

Adirondack A's Youth Program

by Stephanie Grundman, 2011 Chapter Coordinator

When I came back on the MAFCA Board of Directors in December of 2009 after two years of not reading chapter newsletters, I was amazed to read about the Adirondack A's Youth Program in their newsletters. In fact, my March-April 2010 Chapter Chatter mentioned this wonderful program. They have members dedicated to working with youth in order to further their interest in antique cars.

Adirondack A's object is to get young people involved with restoring and preserving Model A Fords as well as antique cars in general. They purchased a 1931-31 rolling chassis that became a show quality Huckster. As I said in my Restorer article, the Adirondack A's should get a gold star for their wonderful youth program.

In fact, the Huckster project went so well because of the dedicated volunteers of the Adirondack A's and the Saratoga Auto Museum's program called The Sam's Garage Educational Program that Sam's Garage is working with another youth group in the restoration of a rare 1925 Model TT Ford Popcorn Truck. Check out the museum website for more info and photos.

Recently, I have read in Adirondack A's newsletter that they are in the planning stages of a Speedster Youth Program. It is shaping up slow but sure and the plan is to build a Boat Tail Speedster. *I applaud Adirondack A's for their outstanding dedication to youth.*

Marv Livingston, President of Adirondack A's recently submitted an article about their Huckster project complete with photos. The article is below. I am sure you will all enjoy it as much as I did.

Our Youth Program

By Marv Livingston, President, Adirondack A's

The Adirondack A's, Model A Club sponsored a Youth Program, in conjunction with the Saratoga Auto Museum, Saratoga, New York. The objective of this program is to get local young people interested in the restoration and preservation antique cars for future generations. Our Youth Program had 14 young people ranging in age from 12 to 16 in the



program. The Saratoga Auto Museum provided a work area, which was open to the museum floor, where museum patrons could watch the restoration in progress.

The youths and Adirondack A's Club members work two days per month on the project car. The chassis was completely stripped; the engine, transmission, front end and rear end were removed. All parts to be reused were cleaned, inspected, rebuilt and painted. The brakes and engine were rebuilt

and the chassis was reassembled. New king pins and spring shackle bushings installed. The Huckster body, which is made of red oak wood, was assembled on to the chassis.

The Model A Huckster was completed on May 2nd 2010 and was the featured car at the Saratoga Auto Museum's Annual Car Show on May 15 & 16, 2010.

Our club has received national recognition for this youth project and has been reviewed by several national magazines. We had cooperate support from LeBaron Bonney, Bratton's, Restoration Supply, NAPA, Hagerty Insurance and Universal Tire to name a few.



We are in the process of planning our next youth program, which will be the building of a 1929 Speedster.



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