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## Zucchini Onion Pie

3 large eggs	1 cup grated parmesan cheese.
½ cup canola oil	1 T minced fresh parsley (optional)
1 clove garlic minced.	¼ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp pepper	3 cups sliced zucchini.
1 cup biscuit baking mis	½ cup chopped onion.

In a large bowl, whisk the first 7 ingredients. Stir in the zucchini, baking mix and onion. Pour into a greased 9 in” deep pie pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 – 35 minutes or until lightly brown.

## Zucchini Carrot Cake

2 1/2 cups flour	2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons baking soda	2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup vegetable oil	2 cups granulated sugar.
4 large eggs	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups shredded zucchini	1 1/2 cups shredded carrots.
1/2 to 1 cup chopped pecans.	

Grease and flour a 9-by-13-inch baking pan and preheat the oven to 350 F.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt; whisk to combine and set aside. In a mixing bowl with an electric mixer, combine the oil, granulated sugar, eggs, and 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract. Beat on medium-high speed until well blended. Add dry ingredients and mix.

Spread the cake batter in the baking pan. Bake the cake for 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Let cool.

## **Cream cheese frosting**

8 ounces (226 grams) cream cheese, softened.  
1/2 cup (113 grams) unsalted butter, softened.  
3 1/2 cups (400 grams) powdered sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

In a mixing bowl with an electric mixer, combine the butter and cream cheese. Beat on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes.

With the mixer on the lowest speed, beat in the powdered sugar and 1 1/2 teaspoons of vanilla until moistened. Increase the mixer speed to medium-high and continue to beat until fluffy, about 2 minutes.

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## President's Message



Touring and show season has been great so far. We went for the first time to the Nickel tour in Harrison, OH in June with friends Paul and Sharon Kron from NY. It was a VMCCA region tour with a 34-year history. It was a great tour and a good exercise for the 1918 Cadillac, about 500 miles. Nice roads and more hills than we expected. I was surprised to find that Fayette County, OH built Cords in the day. Even a Model T Museum was found. Salty Dog Museum/Ron's machine shop in Hamilton, OH was impressive. The Cadillac rose to the challenge and worked perfectly.

Next tour was 34<sup>th</sup> Founders tour in London, CA with Ellen's 1964 Cadillac. A surprise, oil was NOT first discovered in PA, but in Canada! You can still walk across crude oil coming out of the ground! Then, a must see was RM Auctions restoration facilities – very impressive. Among the endless cars, about 4 extremely rare cars under restoration for Pebble beach concourse in late August. Rare Bugatti and Mercedes for 1930's among the group, valued at many millions each (crazy people own these cars). Then St. Thomas, Canada's version of Altoona, PA; large railroad hub with impressive railroad museum.

Well, so much for touring. Let's talk local. The Forsht picnic was a great time as usual. Thanks so much to Bill and Jackie. Yes, our schedules changed, and Ellen and I made it. I came away with a big 1 ton lath that I really needed?; thanks Bill, I think. PS Jackie's knee replacement is coming along great.

The Swigart museum show was a success with a large turnout of cars and great weather. Attendance from our "regular" region members was a little light. I was completely surprised when our 1918 Cadillac won the people's choice award, as I was sure the beautiful 1961 T-bird convertible would win. Not bad after just coming off the 500-mile tour in Ohio. Thanks Pat and everyone who helped at the museum for a great day.

Cook's nite out events are coming every month, so it would be nice to see YOU. The one-day tour to Brookville Cadillac Museum will probably be in the books by the time you read this.

The Deno's national touring/show schedule update: Nickel region tour in Ohio and AACA Founders's tour in Canada are in the books. Sadly, our

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plans for the VMCCA Heritage tour in Virginia in September were cancelled as our very good friend and partner on the tour, Bill Preston, passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. I added the Buzzy tour in Ohio while Ellen is in CA with grandkids in September (don't tell Ellen). Of course, Hershey in October and Glidden tour in October in Georgia. Consider joining us at one of these great events or stop in my space at Hershey and say hello.

1912 Buick update – I changed condenser in mag which requires a complete disassembly and after a quick run-up it seems to run much better. Longer road test is still waiting. Stay tuned for the next chapter.

See ya on the road soon!

Scott

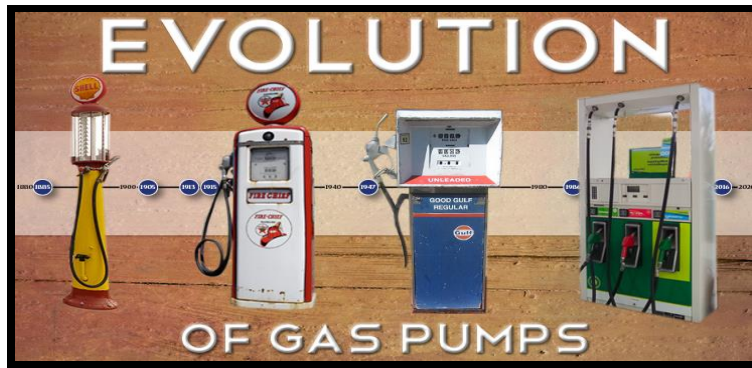
## Region Calendar of events

- September 16 47<sup>th</sup> Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Manassas, VA sponsored by the Bull Run Region.
- September 17 Punxsutawney Region Car Show at Marion Center Community Park. Info call Arnold Wolf 724-463-6254
- September 20 Cook's Nite – Quaker Steak & Lube, State College – Ellen Deno
- October 15 Fall Dinner, Place TBA
- October 18 Cook's Nite – The Dream, Hollidaysburg – Jeff Boring
- November 15 Cook's Nite – Prime Sirloin, Duncansville – Jackie Forsht

## National Calendar

- September 14-16 Special Central Divisional Tour up to 1998. Piqua, Ohio sponsored by S. Ohio Chapter. Phone 937-689-6901
- September 27-Oct.1 – Fall Carlisle
- October 3-6 Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA –
- October 22-27 AAA Glidden Tour (1942 & earlier) – Thomasville, GA





Sylvanus Bowser invented a method to draw water from a well using a wood plunger. He applied his invention to the kerosene pump in 1885. He then founded **S.F. Bowser Pump Company**, giving gasoline a purpose.

Prior to his invention, gasoline wasn't used often. It was used to burn stoves and lamps/light fixtures, but that was it. Store clerks would ladle the fluid from barrels into whatever container a customer brought in. Bowser's pump streamlined the process and made it much safer.

Years later, his invention led early motorists to divert from using the "drum and measure" method to fill their fuel tanks. Motorists poured fuel into measuring cans, then through a funnel lined with cloth that would strain out anything that could damage the engine.

Bowser sold his updated model to automobile-repair garages in 1892. In 1905, Bower made the **first outdoor gas pump**, or filling station, and improved the safety of the fueling process. "He enclosed a square, metal tank in a wooden cabinet equipped with a forced-suction pump. A hand-stroke lever pumped the gas. This pump featured air vents for safety, stops that you could set to deliver a predetermined quantity and -- wonder of wonders -- a hose to dispense the gasoline directly into the vehicle's fuel tank. He called it the Bowser Self-Measuring Gasoline Storage Pump."

When Bowser's fueling stations became popular, clerks used some dangerous methods to gauge the amount of gas in a tank. They would listen for the sound of gas filling the tank by pressing an ear to the automobile or looked into the gas tank to *see* how much gas it held. To improve safety further, the **clockface** was created.

The demand for more precise fuel measurements rose in the early 1910s, leading to the development of the **visual gas pump** in 1915. Tall gas pumps with visible, beaker-like markings allowed clerks to visibly measure how much gas they pumped into a vehicle.

Then, gas had to be stored underground as traffic increased, and more updates were made to pumps, including art deco design to attract customers.

In the 1920s, bright colors were introduced to gas pumps and the size of the pumps decreased by the 1930s. This was also when **electric pumps were introduced**, and a turbine was added inside the pump. The cylinders were eliminated, and measurement reached precision.

Decorative globes remained on gas pumps through the 1950s, and between then and the 1960s, **computer systems were added** to measure volume and price. They became the gas pumps we use still today.

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## Invitations

### **\*\*\*Photo Shoot\*\*\***

Dynamo Productions is operating a period photo shoot in Rockhill Furnace, PA on November 11th, and are looking for an antique vehicle or two for the shoot. The event will be a small 40–45-person event of photographers and videographers shooting the scenes we will create during the day using the East Broad Top Railroad's No. 16 steam engine, circa 1916, an original East Broad Top freight train from the early 1900s, period props, actors, and coordinated lighting.

To line up with the rest of the props and the railroads equipment, we'd be looking for vehicles produced between 1930 and 1955. While we do operate these events as a PR tool, and don't make money ourselves, we have allotted a budget to compensate a driver if they partake in the shoot. 7am to 6pm, \$300, and we'd ask that the vehicles driver show up in period correct clothing as well.

If your membership would have any interest in a photo event like this, please do not hesitate to pass all info contained in this email along to them.

Regards,

Everett Meehling  
Dynamo Productions

# Invitations con't

## **\*\*\*47<sup>th</sup> Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet\*\*\***

**Saturday 16, 2023, Manassas, VA**

Sponsored by the Bull Run Region, AACA.  
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Website <http://www.bullrunaaca.org/> Day Phone: (540) 364-1770

## **\*\*\*52<sup>nd</sup> annual Strausstown, PA Lions Club\*\*\***

**Antique Car Show and Flea Market, Strausstown, PA  
Sunday September 10, 2023**

New this year there will be an area specifically for craft show vendors.

The show averages 600 antique cars and 400 flea market stands every year making it one of the biggest shows of its kind in the state.

**ALL CARS MUST BE PREREGISTERED. There is NO registration at the gate.**

Show car gate opens at 9:00. Judging starts at 12:00

For additional information visit [www.strausstownlionsclub.com](http://www.strausstownlionsclub.com)

## **Amber Boring Website Report**

Our assistant webmaster, Amber Boring, has updated the club's website to include recent photos. Please follow this link to view.  
<https://allegHENY.aaca.com/local-activities/nggallery/page/1>



## **THE EDITOR'S DESK**

Busy, Busy, Busy.

That is how my summer has been and here it is August and once again Vapor Locks is running late. I am sorry if it is an inconvenience. Stick with me I will do better.

Even though it is August there are still events happening in our Region and nearby areas. We will be having Cook's Nite until December, and the Fall Dinner and annual meeting is being planned.

Unfortunately, we will not be having the Delgrosso show again this year. Jeff Boring reported that Delgrosso just has too much going on with their new facility to allow the Region to have the show. Hopefully next year things will be better.

Don't forget to check out the color version of Vapor Locks on the Region's website. President, Scott Deno, does a great job of posting each issue as soon as it is printed. Thank you, Scott!

I'll meet you in the next issue with information on upcoming events.

See you on the road!

Gladys

### **You might be getting older if...**

*your tango*

**You think the recliner and a heating pad is a hot date!**

**The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is wallet, glasses, keys, and phone."**

**I see people my age mountain climbing, I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.**

**Don't get all weird about getting older. Our age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying us.**

# COOK'S NITE OUT

No cooking tonight!

Gladys Guyer



Cook's Nite continues to be a successful part of the Region. We travel from town to town enjoying each other as well as good food.

Below is the list of dates and places as well as the contact person.

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|--------------|---|
| August 16    | Cook's Nite Place <b>Jean Bonnet</b> , Bedford<br>Judy Lloyd 814-623-7931               |
| September 20 | Cook's Nite – <b>Quaker Steak &amp; Lube</b> , State College<br>Ellen Deno 814-231-4031 |
| October 18   | Cook's Nite – <b>The Dream</b> , Hollidaysburg<br>Jeff Boring 814-931-1854              |
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## The Secret City Tour

By Jeff Oaks VP - Regions Development and Support S.E. Division

We recently returned from the AACAs 2023 Southeastern Divisional Tour of "The Secret City" in Oak Ridge, TN. We had a great time. This was a 3-day tour hosted by the East TN Region, May 1-3, with about 82 tour vehicles in attendance. We took our 1975 Corvette for a nice ride through the countryside.

The Secret City was a remote rural area with scattered farms at the outbreak of WWII. The US government was looking for a remote area with certain criteria available to use in the secret development of the atomic bomb and it was here. Land was acquired and quickly built into a highly guarded area for research and development. The race was on with the Germans to develop the atom bomb. The interesting thing was that over 78,000 people lived and worked there until the war ended. No one knew what each other did there and no one talked about it. All was secret. It did not exist on any maps and mail was marked no such address and returned. This was truly a secret city. The name Oak Ridge was given to it after the war. We travelled to several nicely preserved buildings that were turned into museums. Each had its own story that it played as part of the "Manhattan Project."

The TVA also made its mark in this area beginning with a series of dams built on the Tennessee River to provide hydroelectric power to the area. The town of Norris and the Norris Dam were first built in 1936. One of our many tour stops was Norris. There were eventually 32 dams built and they make for some beautiful lakes and overlooks on our journey through the hills. Other stops along the way were the Appalachia Museum that covered most all the early hillbilly life, the Great Smokey Mountains Heritage Museum, Appalachian Bear Rescue. Another special place was the Brushy Mountain Tennessee State Penitentiary where James Earl Ray was imprisoned. He and five others escaped for 54 hours but were caught and returned. The prison is not in use anymore but opens for tours. We had a great lunch in the mess hall and pondered over Tennessee Moonshine in the gift shop. There was much more that we enjoyed on the tour such as an ice cream social and a car display in the park.

The Region did a great job in hosting. The thrill was being out on the road, fellowshiping with others, and going to places we had never been in our antique cars! Many in our club have never participated in an antique auto tour. Sign up and join the fun! I did twenty years ago and have enjoyed every bit of it.

# The BIG Yellow Bus



**Blue Bird No. 1 the first bus constructed by A.L. Luce founder of the Blue Bird Body Co. It is based on a 1927 Model T chassis.**

It's hard to think about what school transportation was like back in the 1900s — that's because there wasn't much of it. Students either walked or took a horse-drawn carriage to school if they had access to one. In the early 1920s, Howard E. Rohrer Sr. began taking children to school with his own horse and wagon in Allen's Cove, just south of Duncannon, Pennsylvania. This eventually evolved into

building some wooden school bus bodies on top of a car chassis.

The bus evolution happened in different parts of the country at different rates, and many of the buses looked different to what they do today. Some resembled carriages and were open to the elements, while others looked like very small versions of the buses we know today. These buses were all different colors, and some places were still using horses in the 1930s.

Meanwhile, a man named Frank W. Cyr was conducting studies of school transportation and promoting school bus standardization.

The most important year in school bus history is 1939 because that was the beginning of establishing national standards for school buses in America. This is when Cyr took his many years of experience and deliberated on how to make school buses safer and more standardized.



**1939 Dodge Bus**

To make buses safer, he wanted them all to have the same bright color. During this conference, strips of many different colors were hung on the wall until the participants narrowed it down to the color, they thought was the best — this is why school buses are yellow today.

The standardization process also involved setting body lengths, ceiling heights, and even aisle widths. This would go on to help schools save money because the specifications made mass production possible.

# "FORSHT'S PICNIC"

## JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, ALTOONA, PA



It was a great afternoon for a picnic at Jackie and Bill Forsht's Event Center. They really do a lot of preparations to host this special day.

People arrived and it did not take but minutes for the socializing to begin. Jackie arranged a table of goodies for everyone to snack on prior to the "Main Course".

Bill provided and cooked a variety of delicious meats. There were hotdogs, burgers, ham, beef and more and... everything was prepared perfectly.

Members provided a variety of side dishes to accompany the meats. Of course, we also indulged at the dessert table. I am guessing probably everyone ate a light dinner or no dinner at all.

It was great to spend a relaxing afternoon with a group of car club friends.

Thank you, Bill, and Jackie for hosting a great day.

## **Brookville Tour August 20:**

Tour leader Scott Deno

Scott Deno has planned a fun one-day Tour.

Meet at Family Grill and Chill, Bald Eagle, PA and depart at 9:30AM.

Arrive before lunch at Cadillac Museum (they are opening early just for us)

Lunch at museum or elsewhere at group's decision

Head south after museum tour

Dinner at Marzoni's, Duncansville?



## DESSERT at the BLATTENBERGER'S YUM YUM!!!

After our July Cook's Nite at Traditions in Martinsburg everyone enjoyed "Sweet Treats" on Lloy and Betty Blattenberger's patio. A table full of goodies was available for everyone to enjoy. There was ice cream, carrot cake and other delicious desserts. Surprisingly even though we had just eaten a BIG meal at Traditions everyone still room for dessert.

Thank you Lloy and Betty for your hospitality! Below are a few pictures taken by Betty from the evening.



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## Car Trivia

1. Which car manufacturer was the first to include turn signals as standard?
2. Which Car company is credited with inventing the minivan?
3. Which company owns Rolls Royce
4. What was the first Japanese car to be produced in the US?
5. Which auto manufacturer was the first to offer a warranty?
6. What is the parent company of Lexus?
7. What year did the first drive in movie theater open?

# Just For Thought

One day a man saw an old lady, stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So, he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her.

Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold and he knew how she felt. He said, "I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson."

Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car, looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid.

Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was helping someone in need, and there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way. So, he told her that if she wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, "**And think of me.**"

He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home. A few miles down the road, the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. This scene was unfamiliar to her.

The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be thus giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan. After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred-dollar bill, and the waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred-dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back.

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The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin. There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: "**You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you want to pay me back, here is what you do, do not let this chain of love end with you.**" Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard. She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, then she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, "**Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson.**"

You never know when a helping hand can change another person's life.

Kindness is one of the greatest gifts you can bestow upon another. If someone is in need, lend them a helping hand. Do not wait for a thank you.

True kindness lies within the act of giving without the expectation of something in return.

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## Just For Laughs

A police officer pulls over a speeding car.

The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir." The driver replies, "Gee, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60; perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating." Not looking up from her knitting, the driver's wife says, "Now don't be silly, dear. You know that this car doesn't have cruise control."

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?" The wife smiles demurely and says, "Well, dear, you should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did, or your speed would have been higher."

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?" The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine." The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see, officer, I had it on, but I took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket."

The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving." And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket, the driver turns to his wife and barks, "Will you please be quiet?" The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, ma'am?" She replies, "Only when he's been drinking."



## CLUB HISTORY

Gladys Guyer

As many of you know, once upon a time Allegheny Mountain Region had 4 chapters under us. Fort Bedford Chapter, Susquehannock Chapter, Shikellamy Chapter and Governors' chapter. Eventually each chapter became a Region of the AACA.

Ernie Romanini sent me this interesting photo. He found this club tag at an auction he attended. He doesn't know when this would have been made or who the owner was but maybe some 'old' club member would be able to recognize it and have some knowledge or a date about it.



## Trivia answers

1. Buick
2. Chrysler
3. BMW
4. Honda Accord
5. Chrysler
6. Toyota
7. 1933

## STUDEBAKER RACER #37

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Two major auto racing events that recently happened here in the United States, the INDY 500 and the PIKES PEAK hill climb over the 4th of July, got me recalling that a Studebaker two-man race car we restored back in the 1980's participated in both of those events in the year 1931. It won the Pikes Peak race after being rebuilt from a crash into the outside wall at INDY 500 on Memorial Day. It was running in second place with 33 laps left to go of the 200-lap race. Unfortunately, it spun out in the oil slick left on the track from the blown engine of the leading racer. The green #37 machine was returned to South Bend, Indiana to be rebuilt and was used for a pattern for four more racers to enter the 1932 INDY 500 – this became as factory sponsored Studebaker Specials.

For the 1931 INDY race it had been entered as the “Hunt Special” due to the fact it had been built under the directorship of Studebaker's Head Development Engineer George Hunt. Also involved was Ab Jenkins, the mayor of Salt Lake City, who had set several endurance long distance records for Studebaker and Pierce Arrow on the Salt Flats. It used the large President straight eight engine along with the standard 3-speed transmission, front and rear axles. They were allowed to add extra carburetor on, regrind the camshaft and raise the compression of the stock product engine. With the extra high compression, I measured it being close to 8:1, and proper gearing the racer could race speeds close to 130 mph on the straights of the INDY track.

As a part of our restoration, I made it a point to contact anyone who was involved with the racer when it was new and lucky for me, I got to meet both the drivers of it during its first year at INDY and later at Colorado Springs, CO. The later driver was Charles “Chuck” Myers who still lived there when we drove the racer up Pike's Peak in the 1980's. More about that visit some other time as he told me about a few modifications he did to #37 plus his unique starting procedure he used to the best reigning champion who drove a Stutz Special racer.

For the Indy 500 the driver for the Studebaker powered racer was Tony Gulotta of Louisiana who started his 14 years racing at the Indianapolis track in 1924. I got to meet him at his home in Los Angeles. An experience I'll never forget as he had a scrap book of photos showing the races he participated in as part of the AAA National Championship in which one would travel all over the United States gathering points depending on how

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they finished, like NASCAR today, and hopefully be the champion at the end.

of the year. The racer and his family would start in California, travel by train to the mid-West which would include the INDY 500. Then head for Pennsylvania, Maine and down the East Coast to Florida. At the end of the year, they would be back in California. All this included several Board Tracks that were popular during the late teens, the twenties into the mid 1930's.

While sitting with Tony in his living room his wife came out of the kitchen and mentioned that she was also from PA, but I probably never heard of the town. She said it was TIPTON and she met Tony while he was racing on the Altoona Speedway Board Track and made it a point to say “I became a part of the Race World Circus”. She and Tony had one child – the boy in the photo with Tony taken at Indianapolis.

Her maiden name was Blanche Marie Sawyren – I've often wondered if any of her relatives are in the Tipton/Altoona area? Please let me know if you know of anyone with the last name Sawyren.



Mr. Tony Gulotta