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A 1930 Sport Coupe comes to Life... Again (PART 3)



**YES, IT DID SLIDE OFF
WHEN THE STICKS BROKE**

Part 3 of a bunch more. Well, now that we knew the engine ran and the car could move on its own, we decided to start at the bottom. After removing what was left of the seats and floor pans, it became apparent there wasn't much holding the body to the frame, or to itself for that matter. The body rails and cross rails looked like the proverbial "Swiss cheese". We couldn't take the body off as there wasn't anything left on the bottom to hold it together, The only thing left on the top was the wood tack strip above the doors. By placing some 1 x 2s between the plywood running board and the top of the door frame, the body could be supported while we did surgery on the rails. Almost! As the caption says, until the sticks broke. We carefully lifted it back on and replaced the sticks with something a little more substantial. Getting the new side rails in was easy with nothing in the way, the tricky part was figuring out where to mount the piece that kicks up in front to hold the floor boards,. The rear cross member had to go at the back with the rails connected to them. With both sides rusted

away however, there was no way of knowing exactly where to place the last pieces. We took a guess and figured if the door opened and closed fairly well, it couldn't be too far off. This seemed to work out OK.

The next step was mounting the remaining body parts to the frame rails. Having already attached the rear cross member to the body and bumper supports, we formed new lower ends for the front and back door frames and welded them to the remaining upper pieces. This was also a little tricky as the bottom of the doors were pretty much non-existent, leaving the height of the door frame in question. The door frame ends were then attached to the rails with rivets and welded in place. The fire wall was connected to the rails with rivets.

Not wanting to struggle any more than necessary, the floor pans were left to a later date. It is a lot easier to work when you can stand on the ground while working inside the car. By cutting away the rusted area of the cowl, it was easy to work



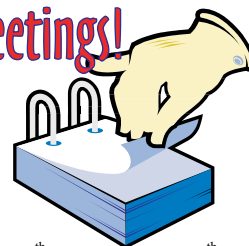
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Upcoming Meetings!



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

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

Program for the May Meeting

Next month's presentation will be by Lou

The Club Celebrated its 25th Anniversary with this great cake brought in by Vince



along with the top of the drive shaft torque tube were wire brushed and painted with Miracle Paint. Once this was done, the under seat floor pan was installed to keep the frame rails from racking. Now we had a place to sit when we got tired of standing.

Next, we had to replace the rumble lid and the panels above and below it. But, that's another story for another day.



GENE HOLDS UP THE PROJECT TO PUT IN NEW BODY RAILS

on body rail attaching points. Luckily the patch panels come up about 6 inches as the cowl was a little thin near the bottom.

While everything was open and easy to get to, the exhaust system was replaced and the leak in the gas tank was temporarily sealed. All the chassis parts we could get to,

THE COWL WAS JUST A LITTLE THIN



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

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Vince - Give your car a High!



Minutes of the meeting

Vince talked briefly about 4 post home lifts and then discussed periodic maintenance you should do on you model A. He also brought a 25th Anniversary cake for the club. Lou opened the 300th meeting at 9:10pm.

Upcoming Events

Watchung Flea Market, CANCELED

Clifton, 04/24/05.

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

Borough of Chester 75th Anniversary, 05/14/05. Collis Lane, Chester, NJ. Contact Tom Petersen at 908-475-1540

Chester Car Show, 05/15/05.

Millburn Car Show, 05/15/05.

Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade, 05/31/05 contact Vince DeLisi at 908-755-4266

Battle of Springfield, 06/26/05.

Livingston Car Show, 07/04/05, 9:00am to 3:00pm Livingston High School Parking Lot, South Livingston Avenue, Livingston, NJ. Contact chairman at 973-533-9190/535-8312 \$10.00 per car.

2nd Annual Club Picnic, 09/11/05, The Bettles, 170 Crescent Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Contact Phone: Dick Bettel 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, who is relaxing in Maui, Hawaii, mailed in the ending balance of the treasury is \$2,180.81.

Secretary's Report

Soon, the show season will be upon us and I will have pictures and information from these events. In the mean time, one more episode of the restoration. If you have any other suggestions for the newsletter, let me know.

Membership

John reported that ALL dues are paid for the year.

Frank Colvin, from South Plainfield, was voted in and welcomed to the club.



FRANK COLVIN

Property

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

Programs:

May: Lou Della Vecchia	August: Art Hall
June: Tom Fritz	September: George Harbt
July: Don Geddis	October: Bill Koeth

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

50/50

Lou won \$9 in the 50/50 for Josephine .



Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 9:50pm



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May 10th

8:00 p.m.

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Lou Della Vecchia

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