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President's Message



So here we are. Months into the pandemic! I think I might be close to the breaking point. I keep pulling my cars out of the garage and parking them in the yard and pretending it is a car show. I think next week I will have a judged show and give trophies! In all seriousness, I was really surprised that the Hershey Show turned into the Gettysburg show. Not exactly sure what happened to lead to the change but in these

times, who knows?

We had our picnic and had a pretty nice turnout for the Pandemic Picnic. It was great to get to talk to some people. We had a meeting but it is hard to plan much right now. We did make plans for a fall dinner so there is at least a chance for some socializing coming up and I know the food will be good. I know Gladys will have all the details later in this VL. See you all at my garage again!

Speaking of food, I had some really bad food last month. I think Polly Boring may have been responsible for some of it. I ended up spending 4 nights in UPMC Altoona hospital. I went there very afraid that I was COVID positive. Thankfully I was wrong. I had a nasty UTI but I'll take that over COVID any time! The food wasn't great but the staff certainly was outstanding!!

Jackie has to report for jury duty next week. Even during a pandemic the wheels of justice keep turning. We had planned to be camping at Raystown but I guess the dog and I will have to go it on our own. Maybe we will at least get to see some nice fall foliage.

Hopefully by the next time I write to you all we will be able to make plans for a busy new year!

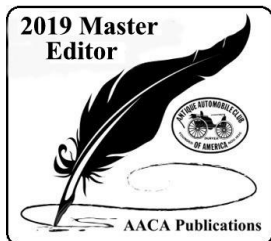
Your bored President
 Bill (I think I will arrange my tools alphabetically) Forsht.

While sitting around a campfire, a boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone." BEWARE BILL!

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ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN REGION AACA

Board of Directors Meeting

August 30, 2020

Bill and Jackie Forsht's Garage

The Board of Directors of the Allegheny Mountain Region held a meeting on Sunday, August 30, 2020 at Bill and Jackie Forsht's garage.

Board members present were President Bill Forsht, Vice President Randy Clemens, Treasurer and Vapor Locks Editor Gladys Guyer, Jeff Boring, Paula Clemens, Jackie Forsht, Bill Guyer, Scott Deno. Board members absent were Earl Eby, Ed Hinkle, Mike Walter

President Forsht called the meeting to order at 2:22.

The minutes of the last meeting were presented as printed in the July/August issue of Vapor Locks. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Paula Clemens and seconded by Jackie Forsht.

Old Business:

President Forsht reported that Bill Loy and he moved the display cabinet to Jeff Boring's garage. There was a discussion as to what the Region would like to do with it. This discussion will be continued at the next board meeting.

The Region's Penn Tech donation has been put on hold for the time being.

Cook's Nite has been cancelled for the rest of 2020. Hopefully it can be resumed in the Spring of 2021.

New Business:

Gladys will send Memorial contributions to AACA for members, Linda Eby, Emery Turner and Ed Friedman.

Jeff Boring will check on interest rates for the possibility of closing the Reliance Bank account.

The Forsht's offered to host the Fall Dinner/Annual meeting. It will be held October 24th. Meeting time will be 1:30 and dinner at 3:00. Bill Forsht will contact caterer for the meal. The Region will contribute 1/2 the cost of members meals.

At this time it is uncertain whether AMR will be able to have a Christmas or after Christmas Party.

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President Forsht will have 4 free AACA membership applications for first time members to AACA.

Jackie reported she purchased cars for the Region's Pine wood derby. They are available to purchase for \$5. She also stated she will have info on the Region's facebook.

There was a discussion about the 2021-2022-2023 Board members. Each year there is a shortage of volunteers to help with the club. Four members at the picnic were willing to serve on the Board. Loy Blattenberger, Jim Burke, Zach Boring and Scott Deno will be added to the Board.

With all business completed a motion was made by Jackie Forsht seconded by Paula Clemens to adjourn the meeting.

Gladys Guyer

Calendar of Events

October 24 Fall Dinner and Annual Meeting at the Forsht's

National Activities Schedule on AACA website on October 7.

All 2020 Hershey Meet Events cancelled
Nov. 6-7 Gettysburg Special Show still scheduled

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THE EDITOR'S DESK

Yikes can it possibly be autumn already? The leaves on the trees are colored and dropping. Farmers are busy in their fields that were once covered with tall green corn stalks now have turned brown another sign of Fall. The animals are busy too. Squirrels are scurrying around with walnuts while the chipmunks

have their cheeks packed with acorns for the winter. Yes cold weather will be here soon.

On Saturday October 24, you won't want to miss the Region's Fall Dinner and Annual Meeting. It will be held at Jackie and Bill Forsht's events center (Bill's garage). Bill and I would love to attend this fun filled day with car club family but we have another commitment.

Complete information for the day is included elsewhere in this issue of Vapor Locks. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Now I must apologize for errors, spelling and others. My spelling on the "Opel" articles I did in the last two issues of Vapor Locks were not correct. I am sure the male car gurus in our club noticed it immediately. Sorry guys, mistakes are part of my life. I will try to do better but don't count on it there will still be some slip-ups but I will do my best.

Stay healthy and safe, and we'll meet you on the road soon. (I hope)

Gladys

Board of Directors 2021-2022-2023

The new members to serve a 3 year term on the Region Board are:

- Jim Burke, --Roaring Springs, PA
- Zach Boring, -- Altoona, PA
- Loy Blattenberger, -- Martinsburg, PA
- Scott Deno, -- State College, PA



Fall Dinner

Everyone is invited to the
Region's Fall Dinner and Annual Meeting.

October 24, 2020

Event coordinator Jackie and Bill Forsht

The Region will hold our annual Fall Dinner on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Bill and Jackie Forsht's events garage in Altoona. All arrangements have been made. Just call Bill and let him know you will be attending or send in your reservation.

The Annual Meeting will be at 1:30 followed by a dinner 3:00. The menu will be Spaghetti, Chicken Alfredo, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. YUM YUM!!

The cost for members will be \$10.00 per adult

Please send your reservation or contact Bill Forsht at 814 931-7045 asap.

This will be a nice day to get out and be safe.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 1924 Chrysler
2. Detroit, MI 1919
3. 1970 AMC Gremlin
4. Nash
5. Cadillac

~Thank You~

I would like to thank Allegheny Mountain Region for the donation to the AACA Library and Research Center in memory of Emery. We visited the Library and it is beautiful outside as well as inside.

Emery really enjoyed being a member of AMR and tried to attend as many events as he could. We enjoyed being with all of you. I am going to continue my membership.

*God Bless all of you
Shelah Turner*

PERSON OF THE YEAR

Each year Allegheny Mountain Region members choose a person of the year. This is the person you feel has done the most in 2020 to enrich the Allegheny Mountain Region Car Club. You and your spouse have a vote.

Your ballot is on the cover of this issue of Vapor Locks (mail you membership renewal and your ballot together to Pat.)

Our Heartfelt Condolences to Shelah and the family



Emery A. Turner, 87, of Glade Pike, Buffalo Mills, went to be with our Lord on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

July 1, 1961, Emery married Shelah Rose (Bence) Turner. They have a son, Scott E., husband of Rachael Turner and grandson, Jared Turner; granddaughter, Kendall Turner.

He was a 1950 graduate of Allegheny High School, in Cumberland. Emery then attended Frostburg University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry and then his master's degree in chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia.

Emery retired after 35 years of teaching with the last 30 years of service at Bedford Area School District, where he was a chemistry teacher.

He was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Manns Choice, where he served on the church board and was a Sunday school teacher for 30 years at Point UMC. Emery was a member of Gideons.

Amongst the many things Emery did, he also raised beef cattle and sold fertilizer for Anderson for over 30 years. He was a very active member in his community. He was a member of the Bedford County Retired Teachers Association and the following car clubs, AACA, VMCCA, Fort Bedford Antique Car Club, Allegheny Mountain Region, Mid-Atlantic Region, and Great Lakes Region. He was the news editor for Fort Bedford Club. Emery attended 29 Glidden Tours with his blue Model A.

Emery enjoyed playing the fiddle, singing his songs, watching his granddaughter play golf, and spending time with his family.

Emery was an active member of the Allegheny Mountain Region making many friends. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Shelah, may you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF ED FRIEDMAN



Edward Arthur Friedman a resident Boalsburg, PA and Vero Beach, FL passed away August 22, 2020

He was born March 24 1948. September 4, 1988 he married Charlene Bourdelais Friedman who survives at home. Ed and Charlene's children are Ty Stewart and wife Sarah of Henderson, NV and Salem Bartlett and husband

John of Carolina Beach, NC, and two grandchildren Kyla Bartlett and Chase Stewart as well as his loyal canine companions Tito, Lokka and Remy.

Ed attended State College Area High School, graduating in 1966. He graduated from Ohio State University and San Francisco University School of Law. He also held an MBA from the University of San Francisco and a Masters degree from Penn State in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

In addition to being a member of the Pennsylvania and Centre County Bar Associations, he was owner of a number of successful business enterprises in and around State College including Industrial-Commercial Realty, Hotel Asset Management Company, and numerous real estate partnerships.

Ed and his wife contributed to many charities that provided services to the community at large. The Friedman's started and jointly owned Mountain Edge Alpacas in Harris Township. They were recognized internationally as experts in the raising and judging of Alpacas.

He was a man of many and varied talents and interests such as tennis, photography, cooking, fly-fish and especially loved to charm his grandchildren with magic tricks.

Ed was a highly likeable man, well regarded in the community by his many friends and associates for his good humor, engaging personality, and his unflinching positive outlook.

Ed loved antique cars and was a sponsor of the Memorial Day Car Show held in Boalsburg, PA.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Charlene and the family.

Bland's Park - Delgrosso



2020 would have been the 32nd year Delgrosso would have sponsored Allegheny Mountain Region's Car Show at Harvestfest if covid would not have put the brakes on! Region members look forward to all the fun and festivities the event has to offer.

The Region's first meet with the Delgrosso family began at Harvestfest in 1988. WOW! Talk about a long term relationship. I think this qualifies.

On the next page you can see the actual article printed in the Nov.-Dec. 1988 issue of VL and the dash plaque of the first show. (It took me some searching but I knew I had it somewhere.)

The success of the 1988 meet paved the way for the next 31 years of shows. Some years the weather was beautiful and then some were not so pretty but still, devoted antique car enthusiasts attended to support the Region. Allegheny Mountain Region has become an important part of the Delgrosso Harvestfest.

The Delgrosso family has been extremely good to the Region. For the car show they contribute the dash plaques that each car receives but that is not all. The Delgrosso family has continuously given gift boxes of their wonderful sauces and passes to the park to each vehicle. What a wonderful group of people. Thank you.

The average over the last 31 years has been roughly 100 cars per show and probably more. That is at least 100 boxes of sauces and park passes given each year. That is a massive amount of delicious sauces and park passes!!

We look forward to many more years of teaming with the Delgrosso family to enhance the Harvestfest.

How many of your kids or grandkids have rode the antique carousel in the park. I know mine have and when Bill and I first took our kids to the park rides cost 10 cents.

I don't know what the cost it today but I'm betting for many years to come kids of all ages will enjoy the park.

Bland's Park Meet 1988



The morning of the meet, September 25, was cool, wet and dreary; even so a few of our die-hard members showed up by 9:30. With encouraging words from Freddie Delgrosso that the weatherman had promised the rain would stop by 11:30 -- we stayed on. And, sure enough, the rain stopped and 48 beautiful antique cars showed up for display and judging.

The setting for the show was great, and with the wide variety of cars from far and wide and the public interest, we considered the show quite successful.

We want to thank Bland Park and the Delgrosso family for inviting us and providing the trophies, the gift package of Delgrosso sauces and free admission to the park and entertainment. Also a special thanks to chief coffee maker, Joe Delgrosso, for helping to take the chill off the day.

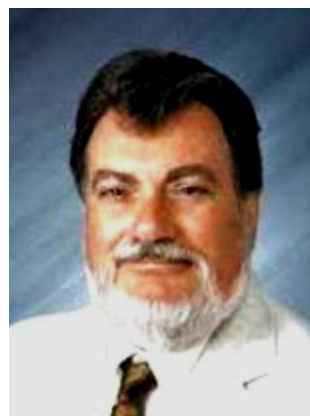
10 classes of trophies were awarded by President Bill Eardley and Freddie Delgrosso.

Something else to note about the 1988 Nov.-Dec. is the stamp. It was one like this and check out the price of this first class postage. 25 cents.



Hershey Memories

By Don Barlup
VP - National HQ & Library



This year, for the first time since 1954, we will not be walking the flea market. Granted, in 1954 you could walk the flea market in 15 minutes, give or take 5 minutes.

My first walk was at age 11 in 1958 with my father. Everything was in-side the old stadium, cars at the one end and flea market at the other. Maybe a good half hour slow walk!

Flash forward 10 years to 1968; I was working at the Hershey Motor Lodge as Assistant Food and Beverage Manager. In those days, the lobby was a drive-thru. I had an afternoon off and heard the car show was in town. I headed to the Blue Field (now part of the park). The field was about half full and I had no problem covering it between my lunch and dinner shifts at the Lodge.

A couple of the years passed, I joined AACA in 1971 (looking forward to my 50-year pin next year) and have walked Hershey each year since, even with a broken leg on crutches. About 10 years or so ago, I finally realized the legs and feet could no longer take the abuse, so I started vending in the Red Field.

My fondest remembrances were taking \$50.00 along to spend, finding what I needed for my 1940 Pontiac, having lunch, and going home with money left over. Those were the days!

Of course, we can't forget the mud! Some years it was so bad that you actually lost your shoes or boots in the muck. I remember one vendor who was in the low part of the Blue Field, parts floating and a sign posted "Gone Fishing".

Yes, we will miss the Hershey flea market and car corral this year, but it will make next year's anticipation even greater.

"COOK'S AFTERNOON"



Sunday August 30th was another great car club event at the Forsht's and another chance to get out in the "old car" with friends.

Bill and Jackie opened up the "event room" (Bill's garage") for a meeting and a Sunday "Cook's Day".

Bill and Jackie were as always, happy, funny, energetic and welcoming to everyone

It was a perfect day, the weather cooperated; there was food and fellowship with friends to enjoy the afternoon! I don't think we could have asked for more.

Chef Randy prepared sausage with onions and peppers, to accompany a variety of side dishes members had prepared. Now we could not miss dessert and Loy and Betty Blattenberger brought plenty including pie!! Everything was DELICIOUS!! Great job everyone and a special **Thank You** to Randy and Paula for the sausage and...Loy and Betty for dessert.

Everyone had a relaxing afternoon enjoying each other's company. It was nice to see everyone.

THANK YOU Bill and Jackie for hosting our day.

Car Trivia

Free Trivia

1. What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?
2. Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?
3. What car was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines air sickness bag and released on April Fool's Day, 1970?
4. Which automobile manufacturer was the first to offer seat belts as an option?
5. Which model year had bullet tail lights?

COOK'S CORNER

Gladys Guyer

Slow Cooker Cheeseburger Soup.

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1 (28 oz.) can fire roasted tomatoes - undrained
- 1/4 cup steak sauce
- 8 oz. American cheese cut into cubes

Spray slow cooker with cooking spray or use crock pot liner. Cook beef in a skillet over medium high heat, stirring frequently, until brown; drain

Mix beef, onions, tomatoes and steak sauce in slow cooker on low heat 8 hours or on High hear for 4 hours.

Stir in cheese, set to warm and cover.

Easy Slow Cooker Beef Stew

- 1 1/2 cups fresh baby carrots
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled, cut into 1- inch pieces
- 1 stalk celery cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 (1.5-oz.) pkg. beef stew seasoning
- 1 lb. beef stew meat
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 cup frozen green beans

In 3-4 quart slow cooker, layer carrots, potatoes, and celery. Coat beef with stew seasoning. Add beef to cooker; sprinkle with remaining seasoning. Add water. Layer corn and green beans on top. Cover; cook on low for 8 to 10 hours. Stir before serving.

Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie.

Jim Davis

Johnny's U-Pull It Mascot?

Wikipedia

I was sitting in the car bored waiting for while Bill was in Johnny's U Pull it. When I looked around there this beauty was just waiting for someone to take its picture so out of the car I got. Cars going by looked at me like I may be crazy but I didn't care. I was on a mission. The only thing I knew was it was some kind of a VW. Since then I found out it is **Karmann Ghia**. I just talked with John Mueller and he thinks it is a 1968



By the late 1940's and early 1950's, people around the world had recovered from World War II. As people began to prosper again, they started to demand better, more elegant and more entertaining things for their money. Unfortunately, at this time, the world automotive market was dominated by rather bland, but functional cars. Most automotive manufacturers, Volkswagen included, felt the need to come out with a "flagship car" to bolster their image. Witness the Ford Thunderbird, Chevrolet Corvette, and of course, the Volkswagen Karmann Ghia.

In the early 1950's Volkswagen, was facing the prospect of selling a small line of "ugly" cars (the Beetle and the Bus) to a more demanding car buying public. VW executives felt it was necessary to introduce an "image" car to reach this new market. Several other car companies were in the same situation, most notably, Chrysler. Chrysler contracted with the Italian styling and coach building firm of Ghia to build a series of "dream" cars. While Chrysler produced some of these dream cars, one car they did not produce would eventually become, you guessed it, the Volkswagen Karmann Ghia. While Chrysler worked with Ghia, Volkswagen contracted with the German coach builder, Karmann to build their "image" car. Karmann, in need of a design, approached Ghia and somehow the old Chrysler design surfaced and was modified to fit the Beetle floorplan. The

Johnny's U-Pull It Mascot page 2

VW executives liked what they saw and by August of 1955, the first Volkswagen Karmann Ghias rolled off assembly line in Osnabruck, German as 1956 models.

The automotive and the public instantly fell in love with the beautiful design and hand crafted workmanship, but not the performance. For the Karmann Ghia, Volkswagen decided to use the same 36 h.p. flat four engine that was being used in the Beetle at the time. While the looks and craftsmanship made for a "sporty" car, the small engine did not make a "sports" car. The power was adequate and the suspension was good for the era. These two factors combined with the Karmann Ghia's great looks made for a fairly good selling car, totaling over 10,000 the first year. When the convertible came out a couple of years later in 1958, sales jumped to around 18,000 cars per year. Sales climbed steadily until the late 1960's when they peaked in the neighborhood of 33,000 cars a year. The Karmann Ghia was last produced in 1974 to make way for the new VW Scirocco. Only 365,912 coupes and 79,326 convertibles were produced which make the Karmann Ghia a fairly rare car considering it was produced for nearly 20 years.

Cruise Control

Modern cruise control (also known as a speedostat or tempomat) was invented in 1948 by the inventor and mechanical engineer **Ralph Teetor**. His idea was ostensibly born out of the frustration of riding in a car driven by his **lawyer**, who kept speeding up and slowing down as he talked.

Teetor's idea of a dashboard speed selector with a mechanism connected to the drive shaft and a device able to push against the gas pedal was patented in 1950. He added a speed lock capability that would maintain the car's speed until the drivers tapped the brake pedal or turned off the system.

The first car with Teetor's "Speedostat" system was the 1958 Chrysler Imperial (called "Auto-pilot") using a speed dial on the dashboard. This system calculated ground speed based on driveshaft rotations off the rotating speedometer-cable, and used a bi-directional screw-drive electric motor to vary throttle position as needed. It was Cadillac Division that renamed the "Speedostat" and marketed the device as "Cruise Control"

By 1960, **cruise control** was a standard feature on all Cadillac's.



FRACKVILLE TOUR

Frackville Tour 2009

For more than 20 years AMR has enjoyed summer tours. We have been to many different towns and had fun in all of them. This year we were unable to have any tours because of covid. Hopefully in 2021 we will get back on the road.

In 2009 our tour group headed to Frackville. I thought you may enjoy reading about it.



Front: Zach & Polly Boring, Mark Ritchie and sons Row 2: Bill & Gladys Guyer, Amber Boring, Gail Whitman Cathy Searer, Pat Swigart. Sandy Ritchie, Debbie Ritchie, Jackie Struble, Back Row: Jeff Boring, Harry Whitman, Denny Stachmus, Christine Stachmus, Pete Searer, Bob Schultz and Bob Struble. Jeff Harry, Denny, Christine, Cathy, Bob, Pat, Sandy, Debbie, Bob, Jackie., Missing, Susan and Ernie Romanini

Start you engines. Here we go!

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 (in 2009 none of us had cell phones but we sure did have a lot of fun with the walkie talkies) were tuned to channel 14, now we were ready for the trip.

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.

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.

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. All of his cars were to be driven and enjoyed. This was a very nice collection and we totally enjoyed seeing them.

We left and had an ice cream stop before heading back to the Holliday Inn. The Schuylkill 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, and

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 Restaurant 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!!!!



Just For Laughs

A woman is driving for 1st time on the highway. Her husband calls says: "Be careful love, it's just been on the radio, that someone is driving opposite to the traffic on the highway." She replies: "Someone...? These rascals are everywhere!"

A policeman pulls over an old man in a pickup truck because the bed of his truck is full of ducks. The officer says, "Sir, it is unacceptable to have this flock of ducks downtown, take them to the Zoo this instant!"

The old man confirms that he will and drives off. The next day the officer sees the same man in the same truck still full of ducks. Only this time all the ducks are wearing sunglasses. The officer pulls him over again and yells, "I told you to take these ducks to the Zoo!"

The old man replies, "I did! But now the little buggers want to go to the beach!"

Barn Find Success Story

Tom Orr

1969 AMX: Lost and found

In 1970 my mom bought a red, white and blue 1969 AMX from the AMC dealer in town. It was painted like the SC/Rambler-white car with red sides and a blue stripe. This car had been briefly raced and had gold lettering on the door that said "Desoto Memorial Speedway Pace Car." It had a 390 4-speed and red interior with a low rear gear. Mom put a trailer hitch on it and pulled a trailer out to Houston with it, which messed up the wide 60 series tires from fender rub. It had Cragars on it with very wide back tires.

Mom traded it for a more family-friendly car after less than a year, but it had made an impression on my brother and me, which set us both on the collector-car path in life.

Around 2005, I had just sold a '59 El Camino. I met a guy in town who said he had a few AMC cars and I stopped by his house just to car talk and see his newly acquired AMC collection. When I went into his backyard, he had 6 AMXs and Javelins! I told him about my mom's AMX, and he opened the doors on his enclosed car trailer and said, "This must be your mom's old car!"

I looked it over, and although the years had not been good to it, I verified that it was indeed mom's old AMX! All the clues were there: remnant of the old paint scheme, holes in the trunk floor for a trailer hitch, a four-speed, low-rear gear, red interior – it even still had the original 390!

Now here's the bummer: I told him I would be interested in buying it and he said he would only sell it for \$50,000! I told him I could not give that kind of money and left it at that, but I did buy another '69 AMX from him for \$2,500 and restored it to look like Mom's.



'69 AMX restored to match Mom's old car

My First Car

The Gentleman Racer

My Dad was 13 years old when the Great Depression hit in 1929. He had already been maintaining lawnmowers for neighbors for pocket change, but suddenly he found himself working on cars to help others make it through the hard times ahead. That, in turn, led to him building his own 3 bay full-service shop in Upstate NY, and thus a career was born.

After his stint in B-17's during WW II was over he settled in to growing his business and raising a couple of kids. I grew up in his shop, a few dozen steps from our house, learning from the best, at my Dad's side. In 1976 I had been out of college for a couple of years and had a job offer I couldn't refuse way down south. I had a fairly new car without air-conditioning (common at the time, not really necessary in that part of the country), and



between the realization that it's hot down south and knowing that I would be road salt-free thereafter, I bought a brand new 1976 Corvette and headed out.

Fast forward to the late 1980's, my Dad had retired and closed the shop, but called me up and pointedly asked me how the

'Vette was running. It was clear that he wanted both to see me and to get his hands dirty again, so I headed north for a vacation. We tore into the car until there was nearly nothing but parts' laying everywhere, and it was time for my departure, so he happily loaned me one of his vehicles to get back home in. Months later my Mom declared that the car needed to be finished, so my Dad drove it down to make the swap. I'd never seen him happier.

A year later he died suddenly, likely with a smile still on his face. The Corvette that we worked on together has seen rain only once since then and is reverently tended to on a regular basis. When asked what my goal in life is I usually say that it is to be 2% of the person that my Dad was, and now at 67 I'm almost halfway there. I love and revere my Corvette almost as much as I do my Dad. It's a symbol of and a memorial to his memory. My first car is still a beautiful magnificent machine, irreplaceable.

I would love to have some member's stories about your very first car. Having to stay close to home with this virus may be the time to write something down and send them to me. Gladys

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JUST FOR THOUGHT

Puppy Love

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy. "Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up... "I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy. "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love."

Still in Pennsylvania

Penn live

Coffee

Sure, the coffee chain Starbucks is famous for getting their start in Seattle. But we can thank York for their roasting plant, which is also the company's largest distribution center.

Musical instruments

Violins are made at the Bluett Bros. factory in York, and pianos with the Cunningham Piano Company in Philadelphia

Potato chips

Herr's Food has a factory in Nottingham, Martin's is in Thomasville, Utz is in Hanover and Middleswarth is in Middleburg. We're surrounded by delicious chip factories!

Snowboards

If you are headed to Ski Roundtop, make sure you take your Gilson snowboard, straight from Winfield, Pennsylvania.

Mushrooms

Pennsylvania produces nearly 70 percent of the nation's mushrooms, and a large percentage of those come from Kennett Square, Pennsylvania



Man's Best Friends Dreaming In PA

Give me my snowboard, my violin some potato chips and a cup of coffee to wash down the chips. Skip the mushrooms please and make it to go!