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So, What's My Car Worth?

By Jim Elliott

2020 AACA President

For those of us who collect cars, the value of the car is always important. We don't want to overpay and certainly do not want to part with a car for a bar-gain price.

So, what are our choices for determining value? There are many appraisers that will give you their estimate of value for a few hundred dollars. Most of these "guesses" come from a value guide or auction results.

The value guides are often published by insurance companies. But be careful, that high insurance estimate also works to generate a higher insurance premium.

Auction results are unpredictable. Not only are bids determined by the number of bidders but also the majority of the seller listing agreements allow for "phantom" bidding by the auction company.

This is done to guarantee that the reserve price is met. But the real answer to the question is "your car is worth what someone else will pay for it." Unfortunately, with fewer people entering the old car hobby, you should be concerned about the future value of your car.

A neighbor of mine has a late 30's Packard Sedan for sale. All six of the prospective buyers who looked at this car were over the age of seventy.

It is time for each member and each region to begin a diligent effort to attract new members. We need to sell the "fun" that is available with our hobby.

More activities, such as shows, tours, and picnics, will always generate more members. Our cars need to be seen by the public.

We need to seek venues to display our cars, such as county fairs or antique malls. We have a great hobby in which small minorities of car owners participate. The best way to solidify the value of your collection is to increase our membership.

I hope the day doesn't come when no one wants an antique car.

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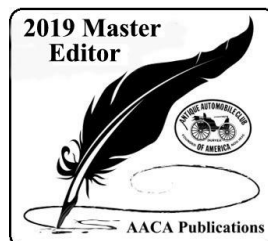
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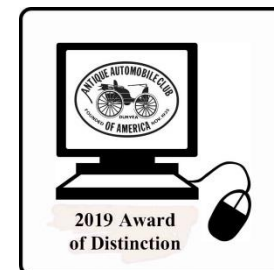
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President's Message



I hope you are all holding up after the quarantine and shut downs. I know it has been really hard on some of us. I am just happy we are all still here and I have heard of no Covid19 in our members. Some of our member's families have been touched but thankfully have recovered.

Gladys tells me she wants a Presidents letter... next thing I hear is "AACA Hershey Fall Meet is cancelled! I think that tells us in a nutshell what is happening. NOTHING! Looks like no shows or meets at all this summer. I guess we can all get some work done on those projects cars.

Jackie and I are willing to host the picnic on June 28 if we get any takers. We will have garage doors open and fans running for ventilation. Call or text Bill at 814-931-7045 or email us at setter4@hotmail.com and let us know if you are interested. We will do our very best at social distancing. Shine up the old girls and take them out for ice cream in the old cars. The drive thru window is open! Lol

Bill "Has anyone even missed me?" Forsht



Too Much Skin

Calendar of Events

- June 28 Forsht Picnic
- June 28 Board/Club Meeting @ 1:00 - Forsht's Picnic
- July 15 Cook's Nite Traditions - Martinsburg -
- July 23-25 AACA Grand National - Allentown, PA
- July 23-25 Region Tour to Allentown, PA
- August 7-8 Swigart Museum Meet
- August 19 Cook's Nite Ole New York - State College - Scott Deno
- September 16 Slicks Ivy Stone, Osterburg - Jackie Forsht
- September 13-18 Glidden Tour (1942 or earlier) VMMCA, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- September 19 45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Manassas, VA
- September 29 Delgrosso Show
- October 10 Fall Foliage Parade, Bedford - PA Fort Bedford Region
- October 21 Cook's Nite Heidelberg Country Club, Altoona
- November 18 Cook's Nite Jethro's, Altoona

National Activities Schedule Up-dated.

Annual Grand Nationals rescheduled at The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage in Allentown, PA, to August 21 and 22, 2020.

Eastern Spring Nationals - White Water Region - Beckley, WV
NEW! CANCELED (original dates: June 24-27, 2020)

Reliability Tour - National AACA - **CANCELED**

Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore Region and Bay Country Region
Eastern Shore of MD - **NEW DATE**: August 12-15

Southeastern Fall Nationals - Kyana Region **CANCELED**

Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA **Car Show Only** October 10, 2020)



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THE EDITOR'S DESK

I am not sure how many days we are into this Covid-19 but I am sure missing the cars, events and the PEOPLE!

I can't say there is abundance of information to share with you in this issue of Vapor Locks but I will share what I have. Hopefully you will enjoy!

Our Memorial Day Show was cancelled this year but honoring the men and women who sacrificed their life while serving in the U.S. military will never be cancelled. I found some very unique paint jobs on several antique cars (of course antique) honoring our Military and our country. I will share them in this issue of VL.

Stay healthy and safe, and we'll meet you on the road soon.

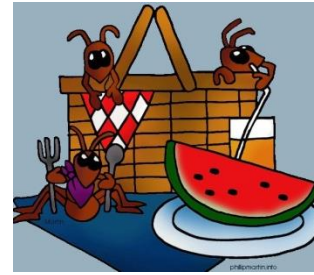
Gladys



What do you mean we are out of toilet paper?

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"FORSHT'S PICNIC" SUNDAY, JUNE 28RD ALTOONA, PA



With garage doors open and fans running Jackie and Bill Forsht are hosting a picnic on June 28, 2020. Everyone is invited for a fun afternoon with car club friends. Plan to arrive any time after 12:00 and be prepared to eat about 3:00.

Bill will be behind the grill cooking perfectly grilled hamburgers, hotdogs etc. Everyone is asked to bring covered dishes to share.

- ** Bring the old car
- ** Bring your beverages.
- ** Bring covered dishes to share.
- ** Be prepared for a great afternoon.
- ** Bring a smile and your appetite.

Call or text Bill at 814-931-7045 or email at setter4@hotmail.com to let them know you will be attending.

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Turn right onto 12 th Ave.	.05 mi.
Turn right onto Chestnut Ave.	1.0 mi.
Turn left onto Juniata Gap Rd.	1.0 mi.
Turn right onto Wopsononock Ave.	.05 mi.
Continue onto State Rt. 4015/Grandview Rd. (E. Wopsononock turns into Grandview Rd.)	.04 mi.
Slight right onto Forsht Lane	164 ft.

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BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting has been schedule for
June 28, 2020 at 1:30
Bill and Jackie Forsht's Picnic.

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MEMORIAL DAY

(Illustration by Sarah Knowles)

The Region's Memorial Day Show was cancelled this year but honoring of our Military Heroes was not. I started looking for ways the heroes were honored. Below this is just one of the HEROES.

This car as well as the hero caught my eye and I thought it was worth sharing.

Memorial Day weekend Nascar drivers honored a fallen service members during the 600-mile race at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The car is one of four of Hendrick Motorsports drivers who had patriotic themed cars and on their windshields the name of a military member who died in the line of duty.

This car and illustration puts a face with the hero.

Nascar driver William Byron drove the # 24 Chevy Camaro ZL1 1LE in memory of Sgt. Robert J. Billings, fallen U.S. military service member during 600 Miles of Remembrance race.

Oct. 13, 2012 Sgt. Billings, at age 30 died from wounds suffered in Afghanistan.

Sgt. Billing is just one of many heroes who gave their life for our country. May we never forget their sacrifice!



Invitation

From the Bull Run Region, AACA

The 45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet

The 45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet will welcome automobile enthusiasts to Manassas, VA. on Saturday, September 19, 2020. The show takes place on the lawn of the Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. It's open to 1995-and-earlier antique and modified cars / trucks and street rods, as well as post-1995 rare, exotic or limited production cars. Thirty-six "class" and 14 special awards will be presented.

Additional activities include a flea market for antique car parts, Model T Ford assembly demonstrations, a "car corral", a 50-50 raffle, participant door prizes, and a silent auction. Spectator admission and garage parking (across from the show field) are free. A minimum of 150 vehicles are expected; dash plaques go to the first 175 vehicles registered.

The meet takes place two blocks from the center of historic Old Town Manassas with its unique shops and restaurants, and the farmer's market. It will take place "rain or shine". A flyer is available at the Bull Run Region's website at <http://bullrunaaca.org/rohr-show-information/>. Any updates on the show will appear at the same location. Further information is available from Pete Pandolfi, (703) 919-8343 or Bill Sessler, (703) 361-5491.



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Just For Laughs



Grandma Shooting Radar



A Montana grandmother worried about her grandchildren playing near a road where cars often zoomed by, so she got creative in an effort to get people to slow down she took matters into her own hands.

In mid-August, Patti took out a comfortable chair and sat along Finley Point in Polson. She then held a hair dryer; pointing it at cars in the hope that speeding motorists would assume it was a radar gun.

While it's unclear if Patti's efforts caused anyone to slow down, it certainly caught people's attention.

Highway Patrol Trooper Noah Pesola liked it so much he gave Baumgartner a special title. "It was not an official or anything like that for the honorary trooper, which is kinda what he called it. He didn't know what else to do for her when she's doing something for the community. The best thing he could think of was give her a trooper hat and a badge to make her look a little more official."



Watch out for this Lady when out in the "old cars"

COOK'S CORNER

Gladys Guyer



Dump and Bake Summer Pasta

- 2 cups diced, cooked chicken
- 1 cup halved grape tomatoes (can substitute with a can of undrained diced tomatoes)

1 small zucchini (about 1 cup), diced
½ cup corn kernels (fresh, canned, or frozen is fine)
12 ounces (about 3 cups) uncooked penne pasta
3 ½ cups low-sodium chicken broth
8 ounces about 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
2 teaspoons minced garlic
½ teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 425°. Spray a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Stir together cooked chicken, tomatoes, zucchini, corn, uncooked pasta, chicken broth, 1 ½ cups of mozzarella cheese, minced garlic, and salt. Cover the dish tightly with foil and bake for 40 minutes.

Uncover; stir. At this point you should check the pasta to make sure that it is al dente (firm but just about finished cooking). If it's still too hard, cover the dish and return to the oven until pasta is al dente. Then move on to the next step.

Sprinkle remaining ½ cup of mozzarella over the top. Bake uncovered for 5-10 more minutes (or until cheese is melted and pasta is tender). Garnish with remaining basil leaves just before serving.

Easy Peasy Fresh Strawberry Pie

1 graham cracker pie shell
1 small box of vanilla instant pudding
1 8 oz. container whipped topping
1 qt. fresh strawberries sliced (more or less to taste)

Mix pudding with only 1 ¼ C milk (Not 2 cups)
Add 1/2 of whipped topping.

Layer some pudding then strawberries and repeat until you run out of ingredients ending with strawberries. Put the other half whipped topping on top and you are done. Refrigerate until served.

Weekend Tour

August 21, 22, 23, 2020

Tour organizer Scott Deno

Time to get "old cars" out for a weekend tour?

Here is my basic plan. Additional stop suggestions are welcome and encouraged. **CONTACT SCOTT For additional information and advise YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE TOUR. 814-238-4031 or email nsdeds@hotmail.com asap.** Scott will let you know of any changes.

Friday

Start #1- State College Hill's McDonald's at 8 or 8:30AM

Start #2 - Burham at Quality inn at 9 or 9:30AM

Back roads to lunch East of Harrisburg

Arrive Bulgari collection (Allentown) early afternoon

Tour Bulgari restoration shops and possibly car collection

Supper on the way back to Kutztown Super 8 motel

Saturday

Drive to Grand National meet (30 mins)

Tour car collection and Grand National Show Cars

Supper on the way back to Kutztown Super 8 motel

Sunday

Tour Hudson museum in Kutztown in the morning

Remainder of the day to return home

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Have you ever owned an "Opel"



The Opel GT

One day while in quarantine Bill and I went for a drive on some unfamiliar back roads. We were just enjoying the drive and the scenery and then there it was sitting just off the road an "old car". We drove a little further when I told Bill to stop and back up so I could get a couple of pictures of the Opel. I have done a little research and found the following information.

The Opel GT was a front-engine, rear-drive two-seat sports car manufactured and marketed by Opel in two generations — separated by a 34-year hiatus. The first generation Opel GT (1968 -1973) debuted as a styling exercise in 1965 at the Paris and Frankfurt motor shows.

The GT was a fastback, that has neither an externally accessible trunk nor a conventional hatchback. There is a parcel shelf behind the seats that can only be accessed through the main doors. Behind the parcel shelf is a fold-up panel that conceals a spare tire and jack.

One unusual feature of the Opel GT is the operation of the pop-up and down headlights. They were manually operated, by way of a large lever along the center console next to the shifter. Unlike most pop-up headlights, they both rotate in the same direction (counterclockwise from inside the car) about a longitudinal axis.

During 1968 to 1973, a total of 103,463 cars were sold. The most collectible GTs are probably the first few hundred hand-assembled in 1968 and the 1968–1970 models with the 1.1 L engine, which totaled 3,573 cars.

Car Trivia

Free Trivia

1. When did the Mercury Cougar make its debut in America?
2. What was AMC's first muscle car?
3. Until what year did the Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Trans AM share the same body style?
4. How many models of the Oldsmobile 442 were available in 1968?
5. How much HP did the base model 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle have?
6. What car was the equivalent of the Plymouth Roadrunner? Dodge Dart
7. How many engine and transmission options did the 1965 Buick Riviera Gran Sport come with? 1
8. When did Chrysler decide to do away with its first generation Hemi model? 1959
9. What car was the Plymouth Barracuda's design based on?

Answers elsewhere in Vapor Locks



Trucking in the Sweet Land of Liberty

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FRACKVILLE TOUR

Friday morning with beautiful weather, everyone met at Perkins in State College for breakfast. After breakfast we went to the parking lot, Pat Swigart dispersed goodie bags to all cars. They contained important information if anyone got lost and snacks so we would not be hungry. Walkie talkies were tuned to channel 14, now we were ready for the trip. "The Group" consisted of Denny and Christine Stachmus, Polly Jeff, Zach and Amber Boring, Bob and Jackie Struble, Bob Schultz, Pete and Cathy Searer, Harry and Gail Whitman, Ernie and Susan Romanni, Bill and Gladys Guyer and Pat Swigart.

Traveling down route 45 to Centre Hall can you guess who was smiling and waving to all of us? It was Rainie Tallon, sending us off. What a great way to start the tour. Thanks Rainie.

We traveled along country roads at a leisurely pace and reached Lewisburg. Lunch stop was at the Country Cupboard where Sandy Ritchie joined the group. After lunch, we spent an hour of fun browsing in the shops.

Off again, we headed for BILL'S CUSTOM CYCLES MUSEUM. This was a great place to see. There was abundance of displays and of course the motorcycles! There was one particular one outside that several had their pictures taken on. **Zach and Amber Boring with Zach behind the wheel.**



On the road again, we enjoyed the country ride and when we looked from Centralia, we could see the windmills. We arrived at the Holliday Inn Express at 6:00 p.m. Everyone checked in, freshened up and met in the lobby for dinner at 7:00. Dinner was at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant just on the other side of the Holliday Inn parking lot. After a good meal we went back socialized a bit and everyone retired for the evening.

Frackville Tour page 2

Saturday started with a continental breakfast at the Holliday Inn and more beautiful weather. We left the parking lot heading to the Museum of Jack

Rich. Arriving, we were joined by Mark and Debbie Ritchie and sons, and Dick and Mary Shadduck of the Shikellamy Region. We had our own personal tour guide through the museum. He knew everything and I mean everything there was to know about all the cars. This collection had many wonderful vehicles. We enjoyed a lunch of Italian food at the museum.

Moving on, we headed on to the private collection of Wally Baran's. Wally greeted us and made us feel totally at home. He was more than happy to show us everything and answer any questions. His cars were to be driven and enjoyed. We totally enjoyed seeing t very nice collection.

We left and had an ice cream stop before heading back to the Holliday Inn. The Schulykill Mall was near so anyone who wanted to browse in stores or the Diamond Antique and Collectibles Store before dinner had time to do so. I am not sure of all the purchases, but I can tell you that Zach Boring purchased a very special oil can. He is now ready to help his Dad.

With the weather forecast calling for rain we decided to eat at the cracker Barrel. All was well. We enjoyed our dinner and had just finished, when we decided we should move our group to the Holliday Inn Lobby. Leaving, the storm started and several of us got a little wet. Oh well, we still made it back over to the lobby. We watched the storm and were deciding how much rain would come into our cars. With this day coming to an end, we went to our rooms and hoped for sunshine on Sunday.

Sunday we got up to sunny skies and cars that needed dried off. I am not sure what was more important, drying the cars or breakfast but both were completed. Today, we were going to the Pioneer Coal Mine where we were told the story of anthracite coal mining in the early days of anthracite mining and a train ride. A souvenir and gift shop offered hand crafted jewelry, coal related novelties and more. When finished here, we left for our drive towards home. A lunch stop was at Mausners Restarant and a group photo was taken. We departed for the last part of our journey. I can report that everyone made it home safe.

A BIG BIG "Thank-you" to Sandy Ritchie and Pat Swigart for planning this tour. Everyone had a wonderful time!!!!

Group picture on the next page.

Frackville Tour page 3



Zach, Polly, Bill, Gladys, Jeff Harry, Amber, Denny, Christine, Cathy, Bob, Pat, Sandy, Debbie, Bob, Jackie, Mark and sons. Missing, Susan and Ernie

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Jokes to Retrain Your Face How to Smile

By Emily Kelleher

Humor is essential, even (or especially) in the toughest of times. Shared laughter gives us strength in adversity and can help us feel a bit more in control when the future looks uncertain. Most important, funny jokes — even funny coronavirus jokes — bring us together and help us to feel connected, one lockdown bubble to another. And laughter literally makes us stronger: Recent studies have found that a good laugh can boost our dopamine levels and even shore up our immune systems. So, while we'll all continue to take the situation seriously, following the recommendations from the CDC and the WHO, we also need to laugh, and to have at least a few moments in the day that are without stress. A few COVID-19 jokes might just take your mind off the apocalypse-adjacent state of the world and serve as a reminder that there's always something, however small, to smile about. The grocery stores in France look like tornadoes hit them. All that's left is de brie.

1. I'll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait 14 days to see if you got it.
2. Did you hear the joke about the germ? Never mind, I don't want to spread it around.
3. Where do sick boats go to get healthy? The dock!
4. Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? It's a long story....
5. Yeah, I have plans tonight. I'll probably hit the living room around 8 or 9.
6. Why didn't the sick guy get the joke? It flu over his head.
7. What types of jokes are allowed during quarantine? Inside jokes!
8. What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.
9. If there's a baby boom nine months from now, what will happen in 2033? There will be a whole bunch of quaran-teens.
10. I ran out of toilet paper and had to start using old newspapers. Times are rough.
11. You know what they're saying about 2020. It went viral faster than anyone thought it would.
12. Back in my day you would cough to cover up a fart. Now, with COVID-19, you fart to cover up a cough.
13. Nail salons, hair salons, waxing center and tanning places are closed. It's about to get ugly out there.
14. What should you do if you don't understand a coronavirus joke? Be patient. So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pun-demic.

JUST FOR THOUGHT

The Day A Disabled Boy Got To Play.

Baseball almanac



One afternoon, Eddie and his father walked past a park where some boys Eddie knew were playing baseball. Eddie asked, "Do you think they will let me play?"

Eddie's father knew that his son was not at all athletic and was limited by his disability and that most boys would not want him on their team. But

Eddie's father understood that if his son was chosen to play it would give him a comfortable sense of belonging. Eddie's father approached one of the boys in the field and asked if Eddie could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his teammates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said "We are losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him up to bat in the ninth inning."

Eddie's father was ecstatic as Eddie smiled broadly. Shay was told to put on a glove and go out to play short center field. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Eddie's team scored again and now with two outs and the bases loaded with the potential winning run on base. Eddie was scheduled to be up. Would the team actually let Shay bat at this juncture and give away their chance to win the game?

Surprisingly, Eddie was given the bat. Everyone knew that it was all but impossible because Eddie didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, let alone hit with it. However as Eddie stepped up to the plate, the pitcher moved a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Eddie should at least be able to make contact.

The first pitch came and Eddie swung clumsily and missed. One of Eddie's team-mates came up to Eddie and together they held the bat and faced the pitcher waiting for the next pitch. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly toward Eddie. As the pitch came in, Shay and his teammate swung at the ball and together they hit a slow ground ball to the pitcher.

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The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could easily have thrown the ball to the first baseman. Eddie would have been out and that would have ended the game. Instead, the pitcher took the ball and threw it on a high arc to right field, far beyond reach of the first baseman.

Everyone started yelling, "Eddie, run to first. Run to first." Never in his life had Eddie run to first. He scampered down the baseline wide-eyed and startled. By the time he reached first base, the right fielder had the ball. He could have thrown the ball to the second baseman who would tag out Eddie, who was still running. But the right fielder understood what the pitcher's intentions were, so he threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head.

Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second." Eddie ran towards second base as the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases towards home.

As Eddie reached second base, the opposing shortstop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base and shouted, "Run to third." As Eddie rounded third, the boys from both teams ran behind him screaming, "Eddie run home."

Eddie ran home, stepped on home plate and all 18 boys lifted him on their shoulders and made him the hero of the game, as he had just hit a "grand slam".

There were tears in every player, coaches, spectators and Eddie's father's eyes. This was the day both teams made a HUGE difference to a little boy when he was given the chance to play.

That one Grand Slam - meant *Both Teams Won...*



God Bless America