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3 cups cooked chicken
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1 cup sour cream
½ cup mayo
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1 cup broccoli florets (fresh or frozen)
1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed
¼ cup butter
Salt and pepper to taste

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

Combine filling, in a large bowl, mix chicken coup, sour cream, mayo, broccoli cheddar and mozzarella cheeses. Season with salt and pepper
Pour mixture in baking pan and top with cheese.

Topping: mix crushed ritz crackers with melted butter. Sprinkle over the chicken mixture.

Bake 25-30 minutes until golden and bubbly. Remove from oven and garnish with parsley if desired.

Pineapple Lemonade

1 cup Country Time Lemonade mix
3 cups cold water
1 46 oz. can pineapple juice, chilled
2 cans Sprite

Add water to your pitcher then the lemonade mix. Stir until dissolved. Ad pineapple juice and sprite and stir again. Add ice, fresh pineapple pieces and lemon slices.

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President's Message

Wow summer is moving fast. I hope you have been enjoying some motoring. I have got several out but not as much as I would like – it has been a little too HOT.

The Boalsburg show was a disappointment. After many years of no rain, we paid our dues this year and got wet. Weatherman did not help by predicting rain all day when we only had rain in the afternoon. Despite the low turnout, folks had a good time. Can't have rain 2 years in a row, right?

Looking forward to upcoming local events: July 17th- Cook's nite out at Traditions and dessert at the Blattenberger s; is always a special treat – see you there! July 27 - Keystone truckers show at Through, Inc. grounds at East Freedom; PA, August 2-3 - Swigart meet, Huntingdon; August 17 – 1 day Huntingdon tour. Unfortunately, we will miss the Swigart meet as we will be in Prince Edward Island (PEI) Canada visiting our daughter and family. Her husband is from the island.

The Deno's 2024 recent events attended – From June 9-17 we ran the AACA Divisional tour in Fredericksburg, VA AND follow-up Buzzy tour in Alexandria, VA. 8 days of great touring and wow did we see interesting early American history and national museums! Ellen's 1964 Cadillac worked its magic and kept us in style throughout with top down days and 50/60's music from the boom box.

Future Deno's national activities –Hershey flea market in October is a must (we will show our 1912 Rambler on Friday), and the Hershey Hangover tour just after Hershey Friday show. 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 25th Glidden tour for our 1929 Marmon! It would be great to put together a nice region group to the Glidden Tour this year, but I have not heard from anyone local except Dave Kontor and Pat Swigart. Is anyone else coming? If you didn't sign-up already, unfortunately, it may be too late. The Glidden tour is sold out. If still interested, consider getting on the waiting list.

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Shop talk –1928 Studebaker sedan deluxe mechanical “once over” progressing slowly. Gas tank restoration turned into new gas tank construction. I never saw so much rust inside a tank without leaking. The new tank is completed and coated inside. The new overdrive has arrived and mounting to differential underway. Engine rebuilding started by removing the head. With trepidation I took my first look fearing the worst. Amazingly, the pistons were pretty tight! Valves and bottom-end next. Stop by and check on the progress any time.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road! Everyone have a great 4th of July!

Scott

Car Trivia

1. What was the first car to have an airbag as standard equipment?
2. Which car manufacturer produced the first hybrid car for sale in the US?
3. What is the name of the car model introduced by Ford in 1955 that is considered the first personal luxury car?
4. Which car company produced the first mass-produced electric car in the early 20th century?
5. What year did Henry Ford introduce the assembly line production technique?
6. What was the first commercially available car with a fully automatic transmission?
7. Who was the first woman to drive solo across the US in 1909?
8. Which Classic car is known for its distinctive “suicide doors”?

Answers elsewhere in VL

Board Meeting

**Forsht's Event Center
June 2, 2024**

Present: President Scott Deno, Vice President Randy Clemens, Jeff Boring, Jim Burke, Paula Clemens, Bill Forsht, Jackie Forsht, Bill Guyer, Treasurer and Vapor Locks Editor, Gladys Guyer and Pat Swigart, Secretary
Absent: Lloy Blattenberger, Amber Boring, Zach Boring

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA was held on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at the Forsht Event Center in Altoona.

President Deno called the meeting to order at 1:09 P.M.

Treasurer Gladys gave the Financial Report for the regular account and the Boalsburg account.

The Minutes of the last meeting were published in Vapor Locks. Upon motion by Bill Forsht, seconded by Paula Clemens both the Minutes and Financial Reports were approved.

Old Business

There was a discussion on our being a non-profit organization. Originally the Region did have that status and it was filed through Huntingdon County. We will check into this further.

Boalsburg Show

The Memorial Day Boalsburg Show was discussed. As the weather was very bad there were only 22 cars in attendance.

Scott will check with the Military Museum to see if we could get a discount for next year.

As we had gotten 150 Dash Plagues it was decided to recycle them into next year's show upon motion of Bill Forsht, seconded by Paula Clemens.

Handicapped port-a-potties were discussed. They are \$50.00 more than the regular ones.

There was a discussion as to whether to give back some money to the vendors. As they only give us \$200.00 and they all had some business, upon motion of Jackie Forsht, seconded by Paula Clemens it was decided not to start this practice.

New Business

The Tour scheduled for June 23 has been rescheduled for August 18 in the Huntingdon area.

Board Meeting page 2

The Allegheny Mountain Region is joining with a group for a Truck Show in East Freedom on July 27.

The group finished the meeting by discussing possible ways to get new members. National always gives us 4 free membership applications every year. If anyone would like to have one to get a new member, contact President Deno.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 P.M. upon motion of Paula Clemens, seconded by Bill Forsht.

Following the meeting the "starving" group of Region and Board members enjoyed Hamburgers and Hot Dogs grilled by Chef Bill and enjoyed the many delicacies prepared by Region members. If anyone left hungry, it was their own fault.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia B. Swigart, Secretary



Just For Laughs

Traffic Stop

I was 18 years old and driving my mother's car. The police pulled me over.

'Good evening, Sir. Do you know why I pulled you over?' 'Me, smugly: 'It was probably because I was doing 120 mph'. 'Actually, no. You were only clocked you at 115.'

'So, what happens now, officer?' 'You'll see'.

I set off very carefully, and the officer followed at a respectful distance, as I drove home. As soon as I entered our drive, he put his lights and siren on, so my mom, hearing the commotion, rushed out of the house and started talking to him.

Then she strode purposefully over to me (I was still sitting in her car) and gave me the lecture of a lifetime.

I stole a glance at the police officer as he prepared to drive away. He had the biggest grin you'd ever seen, as he started the car and set off, leaving me for my fate, tipping the brim of his cap as he left.

Needless to say, it was many months before I was able to borrow her car again!

That was great policing, though.



THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hi everyone,

First, I must apologize for the error on the cover of the last issue of Vapor Locks. I put the wrong name as the owner of the truck. I must have been having a senior moment when I was doing the cover. I think I have made the correction on

this issue of VL.

Summer is going by quickly so get that car revved up for some fun with the club where we know there is always food involved.

There are 3 upcoming fun tours being planned for everyone to enjoy. There will be one in the Lewistown area, one in the Huntingdon Area and there will be one in the Altoona Area. Cook's Nite will continue thru November, Our Region is teaming up with the Keystone Truckers for a car show. The Swigart/Allegheny Mountain Show information is also included in this issue another fun day. There is still time for you to participate with fellow car club members.

Look over the schedule of events and save the dates. I guarantee you will have a great time on any of them or all of them. Bill and I plan to take part in all of them. We just can't have too much fun.

See you on the road!

Your editor
Gladys

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The Good Old Days!!

Our trip to the 77th Revival of the Glidden Tour

Shared by Shelah Turner



Photo in Vapor Locks 2017

1991 was our first Glidden Tour in the Laurel Highlands at Seven Springs, PA. We almost didn't get to go because was a very very busy summer and having 30 Herfords that wanted water. The pond was dry, so Emery and I had to haul water by truck from Shawnee Lake. We drove to Seven Springs every morning that took us a little over an hour to go on the tour and hauled water every night

for the cows.

On our second Glidden Tour we towed the Model A to Kentucky. Our 3rd Glidden tour was to Salisbury MD. In 1994 we bought a trailer to go to Kerrville, TX. Our son Scott and his wife Rachael went with us and rode in the rumble seat of the '31 Model A.

In 1997, Scott, Rachael and grandson Jared went with us to Thomasville, GA. Since Jared must ride in a car seat we had to take 2 cars.

The Glidden Tour in Thomasville Georgia was our 7th Glidden Tour. In early October Emery called Steve Gordon and told him we were bringing 2 cars to the tour and asked if it would be ok to park one at the Holiday Inn where we were staying for the tour. Steve said NO bring the car to my home. We took the 30 Model A to his home in early October. When we went for the tour, we trailered the Blue 31 Model A with us.

When the Glidden Tour started, before and after the tour we parked our cars in a Pecan Grove every day. Our grandson was 17 months old and every day when we came back from the tour Jarod, and I would walk around the grove and fill his little bucket with pecans.

It was February before we could find Steve and Blanche Gordon home to go and get our car.

I still have both cars and have been on every Glidden Tour since 1991. Emery's last Glidden Tour was in 2019 to South Carolina. Our son Scott and his wife live in Chesapeake VA. Our grandson, Jarod, is now 25 years old and lives in Arlington, VA. He has a Doctors Degree in Pharmacy from Shenandoah University. He is a pharmacist at Harris Teeters in Arlington and got married May 11, 2024, to a young lady named Maria from Athens, Greece he met at his first year at Penn State in 2014.

Our trip to the 77th Revival of the Glidden Tour pg.2

Our granddaughter Kendall is 24 and attended James Madison University on a full golf scholarship. She has now graduated and is playing in a gold tournament in Phoenix Arizona.

I am planning on going to the Glidden Tour in Gettysburg in September 2024. I would like to thank Pat Swigart, Dave Kontor and Don Barlup for letting me ride with them to the Glidden Tour in Thomasville, GA in October 2023.

Also, I would like to send a BIG thank you to Steve and Blanche Gordon for the 2 great Glidden Tour in 1997 and 2023.



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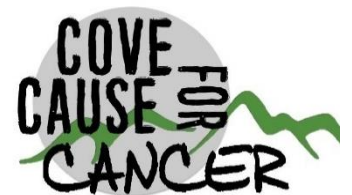
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Automotive Genealogy

By Myron Smith VP - Region & Chapters Development & Support.

While sitting at a stop light recently, I remembered a nice black 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air 4 door that would have made a great HPOF car. It used to be parked at that intersection. I wondered what had ever happened to the car. That got me to thinking also about a very nice 1955 Chevrolet we looked at one time that also disappeared. It can be interesting tracing our cars 'roots' and with state motor vehicle agencies being more restrictive in the information they let out it has become more difficult to research a car's history.

Some things are just meant to be however, I have a 1959 Impala 4 door hardtop which from the owner's manual I knew had come from the town where my son Nathan and I had both attended high school. At the local town fall festival, I took the car and left a sign on it asking if anyone knew the original owner, to please contact me, as I would like to know the car's history. No one responded. The next year we took the car to a Good Guys event. Before I even got parked, a couple of guys walked up and started asking questions about the car, including "Was the a/c in it when you got it? Is it a 348 engine and was it in it when you got it?" After the questions were answered he said, "my Dad had one just like it." I responded, "I know the original owner's name" and told him what it was. He then responded "That's my dad's car. I was really upset when I found out he had sold it" I found out there had been very little time between when his dad sold it and when I bought it from another party.

Another of my cars is a 1942 Ford I bought in 1976 from its original owner. I offered it on loan to that county's museum for the winter which they readily accepted to put outside their WWII POW display in the museum. As we were delivering the car to the museum, one of the local museum workers asked. "Did this car come from a little old lady who lived by the tennis court? "I said "yes." He responded, "I never thought I'd see this car again." I owned the car for 41 years, and he remembered the car. It made my day.

A friend wanted a car like he and his wife had had when they got married. A 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 2 door hardtop. He bought a similar car to restore, then was rummaging around a salvage yard about 50 miles from his home and on top of a stack of cars headed for the crusher was a 1964 Galaxie 500. It was HIS car! He bought it and his restoration project suddenly changed.

Some look for early cars and have tried to trace them down from old car magazines, including ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE. Some searches do not have happy endings.

Yester Years News

From the Nov. 1960 issue of Vapor Locks

From Bob Struble

Classifieds in 1960

What were club members selling in 1960?

1917 Ford open express truck, without cab, on regular car chassis. Completely restored and in fine condition. \$975.00

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Four 4-ply 600-15 \$40.00 set.

New Ford "T" front and rear springs. \$5.00 each

Pair of 9" Drum Type Headlights, complete nickel rim. \$10.00

Trivia Answers

1. Mercedes Benz S
2. Toyota (Toyota Prius)
3. Ford Thunderbird
4. Detroit Electric Car Company
5. 1913
6. Oldsmobile Hydra-Matic
7. Alice Huyler Ramsey
8. Lincoln Continental

COOK'S NITE OUT

No cooking tonight!

Gladys Guyer



July's Cook's Nite Out is taking us to Traditions in Martinsburg,

Below is the list of dates and places as well as the contact person.

- July 17 Cook's Nite – **Tradition's**, Martinsburg (dessert at the "Blattenberger's) The Blattenberger's – 814-934-3219. **NOTE Gathering time will be 5:00 to allow more time enjoying dessert at the Blattenberger's.**
- August 21 Cook's Nite - **Village Pantry**, Tyrone
Jeff Boring 814-931-1854
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Jeff Boring 814-931-1854
- November 15 Cook's Nite – **Kelly's Corner**, Huntingdon
Jackie Forsht 814-251-7045

DESSERT

On Lloy and Betty Blattenberger's Patio!

Our July Cook's Nite on July 17 will be at Traditions in Martinsburg, and everyone has been invited out for dessert! YUM YUM!!

Club members Lloy and Betty Blattenberger have invited everyone for dessert on their patio. The Blattenberger's live just 2000 feet from the restaurant and have a beautiful flower garden you won't want to miss.

The Blattenbergers are looking forward to visiting with members of AMR.

Teaming up with the Keystone Truckers

Allegheny Mountain Region is teaming up with the Keystone Chapter Truckers on **July 27, 2024**, for a Truck/Car show. It will be held at the Through, Inc. grounds.in East Freedom across from East Freedom Township Fire Hall.



There will NOT be a show at Delgrosso's again this year, so we have teamed up with the Keystone Truckers Club to participate in their show. Mark your calendars, July 27, 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.

This is a non-judged show.

NO REGISTRATION FEE!

For more information contact:

Chris Maney 814-360-4177

Ken Claar 814-224-2084

President Scott Deno 814-571-9790

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

Hope to see you there!



Delivering cars!

Condolences to the Vannice family

Allegheny Mountain Region member Dr. Merlin Albert “Al” Vannice, 81, of Boalsburg, passed away on Monday, April 15, 2024, at Geisinger Medical Center.

Born January 11, 1943, in Broken Bow, NE. He spent most of his childhood growing up on a small ranch outside Halsey, NE where he attended high school through 11th grade. He then went to East Lansing, MI for his senior year and then to Michigan State University where he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering in 1964. Al migrated west to California to obtain his MA and PhD from Stanford University in 1966 and 1968, respectfully. Upon completion of his doctorate, he embarked on a 15-month postdoctoral position at Sun Oil Company in Marcus Hook, PA. The most important occurrence there was meeting his future wife, Bette Ann Clark.

They were married on January 2, 1971, and after a 6-week honeymoon to the West Coast and Hawaii, they both began jobs at Esso Oil (now Exxon) in Linden, NJ. Having an unfulfilled desire to teach, he began an appointment as associate professor at Pennsylvania State University in the fall of 1976 and promoted to full professor in 1990. Al received numerous awards while at PSU.

During his tenure at PSU, Al presided over 26 M.S. and 32 PhD theses, published over 230 papers, was granted 9 patents and wrote a book. He and Bette Ann enjoyed 4 sabbatical leaves: CNRS in Orleans, France (1982-83); at the KFA in Jülich, Germany (1990) on a Humboldt Sr. Scientist Award; the University of Munich in Munich, Germany via a Fulbright Sr. Award and Humboldt Revisitation award; and finally, the University of Alicante, Alicante, Spain (2003-04) where he wrote his textbook “Kinetics of Catalytic Reactions”.

When Al wasn’t involved with university work, he enjoyed fishing, reading and antique and classic cars, owning 16 at one time.

Al is survived by his wife, Bette Ann; his brother Eugene Vannice; 4 nieces and nephews.



One Day Tour

Lewistown Area

July 20, 2024

Cathy and Pete Searer

Pete and Cathy Searer have planned a one-day tour in the Lewistown Area. We will meet at 10:00 at Quality Inn on Ferguson Valley Road US 322 Burnham PA 17009.

Please contact Cathy if you will be joining the group at 717-250-9070



ONE DAY TOUR

Huntingdon Area

August 17, 2024

Pat Swigart

Pat Swigart is arranging a one-day tour for the region in the Huntingdon Area on August 17.

We will meet at Waterstreet at 10:00 a.m.

Save the date!

If you can join the group, please contact Pat Swigart. 814-251-2299

INVITATION

The Bull Run Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America is proud to present their 48th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet – a family friendly, charity car show benefiting our Military Veterans and their families. The show will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2024, from 8 AM to 3 PM at the Manassah Masonic Lodge 182, at 9810 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110 -- less than one mile from the center of town. Registration ends at 11 AM. Free onsite parking, including handicapped, is available.

The show will begin with a ceremony and presentation of colors at 11am by the Boy Scouts followed by the Star-Spangled Banner performed by Liana Cruz, a local tenth grader, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Five dollars from each entry fee goes directly to Fisher House in conjunction with our partner, Cruisin' for Heroes. All collector vehicles, including street rods, modified, and trucks are invited.

The Freedom Museum will display its restored B25 bomber fuselage. In addition, the Manassas Volunteer Fire Co. and Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad will be on site handing out plastic fire helmets to the kids.

The Model T Ford Club will have their popular Model T Ford disassembly and reassembly demonstration. If you haven't seen this before, you are in for a treat.

Last year's show featured over 150 vehicles, and we're hoping to see more this year.

Free nearby trailer parking is available at the Manassas American Legion, 9950 Cockrell Road (1/8 mile from show field). The show field – almost five acres – is mostly hard-packed grass, but approximately 25 paved spots will be available on a first-come basis. On-site food and beverages – hot dogs, mac and cheese, chips, water, and soda will be available for purchase. The show goes on "rain or shine."

Cost: Pre-registration \$25.00. Day of show \$30.00. For more information, contact Gene Gilkey at 703-830-5313 or Randy Higgins at 703-853-2235

An on-line flyer, list of rules, registration form and list of awards are available at <https://bullrun.aaca.com/rohr-show/>.



~Welcome ~

New Members

Andy and Janet Mylin

Centre Hall PA 16826
Owns a 1972 Ford F100

Michael and Vilma Lloyd

State College, PA 16803
Owns a 1969 Mach 1 Mustang

Trenton Yorks

Bellefonte, PA 16823
Owns a 1996 Cadillac Fleetwood Hearse

*President Deno and members welcomes you
to the Allegheny Mountain Region.*

Car Cruise In

Isett Heritage Museum
Stone Creek Ridge Rd.
Huntingdon, PA

From 9-4 on July 20, Isett Heritage Museum will be hosting a Car Cruise-In! There will be cars, food vendors, complimentary admission to the museum buildings, and more! Feel free to bring your car (no registration required) or come to enjoy the Museum and the display of vehicles! Tour guides will be present in our three display buildings to answer any questions you may have while looking around the displays! If you have any questions about this event, please reach out by phone at (814) 643-9600 or on Facebook!

The Great Race

By Scott Deno



The roars of antique engines filled the air at Hufnagle Park in Lewisburg on June 26th. Thousands of people gathered in the park to watch the Great Race come through. Local club members Sam and Grace Condo, Ellen and Scott Deno, and Mark Bigatel were seen in the audience enjoying a steady stream of various cars, motorcycles, and trucks dating

from 1974 back to 1912. All were available for close-up display before they had to leave to stay on each car's rigid schedule. I really enjoyed talking to the participants and their adventures. Several participants were old friends including the race director, Jeff Stumb. Susquehannock region and local Model A club also had cars on display. A good time was had by all.

Jeff Stumb, the Great Race Director said "It's not a speed race; it's a race of accuracy; we give them exact instructions and the exact space to drive, we have secret checkpoints, and we know exactly what time they should be at each checkpoint so when they arrive, they're penalized for every second early or late—it's just as bad to be early or late, as it is to be late."

More than 100 drivers were taking part in the race that stretches through ten states. The winner will get \$50,000. The Great Race started 41 years ago and is based on the 1965 film.

Drivers from all over the world and across the country are making the 3,200-mile trek from Owensboro, Kentucky, to Gardiner, Maine.

The Great Race started on Saturday, June 22 and ends on Sunday, June 30, in Gardiner, Maine.

The History of Suicide Knobs

Do you remember the suicide knob? How many of you fellows had suicide knobs on your steering wheel? The "Steering Knob" was invented by Joel R. Thorp of Wisconsin in 1936.



The first cars to use suicide knobs, also known as "granny knobs" or "wheel spinners", were on the automotive scene during the Great Depression. The knobs were fist-sized and attached to the rim of the steering wheel, allowing the driver to steer the vehicle with a small, independently rotating knob on top. They were especially useful for parallel parking when power steering was not yet available.

These spinners were very popular during the 1950s before the advent of power steering. With one of these knobs on the steering wheel, one could steer with the left hand and wrap the right one around the sweet young thing who had her head on your shoulder.

These brodie knobs, steering wheel spinners, or suicide knobs were widely popularized on the west coast of the United States. Their original intent was to be used as an addition to a hot rod. The knob was used to spin the steering wheel rapidly in one direction, or the other while accelerating to cause the tires to spin while rapidly whipping the car 180 degrees, or half of a "doughnut". This maneuver became known as "laying a brodie".

During the 1950s, a person could go into any Western Auto store and choose from a large variety of brodie knobs with every conceivable theme, from "Candy Apple" colored, "Product Logos", to "Nude Women", and everything in between. Some automobile dealerships even used them for advertisements. They were very useful during a period of auto manufacturing when power steering was truly a luxury.

If you perform a quick search on the internet about suicide knobs, you will find many people claiming that you don't see them as much because they are illegal. However, this claim is likely one of those "car myths" that has spread because of the name. The term "suicide" has a dangerous connotation to it which probably made people assume they were illegal.

These spinners/suicide knobs are still allowed in PA today.

No rules against knobs in Pennsylvania's statutes.
<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/067/067toc.html>

We Might be getting older when...

You know you are old when you've been there and done that, but don't remember what that was.

You know you are old when you stop growing at both ends and start growing in the middle.

You know you are old when you can cough, pass gas, sneeze and pee at the same time.

You know you are old when the only females who pursue you are mosquitoes.

You know you are old when you are too old to learn new tricks but your old tricks work just as well.

You know you are old when you go to the beach and turn a wonderful color: Blue. It's from holding your stomach in.

You know you are old when people tell you how good you look.

You know you are old when almost everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

You know you are old when the candles cost more than the cake.

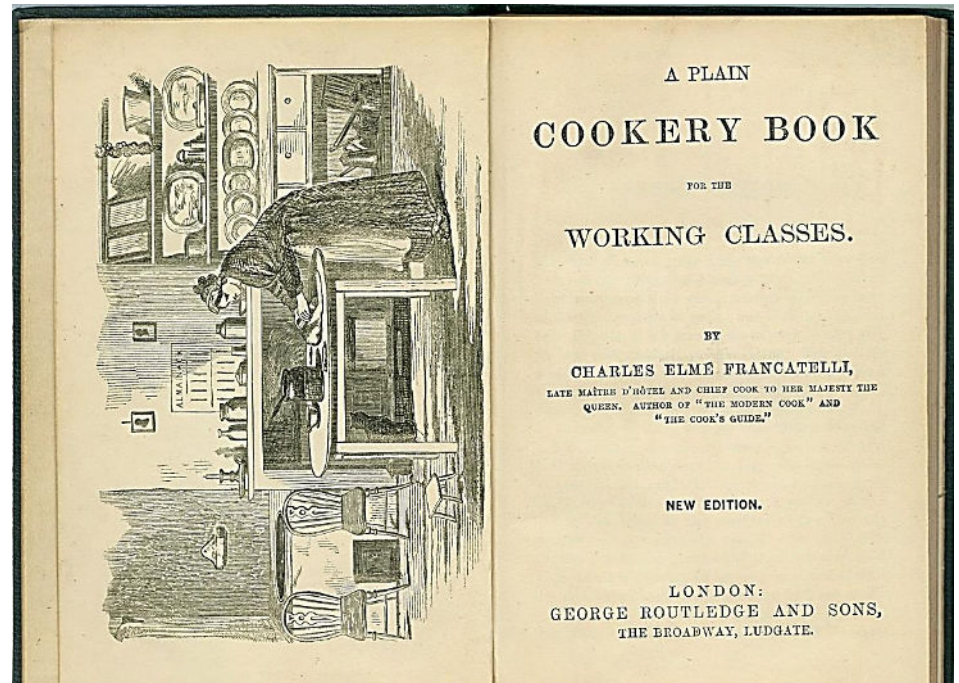
You know you are old when you're told to slow down by your doctor and not the police.

You know you are old when you write a note to yourself reminding you not to take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.



Old but not forgotten!

How about this cookbook ladies?



As mass printing and publishing increased by the 15th century and public literacy increased by the 17th century, cookbooks became less of a luxury, and somewhat of a standard. However, just because there was increased availability did not mean there was increased access. The type of recipes varied significantly according to class. The titles of cookbooks exemplified the role they played in perpetuating social hierarchy between the rich and poor, like in titles such as “Plain Cookery for the Working Classes,” “The Poor Man’s Larder and Kitchen” or “Fifteen-Cent Dinners for Working-Men’s Families” to name a few. On the other hand, there were recipes and books like “Les Soupers de la Cour” and “La Cuisenaire Bourgeoise” for royals and aristocrats.

As the World Wars commenced in the early-mid 1900s, food gained a new meaning: they were about thriftiness, preservation, rationing, and efficiency. But after World War 2 as men came home and women were then expected to be traditional housewives, a domestic and feminized ideal in the kitchen and cookbooks emerged, coinciding with the rise of industrialized, canned, and processed food. This linked article outlines that in the 1950 *Betty Crocker’s Picture Cookbook*, the book says that “Just as every carpenter must have certain tools for building a house, every woman should have the right tools for the fine art of cooking.” Throughout these post-war cookbooks, it was clear that much of a woman’s worth was determined by her husband’s judgements of her adequacy as a mother, wife, or cook to her husband.



Memorial Day Show

*Military Museum Grounds,
Boalsburg, PA*

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Allegheny Mountain Region held our annual Antique Car Show on May 27, 2024, in Boalsburg, PA. Under the direction of Scott Deno, a group of volunteers arrived Sunday evening to prepare and set up the tents. With the team working together the task was completed.

The feature car for the dash plaque and the show was Scott and Ellen Deno's beautiful 1926 Studebaker Boatail Speedster.

Monday morning it was cloudy with overcast and rain showers. Cathy Searer, and Gladys Guyer were ready for registration. Bill Guyer and Mark Bigatel were prepared to park cars. Unfortunately, the weather did not co-operate this year and prevented participants from attending. We were expecting 150 cars, and some brave souls came out and supported the region.

By the time registration closed we had 22 vehicles on the show field. Certainly not what we expected but it could have been worse and those of us who were under the canopies had a nice afternoon socializing.

Ernie Romanini secured 2 porta potties for show day. Thank you, Ernie!

At 3:00 the car owners came to the tent for a random drawing for Sheetz gift cards and other items.

Teamwork came into play to do clean up, take the canopies down and load them onto Scott's truck.

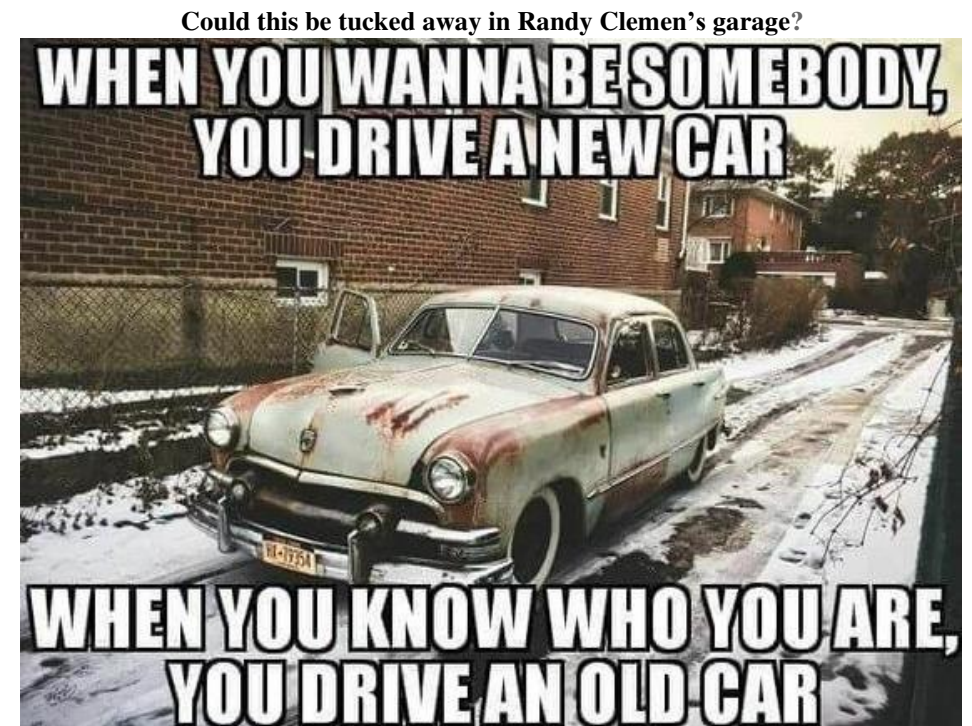
We really want to thank the three food vendors who came to support the show. I have already reserved nice weather for our 2025 show so please plan to come back.

Thank you for participating in the annual Memorial Day Show.

**Military men and women
are America's heroes!**



Hmm... Can this be seen in Bill Forsht's garage?



Free Pictures



COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

July 12, 2024

National Day Calendar

Each year on the second Friday in July we celebrate Collector Car Appreciation Day. This day recognizes the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

Americans have had a fascination with automobiles since the first U.S. horseless carriage was demonstrated in 1893 by the Duryea Motor Wagon Company. The romance of the motor took us from rough country roads to iconic highways and byways. We were also able to stretch our legs and cross the country more independently than ever before. The urge to go faster, fleetier and finer were inspirations for design and ingenuity. Additionally, assembly lines made cars more affordable. The appeal of the automobile influenced the American sense of adventure. Nostalgia, perseverance, and exploration are the topics of the day. Surprisingly, the automobile and the horse shared the road for a time causing much confusion. Stop signs and signal lights were non-existent. Rules of the road were not yet established. Still, motor companies began to tailor their designs to a public demanding a particular style.

Today, the collectors of these bygone eras keep history and memories alive. They restore and maintain old metal, engines, and blinkers. Crank, push-button, or throttle starters once rusting in a barn rev to life. Specialists take great care to find the right part or color, and skilled artists put their hard labor to work restoring a single collector car. They spend hours on end painting, repairing, rebuilding, and welding to recreate the result of a pristine collector car.

This day recognizes those individuals dedicated to preserving a piece of American history. We associate each era with a certain car. Whether we ride in a Prohibition-era Cadillac Sedan, a 1950s era muscle car, or in our grandfather's pickup truck, they take us back.

47th Annual Auto Show

Clearfield Fair Grounds

The Central Mountains Region AACA will be holding their annual Antique and Custom Auto Show with food vendors and an indoor/ outdoor flea market.

Sunday, August 18, 2024, 9AM to 4PM – rain or shine.

Registration \$10.00

Additional info, call show chairman David Raecher 814-661-6589

The 54th Swigart Museum Meet August 2-3, 2024



The 54th Swigart Meet will be held August 2-3 on the Museum Grounds in Huntingdon. Pat has once again planned a wonderful weekend.

This Museum is “America’s Oldest Automobile Museum” and is recognized throughout the United States. Inside the museum you will see a wonderful collection of cars and a phenomenal amount of memorabilia.

Allegheny Mountain Region is a sponsor for the show. Plan to come and have a great time with other collector car enthusiasts.

Friday is check in at the museum from 6:00 -7:30. On Friday evening enjoy socializing and hospitality at the Museum.

Saturday registration is from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. with music, raffle baskets, door prizes and more.

Your registration information is included in this issue of Vapor Locks

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Please be aware that early registration **deadline is August 1, 2024**

PICKUP TRUCK TAILGATING

By Stan Smith



Recently a neighbor bought one of the Tesla stainless steel Pickup trucks which to me looks like a large sliver door stop with wheels. I do like the fact it is quiet but am most curious about its load capacity. Will anything significant be hauled or will it fall into what most new pickups are bought for: To carry one's \$3000.00 mountain bicycle and nothing else. And does it have a tailgate?

Recalling the '48 Chevrolet Pickup that a team of us four guys used to get to and from paint jobs, it had a large tailgate that played a large part in a trip we all took at the end of our summer of painting houses in the State College area. The week before we had to return to the Fall semester of schooling we were told by the owner of the truck, and business, that he was taking us on a trip to Boston, Mass. A treat for all the good work we did for him.

There was one catch, we'd be taking a load of furniture which would pay our way. At this point I must let you know that our crew went under the name of "THE FOUR STOOGES PAINTING". That was a spin-off from the fact that we spent our lunch hour at my parents watching THE THREE STOOGES on TV every day we worked. Luckily, we never got around to painting our logo on the truck's doors. That certainly wouldn't have helped finding business.

Back to the trip. When Wally, our crew chief, came to pick us up we saw that the bed was full of a tall striped tarp covering the load of furniture. That brought up the question of how we are going to squeeze four of us in the cab. No problem was the reply.....there's two kitchen chairs on the tailgate and with the rope holding the tarp in place one can strap themselves to a chair

Initially I rode in the cab until we got about twenty miles on the South of Lewistown when the right front tire blew out. So, we asked where is the spare? To which Wally said, "I left it at my garage because I didn't have room in the truck". As he ran off rolling the dead tire in search of a service station the three of us got the feeling that this trip was going to be a long one. And in more ways

than one, since back in the late 1950's one had to go by way of Harrisburg before heading East to NYC and then New England.

After the wheel with the new tire was put on one of the gents said he refused to ride any further strapped to the tailgate chair. I took his place next to Louie who was content with his spot while whittling a piece of wood with his pen knife. It started raining before we got to Harrisburg but if we kept moving at speed all went well. We did get yelled at by the toll collector as we started to cross the George Washington Bridge. He said something like "you can't be doing that!"

But we waved goodbye as our truck accelerated away. The trip home after unloading the furniture had one incident worth mentioning. An overnight stay in a NJ shopping center parking lot almost got us locked up. Patrolling Policemen found that we had a pair of fish spearguns among our sleeping bags. We either talked our way out of that or gave the weapons away. Were they legal to have I can't say but riding in the back of a pickup truck was OK. Riding in a chair on the tailgate most likely wasn't. One wouldn't come close to going to the other side of town today without being arrested.

Times and Pickup trucks have certainly changed in 60 years

"Forsht's Picnic"

June 2, 2024



It was a great day for a picnic at Jackie and Bill Forsht's. After arriving and it did not take but minutes for the socializing to begin. Jackie had a table for the side dishes members brought to share including dessert. All were very yummy!

Bill and Randy were behind the grill cooking hamburgers and hotdogs to perfection. They were DELICIOUS!!

It was great to spend a relaxing afternoon with a group of car club friends.

Thank you, Bill, and Jackie for hosting a great day.