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 2 large bell peppers (any color) thinly sliced.

3 cloves garlic minced or 1/2 tsp garlic powder.  
 1 medium red onion thinly sliced (about 1 cup)  
 1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes.  
 1 can (4 oz.) diced green chilies or 1 can Rotel instead of tomatoes and chilies.  
 2 t. chili power  
 1 t paprika  
 1/2 t salt  
 1/4 t pepper  
 1 can of chicken broth.  
 8 oz penne pasta  
 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
 1/3 c cream cheese

Put chicken and olive oil in your skillet or pot and cook until browned. Add broth, peppers, garlic, onion, diced tomatoes, green chilies, chili powder, paprika, salt and pepper. Stir. Add pasta, cook until everything is cooked the way you like it. Remove from heat and stir in cream cheese. Put cheese on top and allow it to melt. Ready to eat.

## Left over Ham Sliders

1 package Hawaiian rolls (12 pk)  
 Slices of Swiss cheese (1 lb.)  
 Leftover ham chopped or deli ham slices (1 lb.)

Take rolls from package (keep all together). Slice in half. Put the bottom half on a baking pan. Add chopped ham on top and then slices of cheese. Next put the top half of the rolls on.

Combine:

1/2 cup melted butter  
 1 T. brown sugar  
 2 tsp. Mustard  
 1 1/2 tsp Worcester sauce  
 1 tsp onion powder

Pour butter mixture on top of rolls. Cover with foil and bake 15 minutes at 350. Remove foil and bake another 10 minutes.

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## President's Message

Happy Spring everyone! It's hard to believe we have put in our first tour of the year already. We just got back from the Horseless Carriage club of America tour in Chattanooga, TN. The tour was super except for several cold days, which was a surprise since Chattanooga had warm weather for weeks before. Our 1912 Rambler ran perfect for all 400 miles including

one short very steep and one LONG hill up to Lookout Mountain. Sorry we missed Cook's night out on the 20<sup>th</sup>, but we were at the tour banquet that night. More below.

We are looking forward to local events this year. Included is a full schedule of cook's night outs, several 1-day tours, Spring Dinner in April, Memorial Day Show, Forsht picnic in June, Swigart meet in August. Unfortunately, the Delgrosso show is still a no go this year, but we may join the Keystone truckers at their Martinsburg show in July this summer to help "fill-in". No new news on local touring events, but they should "firm-up" soon.

Next up - We are look forward to seeing you at the Spring dinner at Mamma Randazzo's in April at the newly remodeled restaurant in Altoona. Cost came in higher than expected so the club has stepped in and will cover some of the costs. More info elsewhere in VL's.

The Deno's 2024 events attended (already!) - The AACA national convention met expectations. Ellen & I had a great time with old and new friends in Chantilly, Virginia. Pat Swigart, Dave Kontor, Don Barlup joined us for the great accommodations. My usual 2 seminars were well received again this year, but I went solo, as I missed all my expert panelists; Howard King's wife had minor surgery (doing fine), Jim Cross was in ICU (still recovering), and Paul Kron (too far to travel). My new wireless turn signals demo was a big hit and demand has been steady. Next year is in Charlotte, NC and we hope to attend, but they keep getting further away!

Chattanooga tour – the Westin hotel was a perfect host for HCCA tour with a large lobby for socializing and pre-1916 cars parked all over the courtyard outside the hotel. The sites were great - Mansions, civil war history, Missionary Ridge, Ruby Falls (a must see for everyone), Tennessee Valley railroad, Lookout Mountain incline railroad (afraid of heights? 72-degree incline at the top!), Lookout Mountain, Rock City, Scopes/monkey trial courthouse. Our 1912 Rambler seemed unstoppable. Touch the starter (yes, I cannot crank this 400+ cubic inch engine) and it is purring, even one morning at 32 degrees didn't affect this car. It may be our best starting/running car.

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As far as future Deno's national activities – some national shows are planned as of now. Brass tours (cars 1915 and older): Chattanooga, TN in March (enjoyed already!), Hershey flea market in October is a must (we may show our 1912 Rambler on Friday), and the Hershey Hangover tour just after Hershey flea market. Other tours: Combined Divisional tour & Buzzy tour (cars up to 1999) in Fredericksburg, VA in June is definite and Glidden tour (cars up to WWII) in Fairfield, PA (south of Gettysburg) in September is a must. It's a must because it's the 25<sup>th</sup> Glidden tour for our 1929 Marmon this year! It would be great to put together a Region group to attend the Glidden Tour this year since it is close by. Consider booking the hotel early. It is based at a resort with no other hotels nearby.

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Scott

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# Calendar of Events

(Tentative)

April 17 - Cook's Nite, **Ole New York**, State College, PA - Scott 814-238-4031

April 21---Spring Dinner – **Mama Randazzo's Pizzeria**, 521 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Altoona, PA – Bill and Jackie Forsht 814-931-7045

May 15 – Cook's Nite, **Paesano's**, Alexandria, PA – Gladys 814-667-3796

May 27 – Memorial Day Show, Boalsburg, PA Scott Deno 814238-4031

June 19- - Cook's Nite, **Jethro's**, Altoona, PA – Paula 814-943-8626

June 23 – Tour in Huntingdon Area – Pat Swigart

July 17 – Cook's Nite, **Traditions**, Martinsburg, - Lloy or Betty 814-934-3219

August 2 & 3 – Swigart Show, Huntingdon, PA

August 21 – Cook's Nite, **Village Pantry**, Tyrone – Jeff Boring 814-931-1854

September 18 – Cook's Nite – **Quaker Steak & Lube**, State College, PA Scott 814-238-4031

October 13 – One day Tour, Jackie Forsht, 814-931-7045. Info later.

October 16 – Cook's Nite, **Valley Dairy**, Altoona, PA – Paula 814-943-8626

November 20 – **Kelly's Corner**, Huntingdon, PA – Jackie 814-931-7045

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



**Check your Antique Automobile magazine for a complete listing of dates and places for events, tours etc.**



## THE EDITOR'S DESK

I am happy Spring has arrived!! The time has changed to give us more daylight and the temperatures are getting milder. Signs of spring seem to be all around. Robins and other birds have returned, and the grass is getting green. Daffodils and crocuses are blooming. I even have a couple small dandelions blooming in our yard. All that is left for Spring is getting out the Antique Cars.

The region will get our 2024 events kicked off with the annual Spring Dinner on April 21. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and you get the chance to attend the dinner driving the “old” car. (details elsewhere in this issue of VL)

The Region's calendar is being finalized so let the fun begin. I am looking forward to all the things Bill and I do with the club. No matter what it is, join the group, I guarantee you will have a good time.

In each issue of VL I will try to keep you informed of all happenings as well as updates and details for each event. If you have any questions about anything you may always contact President Deno or any Board member for assistance.

Meet you in the next issue.

Gladys

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# Just For Laughs

I don't have grey hair....I have wisdom highlights.

I don't trip, I do random gravity checks.

Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so now I'm going to work at getting taller.

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

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

I'm a multitasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

## Invitation

from  
Suzanne Wray, Recreational Therapy  
LIFE Geisinger  
106 Derry Heights Blvd  
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President Deno was contacted by Suzanne Wray, from Recreational Therapy LIFE Geisinger regarding the possibility of our car club showing some cars at our facility. They are looking to have up to 5 cars Monday 6/17 in honor of Father's Day at their facility. The facility is LIFE Geisinger for folks 55+ who are nursing home eligible- we assist to keep them independent in their homes. They may not get out much and would enjoy seeing the cars.

The time would be from 12-2pm. We are located behind Aldi's off 322 Lewistown/Burnham exit in the Primary Health Building.

Please let Scott know if would bring your car to put some smiles on the residents' faces. [nsdeds@hotmail.com](mailto:nsdeds@hotmail.com) or 814-238-4031

## CAR TRIVIA CAN YOU NAME THESE CARS?

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# The Chrysler Imperial

Wikipedia

In 1910 Walter P. Chrysler started out working at the Buick Motor Company. In 1916, William C. Durant, a wealthy pioneer at the head of the American auto industry, convinced Chrysler to keep working as the head of Buick for three more years by offering him a large increase in pay. Chrysler was ultimately not happy with Durant's vision for the American car industry and in 1919 he left Buick.

After a brief stint in charge of the Willys-Overland Motor Company, Chrysler gained control of the Maxwell Motor company, which in 1925 became the Chrysler Corporation. In 1926 Chrysler released its flagship model for the world to see, and the Chrysler Imperial was born.

In the year the Imperial was introduced it broke the US trans-continental speed record, crossing coast to coast in a week, and was used as the Indy 500 pace car. The first series of Imperial was proudly called the Series-80 after its ability to cruise all day at a then impressive 80 miles per hour (129km/h).

In 1931 was the start of the Chrysler Imperial 8. Powered for the first time by an eight-cylinder engine, the Imperial was now capable of nearly 100 miles per hour (161 km/h). It was in this second generation that the formula for an Imperial was set for the next half century with the large eight-cylinder engine, a massive overall size, and an engineering elegance unmatched by any other major American luxury car manufacturer.

Imperials continued to set automotive luxury and engineering standards for the next few decades. In 1934 Chrysler offered the Imperial with the Airflow body, the first production car ever designed in a wind tunnel. Rare Imperial Limousines had by now found their way not just into the hands of wealthy businessmen and world leaders.

By 1949 Imperial had become the first company in the world to offer disc brakes on their cars. In 1951 the Imperial was one of the first cars to receive the Hemi-head V8. In 1952 Chrysler designed the three Chrysler Imperial Parade Phaetons. The 1954 Imperial still holds the record for widest production car ever.

By 1955 Imperial had become well established in the auto-industry, and while they would never become a household name the way Cadillac already had, Chrysler was always ahead of the competition when it came to the underlying quality and engineering prowess of their cars.

One of the major factors that had contributed to the excellence of the 1950s imperials was a new designer who had started working at Chrysler in 1949, Virgil Exner. He had designed some of the most beautiful cars in the world during the mid-to-late 50s and looked poised to remain a powerhouse car.

## The Chrysler Imperial page 2

design industry for the sixties as well. By the end of 1962, even though Exner was against it the higher ups downsized the car designs and, in the process, ruined them. Exner, despite him being against the ideas that had gone so wrong for them, would be their scapegoat. He was promptly fired.

Chrysler hired Elwood Engel to replace Exner. The 1964 Imperial was the first Elwood Engel design. It was an instant classic and earned Imperial its second-best sales year ever. The '64 Imperial also earned high praise for its very good handling ability, something not expected for what was the largest non-limousine series-production car in the world at the time. In 1966 the legendary 440 V8 was made standard on all Imperials, and this continued until 1975.

In 1967 the Imperial really came into its own. Switching from the heavier body on chassis design of older Imperials to a lighter more advanced unibody design.

In 1967-68 for only one year Imperial offered a rare and sought-after option on the **Imperial Crown Coupe known as the Mobile Director**. The Mobile Director package was a strange creation consisting of what Chrysler thought the 'boss on the run' would need: the center armrest could be turned into wood tables over the rear seats, a high-output lamp that could be plugged into the cigarette lighter on either side of the car front and rear. Strangest of all, the front passenger seat could rotate 180° to utilize the tables and comfortably interact with the rear seat occupants. This package was only available on the coupe version of the Imperial Crown at a cost of nearly \$600. Less than 100 of these cars were produced.

For 1969 Imperial released their last great car. The 1969-73 Imperial had a series of early innovations and stand-out accomplishments. In '69, they had sequential turn signals. In '71, they were the first cars in America to be fitted with 4-wheel ABS. In '72, two black Imperials were bought by the U.S. Secret Service, and soon after were transferred to presidential use and were used until 1981. The 1973 Imperial still holds the record for longest post-war, non-limousine, 4-door production car ever made\*.

Unfortunately, the Imperial introduced to replace the '73 car was not an improvement. The 70s oil crisis hit the smaller Chrysler Corporation harder than the larger GM or Ford, and Chrysler could simply not justify continuing to build such an opulent vehicle. The 74-75 Imperial at least managed to maintain some of the marque's former glory and was still described as good-looking.

Despite Chrysler's best efforts, 1975 was essentially the last year of the Imperial.

There were brief, ill-fated efforts in 1981-83 and 1990-93 to revive the brand, and an Imperial concept car in 2006, but none of these were ever fated to get off the ground.



## AACA Events and Midwest Adventures

By Jeff Oaks VP – Regions Development & Support Southeastern Division

I have spent most of my life living on the North Carolina coast in Wilmington. It's a good center point on the Atlantic seaboard that makes it easy to travel both north and south. I have made many trips over the years and covered most everything from Miami, Florida to New England. However, most of my travels have been in the coastal states and not much towards the heartland until just recently. Serving as a National Director for AACA, I now find myself heading towards the Midwest quite often. Places like New Ulm, Minnesota and the Grand Nationals, a great event and a great place. Cornfields abound with signs saying "Kelloggs, 10,000 acres." It reminds me of National Geographic magazine, but not the Carolinas. Moline, Illinois, or "Tractor City" hosted a National Meet located on the Mississippi River. Davis, West Virginia, located in the northern hills was a very scenic area for an antique auto tour. Another great time was at the Spring Nationals in Beckley, West Virginia. If you have not been attending these events with your antique auto, you are missing a lot of fun, and I am only highlighting a few events!

The 2023 calendar has sent me to many places during the year including Miami, Fl. in January for the Winter Nationals. In May, the East Tennessee Region hosted the Oak Ridge, TN "Secret Tour." It was a great driving experience in the Appalachians! The Central Spring Nationals were held in Auburn, IN. This was my first opportunity to visit the area. This was a fun event. While there, I went to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Loving, all things prewar, it was the ultimate in "Art Deco." Being the original sales building, it is complete and full of vintage classics. In other buildings on the site are the National Auto & Truck Museum. Another treat while in Auburn was the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum just a few miles away. The 2023 Grand Nationals in Bettendorf, Iowa was another spectacular event located on the banks of the Mississippi River. The Mississippi Riverboat Dinner Cruise was a great addition to the event! In traveling, I stopped at the Model T Museum while passing through Richmond, Indiana. It is another nice museum full of Model T exhibits. It caught me by surprise thinking you would have to be in Dearborn for something like that.

I have enjoyed traveling to the Midwest this year and can see myself returning in 2024. For those of you reading this article living in the Midwest, it is probably old hat. But for me, it was Americana at its best.

Check out the 2024 AACA calendar and make plans to attend these upcoming events with your antique car. You will have fond memories to look back on and be glad you did!

# Just for Thought

## Love knows no Bounds!

In 1940 a young boy named Henry and a girl named Gloria first met on a school bus setting the stage for a romance that would span decades and transcend time.

Their journey together began in their youth where they rode the same bus for years. Henry took Gloria to her senior prom and then she went off to Michigan State, and he finished high school. Life took them in different directions. Henry got married and served in the Korean War, while Gloria pursued her own path, marrying and raising a family.

For 60 years, their lives unfolded separately, their paths diverging until a twist of fate brought them back together in the fall of many years later. Gloria, with the help of her daughter Linda, stumbled upon Henry's name while searching for lost classmates online. Upon discovering that Henry's wife had recently passed away, Gloria reached out, sparking a reunion that would reignite the flames of their youthful romance.

In 2000, Henry embarked on a journey to North Muskegon for lunch—a date that would mark the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. They went back to where they were in high school and to those high school feelings.

Since their reunion, the couple has become inseparable, spending every weekend together and basking in the joy of rediscovered love. Their families, filled with delight, have embraced their relationship wholeheartedly. Their love story has created ripples of happiness that extend far beyond just the two of them.

Henry and Gloria's remarkable journey serves as a reminder that love knows no bounds and that, sometimes, destiny has a way of bringing two souls back together—even after 60 years apart.



1940 Thomas Bus

# Yester Years News

Submitted by Bob Struble  
Written by past member Bob Foster in 1958

## Stan and Frank go car Hunting

It was in the autumn of 1954 that Stan Smith, Frank Gullo and Bob Foster took off on a pleasant Friday morning for the region in and around New York City.

Frank was going to purchase a prewar Mercedes Convertible in Manhattan, Stan was going to pick up a 1928 Packard Roadster in Connecticut and Bob was planning to get a 1932 Lincoln V-8 Convertible in northern New Jersey.

We set off in Stan's 1953 Studebaker Sedan in good spirits. Frank said he really needed to get away every three months or so. It was a good change from academic life. We stopped for a rest break at Amity Hall and around noon we arrived at the house in New Jersey where the '32 Lincoln sat. The owner was not home but the key was in it so Stan started it up. Gas gushed from the fuel pump. The car was very tatty overall. The decision was made to leave it behind all call the owner from NYC later that evening saying he was not interested.

In early afternoon we pulled up at a warehouse at the docks in Manhattan. New Jaguar roadsters were being unloaded nearby. The owner of Frank's Mercedes had not yet arrived so we checked over the Jaguars. Waiting for Frank an attendenet started the Mercedes. The car was a pathatic case gasping for air. Frank was very disappointed. When the owner showed up, Frank said he was not interested. The man was not happy at all. We drove downtown somewhere to help the nonseller on his way. Frank said as he was exiting the the car "Why don't you advertise it in the New York Times?" The guy didn't answer and slammed the door as he left. At this point Frank had money burning a whole in his pocket so de decided to go on to Connecticut with Stan in hopes of finding a car up there. Bob was a tagalong who would ride home with Stan.

In the late afternoon we attended the New York Auto Show and then went to dinner at a place called Kern's. The rafters were lined with white clay smoking pipes. While at dinner I called the guy in New Jersey who had the '32 Lincoln and let him no I was not going to buy the car because of its condition. He was angry and replied "Well what do you expect for \$150?"

That evening Stan drove us to a friend's home north of the city where we rested comfortably. The next morning we promptly travelled to Bridgeport where we met the man from whom Stan was to buy his '28 Packard. It was to be a surprise for Stan's wife as the car was very similar to one she had had many years before.

## Stan and Frank Go Car Hunting page 2

The car was indeed there and in the condition described, which is to say was in fairly original, slightly rough condition. It had striking lines with its wire wheels and distinctive Packard design. Stan decided to take it. He planned to tour with a special hitch he brought along.

This led Frank still with no car, but he seriously considered a '32 Packard Super 8 four door convertible the man had for \$800. The engine had beed rebuilt and ran smoothly. The full leather interior, however was ratty and would require an expensive replacement. He wavered. "What would the wife say if he brought this home. He decided the answer would not be positive. He settled instead on a more modern '34 Packard standart 8 convertible coup, gray with welded over fender wells. The spare was rigged on the backend. The man said he would deliver it to State College for expenses. Frank closed the deal. He then left soon after for a conference inn the area hence he couldn't drive his new possesession home himself.

Stan then attempted to hitch up his '28 but regretfully the hitch would not adapt to his car. There was no atlernative but for me to steer it all the way back to a garage nearby where it was to be sorted out in secret from Stan's wife. So with the Studebaker pulling and me steering we set off avoiding major highways where ever possible. Stan had taken the license plate off the Studebaker and hung it on the back of the Packard. Darkness found us cruising successfully along the boulevards of NYC -until a policeman pulled Stan over and asked for papers. Having no proper registration, he was asked to come down to the police station. Everyone was very cordial including Stan. The officers admired the graceful lines of the Packard as it sat beneath teh street lights outside the pollice station. Still, Stan Stan was not left without a fine. It was paid and we were on our way again.

It was very breezy atop the George Washington bridge. The rag top flapped wildly. I clung on using some gloved Stan had found. It was really chilly by now. After what seemed forever, Stan pulled up in the darkness at a small dark garage and left the Packard. I stumbled on to the back seat of the Studebaker and fell into a deep sleep. It was about 2 a.m. Around 7 a.m. we re-entered State Colege. Stan had stamina, I must confess. We were weary and perhaps wiser.

Frank's '34 Packard arrived via the former owner. Frank soon placed it for sale at Bathhursts Gulf Station for \$300 or \$400. The manager of the old diner near the present Old College Diner eventually bought it. As for Stan's Packard a mechanic near Reading got it started and it sounded like a thrashing machine. The car got to State College and rested in peace for some time. Stan knows the rest of the story as my story ends here.

# Classifieds

From AMR and our neighbor Gettysburg Region

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Liquidating new, old stock auto parts still in original boxes from Smith Auto Repair (Jay Smith). Most fit model years 1960 thru 1990. Some pre-1960. Parts catalogs included. Shock sets, brake linings, ignition parts, spark plug sets, PVC valves, suspension parts, grease seals, many others. Over 400 parts. Prefer to sell as one lot.

Email [tsunsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:tsunsmith@yahoo.com) or call/text 814-321-4535.

**Sears 22-gal. air compressor**, \$100.

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Contact Susan (Smith) Lose, [sslose@msn.com](mailto:sslose@msn.com) or call 814-355-2000 (leave a message).

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1965 VW

# COOK'S NITE OUT

No cooking tonight!

Gladys Guyer



Cook's Nite Out has returned. April will take us to State College and May to Alexandria.

We gather at 6:00 and order at 6:30.

Below is the list of dates and places as well as the contact person. If you know you will be able to join the "group" call the contact person. If at the last minute you find you are available, just come.

April 17

**Ole New York**, State College  
Scott Deno – 814-231-4031

May 15

Cook's Nite – **Paesano's**, Alexandria  
Gladys Guyer 814-667-3796

June 19

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

July 17

Cook's Nite – **Tradition's**, Martinsburg (dessert at the "Blattenberger's") The Blattenberger's – 814-934-3219.  
**NOTE Gathering time will be 5:00 to allow more time enjoying dessert at the Blattenberger's.**

August 21

Cook's Nite - **Village Pantry**, Tyrone  
Jeff Boring 814-931-1854

September 18

Cook's Nite – **Quaker Steak & Lube**, State College  
Ellen Deno 814-231-4031

October 16

Cook's Nite – **Valley Dairy**, 2724 Plank Road, Altoona  
Jeff Boring 814-931-1854

November 15

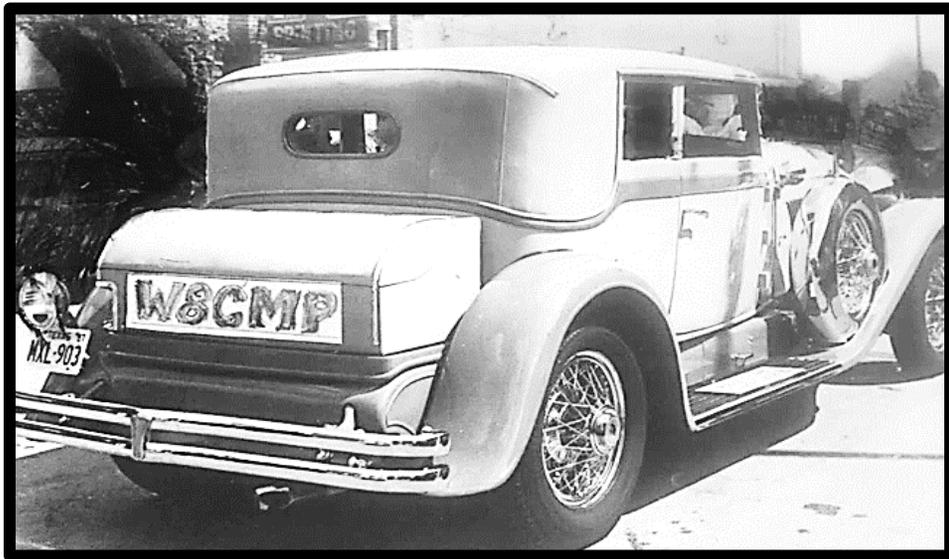
Cook's Nite – **Kelly's Corner**, Huntingdon  
Jackie Forsht 814-251-7045



1951 Frazer

# TWO MORE DUESEY'S

Stan Smith



In the last VAPOR LOCKS, I listed what new classic era cars were owned by central Penna folk that included a few Duesenberg's. Here are two more that our late club member Jack Metzgar of Alexandria recalled & told me about.

Have you ever seen a new Duesenberg with a bumper sticker? There was a four passenger Coupe in State College that wore something worse – on the back of the trunk was W8CMP - the owner's ham radio station call letters.

He was Professor Eugene C. Woodruff who taught at the Penn State Electrical Engineering Department and one of his hobbies was amateur radio. His interest started in the early 1900's and later while living in State College he set up a radio lab facility at his home for himself and his students.

By the mid 1920's he became head chairman of American Radio Relay League and was always on call to be a speaker at almost all their conventions. He along with his blue/silver Duesenberg would be seen in almost every state of the Union. "Doc Woodruff" with his bag o' tricks" had become the highlight of each session.

Having an automobile and driving was another passion – he had owned 23 cars since 1908 and had driven across the USA at least 25 times. His sister lived in California and from reading a letter he wrote requesting a rebuild of his J-333 Duesenberg in November 1936 one can see that a lot of miles were put on it.

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The letter asked for the following:

1. All wheel's need trued up with spokes replaced. One rim replaced.
2. Body to chassis needs revamping. Bolts tightened or replaced.
3. Doors rattle badly. Bad roads cause front wheels to shimmy.
4. Headlights need going over with one needing glass.
5. The engine throws oil out of the right vent all over body and windshield.
6. Hand throttle sticks – can be moved only a little bit.
7. Car needs a paint job. Body, engine, and chassis. Refurbish canvas.
8. Valves need reground and carbon removed.

Professor Woodruff bought the Duesenberg as a 60<sup>th</sup> birthday present and it is not known if he still owned the car when he died of a heart attack in 1944. J-333 is still with us as part of the late Al Ferrara Car Collection in Ohio.

At some point in the late 1920's Professor Woodruff was lent a Model J Duesenberg touring that he drove while assisting in the upgrading of the electrical system of the Lycoming engine. This experience must have led him into buying one for himself. As I've noted in the past it would be great to see photos of either of the two Duesenberg's while they were in the State College area. Photography was another interest of his so I'm sure a photo or two are in a Woodruff family album.

## Most popular selling car and truck 30 years ago.

Wikipedia

The **Ford Taurus** was the best-selling passenger car for 1994 selling 397,037. Honda Accord in second place.

**Ford F-series pickups** were the best-selling truck selling truck in 1994 selling 62,108 with Chevrolet C/K pickups second.

## Trivia Answers

- 1---1960 Plymouth Fury
- 2---1930 Pierce Arrow
- 3—1976 AMC Gremlin
- 4—1954 Oldsmobile 88
- 5—1957 Pontiac Cheftain



### AACA Events and Midwest Adventures

By Jeff Oaks VP – Regions Development & Support Southeastern Division

I have spent most of my life living on the North Carolina coast in Wilmington. It's a good center point on the Atlantic seaboard that makes it easy to travel both north and south. I have made many trips over the years and covered almost everything from Miami, Florida to New England. However, most of my travels have been in the coastal states and not much towards the heartland until just recently. Serving as a National Director for AACA, I now find myself heading towards the Midwest quite often. Places like New Ulm, Minnesota and the Grand Nationals, a great event and a great place. Cornfields abound with signs saying "Kelloggs, 10,000 acres." It reminds me of National Geographic magazine, but not the Carolinas. Moline, Illinois, or "Tractor City" hosted a National Meet located on the Mississippi River. Davis, West Virginia, located in the northern hills was a very scenic area for an antique auto tour. Another great time was at the Spring Nationals in Beckley, West Virginia. If you have not been attending these events with your antique auto, you are missing a lot of fun, and I am only highlighting a few events!

The 2023 calendar has sent me to many places during the year including Miami, Fl. in January for the Winter Nationals. In May, the East Tennessee Region hosted the Oak Ridge, TN "Secret Tour." It was a great driving experience in the Appalachians! The Central Spring Nationals were held in Auburn, IN. This was my first opportunity to visit the area. This was a fun event. While there, I went to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Loving, all things prewar, it was the ultimate in "Art Deco." Being the original sales building, it is complete and full of vintage classics. In other buildings on the site are the National Auto & Truck Museum. Another treat while in Auburn was the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum just a few miles away. The 2023 Grand Nationals in Bettendorf, Iowa was another spectacular event located on the banks of the Mississippi River. The Mississippi Riverboat Dinner Cruise was a great addition to the event! In traveling, I stopped at the Model T Museum while passing through Richmond, Indiana. It is another nice museum full of Model T exhibits. It caught me by surprise thinking you would have to be in Dearborn for something like that.

I have enjoyed traveling to the Midwest this year and can see myself returning in 2024. For those of you reading this article living in the Midwest, it is probably old hat. But for me, it was Americana at its best.

Check out the 2024 AACA calendar and make plans to attend these upcoming events with your antique car. You will have fond memories to look back on and be glad you did!

# Just for Thought

## Love knows no Bounds!

In 1940 a young boy named Henry and a girl named Gloria first met on a school bus setting the stage for a romance that would span decades and transcend time.

Their journey together began in their youth where they rode the same bus for years. Henry took Gloria to her senior prom and then she went off to Michigan State, and he finished high school. Life took them in different directions. Henry got married and served in the Korean War, while Gloria pursued her own path, marrying and raising a family.

For 60 years, their lives unfolded separately, their paths diverging until a twist of fate brought them back together in the fall of many years later. Gloria, with the help of her daughter Linda, stumbled upon Henry's name while searching for lost classmates online. Upon discovering that Henry's wife had recently passed away, Gloria reached out, sparking a reunion that would reignite the flames of their youthful romance.

In 2000, Henry embarked on a journey to North Muskegon for lunch—a date that would mark the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. They went back to where they were in high school and to those high school feelings.

Since their reunion, the couple has become inseparable, spending every weekend together and basking in the joy of rediscovered love. Their families, filled with delight, have embraced their relationship wholeheartedly. Their love story has created ripples of happiness that extend far beyond just the two of them.

Henry and Gloria's remarkable journey serves as a reminder that love knows no bounds and that, sometimes, destiny has a way of bringing two souls back together—even after 60 years apart.



1940 Thomas Bus

# SPRING DINNER

The first 2024 Event for Allegheny Mountain Region will be our annual Spring Dinner on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Bill and Jackie Forsht have taken care of all the arrangements for the day. All members must do is attend and enjoy the day.

This year our dinner will be held at a great place with great food. Bill and Jackie have made reservations at Mama Randazzo's Restaurant in Altoona. **521 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Altoona, PA 16601**(see next page for menu and details)

Get out the "old" car and drive your better half to dinner. It will surely be a wonderful afternoon.

**GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS MAKING  
MEMORIES ONE MEAL AT A TIME.**



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**April 21, 2024**

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The Region will be holding our Spring Dinner at  
**Mama Randazzos Restaurant**  
**521 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Altoona, PA 16601**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

## Buffett Menu:

Penne Pasta with  
Red Sauce, Alfredo sauce,  
Meatballs, Chicken Cutlets, Salad, Rolls,  
Brownies and Drinks are included.  
(There will also be a cash bar available).

Socialize at 1:00 meal at 2:00

The cost for the meal will be **\$16.00.**  
per person paid at the dinner.

## **Reservations:**

**Call Bill at 814-931-7045**  
**by April 14, 2024**