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## **COOK'S CORNER**

## **Cheesy Ranch Oven Roasted Potatoes**

4 big russet potatoes, cubed up ½ cup olive oil 1 packet ranch seasoning mix 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese ¼ cup Parmesan Cheese, grated Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat Oven: Preheat oven to 400°F

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, toss the cubed potatoes with olive oil, ranch seasoning mix, salt and pepper until coated. Spread the prepared potatoes evenly on the lined baking sheet. Roast for 25-30 minutes, flipping once or until golden brown and crispy. Sprinkle shredded cheddar cheese and Parmesan cheese over the top of the baked potato cubes. Return to the oven for another 5 minutes or until melted and bubbly.

## **Crock Pot Chicken and Rice Recipe**

2 boneless skinless chicken breasts (cut into 1 inch pieces)

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 teaspoon black pepper

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 onion chopped

3 cups chicken broth

1 can cream of chicken soup ((10.5 oz can))

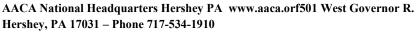
1 1/2 cup brown rice ((uncooked))

2 cups cheddar cheese ((shredded))

Place the chicken, garlic, salt, pepper, onion, chicken broth, cream of chicken soup and brown rice in the crock pot. Stir to thoroughly combine all the ingredients.

Cover and cook on high for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 hours until the rice has absorbed all the chicken broth in the crock pot.

Stir in the shredded cheese. Cover and allow the heat from the meal to melt the cheese (5-7 minutes).



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# President's Message



You have missed some super outings this year, if you sat at home. Yes, I am talking to too many of our members. The most recent trip to the East broad top RR was a great example. Unbelievably great train ride (with steam!) and amazing guided tours of the shops. With the railroad expanding with a newly restored southern route, I am sure the club will return soon. See article elsewhere in VLs.

<u>Local events</u> — I understand the Swigart meet was a great success. Thank you to those that attended. Cook's nite out at the Bull Pen was a pleasant surprise and well attended. Thank you, Jackie & Bill, it is a great new stop.

The Bedford Springs Hotel "Vintage Days" were another pleasant surprise. I reported previously that they only accepted 1915 and older cars. Sorry, I was wrong, as later cars (up to 1930's) were present. Contact me if you wish to come next year if you have a car 1930 and older. This year's event was such a success that next year is definite. It's hard to describe how unique this hotel is, and the Vintage days are just the "icing on the cake". Yes, Ellen and I dressed vintage for Sunday (see photo). Thank you, Bill & Judy Lloyd, for joining us and returning my hat box!!

<u>Upcoming local events</u> – Sept 17, Cooks Nite Quaker Steak & Lube, State College, contact Ellen or Scott at 814 571-9790. October 4, Fall Dinner – Smithfield Fire Hall

<u>National activities</u> — Our AACA Snapper region tour in New York was a true delight. Great friends, great sites, and the Rambler ran perfectly. The Glenn Curtiss Museum was the highlight for me. The history of this amazing man struck me; I wish I could have worked with him, but I was born too late! The Wright brothers were only interested in flying and once that was accomplished their interest faded. Curtiss's obsession to make the airplane better accomplished much more. His success was, in large part, because he liked working with a team of people, a good life lesson for all of us.

As reported by Dave Kontor the August 12-15 AACA Eastern Divisional Tour in Northern Maine was a success with good sites and directions. Surprisingly hot for Maine with temperatures in the 90's.

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<u>Future national activities - Shows and Tours – Hershey, and Hershey hangover</u> tour immediately after Hershey. See you at Hershey; my space is south chocolate field CD73?

Shop talk – the shop has had some activity.

1928 Studebaker – The carburetor repair was completed or so I thought. Idling problem improved, but not perfect. Engine ran great, but what is that – a drip, drip of gas. Yes, some darn fitting on the bottom of the carb is leaking. So, out it comes again. Stay tuned.

1969 Corvette – Many years ago after getting caught in the rain I put a lamp in the car to dry out the carpet. Well, let's just say the fire did not destroy the car, just the carpet. Carpet replacement and some re-dyeing was done. Also, put the original radio back in. Nice improvement, but what a project!

Looking forward to seeing you down the road!

Scott



# **Calendar of Events**

September 21 Punxsutawney Region hosts the Marion Center Car Show Information contact Arnold Wolfe 724-463-6254

October 4 Fall Dinner – Smithfield Fire Hall

October 7-10 Eastern Fall Meet Hershey

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

#### **National Events**

<u>September 7-12, 2025</u> – 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**

AMR started our Cook's Nite in 2015, yes that was 10 years ago. WOW! From the beginning it has been very well attended. Cook's nite continues monthly except for winter break. It has become one of the most popular happenings in the Region. Below you will see our last 3 cook's nites before the temperature drops, and snow begins to fall.

- Sept. 17 Cooks Nite Quaker Steak & Lube, State College, contact Scott or Ellen Deno 814-238-4031
- October 15 Cooks Nite Marzoni's Duncansville contact Paula 814-215-5949
- Nov. 19 Kelly's Corner Huntingdon contact Jackie Forsht

Hope to see you attend. It is a great evening out and the "cook" in your house gets the night off!

# **Keystone Truckers Show Antique Car and Tractors**

If you missed this show, you missed a great day!! So, what if it wasn't all cars, who cares? The vehicles were all beautiful and special.

On July 26, 2025, Allegheny Mountain Region teamed up with the Keystone Chapter Truckers for a Truck/Car show in East Freedom.

Chris Maney President of the Keystone Truckers club and Ken Claar were very welcoming. They made sure everything ran smoothly. Gail Whitman and I made our way to the registration table to get everyone registered while the guys went and checked out all the vehicles. I think they may all want a big truck, but the question is can they climb in them? That would be a great picture!! Maybe a few could get in, but I am not going to bet on how many. Anyway, when the guys finished looking at all the vehicles, everyone gathered under the shade tree and enjoyed talking with fellow vehicle enthusiasts who swap info.

The VFW sold breakfast and lunch sandwiches, while the Roaring Spring Library had a Bake Sale with all kinds of goodies. We were well taken care of. As per usual no one's belly was growling went left.

I am not sure how many vehicles attended. Sorry "guys" I am going to have to go back to school to identify those trucks, but I do not have to go back to school to tell you how good they looked. Maybe by next year I will be able to name at least some of them.

President Maney and his group made sure the day went smoothly and very enjoyable for everyone.

# A BIG thank you to Chris Maney and Ken Claar for inviting AMR back to participate in the 2025 show!



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## THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hi Everyone,

Can it really be September? Hard for me to believe.

Saturday, July 26 Bill and I attended the Keystone Chapter Annual Truck Show that our Region teamed up with. Unfortunately, like last year there only a few participated on our Region's team.

It was a beautiful day with Chris Maney and his group. Gail Whitman and I covered the registration table. There was food for breakfast and lunch as well as a bake sale. Raffle baskets were available to take a chance on and of course amazing TRUCKS!

We hope next year <u>you</u> can find the time on your busy schedule to come and enjoy the day and.... be on the Region's team.

Saturday, August 2, Bill and I attended the Swigart and Region show held at the Swigart Museum. This was great day Article is elsewhere in VL.

Under the direction of Scott Deno on August 10 we joined a tour to the East Board Top RR. Article is elsewhere in VL.

We still have 3 cook's nites before our winter break and our annual Fall dinner. We hope you will attend.

See you on the road!

Gladys

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

I am sure members of the Allegheny Mountain Region understand everything in the Region is made possible through volunteers. These people donate their time and energy to keep the Region continuing each year.

President Scott Deno is looking for any member who would like to become a part of the Board of Directors. If you interesting, please contact President Deno at 814-571-9790 or email nsdeds @hotmail.com.

# **Swigart Museum Car Show**



The 55<sup>th</sup> Swigart Museum Car Show was held on August 1 and 2, 2025.

This year, Hospitality time on Friday evening held a new theme. We showed the movie Genevieve along with freshly popped popcorn. Snacks and conversation brought many old and new friends together.

Saturday morning, the sun shone brightly as the shiny cars started coming onto the field in front of the Museum. The Kars and Koffee cars joined our antique and classic cars as friends again met. Until we concluded the registration of cars, we had over 100 cars. We had some cars from other states including Maine, Michigan, Maryland.

There were 22 raffle baskets for attendees to buy tickets and a 50/50 purse for a hopeful winner. Each car driver received a ticket for the many door prizes. During the day these door prizes were won with most cars receiving a prize.

Another first this year was the added attraction of "Pin Ups and Pumps" handling their version of Miss Swigart Auto. The girls and visitors enjoyed themselves getting pictures taken and ended with the crowning of the Queen. The girls had such a good time they asked if they could come back next year.

A delicious lunch was provided by the Warrior's Mark Historical Society.

The afternoon ended with the awarding of winners of the baskets and the 50/50. The People's Choice Award went to a beautiful 1937 Cord.

Everyone went home after having a Delightful Antique Car Day.

Stay alert for next year's car show date and bring your cars and your friends and Remember

We'll See You Down the Road.

Pat Swigart



# Gettin' Out in Front of AACA Events, to Help...Rev 'em Up! By Steve Rossi VP Event Planning ....

"Since 1935, AACA has had one goal: The preservation and enjoyment of automotive history of all types. From National Meets and Tours to Regional events." So begins our official Antique Automobile Club of America mission statement. AACA activities are the glue that binds our organization together. And as time marches on, the challenges to execute them continue to accelerate

You may have noticed that just after we completed the February 8-10, 2024, Annual Convention & National Awards Banquet in Chantilly, Virginia, promotion began on the upcoming February 6-8, 2025, Charlotte-Concord, North Carolina Convention. In other words, a year in advance.

The campaign began in the May/June issue of Antique Automobile magazine. The 2025 Convention has also been consistently promoted in our online Speedster publication, as well. and we've been moving the message ever since. There'll be posters in and around Hershey and more material to follow within AACA mailings, etc.

Meanwhile, we've also been leveraging our digital and social channels and added a first-ever "Convention" tab to the website. Obviously, publicity is important. But even more so, it's a-d-v-a -n-c-e-d publicity that can really help turn the tide. That's because forceful and effective communication relies on garnering a conscious and sustained share of mind. Which picks up from where mere awareness leaves off.

A continuous and regimented effort will cut through the clutter that everyone is bombarded with nowadays. Ensuring that your event remains in front and center on members, radar screens will help turn prospects into participants. And it will help further attract the public.

Event Committees should, in fact, include a dedicated position for publicity and promotion. After all, if there's a Chief Judge...there should certainly be a Chief Marketeer!

Please get out in front of our AACA events...to help rev 'em up



# **Fall Dinner**

Sunday, October 4, 2025
Event coordinator Pat Swigart and
Gladys Guyer

Attention Members!! Join the Region for our annual Fall Dinner on Sunday October 4th at the Smithfield Fire Hall.

Pat Swigart and Gladys Guyer have made the arrangements. Members and guests will enjoy a full course turkey dinner with all the trimmings with coffee, iced tea and...dessert.

Socialize at 1:00

Meal at 2:00

Adults: \$13.00 Kids \$6.50

Annual meeting following our turkey meal.

I will need to turn in our meal count to the Firehall on September 25.

Mail your check to: Gladys Guyer 11800 Guyer Rd. Huntingdon, PA 16652

or

You may call me and let us know you are able to attend at 814-667-3796

Make Checks payable to Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA

Any Questions contact: Gladys at 814-667-3796



# Just For Laughs

I have the most loving wife. Last night I woke up while she was holding a pillow tightly over my face to protect me from Covid-19

You know you are getting old when the recliner and the heating pad is your idea of a hot date.

You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and try to get up.

Home schooling update: My child just said I hope I don't have the same teacher next year.

I was in Walmart using the restroom and just as I closed the stall door, a voice from the next stall said, "Are you alright. "Embarrassed...I said, I'm alright!!!" The voice then said, 'So what are you up to?" I said, "Ummm...just trying to handle a little private business over here!" Then I hear "Can I come over?" Annoyed., I said "Excuse me??!!?" Then the voice said, "Listen, I have to call you back, there's an idiot in the next stall answering all my questions!!!"

# The Glidden Tour September 7-14 Owensboro, KY (VMCCA Hosted)

A group of our region's members will represent AMR at the Glidden tour. Pat Swigart, Dave Kontor, Shelah Turner, Don Barlup as well as Ellen and Scott Deno will make the trip.

They will have the highlights of the tour for the next issue of VL.

Safe travel!

# ~Annual Meeting~

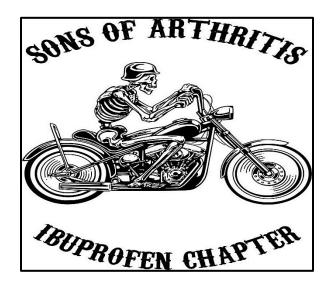
The Region will hold our Annual Meeting October 4, 2025, following the Fall dinner. This is a time to review 2025's activities, ask questions, express opinions, make comments and new ideas for the 2026 calendar of events.

The Board of Directors is the committee who takes the lead with tours, shows, dinners, etc. to keep the Region interesting and members informed of all happenings

As President Deno stated in his message, if you are a member of the Allegheny Mountain Region and have an interest in old vehicles you could take part in the leadership of our region and become a Board Member.

AMR is made possible through volunteers who donate their time and energy to keep the region going.

Contact President Deno if you have interest in becoming a Board Member!! 814-238-4031 or email nsdeds@hotmail.com



# 60th Fall Foliage Festival Bedford, PA



# Car Parade Saturday, October 12

PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY. CHECK-IN: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - At the Bedford High School Parking Lot.

Dash Plaques given to the first 100 cars for October 2025. LUNCHEON: 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. - At the Bedford Middle School Cafeteria. Two FREE luncheon tickets with each PRE-REGISTERED antique car. Additional guest luncheon tickets are \$8.50 each with the pre-registered car. PARADE: 2:00 p.m.

Parade will start from the North Entrance of the Bedford High School Parking Lot, West on East John St. and end in the same lot following the Parade Route below. NO VEHICLES WILL BE DISPLAYED UPTOWN DRIVERS' MEETING AT REGISTRATION DESK 1:30 P.M. - MANDATORY

Additional info contact Pat Hensel, 164 Sunny Brook Lane, Bedford, PA 15522, Phone 814-356-3313



# Made in PA

The phrase oil was poured from open, steel pitchers" describes an outdated method of dispensing oil, particularly prevalent before glass bottles were widely used for oil between 1910 and 1934, and again when steel was prioritized for other uses during WWII.

**Pre-1910's:** Oil was often sold and transported in open, refillable containers, including steel pitchers.

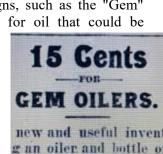
**Post-WWII:** When steel became scarce for civilian use, glass bottles became popular, with the expectation that they would be returned for refilling.

Around the late 1800s, inventors like Pennsylvanian Reuben Ritter developed innovative bottle designs, such as the "Gem" Oiler, which served as a vessel for oil that could be converted to an oiler by adding a

<u>.</u>In 1930, Oil City Glass Bottle the company, part of the Knox Glass Bottle Co., opened

near Oil City and began producing various glass containers, including those for Pennzoil motor oil.

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bined. See them.

#### **Knox Glass Bottle Company:**



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#### The Modern Era

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The company maintained a substantial manufacturing presence in Pennsylvania, with plants like the Crenshaw plant operating in the western part of the state. Unfortunately, the plant closed in 2007 as part of a plan to consolidate and expand plants in "emerging markets".



# LET'S RIDE THE RAILS



# East Broad Top Railroad

Scott Deno

On a beautiful morning August 10, we met at Top's Diner in Huntingdon, PA for a nice breakfast. In addition to the usual region members, we had some very special attendees: Chris Maney, Bill & Donna Barton from the Keystone Trucker's club, our daughter, Dee, with our 4 local granddaughters (Bree, Ella, Kelsey, and Riley). See their photo handling the baggage.

At 9:45 the caravan headed for the East Broad Top RR with slight sadness, since the steam engine was not likely to be running. A big surprise awaited our arrival, a stream engine at the station!! Arriving a little early we switched tickets, and we were immediately whisked away by steam power (see photo of the train on the curve)! This brought me back to my childhood in the 1960's when I first rode these rails. I was so impressed with these huge steam locomotives back then and the memories came back to impress me again. But that was just the beginning. Following the train ride, we had a super guided tour of the grounds, round house, several steam engines in restoration and awaiting restoration, AND the shops! The shops are completely equipped and have frozen in time since 1956. I was amazed with neat stuff like the press for pressing the wheels to the axles (one BIG press). Many things I would like to identify, if I had more time, but "the troops" were getting hungry. So, we headed back to Huntingdon for the Village Tavern's best lunch. Over 20 folks in all (see group photo with the steam behind us!).

A great time and great weather was had by all except those who stayed home.!

The new ownership is going all out on restoring the East Broad Top with newly restored rails extending south (the train currently goes north). This will call for a return trip, for sure.



The Group!







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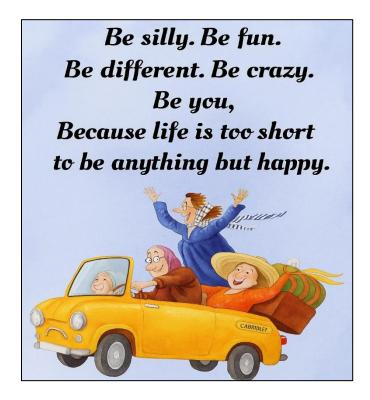


Scott's girls

Scott, could this be your car? Would you like to restore this 1963 Cadillac limo for the family. It just needs a little TLC.



The girls would love to ride in this. To graduation, to the prom, the uses are endless.



## Allegheny Mountain Region Member

Roy Clinton Krow, Sr., 72, of Hummelstown, passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Mechanicsburg on March 9, 1953, he was the son of the late Roy Ira and Margaret Ida Haupt Krow.

A true Patriot, Roy proudly served with the 82nd Airborne 325th Infantry of the U.S. Army and later retired from the Pennsylvania National Guard where he was a Senior Instructor with Region 1 of the Third Non-commissioned Battalion 166th Regiment. One of his greatest achievements of his service was designing the configuration of the first Deployable Medical Systems hospital used during the wars in the deserts and training the soldiers of their use. After his retirement from the Army, Roy worked for the Dauphin County Sheriff's Department retiring from there as a Corporal. He was a 1971 graduate of Lower Dauphin High School and studied at Vincennes University and Penn State University.

Roy was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hummelstown, a member of the American Legion Post 265 of Hummelstown where he served as Commander for almost 20 years and was Past President of the Central PA 82nd Airborne Association. He was also a member of the Middletown Anglers & Hunters, the Sinnemahoning Sportsman's Club, the Prince Edwin-Spring Creek Lodge No. 486, F&AM of Middletown, and also a member of the former Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1687 of Hummelstown, the AmVets Post 286, Rutherford, and the Lower Dauphin High on Kids were he assisted with their Youth Enjoying Summer program.

Roy loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest with Patty by his side. Even though he suffered debilitating strokes which left him without a voice for almost 9 years, Roy fought to live his life the best he could. He loved God, his family, his friends and his country.

Roy is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Patricia E. Hall Krow, whom he married on December 21, 1997; two sons and one daughter, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Our Condolences to Patty and the family.

## Thank you for your service to our country!