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## The 1951 Frazer Manhattan 4-door convertible

The Kaiser-Frazer Corporation was founded in 1947 by Henry J. Kaiser and Joseph Frazer. It was built on the remnants of the defunct Graham-Paige company of which Joseph Frazer was formerly the president.

Kaiser-Frazer had a relatively short stint as a full-fledged manufacturer and struggled from early on to gain a foothold in the market against the might of the Big Three.

At the head of the corporation, Kaiser and Frazer often clashed about their strong philosophical differences. In 1951 Joseph Frazer was expelled from the company bearing his name. Adding insult to injury, the Frazer name plate was dropped from the lineup in the middle of 1951 production.

Henry J. Kaiser tried to shore up his company's assets by purchasing another struggling independent, Willys-Overland. This formed the Kaiser-Willys Corporation, and in 1956 the company ceased passenger car production altogether, focusing instead on utility vehicles. Only the Jeep brand survived the twists and turns of this tumultuous company's history.

The Frazer Manhattan was the company's flagship offering for 1951. The Frazer models received a significant restyle which they did not share with their sister cars at Kaiser, making these cars quite rare indeed. The distinct styling proved popular with the public and nearly 50,000 orders were placed. The company could not keep pace, as the Manhattan was largely hand built, and only 10,214 left the Willow Run factory before supplies ran dry.



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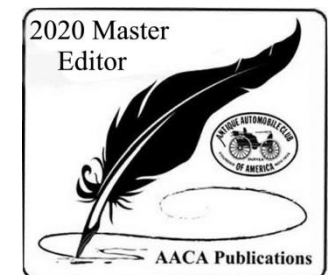
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# President's Message



Been a crazy couple of weeks. The death of the corrections officer while on duty, here in Blair County has been an awful project for her family and coworkers and has kept many of us working overtime to get things taken care of. Please take a moment and say a prayer for Co. Rhonda Russell and her family.

The weather has taken a turn for the worse and it looks like it's time to get the old cars in their garages and tucked in for winter.

I am headed to CT tomorrow to bring one more home over the LOUD objections of my wife. A friend offered me a great deal on a model T and I really needed it (cough cough). I am not exactly sure where it is going to go in for the winter!

We will have a board meeting in January to elect officers. Please consider stepping up and taking one of those spots. There is nothing hard about it and you will have lots of people telling you what to do! Lol. Really, you will get lots of help and support from other members so if you are asked...say yes! The meeting is scheduled for January 16 at 1:00. We will meet at the Forsht Event Center and there will be pizza and drinks available.

The Fall dinner was a huge success! Talk about stepping up! Paula Clemens cooked and served a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We had a great turnout, and a grand time was had by all.

Also be thinking of a PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 2021. Mail in the ballot from VL or vote at the January meeting. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Spend the down time this winter thinking of fun events for next spring. Some nice short tours would be awesome.

Bill (honest this is the last one Jackie) Forsht.



# Fall Dinner

Event coordinator Paula Clemens

Saturday, October 30, 2021, the Region held the annual fall dinner at the Forsht events center in Altoona. The afternoon began with yummy snacks and lots of socializing.



Paula Clemens and Jackie Forsht prepared a turkey meal and dessert for everyone. Thank you, ladies. It was DELICIOUS!!

Everyone enjoyed the dinner and the afternoon closed with many goodbyes, see you later.

President Forsht thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a safe drive home.

**THANK YOU BILL ANF JACKIE FOR OPENING YOUR  
EVENT CENTER FOR MEMBERS OF AMR!**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022  
1:00  
FORSHT'S EVENT CENTER  
ALTOONA, PA**



## My First Car

By Jim Elliott AACA President

It is always interesting to ask others about their first car. My Dad's first car was a 1946 Ford that he purchased upon his return from France at the conclusion of World War II. He had hoped to purchase a Chevrolet, but the waiting list was just too long.

My Dad was frugal and often told me that if I could afford my own car, I could afford my own college tuition. Needless to say, that stymied my purchase. However, after I finished my sophomore year, my Dad partially relented. I would be allowed to purchase a car in May if I sold it in August before I returned to campus for my junior year. So, the search began. I wanted a station wagon as I mowed lawns and did odd jobs in the summer. My Dad vetoed the first car I found. A 1959 Edsel with seats that "crunched" as the seat foam was disintegrating. The second car received a similar veto. It was a 1958 Chevrolet with rust holes and a generator light that was blinking.

The third candidate became mine. It was a 1963 Rambler 770 which I purchased for \$235.00 and drove it home. In addition to being a station wagon, it had reclining front bucket seats. It served me well over the summer even though it got better gas mileage than oil mileage. While gas was 23 cents a gallon, I could buy "reclaimed" (used) oil for 19 cents a gallon. It changed its own oil as it used a quart every fifty miles. As with every year, summer ended too soon. I sold the Rambler for \$250.00 and took my cash back to college, being the only car, I ever sold at a profit.



## AMR 2022 Calendar of Events

January 16 Board Meeting, 1:00 at the Forsht Event Center

February 10-12 AACA Annual Convention, Philadelphia

**AMR's Calendar will be planned at the January 16 Board Meeting. Events will be listed in the January/February 2022 issue of VL**

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### National Calendar of events close to PA

#### March

6 – Hamburg Swap Meet & Car Corral – Hamburg, PA –

#### April

7-9 – Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC – Hornets' Nest Region

22-25 – Eastern Divisional Tour – Johnstown, PA – Flood City Region

#### June

16-18 – Eastern Spring Nationals – Beckley, WV – West Virginia Whitewater Region

#### August

5-7 – Macungie, PA – Das Awkscht Fescht – Macungie Memorial Park – three-day car show, flea market, car corral, crafts and live entertainment in the bandshell. Car show participants receive a dash plaque and participation award. For additional information Contact Susan Manwiller at 610-823-5033 or email [smanwi1321@aol.com](mailto:smanwi1321@aol.com); [www.awkscht.com](http://www.awkscht.com)

#### September

10-16 – Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) – Gettysburg, PA – Buzzards Breath Region

25-30 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour (1942 & earlier) – Central New Jersey – New Jersey Region – AACA Sponsored

#### October

4-7 – Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA – Hershey Region



# REMINDER

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2022 is knocking on our door which means you membership AMR needs renewed.

Many of you have already renewed but if you have not and would like to get the discounted price of \$10.00, please renew by **December 31, 2021**

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

**I have again put a renewal form in this issue of VL. Take advantage of the savings and return your renewal form to Secretary Pat Swigart**

## ***TRIVIA ANSWERS***

1. Mercedes Benz, originally founded in 1883
2. Put on the iron
3. 1902
4. Nash Motors Company
5. 1930
6. 1967

## *Swap Meet and Car Corral*

*Hamburg PA*

*March 6, 2022*

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## **Car Trivia**

1. What is the oldest car company still in business today?
2. What is a slang term describing putting tire chains on a truck?
3. The world's first speeding ticket was issued in which year?
4. Which was the first auto company to provide seat belts as an option?
5. When were car radios first introduced
6. What year was the first Mercury Cougar made?



# COOK'S CORNER

## Crack Chicken Dip

8 oz. cream cheese softened  
1 cup sour cream  
1 – 1 oz. packet of hidden Ranch dip Mix  
1 ½ cups cooked shredded chicken  
4 slices cooked crumbled bacon

In a large mixing bowl, stir the cream cheese, sour cream add dips and mix together until well blended. Fold in the chicken, cheese and ¾ of the bacon. Top with remaining bacon crumbles

Refrigerate until ready to serve or serve immediately with chips, vegetables, or bread.



## Christmas Chex Mix

4 c. cups corn and/or rice Chex cereal	2 c. mini pretzels
1 c. salted roasted almonds	4 tbsp. salted butter
¼ c. honey	¼ c. sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon	1 tsp. vanilla extract
½ c. white chocolate chips	2 tbsp. coconut oil
1 c. red and green M&M's	

Preheat the oven to 250°. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Combine the cereal, pretzels, and almonds in a large bowl.

Melt the butter with the honey and sugar in a small saucepan over low heat until the mixture is bubbling and well combined, about 2 minutes. Add the cinnamon and vanilla and stir until well combined. Pour half of the butter mixture over the cereal mixture and toss until well coated. Add the remaining butter mixture and toss again until evenly coated.

Spread the mixture on the baking sheet in an even layer. Bake, stirring every 15 minutes, until toasted and just starting to dry out, about 1 hour.

Combine the white chocolate chips and coconut oil in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at 50 percent power in 30-second intervals, stirring between each interval, until melted and smooth.

Drizzle the white chocolate over the snack mix on the baking sheet, then immediately sprinkle with the M&M's. Let cool completely so the white chocolate sets, about 30 minutes. Break into small clusters.



# THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hi Everyone,

The calendar lists December 21<sup>st</sup> as the first day of Winter however I am not sure. Our temperatures have been up and down.

Events for the Region have concluded for the year. I hope you able to attend some of them. I was really having a senior moment on October 30. I completely forgot about the Fall dinner. I honestly have no idea how that happened. Can I blame Bill? Probably Not! I have asked Santa to bring me a LARGE desk calendar to help keep me in line. I hope it works!

The Regions 70<sup>th</sup> year is almost over, and it has been a great 70 years. There have been many tours, dinners, and shows to name a few. Our Region has enjoyed hosting several successful National Tours and have enjoyed doing all of them.

Our Region is what it is today because members are willing to donate their time and energy to make AMR a success. Come to the January 16<sup>th</sup> planning meeting and bring fresh ideas for tours, dinners or car shows. Everyone is welcome to participate.! Let's make 2022 a fun filled year.

I am sorry VL is running a little late, but I will blame my daughter Sherry. She said my computer desperately needed up graded before it crashed. She brought me another computer and hooked everything up. The only problem is everything is different than what I was used to in my old computer. It is like learning all over again. I will keep trying so bear with me.

Bill and I would like to wish you a wonderful holiday.

Gladys

Ho-Ho-Hope you have a Holly  
Jolly Christmas!!







# Christmas Funnies

Parade

## Like Father, Like Son

One evening I arrived home from work to find the lights out. My wife had prepared a lovely candlelit dinner and our two young sons, Garrett and Seldon, were dressed in their suits.

“Hey,” I joked, “didn’t we pay our hydro bill?”

A few months later, during the Christmas Eve candlelit procession, the church was packed and silent when Garrett asked, “Hey, Dad, did they not pay their hydro bill, too?”

## Stocking Stuffers

One Christmas my husband put an assortment of beauty products in my stocking. I tried one of the facial masks, and was about to wash it off when my eight-year-old son, Callum, walked in. I explained to him that it was a present from his dad and it would make me beautiful.

He patiently waited by my side as I rinsed and patted my face dry. “Well, what do you think?” I asked.

“Oh, Mom, it didn’t work!” Callum replied, maybe you should try again.

## Honesty is the Best Policy

My nine-year-old son, Gabriel, had heard some rumors at school that Santa wasn’t real. He approached me with a big question: “Dad, tell me the truth. Is Santa real?”

I decided to tell him it was us who had bought his latest Nintendo Wii game.

“Really?” he said. “You should have let Santa bring it. That way, it would have been free.”

# COOK'S NITE OUT

No cooking tonight!

*Gladys Guyer*



The weather for the winter months is uncertain and hard to predict so AMR will not hold our monthly Cook's Nite Out.

In the Spring we will once again resume our monthly Nite. In the next issue of VL will be the schedule of dates and places.

See you in the Spring!



**Christmas is a piece of one's home  
that one carries in one's heart."**

*-Freya Stark*

## Just for Thought

Larry Flowers was an Army captain when he found himself in Korea for Christmas in 1966. Far from his wife and kids, he felt nothing close to the holiday spirit as Dec. 25 approached.

Some junior officers approached him about helping with a Christmas party the unit was throwing for a local Korean orphanage, but Flowers told them he had no desire to take part.

“Christmas day broke bright and early, very sunny and bitterly cold,” he said. Flowers was getting ready to write a letter to his family when his friends came to his room.

“Put on your Class A’s and you’re coming with us, otherwise we will carry you,” Flowers remembered his friends saying. They arrived at the orphanage and Flowers was paired off with an orphaned toddler.

“The weather as horribly cold and her little face and hands proved just how bitter it was. “Her face, but especially her cheeks and hands, were chafed and cracked, and her nose was running like a faucet. All I could think of at that moment was, “and you felt sorry for yourself.”

The child held up her arms, and Flowers picked her up. He gave her his handkerchief and she blew her nose as hard as she could before handing it back with a smile. He held her and waited in line to see Santa and get a present, along with 40 or so other orphans. The child was the last to sit on Santa’s lap, and Flowers recalled relief and joy flooding him when she got her turn.

“For the life of me, I couldn’t figure out why I felt like a proud papa of a child that had just won an Olympic medal, but nonetheless, I was proud and grinned from ear to ear as Santa talked to her,” he said. “The Christmas spirit had entered me.” The girl opened her gift and lit up at the sight of a new doll, Flowers said. “My little girl wanted her wrapping paper folded and put into the box that her doll came in,” he added.

They mingled a bit longer and then loaded the kids back onto an Army bus to return them to the orphanage. Flowers waved goodbye to the child, and she waved back.

“It was a wonderful Christmas Day after all,” he said. “That little girl would now be about 52 years of age. I often wonder if she remembers that day and how happy she made me feel.”

## 1951 NASCAR RACER

**Marshall Pleasant Teague** was an American race car driver nicknamed by NASCAR fans as the “King of the Beach” for his performances at the Daytona Beach Road Course.

During the 1951 and 1952 racing seasons, He was a member of the Hudson Motors team and driving what were called the “Fabulous Hudson Hornet” stock cars.

Teague competed in 20 NASCAR Grand National Series races from 1949 to 1952, winning seven of them.

Teague approached the Hudson Motor Car Company by traveling to Michigan and visiting the automaker’s factory without an appointment. By the end of his visit, Hudson virtually assured Teague of corporate support and cars, with the relationship formalized shortly after his visit. This “is generally regarded as the first stock car racing team backed by a Detroit auto manufacturer.”

He was also instrumental in helping Hudson tune the 308 cu in (5.0 L) straight-6 powered Hudson Hornet to its maximum stock capability. When combined with the car’s light weight and low center of gravity, the Hornet allowed Teague and the other Hudson drivers to dominate stock car racing from 1951 through 1954., consistently beating out other drivers in cars powered by larger, more modern engines

Teague died in 1959 in aa accident during test runs just as NASCAR was about to enter its first “golden era” of popularity. He mentored many Daytona Beach racers and mechanics



*Fabulous Hudson Hornet*

*-Godwin Kelly*

# CHROME BUMPERS

Czechoslovakian automaker Nesselsdorfer Wagenbau-Fabriksgesellschaft was the first to fit an automobile with bumpers in 1897, but they reportedly fell off the vehicle after only a short distance. Several years later, British engineer Frederick Simms began testing fully functional, impact-absorbing bumpers in 1901, and was granted a patent for them in 1905. For the next several decades, bumpers would make spotty appearances before seeing widespread application on Ford Model As introduced in 1927.

After that defining point in time, chrome finish went hand-in-hand with metal bumpers on virtually every automobile - from the first "aero" cars in the 1930s to the finned sharks of the 1950s to powerful muscle cars of the 1960s.

Even though traditional chrome bumpers made their last stand on American cars in the early 1990s, they live on today on many trucks. The purpose of any automobile bumper is to absorb low-speed impacts and protect the rest of the vehicle's body from damage.

Until the early 1940s, bumpers were basically steel bars bolted onto a vehicle's front and rear - with relatively large gaps between them and the body. These bumpers were relatively featureless, straight pieces of metal that occasionally featured a small degree of curvature.

After World War II, designers began to see chrome bumpers as a way to enhance overall vehicle styling, creating them with shapes and contours that served as a continuation of the body in free-flowing fashion that hadn't been done before. From the 1950s through the early 1970s, chrome bumpers went from mild to wild, then back to mild again before government regulations affected their function and form. For more details visit - <https://www.carid.com/articles/chrome-bumpers-good-old-days-when-bumpers-were-metal.html>

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# Word Search Puzzle

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# Bedford Springs 1951.part 2

By Stan Smith

In my earlier essay on having been taken to the 1<sup>st</sup> Allegheny Mountain Region car show by my parents I mentioned seeing a car that influenced my future. When it was driven into the front driveway of the Bedford Springs Hotel, I could not believe my eyes.

Here was a vehicle that was much more aerodynamic than the Chrysler/DeSoto Airflows of the mid 1930's and was named the PHANTOM CORSAIR. It was designed by the young heir of Pittsburgh's Heinz 57 Varieties family who at age 22 moved to California to venture into his own desires to become a designer of speedboats and cars.

He took sketches of the car he wished to be built to the custom body builder Bowman & Swartz and financed it with money from his aunt who was living in Los Angeles. He requested they use the new 1936 Cord Sedan he has just bought as he basis for the PHANTOM CORSAIR. Use was made of the front wheel drive engine, transmission, and suspension, which were all a part of the sub-frame with new rear frame and tubular bars to support the aluminum body.

The body was made wide to allow for it to enclose all four wheels and a front seat for 4 people. The fourth person would sit on the driver's left side. Two more people could sit in the rear but had to face each other sideways in the 2-door coupe body. One must admit that room inside for 6 people must have been tight and the limited window area would turn off anyone claustrophobic.

To help promote his car of the future Rust Heinz had a full color drawing of it in the July 1937 issue of ESQUIRE magazine and he put together a brochure to hand out to prospective customers. By 1939 he had secured permission to show it at the NYC World's Fair but that was something he did not live to see. In July he flew to Pittsburgh to visit friends and got caught up in an accident that proved fatal.

It did get exhibited at the World's Fair in his honor and then put in storage. In 1942 his brother Henry gave the car to a family friend after which it passed through several owners. One of whom modified it to have better cooling and an ugly two-tone paint job. Fortunately, the Phantom Corsair was last purchased by the late William Harrah who had it

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By Stan Smith

restored back to its original condition with the black paint. It can be seen at his museum in Reno.

Interestingly after reading about all the detailed names of ownerships and places where the PHANTOM CORSAIR had been there is nothing mentioned about being at our region's first car show at Bedford Springs Hotel in 1951. That was not important enough to writers on such a creative car, but it made a large impact on me at age 12. Ever since that day I began to learn all I could about the mechanics of a car and started to draw my own versions of what the "car of tomorrow" would look like.

## Concept Car We Forgot:



The stunning 1938 Phantom Corsair introduced by Rust Heinz

**The Ultimate Concept Car will move so fast,  
even at rest as to be invisible**

JG Ballard

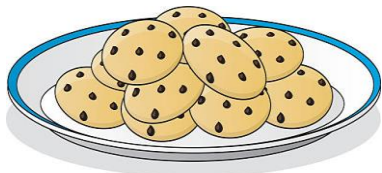
# Junkyard Finds

## Person of the Year

Allegheny Mountain Region has a travelling trophy given to a member who has given outstanding support to the Region

Your ballot is on the cover of this issue of VL. Mail to Secretary Pat Swigart by January 10, 2022

*A balanced diet is a Christmas cookie in each hand!*



Top of the line 1951 Plymouth Sedan



1951 Ford F100

## Yester Years News

### ~ *A Visit to Chet Geist's Museum July 2007* ~

Saturday July 14 was a day that will not be forgotten. Nearly 75 people many driving antique cars, visited with Chet. With the help of his son-in law, Ed Schenck, everyone was able to look at Chet's most valued treasures. His museum is outstanding. His collection is not just of antique cars; he has just about anything imaginable in his collection, all in immaculate condition.

Chet and his late wife Jessica, the love of his life, joined Allegheny Mountain Region December 2, 1951, just 10 months after the Region was founded. They were introduced by longtime friend, as well as founder of the Region, William Swigart. Chet a 38-year-old well-known mechanic was repairing William's 1946 Ford when he explained the region was formed and invited Chet and Jessica to join. They became members and soon after acquired a 1915 Model T Touring car. The search began for needed parts. Piece by piece each part was found enabling a beautifully completed restoration.

Chet, Jessica and daughters took their newly restored 1915 Model T to their very first show in 1956, The Swigart Meet. From that time on Chet and his family participated in nearly all Allegheny Mountain Regions' events. Chet has restored numerous cars over the years and has lent a hand and advice to anyone who needed it. When it comes to antique cars, Chet's the expert!! Just thinking about antique cars makes him feel like that 38-year-old mechanic back in 1951, maybe a little slower but a lot wiser.

His relentless dedication to the Region has been a major factor in making the region what it is today. Through the years, Chet has held many positions, President, Vice-President, Board member and club photographer. He has worked behind the scenes for the good of the club and has been the recipient of the "Man of the Year" award several times. In 1993, Chet was acknowledged Emeritus Member of the Board of Directors. October 18, 1997 Chet received the highest honor of the region. President Stanley Smith, Past-Presidents, Board of Directors, and members of the region presented Chet with a plaque representing Life-time membership in Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA. A man like Chet is truly deserving of the prestigious award.

Here it is 2007, 56 years after joining Allegheny Mountain Region, and Chet is still enhancing the antique car hobby. Thank-you Chet for giving members the wonderful opportunity of spending time with you. We would also like to thank you for sharing the treasures in your museum. To our dear friend, Chet, you are the most valuable treasure the Region has ever had.

## Twas The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas when all through the garage,  
Not an auto was stirring, not Chevy or Dodge.  
Toolboxes stood by the chimney out back,  
In hope that my neighbor would bring borrowed tools back.  
Car club members were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of antique vehicles danced in their heads.  
My wife in her nightgown, and I in my club cap,  
Had just settled down for a long night's nap,  
When out in the drive there arose such a clatter,  
It sounded like burnt valves were not all that was the matter.  
Away to the workshop I flew like a "Vette",  
Tripped over a floor jack and nearly broke my neck.  
The hub caps that were reflecting in the snow,  
Gave the appearance of luster to the rusty Ford down below.  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a '61 Plymouth, pulled by eight, V-8 reindeer,  
The little old driver so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment he must still drive a stick.  
In a sudden blur to the shop he did bound,  
I could tell it was St Nick and he was not messing around.  
A bundle of goodies he carried on his back,  
I could see lug nuts and rims and chrome exhaust stack.  
With a wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
All the stuff that I needed appeared in my truck bed!  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, back to his Plymouth he dove.  
He sprang behind the wheel, gave the starter a crank,  
And I wondered how much fuel those eight, V-8's drank?  
But I heard him exclaim as he roared out of sight,  
Those parts should keep you busy till springtime arrives!



# The Charcoal Briquette

History Daily by Karen Harris

What do Henry Ford and BBQ's have in common? It turns out quite a lot.

The story begins in the summer of 1919 when carmaker Henry Ford, tire magnate Harvey Firestone, and naturalist John Burroughs went on one of their annual camping trips. These super-rich pals traveled in style, bringing along their chauffeurs and a chef in a convoy of six vehicles. Today, this would be called "glamping" (as in glamorous camping).

On this outing, Ford invited along a real estate agent named Edward G. Kingsford, so they could discuss ways to find and buy timberland. Kingsford was married to Ford's cousin, Minnie. Ford needed wood for his Model T's since between their frame, running board, dashboard, and wheel spokes, each car used about 100 board feet of hardwood. Considering that Ford produced about a million cars a year, that's a heck of a lot of wood. Kingsford came through and acquired 313,000 acres of timberland in Iron Mountain, Michigan – just what Ford needed.

Ford built a sawmill to cut the wood for shipping to Detroit but there was a problem. The mill generated lots of waste in the form of stumps, branches, and sawdust. This irked Henry for two reasons: He didn't like to leave money lying on the ground and he was an early environmentalist who lived by the motto: "reduce, reuse, and recycle."

So, what does this all have to do with backyard barbecues? Well, as an avid camper, Henry knew that it was difficult to find enough dry kindling to build and sustain a campfire. So, with the help of a chemist, he took the excess scraps from his sawmill and pressed them into lumps held together by tar and cornstarch. Sure enough, they proved a quick and easy way to keep a fire hot. After calling them "charcoal briquettes", he opened the Ford Charcoal factory, and it was built next to his sawmill. As a thank you for his help, he let Kingsford run it.

A model of efficiency, Ford's factory produced 610 pounds of briquettes for every ton of scrap wood. Soon, Ford was marketing "Picnic Kits" containing charcoal and portable grills to promote motoring and outdoor adventures. After Henry Ford died in 1947, a group of investors bought Ford Charcoal in **1951** and renamed it Kingsford Chemical Company in order to pay tribute to the company's heritage. Today, Kingsford Charcoal is more popular than ever. In fact, every year more than one million tons of wood waste finds new life as charcoal briquettes.

Something to think about the next time you're grillin' your grub.

## HERSHEY FALL MEET FLEA MARKET PRICE INCREASE FOR 2022

As a direct result of substantial increases in the costs we pay to operate the Hershey Fall Meet, we are **increasing the flea market space rental fee by \$10 per space for 2022.**

This is not a decision that was made easily; however, we are forced to adjust the vendor space rental price just to cover the costs of presenting the AACA Fall Nationals in Hershey.

It is important to remember this event is put on by the volunteer members of the Hershey Region and is the first price increase we have had in nearly 10 years.

## Thank You!

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