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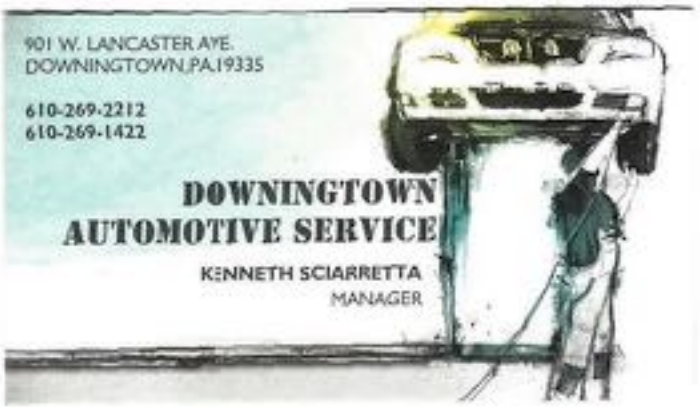
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Committees

"A" General Store	Lola Stretch	Nominations	Sonny Sciarretta
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Club Historian	Don Ludwick	Scrapbook	Don Ludwick
Membership	Bob Collins	Sunshine	JoAnn Arnold
Newsletter	Don Kohl	Advertising	Sonny Sciarretta

The 10 monthly membership meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the second Thursday of the month, unless noted, at the East Bradford Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA. ***There are no meetings in December and January***, Guests and future members welcome. Persons interested in membership contact: ***Membership Chairman, Bob Collins, 610-384-0236, rlcollins@verizon.net.*** for requirements and copy of by-laws. All Active A's members must own a Model A, this includes a Model "A" in the process of restoration.

All Active "A's" **must** be a member of AACA. (Antique Automobile Club of America) www.aaca.org for details.
All members must attend three activities and/or meetings each year to be eligible to renew their membership. Articles for the Bulletin must be to Don Kohl by the 25th of the month.



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Trivia # 1: Who received the first Model A Ford produced ?

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Christmas Party Time

Please join the 'A' Gang on December 16th at 1:00 PM.

190 Culbertson Run Rd., West Brandywine, PA

Hosted by Ali and Don Kohl

Please call or sign up @ the Nov. Meeting and let us know what dish you'll bring

252-204-3866 or kohldonald@gmail.com

Dinner at 3:00 to allow 'A' drivers to get home by dark





Presidents message

Well, the touring season is about over for this year. However, we can still slip one in if we get a good day. So, if you want to do something in November let Frank and me know. (I can send an email out to let everyone know.) The open house is coming up, so get in touch with Don and Ali if you have any questions.

November's meeting will be the last for this year, please remember that this is the one where we meet at the old school house and everyone brings snacks. The club will provide drinks, plates, etc. Also, do not forget that we will be collecting the food and toys for the Lords Pantry at this meeting. They also would appreciate any donations of money. If you want to send them a check or cash, please put it in an envelope and we will make Sure they get it. Although there is no meeting in December there will be a newsletter, so if you have anything for the newsletter please get it to Don by the 25th of the month.

Elections are in November, so if you wish to run for an office let Sonny know. Committees will be formed as we start the new year. If you have not paid your dues for the Active A's and for the AACA please do so before the end of the year. Remember, you must be a member of AACA to be a member of the Active A's.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting: Stan

It's Getting Cold…….Hagerty Insurance Suggests

Before storage

1. Select a dry, dark location for storage — preferably with limited access. Concrete flooring is best at keeping away moisture. If you must store your car on a dirt floor, place a plastic barrier under the vehicle, and place carpet pieces or plywood under the tires.
2. Give the vehicle a good wash/wax. Putting on and removing a vehicle cover will lead to unwanted scratches if the car is dirty.
3. Fill the fuel tank (preferably with premium) and add fuel stabilizer. Be sure to run the vehicle to move fuel stabilizer into the carburetor, fuel rails, injectors, etc. The fuller the tank, the less room there will be for air, which carries moisture that can lead to fuel contamination and possibly rust within the tank.
4. Change the oil and filter right before putting away the vehicle. The clean oil will reduce the risk of harmful contaminants working away at your engine during hibernation — and you'll be ready to go in spring.
5. Check the antifreeze.
6. Add air to the tires.
7. If you're storing your car offsite, some insurance companies require you to report the address of the offsite location. Check with your insurer to determine your policy's requirements.

When storing

1. Place baking soda refrigerator packages in the interior and trunk areas.
2. To keep insects and vermin out of the car, put a plastic bag over the air cleaner/air inlet and exhaust pipe(s). You also can cover these with aluminum foil and tape securely. Place mothballs in the tailpipe and around the outside of the car, or insert steel wool in the tailpipe.
3. Place the vehicle on jack stands. This step avoids tire flat spots and adds longevity to the suspension because it is not supporting the vehicle's weight during storage.
4. For your battery, take one of the following actions: Unhook the battery by removing the negative cable first and store it separately — never on a concrete floor and preferably where it will not freeze; or leave

the battery in the car and put a battery tender on it, if there is power available. That way if you want to start it a few times in the winter you don't have to put the battery in and out.

5 Close all of the windows.

6 If the vehicle will be exposed to freezing temperatures, be certain no personal items that may freeze or burst are left in the vehicle.

7 There are varying theories about periodically starting the vehicle. This writer feels unless you get the engine up to operating temperature for a good 10-plus minutes to burn off the water vapors that initially develop at startup-cold operation, starting is not a good idea. Anything less will leave water in the combustion chamber and all exhaust components.

by Donald W. LeGoullon

******(Note: If you have something to add to this article, email it to Don Kohl)******

ACTIVE A's REGION Minutes

Oct 12, 2017

Submitted by
Larry Whitaker

President: Stan Wise presided with 28 members present

This day in history: Tom & Pam Knoedler anniversary. Birthdays this month included Tom Knoedler, Stan Wise, Bill Haslett, Larry KLINE

Secretary report: Larry Whitaker: Bill Haslett motioned to accept, Lola Stretch seconded, minutes accepted

Treasurers report: Don Ludwig: beginning balance $1365.85, ending balance $1187.48. Report motioned, seconded and approved.

Directors report: Tom Knoedler: MARC meet next September in West Virginia.

Activities: Frank Pollack: see newsletter

Membership: Bob Collins: dues being collected

Newsletter: Don Kohl: get articles in by 25… wants items for newsletter

General Store: Lola Stretch: banners still available for $15.00

Sunshine: Joanne Arnold: Get well card to Chuck Storm… now doing well

Programs: Pam Knoedler: She has some ideas for next year. If you have any please share them with her.

Swap Items: Frank Pollack has a car cover available $35. Many got card for Model A from Maryland for sale. 31.. price unknown

Old Business: Second cart bought for 140… 40 cheaper than first one.

New Business: Remember Lords pantry for next month…Food, toys or cash. There are 3 events still on calendar to fulfill your 3 event quota for membership.

Program: none

50/50 Won by: Larry Kline $38.00





Pancake Breakfast & Mini Golf



On Sept 30th we had 31members and guest attend a pancake & sausage breakfast at the home of the Ludwick's. It was a sunny, cool day with seating inside the house and out. After breakfast 19 members went on a short tour to play mini golf at Markie's near Phoenixville. Those attending: Stan & Betty Wise, Frank & Nancy Pollack, Jack & Lola Stretch, Robert & Lucy Jorgensen, Chuck & Audrey Storm, Dottie Dolgash, Sonny Sciarretta & Joni Thor, Bob & Linda Collins, Howard & JoAnn Arnold, Kevin & Alexandra Perrot, Tom & Pam Knoedler, Don & Ali Kohl, Larry & Marie Kline, Wayne & Barb Rosenkrans, and Don, Christine, Sophie, & Nancy Ludwick.









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Quarryville Run



On a nice summer / fall Tuesday six A's and one modern drove to Lapp's Restaurant in Quarrysville. Actives took an October trip on the backroads for an hours drive to lunch before proceeding to Good's Department Store to do some looking and buying. The guys seemed to focus on bags of birdseed before heading back home.
Taking part were : Betty / Stan Wise, JoAnn / Howard Arnold, Sonny Sciarretta and guest Joe Filiagg, Frank Pollack, Kevin Perrot, Linda / Bob Collins and Lola / Jack Stretch (Leaders)





Hey Jack, we're almost at Lapps, step on it !

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Endless Summer Tour DeChesapeak City





Now we're talking a perfecto day (even if Sonny was able to lead us) . Ten cars , including two newbies, enjoyed some of the east coasts most scenic byways. as we were grateful for a trouble-free event. Endless horse estates and wine country adorned with beautiful architecture made this a most pleasurable experience. Arriving in Chesapeake City around noon after the 10 AM departure from Thorndale brought the hungry crowd to Canal House Restaurant (highly recommended) on the Intercoastal Waterway so there was plenty of action to watch as we dined on our delicious meals. Up and over the Bridge we went into the little City to take in the various shops, linger by the water, and even some sampled some ice cream (imagine that).



The return route was varied as some of the more eastern residents separated and six 'As' returned by the earlier course.
Great people, great scenery, great food.....Wish you all could have joined us !!



Those attending were. Paul Adolph, Lola & Jack stretch, Tom & Pam Knodler, Len & Machelle Hews, Kevin Perrot, Don & Ali Kohl, Michael & Beth Etling, Scott Irwin, Jim & Judy Fleetwood. Led by Stan & Betty Wise and planned by Sonny



November Newsletter Activities

December 16th (Saturday) - Active A's Christmas Party, at Don and Ali Kohl's home 190 Culbertson Run Rd., Coatesville, Pa 19320.
Start Time: 1:00 PM ,Dinner at 3:00 End time: Open
Sign up or call 252-204-3866 for dish to pass at the next meeting or Call.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

February 8-10, 2018
Annual Meeting - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 2-3, 2018
Winter Meet/Special Grand National - San Juan, Puerto Rico

April 5-7, 2018
Southeastern Spring Meet - Charlotte, North Carolina

April 20-21, 2018
Western Spring Meet - Tucson, Arizona

May 11-12, 2018
Central Spring Meet - Auburn, Indiana

May 31-June 2, 2018
Annual Grand National Meet - Greensburg, Pennsylvania

July 11-14, 2018
Eastern Spring Meet - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

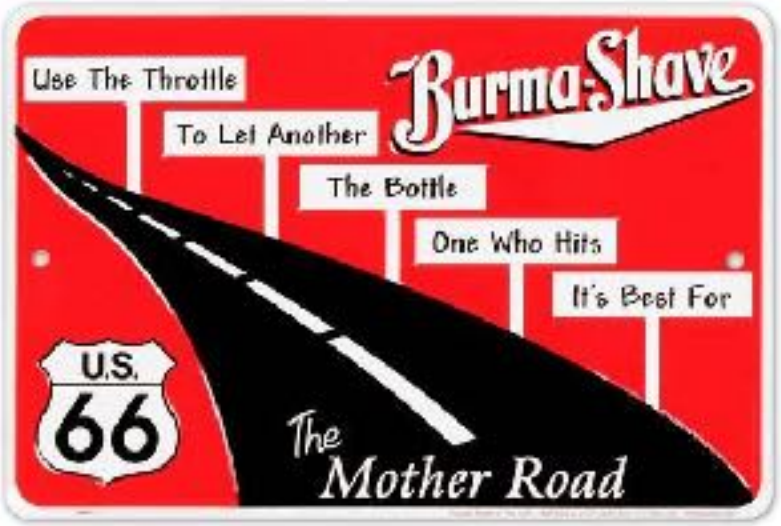
August 20-24, 2018
Reliability Tour - Canandaigua, New York

September 12-15, 2018
Central Divisional Tour - Texas Panhandle

September 16-21, 2018
Revival AAA Glidden Tour (VMCCA) - Twin Falls, Idaho

October 10-13, 2018
Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, Pennsylvania







THE END OF AN ERA



With a 1929 Model A Ford Phaeton making the final 3.1-mile journey across the Hudson River, the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York City's northern suburbs has officially closed.
Much of the fanfare that accompanied the opening of an adjacent $3.9 billion twin-span named in honor of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo in August was missing Friday night when the Tappan Zee saw its final crossing, according to The Journal News .

Seth Kestenbaum was the last driver to cross the 62-year-old bridge around 10 p.m. in the vintage Ford.
"If you're first across the bridge, everyone's going to be repeating that," Kestenbaum said. "I'm the last one to cross the bridge. I've got to tell you, what an honor."

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