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Memorial Day Parade



The Scotch Plains / Fanwood Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday May 29, with seven members showing their cars. The day was bright and sunny, if not just a little bit warm. As in past years, we drove with the



Scotch Plains / Fanwood Historical Society with some of their members riding in the back of Vince's "T". All the cars made it through the parade although some were getting quite hot.

Check out our web site at www.heavenlymud.net/AhoogahHornWeb

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Know your fellow members they said.

If I told you all, I would be either in jail or divorced, so I'll just tell you about my cars I had through the years.

The first car I really drove was my Uncle Joe's Ford Model T. As a youngster I watched how he crank started it and how the three pedals were used. He had a work car, a 1920 center door and the Sunday car, a 1924 four door sedan. He used the same plates on both. Switching back and forth as the need be. So one day while he went to work in the work car, I started back out of the barn and drove down the long road leading out of our small farm. Needless to say, I hit into the side of the barn door on the way back.

Later he gave me his discarded car which I removed the body and made a wooden rack pick up. I drove this all over the dirt roads and fields until I was eighteen and graduated high school.

He sold me his model A sedan for forty dollars. I got my license using my friend's mother's car - a 1930 air cooled Franklin, and started my adult life.

For three years I drove the A to Calco in Bound Brook, having no trouble at all in all weather conditions. I spotted a nice 1937 Dodge Coupe, spotlight and all. No more A's. Coming home from the night shift, I dozed off and hit into a telephone pole which was in the way.

Next, I bought a 1938 Olds Coupe which I used until I went into service.

Then in 1950, I bought a new Dodge Club Coupe in which I drove my young family all over the New England State without and problems even though many said I would have trouble with the Gyromatic.

In 1960, that long eight cylinder Olds look like the car for me.

In 1969, my wife said it's her turn to choose a car. She chose a Pontiac LeMans. Bucket seat and all.

Upcoming Meetings!



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

July 11 th	October 10 th	2007	March 13 th
August 8 th	November 14 th	January 9 th	April 10 th
September 12 th	December 12 th	February 13 th	May 8 th

In 1980 back to an Olds. Cutlass Supreme Coupe. This was totaled by a jerk stopping short on a main road to let a passenger out.

Next was a used 1986 Monte Carlo until I heard of a low mileage 1991 Olds Cutlass Supreme, which I still own. How can I part with this no problem car, sometimes used as a truck carting all sort of things like groceries, antiques and, yes, even horse manure. And still close to today's styling.

What's that! You know of a good used low mileage car used by a little old lady going to church Sundays? Call Me, Call Me!

As for Antique Cars

In 1960, back to the "T". A 1919 Touring, which I restored. In 1965, a restored 1915 Coupe. These two totally burned while stored in a barn. In 1970, a 1919 "T" coupe from Chicago transported on flatbed truck. Top blew off so I restored it and still enjoy using. In 1990, an "A" at last. This totaled by an Indian (not American) I found an identical car which I now enjoy along with my fellow A membership.

John Bedner

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

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Dave discusses the River Rouge Plant



Minutes of the meeting

Dave Zuckerman gave an interesting talk on the construction and use of Ford's River Rouge Plant. After a break for refreshments, Lou opened the 314th meeting at 9:42pm.

Upcoming Events

Brighton Gardens Nursing Home, 07/20/06, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, Oak Tree Road, Edison, NJ. Contact Phone: Lou 973-476-4619.

Das Awkscht Fescht, 08/04/06 to 08/06/06, Macungie Memorial Park, Main Street, Macungie, PA. You must register by 07/01/06. Contact Phone: 610-967-2317. The Club will be going on Saturday August 5, 2006.

Natural Glass Corvette Association Open Car Show, 09/10/06, 9:00am to 4:00pm, Automatic Switch, 50 Hanover Rd, Florham Park, NJ. Contact Phone: 973-492-9367. Registration \$20

3rd Annual Club Picnic, 09/10/06, 1:00pm to 6:00pm at The Bettles, 170 Crescent Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Contact Phone: Dick Bettles 973-966-2947. The club will supply dogs, burgers and soft drinks, bring something to share.. Come early and go to the car show at Automatic Switch.

Long Hill Seniors Antique and Classic Car Show, 09/17/06, 9am to 3pm, The Stirling Hotel, 227 Main Avenue, Stirling, NJ. Contact Phone: Don Knowles 908-647-3704 or Paul Kielblock 908-647-4049. Registration \$14

Look for other events at www.carshownews.com



Treasurer's Report

Larry reported the ending balance of the treasury at \$2189.06.

Secretary's Report

Check the list of programs. There has been some rescheduling and your date may have been moved.

Old Business

The nursing home would like a "Boom Box" with separate speakers to use in the cafeteria as a gift for 2005. Lou will find one for \$200 max and go get it.

Nothing to report on the tour discussed last month.



Technical

Tom Fritz said his touring car was starting to wobble when he gets it's speed up. Tightening the loose drag link really helped.

Programs:

July: John Bedner October: Teddy Blatt
August: Dick Bettles November: Hugo Brand
September: Gene Bettles December: Frank Colvin

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

50/50

Jack won \$8.00.



Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 10:10pm



~~Tom Petersen's 1953 Buick Hardtop is for sale... \$20,000.00.
Call Tom at 908-475-1540.~~ **SOLD!**

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Next Meeting:

July 11th

8:00 p.m.

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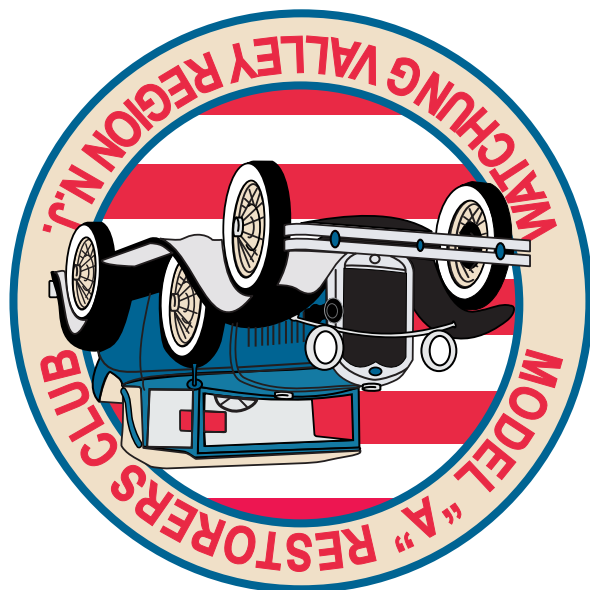
July Meeting:

John Bedner

Adventures in a Model "T"



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