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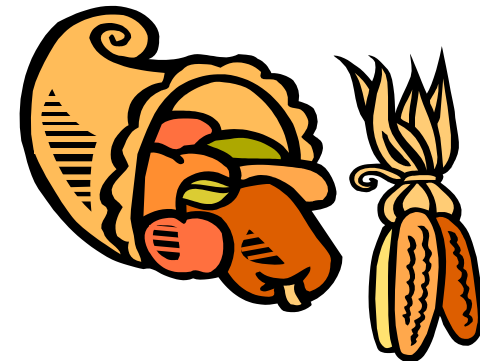
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The 1951 Mercury 4-door & its companion models were most notable for the new integrated tail lights and the new wraparound back window which were more appropriate for the styling. 157,648 4-doors were sold, once again outselling the 2-door.

The big news for 1951 was the availability of the optional "Merc-O-Matic Drive," a fully automatic transmission. Approximately one in every three 1951 Mercury's were sold with an automatic transmission. In 1951, Mercury's came in first at two NASCAR Grand National races.

A new grille that was integrated with the signal lights was a styling change for 1951. New lower rear quarter panel stainless trim was added, and it made the wrap around bumper appear to extend even further than before.

Standard equipment was similar to 1950 and included: cigarette lighter, electric clock, locking glove compartment, twin horns, two sun visors, arm rests on each front door, foot control for headlights with beam indicator on instrument panel, two ashtrays in rear compartment, friction-lock, ventilating windows in front, dimming control for instrument lights, luggage compartment light, spare wheel and tire in luggage compartment. Power window lifts and seat adjustment were standard on the six-passenger convertible and available at extra cost on all models but the station wagon.

The 1951 Mercury 2-door was good-looking and well-proportioned. Over 142,000 were sold. 1951 Mercury Station Wagon sales jumped to 3,812 units. The Mercury Convertible maintained reasonable sales at 6,759. The Station Wagon sales jumped to 3,812 units, though the car was little different from the '50 model.

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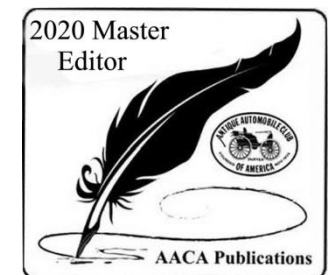
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President's Message



Once again summer has flown past like a Shelby Cobra on a 1/4 mile!

We went to Delaware Seashore last month. The Jeep ran out of gas right as we came back from dinner one evening. Thank goodness for AAA!

The picnic was well attended and we had a great time.

The tenderloin on the grill seemed to be a big hit! Jackie has taken over the Javelin. It seems to be her daily driver now. She did say that that V-8 sure sucks up gas after driving a Prius for the last 15 years. Aah the good old days when gas was 32 cents a gallon. I hope she doesn't ask me to get winter tires for it. Lol

Cooks Night Outs have been doing well but the one at Slicks Ivystone only had 12 people and then Christine Stachmus took a trip she didn't plan on and ended up with a sprained wrist that sent them home early. She seemed to have healed well when we last saw her.

The 70th Anniversary of the AMR of AACA luncheon at Bedford Springs was an outstanding day! We were sorry that Stan Smith couldn't make it to tell us his memories of the first day but the venue was beautiful and although the weather threatened us it turned out to be a pretty decent day. We had 10 classic/antique cars dressing up the driveway at Bedford Springs and then about 8 Porsches and Lamborghinis decided to turn it into a Cruise In and parked with us! Car guys are car guys even if they cost a quarter million dollars each!

Thanks to Don Burlup and the AACA for the plaque they presented us to commemorate our 70th year. And to Don for driving 2 hours each way to present it.

We discussed the logistics of a trip on February 2nd 1951, from Huntington to Bedford, on a day that Accuweather says never got above 24 degrees with winds of 20mph. A lot of those cars probably had no heaters! It was William Swigart's birthday! Perhaps the celebration started early to keep them from freezing? No matter! We thank them for founding a club that continues 70 years later and brings us all great joy!

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Jackie wants me to thank Amber Boring for jumping on the photography team and helping to get candid shots and shots of all the cars in front of the hotel. We never could have done all that without her.

We will include a few in the VL this time but when we get Amber's pictures we will get them all together and make a presentation out of them and maybe have it at the fall dinner. If you want the pics Jackie took of you leaving send her an email at setter4@hotmail.com and she can get them to you. Betty B., we have a nice shot of you in your pretty pink hat! Lol If you want an autographed copy of the picture of me, Scott D and Loy Bin our OUTSTANDING hats that is going to cost extra!

I am hoping for a huge turnout at the show at Tussey Mtn. ski resort on the 26th. Scott worked hard to get this together so let's get the cars out and do it up big. I think this could be a great venue for us for further events.

To all of you who are getting ready for Hershey. Have fun and be SAFE! See you all soon!

Bill (the man in the Panama hat) Forsht



Past President, AACA Don Barlup presenting 70 year plaque to Allegheny Mountain Region President Bill Forsht!



Fashion models Loy Blattenberger, Bill Forsht and Scott Deno.
Looking Good!!



Beautiful line of cars!



Miss Betty riding in Style in her pink hat!

2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2022 will be here before you know it which means get out the checkbook it is time to renew your membership in the Allegheny Mountain Region.

Renew your membership before December 31, 2021 and the cost will be **\$10.00.**

Memberships renewed after January 1, 2022 will be \$15.00

Take advantage of the savings and return your renewal form to Pat Swigart.

2007 Tour to Somerset PA

This seems like a fitting time to remember this tour!

Friday morning, 10:15, with Shelah and Emery Turner as our guides, a group of enthusiastic members of AMR were ready to depart. Everyone was given an itinerary to ensure that no one would miss a turn. Well, we will have to see about that. "The Group" consisting of Cutright's, Deno's, Sabatino's, LeCrone's, Struble's, Pat Swigart and the Guyer's were ready to go. Cathy and Pete Searer as well as Denny and Christine Stachmus would meet us on Saturday.

Our first destination of the day was the Fallingwater. We only had to be there at 2:00. Should be no problem don't you think? Well, when you tour, you just never know. I think we went over every mountain in Somerset County; needless to say, we were running a bit behind time so there was no time for a lunch stop. No Worries!!! Pat had passed out peanuts earlier and we snacked on those. Arriving at 2:15, Shelah promptly took charge and all was ok. After this stop, we headed for Somerset. Once again it took us a bit longer than anticipated, but we made it safely. Dinner was at Oakhurst Tea Room where we enjoyed a wonderful buffet. The LeCrone's were having a special day; it was their 39th wedding Anniversary. They were given a special cupcake and candle and of course we sang Happy Anniversary.

After the long day, we checked into the Quality Inn at 8:30 p.m. and settled into our rooms. Saturday morning, we met at 8:00 a.m. for a great breakfast buffet. We left at 9:00 to start our day of touring. Our first stop was the Somerset Historical Museum. Next stop was Indian Lake where we had lunch. We arrived back to the motel at 3:15, took a 45 minute break and headed back out to visit a private collection of cars and motorcycles.

Our evening entertainment was dinner and a show at the Rockwood Mille Shoppe Opera House. The buffet was outstanding and the show was the "Mansfield 5". They performed music from the 1950's. Some from our group could hardly stay in their chairs. It just seemed like you should be dancing. Wow!! What a great evening! The show ended around 9:00 so it was close 9:30 until we started back to the hotel. Emery took control and had the cars line up so everyone could see to drive and other vehicles could see us. We all made it back to the Inn safely. Thanks Emery!! We talked for a while and turned in around 11:00.

Sunday, we visited the Flight 93 Chapel. If you weren't with us, you missed a magnificent place! This Chapel is a place you will never forget.

(Read about the chapel below. It really goes to your heart). You must go there for the experience. We left enjoying a leisurely drive enjoying the

countryside and the windmills. Emery and Shelah led us to Ed's Steakhouse in Bedford for lunch. Another great meal!! The group separated into two, each heading home. Thank you Shelah and Emery for a great weekend!!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel (that we visited)

At the intersection of Coleman Station and Stutzmantown roads, a few miles from where United Airlines Flight 93 plunged to the ground, stands one man's testament to the crew and passengers onboard.

It is not part of the official observances but the Rev. Alphonse Mascherino's Flight 93 Memorial Chapel in Stony Creek Township shows how one man's vision can sprout like a mustard seed. Mascherino had grand plans for the abandoned chapel from the moment he saw its "for sale" sign about a month after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The tiny building had been dedicated as a house of worship in 1902 and was used as a Lutheran Church until 1969. It later became a seed storage building. It needed a lot of work but the Rev. Mascherino, who lived in Somerset; saw it as an opportunity to create a place of reflection for those touched by the heroism on Flight 93.

With only about \$300, a collection of antiques and coins and an enormous amount of faith, he was able to secure a loan to open the nondenominational chapel, a museum of sorts where today everything from photos of the crash to memorabilia from the victims' families is displayed. Mascherino planned to chip away at his memorial project for as long as it took. Whenever he'd save up \$50, he'd drive to the local 84 Lumber store, hand a worker a list of items he needed, and ask for \$50 worth. After a few trips, folks at 84 Lumber began asking questions. Unbeknownst to him, someone from the company began scouting out the chapel and what was going on. Impressed, the company kicked in \$23,000 for supplies and later decided to take over what turned into a \$150,000 renovation project, getting the work done in 10 days, in time for a Sept. 11, 2002, ceremony. Volunteers, many of whom heard about the project travelled from as far away as 50 miles to pitch in.

"Unfortunately, (the chapel) is not part of the national memorial, but it's something that's become important not only to the local people there, but to family members of the heroes on Flight 93.

Rev. Mascherino passed away in 2013 at the age of 69.

FLT 93 CHAPEL CHAPEL GUEST HOUSE Flt 93 CREW MONUMENT



ONE DAY TOUR

October 17, 2021

Organized by Jim Burke, Zach and Jeff Boring

Tour organizers Jim, Zach and Jeff are hoping for a beautiful day on October 17 for a one day tour.

The group will meet at the Walmart in East Freedom at 10:00. The tour will travel on some scenic roads and head toward Shanksville.

The entire tour has not been confirmed but I am sure there will be a food stop.

If the day turns out to be rainy, it will be cancelled

You can confirm the tour by calling Jim Burke at 814-224-2242 or Jeff and Zach at 814-942-3373



1951 GMC

The 1951 Country Squire

Gladys Guyer

Did you ever own one of these?

The Country Squire was the premium station wagon for Ford and always featured real- or imitation-wood trim on the doors and tailgate.



As a full-size wagon, it could carry up to 8 passengers with the unique dual-facing rear seats option which was fitted in the cargo area, as opposed to the usual rear-facing seat.

The Country Squire was the iconic top of the line American family wagon. It was based on the Custom Deluxe series in 1951. The Country Squire was a "woodie". Actual wood was used on the sides until the mid-1950s.

At the start of the 1950's, automakers were rushing all-steel station wagons to market, cars without so much as a matchstick's worth of wood on them as a clear signal to customers that "wood" was a thing of the past. Ford, too, was preparing to embrace the new trend.

But just as the last of the genuine "woodies" was about to depart the scene, Ford brought out a wagon decorated with big swatches of simulated wood. Reserved for its plushest and most-expensive hauler, the look preserved the old image of the wagon as plaything for the leisure class but with no loss of modern convenience. Plus, Ford kept at it year after year.

As the consistent leader in the wagon market, its successes were bound to be imitated by rivals. In time, most every other brand that offered wagons had one with wood grain decals on its sides.

The 41-year production run of the Country Squire is the third-longest of a Ford car nameplate in North America.

2021 Calendar of Events

September 12-17 Glidden Tour, Sarasota Springs, NY
September 26 Delgrosso **Show CANCELLED**
September 26 NEW Tussey Mtn. Car Show
October 6-9 Hershey
October 11-16 Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour, Mt. Airy, NC
October 17 One day tour planned by: Jim Burke, Jeff Boring and Zach Boring
October 20 Cook's Nite at Paesano's in Alexandria
September 29 - October 3 --Fall Carlisle
October 30 Fall Dinner and annual meeting.

Fall Dinner/Annual Meeting

Event coordinator Paula Clemens

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Join the Region at the annual Fall Dinner on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at the Forsht's event center.

Paula Clemens is cooking a full course turkey meal and Jackie Forsht is preparing dessert.

A social hour will begin at 1:00 and our meal at @2:00 followed by our Annual Meeting

The cost is \$15.00.

Your reservation is in this issue of Vapor Locks. Please send your reservation in by October 20, 2021

For additional information contact Paula Clemens at 814-215-5949.



"FORSHT'S PICNIC"

SUNDAY AUGUST 22
ALTOONA, PA

Another great day at the Forsht's Event Center. A nice turnout enjoyed the afternoon at the picnic Bill and Jackie hosted. There was lots of socializing among everyone.

Jackie had a very nice appetizer table for everyone to enjoy prior to our meal. Bill and assistant Randy Clemens grilled tenderloin, burgers, dogs, and sausage cooked. There was many side dishes and of course dessert. YUM YUM!! We enjoyed all the food at 3:00 and continued to chat as we ate and after until it was time to leave.

Thank you Bill and Jackie for having all of us to your place. Thanks to everyone who prepared dishes and attended the picnic. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. A. 1977 Pontiac Trans Am SE
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3. A. Chevrolet Impala
4. C. Honda Accord
5. B. Bavarian Motor Works
6. C. Vega
7. A. Chrysler
8. B. Widow Maker

COOK'S CORNER



Apple Waffles

- 2 cups biscuit/baking mix
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1-1/2 cups 2% milk
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup chopped peeled apple

Directions

Preheat waffle maker. In a large bowl, combine biscuit mix, cinnamon and nutmeg. In another bowl, whisk eggs, milk and butter; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened; stir in apple. Bake waffles according to manufacturer's directions until golden brown. If desired, sprinkle with powdered sugar or serve with whipped cream, syrup and additional chopped apples.

Apple Crunch Salad

- 8 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- 1 or 2 Honeycrisp apples, cored cut into matchsticks
- 3 cup chopped toasted walnuts
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese, plus more to taste

Dressing

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. maple syrup
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- Salt and black pepper, to taste

In a large bowl, toss lettuce with desired amount of dressing. Add apples, walnuts, cranberries, and feta. Drizzle more dressing, if desired, and toss to coat. Taste for salt and pepper. Serve immediately.



THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hi Everyone,

Labor Day has come and gone but Allegheny Mountain Region still has some nice events to attend before the old cars get snuggled in for winter.

There are two more Cook's Nites before the uncertain weather arrives and the Region takes a break until springtime. Cook's Nite is a great way of connecting with others members.

The Fall dinner and Annual meeting is an important day to get new ideas from members, find out who the new board members will be and of course eat!! Also the Board will elect the 2022 Officers.

Next on our calendar is the NEW Tussey Mountain Show. (Additional info elsewhere in VL) This new venue is sure to make for a great day!

Bill and I were unable to attend the 70th party but I hear it was a nice and everyone had a great time.

Why not support Allegheny Mountain by attending the last 2021 events? I will guarantee you fun and laughter.

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

Gladys

Eye site

**My face in the mirror
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty
The cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely
And so does the lawn.
I think I might never
Put my glasses back on.**



Just For Laughs

Joe Clark from Shared

Mom's Suspicion

A mom visits her son for dinner that lives with a girl as a roommate.

During his meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty his roommate was. She had long been suspicious of a relationship between the two and this had only made her more curious.

Over the course of the evening while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there's more between him and his roommate.

Reading his mom's thought, his son volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, we are just roommates."

About a week later, his roommate came to him saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver plate. You don't suppose your mother took it, do you?"

He said, "Well I doubt it, but I'll email her just to be sure! He sat down and wrote,

Dear mom,

After your visit, the silver plate has been missing. "I'm not saying that you did take the silver plate from my house, and I'm not saying that you didn't take it, but the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love, Your son."

Several days later, he received an email from his mother which read:

"Dear Son,

I'm not saying that you do sleep with your roommate, and I'm not saying that you don't sleep with her: but the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the silver plate by now, under her pillow. Love, Mom"



Pontiac Memories

By John McCarthy VP – Endowments

My Aunt Mary was the first one in our family to graduate from college in 1927. She was a high school social studies teacher and was always a frugal person. She lived with my Father and Grandfather. In late 1931, when the 1932 models came out, she bought a black 1931 Pontiac 6 two door sedan. In late 1937, she bought another black Pontiac 6 two door sedan but this one had a radio in addition to a heater. She now lived in her own house with a small garage. Like many garages in those days, the doors had been removed as cars were too long to fit inside. In 1941 and 1947 she again bought new Pontiac 6 two door sedans. The 1947 was dark gray, a car I remember well. In 1954 the Pontiac with 89,000 miles was not running well. The dealer only had two leftovers, both Star Chiefs which were too long.



A fellow teacher's husband was a Dodge dealer and in November 1954 he had a large selection of leftovers as 1954 was a slow year for car sales and the 1955 Dodge was an entirely new model. Mary splurged, and got an extremely good deal on a 1954 Dodge Coronet with a 241 cu in Hemi V8, Power Flite, four-door, light gray top, dark metallic blue bottom and wheel covers. The family was surprised to see Mary get such a nice car. In mid-1960 the Dodge, with only 52,000, miles needed a valve job costing \$100 and she wanted another Pontiac, but Pontiac's would not fit in the garage. Ramblers were very popular and Mary visited a dealer who only had a few 1960 leftovers and she bought a four-door dark brown sedan. I thought it was ugly. For the first two years she was happy with the Rambler but then things began to break that didn't normally break on cars---the driver's seat back, a window crank mechanism, and in 1964 the metal that held the front shocks on had metal fatigue with one completely breaking away.

She went back to the Pontiac dealer who had a 1964 Tempest four-door sedan, 326 V8, automatic, power steering/brakes, light metallic turquoise. Mary was very happy with the Tempest which was her final car and lasted her more than ten years.



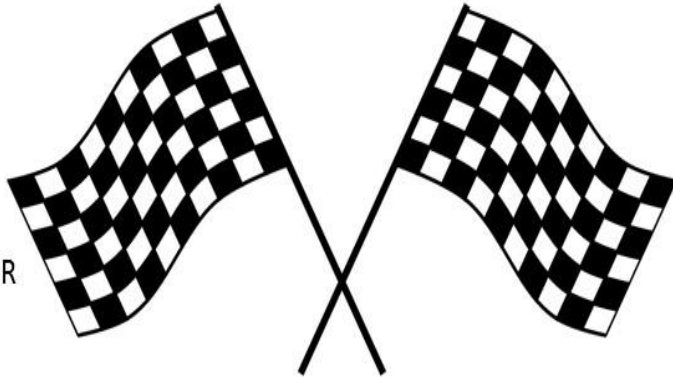
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
 Find and circle each word.



JUST FOR THOUGHT

A Glass of Milk

Heart Touching Stories



Once, there was a poor boy that made a living by selling various objects from door to door. This was the way he earned money to pay for his school.

One day, as he was walking from house to house as usual, he felt very hungry and weak. He felt that he couldn't walk even a few steps. He decided to ask for food at a house. He knocked on the door and was stunned to see a beautiful young girl open the door. With much hesitation, he asked the girl for a glass of water.

The young girl understood his condition and offered him a huge glass of milk. With an astonished look, the boy drank the milk very slowly. "How much do I owe you for this milk?" he asked her.

The girl replied, "I do not want any money for this."

The boy thanked the girl from the bottom of his heart and left the place.

Years passed by. The young girl grew up. In her youth, unfortunately, she fell ill and was diagnosed with the rarest kind of nervous disorder. Many experienced doctors were baffled at her condition, and she was admitted in the city hospital with the most advanced facilities.

Dr. Kevin, a renowned neuro specialist was called in by the hospital to examine her. Even with his extraordinary expertise, Dr. Kevin found the girl's illness very hard to cure. However, with perseverance and hard work that lasted months, he was finally able to get the disease under control. With careful medication and monitoring, the girl was completely cured in the end.

Everyone praised the doctor, but the girl was quite worried about how much the hospital bill would come to. Her family had just a little money kept away in the bank, which was by no means enough to pay for such a long treatment in that reputed hospital.

The girl was given the hospital bill finally. With trembling hands, she opened it. She was stunned to see that the bill had been crossed out and cancelled, and there was a note underneath signed by Dr. Kevin.

"Bill paid years ago with a glass of milk!"

COOK'S NITE OUT

No cooking tonight!

Gladys Guyer



Come gather with us for a pleasant enjoyable evening at Cook's Nite the 3rd Wednesday of each month. 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

September 15 Village Pantry, Tyrone - Bill Forsht 814-943-8766

October 15 Paesano's - Alexandria - Gladys Guyer 814-667-3796



The 1951 Packard

Packard production in 1951

200 (Standard - all body styles), 24,310 units
200 (Deluxe - all body styles), 47,052 units
250 (all body styles) 4,640 units (Introduced in March 1951, partial model year tally)

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN CAR SHOW

As you probably know we are unable to have our annual car show at Delgrosso. Allegheny Mountain Region has obtained a new venue for our Fall Car Show at the Tussey Mountain Ski Resort.

Mark Bigatel contacted **Melanie Rosenberger** *Lodge Manager, Tussey Mountain* about hosting our AACA show on 9/26... Melanie's response was "we would be happy to host your group".

Scott Deno took on the responsibility of organizing the show and got the wheels in motion and.... has the plans finalized. There will be food and drink available.

Gladys will handle the registration for the show. Registration will begin at 9:00 and close at 12:30.

This is a non-judged show. A drawing will be held at the conclusion of the show for Sheetz gift cards.

For any questions, contact: Scott Deno at 814 571-9790, or email: nsded@hotmail.com.



**1951 Buick Special Deluxe
Sedan**

CAR TRIVIA

1. What was the most popular muscle car in the 70s?
 - A. 1977 Pontiac Trans Am SE
 - B. 1971 Ford Mustang
 - C. 1971 Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda Convertible
2. What is Chrysler's Aftermarket Division?
 - A. Hornet
 - B. Maverick
 - C. Mopar
3. What car sold over one million units in 1965, setting a record.
 - A. Chevrolet Impala
 - B. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles
 - C. Ford Motor Company
4. What was the first Japanese car to be produced in the United States?
 - A. Toyota Camry
 - B. Mazda Miata
 - C. Honda Accord
5. What do the letters in BMW stand for?
 - A. Berlin Motor Works
 - B. Bavarian Motor Works
 - C. Belgian Motor Works
6. Which model did Chevrolet ship vertically during the 1970s?
 - A. Chevette
 - B. Malibu
 - C. Vega
7. Who Bought Dodge out in the 1970's?
 - A. Chrysler
 - B. Ford
 - C. Chevy
8. The Porsche 917 was a race car that was outlawed in the Le Mans Circuit. What was its nickname?
 - A. Power House
 - B. Widow Maker
 - C. Speedy

Answers elsewhere in VL

Swigart Meet 2021



The 2021 Swigart Meet was a huge success with over 100 cars in attendance. There will be a complete article in the next issue of Vapor Locks.

Happenings in 1951

- The first S&H Green Stamps given out at the Denver store chain King Sooper.
- The Twenty-second Amendment to the United States Constitution, limiting presidents to two terms, was ratified.
- The comic strip Dennis the Menace appeared in newspapers across the U.S. for the first time.
- Super glue was invented.
- Kellogg's Introduced Sugar Corn Pops Cereal.
- I Love Lucy premiere.
- Alice in Wonderland was released.

Bedford Springs 1951

By Stan Smith



70 years ago our Allegheny Mountain Region was formed at a meeting in the Bedford Springs Hotel. It was attended by 50 old car enthusiasts 16 of which included their wives. Each member was asked to contribute \$2.00 for the year and of those who organized the club 44 were appointed to serve on committees such as Awards, Publicity Membership, Finance, Technical and Ladies Activities. William E. Swigart, Jr. was chairman of the meeting.

William E. Swigart was later elected as Director of the Region, Mr. William A. Huff was to be the Secretary-Treasurer and S. Howard Brown as Chief Judge.

That took place February 2nd, 1951 and during the last weekend of April there was a car show. That was the Region's first car show and had at least 20 antique and classics parked at the driveway circle in front of the Hotel.

My parents drove down in their 1929 duPont Speedster and took me along. Being a fairly long drive it would have proven to be most

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uncomfortable for me, a 12 year old, to sit in her lap. The solution was that I sat in the trunk...luckily for me it had been built to be a rumble seat but not finished by the custom body builder before being sold. No upholstery plus the lid opened the wrong way so my whole trip to and from Bedford was done with the lid in my face. But it was worth it.

Dad had taken me to other AACA shows as far back as 1948. Most were held in and around Philadelphia. One frequent Fall Meet was at a horse race track in Devon, PA. It occurred for a number of years and was eventually replaced by Hershey in the mid 1950's. But I'll always recall the Bedford Show since it had one unique car show up driven by a Mr. E.G. Studebaker. There were Packards, Rolls Royces, and cars with lots of brass on them that would be worthy of photographing.

I had my Brownie camera and still have the only picture I took which was Mr. Studebaker's entry.....a bronze colored custom bodied Cord named the PHANTOM CORSAIR.

That car certainly started my career on wanting to know more about car design and the engineering behind what was under the stylish body. I immediately starting drawing what I thought future cars should look like and still like to sketch an idea with a pencil on paper. The Bedford Car Show was the turning point in my career to become a design engineer with the hopes of working for one the big three US Automobile Companies. I came close since my mother sent off some of my drawings to their styling studios. I actually had one person from Chrysler stop at our house to encourage me to keep plugging away.

Here's hoping our Allegheny Mountain Region car shows and the Swigart Museum give our youth inspiration to get into an engineering/styling career like it did for me.

STAN SMITH