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The New England Meet

The weather was great, the cars even greater, but the greatest thing about this year's New England Meet was the people. The Long Island club out-did-themselves in providing hospitality and the meet went off with hardly a hitch.

Debbie, her mother, and I (Debbie's father had to stay home to take care of the cat) arrived Thursday afternoon and enjoyed the Early Bird Welcome desert bar and banjo music that evening. After a leisurely breakfast Friday morning, we went out to the parking lot to check



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Reminder: \$10 Annual membership for 2006 is due!

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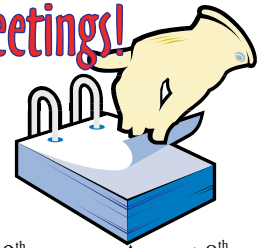
out the cars. We met members of the Massachusetts Minutemen and joined them on a tour to Theodore Roosevelt's house. On the way, one of the natives got a little restless and ran a stop sign right in front of us. I'm glad to say that our first panic stop was a success. I never knew a Model A could stop in that short a distance and, after a few choice words, we were on our way again. After visiting Roosevelt's house, we all went looking for a place to eat. After several hours of driving (and never finding anyplace for lunch) you really find all the weird places where seat springs can pop – I think we may need some advice from John.

When we got back to the hotel, we met Jack and Louise Martin. Unfortunately, we were unable to join them for dinner since we were late and all the seats in their area were already filled. On the other hand, this allowed us to meet some members of the CMARC club. One family at our table had three generations and two Model A's in attendance. Both grandsons own model A's and Dave, the youngest owner (he's only 20) at the meet, brought his 1931 Woody. Dave may have the world's only Woody with roll-up windows. Dave's younger brother owns two AA trucks (well at least most of the pieces to assemble two trucks); so, maybe we'll get to see one of his vehicles next year. The two kids were great to be around and if their any indication of what the next generation has in store, the hobby is in safe hands.

Friday's theme was the roaring 20's. The banquet was held in a Speakeasy behind the local funeral parlor. During the festivities, the joint was raided and I was arrested for being smashed (really, it was just an act – or was it?). Fortunately the cops were crooked and I got off (otherwise, I think I would have spent the night in jail; I don't think Debbie would have made my bail). Debbie's mother was of course one of the most popular dance partners and at least tied in the dance contests.

Saturday's mandatory tour took us to Old Westbury Gardens (the estate of John Phipps). I have to admit

Upcoming Meetings!



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

December 13 th 2006	February 14 th March 14 th	May 9 th June 13 th July 11 th	August 8 th September 12 th October 10 th
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Long Island is a lot more scenic than I expected. By the time Debbie and I finished touring the mansion, almost all the cars had left – it seems everyone wanted lunch and they didn't know about the deli in the gardens. We managed to join the last four cars and got back to the hotel in time for the Hubley derby.

There were two entries in this year's hard luck story award. In both cases, fans fractured on the way to the meet. In one case, the fan shattered the water pump, and went through both the radiator and side of the hood. No one was hurt and a member of their club delivered the necessary parts allowing them to make the meet. Once again, we are reminded how important it is to check fans for cracks.

Next year's meet will be in Connecticut; see Debbie for more information. Hope to see you all there!

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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

Jack LeCarl showed us a video on timing the Model A, a discussion on this followed. He demonstrated a tool he made to find top dead center when the indentation is too shallow to use the original locating pin.

After a break for refreshments, Lou opened the 307th meeting at 9:06. Lou has finished moving to his new house in Hampton Township.

Upcoming Events

Holiday party, 12/11/05, Rolf's Restaurant, 65 Stirling Rd., Warren, NJ 07059, 908-754-5500, 12:00 P.M.



Treasurer's Report

Larry reported the ending balance of the treasury at \$2053.31.

Secretary's Report

I want to thank Tom and Debbie for their photos and article on the New England Meet.

Parades and Shows

Larry went on an AACA tour to a wolf farm in Columbia, NJ with his Cadillac.

Barb and I went to Florida on vacation early this month. While driving through Fort DeSoto Park in St. Petersburg, we came across a 1932 Auburn. Of course the next thing we did was to find out who was driving it and stopped and talked to Bill Brown, the owner. After shooting the breeze for a few minutes, he asked if we were staying in the area and would we like to follow him home to see his 'museum'. So, we followed him, what a garage! There were three Auburns, one 1915 Canadian Model "T," one 1929 Model "A" Special Coupe and I think an early forties Ford. He also had a collection of vintage tools and wind up record players. Bill eventually mentioned that the Ford club meeting was the next Tuesday, and asked if I would like to go to the Pin-Mar meeting with him. Needless to say, I went to the meeting. I

even won the door prize. There were a lot of ex-New Jersey residents there. After we arrived back at his house he asked me if I would like to drive one of his cars to the AACA show the following weekend. As we had made plans to see a concert later in the day, I had to pass on driving one to the show. I did manage to sneak away a couple of hours early on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to see what was going on. I also got a ride in the Model "T" he used on the Glidden Tour.

Old Business

We decided to have the Holiday Party at Rolf's again. It will be at 12:00 PM, on December 11th. Each person should bring a gift, not to exceed \$10. Mark the gift for a man or woman.

New Business

Elections of officers is coming up. (No change). Membership renewal will soon be due. Either bring your dues to the next meeting, or send a check made payable to "Watchung Valley Region MARC" to John Bedner, 82 Ravine Drive, Colonia, NJ 07067-3225.



Technical

Tom Fritz suggested John try using POR-15's Marine Clean to clean his fuel tank. John called a radiator shop who told him to drain the tank and clean it with Dawn dish detergent. John tried this and it worked great.

Club Welfare

Teddy's leg is better. John had both of his knees replaced and is now in re-hab.

Programs:

December: Larry Littman **March:** Ray Marino
January: Club Auction **April:** Jack Martin
February: Dave Lounsbury **May:** Tom Petersen

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

50/50

As we had no tickets, we had no 50/50! Again!



Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 9:49pm



For Sale: Jack Martin's original, solid, complete **1929, Blind Back Fordor Sedan**. Easy restoration or drive as is. Very good running car. I have driven it 1600 miles since engine job. Call 908-832-5486 - leave message.

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Next Meeting:

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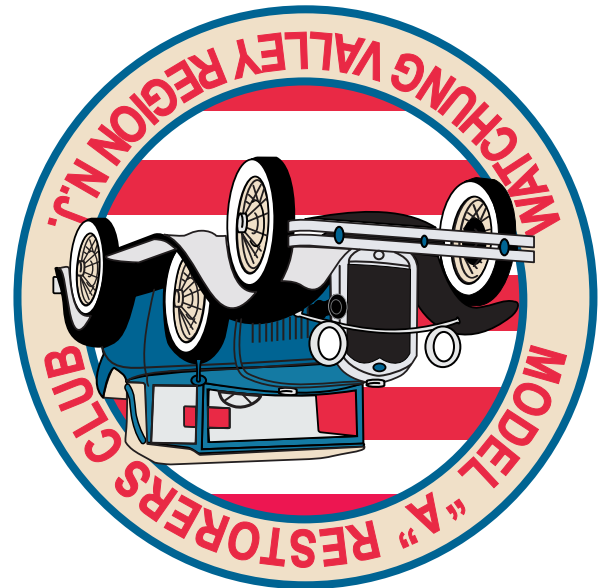
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Larry Littman



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