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- 8 oz. cream cheese
- ¾ cup chicken broth
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup bacon bits (optional)
- 3 green onions chopped (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook penne pasta according to package, drain and set aside. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add diced chicken and cook. Sprinkle Ranch seasoning over chicken and stir to coat evenly. Add cream cheese and chicken broth to skillet. Stir until the cream cheese is melted and sauce is smooth. Add the cooked pasta and toss with the chicken mixture. Sprinkle shredded cheese over the pasta and cover. Let sit until cheese is melted. Garnish with bacon bits and chopped green onions.

Tater Tot Pizza

- 1 bag (32 oz) frozen tater tots
- 1 cup Pizza sauce or the amount you like
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- ½ cup pepperoni slices
- ¼ cup green bell pepper diced
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- ½ tsp garlic powder

And additional topping of your choice

Bake in a 400 oven for 45 – 50 minutes or until tater tots are golden brown and cheese is melted and bubbly. Let rest 10 – 15 minutes before serving



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President's Message

Well, Fall activities are “in the books”. The Glidden tour (1929 Marmon), Hershey, and Hershey hangover tour (1912 Rambler). Time for car winter preparation for storage.

Local Fall activities have been mostly dinners. Cooks' nights out

and Fall Dinner were great and well attended. For us, it has been a busy Fall with national activities.

The Glidden tour was momentous for us as the Marmon successfully completed its 25th Glidden tour and received the Glidden tour Endurance award. Unfortunately, the weather was not the best with rain almost every day. The tour was well organized, with great directions, great food, and great folks, as usual. Hershey flea market started with selling a few of my wares for several days and visiting with friends with good weather. The Hershey week ended with showing our 1912



Rambler at Friday's show. The show, as always, was great and the Rambler took home a 2nd junior award which was good considering all the touring modifications, like a modern carburetor and ignition. The show ended with a short drive to Morgantown, PA for the 3 day “Hershey Hangover tour”. The Rambler ran great for the several 100 miles except for a return of the annoying rattle (see below). It seems the hangover tour is becoming a regular tour for us. Consider joining us next year?

We are looking forward to upcoming local events: Early January is our planning meeting, January 11th at Pat's office in Huntingdon and everyone is welcome. The after Christmas party will be January 18th at the Smithfield fire hall. Mark your calendars!

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Future national activities –Dave Kontor and I plan to attend the AACA national convention in February in Charlotte/Concord, NC. I am sure Pat Swigart and Don Barlup will be there, as well. Consider joining us, as we still have room in the car.

Shop talk – the shop has been active.

1912 Rambler – on the Hershey hangover the rattle returned which has plagued me since we purchased the car. After some more careful listening with Ellen's help, I think we found it. It was the engine crank handle! The large, heavy handle runs through a heavy casting. Perfect metal against metal produces a good rattle at road speed. Fixed with lots of “cushioning” tape.

Ed Schenck's oiler - Ed gave his 1906 Cadillac oiler to a gentleman to restore about 1+ years ago. The gentleman soon inconveniently died. After some months the gentleman's home was sold, parties involved were unreachable, the oiler disappeared, and Ed was convinced the oiler was lost. I felt his pain, so I did some detective work over several months ending in finally reaching the gentleman's son. A miracle, he had the oiler!! A trip to Brookville recovered a box of oiler parts. After sitting on my workbench for a week or 2, I could not resist, and I restored Ed's oiler. The oiler has only made it part way home, but to say Ed is on “cloud nine” is an understatement. It was very satisfying making this happen.

Lift – recently, I purchased a 4-post lift to help ease my storage issues. More on this next issue. Yes, the garage addition is still on hold.

1928 Studebaker – no progress.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road! See you in January!

Scott



Experiences at Hershey

By Stan Smith

The latest issue AACA's magazine THE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE did its splendid job of covering the Fall Meet Show and Flea Market. One page was dedicated to explaining the origin of when and how the Hershey Region took over the duty of having the annual Fall Meet where it still occurs today. Recently I came across the label buttons that my father got when attending those meets. He had served as AACA's Regional manager for several years, having joined the club in 1946. I can recall going to the early Fall Shows even when they occurred earlier at the Devon Fairgrounds and Pottstown, PA. He would drive his 1929 duPont Speedster to them with me sitting in the access trunk if mom came along.

Having just spent three days at this year's Hershey meet I got remembering just how small those early events were 70 years ago. All the show cars, 100 or so, were put inside the football stadium and if anyone wished to sell their spare parts, they displayed them outside on the ground under the bleachers' seats. One certainly could take in looking over everything plus socialize all in one afternoon. During the time we were there this year I made it away from the Orange field only once. And that was on Friday in order to go to the show field.

The editor of OLD CARS WEEKLY stated in his editorial at times he periodically recalls when he saw a car at Hershey that keeps coming to mind. One that periodically comes to my mind was an early white Rolls Royce touring that had a brilliantly polished hood. I'm sure it was first seen at Hershey in those early meets, and it showed up again this year. The only other car that I recall seeing in the mid to late 1950's was a 1920 Mercer Raceabout that was driven from Philadelphia by the owner who kept it stored outside his house under a tarp. It looked fairly decent in its original black paint but when I crawled underneath, at an opportune moment, I found the whole under six was a ball of rust. I got my brake rod length dimension and scurried out from under quickly. Those early days of attending the shows certainly helped me appreciate knowing that in there were a good number of ideas on what the automotive world though would make a good car.... mechanically and styling wise.

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Later when I was able to bring my own piece of history to show the one of humor that comes to mind was the 1940's dirt track racer I entered in the early Ford class. It had a Model B engine modified with an OHV head that made a very loud noise. When I drove onto the field I was being chased by one the Hershey Region supervisors who was madly waving his hands at me. Once I finally stopped at my spot, he confronted me with the fact I was making too much noise. As I got out I promptly fell flat on my face cause my one leg gave out. My knee was so weak from pushing the clutch pedal down so many times it couldn't hold me up. I was then forgiven. That may have been what prompted the Hershey Region Show to form the race car category and requests one to tow their racer onto the show grounds.

One other close call to making a scene at Hershey was during my driving our Mercer onto the show field. It began to run badly and by the time I got to my spot it had only one cylinder firing. The vacuum tank had a failure internally so the only way gas could go the engine was through the intake vacuum line. That was many years ago but having just read Scott Deno's dissertation on the Good, Bad and Ugly of Vacuum tanks I may reconsider an upgrade.

This year's Hershey meet had fantastic weather plus of the first time Darlene and I stayed at the HERSHEY HOTEL on the hill. Always had wondered about how it would be to sleep and shower there.....our son Bill and his daughter camped at our flea market spot for three nights. They had enough of a good time that they're looking forward to next year to meet up with new friends in the hobby.



Yester Years News

DEWALT

I am sure that many of you guys have Dewalt tools in your garage, but did you know how it all got started in PENNSYLVANIA!

How A Small Company Became A Powerhouse

The history of DeWalt tools starts with Raymond DeWalt, who invented the radial arm saw in 1922 and filed for a patent in 1923. In 1925, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office awarded him patent number 1,528,536 for his invention. Raymond DeWalt founded the company that bears his name. DeWalt Products Company began in Leola, Pennsylvania in 1924 to sell his radial arm saw and at that time

began producing and marketing the DeWalt Wonder-Worker, a portable tool for performing various woodworking functions and became very popular. It was a product that Dewalt refined and expanded throughout the 1930s. In 1933, he produced the first portable electric power tool: the DeWalt Radial Arm Saw.

The company reorganized and reincorporated as DeWalt Inc. in 1947. In 1949, American Machine & Foundry Co., Inc., later known as AMF, bought DeWalt and operated it until 1960.

In 1960, AMF sold DeWalt to Black and Decker, the maker of power tools and inventor of the portable drill. In the end, the name proved more valuable to Black and Decker than the saw. Black and Decker sold the saw in 1989 to Original Saw Co., who continue to market radial arm saws based on the original DeWalt design today.

SO ...Who Owns DeWalt Tools?

DeWalt Tools is owned by Stanley Black & Decker, a multinational conglomerate. Stanley Black & Decker owns Craftsman tools, DeWalt, and other names. The company was formed in 2010 through the merger of Stanley and Black & Decker

The original DeWalt logo, introduced in the 1920s, featured a simple and bold design, incorporating the brand name in a prominent red font

In the early 1990s, DeWalt introduced the "Yellow and Black" logo.



COOK'S NITE OUT

The November Cook's Nite Out was held at Kelly's Corner in Huntingdon with great attendance.

Not knowing what "Mother Nature" will provide us for the winter months and to keep everyone safe, our November Cook's Nite was the last one for 2024.

We are on winter break until spring. Hope to see you then.



Kelly's Corner Cook's Nite.
Great food, Great service and Great friends!!

Photo by Jackie Forsht

**"Good food is all the sweeter
when shared with good friends"**

Calendar of Events

- January 11 Board Meeting Pat Swigart Office
- January 18 After Christmas Party at Smithfield Fire Hall
- May 26 Memorial Day Car Show, Boalsburg, PA
- July 26 Keystone Truck Show
- August 2 The Swigart Meet

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

AACA National Events

- February 6-8 Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC
- March 2 Ontelaunee Region, AACA Swap meet & Car Coral, Leesport, PA
- April 23 – 27 Spring Carlisle

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

Allegheny Mountain Region 2024 PERSON OF THE YEAR

Every year Allegheny Mountain Region honors a special individual from the club with the person of the year award.

Each member is asked to choose a person you feel has done outstanding service for our club in 2024.

Both you and your spouse have a vote.

Your ballot is on the cover of this issue of Vapor Locks. You and your spouse each have a vote. (mail your membership renewal and your ballot together to Pat.)

THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hello everyone,

Winter has arrived with Christmas and 2025 fast approaching.

This is the last issue of Vapor Locks for 2024. I hope you have enjoyed reading the contents. I would like to thank each person who has made contributions to *Vapor Locks*.

Our Region indeed has many members who are part of the club's success.

No doubt many of you have the “old car” tucked in for a PA long winters nap. While the cars are napping it will be a great time to get involved with the club. You will enjoy the people, activity planning and events. Come on out and give it a try. You have nothing to lose and much to gain.

Bill and I have enjoyed activities the club arranged in 2024. We were able to attend most events, but it was not always possible with the grandkids. There is always this or that going on.

Pat and I have the Region's after Christmas Party planned for January 18th at the Smithfield Fire Hall. (Complete information is elsewhere in this issue). Attend and enjoy great friends and great fellowship.

Planning for 2025 events will begin at the first meeting on January 11th which you are WELCOME to attend. Members will work together; donate their time and effort to plan events for 2025. Ideas and input are always needed and welcomed. There is no better time to get active in the club than today!!

Happy Holidays, I'll meet you in the next issue or better, yet I will meet you at the after Christmas party.

Gladys



Happy Holidays to America's Heroes!

Just for Thought

The Big Wheel

In September 1960, I woke up one morning with six hungry children and just 75 cents in my pocket. Their father was gone.

I scrubbed the kids until they looked brand new and then put on my best homemade dress. I loaded them into the rusty old 51 Chevy and drove off to find a job. The seven of us went to every factory, store and restaurant in our small town. No luck.

The last place we went to, just a few miles out of town, was an old Root Beer Barrel drive-in that had been converted to a truck stop. It was called the Big Wheel. An old lady named Granny owned the place and she peeked out of the window from time to time at all those kids.

She needed someone on the graveyard shift, 11 at night until seven in the morning. She paid 65 cents an hour and I could start that night. I raced home and called the teenager down the street that baby-sat for people. I bargained with her to come and sleep on my sofa for a dollar a night. She could arrive with her pajamas on, and the kids would already be asleep. This seemed like a good arrangement to her, so we made a deal.

As the weeks went by, heating bills added another strain to my meager wage. The tires on the old Chevy began to leak. I had to fill them with air on the way to work and again every morning before I could go home. One bleak fall morning, I dragged, waggged myself to the car to go home and found four tires in the back seat.

There was no note, no nothing, just those beautiful brand-new tires. Had angels taken up residence in Indiana? I wondered. I made a deal with the owner of the local service station. In exchange for his mounting the new tires, I would clean up his office. I remember it took me a lot longer to scrub his floor than it did for him to do the tires. I was now working six nights instead of five and it still wasn't enough.

Christmas was coming and I knew there would be no money for toys for the kids. I found a can of red paint and started repairing and painting some old toys and hid them in the basement for Santa to deliver on Christmas morning. Clothes were a worry too. I was sewing patches on top of patches on the boy's pants and soon they would be too far gone to repair.

On Christmas Eve the usual customers were drinking coffee in the Big Wheel. These were the truckers, Les, Frank, and Jim, and a state trooper named Joe.

The Big Wheel page 2

When it was time for me to go home at seven o'clock on Christmas morning I hurried to the car. I was hoping the kids wouldn't wake up before I managed to get home and get the presents from the basement and place them under the tree. It was still dark, and I couldn't see much, but there appeared to be some dark shadows in the car-or was that just a trick of the night?

Something certainly looked different, but it was hard to tell what. When I reached the car, I peered into one of the side windows. Then my jaw dropped in amazement. My old, battered Chevy was filled full to the top with boxes of all shapes and sizes. I pulled off the lid of the top box. Inside was a whole case of little blue jeans, sizes 2-10! I looked inside another box: It was full of shirts to go with the jeans. Then I peeked inside some of the other boxes: There were candy and nuts and bananas and bags of groceries.

There was an enormous ham for baking, and canned vegetables and potatoes. There was pudding and Jell-O and cookies, pie filling and flour. There was a whole bag of laundry supplies and cleaning items. And there were five toy trucks and one beautiful little doll.

As I drove back through empty streets as the sun slowly rose on the most amazing Christmas Day of my life, I was sobbing with gratitude. And I will never forget the joy on the faces of my little ones that precious morning.

Yes, there were angels in Indiana that long-ago December. And they all hung out at the Big Wheel Truck Stop.



25 Glidden Tours!

The Deno's 1929 Marmon

By Scott Deno



It was a warm, sunny August day in 1994. I and 2 buddies (Bob Houtz and Bob Struble) headed for Macungie car show in southeastern Pennsylvania. We always like Macungie since it was a great “turn out” of cars (especially early cars) and parts vendors with no competition, just great car people.

Just after we entered the gate, we passed a small card table. A small 3 x 5 photo caught my eye. It was a magnificent yellow speedster with brown fenders for sale. I studied the photo with considerable lust until reality took over - the price was surely out of my range. In fact, I was so sure the car was out of my reach, I walked away without getting a name or phone #. As I enjoyed a great show I kept thinking; I should have gotten a phone # for that speedster. At the day's end as we passed through the gate, the small card table was gone. My heart sank as I realized the owner was gone along with any contact info. Just then a gentleman walked up to get the last of his vendor parts. I asked, “do you have a speedster for sale”? He answered, “Yes, that was me”. I thought, wow, a few more minutes and the speedster would have been a mystery forever. We talked some about the car, a possible time to visit and I got his phone #. It is amazing how a few minutes difference can change your life.

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Weeks later, I and good friend, Bob Struble, made my first visit to see the car and Pete Pope, the owner. It was a beautiful 1929 Marmon speedster. Knowing almost nothing about Marmons, I had some catching up to do. It had some mechanical issues which made the car drive poorly and cosmetic issues, but, in my mind, its overall striking appearance melted these issues away. I felt the car's issues were not major, so the trip was successful.

Weeks later, my wife made her first trip to see the Marmon with negative thoughts of brown on her mind. Her concern about brown quickly disappeared; she liked the car. Winter gave me time to scrape up enough money for a potential offer. Spring brought considerable back and forth negotiations between buyer and seller, but still no deal. Finally, Pete revealed that he had spare parts and through them in the deal; the deal was done. WOW, I could not believe after all the time and effort I actually owned this beautiful machine.

About this time, I heard good things about an AACA tour called the Glidden tour. This seemed like a perfect car to take on this tour. Bob with his 1922 Buick and I with the 1929 Marmon signed-up for the Glidden tour at Reading, PA for that Fall. Fall finally came and we arrived in Reading with over 200 fellow enthusiasts; it was heaven. With great enthusiasm we headed out for the optional Sunday tour. A few miles down the road the Marmon lost power and quit. What a way to impress your wife on Glidden tours! After a few quick checks, we had no fuel to the carburetor. Running a wire back down the fuel line produced a gush of crud and good fuel flow. The remainder of the tour was great with just a minor intermittent electric fuel pump issue which occurred on a return home one evening (after dark, of course).



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Our Marmon became our Glidden tour car. Since then, it has been on MANY delightful local and national tours, such as the Glidden, Founders, Divisional, and Sentimental.

The Marmon just returned from the Glidden tour in Fairfield, PA this Fall. This was its 25th Glidden Tour and was given the Glidden Tour Endurance award for successful completion of 25 Glidden tours. I think we have driven the Marmon at least 30,000 miles. The Marmon has toured in almost every region of the US except the northwest. It has even toured in Canada. It is a true delight to drive. It is also a privilege to be the caretaker of, I think, the only car of this model of 1929 Marmon on the road in the world!

Congratulations on your 25th Glidden Tour!!



Christmas Laughs

"Dear Santa, this year please give me a big fat bank account and a slim body. You mixed those two up last year and I want you to get it right this year."

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."

The local newscaster was with the crowd of parade watchers, welcoming Santa as he arrived in town, and in a live interview asked a bouncy 4 yr old girl if she had talked with this Santa yet to give him her Christmas list. "No" she replied emphatically. "Are you going to talk with Santa?" the newscaster asked. "NO" once again was the most definite answer, which "was not the reaction that he was expecting at all. "Why? He asked the child". Because the real Santa is at the Mall".

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By Steve Rossi VP - Public Relations

The AACA Library & Research Center was established in 1977 and houses some 3+ million individual automotive artifacts at its Hershey, PA headquarters, and is the largest and most comprehensive institution of its kind. In addition, the library also oversees nine single-marque collections within its climate-controlled, secure and professionally managed facility which includes a state-of-the-art fire suppression system.

The Library is free and open to the public. Research requests are included with AACA membership (for the first two hours at no charge, per year), while additional photocopies, scans and reproductions are further available for a fee. Donations such as literature, books, artwork, manuals, periodicals, toys/models, etc. are welcomed and encouraged. Upon receipt of materials, the Library will provide the donor with a letter acknowledging the gift. See www.aacalibrary.org for more information

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Allegheny Mountain Region Board of Directors Meeting

January 11, 2025 @ 1:00
Swigart Museum Office

After Christmas Party

January 18, 2025

at the Smithfield Fire Hall

Socialize hour at 1:00 and

Turkey and all the trimmings at 2:00

Everyone is invited to the Region's post-Christmas Party.

After family get-togethers, festive parties, gift exchanges, and more treats than you could hope for, January tends to be a well a bit . . . gloomy. While the start of the new year is a time to focus on goals and resolutions, we always find ourselves missing the togetherness of December. Let's keep the party going (literally) by throwing another bash just because we want to. It is sure to help make the doom and gloom of Winter a bit more bearable. There will be **No POST HOLIDAY BLUES** at this party.

Pat Swigart and Gladys Guyer have made the arrangements for Saturday, January 18, 2025.

Members and guests will enjoy a full course turkey meal with all the trimmings. A 1:00 social hour will begin the event followed by a delicious turkey meal and all the trimmings dessert at 2:00.

Questions contact:
Pat at 814-251-2299 or
Gladys at 814-667-3796

Your reservation form is on the cover of Vapor Locks.
Reservations deadline is January 10th.

Pic From the Past

"SURPRISE"

By Al Ingham



It all began one evening in October. I was called to a knock on our door. This doesn't happen very often on Wopsy Mountain.

On the porch stood a group of people and in the drive a collection of Antique cars. What a sight, I was overwhelmed. Then a

couple of weeks later we were invited to go along with the Loy's and Forsht's to the fall dinner in Huntingdon.

At the dinner Scott Deno made the announcement that he had an award to present. You can't imagine what went through my mind when he mentioned my name. No words can describe how I felt. I couldn't speak. So now I want to say, "Thank You". You are all a fine group of people and I am so proud to be considered a friend and associate of all you fine people in the Allegheny Mtn. Region.

Thank You
Al and Mary Ingham

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!

Time to renew your membership for 2025

The December 31st deadline for is fast approaching. RENEW NOW!

Your renewal form is in this issue of VL. Your membership renewal will be \$10.00 if received by December 31. After December 31 the cost will be \$15.00. If you have already renewed, you may ignore this message.

Please include all information that is requested. This helps keep all mailing addresses, e-mails, and phone numbers current.

Secretary Swigart must meet the AACA National deadline with current information on membership.

Thank you!

~Welcome~
New Member

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