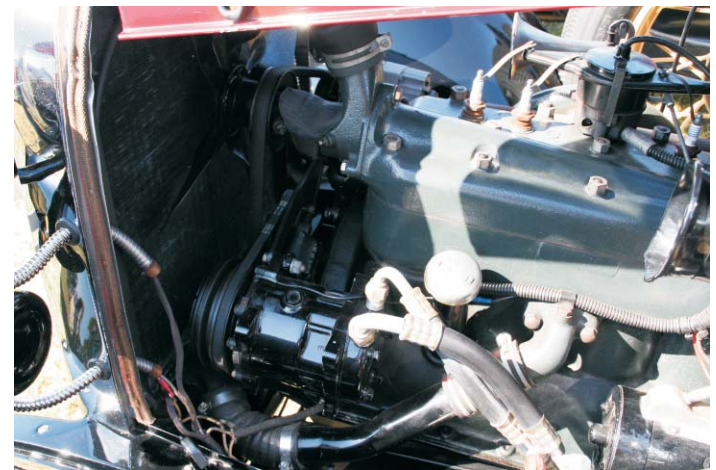


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While on vacation in Florida, I attended the Pinellas Park AACA Show. Here are a couple of pictures of some the more interesting cars. As we have a Model A with a heater under the seat, I was impressed with a sedan with an air conditioner under the seat. The condensor and cooling fan was mounted above the arms on the rear axle.

Membership renewal is due! Remember you must also be a member of MARC



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The Watchung Valley Region of the Model "A" Restorers Club is an affiliate of the Model "A" Restorers Club. Membership in the club is open to all. Ownership of a Model A Ford is not a condition of membership.

Ten Rules For Model A Restoration

Our purpose is to keep as many Model A's on the road as possible. Many of us dream of restoring a project car that has been saved from the scrap yard. Far too often a good driver is disassembled and later the owner comes to the realization that he or she just can't find the time to get it back on the road. Before "D" day (disassembly day) consider the following ten points then proceed with the restoration with conviction.

1. Every step takes longer than expected to get it right.
2. The total cost to complete a project will be more than you planned.
3. Measure twice, cut once.
4. Always speak to someone who has already done a specific task before you start
5. The second time you do it always looks better and goes easier than the first time you do it. Do it on a friend's car first (just kidding) Do a dry run first. Practice, practice, practice
6. New parts from a catalog never look, work or fit as well as the original. If at all possible restore the original part.
7. The best way to complete a restoration is to commit at least 30 minutes every night after work and 4 – 10 hours every weekend until the car is completed
8. Before you disassemble the car for a ground up restoration talk to 3 – 5 people who have personally done one. Then develop a work plan and timeline and review it with them. Make sure you understand the time commitment before you start.
9. Two people will be able to disassemble an Model A in a weekend. It will take one person three years of consistent leisure time effort to restore that same car.
10. On Painting: **80%** of the required time will be spent on preparation and **20%** on actual painting.
11. Purchasing a "basket case" Model A (disassembled and in milk crates) is never a bargain. Parts will be missing.

OK, so there is actually eleven. With a clear understanding of the time commitment what could be better than a car you have personally restored? But, if you don't have the time, enjoy it by driving it.

– Steven R. Shultz

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Upcoming Meetings!



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

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

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

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Interesting Golf Cart I saw in Florida



Minutes of the meeting

Dick brought in a video from the "Driving Through the Times" series called "There's No Business Like Show Business". It was a view of the antique car hobby. The video was donated to the MG Club by a rep from J. C. Taylor Insurance company After a short break without refreshments, Lou opened the 319th meeting at 8:45pm.

Upcoming Events

Holiday party, 12/10/06, Rolf's Restaurant, 65 Stirling Rd., Warren, NJ 07059, 908-754-5500, 12:00pm. We will exchange gifts as usual. The gifts should be marked for a man or woman. The gifts should be a maximum of \$10. There will be stealing!

Annual Club Auction, 01/9/07 January Meeting. Bring your spare parts to the meeting and bring home someone else's! Bring money too!

Look for other events at www.carshownews.com and at <http://home.att.net/~chevy57/carshow.html>



Treasurer's Report

Larry reported the ending balance of the treasury at \$1957.74.

Secretary's Report

Check the list of programs. There has been some rescheduling and your date may have been moved. If you go to any parades, or other car related events, please take pictures and send them to me so I can put them into the newsletter.

New Business

Elections of officers is coming up. Tom Fritz is running for Vice President, all others will remain the same. Membership is 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

John showed us a Universal carburetor he came across. All mechanical linkages and jets are adjustable.

MARC has announced that you can now have a two blade aluminum fan on your car in Blue Ribbon Judging.

Programs:

December: Frank Colvin

March: Vince Delisi

January: Annual Auction

April: Lou Della Vecchia

February: Debbie Daye

May: Tom Fritz

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

50/50

Johnny pulled the winning ticket and he won \$8.00.



Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.



Nobody has anything they want to buy or sell?

ADS ARE FREE FOR MEMBERS AND WILL RUN UNTIL YOU CALL TO CANCEL. SEND TYPED OR CLEARLY WRITTEN COPY TO:

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