Mueller's Auto

RECYCLING & SALES INC.

1555 Mill Run Rd Altoona, PA 16601 WHY BUY NEW WHEN USED WILL DO?



1-800-228-8603 OR 814-946-1295

John R. Mueller – Owner J. Todd Mueller, Manager



Office: 814-643-2024 Museum 814-643-0885

Swigart Museum

America's Oldest Automobile Museum

Box 214 Museum Park Huntingdon, PA 16652



"A GREAT PLACE TO GO BEFORE THE SHOW"



CRANE, SITE & UTILITY SERVICES ALTOONA, PA

Main Office: 814-942-7764

Fax: 814-942-7764

borexinc@gmail.com

Vapor Locks

Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA

Official Publication



Gladys Guyer, Editor 11800 Guyer Rd. Huntingdon, PA 16652



May- June 2023

Vol. 72 Number 3



Most popular car sold in 50 years ago in, 1973. Chevrolet Monte Carlo



2023 OFFICERS

•	
•	2101 Ellis Ave., Huntingdon, PA 16652(814) 251-2299 pbts114@gmail.com

ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2021 - 2022 - 2023

Lloy Blattenberger – 814-793-2756.	lloyandbetty@embarqmail.com			
Jim Burke- 814-224-2242	cjmickey67@embarqmail.com			
Zach Boring - 814-942-3373				
	nsdeds@hotmail.com			
	2022 – 2023 - 2024			
Randy Clemens - 814-943-8626	ras7595@verizion.net			
Gladys Guyer – 814-667-3796	gladys_guyer@yahoo.com			
Bill Forsht 814-931-7045	billforsht@hotmail.com			
Bill Guyer 814-667-3796	gladys_guyer@yahoo.com			
2023 – 2024 - 2025				
Jackie Forsht – 814-251-7045	setter4@hotmail.com			
Jeff Boring – 814-931-1854	borexinc@gmail.com			
Paula Clemens – 814-943-8626	wrclem98@aol.com			
Pat Swigart- 814-251-2299	pbts114@gmail.com			

Vapor Locks Staff

Vapor Locks Editor:

Gladys Guyer, 11800 Guyer Rd. Huntingdon, PA 16652 814-667-3796.....gladys_guyer@yahoo.com

Nominating Committee: Pat Swigart and Randy Clemens

AMR Website https://allegheny.aaca.com/

Webmaster: Scott Deno, 135 Watson Rd. State College 16801

814-238-4031 nsdeds@hotmail.com

Assistant webmaster: Amber Boring, 439 Lotz Ave, Apt 204, Altoona, PA 16602

814 931-1456 amber.borexinc@gmail.com



JOHNNY'S U-PULL IT

Space Available

Central PA'S First Self Service Auto Salvage



BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS
PULL YOUR OWN PARTS
AND SAVE MONEY

1555 Mill Run Rd. Altoona, PA 16601 814-946-1295 Open 7 days a week Mon. – Sat. 8 to dusk Sunday 12 PM to 4 PM

Larrie A. Derman Owner-Supervisor (814) 684-3671 FAX (814)-4178 Cell (814) 935-3815

DERMAN

FUNERAL HOME INC.

"Professional Service With Dignity"

Pre-Need Counseling

1200 Lincoln Avenue Tyrone, PA 16686

The Mill Stone Manor Motel

11979 William Penn Highway Huntingdon, PA 16652 814-643-0108 814-643-8002

www.themillstonemanor.com

Mill Stone
Manax

Stay with us and visit the Swigart Museum right next door.

Collecting anything related to...

Altoona Speedway - Willys Knight Auto



Weekdays after 4:00 p.m. Mike Halloran (814) 944-6634 315 Coleridge Ave. Altoona, PA 16602

COOK'S CORNER

No Peck Beef Tips:

Slow Cooker Method

- 1. Spray slow cooker with non-stick cooking spray.
- 2. Add beef to slow cooker. Salt and pepper to taste. In a medium size bowl mix soups, gravy, and water. Add to the beef tips coating well.
- 3. Cook on high for 3–4 hours, or on low for 6–7 hours.

Oven Method

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees f. Spray a 9×13 baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.

Add beef tips to baking dish in a single layer, salt and pepper to taste.

- 2. In a medium size bowl, mix beefy onion soup mix, cream of mushroom soup, brown gravy mix and water mix well. Pour soup mixture over beef tips, stir, coating evenly.
- 3. Cover pan tightly with foil, bake on middle rack of oven for $2 \frac{1}{2}$ hours. No peeking!! Keep foil tightly sealed on pan while in oven.
- **4.** When ready, remove from oven, carefully remove foil and allow to cool for a few minutes. *

Crispy Zucchini Sticks

- 1. 1 pound or so zucchini cut in quarters or sixths lengthwise
- 2. Toss with oil, salt & pepper, line them up next to each other, then sprinkle the breadcrumbs and parmesan straight on top. *Because they're touching, it "catches" most of the parmesan and breadcrumbs;*
- 3. Drizzle with oil just 2 teaspoons or so then bake 12 minutes in a super hot oven 450 degrees. Until the parmesan becomes golden and the zucchini is tender but not mushy.



AACA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS HERSHEY, PA www.aaca.org 501 West Governor R. Hershey, PA 17031 – Phone 717-534-1910

1951 Founding Officers

Regional Director – William E. Swigart, Jr. Secretary / Treasurer – William A Huff, Jr.

Advisory Committee – George W. Brisbin, David T. Davis, Paul K. Good, Carl E. Henderson, G. Bland Hoke, E.J. Leap, Fred Samuel, E.T. Studebaker

PAST PRESIDENTS OF ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN REGION, AACA

1951-William E. Swigart, Jr.*	1974-Robert M. Struble	1998-Stanley B. Smith, Jr
1952-William E. Swigart, Jr.*	1975-Robert M. Struble	1999-John R. O'Brien *
1953-William E. Swigart, Jr.*	1976-Ferd D. Page, Jr.*	2000-John R. O'Brien *
1954-Stanley B. Smith*	1977-Stephen Leoras*	2001-N. Scott Deno
1955-Dr. Max Tornatore*	1978-James L. Kingston*	2002-N. Scott Deno
1956-David T. Davis*	1979-James L. Kingston*	2003-Patricia B. Swigart
1957-Leonard L. LeCrone*	1980-Larrie A. Derman	2004-Patricia B. Swigart
1958-Ernest L. Shank*	1981-Larrie A. Derman	2005-John R. Mueller
1959-Chester E. Geist*	1982-James F. Eichelberger*	2006-John R. Mueller
1960-Chester E. Geist*	1983-James F. Eichelberger*	2007-Nicholas Sabatino
1961-Paul Swartz*	1984-Charles Caracciolo*	2008-Nicholas Sabatino
1962-Dr John C. Gourley, Jr.*	1985-Charles Caracciolo*	2009-Francis P. Searer
1963-Dr John C. Gourley, Jr.*	1986-James Fisher*	2010-Francis P. Searer
1964-William H. Harshbarger*	1987-James Fisher*	2011-Bill M. Loy
1965-Leonard L. LeCrone*	1988-William Eardley*	2012-Bill M. Loy
1966-Ferd D. Page, Jr.*	1989-Wiliam Eardley*	2013-Ernest Romanini
1967-Ferd D. Page, Jr.*	1990-Ralph B. Grove	2014 Ernest Romanini
1968-Stephen Leoras*	1991-Ralph B. Grove	2015 N. Scott Deno
1969-Stephen Leoras*	1992-Ralph B. Grove	2016 N. Scott Deno
1970-Robert L. Meckley*	1993-Ralph Hoover*	2017 N. Scott Deno
1971-Dr. James K. Gordon*	1994-Robert M. Struble	2018 William Forsht
1972-Dr. James K. Gordon*	1995-Russell Bambarger	2019 William Forsht
1973-Fred P. Lockcuff*	1996-Russell Bambarger	2020 William Forsht
		2021 William Forsht

Classified Ads:

For Sale or Wanted are **Free** of charge to members. Please include Name, Price (if selling), Phone and E-mail Address.

Articles in this newsletter may be reprinted.





President's Message



Touring and show season is in full swing. Hope you have had time to enjoy an activity or two. Our Boalsburg Memorial Day show was another amazingly successful show. Record turnout, perfect weather, and a record number of new members signed up. Also, a big thanks those who helped AND especially to Ernie Romanini and Sheetz for supplying an oversupply of gift cards to hand out at the show. Just before the Memorial Day show I

attended the AACA national show at Gettysburg with our 1931 Cadillac roadster. Dave Kontor and I took the Tucker prototype down Wednesday and return to Huntingdon Sunday. With all the Tucker transport activities, Dave and I decided to go for the full show, Wednesday to Sunday, which turned out great. 525 cars, perfect weather and lots of friends made for a busy time and great time.

The Spring dinner on April 16th at the Smithfield fire hall was well attended. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Next events are cook's nite out at Jethro's in Altoona and Bill and Jackie's picnic. Unfortunately, we can't make the picnic as our family is beaching it, but I am sure everyone will have a great time thanks to Bill and Jackie.

The Deno's remaining national touring/show schedule is final: Nickel region tour in Ohio in June, AACA Founders's tour in Canada in July, VMCCA Heritage tour in Virginia in September, Hershey show in October, and Glidden tour in October in Georgia. Let me know if you wish to join us on one of these great events or if you have an event, you wish us to join with you.

1912 Buick update – I finally took the Buick for a test drive. As you may remember I made several upgrades over winter, like a starter! Starter worked like a champ and ran well, so why not go for out for some miles, right? Maybe not. First several miles went fine and then the magneto went a little south. All the poor Buick could do was to make it home. Stay tuned for the next chapter.

I still have one FREE national membership for 2023 available for anyone who has never been an AACA member. Consider a friend or relative as new member you can sign-up!

See ya on the road soon! Scott



Spring Dinner April 15th, 2023

The Region's Spring dinner was held at the Smithfield Fire Hall near Huntingdon with about 40 members attending.

The Social hour was at 1:00. Snacks and goodies were supplied by Pat Swigart and Gladys Guyer.

After everyone had a chance to enjoy the appetizers we sat down in anticipation of our dinner. President Deno welcomed everyone to the event and the invocation was given.

Those attending enjoyed a delicious Swiss Steak dinner with all the trimmings provided by the Crew at the Smithfield Fire Hall.

Scott concluded the day with several small films which everybody enjoyed.

Everyone had a great time and look forward to attending the Region's next event.

Please keep John Mueller in your thoughts. John recently had a fall and fractured his neck. He is not mobile but is recovering.

Trivia Answers

- 1. The redesigned 1973 Monte Carlo was a big success for Chevrolet; it was named Motor Trend's "Car of the Year" for 1973.
- 2. The fastest muscle car of 1973 was the Pontiac Tran Am
- 3. Curbside Classic: 1973 Cadillac Fleetwood 75 The Longest Standard Production Car Ever. Feb 10, 2013
- 4. 1973 Dodge Charger
- 5. From 1971 1979 Blue was the most popular color.
- 6. The least popular car color in the 1970's was brown. Only 3% of new cars were brown. And 4% gray.

ALLEGHENY MOUTAIN REGION BOARD MEETING

Saturday, April 15, 2023, Smithfield Fire Hall, Huntingdon, PA

In attendance: President Scott Deno, Vice President Randy Clemens, Treasurer and Vapor Locks Editor Gladys Guyer and Secretary Patricia Swigart, Board Members: Paula Clemens, Bill and Jackie Forsht and Bill Guyer.

The meeting was called to order at 12:24 P.M. by President Deno.

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting had been included in the Vapor Locks. Upon motion of Bill Forsht, seconded by Paula Clemens the minutes were approved as written. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was given by Treasurer Guyer. Upon motion of Bill Forsht, seconded by Paula Clemens, the treasurer's report was received. It will be filed for audit.

Old Business

Boalsburg Show

The Memorial Day Show at Boalsburg was finalized. All contracts have been signed for the event. Registration will begin at 9:00 A.M. The drawing will be held at 3:00 P.M.

Vapor Locks the Vapor Locks were discussed. It is important that all information for the Vapor Locks must be sent to Gladys in reasonable time for her to get it set up, to the printers in time for the finished issue to be addressed and mailed so that the members have the newsletter to schedule and/or make reservations for events

Gladys has won the Master Editor Award for 2022 from National.

Scott reported that the tour to the Cadillac Museum set for July 16 has been changed to August 20.

New Business

Memorabilia Scott reported that he received several boxes of pictures, slides and papers of information regarding the region from Bob Struble. There are a lot of old slides included in the boxes. Scott will go through all the information and scan the slides for future use. Upon motion by Paula Clemens, seconded by Randy Clemens it was voted to give \$25.00 for the scanning.

<u>Board Meeting</u> The next board meeting will be held on July 9 at the Forsht Picnic beginning at 1:00 P.M. and eating at 2:00 P.M

<u>Adjournment</u> There being no further business, upon motion of Bill Forsht, seconded by Jackie Forsht the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

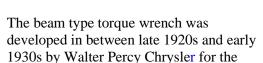
Respectfully submitted,

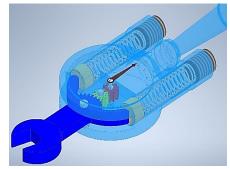
Patricia B. Swigart, Secretary

Torque wrench

Wikipedia and wikiwand

The first patent for a torque wrench was filed by John H. Sharp of Chicago in 1931. This wrench was referred to as a *torque measuring wrench* and would be classified today as an indicating torque wrench. The patent was granted and published on July 9, 1935.

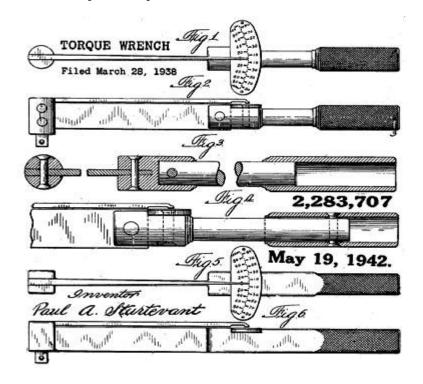




Chrysler Corporation and a company known as Micromatic Hone. Paul Allen Sturtevant—a sales representative for the Cedar Rapids Engineering Company at that time—was licensed by Chrysler to manufacture his invention.

Sturtevant patented the torque wrench in 1938 and became the first individual to sell torque wrenches.

A more sophisticated variation of the beam type torque wrench has a dial gauge indicator on its body that can be configured to give a visual or electrical indication when a preset torque is reached.



Mystery Tour May 7th WAS GREAT!!!

Organized by Zack and Amber Boring

The May 7th tour was perfect. It was a beautiful day when eight cars met at the Lowes Store Parking Lot in Altoona for a Mystery Tour planned by Zack and Amber Boring.

The roads we travelled were fantastic. It was a leisurely drive on back roads with minimum traffic to enjoy the sights and sounds. The roads they chose took us thru several towns like Cassville with a destination of Lake Raystown. We stopped at a scenic view and a group picture was taken by Amber Boring.



Harry Whitman, Bill and Gladys Guyer, Don and Carol Foor, Zack Boring, Bill and Judy Lloyd, Jackie Forsht, great niece Marissa and Bill Forsht, Cindy, and Jim Burke. Kneeling: Amber and Polly Boring, and Scott and Ellen Deno.

Our group left Lake Raystown and travelled on by way of Mill Creek and the Swigart Museum. Our next stop was at Kelly's Korner for a late lunch. We socialized and ate delicious food. After we finished our lunch everyone left in the direction that would take them home.

THANK YOU, AMBER, AND ZACK, for a very enjoyable day!

Allegheny Mountain Region

Calendar of events

June 16	Tour to the Cadillac Museum, Brookville, Scott Deno
June 21	Cook's Nite, Jethro's, Altoona – Paula Clemens

July 9 Picnic at the Forsht's

July 19 Cook's Nite – Traditions, (dessert at the "Blattenberger's)

August 4&5 Swigart Meet

August TBA Tour to Bulgari Museum, Allentown, Scott Deno August 16 Cook's Nite Place Jean Bonnet, Bedford, Judy Lloyd 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

At the time of this publication, I have no information of n the June 16th tour to the Cadillac Museum. Please contact President Scott Deno for information

National Calendar

June 25-28 – AACA Eastern Divisional Tour, Hershey, PA

July 16-22 – AACA Founders Tour, Ontario Canada

July 28-29 – AACA Special Eastern Summer Nationals, Norwich, NY

August 4-6 – Macungie Memorial Park – car show, flea market, car corral

August 10-12 – AACA Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, IA

September 27-Oct.1 – Fall Carlisle

October 3-6 – Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA –

October 22-27 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (1942 & earlier) - Thomasville, GA



Welcome New Members

Curt Kunes 108 Sellers Lane Port Matilda, PA 16870 good humer truck

Bob and Michele Donahue 346 Beacon Circle, Boalsburg, PA 16827

2006 BMW Z4

John and Jackie Raiser 127 Aster Ave. Bellefonte, PA 16823

1938 Buick, Mod 41

Don G. and Sara Nagel 106 Sakix Dr Bellefonte, PA 16823

1957 Belair coupe

Frank Breon 246 Wagner Ln. Bellefonte, PA 16823 1970 Chevelle

Eric Lunger 163 Juniata View Dr Mifflintown, PA 17059 **1967 Camaro**

Joe and Lucy Loomis 4836 Whitehall Rd Pa. Furnace, 16865 1952 MG

Sam and Grace Condo 157 Lower Julian Pike Port Matilda, 16870

none

THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello friends.

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

It is hard for me to believe that Allegheny Mountain Region has 100 members and so few attend the tours,

dinners, picnics etc. Yes, I know we are all getting older, but we aren't out to pasture yet, we still have many good years left to enjoy our hobby.

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 doesn'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 plan a wide range of activities that should accommodate everyone.

Our Cars are meant for pleasure! 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 about driving them.

Check out the calendar of events and show your club spirit by joining fellow members at any event. We would love to see you!!

See you on the road!

Gladys

Last Father's Day my son gave me something I always wanted: the keys to my car.

My wife is so negative. I remembered the car seat, the stroller, AND the diaper bag. Yet all she can talk about is how I forgot the baby!



It's Spring!

By Dave Anspach 2023 AACA Secretary/Treasurer

It's Spring and a young man's (or lady's) heart turns to thoughts of Car Shows and Tours! At least in the world of AACA members it does. Our club produces the finest shows and tours in the world. We are known for the activities during our events and our members throughout the nation enjoy them. People come from all over the globe to enjoy the legendary Hershey event and participation in the Glidden Tour is one of the largest anywhere.

But suppose, just suppose that there weren't any more events? It was just a few years ago that there was a multi-year waiting list to host an event. But that was in our past. Every year it is more difficult to fill our events calendar. Every year our National VP of Activities requests regions to PLEASE consider hosting a National show or tour. Each year those requests fall on mostly deaf ears. Each year there are fewer and fewer shows and tours. This trend MUST stop!!

Regions tell us they have gotten too old, their membership has dwindled, they don't know HOW to plan an event, and numerous other reasons why they can't do it! We have gotten reliant on "the other guy" to hold the events. Well, "the other guy" is in danger too and we ALL must pitch in. I can tell you, from firsthand experience, that it CAN be done. All it takes is a couple of people who BELIEVE in making their Region or Chapter bigger and better to make it happen.

There is nothing like holding an event to boost your Region or Chapter membership. It is not uncommon for membership to double in the chapter holding an event. That increased membership inevitably contains younger people who will contribute to the future of your chapter. Properly planned your event will make money more than any local event you do! Sure, there are risks, but the National Staff and Board contains people who will help you every step of the way!

Folks, we need to hear from YOU what it will take to get your region or chapter to hold an event. How can the National staff and board make you more successful? All it takes is for YOU to step forward and start the process. Just ask for help and it will be on its way. PLEASE step up and get the process started TODAY

COOK'S NITE OUT



No cooking tonight!

Gladys Guyer

Cook's Nite returned on March 15 at Marzonies in Bellwood with nice attendance. Everyone was happy to be out with each other and there was good food.

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

June 21 Cook's Nite, **Jethro's**, Altoona Paula Clemens 814-943-8626

July 19 Cook's Nite – **Traditions**, (dessert at the "Blattenberger's)

Jeff Boring – 814-931-1854. **NOTE Gathering time will be 5:00** to allow more time enjoying the Blattenberger's

hospitality.

August 16 Cook's Nite Place Jean Bonnet, Bedford

Judy Lloyd 814-623-7931

September 20 Cook's Nite – Quaker Steak & Lube, State College

Ellen Deno 814-231-4031

October 18 Cook's Nite – **The Dream**, Hollidaysburg

Jeff Boring 814-931-1854

November 15 Cook's Nite – **Prime Sirloin**, Duncansville

Jackie Forsht 814-251-7045

There are friends in life, and friends for life!

Author unknoun

Memorial Day Show HUGE SUCCESS!



Sunday May 28, President Scott Deno and a group of helpers set up the tents and other needed items for the Memorial Day Show.

Memorial Day, May 29, shortly before 8 AM when Harry Whitman, the Deno's and Guyer's arrived at the museum show ground to take care of the details needed for the show.

At 8:05 cars started arriving for registration. Gladys, Paula and Cathy greeted the cars with a smile, a good morning. Registration went smoothly and everyone was registered, received a ticket for the prizes, and a dash plaque which featured Jim Burkes 1929 Ford Sport Coupe.

The girls directed the cars over to Bill Guyer and he showed them the way to Ellen Deno who parked each vehicle.

The registration table was kept very busy and by the time registration ended we had 155 cars on the show field. It was very nice to see everyone as they registered even if it was for a short time.

President Deno made his way all around the cars socializing with the owners and admiring the beautiful vehicles.

There were 2 food vendors and who were kept SUPER busy all day and would like to come back for the 2024 show.

President Deno's granddaughters walked everywhere selling 50/50 tickets. The lucky winner at the 3:00 drawing received \$206.00. GREAT JOB GIRLS.

At 3:00 a drawing was held for Sheetz gift cards and other items.

THANK YOU TO our food vendors and Sheetz for sponsoring the show.

Thanks to Ernie Romanini's connection, Sheets donated 24 \$20 gift cars to be presented at the show. THANK YOU, ERNIE!

A group of volunteers helped get everything packed to go on the "Deno's" truck to be stored until it is needed again. Thank you to everyone for your help!! Thank you, participants, for sharing your beautiful vehicles at the show. See you next year!

An Old Man and a Bucket of Shrimp

Via Pat Swigart

It happened every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembled a giant orange and was starting to dip into the blue ocean.

Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand was a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now.

Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the Pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts ... and his bucket of shrimp.

Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky, a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier.

Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you"

In a few short minutes, the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place.

When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along The Pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away.

And old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like a 'funny old duck.' Or, to onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp.

Old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of Boomers and Busters. Most of them would probably write Old Ed off, down there in Florida. That's too bad. They'd do well to know him better.

His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero in World War I, and then he was in WWII. On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all the men survived, crawled out of their plane and climbed into a life raft.

An Old Man and a Bucket of Shrimp page 2

Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun, sharks, hunger, and thirst. They were hundreds of miles from land, and no one knew where they were or if they were alive.

Every day across America millions wondered and prayed that Eddie Rickenbacker might somehow be found alive.

The men adrift needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for a miracle.

They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged on. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft. Suddenly Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. It was a seagull!

Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal of it - a very slight meal for eight men. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait...and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first life-saving seagull... And he never stopped saying, 'Thank you.' That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude.

PS: Eddie Rickenbacker was the founder of Eastern Airlines. Before WWI he was a race car driver. In WWI he was a pilot and became America's first ace. In WWII he was an instructor and military adviser, and he flew missions with the combat pilots. Eddie Rickenbacker is a true American hero. And now you know another story about the trials and sacrifices that brave men have endured for your freedom.

You've got to be careful with old guys, you just never know what they have done during their lifetime.



"FORSHT'S PICNIC" JULY 9TH, ALTOONA, PA



Jackie and Bill Forsht are hosting a picnic on July 9th and everyone is invited. It will be a relaxing afternoon with a group of car club friends.

Plan to arrive any time after 12:00 and be prepared to eat about 2:00.

Bill will be behind the grill cooking perfectly grilled hamburgers, hotdogs etc. 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 call Bill and Jackie 814-943-8766 to let them know you will be attending.

Bill and Jackie's address: Address 723 Forsht Lane, Altoona, PA 16601

Allegheny Mountain Region Board of Directors Meeting

July 9, 2023 1:00 PM at the Forsht Picnic Altoona, PA

Everyone is welcome!

Classifieds

From the Gettysburg Region's Gas Buggy Gazette

FOR SALE:

1950 Plymouth 4 Dr. Sedan. Special Deluxe. \$10,000.

Call Curt Thierer (717) 764-3962

1926 Ajax, Rare, only 1,600 4 dr. built. Restored. Award winner. Parts car goes along with it.

\$16,000.

Call Robert Godfrey (717) 424-4616

1978 Chrysler LeBaron

2 Dr. White with blue vinyl opera top.

218 V-8, Auto, PS, PB, Cruise, AC, WW tires 2 years old. Ziebart rust proof protection. Radio need work. 18,200 miles.

Asking \$12,500 OBO

Contact Allan Maybe 717-731-9726

1933 Buick Series 60 Victoria Coupe

Very complete

Needs Restored

Contact Ed Stoltz, 814-207-2825

e57sb@verizon.net

1928 Model "A; Ford Rumble seat, teal and black \$15,000 OBO

1940 Ford Deluxe Convertible, V-8 \$25,000 OBO

1941 Chrysler Windsor, \$15,000 OBO

The above 3 cars have been sitting a while but are runnable. Contact Diana Freeburg at 860-455-3555

Our Deepest Sympathy



May 16th, 2023, AMR lost one of our members. Elwood (Stick) Homan passed away at his home at 100 years young, still living independently on his own in Ferguson Twp. State College.

Stick married L. Aileen Homan October 17, 1946 who preceded him in death on July 16, 2011. The Homan's raised 8 children, Nancy, Sue, Ellen, Patti, Samuel, Lois, Wayne, and Julie. They enjoyed eighteen grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; thirty-two great grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, and two step-great-

great-grandchildren.

Elwood graduated from State College High School in 1940. He owned and operated Nine Oaks Farm in PA. Furnace. Stick was a member of Centre Community Church of Christ, the Baileyville Grange, PA County Farmland Trust, Experimental Aircraft Association, Nittany Antique Machinery Association, PA Flying Farmers, International Flying Farmers, PA Farmers Association, Piper Cub Club.

The Homan's were members of the Allegheny Mountain Region. They travelled with fellow members on tours and activities. They also opened their farm for coffee time on 2 National Tours our Region was hosting. Anyone who knew them would agree they were truly a joy to be around.

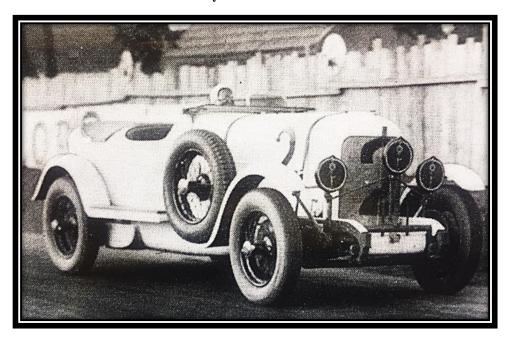
Elwood enjoyed his family and his 1926 Ford Model T. He will be greatly missed.



Elwood's 1926 "T"

Dupont at LeMans

By Stan Smith



For the sports car racing crowd of our car enthusiasts the month of June brings to mind the world famous 24 Hours of LeMans in France. It started 100 years ago in 1923 as an endurance/performance race that tested the stamina of cars being produced in Europe. Entrants had to be examples of production Touring or Roadster body types in which the drivers, usually two were assigned, had also be one who would do any mechanical repairs on the car. By the late 1920's several American brands, Stutz and Chrysler, were entered by private owners or a French dealer. It was for the 1929 race that the first American Car manufacturer signed up with a team and 2 cars. Dupont Motors, who had building (assembling) a car to sell since 1919 out of Wilmington, Delaware, decided to try beating the Bentleys that had been dominating the race for the previous number of years.

One car made it to the race painted the USA race colors of all white with blue wheels and upholstery. White coveralls with an American Flag patch were worn by the drivers and some of the crew.

The next All-American attempt was in the 1950's by Briggs Cunningham with a pair of Cadillacs. As before the cars were painted white with blue trim and this Mme finished well over the 24-hour grind. The next couple of years he entered several his own sports racers that represented America's desire to win this prestigious race.

Dupont at LeMans page 2

Factory teams of Corvettes and Fords later challenged the top cars like Ferrari and Jaguar. This year Cadillac entered and there's a car or two from NASCAR to race at LeMan.

Back to the duPont Speedster. Our regional club in its early days had at three examples owned by club members. My fathers, Frank Gullo and the William Swigart Museum. Actually, there were five other duPonts, of the standard body types, that became a part of the central Penna. club members ownership. Two Sedans were serving as spare parts cars but recently are in the process of being restored. One was at the Fall Hershey car show in 2021 wearing its wood skeleton body framework. 30 duPonts exist of the 200 plus 8-cylinder line produced in 1927 to 1931. Having close to one third of them owned by our members is somewhat exciting to me plus the fact that duPont Motors made a real effort and was the first American Company to try and win the 24 hours of Le Mans in France.

If you have VAPOR LOCKS for June 1979 you will find a more in-depth story, I wrote about the duPont that was entered in the race.

CAR TRIVIA

- 1. What was the car of the year in 1973?
- 2. What was the fastest car in 1973?
- 3. What was the longest car of 1973?
- 4. What car did Richard Petty Drive in 1973?
- 5. What was the most popular color for cars in 1973?
- What was the least popular color of cars in 1973?