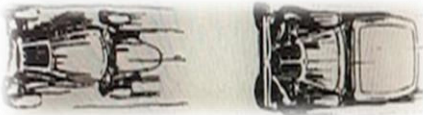


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# COOK'S CORNER



## Rainbow Dip

1 1/2 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened.  
4 Tbsp. (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, softened  
1/2 cup (60 g.) confectioner's sugar.  
1/4 cup (55 g.) packed brown sugar.  
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract  
1 cup mini chocolate chips  
3/4 cup assorted rainbow and silver sprinkles  
Nilla wafers and pretzels, for serving.

Beat cream cheese and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in confectioners' sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla, then fold in chips.

Put plastic wrap on the work surface and scrape cream cheese mixture on top. Using your hands, form mixture into a ball. Put in a small bowl, then tightly cover with plastic wrap.

In a small bowl, mix rainbow and silver sprinkles. When ready to serve, transfer ball to a platter. Cover with sprinkles. (If your ball is firm enough to roll, try that.) Serve with Nilla wafers and pretzels.

## Cranberry Orange Cream Cheese Pinwheels

4 large flour tortillas  
8 oz. cream cheese  
1/3 cup dried cranberries chopped.  
1/3 cup chopped pecans (toast them for more flavor)  
1 t. orange marmalade or orange zest  
Pinch of cinnamon (optional)

Mix all ingredients until creamy then spread on the flour tortillas. Roll tightly. Chill for at least 1 hour. Slice into 1/2 inch pinwheels. Arrange on platter and serve.

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*Dish out Holiday Cheer one plate at a time.*

# President's Message



If you have been hanging on every 2 months to read my riveting president message, I have some sobering news. This is my last message, as Bill Forsht has expressed a desire to take the reins for a while. Congratulations Bill, our new region president!

Local events – The Fall has been pretty quiet locally. Unfortunately, the Fall dinner was cancelled due to insufficient early registration. The

Smith Firehall's requirement of minimum attendance of 30-40 has often been an issue, but we understand their need for some minimum revenue. The directors meeting October 26 brought some changes: Bill Forsht is the new president, Scott Deno is vice president, Pat Swigart is secretary, Gladys Guyer is the treasurer. The board of directors is the same with one change, Ken Claar (also a member of the Keystone truckers) is replacing Zack Boring. Welcome aboard Ken!

Cook's nite out at Quaker Steak & Lube, State College and Kelly's Korner in Huntingdon were great get togethers. Driving to and from Kelly's Korner in the dark confirms winter is close at hand. Don't forget to winterize your cars!

Upcoming local events – Jan 18<sup>th</sup> is the after Christmas party at Belly Busters in Altoona. This is a new venue so come on out and give it a try. The Forshts and Clemens have checked it out and it is approved. It is in one of the Gray Stone senior living complexes. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at 2PM will be the region event planning meeting.

National activities – Hershey, again, was a great event, as usual. My sales covered the rent but many, good new contacts were made and numerous good conversations with old friends were had. Generally, the weather was above average. Randy Clemens and Bill Forsht made it this year to the campground nearby. Thanks, guys, for inviting me to dinner!

Immediately after Hershey flea market we took our 1912 Rambler on the Hershey Hangover tour. We were joined by region members Don Barlup and Dave Kontor with Don's 1914 Pullman. Jeff Leshner put on another great tour and our Rambler ran great (maybe the best starting car we have). Beautiful Lancaster country roads and interesting stops like Petersheim's Amish upholstery shop and the American Helicopter museum made this a great tour.

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Upcoming National activities – The AACA national convention Feb 5-7 is on my list again where I will give two seminars, as usual. Again, Dave Kontor, Pat Swigart and Don Barlup are coming, I believe. The site moved back closer to PA at Chantilly, Virginia (near Dulles airport) which is nice. There is an extra seat or 2 for anyone wishing to travel with us.

Dave Kontor and I may be going on the AACA Snapper's region tour in Arkansas in May on our way to New Orleans? Why would I go so far? What else, it is a long story involving a car and car parts. Then there is Don Barlup's Sentimental Tour in Mechanicsburg, PA on June 15-19. Open to cars from 1928 to 1958. We may be driving a car recently added to our collection. Yes, I was struck by a serious relapse of my car disease (Ellen shocked me with approval).

Shop talk – the shop has had some activity.

1928 Studebaker – The carburetor leak – a drip, drip of gas was fixed by replacing a very old gasket. The Studebaker is ready for spring driving.

Spill over work from Hershey – I restored and performed the Deno modification on two 1930 Packard vacuum tanks to reduce vapor lock and other issues.

Best of Holiday wishes to you and yours!  
Scott

## Calendar of Events

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|--------------|---|
| January 18   | After Christmas Party at Belly Busters 1101 Flamingo Dr. Altoona, PA                                  |
| January 24   | A planning meeting for 2026 activities at the Swigart Museum Office, Huntingdon at 2:00               |
| June 15-19   | Sentimental Tour in Mechanicsburg, PA- Open to cars from 1928 to 1958. Details in future issue of VL. |
| February 6-7 | Annual Convention/National Awards, Chantilly VA. Details in your Antique Automobile Magazine.         |
| April 22-26  | Spring Carlisle   |

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

# Allegheny Mountain Region Board Meeting

October 26, 2025  
Bill Forsht's Garage

Board Members Present: President Scott Deno, Randy Clemens, Bill Forsht, Bill Guyer, Jackie Forsht, Paula Clemens. Board members missing, Secretary Pat Swigart, Amber Boring, Jim Burke, Zach Boring, Jeff Boring and Loy Blattenberger. Additional members present: Ken Claar, Pete and Cathy Searer and Treasurer & VL Editor Gladys Guyer.

President Deno called the meeting to order at 2:05. The minutes of the last meeting and the current financial report were reported. On a motion by Bill Forsht seconded by Randy Clemens the minutes and financial reports were approved.

## Old Business:

Membership participation. It has been noted that AMR's participation in most events could be better. For example, The Memorial Day Show, Tours, The Swigart Museum Show and the Keystone Truckers Show and Region dinners. Whether it is the chairperson or behind the scenes volunteers, everything takes preparation.

Cook's Nite is well attended and will continue 2026 (information elsewhere in VL)

## New Business:

The Memorial Day Show 2026 was discussed. It was agreed it is a good show for the Region. President Deno will talk with the Military Museum director, handle the arrangements, and report at the next meeting.

Ken Claar spoke about the Keystone Truckers/Allegheny Mountain Region Show. Much work went into preparation for the show. Attendance was less than ideal for either club. Advertising for the 2026 show will include many fliers etc. for the show. The place for the show has not yet been decided. Ken will have more information about the event at the next Board meeting.

The Swigart Meet was well attended however regional participation was poor. Again, there was a lot of preparational for the event. Pat will report at the planning meeting in January.

After Christmas Dinner was discussed and it was decided to have this dinner. Bill and Jackie and Randy and Paula have checked on a place to hold the dinner. Belly Busters restaurant at the Graystone Manor at 1101 Flamingo Dr. Altoona. The Board agreed to hold the dinner at Belly Busters. Bill and Jackie will check on the dates of January 11th or 18th and have the

## Allegheny Mountain Region Board Meeting page 2

information for the next meeting. It was decided the AMR will contribute \$10 towards the cost of each meal.

**Officers and Board Members:** The last piece of business for the meeting was the election of officers and Board Members. Board member Zach Boring asked to be replaced as VP. Ken Claar has agreed to fill the position of Board member replacing Zach Boring. Bill Forsht has agreed to take the position as President. There were no volunteers to take the VP position so Scott Deno has agreed to fill the position of Vice-President. Pat Swigart will remain as Secretary and Gladys Guyer as Treasurer and VL Editor.

The next Board Meeting will be on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. It will be at the Swigart Museum Office in Huntingdon.

On a motion made by Jackie Forsht and seconded by Paula Clemens the meeting adjourned at 3:23

Thank you, Jackie and Paula, for the snacks and drinks.

Gladys Guyer, filling in for Pat Swigart



**Looking for Santa!**

# THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hi Everyone,

Here it is mid-December, and the holidays are approaching fast. Bill and Jackie Forsht have made the arrangements for an after Christmas party for members to enjoy. (Complete information is elsewhere in this issue). Plan to participate!!! YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME. Our club has great events and great members!

It is hard to believe this is the last issue of Vapor Locks for 2025. I hope you have enjoyed the contents of each issue throughout the year. I would like to thank each person and let them know how much I appreciate all the contributions. I would also like to thank those who advertise their business on the cover. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

Your 2026 membership renewal is included in this issue of Vapor Locks. Membership renewal will be the same as last year, \$10.00 by December 31 and \$15.00 beginning January 1, 2026. Remember there are deadlines Secretary Swigart must meet. Please make her job a little easier and mail your renewal to her before December 31.

Enjoy your friends and family throughout the entire holiday season and attend the after Christmas Party on January 18.

Meet you in the next issue.

Merry Christmas!

Gladys

## **Allegheny Mountain Region Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 24, 2026 @ 1:00**

**Swigart Museum Office in Huntingdon.**

# ATTENTION



## *Allegheny Mountain Region Members*

**It is time to renew your membership.**

**Please take a minute and complete the renewal application in this issue of Vapor Locks. The renewal can be located on the cover. It would be greatly appreciated if you would return your renewal to Pat Swigart by December 31.**

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

**There is no increase in cost of Membership for 2026  
\$10.00 if renewed by December 31, 2025  
\$15.00 after January 1, 2026.**

**Secretary Swigart must meet the AACA National deadline with current information on membership. Please be prompt with your renewal. (See renewal form in the cover this issue of VL.**

**Thank you in advance for your courteous response.**



## Dancing and Driving

caused his metal covered suitcase, that was on the rear seat, to hit him on the back of the head. At 60 years old he died of a fractured skull.

I'm sure a good number of our older folk will recall who this gentleman from the Wild West was. He appeared in 282 silent films and a small number of talkies. He kept doing wild west shows and bought a circus after having appeared in one for three years. His oldest daughter Ruth helped with running the circus.



In 1938 he turned it over to her while on a trip to Europe. Without him it failed. Earlier in the 1930's he had Ralston Purina do a radio show which lasted for 20 years. He did not appear in them due to a throat damaged by a bullet plus several broken noses from doing most of his own stunts. The radio series was called the **TOM MIX RALSTON STRAIGHT SHOOTERS**. Having done so many Wild West shows and movies plus finding a job for and taught the trade to John Wayne, Tom Mix became mostly known as the "KING OF COWBOYS." Also famous were his two horses OLD BLUE along with TONY – "THE WONDER HORSE" who received its own fan mail.

## Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

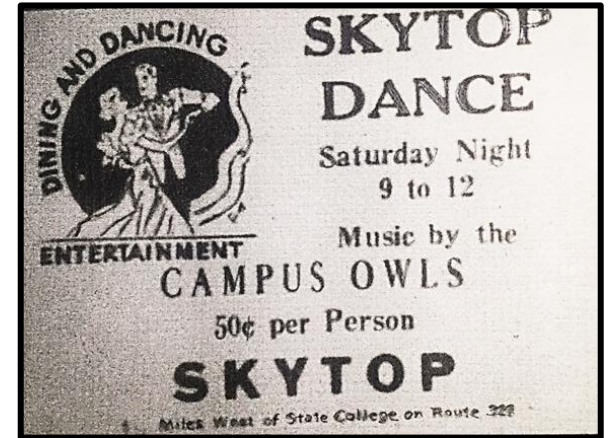
Take a heap of child-like wonder that opens up our eyes  
to the unexpected gifts in life—each day, a sweet surprise.  
Mix in fond appreciation for the people whom we know;  
Like festive Christmas candles, each one has a special glow.  
Add some giggles and some laughter, a dash of Christmas food,  
Amazing how a piece of pie improves our attitude!  
Stir it all with human kindness; wrap it up in love and peace,  
Decorate with optimism, and our joy will never cease.  
If we use this healthy recipe, we know we will remember  
to be in the Christmas spirit, even when it's not December.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## Dancing and Driving

By Stan Smith, photos from Harry Whitman

A good number of us don't mind driving any distance in search of entertainment. That seemed true even 80 or 90 years ago. My in-laws, who at that time lived in Milesburg, would talk about going to a place called SKYTOP to have a night of dancing. It was located on a mountaintop on old Route 322 half-way between State College and Port Matilda. I also had read that it was so popular that a couple from Altoona would frequently make the trip. Check out the ad printed in the Centre Daily Times two days before I was born. The CAMPUS OWLS must have been from Penn State and played only at night.

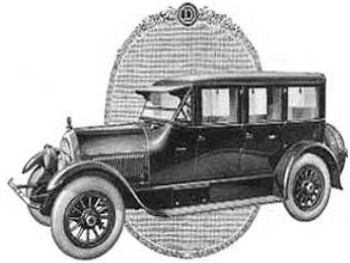


Recently I was shown three photographs taken at SKYTOP (thanks to club member Harry Whitman) of a famous silent movie star who had stopped there in 1940 driving a 1937 Cord Convertible with California license plates. The Cord was dressed up with extra lights up front, club badges, along with a Continental spare tire hanging off the rear.



A few questions now come to mind like: Was he on a cross-country trip that included a stop at the spot where he was born? That would be a small logging village named Mix Run, PA. It no longer exists but was near Driftwood, PA a few miles from DuBois. Unfortunately, this might have been part of a return trip to his ranch in California. After visiting Sheriff friend in Tucson, Arizona he took a detour 18 miles south of Florence, when he speedily came upon road construction. A washed-out bridge was being rebuilt, and he swerved to miss some barriers and went into a ditch and rolled over. The sudden stop

# Made in PA



## The Daniels Motor Company

Wikipedia

The Daniels Motor Car Company was incorporated in Reading, PA by George E Daniels and Neff E Parish. George Daniels was an excellent lawyer, engineer, and mechanic while Neff Paris produced automobile parts and frames.

The first model was the Model A "Daniels Eight Cylinder" in 1916. Other models included the Model B Coupe and Model C Cloverleaf Coupe. In 1922, a Daniels car cost around US \$7,450, a significant sum at the time.

Daniels Motor Company produced 1,500 high quality automobiles between 1916-1924, branding themselves as "the distinguished car with just a little more power than you will ever need", and "The aristocrat of American cars".

No stock models were created. Daniel's cars were built to be permanent personal pieces of art. Each car fabricated was crafted for the individual buyer. With custom coachwork, the Daniels was built to order, offering a proprietary narrow-angle V8 as standard equipment in the 1920's.

A dispute between George Daniels and Neff Parish led to financial difficulties. The company declared bankruptcy in late 1922, ceasing operations in 1924.

The company was sold by the order of the district court. One hundred people attended the public auction and six bids were made. George Billman, a real estate dealer, bought the plant property.

In 1953, a 42-year-old Daniel's 1921 model D car was up for auction in California. The original cost was \$6,500. It was believed to be the last existing 1921 Daniels Model D in existence, and one of fifteen remaining Daniel's cars in the world.

This 1919 a Daniels that was custom built for Mr. H.J. Heinz of Pittsburgh PA was photographed at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles in 2022.

The name "Daniels" has been associated with a former BMW/MINI dealership in Allentown, PA, which was sold to Sloane Automotive Group in 2024 and rebranded as BMW and MINI of Allentown.

The Cord Convertible Phaeton Sedan ( S/N 812 - 31910H ) still exists.

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1937 Cord 812 Phaeton, owned by Amelia Earhart when she disappeared. It was featured at the Amelia Concours'dElegance in 2023.

## Allegheny Mountain Region Organizational Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting

January 24, 2026 @ 1:00

Swigart Museum Office, Huntingdon

Everyone is welcome to attend and help  
plan the 2026 events!

# After Christmas Party

January 18, 2026  
Everyone is invited!!

The Region is going to start 2026 with a party on January 18 at Belly Busters a new venue by (Graystone Court) highly recommended for the region. Address 1101 Flamingo Dr, Altoona, PA 16602.

Yes, the new year is a time to focus on goals and resolutions but we always find ourselves missing the togetherness with region members. This Party will bring us all together.

Bill and Jackie Forsht along with Paula and Randy Clemens have taken care of the arrangements. It will be a buffet featuring carved ham, roast beef, chicken, roasted potatoes, vegetable, salad and roll with butter and.....Bill Forsht is treating everyone to dessert. YUM YUM!!

Your cost for the meal is **\$12.00.**

Plan to arrive at 1:30 and we will eat at 2:00

Please contact Jackie at 814-312-5287 or Bill at 814-931-7045 by January 10 if you can attend.



## Just For Laughs

One evening I arrived home from work to find the lights out. My wife had prepared a lovely candlelit dinner and our two young sons, Garrett and Seldon, were dressed in their suits. "Hey," I joked, "didn't we pay our hydro bill?"

A few months later, during the Christmas Eve candlelit procession, the church was packed and silent when Garrett asked, "Hey, Dad, did they not pay their hydro bill, too?"

One Christmas my husband put an assortment of beauty products in my stocking. I tried one of the facial masks, and was about to wash it off when my eight-year-old son, Callum, walked in. I explained to him that it was a present from his dad and it would make me beautiful. He patiently waited by my side as I rinsed and patted my face dry. "Well, what do you think?" I asked. Callum replied "Oh, Mom, it didn't work!"

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."

As grandma was getting ready to leave the house on Christmas Eve, Olivia looked at her with concern. "Make sure to be really careful on your way home. Santa is delivering presents."

Her grandmother smiled at her. "I don't think I have to worry about Santa." Olivia said, "Haven't you heard? He has already run one grandmother over!"

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*Snow is like kindness,  
it beautifies everything it touches!*

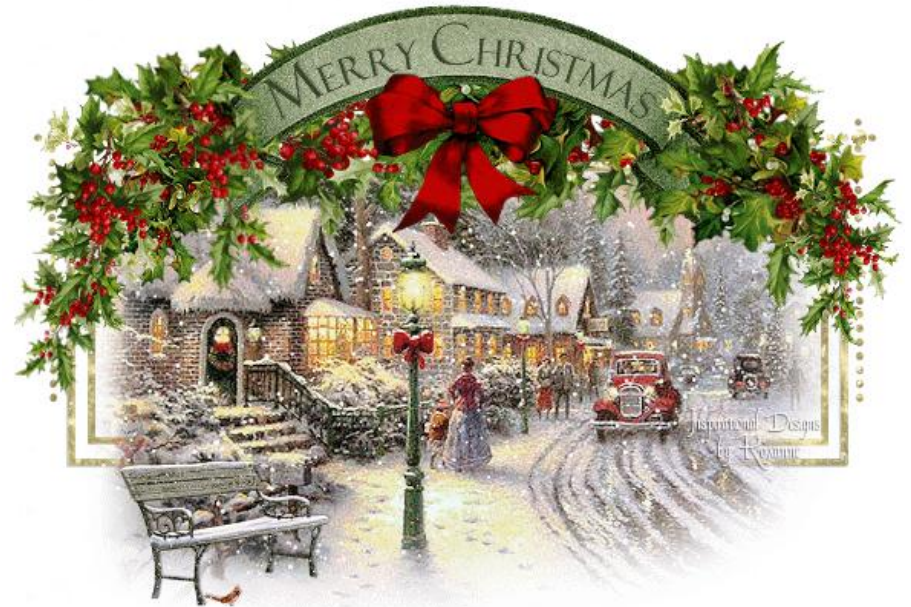


# Merry Christmas, My Friend

by James M. Schmidt

T'was the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house made of plaster & stone.  
I had come down the chimney, with presents to give  
and to see just who in this home did live.  
As I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,  
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.  
No stocking by the fire, just boots filled with sand.  
On the wall hung pictures of a far distant land.  
With medals and badges, awards of all kind,  
a sobering thought soon came to my mind.  
For this house was different, unlike any I'd seen.  
This was the home of a U.S. Marine.  
I'd heard stories about them, I had to see more,  
so I walked down the hall and pushed open the door.  
And there he lay sleeping, silent, alone,  
Curled up on the floor in his one-bedroom home.  
He seemed so gentle, his face so serene,  
Not how I pictured a U.S. Marine.  
Was this the hero, of whom I'd just read?  
Curled up in his poncho, a floor for his bed?  
His head was clean-shaven, his weathered face tan.  
I soon understood, this was more than a man.  
For I realized the families that I saw that night,  
owed their lives to these men, who were willing to fight.  
Soon around the Nation, the children would play,  
And grown-ups would celebrate on a bright Christmas day.  
They all enjoyed freedom, each month and all year,  
because of Marines like this one lying here.  
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,  
on a cold Christmas Eve, in a land far from home.  
Just the very thought brought a tear to my eye.  
I dropped to my knees and I started to cry.  
I didn't want to leave him so quiet in the night,  
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.  
But half asleep he rolled over, and in a voice clean and pure,  
said "Carry on, Santa, it's Christmas Day, all secure."  
One look at my watch and I knew he was right,  
Merry Christmas my friend, goodnight.

*Remember our Troops this Holiday Season!*



The tradition of placing a decorated tree in the White House began in 1889 on Christmas morning during the Presidency of Benjamin Harrison. The President's grandchildren, young Benjamin and Mary McKee, led the Harrison household into the second floor Oval Room to look at the first White House Christmas tree, which was lit with candles. Filled stockings hung from the mantel, and presents, candy and nuts were distributed to family and staff. President Harrison gave turkeys and gloves to his employees, and he received a silver-dollar-shaped picture holder from his daughter, Mame Harrison McKee.

In 1909, President William H. Taft's children helped decorate the first tree on the state floor in the Blue Room.

The White House observance of Christmas before the twentieth century was not an official event. First families decorated the house modestly with greens and privately celebrated the Yuletide with family and friends.

In 1909, President William H. Taft's children helped decorate the first tree on the state floor in the Blue Room.

The White House at Christmas traditionally has been a magical place for children. From the earliest times memorable parties have been held for the president's children or grandchildren. One of the most elaborate was President Andrew Jackson's "frolic" for the children of his household in

1834. This party included games, dancing, a grand dinner, and ended with an indoor "snowball fight" with specially made cotton balls.

President and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt hosted a "carnival" during the 1903 Christmas season for 500 children including dinner, dancing, musical entertainment, souvenirs, and a special treat in the form of ice cream formed in the shape of Santa and other Christmas novelties. President Roosevelt, an avowed conservationist, did not approve of cutting trees for Christmas decorations. However, his son Archie defied the ban and smuggled in a small tree that was decorated and hidden in a closet in the upstairs sewing room.

President Calvin Coolidge was the first chief executive to preside over a public celebration of the Christmas holidays with the lighting of the National Christmas Tree in 1923.

Today, the Christmas Pageant of Peace, a major event held annually on the Ellipse since 1954, includes the lighting of the National Christmas Tree.

This celebration respects the holiday worship of all faiths and features the appearance of the first family to light the tree and host live musical and dance performances.

Since that time, the honor of trimming the Christmas tree on the state floor has belonged to our first ladies. The tree stands in the oval Blue Room, an elegant space honored as the center of holiday splendor.

### Maybe this tree was headed for the White House



## 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 the key fob is. 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 was turn the ignition switch on and press the accelerator pedal. Very convenient when you stall the car, as all you need to do is depress the clutch enough so it doesn't engage and the engine will restart. This was continued through 1960.

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

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.

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 in farther to actuate the starter.

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



# 2025 Glidden Tour in Owensboro, KY

The Glidden tour is the oldest antique car tour in the USA. It dates back to 1905 and is called the Revival Glidden Tour because it restarted in 1946. It is open to all cars prior to WWII. The tour takes place in a different location each year and is a cooperative venture between the VMCCA, the AACA and the AAA. This year, on the 79th, VMCCA took the lead. The tour was held in the greater Owensboro, KY area. This year, there were 140 registered vehicles with the newest being a 1942 Chevrolet and the oldest being a 1909 Buick. Our friend, Jeff Stump, was the chairman and he put on a great tour.

We took our 1929 Marmon, as usual. It was a reunion of dozens of new and old friends who joined in from all over the country including these local folks: Pat Swigart, Don Barlup, Dave Kontor, Shelah Turner, and Ernie Romanini (with Cathy Bisset)

Sunday – our opening dinner was appropriately at the Green River Distillery as the theme of the tour was bourbon and bluegrass.

Monday – Started with a morning coffee break at Ben Hawks Park, a tour of the John Audubon Museum, a lunch stop, the lumberyard in Henderson, KY and a stop for ice-cream at Trunnell's Farm in Utica, KY. The Audubon Museum provided several live bird demonstrations which were very entertaining.

Tuesday – we went north into Indiana with a morning coffee break at the Holiday Drive-in Theater in Reno, IN. The drive was then across the historic Hatfield bridge with the midday stop at the Friedman Event Center in Newburgh, IN. Our lunch included

Bluegrass music from an excellent group made up entirely of younger folks. We then drove over to the Evansville Wartime Museum which was most impressive. Photo ops with a Republic P47 were available. We chose to use just us.



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Wednesday, we went back to Indiana and stopped at the Lincoln Pioneer Village in Rockport. It was then time to visit the Santa Claus Museum in Santa Claus, IN.



Thursday - we went back across the Ohio River into Indiana and drove to Squire Boone Caverns. These caverns were much more impressive than we expected. Consider visiting them yourself.

Friday - was a short drive over to Philpot, KY where we got to see an organization called Dream Riders. Their mission is to help children with special needs by introducing them to horses. The next step was a visit to the Bill Monroe Museum, a famous Blue Grass singer. Lunch was just down the road at the Bill Monroe festival where we got to enjoy hours of Blue Grass music from many artists in an open-air stage.

Friday night- Our closing dinner was back in Owensboro at the convention center overlooking the Ohio River. The view of the river from the top of the convention center was spectacular.

In summary, it was a wonderful tour (it helps when our Marmon is well-behaved).

Thanks again Jeff Stumb, our tour Chairman.



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