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# COOK'S CORNER

## Easy Chicken Tetrazzini

- 1 can cream of chicken soup.
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup.
- 1/2 cup melted butter.
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1 pound of cooked chicken chopped or shredded
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 c frozen peas
- 1 lb. spaghetti cooked al dente.
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese.
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 T. parmesan cheese
- Fresh parsley for garnish.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, coat a 9/13 baking dish with nonstick spray, set aside.

In a large bowl mix together soups, sour cream melted butter, broth, salt pepper, and garlic powder until combined. Stir in peas and chicken and spaghetti. Toss together until fully combined.

Pour mixture in baking pan and top with cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 30 min. Remove foil and continue baking **ANOTHER 15 MINUTES UNTIL CHEESE IS MELTED** and casserole is hot throughout.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with parsley. Let stand for 10 to 15 minutes.

## 3 Ingredient Cereal Bars

- 2 cups crispy cereal, like cheerios, special K, rice crispies etc.
- 6 T peanut butter or substitute almond butter.
- 6 T honey or maple syrup

### **Instructions**

Line a baking tray with baking paper and set aside.  
 In a large mixing bowl, add your dry cereal and set aside.  
 In a microwave safe bowl or stovetop, melt almond butter with your maple syrup and then pour the mixture into the crispy rice cereal and mix well.  
 Pour mixture into the lined baking tray and press firmly into place. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to firm up.

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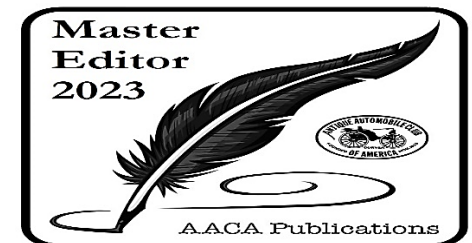
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## President's Message

Spring is in full swing and isn't it great. I hope you have got some cars out of the garage by now. I have got several out but not too much mileage after the March tour to Chattanooga.

The Spring dinner at Mamma Randazzo's newly remodeled restaurant in Altoona in April was very nice and very well

attended. A cool and cloudy day limited the antique car turnout. But the Condo's brought their Ford truck, the Spangler's brought their Chevy truck, the Forsht's brought their Lincoln beast, and the Deno's brought Ellen's 57 Chevy. What antiques did I miss?

Looking forward to local events: Memorial Day car show in Boalsburg May 27, Cook's nite out June 19 at Jethro's in Altoona, June 23 tour in Huntingdon, and the Keystone truckers show at Through, Inc. grounds - East Freedom, PA.

Next up large event- We are very much looking forward to the Boalsburg show May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please attend this show, which is great every year with ever increasing attendance. Feel free to join us Sunday evening at 6PM, the day before, to help setup tents and field markers. We will have an additional food vendor (up to 3) this year to help reduce the lines. Also, please contact me (814 571-9790, [nsdedd@hotmail.com](mailto:nsdedd@hotmail.com)) if you can volunteer to help parking Monday morning. This is an area we always need extra help.

The Deno's 2024 recent events attended – We visited our New York friends from the Genesis Valley Car Society AACA region for a one day tour the weekend of May 4-5. We had a great time renewing friendships while attending brunch and a local Coca-Cola Museum.

Future Deno's national activities – national touring/shows are pretty much set. Next is the Divisional tour in Fredericksburg, VA June 9-13, Buzzy tour June 14-17 in Chantilly, VA. Hershey flea market in October is a must (we will show our 1912 Rambler on Friday), and the Hershey Hangover tour is just after Hershey flea market. The Glidden tour (cars up to WWII) in Fairfield, PA (south of Gettysburg) in September is a must. It's a must because it's the 25<sup>th</sup> Glidden tour for our 1929 Marmon! It would be great to put together a region group for the Glidden Tour this year since it is close by. Consider booking the hotel early since it is based at a resort with no other hotels nearby.

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Shop talk – I moved our 1928 Studebaker sedan deluxe (under its own power!) into the shop this month for a mechanical “once over” which will probably extend into the winter. This currently includes Gas tank restore (already looks bad), new overdrive (on order), and engine rebuilding (last done when I was in High School!). I expect this project will involve considerable job creep. Stop by and check on the progress any time.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road!  
Scott

## Car Trivia

### 50's Auto Quiz

1. Which car debuted in 1953 with a waterfall grille and whitewall tires?
2. The '53 Chrysler Imperial became the first mass-produced car in over a decade to offer this option.
3. What's the name of this car that came decked out with tailfins and a 275 hp Packard V8 engine?
4. Most people consider this car the biggest failure in automotive history. What is it?
5. Many cars had tailfins in the 50's but this car had the most extreme ones.
6. In 1950, the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation started making which car?

Answers on next page

## Trivia Answers

1. It was a Buick. Buick introduced the Skylark in 1953 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the company, and even though it was an expensive car based on standards at the time, \$5,000, it still sold pretty well.

2. Chrysler stood out from the pack in the '50s when they became the first auto maker in over a decade to offer air conditioning with the '53 Imperial. By 1960, car buyers had caught on to the brilliance of auto air conditioning, and the feature could be found in around 1 in 5 new cars.

3. Studebaker's Golden Hawk was part of a larger series known as the Hawk Series of vehicles of which there were several. Aside from the Golden, Studebaker produced the Silver Hawk, Flight Hawk, Power Hawk, Sky Hawk, Gran Turismo Hawk, Packard Hawk and just the Hawk.

4. Ford is believed to have lost about \$350 million on the Edsel in the late 1950s. While the car performed fairly well, it was way over-hyped leading up to its debut and the fact it was considered to be remarkably ugly did it no favors.

5. In 1954, Cadillac started using more pointed tailfins in contrast to the rounded ones previously used. By 1959, the Cadillac Eldorado was sporting fins so dramatic they looked like rear stabilizers on an airplane.

6. The Henry J, named for the chairman of the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation, Henry J. Kaiser. The Henry J was designed to be a car for everyone, cheaper than any other car on the market at only \$1,300. To make it work at such a low cost it had fixed rear windows, no arm rests or glove box, and the trunk didn't open.

## ONE DAY TOUR

Pat Swigart

The region is planning a one-day tour in the Huntingdon Area on June 23. Details will be finalized at Forsht's picnic on June 2. Save the date!

## Calendar of Events

(Tentative)

May 27 – Memorial Day Show, Boalsburg, PA Scott Deno 814-238-4031

June 2 – Picnic at the Forsht's

June 2 – Board of Directors Meeting, 12:30 at the Forsht's Picnic

June 19- - Cook's Nite, **Jethro's**, Altoona, PA – Paula 814-943-8626

June 23 – Tour in Huntingdon Area – Pat Swigart - 814-251-2299

July 17 – Cook's Nite, **Traditions**, Martinsburg, - Lloy or Betty 814-934-3219

July 27 – Allegheny Mountain Region and Keystone truckers show.

August 2 & 3 – Swigart Show, Huntingdon, PA, Pat Swigart – 814-251-2299

August 21 – Cook's Nite, **Village Pantry**, Tyrone – Jeff Boring 814-931-1854

September 18 – Cook's Nite – **Quaker Steak & Lube**, State College, PA Scott 814-238-4031

October 13 – One day Tour, Jackie Forsht, 814-931-7045. Info later.

October 16 – Cook's Nite, **Valley Dairy**, Altoona, PA – Paula 814-943-8626

November 20 – **Kelly's Corner**, Huntingdon, PA – Jackie 814-931-7045

*Additional events and updates will be listed in future issues of Vapor Locks!*



Check your Antique Automobile magazine for a complete listing of dates and places for National events, tours etc.



## THE EDITOR'S DESK

Here we are in mid-May with the Memorial Day Car Show in Boalsburg right around the corner.

Bill and I were sorry we were not able to attend the April Cook's Nite at Ole New York in State College, but we did go to the May one. It is so nice to get together with everyone. It is just a fun relaxing evening. Hopefully more members will attend and see what a nice time everyone has.

The Memorial Day Car Show in Boalsburg is in a couple of weeks. President Deno aka Show chairman has prearranged a super event. Bring your car and your lawn chairs. There is always a group of AMR members in the shade under the "Big White Tent" with space saved for you. Have a great day with fellow car club members. Let's set a record of cars at the show!

By the time the Boalsburg show is over it will be June and time for the "Forsht's" picnic. It seems the older we get the busier we are, and the faster time goes by so attend as many events as you can.

Check out the calendar of events, save the date and participate. Get out as often as you can with the old car and friends. The quote "Never take life for granted tomorrow isn't guaranteed" gives us lots to think about.

Enjoy this issue of Vapor Locks and I'll meet you in the next, with plans for more cruising.

Don't forget to check out the color version of Vapor Locks on the Region's website. Our webmaster, Scott Deno, posts each issue as soon as it is printed.

Meet you in the next issue.

Gladys

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 2, 2024**  
**Forsht's Picnic**  
**12:30**



## Just For Laughs

### Husband 1.0

The young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship with her husband) presumably did it as a joke. Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice was hilarious.

The query: Dear Tech Support, "Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0, and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems but to no avail. What can I do?"

*Signed: Desperate*

#### **The response (that came weeks later out of the blue)**

*Dear Desperate,*

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System. Please enter the command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the Tears application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Snoring Loudly Beta version. Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources. In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0.

*Good Luck Tech Support*



**The First Step Is to Be Inviting**  
By Phillip Cole AACA Secretary/Treasurer

At our recent AACA Annual Convention, I saw a good friend whom I had not seen in a few years. He was bubbling over with excitement about the growth of his region. He told me, “We decided it was time to reinvent our region meetings and other activities in the post-Covid Era. So, we drew up a plan and the first step is to be inviting!” He went on to tell me how last year they had gained three times as many members as they had received in the previous two, simply by being more inviting. Inspired by his enthusiasm, I did some research as to how all of us can be more inviting through our meetings and activities. Thinking about your own region, answer the following four sets of questions:

- ◆ Is it easy to “bring a like-minded friend” to your meetings and activities? Do you encourage your members to invite like-minded car enthusiasts? Is the process simple or far too complicated?
- ◆ Are your meetings and activities family friendly? We say we are a family-oriented organization, but what would happen if a young couple showed up with their baby? The members of my region are more than happy to hold a baby while their parents eat and listen to the program or participate in an activity.
- ◆ Are your meeting times inviting to people with different schedules? Is your meeting time leaving out a whole group of people, like those with 9-5 jobs or early bedtimes? Could you change your times and places to attract more people—existing members and new!?!?

Does your newsletter/website/social media have an inviting outreach quality? Would there be a vehicle for your members to share with their like-minded friends and acquaintances? What would you do if someone showed up at your event which they found on your website?



Loaded and ready to go!

# Yester Years News

Article from Vapor Locks May/June 2014

## Future Members

If you heard someone say 1967 Chevy, 1980 Corvette, 1969 Dodge Coronet Superbee, 1969 Chevelle, 1970 Corvette, 1969 Mustang, 1964 Corvette Sting Ray, you may think you are in a museum.

Would you like to own one of these cars? I can tell you two guys attending the Spring Dinner are owners of all the cars listed above. Quite the collection!!

Grant Corso and Hunter Steele, who are 10 years old attended the Spring Dinner with their Pappy. They are the grandsons of Tom Orr and have been interested in old cars since a very early age. If Pappy mentions his 1962 Chevy, the boys are ready to go. Grant would like to have a Mustang someday and Hunter likes Pappy’s 62 Chevy. Hmmm, I wonder if Hunter will be driving it someday. Both boys like talking about, looking at and spotting older cars. They both enjoy riding in the 62 Chevy on a regular basis.

Usually on Saturday mornings they come to Pappy's house for his famous breakfast then Pappy takes them back to their homes in the 62.

They have come to several car shows each year with Pappy, and they always enjoy the dinners. What could be better for Pappy and the boys than to share the love of antique cars and travel together going anywhere? It is a very special time for Grant, Hunter, and Pappy

Event coordinators Pat and Gladys thought it would be most fitting to present Garret and Hunter with none other than antique cars.

Pappy reports that the boys love their cars and have spent a lot of time playing (I mean working in their garage) with their cars.



Grant and Hunter with their cars.  
How old and where are they now?

# Just for Thought

## Most of our generation was **HOME SCHOOLED** in many ways.

Past Reader's Digest

1. **My mother taught me RELIGION.**

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

2. **My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.**

"Straighten up or I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

3. **My father taught me LOGIC.**

"Because I said so, that's why."

4. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT.**

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

5. **My father taught me IRONY.**

"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

7. **My mother taught me about STAMINA.**

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

8. **My mother taught me about WEATHER.**

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

9. **My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.**

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

10. **My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.**

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."

11. **My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.**

"Stop acting like your father!"

12. **My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.**

"Just wait until we get home."



## "Forsht's Picnic"

**Saturday, June 2**

**Altoona, PA**

Jackie and Bill Forsht are hosting a picnic on June 2, 2024, and **everyone** is invited. It will be a relaxing afternoon with a group of car club friends.

Plan to arrive any time around noon and be prepared to eat about 2:00. The Forsht's are providing Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and place settings.

Chef Bill has his BBQ tools ready and will be cooking perfectly grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Of course, Jackie will be supervising Bill's grilling. Everyone is asked to bring covered dishes to share.

\*\* **Bring your beverages**

\*\* **Bring covered dishes to share.**

\*\* **Be prepared for a great afternoon**

\*\* **Bring a smile and your appetite**

**Call all 814-943-8766 or 814-931-7045 if you can attend.**

## Honoring our Nations Heroes



Monday, 27 May 2024 Americans across this nation will pause to observe Memorial Day.

Since its first official observation on May 5, 1868, when it was called Declaration Day, it has been a day of remembrance for those who sacrificed and died in our nation's service.

To those who died securing peace and freedom. To those who served in conflict to protect our land. To those who sacrificed their dreams. To those who fought to preserve the hope of our nation, keeping America the land of the free you will never be forgotten. **We owe you our thanks and our honor!!**

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1961 Ford

# COOK'S NITE OUT

No cooking tonight!

Gladys Guyer



June Cook's Nite Out is taking us to Jethro's in Altoona.

We gather at 6:00 and order at 6:30.

Below is the list of dates and places as well as the contact person. If you know you will be able to join the "group" call the contact person. If at the last minute you find you are available, just come.

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| June 19      | Cook's Nite, <b>Jethro's</b> , Altoona<br>Paula Clemens 814-943-8626   |
| July 17      | Cook's Nite – <b>Tradition's</b> , Martinsburg (dessert at the "Blattenberger's") The Blattenberger's – 814-934-3219.<br><b>NOTE Gathering time will be 5:00 to allow more time enjoying dessert at the Blattenberger's.</b> |
| August 21    | Cook's Nite - <b>Village Pantry</b> , Tyrone<br>Jeff Boring 814-931-1854   |
| September 18 | Cook's Nite – <b>Quaker Steak &amp; Lube</b> , State College<br>Ellen Deno 814-231-4031  |
| October 16   | Cook's Nite – <b>Valley Dairy</b> , 2724 Plank Road, Altoona<br>Jeff Boring 814-931-1854   |
| November 15  | Cook's Nite – <b>Kelly's Corner</b> , Huntingdon<br>Jackie Forsht 814-251-7045   |



# CAR & TRUCK SHOW

Allegheny Mountain Region is teaming up with the Keystone Chapter Truckers on July 27, 2024, for a Truck/Car show in East Freedom across from East Freedom Township Fire Hall. Mark your calendars, this will be a great show.



Breakfast will be available 7am-10am.  
Registration is open 8am-4pm.  
Lunch will be available 11am-3pm.  
4 pm door prize and raffle drawings.  
Dash plaques while supply lasts.

## NO REGISTRATION FEE!

For more information contact:  
President Scott Deno 814-571-9790

**This will be a great way to support AMR and Keystone Truckers.**

**Hope to see you there!**



# SPRING DINNER

**April 21, 2024**

Under the direction of Bill and Jackie Forsht the Region held our Spring Dinner at Mama Randazzos new facility in Altoona.

Even with the uncertainty of the weather, several members drove the “old truck or car”.

After arriving with their appetite everyone caught up with each other.

Everyone took a seat and President Deno welcomed everyone to the dinner. Loy Blattenberger gave a very nice blessing before enjoying our dinner.

Our menu was pasta with red or alfredo sauce. Giant meatballs, chicken, salad, rolls brownies and drinks. What a feast! It was DELICIOUS!! It was a very enjoyable day with fellow car enthusiasts.

**Thank you, Bill and Jackie!!**

# 77<sup>th</sup> Revival AAA Glidden Tour 2023

by Scott Deno

Thomasville, GA was a reunion of sorts, as the tour was there in 1997 with many region members attending including Strubles, Houtzs, Denos, Whitmans, Barlups, and Swigarts and maybe someone I forgot? Not so many region members attended in 2023, but the reunion was still great. Region attendees included Scott & Ellen Deno, Pat Swigart, Dave Kontor, Shelah Turner, and Don Barlup. Steve and Blanch Gordon were our hosts as in 1997. There were 103 cars from all over the US but still a bit short of the record number of 400 in the past. As always, we brought our much-loved 1929 Marmon which performed well, even though Ellen thinks it should go a little faster.

Monday was off to Tallahassee, FL to Bradley’s Country Store, a rural shop built in 1927, selling homemade smoked sausage, cheese, and milled grits. Next was off to a large private car collection of the O’Steen family. Then to Wakulla Springs state park for lunch, home of one of the world’s largest freshwater springs. Next, off to Tallahassee Automobile Museum with over 160 cars and many other historic items.

Tuesday took us to historic Pelham, GA for coffee break where we watched huge cotton bales on trucks rolling by. Next stop was Flint River Aquarium. Lunch was at the Exchange Club of Albany where “Patsy Cline” gave a great performance where she singled out several of our “young” tourists for some fun.

Wednesday started at Four Corners cotton gin in Meigs, GA to watch cotton processing in action. Next, we were off to Cairo, GA to visit Wayne & Marcia Hadden’s great collection of cars and memorabilia. As a side note, Wayne is the past owner of our 1912 Rambler. Wayne’s famous local restaurant called Mr. Chick (yes, they serve LOTS of chicken) served lunch at the Grady County Cultural Center. The afternoon was topped off with a showing of the movie called “Genevieve”, a comedy movie about the famous London to Brighton England race (longest running antique automobile race). This movie is a must see if you have not already seen it. The evening was concluded by the freshman banquet hosted, as always, by our own Pat Swigart.

Thursday was first to the Iglesia Ebenezer Church for coffee. With an elementary school across the street, many tourists took a lap past the students who really enjoyed the entertainment. Then off to the beautiful rural town of Nashville, GA where we parked around the town square and courthouse. Plenty of sights including a farmers’ market, Heidihead restorations, engine machine shop, and even a local band! Lunch at the Nashville Community Center topped off our stay. Final stop was Burton Brooks Peach Orchard for ice cream on the way “home”.

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Friday started at Kathy's Daylilies for coffee in Berlin GA. Next stop Tifton, GA for the Georgia Museum of Agriculture with 95 acres of interesting displays, buildings, and small railroad. Closing banquet involved some fine southern cooking. Awards were presented. One notable award was the longest distance traveled to the tour. Rob and Connie Spofford drove their 1928 Ford station wagon 3,011 miles to the tour AND planned to visit Key West, FL on the way back to Boise, Idaho!



### The Year Cadillac Gave Drivers the Electric Chair!



It took GM nearly a decade to introduce heated seats in the 1966 Cadillac Fleetwood.

All the Cadillac Fleetwood's could have

the new option on the front seats except for the Fleetwood 75, which given its chauffeur-driven nature, had them in the rear seats instead. The system used four fiberglass pads "interwoven with a grid of electric conductive carbon yarn" built into the seat cushions and seat backs, and provided a temperature range from 85 to 105 degrees.

The option was triggered automatically when the ignition was turned on and the temperature was below 50 degrees. It could also be activated manually. It shut off once the heater fan came on or when manually turned off by the driver.

The \$78.95 option (that's more than \$600 today) was available regardless of whether the seats were bench or bucket and covered in cloth or leather. It was offered through 1968, after which it was dropped, probably due to a low take rate.

This option, once reserved for the upper 1%, was now available on many cars.

# CAR SHOW



Free Pictures

## Military Museum Grounds, Boalsburg, PA

May 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Allegheny Mountain Region will hold our annual car show on the lawn of the Military Museum.

**There will be no pre-registrations for the Memorial Day Show. Registrations will be done on show day. An entry donation of \$10 per vehicle is very much appreciated.**

Registration opens at 8:30

- Dash plaques will be given to the first 150 participants.
- There will be food available.
- Festivities in the village.
- A random gift card drawing will be held at the end of the show.

Join members and enjoy socializing under the big white tent or walk across the highway and take in the town festivities. There will be food vendors by the show with a delicious variety of options.

This is a NON-JUDGED SHOW!! There will NOT be trophies at the show! At 3:00, by a random drawing, various items will be given to lucky participants.

**Come and enjoy a great day!**

For Additional information contact President Scott Deno at 814-571-9790

# “LONGEST FIRE CALL EVER MADE”

From Stan Smith



With MEMORIAL DAY celebration happening at the end of May and the expectation of seeing Fire Trucks, old and new, parading through town cause me to recall my experiences with an American LaFrance ladder truck that my father and Frank Gullo bought to drive in local parades during the late 1950's.

It had been used by the Williamsport FD for 20 years (1921 to 1941) after which it was stored until the mid-1950's when it ended up at a salvage yard. It was delivered on a flatbed truck to State College's Railroad Station and was removed by using the loading dock. It had been driven just over 6000 miles during its service at Williamsport and may have gained another 100 plus miles with Dad & Frank.

That didn't last long after it was put up for sale. A serious buyer from the West Coast said he wanted the fire truck and had a scheme for getting to his hometown of Spokane, WA. He and two firemen were going to be sponsored by their local sportsman club and they would drive it home. It would be called the "Longest Fire Call Ever Made" and on their way West they would drive through every capital of the 10 States as part of the trip starting in Harrisburg. As a test run the venture left State College with three young lads tagging along for the trip to Harrisburg. They were myself, Bob Struble and Frank Mayes. I still recall standing high up on the left rear fender hanging onto the ladders seeing for the first time over the Clarke's Ferry Bridge walls the river below.

An extra braking system had been installed for those downhill treks like the Seven Mountains. The Lewistown FD gave us lunch and supper was provided by the Harrisburg FD. It was there, and the same at every capitol, that the men

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presented the governor long red underwear with the inscription of Sportsman Club logo.

From there they headed West on the Pennsylvania Turnpike which is most baffling to me since the 55-foot-long rig could only maintain 25 MPH at best and was on solid rubber tires. Both the rear dual wheels were driven by newly installed chains, but by the time they got near the Ohio border the rubber started to fall off. New rubber was molded on them but after reaching mid-Ohio all the wheels were suffering. Pneumatic tires were put on for the rest of the trip.

In Idaho the engine lost a valve stem which caused another day's delay but after 21 days on the road they made it to Spokane, WA.....3126 miles. That's over half of what the ladder fire truck had accumulated during its service when at Williamsport!

An additional gas tank had been added since the factory 10 gallon one wouldn't allow it to go far with the close to 900 cu. in. 6-cylinder engine getting at best 5 MPG. The stops for fuel gave the gentlemen a needed break after driving several miles with no muffler and in an open cockpit. Luckily the man at the rear steering tiller could lock it in the straight-ahead position unless in a city with tight turns. Did he ever worry about how good the clamps were that held the spring-loaded long ladder in the down position? That ladder went under the rear seat when not being used at a fire. Did they have a license plate on it? Not sure but that didn't stop Mr. Eagle from making the trip.

Later in 1973 he bought a 1924 Ahrens Fox pumper in Ontario, Canada. He drove it to Spokane by way of Albany, NY. Stopped at the capitol of each state to hand invitation to their governor to come to the upcoming 1974 WORLD'S FAIR EXPO. That trip took three weeks. No GPS or cell phones back then. Those two trips would not be possible today unless escorted.

