

We have a program that gets better with each build. It promotes a relationship between the young and not so young and is enjoyable for both. It produces results and fills a void left open by most schools. It gives everyone involved a great sense of accomplishment.

The purpose of the Youth Restoration Program is to promote education and foster a sense of historical knowledge by promoting a basis of craft for young people and encouraging our youth to learn and appreciate traditional technologies.



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**Our motto is to
keep their hands
dirty and their
minds clean.**



The Adirondack Model A Club has successfully restored six vehicles, to date, with the assistance of six different groups of young people. The first vehicle is a 1930 Model A Huckster, then a 1929 Model A Boat tail Speedster, a late 1929 Model AA stake side 1 ½ ton truck, a late 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster, 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster and then a 1931 Model A Sport Coupe.

We started out in an elevator room of the Saratoga Auto museum and then moved to a dedicated bay of Jack Byrne Ford, Mechanicville, NY. In 2023 we will begin our 7th build at the Saratoga Auto Museum.

We provide the youth with mentors, tools, materials, safety equipment, training materials, and lunch. We invite local welders, body shop owners, machine shop owners, etc. to attend our build dates and provide training on special techniques. We also invite other clubs and persons of the antique vehicle community to visit and observe what we do.

We have been invited to show off our projects at local schools with the student builder representing their school. One school placed our project inside and had our mentors present our program to the classes. We have been invited to car shows, parades, and community functions. We bring our vehicles to the local car shows with a story board and a member to explain our program and to answer any questions. The Huckster has won "Best of Show" at a local car show. It won best of show because "the kids" built it.

The Huckster made an appearance at the National Antique Truck and Historical Society show in May 2012, in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was featured in their show publication "ATHS Showtime" magazine.

The AA Ford truck attended the national show of Antique Truck Club of America in Macungie, Pennsylvania and won, a first ever, runner up award to Best in Show. The restoration of that truck was printed in six episodes in the national magazine Double Clutch.



We have achieved great results and the vehicles show it. They are completely restored from the frame up and must pass New York States Motor Vehicle Inspection requirements. The vehicles are built and restored by our youth, not professional restorers.



We received some feedback when we overheard some of our youth talking with their parents. They were talking about how to measure twice and cut once, how to saw a board without splintering the wood, how mechanical energy is turned into electrical energy by use of a generator, how to use a square, how to make sure something is square, and how to paint with a brush. They were quick to explain that bolts and nuts are in fractions, wrenches too, threads are fine and coarse depending on threads per inch, and that there are different screws, wood and metal that are sized by number and length. They all memorized the righty tighty-lefty loosey rule and reminded each other on occasion.

