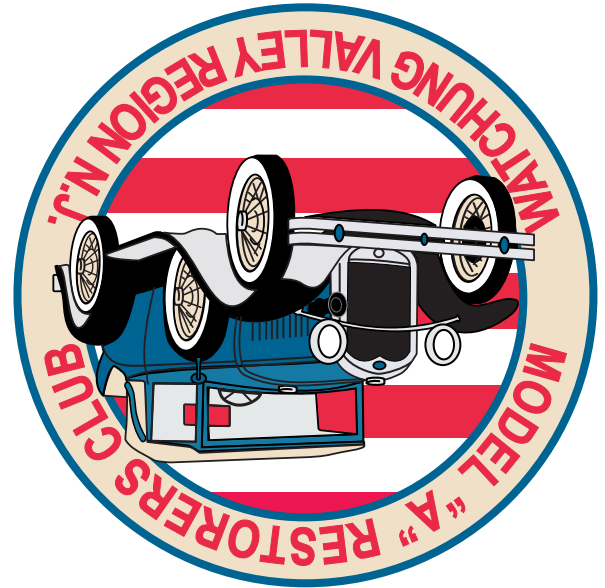
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March Meeting:

Debbie Daye

Touring Class Standards

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