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1/2 cup cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup cheddar cheese, finely shredded
1/4 cup green onions, finely chopped
1/4 cup red bell pepper, finely diced
1/2 cup cooked ham, finely chopped
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
Salt and pepper to taste

In a bowl, mix together the cream cheese, cheddar cheese, green onions, red bell pepper, ham, garlic powder, salt, and pepper until everything is well blended. Spread a small amount of mixture on a Ritz cracker and top it with another cracker to create a sandwich. Serve right away or cover and chill until you are ready to serve.

Parmesan Roasted Zucchini

2 large or 3 medium zucchinis
1/2 cup Italian breadcrumbs
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1.4 tsp onion powder
1/4 tsp. Italian seasonings
1 T. Olive oil

Preheat oven to 400F. Line a cookie sheet with foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray.

Slice zucchini into wedges or rounds as desired. Try to make sure all the pieces are evenly sliced.

Stir together breadcrumbs, cheese, salt, pepper, garlic, onion, and Italian seasoning.

Place zucchini in a large bowl. Toss with olive oil and spice mixture. Spread in a single layer on prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 20-30 minutes or until cooked through, stirring as needed. Cooking time will depend on the thickness of slices.



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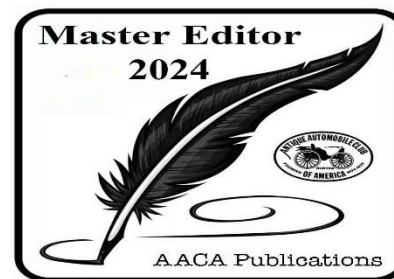
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President's Message

Is the summer flying by or what?

First, a **BIG** thank you Blattenberger's for another super outing to Traditions and their home for dessert!! What a spread. Our granddaughters also asked me to say a special thank you and they especially liked your house, inside and out. All 4 local granddaughters from 17

to 9 years old joined us!

No national touring since the last message, but Ellen and I are off to New York finger lakes the last week of July for a week of touring with our 1912 Rambler which will be great fun.

Locally, Jim Burke put on a nice tour to Cool Springs Power Museum. Wow, I had forgotten how amazing this museum has become. There are so many historic engines of every vintage and size. What's most amazing is that so many are actually **RUNNING**. The museum had engines running from the small, super early Sterling "hot air" engine to the HUGE 600HP Snow engine. Standing next to the 76 foot long, 140 ton engine running was truly amazing. Two pistons in-line on a LONG shaft configured with 4 combustion chambers is unique, for sure. Yes, 86,800cc displacement is big and produces 600hp at only 100rpm. I could not get away from, Terry, the docent, the operating engineer as they had to show me every part of the Snow engine, up close and personal, while **it was running!**. Thanks again Jim.

Upcoming local events - Keystone truckers/AMR show on July 26th in East Freedom, PA. Swigart meet is on August 2nd and one day tours to East Broad top RR in August 10th. East Broadtop RR tour will include, of course, a train ride on the Broadtop RR. We will meet at Tops Restaurant (just beyond the Swigart museum on the same side of the highway) at 8:45 for breakfast and leave at 9:45. Contact me for more info, 814 571-9790 or look elsewhere in this issue for more info.

Future national activities

Shows and Tours – The Denos' still have several events scheduled for the year; AACA Snapper region tour in New York the last week in July, Hershey, and Hershey hangover tour immediately after Hershey. Consider coming?

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Reminder – Consider attending the Bedford Springs Hotel "Vintage Days". It appears to be by invitation for cars but come join the fun as a spectator. The date is August 16-17, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Ellen and I are going with our 1912 Rambler so please join

Shop talk – the shop has had some activity.

1928 Studebaker – The carburetor repair has become a bigger project than anticipated. Swelled pot metal made disassembly a real challenge. Surprisingly, great care reduced typical pot metal breakage to a minimum. Found inside was significant deposits of a mysterious white power EVERYWHERE. Needless to say, the idle fuel circuit was plugged (reason for the rebuild). Stay tuned for more.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road!

Scott



1951 Ford Custom

**"Share your smile with the world.
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anonymous



One Day Tour

July 19, 2025

**Antique Car, Truck & Tractor Show.
At the Coolspring Power Museum Exhibitor Field**

Under the direction of Jim Burke and Cindy, we met for breakfast at Cracker Barrel then off we went, destination Coolspring, PA.

We were going to the Car, Truck, and Tractor Show at the Power Museum in Coolspring. The Coolspring Power Museum has antique hit and miss engines, antique stationary engines and antique generators and much more.

After arriving Jim guided us through all the buildings. It was quite the collection of gas engines, many of them running. In each building there were benches for some like me to sit and take a break.

We learned the Power Museum is an all-volunteer organization dating back to the early 1950s. The Collection of historic internal combustion stationary gas engines is the largest, in the entire country. The inventory is about 300 engines with a significant number permanently mounted and operational. It was amazing.

The largest machine at the Coolspring Power Museum is the 600 hp Snow engine, which is one of the largest gas engines in the world. It Weighed 140 tons and measured 75 feet long. It certainly was a Biggie.

We looked at everything (which took us quite a while) and then were going to have lunch provided by the local fire company but by the time we were ready to eat the food booth had packed up and left. Bummer but no worries, Jim knew of an ice cream place nearby, so we did double. Lunch and ice cream all in one stop.

When our hunger was satisfied, Jim and Cindy led us back to Altoona where we went our separate ways for home. Thank you, Jim and Cindy, for a fantastic day!

Pictures from inside the museum follow.

Coolspring Museum

The museum's largest engine is the 600 hp Snow. Weighing 140 tons and measuring 75 feet long, it was a 20-year project for the volunteers.





Calendar of Events

SAVE THE DATES

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| July 26 | Keystone Chapter Annual Truck Show and Allegheny Mtn. Region Car Show |
| August 2 | The Swigart Museum and Allegheny Mountain car show |
| August 10 | Tour - East Broad Top RR |
| Sept. 7-12 | AACA Glidden Tour, Owensboro KY |
| October 4 | Fall Dinner – Smithfield Fire Hall |
| October 7-10 | Eastern Fall Meet Hershey |
| October | Tour TBA |

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

National Events

August 12-15, 2025 – Eastern Divisional Tour – Northern Maine – hosted by Maine Region AACA – 207-768-1033

September 7-12, 2025 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (Pre-1943) – Owensboro, KY (VMCCA Hosted) – mistergreatrace@gmail.com

October 7-10, 2025 – Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA – hosted by Hershey Region AACA – 717-566-7720 –

Cook's Nite Schedule

Our 2025 Cook's Nites are a well-attended monthly event. Below are the listings for the next several months. It is always a nice evening socializing with members of the region. Come spend an evening with us.

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| August 20 | Cooks Nite Bull Pen Restaurant, Tyrone contact Jackie Forsht 814-931-7045 |
| Sept. 17 | Cooks Nite Quaker Steak & Lube, State College, contact Scott 814-238-4031 |
| October 15 | Cooks Nite Marzoni's – Duncansville contact Paula 814-215-5949 |
| Nov. 19 | Kelly's Corner Huntingdon contact Jackie Forsht |



Where's the Starter?

By Dave Bowman, VP - Judging

There have been many articles about where is the hidden gas filler, so what about starting the car? It's not just about where is the key fob. Early cars, as we know, were crank started from the front of the engine. Set the timing, set the throttle or you will break your arm. So, what came after that? I'm going to miss a few and get some years wrong but stay with me.

In the 1930's, Chevrolet and others adopted a mechanical starter with a pedal above and to the right of the accelerator pedal to press and engage the starter gear and then the starter. A little difficult at times; left foot on the clutch, choke and throttle set, toe pushing the starter pedal while the heel of the right foot pumps the gas.

Buick, on the other hand, chose an almost automatic starting system in 1936. With a switch on the carburetor, all you need to do is turn the ignition switch on and press the accelerator pedal. It was very convenient when you stalled the car, as all you need to do is depress the clutch enough so it doesn't engage, and the engine will restart.

Starting a 1940's Studebaker with manual transmission, you press the clutch pedal to the floor and engage a button under the clutch to start it.

If you own a 1954 Nash with automatic transmission, shift to Neutral and then pull the gearshift lever towards you and the car will start.

On many other cars of the 1940's, it was turning the key to the "on" position and then find the starter button somewhere on the dash.

Last on the list is the 1957-58 Chrysler products with automatic transmission. These were the push button shifters, but you had to push the Neutral button farther to actuate the starter.

Now that you know how to start it, where does the gas go?

THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hi Everyone,

Here we are with one week left in July. Is that possible? I read in the newspaper that there are about 150 days until Christmas. I guess that means we should enjoy the sunshine or rain and most definitely get out and enjoy the "old" car.

Bill and I went on the tour to Cool Spring on July 19, organized by Jim Burke and had a great time. It was a beautiful day and the weather was perfect. Article elsewhere in VL.

There are still activities for you to drive the old car and join members of the Region.

Saturday July 26 is the Keystone Chapter Annual Truck Show that our Region is taking part in. Remember as we can no longer hold a show at DelGrosso's in September, we are joining the truckers for a show. Plan to attend. It is a very enjoyable show. Bring your chairs and join others under the shade trees.

Saturday, August 2 is the Swigart and Region show held at the Swigart Museum. This is also a great day you will not want to miss. Mark your calendar. Info elsewhere in VL.

Under the direction of Scott Deno on August 10 we have a tour to the East Board Top RR. Another nice event you won't want to miss. Info elsewhere in VL.

Support AMR and join the group of fellow members participating in these planned events.

See you on the road!

Gladys

**"The best car safety device is
a rearview mirror with a cop in it."**

Dudley Moore

BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2025

Due to a limited number of members present, prior to Dinner at the Forsht Picnic on June 22, a short board meeting/discussion was held.

A financial report from the Boalsburg Show was discussed. This year was much better than last year.

The two tours described in this Vapor Locks were discussed and completed.

Dues for 2026 will remain the same as last year. Dues paid by December 31 will be \$10.00 with the amount being \$15.00 after the new year.

As usual, the bounty of food was amazing and Super Delicious.

Plan on attending some of the activities of the Region.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia B. Swigart, Secretary



Just For Laughs

Two guys are moving about in a Wal-Mart when their carts collide. One says to the other, "Excuse me, I'm looking for my wife."
"What a coincidence, so am I, and I'm getting a little desperate."
"Well, maybe I can help you. What does your wife look like?"
"She's tall, with dark hair, long legs, firm boobs, and a tight ass. What's your wife look like?"
"Never mind that, let's look for yours."

A man is walking through the desert carrying around a car door. He comes upon a family that is sightseeing in the desert, they watch him as he walks past.
"Hello!" Says the man, lugging the car door awkwardly
"Hey," the father says "Why are you carrying a car door?"
"If it gets too hot, I can just roll the window down!"

Pic from the Past 2015



Don Foor and Harry Whitman enjoying the trains at Ronnie Morse's

Allegheny Mountain Region is invited to attend the 49th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet

Jonathan Battle, Rohr Show Publicity Committee.

The 49th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, sponsored by the Bull Run Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, will return to Old Town Manassas, Virginia on Saturday, September 20, 2025, after a two-year absence. It will be held at the town's historic railroad depot at 9431 West Street, and on adjacent streets, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Additional info is available at the Bull Run website at Bullrun.AACA.com. Further questions may be addressed to Randy Higgins via telephone (703-853-2235) or e-mail (rfh24@yagoo.com)(rfh24@yahoo.com)

DuPont.....vs..... dupont

By Stan Smith

To keep up with our editor's theme of describing interesting vehicles that were built in PA, here's two by the same name from the teens & twenties.

The First was a low-priced car names DuPont (\$595) that was really a relabeled car already made in York, PA. This took place in 1915 when the previous name was the ASHINX that had been selling for \$700. Sales were so bad that the company had hoped that a name change along with a \$100 price drop would help spark interest in the car. Also, the company was reorganized in July 1915 as the DuPont Motor Car Co.

But by October with sales being a little more than a dozen, the company went back to its old name Sphinx Motor Car Co.

None of the DuPont automobiles exist that we know of along with any sales literature. But there is another duPont auto of which several exist, and they had their assembly factory in Moore, PA. The company headquarters was in Wilmington DE where in 1919 they started with a Roadster & Touring along with a Sedan all powered by four-cylinder engine that was a derivative of the marine in-board engine that E Paul duPont had designed as and was sold in the mid to late teens.

These first cars, labeled duPont, were built in a small plant named Delaware Marine Motors that proved to small even with the new addition for future plans. Beginning in 1920 an 8 ½ acre piece of ground was purchased 16 miles north of Wilmington on which a new plant was built. It is still standing in Moore, PA with the dp logo high up in each corner. The 1st duPonts were named Model A & B and later when the engine was a six cylinder they were called Model C & D and of high-quality costing \$2,000 to \$4,000 depending on the year and body type. President E. Rom the very star to have



dp car made at the Moore PA plant

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his new duPonts displayed at most of the major auto shows starting with NYC, Chicago, and San Francisco. From the Moore, PA plant there had to have been close to 200 cars assembled and sold by the end of 1924.

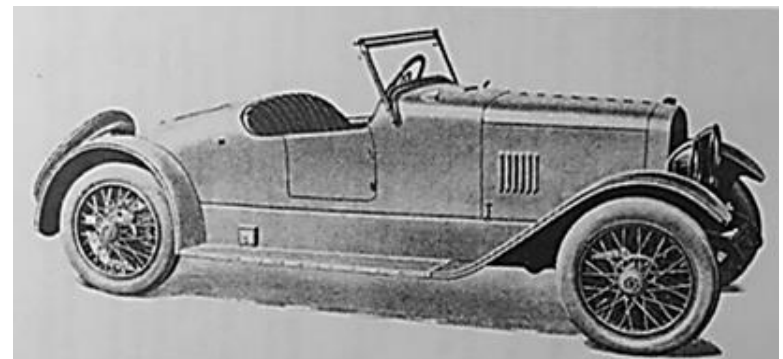
Then the Model D, E and F DuPonts were made in Wilmington along with the popular (just over 200) Model G's and 3 Model H's. Some of these last duPonts were created in Springfield, MA at the Indian Motorcycle plant which E. Pau; owned at the time.

At least 30 plus of the latter 8-cylinder duPonts exist.

Note the York, PA DuPont starts with a capital "D", and Moore, PA dupont for the most part uses a lower case "d".



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Join Allegheny Mountain Region partnering with the Keystone Chapter Truckers for a car/truck show on July 26, 2025. It is held in East Freedom across from East Freedom Township Fire Hall. Members of AMR attending the 2024 show had a great day. There were food and shade trees 2 important things



All trucks, Antique Cars, Tractors, Farm Machinery ETC. are WELCOME. Dash plaques while supply lasts. No Registration fee.

Come and support AMR and the Keystone Truckers.

7am-10am Breakfast is available

7am-3pm Library bake sale

8am-4 pm registration open

11am-3 pm Lunch Available

4 pm door prizes and raffle Drawings 5pm-9pm Teardown and clean up

No Registration Fee
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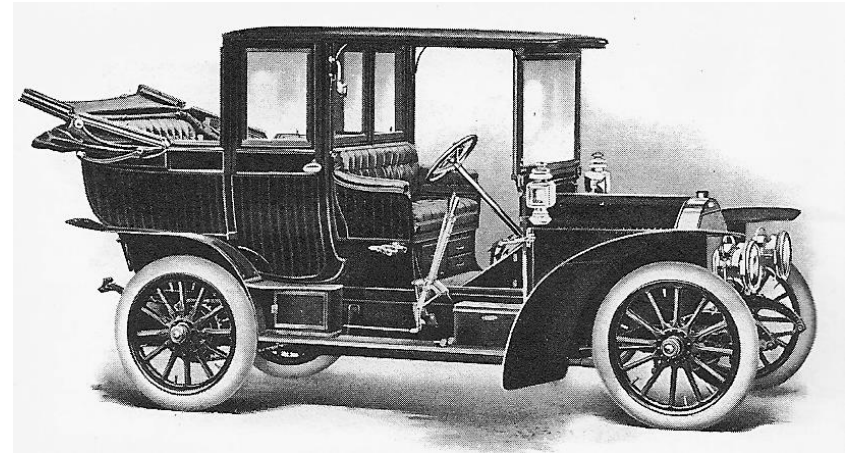
For more information call Chris Maney 814-360-4177 or Scott Deno
814-238-4031

Hope to see you there!!



MADE IN PA

Here is another car that may be unknown.



1908 Matheson Big Four Landauette

The Matheson a luxury American automobile manufactured from 1903 - 1912.

Brothers, Frank and Charles Matheson, founded their motor car company in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1903, relocated to Holyoke, Mass., for two years before moving their assembly plant to Forty Fort, PA in 1906.

For the next six years, the car manufacturer produced and assembled the Matheson Touring Car, the Matheson Runabout and the popular Matheson Silent Six. By 1910, the Matheson machines were equipped with six-cylinder engines capable of producing 50 horsepower. In 1907, Six Matheson machines raced the annual Giants Despair Hill Climb in Wilkes-Barre Township and Laurel Run.

As cheaper cars came out of Michigan from Ford and Chevy, the Matheson car company found itself in financial trouble and ended manufacturing in late 1912.

With the closure of the manufacturing plant, Frank F. Matheson in 1916 became a dealer for Dodge Brothers Motor Cars with a showroom and a service station and garage in Kingston. As the dealership and the entire West Side area expanded, Matheson relocated back to his Welles Street plant in Forty Fort.

Sadly, about 18 months after opening on Welles Street, a fire destroyed nearly everything.

LET'S RIDE THE RAILS

Tour to East Broad Top Railroad August 10, 2025

You will want to mark your calendar for August 10 to go with a group of AMR members to visit the historic East Broad Top Railroad in Rockhill, PA.

President Deno has organized the day.

1. Meet the old Tops Diner at 8:45AM for Breakfast (optional)
2. Depart Tops Diner at 9:45AM for the RR
3. Later lunch location is TBD. Either The Little Ice Creamer, 18676 Croghan Pike, Orbisonia, PA 17260 (outside Rockhill Furnace) or Village Tavern, 9459 Main St, Huntingdon, PA
4. Terrace Mountain Alpacas LLC, 7110 John Bum Rd, Huntingdon, PA 16652, is only a maybe on the afternoon schedule.

Admission to the Railroad will be \$15 per person. AMR is covering the additional cost.

Contact Scott Deno to participate on this tour 814-238-4031

This will be a really fun day!!



Swigart Museum Car Show

Saturday August 2, 2025
RAIN OR SHINE

**You're invited to join the Swigart Auto Museum
for the 55th Swigart Museum Car Show
8:30 am to 3:00 pm.**

**The Swigart Museum Car Show is held on the first weekend
in August annually and is sponsored by the Allegheny
Mountain Region AACCA.**

Festivities start on Friday evening with a period of hospitality with the museum staff and other registered guests. Light refreshments are always served to celebrate the kickoff event. On Saturday morning the spectacular cars start to arrive at the display area in the front and side yards along Rt. 22 along with the Kars and Koffee Kruisers. The paved area is reserved for registration, the MC tent and spectators to gather. The attendees are treated throughout the day by music, raffles, a booth with cold soda and water, and the ability to tour the museum.

Lunch is available on premises for registered car show attendees. This is a rain or shine event, but we always hope for beautiful sunshine and pleasant temperatures all day.

There is always a tent selling tickets for the raffles including baskets, locally donated items and gift cards from businesses, and 50/50 tickets. The baskets are provided by some of the board members; some local merchants donate some great items. Many door prizes are given throughout the day.

For additional information go to the Swigart Museum website. You may also pre-register on the website

Our July Cook's Nite

We gathered at Traditions for our July Cook's Nite. The rain showers did not keep members away. There was great attendance and good food at Traditions and...great dessert at the Blattenberger's home.

Arriving at Loy and Betty's home, the rain continued but did not last very long. After the rain stopped, everyone enjoyed spending the rest of the evening on the patio.

Betty and Loy had a dessert feast for us. Cheesecake with blueberry topping, ice cream, cob cake, ice cream cake, drinks and more.

Another feature everyone looks forward to while visiting Loy and Betty is seeing the numerous kinds of flowers that encircled the house. They were amazing, absolutely gorgeous! Photos of this flower garden should absolutely be featured in a magazine. The work and dedication show in every flower.

Next are some pictures of the evening. Can you identify the people in the picture enjoying the Blattenberger's Patio?

Patio Pics

