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# The President's Message



Well summer is in full swing. We are just back for the Founder's Tour in Gettysburg with Ellen's 57 Chevy which was a nice tour. Ellen and I are enjoying our "reduced" schedule this year. Next national event is the Vintage tour in Wellsboro, PA July 17-21 with our 1918 Cadillac. This is hosted by the Buzzard's Breath touring region which is a great region within

AACA. Don't forget the upcoming local events include Cook's night out on June 21 at the Spruce Creek tavern and the Forsht picnic on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar.

Spring dinner – Boy what a great dinner and event!! The special, surprise person was Bob Struble. We celebrated his 60th year as member of the region. What an accomplishment! And, amazingly, Bob was totally surprised (thanks Jackie for the great work keeping the secret). Super entertainment was provided by the singing group RamaLama who sang 50's songs. Boy were they great. With great food and a cash bar added to the evening you can be sure we will be back again.

AACA Spring meet is in Charlotte, NC – I attended this as a guest of Don Bruner with his motor home and had a nice time, however the limited amount of older cars and parts was a little disappointing. Also, I talked to a friend who went to Chickasha swap meet in Oklahoma this year which is supposedly a good place for older cars and parts. He reported a disappointing amount of older cars and parts as well. It appears that Hershey may be the last place to search for older parts.

Altoona 1 day tour – the day started a little rainy but Bill and Jackie took us all around Altoona through roads I have never traveled. Yes, north, south, east and west we traveled. Stops for breakfast, lunch, Prince Gallitzin Park and even Jeff Boring's new shop were included. Thanks Bill & Jackie for a nice tour.

Boalsburg Show – Another great show. The early rain dropped the car count slightly but an increase in sponsors and food vendors made up the difference in income. We may have given out a record number of door prizes. If anyone missed the show fearing rain, they missed a near perfect weather day. Rain stopped before 8AM and a perfect day followed. Financial goals for the Military museum and the Penn Tech scholarship fund were met. See ya next year; same day, same time, same station.

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Scholarship - I am happy to announce that the region's scholarship to Penn College goes to Nicholas Howland of Woodbridge, VA. Nicholas is a sophomore in Automotive Restoration Technology program.

New members – The membership drive initiatives are moving slower than I had hoped but are still "on the burner". Boalsburg show brought several new members and significant interest. Consider attending the next board meeting at the Mill Stone Manor June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM (optional dinner at 5:30PM) for continuing discussions on membership.

2017 region calendar - To review the schedule for 2017 we have the Forsht picnic, Tipton Show, Swigart meet, and cook's nights out are on the schedule (see calendar in this Vapor Locks for more details). Other local events include a 1 day tour to the Amish Cheese factory in late July, a 3 day tour to somewhere (the Potomac Eagle railroad destination many change), and a 1 day Fall foliage Grape Escape to Bedford area in mid-October. Most of the dates for the events are now set so please review the Vapor Locks calendar mark your calendars. As always, please forward suggestions or ideas you have to a board member or come to a board meeting.

National touring – The next national tour is the AACA Vintage Tour in Wellsboro, PA July 16-21 for cars 1932 and older which we plan to attend. This is hosted by a great group, the Buzzard Breath touring region of AACA. We finally decided at the last minute to attend the Glidden tour in Lincoln, NE September 17-22. Also don't forget the VMCCA Chrome Glidden Tour which is in Virginia July 9-14.

National shows – Nothing in the near future.

AACA Museum merger – No new news.

Fun - Getting back to having fun, out next Cook's Night Out is at the Spruce Creek Tavern June 21 at 6:30. Be there! And again out next region board meeting is at Mill Stone Manor Restaurant in Huntingdon on Saturday evening June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM for supper and 6:30 PM for the meeting.

Back to the shop!

Your President, Scott Deno.



**Allegheny Mountain Region Board Meeting**  
**May 12, 2017**  
**Mill Stone Manor Restaurant, Huntingdon, PA**

In attendance: President Scott Deno, Vice President and Vapor Locks Editor Gladys Guyer, Treasurer Pete Searer, Secretary Patricia Swigart, Board Members, Bill Forsht, Bill Guyer, Susan Romanini, Cathy Searer, Gail and Harry Whitman.

Absent: Snow Birds Fred and Nina Hammer

The meeting was called to order at 6:26 P.M. by President Deno.

The minutes of the January 21, 2017 meeting were published in the Vapor Locks. Upon motion of Bill Forsht, seconded by Bill Guyer the minutes were approved. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was given by Treasurer Searer. Upon motion of Gail Whitman, seconded by Susan Romanini, the treasurer's report was received. It will be filed for audit.

**Old Business**

**Fall Dinner**

The Fall Dinner/Annual Meeting will be held on October 28, 2017 at the Smithfield Fire Hall.

There was discussion of the recently held Spring Dinner at the Huntingdon Country Club. It was a great affair and if you missed it you missed some wonderful entertainment. Also at that dinner we recognized Bob Struble for his 60 years of membership in the Allegheny Mountain Region with a remembrance and a cake with his '22 Buick on it. Steve Moskowitz and Don Barlup represented National and presented Bob with a Citation. Several people told memories of Bob's years and work for the region. Congratulations Bob!

There was discussion of the After Christmas Dinner for 2018 and since the Spring Dinner was so well received, Pat is checking to see if the Country Club would be available for January 13 or 14.

**Membership**

There was a discussion of how to get new members. A lot of persons in the area have antique cars but do not belong to the Region or even National. Scott reminded everyone that they are the Membership Committee. If you know of someone, bring them in. He suggested a process that when you learn of someone with an interest in antique cars, you adopt those persons. In other words, invite them to come to an event and maybe even pick them up and bring them along. Show some interest in them. Also this could be used for our own members to get them to attend picnics and dinners. Introduce them to other members

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**Region Items**

Gladys had the Region Shirts that had been ordered. They are a great blue color and very tasteful.

The Name Badges also were received and again very nice. We once again have some Name recognition.

**Boalsburg Show**

All Sponsors have committed. It was decided that if the show is cancelled due to weather, we will give the money back to the sponsors. It will be put on our website that there is No Rain Date.

Scott needs a check for \$400.00 to hold the grounds.

So far, Scott has gotten nine door prizes.

Cathy reported that she has gotten \$500.00 worth of Sheetz Gift Cards in \$25.00 increments to use as prizes.

In addition to a 50/50 drawing, this year there will be three main drawings:

Gladys will make a Money Cake

Susan will make a Lottery Tree

Thompson Pharmacy is supplying a large basket

These raffle tickets will sell for 1 for \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00 and 20 for \$10.00. Susan will get containers for the ticket stubs. The 50/50 tickets will be sold at the Membership Booth as well as throughout the grounds.

**New Business**

**Miscellaneous**

Fred had suggested that we get a Feather Flag that could be put up when the region has an event. This was tabled until Fred would be at a meeting.

Fred suggested that we set up a Membership Committee and also an Events Committee. It was suggested that Fred could possibly chair both of these committees as the Events committee would be mostly e-mailing the members of upcoming events. Again this was tabled until Fred would be at a meeting.

The Cook's Nite Out will be in Burnham on May 17<sup>th</sup> with Cathy and Pete Searer in charge. The June 21<sup>st</sup> dinner will be at the Hoss's on Pleasant Valley Blvd. in Altoona.

The next board meeting will be at the Forsht Picnic on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Upon motion of Pete Searer, seconded by Harry Whitman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia B. Swigart, Secretary

## 2017 Calendar of Events (tentative)

June 25	Forsht's Picnic
July 17-21	AACA Vintage Tour, Wellsboro, PA - Buzzard's Breath Region
July 19	Cook's Nite, Bedford Area
July 29	One day tour to Amish Cheese Cave & more
Aug. 11, 12, 13	Swigart Meet in Huntingdon
August 16	Cook's Nite, Mill Stone Manor, Huntingdon
Sept. 8,9,10	3 day tour to MD
Sept. 17-22	Glidden Tour, Hastings Nebraska
Sept. 21	Cook's Nite, Perkins in State College
Sept. 24	Delgrosso Show, Tipton, PA
Oct. 15	Grape Escape
Oct. 18	Cook's Nite, Burnham
Date	Smithfield Firehall
November	Cook's Nite place to be decided

*Be sure to check you National Antique Automobile magazine  
AACA for additional Events*

### **Additional area events**

June 22-25	Chevrolet National, Carlisle
June 30-July 2	Cumberland Freedom Rod-Run Cumberland MD. Info WWW.TNTS1.Com.or tnts1@verizon.net
July 8	Alum Bank Car Show
July 14-15	Central PA Auto Auction, Lock Haven. Info 800-248-8026
July 15	Reo Club of America National Meet, Lewisburg, Pa. Info call Joel Klemick 570-494-7180
July 17-21	AACA Vintage Tour, Wellsboro, PA
July 21-22	Keystone Truckers Show, Martinsburg
July 13-16	Chrysler at Carlisle
August 4-6	Trucks at Carlisle
August 20	Clearfield Car Show hosted by Central Mtn. Region
August 24-27	Corvettes at Carlisle
Sept. 27-Oct 1	Fall Carlisle
October 5-7	Fall Hershey Car Show
Oct. 14	Fall Foliage Tour, Bedford PA



## **COOK'S NITE OUT**

**No cooking tonight!**

*Gladys Guyer*

A regular event for Allegheny Mountain Region is "Cook's Nite Out". A relaxing evening of having a meal and enjoying the company of fellow members. Hope you can join us at the next cook's nite.

June 21	Spruce Creek Tavern Scott Deno 238-4031
July 19	Bedford contact Judy Lloyd 623-7931
Aug. 16	Mill Stone Manor, Huntingdon -Pat Swigart 251-2299
Sept. 20	Perkins, State College--Scott Deno 238-4031
Oct.18	Burnham--Cathy Searer 717-242-2954
Nov. 15	To be decided

## THE RECYCLE GALLERY

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# THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hi everyone,

I guess I can't complain about any cold weather now. This week has been quite hot even for me.

This issue of VL has been a bit delayed. Each year it seems that Bill and I get busier especially with the grandkids. We have seven 5 boys and 2 girls. The five boys played ball on 4 different teams. They just finished ball so that will slow things down a little for us which is good because .....it is antique car time!!

We have had the "old car" on the road several times and can't wait for some two or three day tours, they are so much fun!! I will get the tour information to you in the next issue Vapor Locks (which will be coming out soon) or an email with the details.

If you missed the Spring Dinner Celebration, the One day tour or the Memorial Day Show, you missed three great events.

When the Board plans the summer schedule, there are several factors considered. Where? Activities are planned for different areas so that members in that area will bring their cars out. When? We try to plan activities that don't coincide with other AACA events. Tours, - tour directors keep the costs reasonable, so everyone can tour with us. You get the idea. The Board really does try to accommodate everyone.

Our Region has 200 members and what percentage of those members participates in events? Suffice to say there should be more. Your car does not have to be a "Show" car to join in. It doesn't matter if the paint is faded, chipped, dinged, rusty or needs a paint job. It does not matter!! Old cars are not perfect and the fun is out and about driving them. Show your club spirit and plan to join us at any event. We would love to see you!!

See you on the road!

*Gladys*

**Time flies but memories last forever!**

Author unknown



## AACA Library & Research Center Update By: Roger Irland VP Judging



Our long-standing goal continues to be to make the AACA Library and Research Center recognized as a world-renowned resource for the collector vehicle community. We have the good fortune to have a head librarian, Chris Ritter, and two assistants, Matt Hocker and Mike Reilly. Both are very knowledgeable, motivated and are having fun with the work of the library. We also have a great Library Committee to back them up with volunteer work at the library and at events, such as Hershey, where the library is on display.

Our librarians have done a great job getting the Kinograph project up and running. This machine will allow us to digitize films/filmstrips, and make them far more widely available. Online, the library has a presence on all the social media, including Youtube.com and Tum-bler.com. You'll find updates on various subjects, along with a few laughs. AACAlibrary.org will take you to the site that will show you all of what's available to you and what's new.

We continue to host a number of collections on behalf of various marque clubs. They are becoming too numerous to mention, but I'd like to highlight the Gerrard Collection and the recently acquired O'Reilly collection. I had the good luck to be able to spend some time last summer helping to sort through and organize some of the forty -foot trailer load of goodies that we received last spring. Again, visit or go online to see what's there for you.

Coming up, we will see the results of the beautiful restoration of the Bookmobile. I'm excited about the possibilities for promoting the library and the club as it travels around the country. Another challenge for the Library committee will be helping with the logistics and expenses of getting the Bookmobile out and about. Look for it; it's not going to be a static display in the lobby. We're always looking for donations of anything auto related. We'd like to bolster our prewar collection, so talk to Chris Ritter and share what you have with the collector community. Remember, as an AACA member, you get 1.5 hours of re-search included in your membership. And, you don't need a hall pass to check it out.



# Region Shirts

Gladys Guyer

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In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.



“How much is an ice cream sundae?”

“50 cents,” replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

“How much is a dish of plain ice cream?” he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient.

“35 cents,” she said brusquely.

The little boy again counted the coins. “I’ll have the plain ice cream,” he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were 15 cents – her tip.



# Just For Laughs

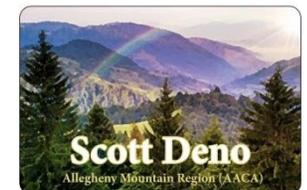
Funnies Garden

1. My little sister was at the doctor’s office for her annual checkup—she had to be somewhere around 3. The nurse was asking all the standard coordination type questions—touch your nose; put your hands up, jump, etc. Being a healthy capable little devil, she’s doing everything fine. Then, the nurse says, “Stand on one foot.” My little sister looks at the nurse, looks down, and hesitates. Then she walks over and stands on one of the nurse’s feet.

2. Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life," her mother tried to explain, keeping it simple. The child thought about this for a moment, and then said, "So, why's the groom wearing black?"

# NAME BADGES

**The name badge order has arrived. If you have not received your badge, they can be picked up at any club activity.**





# Spring Dinner CELEBRATION!!

April 29, 2017

## Huntingdon Country Club

Gladys Guyer and Fred Hammer

Hostesses Pat Swigart and Gladys Guyer made arrangements for a very special Spring Dinner Celebration. What made this dinner so special? Bob Struble was being honored for 60 years of membership in the Allegheny Mountain Region and the national AACA.

Now just how do you go about keeping the celebration for Bob's 60 years a surprise? It wasn't easy, but it was well worth the effort. Pat Swigart started the planning by checking with the country club for the April 29<sup>th</sup> date, and making our reservations. For the next step, President Deno contacted Jackie Struble to let her know what we were planning. Yes, we had the ball rolling. Jackie assured Scott that she and Bob would be at the dinner and.....she would keep the secret. If this had been a test, Jackie would get an A+.

Ok, with date set, time set, and the assurance of Bob's attendance, we were ready to move on to additional details. We decided on a menu. Gladys alerted members of the dinner in Vapor Locks, but did not include that Bob was being honored. No problem. Emails were sent to members to let them in on the secret. Pat invited several people from National to join our celebration, and Gladys began the search for the perfect award. President Deno planned the entertainment.

For this occasion, we decided to do a special cake for dessert. Nothing would be more fitting than a picture of Bob's 1922 Buick on that cake. Gladys located a picture, and Pat delivered the photo to Weis market bakery, and ordered the cake.

All details were ready when April 29<sup>th</sup> came. Pat arrived at the country club with beautiful fuchsia centerpieces for the tables. Gladys arrived with the cake and other items needed for the afternoon. Ellen Deno and Paula Clemens arrived early to help in any way they could which included hiding a whole sheet cake.

Nearly 50 members and guests including AACA Past President and AMR member Don Barlup and Executive Steve Moskowitz arrived to socialize and enjoy an awesome afternoon.

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When social hour was over, President Deno asked the group to be seated and welcomed everyone to the dinner. Don Barlup gave a nice invocation before our meal.

When our meal concluded (dessert would be later), President Deno introduced the Rama-Lamas, a group of extraordinary singers from the State College area. They entertained us with their famous doo-wop of the 50's and 60's.

President Deno again took the podium and thanked the Rama-Lamas for a great show. Now, the time had come to make our well-kept "secret" known to Bob Struble. President Deno revealed Bob was being honored for 60 years of membership. Bob was very surprised!



AACA Past President Don Barlup presented Bob with a beautiful plaque honoring him for 60 years in the AACA.

Executive Steve Moskowitz shared remarks to the members of Allegheny Mountain Region.

On behalf of the Allegheny Mountain Region, President Deno presented Bob with a special "piston award" with an engraved name plate marking his 60 years.

Bob also received a lifetime membership certificate in the Allegheny Mountain Region for his years of service.

It was then time to share memories. Scott spoke of his memories of Bob, and asked for others to also share. Pat Swigart, Gladys Guyer, Gail Whitman, Stan Smith, Emery Turner and Pete Searer also made personal comments of their good times with Bob.

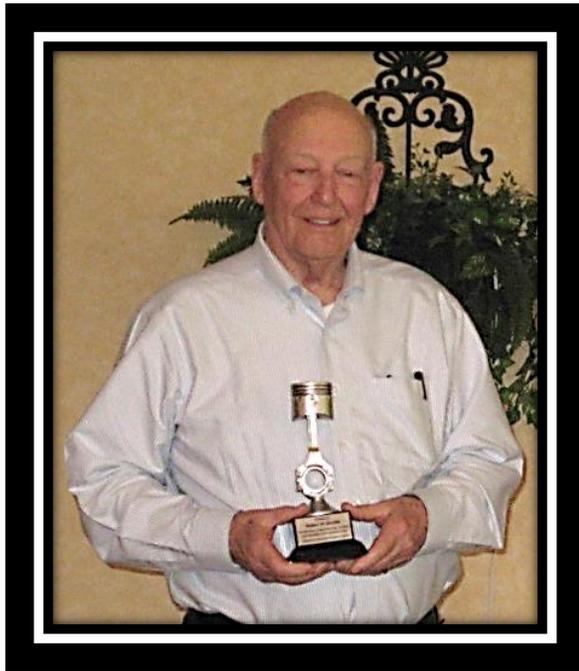
Now I am not sure how many surprises in an evening one man could handle, but there was one more. It was time for dessert. Hidden under a table in the back of the room (good hiding place Paula) was the last surprise, a special cake brought out for Bob, and there in the center was his 1922 Buick! Again Bob was surprised. Paula cut the cake, and Pat, Ellen, and Gladys served it. The cake was cut and served without disturbing the Buick. The Buick went home with Bob.

# CELEBRATION!! Page 3

This dinner was made possible by those who love Bob. Bob would be able to write a book about his 60 years in the Allegheny Mountain Region. He has done so much with the region and for the region. Bob has been president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, assistant editor for Vapor Locks, Board member, and photographer. He has planned tours, guided tours, participated in tours, and has been Man of the Year several times. BOB HAS DONE IT ALL and enjoyed everything he did. Bob has always lent a helping hand when needed. He is just that kind of guy.

This celebration could not have been made for a more deserving person. Here's to you Bob Struble for everything you have done over the past 60 years, and the things you will do in the future. Congratulations!!

Thank you, Jackie, for the essential role you played making the day possible.



**The honored guest!**

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**Past AACA President Don Barlup reading the inscription on the AACA plaque.**



**Bob receiving the award**



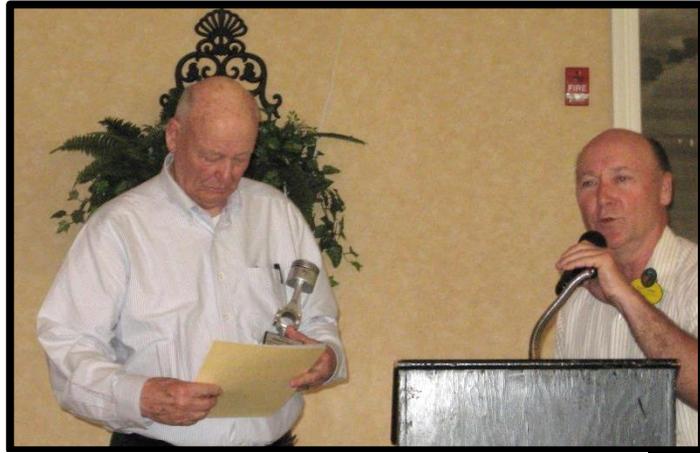
**Congratulations Bob!**



**Steve Moskowitz addressing the members of AMR**



**Dessert!**



**Bob admiring his "Lifetime Membership Award."**



**Emery sharing his story.**



**Bob with Hostesses Gladys Guyer and Pat Swigart.**



**60 Years of Memories!**



**Earl and Linda Eby, Pete and Cathy Searer and Clair and Carol Grove enjoying the celebration.**

# Welcome New Members

A big welcome to the newest members of the Allegheny Mountain Region. We invite you and look forward to seeing you at our activities

Doug and Diana Morrison      1953 Ford F100 P/U  
140 Dove Lane  
Centre Hall, PA 16828  
814-360-4184  
*Nina Hammer*

James and Nancy Bennett      1986 Cutlass 442  
570 Scotia Rd.                      1978 Cutlass  
814-234-5254                      1929 Mercedes Street Rod  
814-234-5254                      1929 Mercedes SSK kit car  
BENN570@comcast.net          1979 VW Dune Buggy  
*Fred Hammer*  
*Harry Whitman*

Philip K. and Linda M. McCall      2015 Corvette  
105 Wyndham Circle  
Boalsburg PA  
814-466-1960  
Pk115 or maybe it is 105@comcast.net  
*Scott Deno*

Hank and Carol Yeagley              1964 1/2 Mustang  
Box 270                              1958 Austin Healy Spirit  
Centre Hall, PA 16828              1973 Datsun Fairlady  
814-4220446  
hankyeagley@gmail.com  
*Fred Hammer*

William and Dawn Barnes              1906 Stanley Steamer  
1728 Glenwood Ave,  
Lewistown, PA 17044  
717-248-6170  
vwchickadee@verizon.net  
*Scott Deno*

# "FORSHT'S PICNIC" SATURDAY, JUNE 25 ALTOONA, PA



Jackie and Bill Forsht are hosting a picnic on June 25, 2017 and everyone is invited. It will be a relaxing afternoon with a group of car club friends.

Plan to arrive any time around noon and be prepared to eat about 3:00. The Forsht's are providing Hamburgers, Hotdogs and place settings.

Chef Bill has his BBQ tools ready and will be cooking perfectly grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Of course Jackie will be supervising Bill's grilling. Everyone is asked to bring covered dishes to share.

- \*\* Bring your beverages
- \*\* Bring covered dishes to share.
- \*\* Be prepared for a great afternoon
- \*\* Bring a smile and your appetite

**Please e-mail Jackie at [billforsht@hotmail.com](mailto:billforsht@hotmail.com) or call 814-943-8766 and let her know you will be attending.**

## Directions to the Forsht Lane, Altoona PA 16601

Exit off I-99 on the 17 <sup>th</sup> St.	1.5Mi.
Turn right onto 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	.05 mi.
Turn right onto Chestnut Ave.	1.0 mi.
Turn left onto Juniata Gap Rd.	1.0 mi.
Turn right onto Wopsonnock Ave.	.05 mi.
Continue onto State Rt. 4015/Grandview Rd. (E. Wopsonnock turns into Grandview Rd.)	.04 mi.
Slight right onto Forsht Lane	164 ft.



**Let's Eat!**

# TOMMY wins award at Elegance

Owned by Pat Swigart  
Story reported by Fred Hammer

Pat Swigart one of Allegheny Mountain Region's distinguished members received national public notice for her contributions to both the Swigart Museum, and her work as an integral part of automobile history.

Owned by the Swigart Museum, Tommy the Studebaker's first voyage running under its own power since the Eisenhower administration was awarded the Historic Vehicle Association's National Automotive Heritage Award at the Elegance at Hershey.



*Photo courtesy Pennsylvania College of Technology*

## THE HISTORY

Two electric Studebakers travelled back and forth, all day long, 225 times per day, shuttling 100 of the most powerful men in the country in the Congressional tunnels

With the pending completion of the Russell Senate Office Building and the Cannon House Office Building near the U.S. Capitol in 1908, Congressmen worried not so much about terrorist threats or intrepid newspapermen on their walks among the buildings but more the weather. The city offers humid, 100-degree summers and snowy, sub-freezing winters, both of which Congressmen found as hindrances to their duties.

# Tommy page 2

To avoid exposing themselves to the elements both chambers of Congress commissioned Elliot Woods, then the Superintendent of the Capitol Buildings and Grounds, to develop a tunnel system that connected the Capitol to government office buildings in the vicinity. The members of the House of Representatives chose to make the Cannon tunnel pedestrian only, but the senators of the time decided to install a transportation system, one composed of twin Studebakers, in the Russell tunnel.

According to the wishes of John Mohler Studebaker, the last of the founding Studebaker brothers, and chairman of the board of the South Bend carriage builder, Studebaker powered its first horseless carriages with electric motors rather than gasoline engines. The latter, Studebaker said, were "clumsy, dangerous, noisy brutes which stink to high heaven, break down at the worst possible moment, and are a public nuisance." (Regardless, Studebaker eventually introduced gas-powered cars in 1904 and marketed both gas and electric cars until 1913 before switching entirely to internal combustion.)

Lack of fumes certainly made electric cars a good choice for the Russell tunnel. So did the ability of electric cars to travel just as fast forward as in reverse – Woods designed the tunnels without sufficient space to turn around at either end.

With that in mind, Studebaker built the two cars with a pair of driver's seats apiece – one facing forward and one in reverse – both equipped with tiller steering. A single driver would operate the Studebakers over the 1/5-mile-long tunnel at a blistering 12 to 15 MPH top speed, unload his passengers, and then switch to the other seat to make the return trip. Seating both fore and aft of the driver's seats accommodated up to 12 passengers at a time.

Each of the 72-volt Westinghouse-motored Studebakers cost \$2,944, about double the price of an average Studebaker electric. Both went into service on the tunnel's opening day in March 1909 with unique nicknames – Tommy and Peggy – and remained in service until 1916 when a faster and more spacious Navy Yard-built electric monorail replaced them.

Following their retirement, the Studebakers went into storage, emerging again in August 1939 when the pair sold at a government surplus auction for \$35. According to Marge Cutright, executive director of the Swigart Museum in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Tommy went on display at the New York World's Fair that year, and then showed up again in 1950 when William Swigart bought the Studebaker. (Peggy eventually made its way to the Studebaker Museum and has since been restored with a yellow finish, as opposed to Tommy's cherry wood finish.)

# Tommy page 3

William Swigart, traveled to Washington, D.C., strolled into the Architect of the Capitol's offices, and asked for any information they could provide on the unusual automobile. The secretary he spoke with then reached into her bottom desk drawer, pulled out a thick file, and handed it over to him, thankful to be rid of it.

A restoration followed in 1954 or 1955 but, according to Marge, it's not clear whether William Swigart ever got Tommy running again. Tommy has thus sat, immobile, in the museum until just recently. Pat Swigart and Marge Cutright had the Studebaker shipped to the Pennsylvania College of Technology. There, students from the college's automotive prepared the Studebaker for the weekend at the Elegance at Hershey.

Congratulations Pat!

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## The Phillips Head Screw

Wikipedia



**Henry Frank Phillips** was a U.S. businessman from Portland, Oregon. The Phillips-head ("crosshead") screw and screwdriver are named after him.

Phillips' major contribution was in driving the crosshead concept forward to the point where it was adopted by screw makers and automobile companies. The credited inventor of the Phillips screw was John P. Thompson.

After failing to interest manufacturers, Thompson sold his self-centering design to Phillips in 1935. Phillips formed the Phillips Screw Company in 1934. After refining the design himself (U.S. Patent #2,046,343, U.S. Patents #2,046,837 to 2,046,840) for the American Screw Company of Providence, Rhode Island, Phillips succeeded in bringing the design to industrial manufacturing and promoting its rapid adoption as a machine screw standard.

One of the first customers was General Motors who used the innovative design in 1936 for its Cadillac assembly-lines. By 1940, 85% of U.S. screw manufacturers had a license for the design. Due to failing health, Phillips retired in 1945 and passed away in 1958.



# Memorial Day Show

**Military Museum Grounds,  
Boalsburg, PA**

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

The Allegheny Mountain Region held our annual Antique Car Show on May 29, 2017 in Boalsburg, PA. A group of volunteers arrived Sunday evening to get things set up. There was Scott Deno with his brother-in-law and nephew, Gail and Harry Whitman, Fred and Nina Hammer, Pete and Cathy Searer, Bill and Gladys Guyer and Al Vannice. With team work the tents and signs were in place very quickly.

The feature car for the dash plaque and the show was Gail and Harry Whitman's beautiful 1965 Mustang.

Monday morning started with rain showers but by 9:00 the rain had stopped. Cathy Searer, Gail Whitman and Gladys Guyer were in charge of registration with a total of 95 cars. Bill Guyer and Ellen Deno made sure everyone got parked. Fred and Nina Hammer did double duty. They were the faces and voices of the membership table and raffle tickets. This year we had 3 items to raffle off which included a basket from Thompson Pharmacy, a lottery tree and a money cake.

At 3:00 the car owners came to the tent for a random drawing. Numerous items offered valued of over \$500.00. .

The three food vendors had a great day. There was a steady flow of customers all day.

Thank you for participating in the annual Memorial Day Show.



**Ed and Charlene Friedman**

# One Day TOUR

May 20, 2017



Jackie and Bill Forsht planned a great one day tour on May 20 in the Altoona area. We met for the tour but needed a full belly before starting out so we had lunch at Hosses.

Now we were ready to get the tour started. Bill and Jackie took us on a nice back roads tour that went here and there and everywhere. Most of the group did not know the roads we travelled so it was a great drive.

We stopped at Jeff Boring's garage where Zach was working on a piece of equipment but took the time to talk with us. (Jeff don't dock his pay, he worked as the guys talked to him). The guys checked out the garage and just as we were ready to leave Jeff came driving in. We chatted a bit with him and moved on.

The next stop was at the Meadows for Ice cream. We just gotta have an ice cream stop. The tour was very leisurely and everyone had a fantastic day.

Thank you Bill and Jackie for a great tour.

Next time bring your car out for an afternoon of fun and join us on our next adventure.

## Out for a drive

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically,

"Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws

Author unknown



Jeff and Polly Boring  
Frackville tour 2010

# OLD CAR TRIVIA

JD Trivia

1. Which manufacturer built the Rambler
2. Which company built the De Soto?
3. What was the Dodge twin to the Plymouth Volare?
4. In the 1960s, who sold the Avanti?

Answers at bottom of page



## Answers to Trivia

1. American Motors Originally built by Nash it was called the Nash Rambler, until American Motors took over
2. Chrysler De Soto was the mid-priced car of the five lines that Chrysler once built. Starting from the least expensive... Plymouth, Dodge, De Soto, Chrysler, Imperial
3. Aspen - Each Dodge had a Plymouth counterpart, but the Aspen was the Volare's twin.
4. Studebaker - It was a pretty car, but it couldn't save Studebaker.