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Anniversary Party

Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA

Dinner Reservation

Sunday, September 5, 2021,

Bedford Springs Hotel

Socializing at 1:00

Lunch at 2:00

Concludes at 4:00

It will be an outdoor event with a choice of beef or chicken.

Questions contact: Bill Forsht at 814-943-8766 or cell 814-931-7045

Meal cost **\$25.00** per person

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Following the design of the larger "senior" Nash models, the compact Rambler's styling was rounded in form and also had an envelope body Nash's characteristic styling with fender skirts that also enclosed the front wheels. This design feature did not impair the car's cornering ability significantly.

The compact Rambler line was designed with several body styles, but the inaugural year was limited to a single model: a fully equipped 2-door fixed-profile convertible. The decision to bring the new car out first in a higher market segment with more standard features was a calculated risk by Mason. Foremost in this strategy was the need to give the new Rambler a positive public image. Mason knew the car would fail if seen by the public as a "cheap little car". This was confirmed in small car comparisons in the media that described the "well-equipped and stylish, the little Rambler is economical and easy to drive" with no "stripped-down" versions, but in only high-end convertible, station wagon, or hardtop (no "B-pillar") body styles. He knew what Crosley was just finding out with its line of mini cars, and what the Henry J would teach Kaiser Motors; namely, that Americans would rather buy a nice used car than a new car that is perceived as inferior or substandard.

Like other fixed-profile convertibles, but unlike traditional convertibles that used frame-free side windows, the Rambler retained the bodywork's doors and rear-side window frames. This metal structure served as the side guides or rails for the retractable waterproof canvas top. This design allowed Nash to utilize its unibody construction on its new compact. It made the body very rigid for an open-top car, without additional bracing.

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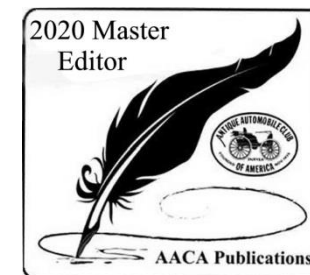
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President's Message



Just a quick note from the president. We are on a camping adventure at Shawnee State Park right now. Hopefully we will get to take the kayaks out and do a little fishing later.

Not a whole lot happening. We had a couple of the cars out for trips to get ice cream and to get dinner.

Next week I am headed to Redding CT to pick up a new to me old car from a long time dog show friend. You just never know what is going to happen! Heck last week I came home with an antique dog! Dodi is a 16 year old Yorkie and she will be spending her golden years with us. Hopefully Bruiser can avoid stepping on her. LOL.

Remember the Swigart Meet will be held on August 7th. Get out the cars and support the museum!

I want to remind you all to check VL for your official form for the Anniversary Luncheon at Bedford Springs. Reservations and payments must be returned by August 28. The cost is \$25 per person and sent to me Bill Forsht 723 Forsht Lane, Altoona, PA 16601. There will be beef and a chicken entrée available to choose from.



2021 Calendar of Events

July 21	Cook's Nite Jethro's, Altoona - Paula Clemens
August 6-7	Swigart Museum Meet
August 15	Central Mountains Region Car Show, Clearfield, PA
August 18	Cook's Nite Slick's Ivy Stone Restaurant, 8785 William Penn Rd. Osterburg PA 16667 - Jackie Forsht
August 22	Picnic at the Forsht's event center
August 22	Board of Directors Meeting, 2:00 at the Forsht's
September 5	70th Anniversary Party at Bedford Springs
September 15	Cook's Nite, Village Pantry, Tyrone - Bill Forsht
September 26	Delgrosso Show CANCELLED
October 6-9	Hershey
October 17	One day tour planned by: Jim Burke, Jeff and Zach Boring
October 20	Cook's Nite - place to be determined - Jim Burke

Additional events or corrections will be posted as information is available.

September 9-11	Southeastern Fall Nationals, Greenville SC
September 12-17	Glidden Tour, Sarasota Springs, NY
October 6-9	Western Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA
October 11-16	Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour, Mt. Airy, NC <i>(Confirmation of the above dates at www.aaca.org)</i>

Carlisle Schedule of Events

Truck Nationals	August 6-8
Corvettes	August 26-28
Fall Carlisle	September 29-October 3

www.carlisleevents.com for additional information and verification

**No one ever injured their eyesight
looking on the bright side**

Barbara Johnson



THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hi Everyone,

Goodbye June hello mid-July. Hot cool rain or sun, take your pick. With the unsteady weather we seem to have had all of them. Is anything normal? Maybe not but we all have things to be thankful for.

Just as I said in the last issue of VL, Bill and I were with a group for the Bilger's Rocks Tour. What a great day! There is an article elsewhere in VL to give you the highlights.

In the last issue of VL I got 2 dates wrong (how did that happen?) My mind must have been out to lunch. These are the correct dates. The Swigart Meet is **August 6 and 7** and the regions 70th celebration is **September 5**. You won't want to miss either of these events. There have been a few glitches with this issue of VL that have caused a delay so in order to meet registration deadlines you need to return your reservations as soon as you receive this issue of VL.

Check the calendar of events and show your support of Allegheny Mountain by attending as many as you can. You will have a great time.

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

Gladys



Who Am I



COOK'S CORNER

Strawberry Cooler

Gladys Guyer

1 lb. fresh strawberries

3 cup ice

1 lemon squeezed

1/3 cup sugar (or according to taste)

Lemon slices (optional for garnish)

In a blender add strawberries, lemon juice and sugar. Pulse until it forms a puree. Add ice and again pulse to break the ice into smaller pieces. Adjust sweetener according to your taste. (Do not over blend the ice otherwise it will start melting).

Fresh Strawberry Lemonade

Gladys Guyer

1 1/4 lb. fresh strawberries stems removed

1 cup lemon juice freshly squeezed

3/4 cup sugar

4 cups very cold water

Strawberry slices to garnish

In blender combine strawberries, sugar and lemon juice. Blend until everything gets pureed. Strain the mixture using a strainer to remove the grits from the fine seeds of the strawberries. Put the strained pulp mixture to a large pitcher. Add water and mix well. Let the lemonade chill before serving.

Serve with ice cubes and garnish with a few mint leaves along with a sliced strawberry.

Strawberries are little packages that protect your heart, increase HDL (good) cholesterol, lower your blood pressure, and guard against cancer. Packed with vitamins, fiber, and particularly high levels of antioxidants known as polyphenols, **strawberries** are a sodium-free, fat-free, cholesterol-free, low-calorie food.

Just For Laughs

Cautionary Tail

Little Things.com

A local Missouri man loved to ride his horse on Sunday afternoons and did so for the better part of twenty years. When gas prices began to rise he started riding his horse not only for recreation but also for the small trips he would often have to make to the store. Several times a week he would visit the small convenience store and tie his horse up outside. But that changed one day when he stepped outside of the store and found that an overzealous police officer had placed a parking ticket on the tail of his horse. I wonder if it was a mustang.

Officer I wasn't Speeding

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies — two in the front seat and three in the back — eyes wide and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit?" she asked. No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly. Twenty-Two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly. The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time." the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be alright in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."



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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.





Bring an Extra Pair of Pants

By Fred Trusty Vice President –Membership

I want to tell you about an adventure I had while on the 2019 AACA Founders Tour in Seward, Nebraska. The Founders Tour is for vehicles from 1932 all the way up to vehicles 25 years old. This was a hub tour which means each day you travel from the motel to different attractions and back to the same motel each night. The tour would be covering about 150 miles per day so I decided to drive my 1966 Chevy Bel Air since it has air conditioning.

A couple of weeks before I left, I checked the mechanicals on the Bel Air and found the a/c compressor that was replaced 7 years ago was leaking and all the bushings in the front suspension were just plain worn out. Normally, I would have done the suspension work myself but I found myself really pressed for time so I took it to the auto repair shop that I have done business with for many years. They replaced the a/c compressor, inner and outer tie rod ends, idler arm, and center link.

The tour started on a Monday but the AACA National at Auburn, Indiana was the Saturday before the tour. Pretty tight schedule but doable. My plan was to leave Auburn right after the awards dinner and drive part of the way to Seward. I already had a motel room re-served about 5 hours from Auburn so I would have a lei-surely drive to Seward on Sunday with plenty of time to unload the car from the trailer and relax on Sunday evening.

I slipped out of the awards dinner early and walked to my truck and trailer and what a shock. Some-one had hit the trailer fender on the driver side and I had a flat on the other side of the trailer. On top of that the right side of the trailer was in very soft grass so the small floor jack I had would just sink into the ground. Fortunately, a man parked around the corner from me asked if I needed help. He had one of those little portable air compressors so we put air in the tire and I was able to pull it onto the asphalt where I changed the tire. Now I had no trailer spare for my long trip to Seward. Worse though was the fender would rub the tire if you hit a hole or uneven pavement. What to do? Fortunately, my trailer has removable fenders so I took it off and armed with a hammer and a piece of 2 x 4, I performed some metal bumping on the tailgate of my truck. It looked pretty good so off I went. I made it to my motel about 2:00 AM that night and had no problem falling asleep.

The tour was great. One day I rode with Dave Kontor in his 1967 Camaro and another day Dave and I rode with Marty Roth in his 1954 Cadillac convertible. We're lucky that we didn't end up in jail that day. One morning it was raining so Marty rode with me in the front seat and John and Paulette LaBarr rode in the back seat of the Bel Air. In Nebraska, the roads are mostly laid out in large grids and it's always windy. I had been complaining that morning that the wind was so strong it was causing the car to drift side to side. Right after lunch we were driving down a two lane road and came to a T intersection with a four lane highway. Not long after we turned right we heard a loud pop. Keep in mind that we're travelling about 60 mph down a flat perfectly straight four lane undivided highway. The car seemed to be drifting to the right so I turned the steering wheel to the left but nothing happened. I kept turning until it stopped. Then I turned it all the way to the right and nothing happened. I looked over at Marty and said, "We have no steering." Talk about that deer in the headlight look from my 3 passengers! A 1966 Bel Air has drum brakes front and rear and my car has no power brakes. If not adjusted correctly, drum brakes can pull to one side or the other so I decided to let the car coast as far as it could before I applied the brakes. Did I mention that there had been flooding in Nebraska and the drainage ditch on the right side of the road was full? We had semi-trucks whizzing by on the left which left us in the proverbial "stuck between a rock and a hard place" scenario. The car was slowing down but then it started to drift to the right. The right wheels were already at the edge of the emergency lane and the grass. Since I already had a shower that morning, there was no need for a bath. Time to gently apply the brakes. By this time the right side tires were already in the grass so when I hit the brakes they locked up and slid straight until we were stopped. And then came that big sigh of relief from every-one, ah.....ah.

Crawling under the car revealed that the nut on the pitman arm was gone and the pop we heard was the stud coming out of the socket. Obviously, the cotter pin was never installed, the nut was not tight, so it backed off. Several other drivers on the tour stopped to lend a hand with a jack and some tools. John Nikodym went to the next little town and bought a nut and cotter pin assortment at Napa Auto Parts. Less than an hour later the roadside repair was finished and I was on the way again. I can't understand why my passengers rode back with someone else. Rumor has it that Marty had to get back to the motel to change his pants. We laugh about it now but this was an adventure that we will never forget.

Part of the fun of the old car hobby is the friends and the memories you make.

JUST FOR THOUGHT

A Mothers Love

Heart Touching Stories

I simply hated my mom for she had only one eye that made her bizarre. She was such an embarrassment. She cooked for students and teachers to support the family.

There was this one day during elementary school where my mom came to say hello to me. I was so embarrassed. How could she do this to me? I ignored her, threw her a hateful look and ran out. The next day at school one of my classmates said, 'Ehhh!, your mom only has one eye!'

I wanted to bury myself. I also wanted my mom to just disappear. I confronted her that day and said, 'If you're only gonna make me a laughing stock, why don't you just die?' My mom did not respond... I didn't even stop to think for a second about what I had said, because I was so full of anger. I wanted out of that house, and have nothing to do with her. So I studied real hard, got a chance to go abroad to study.

I graduated, got married, bought a house and had kids. I was happy with my life, my kids and the comforts. Then one day, my Mother came to visit me. She hadn't seen me in years and had never met her grandchildren. When she stood by the door, my children laughed at her, and I yelled at her for coming over uninvited. I screamed at her, 'How dare you come to my house and scare my children!' GET OUT OF HERE! NOW!!!' And to this, my mother quietly answered, "Oh, I'm so sorry. I may have gotten the wrong address," and she disappeared out of sight.

One day, a letter regarding a school reunion came. After attending the reunion, I went to the old house just out of curiosity. The neighbors said that she died. I did not shed a single tear. They handed me a letter that she had wanted me to have.

My dearest son,

I think of you all the time. I'm sorry that I came to your house and scared your children. I was so glad when I heard you were coming for the reunion. But I may not be able to even get out of bed to see you. I'm sorry that I was a constant embarrassment to you when you were growing up. You see.....when you were very little, you got into an accident, and lost your eye. As a mother, I couldn't stand watching you having to grow up with one eye. So I gave you mine. I was so proud of my son who was seeing a whole new world for me, in my place, with that eye.

With all my love to you, Your mother

COOK'S NITE OUT

No cooking tonight!

Gladys Guyer



A great group gathers for a pleasant enjoyable evening at Cook's Nite the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Come on out and give the cook in your house the nite off!

Join the fun!

Cook's Nite Out schedule is listed below. If there are any changes, we will let you know.

WE GATHER AT 6:00 and ORDER AT 6:30

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|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 21 | Jethro's - 417 Parkview Ln #9313, Altoona, PA
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| August 18 | Slicks Ivy Stone, 8785 Wm. Penn Rd, Osterburg,
PA 16667. - Jackie Forsht 814-943-8766 |
| September 15 | Village Pantry, Tyrone - Bill Forsht 814-943-8766 |
| October 15 | ? - Jim Burke 814-224-2242 |



1951 Hudson

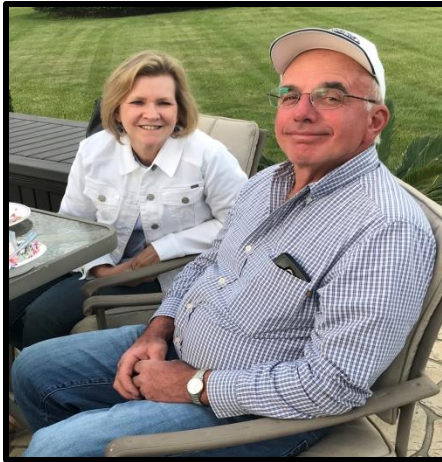
Dessert at the Blattenberger's

Photos by Betty Blattenberger

Our June Cook's Nite was held at Traditions Restaurant in Martinsburg and.....everyone was invited to the Blattenberger's beautiful patio for a variety of desserts and socializing.

There were whoopee pies, whoopie pies and more whoopies along with fruit and other goodies. Everything was delicious! I think a few whoopies may have found their way home with certain attendees.

Lloy and Betty's hospitality was a fabulous ending to the evening. Thank you so much for making Cook's Nite special.



**Great evening!
Enjoying Dessert!**



70th

Anniversary Party

Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Chair People, Bill and Jackie Forsht

Bill and Jackie have confirmed the plans for the 70th Anniversary Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Bedford Springs Hotel where our Region began in 1951.

It will be an outdoor event with a choice of beef or chicken.

We will gather to socialize at 1:00, have lunch at 2:00 and the day will conclude at 4:00.

You won't want to miss celebration. Arrive in the "old car".



SWIGART MUSEUM

CAR SHOW

Pat Swigart



The Swigart Museum Car Show will be held on Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7. This is the 100th anniversary of the Swigart Museum collection and hope to see the members of the Allegheny Mountain Region in attendance.

The events will start on Friday, the 6th with a Hospitality Social from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. This is a time for registered persons to meet and greet old friends and make new ones.

Registration will start at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, the 7th. During the day there will be door prizes, raffle baskets, socializing, viewing of the cars and tours of the museum.

Lunch will be available on the grounds with prior reservation. There will be a time capsule available that will be buried on the Museum grounds. Trophies and Awards will be presented at 2:00 P.M.

The banquet will be held at the Smithfield Fire Hall at 6:00 P.M. Reservations must be made in advance for this.

Two T-shirts will be free to all advanced registrations by July 20, 2021.

Plan to come and have a fun, laid back time with friends and cars.

Because of your copy of VL being emailed, see registration details on the Swigart Museum website.

CAR TRIVIA

- 1. The first official motor race in the world was held in which year?**
 - A. 1895
 - B. 1910
 - C. 1925
- 2. What was the former name of the car manufacturer Audi?**
 - A. Automotive Division
 - B. Auto Union
 - C. Auto Maker
- 3. Which of the following is the parent company of Chevrolet?**
 - A. General Motors
 - B. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles
 - C. Ford Motor Company
- 4. Which car manufacturer was the first to add seat belts?**
 - A. Cadillac
 - B. Toyota
 - C. Nash
- 5. What was the Volkswagen Beetle originally called when this model was sold for the first time in the United States?**
 - A. Victory Wagon
 - B. Liberty Wagon
 - C. Freedom Wagon
- 6. When was the first internal combustion motorcycle fuelled by petroleum invented?**
 - A. 1885
 - B. 1900
 - C. 1915
- 7. Which motorcycle model by Harley-Davidson celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2020?**
 - A. Fat Boy
 - B. Fat Bob
 - C. Road Glide
- 8. The production of motorcycles was significantly increased during the World War I for which main reason?**
 - A. To transport foods and ammunition
 - B. To provide soldiers with more power
 - C. To provide effective communications with the front line

Answers elsewhere in VL

Bilger's Rocks Tour

June 27, 2021

Gladys Guyer

Our tour began as scheduled with (as you could guess, FOOD) a good breakfast at the Firehouse Pizza Restaurant.

Our Tour leader Scott Deno led the way for 7 cars to begin a great day. Included were leader Scott and Ellen Deno, Jim Burke with copilot Cindy Smith, Jeff Boring, Harry and Gail Whitman, Bob Struble and a friend, Pete and Cathy Searer, as well as Bill and Gladys Guyer

Off we went to experience a leisurely drive through lightly travelled roads taking all the beauty in after all it seemed like years since we had been touring. It was great!!

Entering the town Osceola Mills we noticed a car show with lots of beautiful cars and spectators. We did not stray from our schedule and continued on to our destination Bilger's Rocks.

We parked our cars and the experience of the "Rock city" began. The rock formations were absolutely gorgeous. I think the Deno's covered every rock and crevice in the entire area. I am not sure how they got in all the very small areas but they did.

It was nice to get out of the heat and everyone enjoy lunch and cold drinks in the local air conditioned cafe.

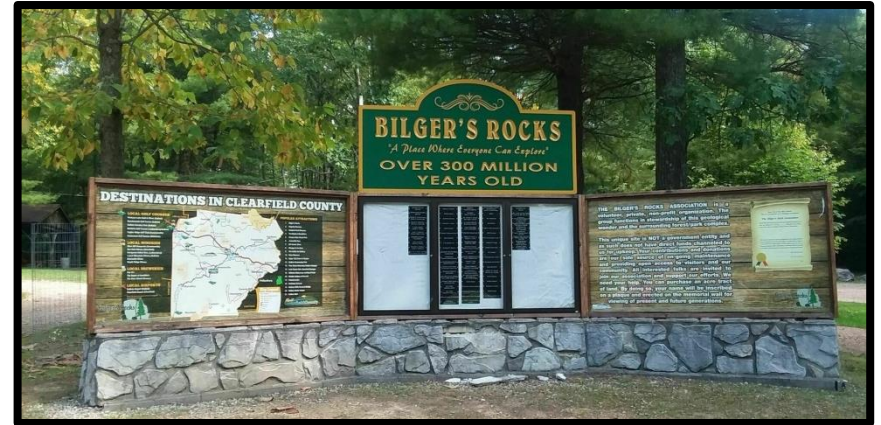
We regrouped and Jeff Boring took the lead. We travelled the scenic way on roads thru small towns which led us to Prince Gallitzin State Park. A nice drive around the park took us to Noel's Ice Cream stand where we just had to have ice cream. **BIG SURPRISE!!**

At this point we were only a short distance from Al and Mary Ingham's home so why not pay them a visit? A visit indeed so off we went and surprised Al and Mary. We had a wonderful time talking with them and before we knew it early evening was upon us and unless Al and Mary wanted us to stay the night, we thought we better get going. Since we ate **BIG** ice cream cones there was no need for a dinner stop so leaving we each headed in the direction of our homes.

Thank you Scott, Ellen and Jeff for a great day to get out in the "old" car.

THANK YOU Al and Mary allowing us the opportunity to spend time with you!!

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Spectacular rock formations!

"FORSHT'S PICNIC"

SUNDAY AUGUST 22
ALTOONA, PA



Jackie and Bill Forsht are hosting a picnic at the Events Center and everyone is invited. It will be a relaxing afternoon with a group of car club friends.

Plan to arrive any time around 1.00 and we will eat about 3:00.

Chef Bill has his BBQ tools ready and will be cooking perfectly grilled burgers, dogs etc. Jackie will be handling the buffet table. Everyone is asked to bring covered dishes to share.

Please contact Bill and Jackie at 814-943-8766 (home) or Bill's cell 814-931-7045 to let them know you will be attending or questions or directions.

It will be a great afternoon so plan to attend!

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. A --1895
2. B --Auto Union
3. A - General Motors
4. C - Nash
5. A - Victory Wagon
6. A - 1885
7. A - Fat Boy
8. C - To provide effective communications with the front line

What happened in 1951

Swanson introduced beef, chicken, turkey pot pies.

Coast to Coast dialing began

I Love Lucy premiered on TV on CBS

Pabst aired the 1st color beer commercial on TV

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday August 22 2021
Forsht Entertainment Center
2:00

1951: Studebaker Starlight Coupe

Studebaker stunned the auto world after World War II when it introduced the first Starlight coupe in 1947. Styled by industrial designer Raymond Loewy, the coupe quickly became the butt of jokes by people asking "is it coming or going?" And people with an astute eye for styling could see the resemblance between the new Studebakers and trains such as the Twentieth Century Limited and the Super Chief, which were designed by Loewy in the prewar years.

By 1951, Loewy had added the controversial but distinctive "bullet nose" to the Champion line while continuing the one-piece curved windshield and four-piece wraparound rear window. The 1951 model was the first to offer an automatic transmission. Small by the standards of its day, the car had a wheelbase five inches longer than today's Buick LeSabre.

Despite the early sales success of its new postwar models, Studebaker was never able to overcome the competition from the Big Three of the industry: Chrysler, Ford and General Motors. In 1966, Studebaker ceased production.

