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A 1930 Sport Coupe comes to Life... Again (PART 2)



A SECOND LATER, IT DISAPPEARED!

Part 2 of probably quite a few. Before we quit on the first day, we pulled the plugs out and pumped some oil into the cylinders. With a pull on the crank, we discovered the engine actually spun freely. The following Sunday, we replaced the old battery, changed the plugs, and replaced the totally rusted out ignition coil. When we stepped on the starter button, the engine spun over. Replacing the pigtail wires in the distributor gave the engine spark. By pouring some gas into the tank, it was apparent that the tank needed work as the gas poured out just as fast as it went in. Using the reservoir from a hydraulic brake bleeder as a tank (about one ounce) we tried to start it again. With the help of a can of ether, we knew without a doubt, the engine would run. As soon as it fired up, there was a cloud of smoke from the oil we had put in the cylinders the week before. In a few seconds, it stalled and the cloud subsided. With a considerable amount tinkering, we managed to make it run until the little tank ran out.

Thinking this was neat, we jacked up a rear tire to test the clutch and transmission. When we let up the clutch in gear the wheel actually moved as it should. The same happened in



FIRST RIDES

all the gears. Well if it works in the air, let's try it on the ground. After moving all the real cars out of the way, just in case, I started the engine, put the transmission in to reverse, let up the clutch and discovered it backed down the driveway. This led to repeated filling of its little tank and taking everyone around for a ride up and down the driveway.

After having sat in her garage for over 50 years, I took Linda for a ride in her father's old car. She was thrilled, but still thought it looked better in my yard than hers.

It was now time to start disassembling it to find out what might need to be replaced. Thinking back, it would have made more sense to take the MAC catalog and cross off what we didn't need!

Having taken the hood off so we could work on the engine more easily, we next tackled the top. The Sport Coupe top is assembled in three layers, an inner trim layer, the cardboard stiffener layer, and the outer layer. The outer layer seemed to have more holes than could easily be patched, the stiffener layer was made from crumbling record album jackets and

Reminder: Annual membership dues for 2005 are due!

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MAYBE IF WE SAVE THE PIECES, JOHN CAN SHOW US HOW TO PATCH THE TOP!

Broadway show posters. The inner layer was mostly dirty air. We also removed the three inch wide piece of plate glass that was the remains of the windshield. At least now you could see out of the car and debris didn't land on your head every time the door was closed.

Basically, the process of restoration starts with many months of reducing a complete, but worn out, car to a pile of rubble. Hopefully there are enough pieces left to build something that resembles the original car back up.

The point of no return has come and gone!

THREE HEADS LOOK AT ONE!



Upcoming Meetings!



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

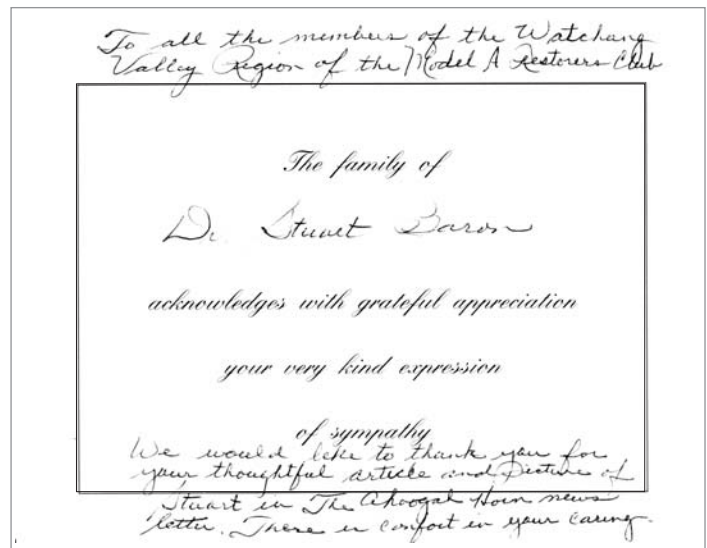
April 12 th	July 12 th	October 11 th	2006
May 10 th	August 9 th	November 8 th	January 10 th
June 14 th	September 13 th	December 13 th	February 14 th

Program for the April Meeting

Next month Vince will talk about four post home lifts. Here is a discussion our cars can all get high on!

April is the club's 300th meeting

The following Thank You was received from
Sandy Baron



"To all the members of the Watchung Valley Region of the Model A Restorers Club. We would like to thank you for your thoughtful article and pictures of Stuart in the Ahoogah Horn newsletter. There is comfort in your caring."

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

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Submissions must arrive by the 1st of the month to assure publication in the next issue.

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Debbie talks Touring!



Minutes of the meeting

Debbie Daye gave an interesting presentation on the requirements for touring class judging. Some lively discussion revolved around some of the requirements. Lou opened the 299th meeting at 8:40pm.

Upcoming Events

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.

Automatic Switch Antique Auto Show & Flea Market, 05/01/2004, Hanover Rd, Florham Park, NJ. Contact Phone: Anne Klutkowski at 732-388-3029.

2nd Annual Club Picnic, 09/11/05, The Bettles, 170 Crescent Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Contact Phone: Dick Bettle 973-966-2947.

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 called in the ending balance of the treasury is \$2,205.81.

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. If you have any other suggestions for the newsletter, let me know.

Club Welfare

Lou sent cards to Marie Littman and to Jack LeCarl. Jack had a heart attack, but is already doing better.

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 purchased a digital camera for the nursing home. It is a factory refurbished Canon, identical to the one they had and were comfortable using.



Technical

Teddy asked if anyone knew of a good rebuilder for Model A engines. He also described a tool holder he made for under the front seat of his car.

Property

Lou has a lot of stuff to bring to the Watchung Flea Market.

Programs:

April: Vince DeLisi July: Don Geddis
May: Lou Della Vecchia August: Art Hall
June: Tom Fritz September: George Harbt

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

50/50

There was no 50/50.



Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 9:12pm



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

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Next Meeting:

April 12th

8:00 p.m.

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April Meeting:

Vince DeLisi

Four Post Home Lifts

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