

# The AHOOGAH HORN

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## *It Was The Night Before Christmas - Legal Version*

Whereas, on or about the night prior to Christmas, there did occur at a certain improved piece of real property (hereinafter "the House") a general lack of stirring by all creatures therein, including, but not limited to a mouse.

A variety of foot apparel, e.g. stocking, socks, etc., had been affixed by and around the chimney in said House in the hope and/or belief that St. Nick a/k/a/ St. Nicholas a/k/a/ Santa Claus (hereinafter "Claus") would arrive at sometime thereafter.

The minor residents, i.e. the children, of the aforementioned House were located in their individual beds and were engaged in nocturnal hallucinations, i.e. dreams, wherein visions of confectionery treats, including, but not limited to, candies, nuts and/or sugar plums, did dance, cavort and otherwise appear in said dreams.

Whereupon the party of the first part (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "I"), being the joint-owner in fee simple of the House with the party of the second part (hereinafter "Mamma"), and said Mamma had retired for a sustained period of sleep. (At such time, the parties were clad in various forms of headgear, e.g. kerchief and cap.)

Suddenly, and without prior notice or warning, there did occur upon the unimproved real property adjacent and appurtenant to said House, i.e. the lawn, a certain disruption of unknown nature, cause and/or circumstance. The party of the first part did immediately rush to a window in the House to investigate the cause of such disturbance.

At that time, the party of the first part did observe, with some degree of wonder and/or disbelief, a miniature sleigh (hereinafter "the Vehicle") being pulled and/or drawn very rapidly through the air by approximately eight (8) reindeer.

The driver of the Vehicle appeared to be and in fact was, the previously referenced Claus. Said Claus was providing specific direction, instruction and guidance to the approximately eight (8) reindeer and specifically identified the animal co-conspirators by name: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen (hereinafter "the Deer"). (Upon information and belief, it is further asserted an additional co-conspirator named "Rudolph" may have been involved.)

The party of the first part witnessed Claus, the Vehicle and the Deer intentionally and willfully trespass upon the roofs of several residences located adjacent to and in the vicinity of the House, and noted that the Vehicle was heavily laden with packages, toys and other items of unknown origin or nature. Suddenly, without prior invitation or permission, either express or implied, the Vehicle arrived at the House, and Claus entered said House via the chimney.

Said Claus was clad in a red fur suit, which was partially covered with residue from the chimney, and he carried a large sack containing a portion of the aforementioned packages, toys, and other unknown items. He was smoking what appeared to be tobacco in a small pipe in blatant violation of local ordinances and health regulations.

Claus did not speak, but immediately began to fill the stocking of the minor children, which hung adjacent to the chimney, with toys and other small gifts. (Said items did not, however, constitute "gifts" to said minors pursuant to the applicable provisions of the U.S. Tax Code.)

Upon completion of such task, Claus touched the side of his nose and flew, rose and/or ascended up the chimney of the House to the roof where the Vehicle and Deer waited and/or served as "lookouts." Claus immediately departed for an unknown destination.

However, prior to the departure of the Vehicle, Deer and Claus from said House, the party of the first part did hear Claus state and/or exclaim: "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night," or words to that effect.

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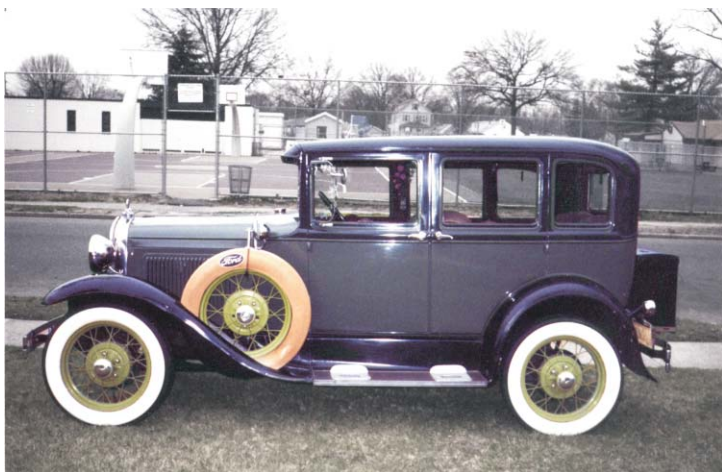
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# Upcoming Meetings!



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

December 11 <sup>th</sup> 2008	February 12 <sup>th</sup> March 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 13 <sup>th</sup> June 10 <sup>th</sup>	August 12 <sup>th</sup> September 9 <sup>th</sup>
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	October 14 <sup>th</sup>



Enclosed is a photo of my latest Model "A". A 1930 four door sedan. This article is a much a history of the car as a history of the restorer, Roger Carroll.

This car was restored by Roger around 1970 and was sold in 1987 to Edward Bomakowski of Greenbrook, NJ. The odometer read 29,000 at that time.

I purchased the car in December 2006; the odometer read 54,000 miles, so it was driven some 19,000 miles in nineteen years. The car hadn't received much in the way of preservation or tender loving care. But that has changed. I spent about a full week removing the green crud from the bright work and the tires. Once I got it presentable, I made a date with Roger to show him the car and take him for a ride. It was December 29, 2006, he seemed to enjoy seeing the car

after such a long time.

There are some things that need work and I am working on them at present. I must say, the sedan is a comfortable riding car.

Getting back to Roger, we met in 1980 after I joined MAFCA of New Jersey, at that time he had already restored the sedan that eventually became mine, plus at least his beautiful Cabriolet.

For several years he had a Model A & T parts business at his home in Watchung, at one point he suggested to his clientele that it would be advantageous to form a club to assist fellow restorers through monthly seminars, as several were restoring cars.

Roger, with a handful of others including myself, chartered the Watchung Valley Region of MARC. This club, as you all know, just held meeting number 328 under the capable direction

of Lou Della Vecchia, a long time member of MAFCA of New Jersey. Through the years, Roger has owned and restored many "A"s, I recall his last was an unrestored 1929 Woody which he preserved and ran unrestored until he parted with it.

As I write this article, we are nearing the end of the 2007 touring season. My wife and I are looking forward to four more events: the nursing home show, Victorian Days in Belvedere, NJ, the club picnic at the Bedner's home and the New England meet in Sturbridge, Mass in September. By now you all are probably bored with my rambling on, so I'll just say "See you later".

Jack Martin

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### Minutes of the meeting

Larry Litman gave a show and tell presentation on how the license plates changed from year to year. He had samples of almost every year. Following Larry's talk, there was a short break for goodies. Lou then opened the 331<sup>st</sup> meeting at 8:40 pm.

### Upcoming Events

**Holiday party**, 12/09/07, Rolf's Restaurant, 65 Stirling Rd., Warren, NJ 07059, 908-754-5500, 1:00 P.M.



### Treasurer's Report

Larry reported an ending balance of \$1885.07.

### Secretary's Report

Check to see when your program is due. Thanks to Jack Martin for the great article on his latest car (which is already gone!) If anyone else has an article, I'm sure we would all like to read it.

### Old Business

Lou said there was no news yet on what the nursing home would like for their 2006 & 2007 gift.

### Programs:

**December:** Dave Lounsbury    **March:** George Shoremount  
**January:** Club Auction        **April:** Dave Zuckerman  
**February:** Tom Petersen       **May:** Tom Arnold

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

### 50/50

Larry won \$6.00 in the 50/50.



### Adjournment

Lou adjourned the meeting at 9:37 pm



### Julie Andrews Turns 69

To commemorate her 69th birthday on October 1, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP.

One of the musical numbers she performed was "My Favorite Things" from the legendary movie "Sound Of Music". Here are the lyrics she used:

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
 Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
 Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
 These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, and hearing aids and glasses,  
 Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
 Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
 These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak,  
 When the bones creak,  
 When the knees go bad,  
 I simply remember my favorite things,  
 And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
 No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
 Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
 These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no need for sinnin',  
 Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
 And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
 When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache,  
 When the hips break,  
 When the eyes grow dim,  
 Then I remember the great life I've had,  
 And then I don't feel so bad.

(Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.)

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8:00 p.m.

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**Holiday Party**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 PM at Rolf's**