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1 ¾ cups flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp cinnamon  
½ tsp salt  
½ cup butter soften to room temp.  
¼ cup granulated sugar  
2 large eggs at room temp  
½ cup plain yogurt or sour cream  
2 tsp. vanilla  
2 T milk at room temperature  
1 ¾ cups peels, chopped peaches

Preheat oven to 425. Spray 12-count muffin pans with nonstick spray or use cupcake liners. Set aside

Make the crumb topping. Mix the brown sugar, granulated sugar, cinnamon and melted butter together in a small bowl until combined. Add the flour, use a fork to gently mix until crumbs form. Don't over mix. Set aside.

In a large bowl beat the butter and both sugars on high speed until smooth and creamy. Add eggs, yogurt or sour cream and vanilla. Beat until mixture is combined and creamy. (It's ok if it appears somewhat curdled. At low speed add the dry ingredients and milk into the wet ingredients and beat until no flour pockets remain. By hand fold in the chopped peaches. Spoon the batter evenly into each cup or liner, filling each all the way to the top. Spoon crumb topping on each, gently pressing it down so it sticks.

Bake for 5 minutes at 425 then without opening the oven, reduce the oven temp to 350. Bake for an additional 15 to 18 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Allow the muffins to cool for 5 minutes in the muffin pan, then transfer to a wire rack to completely cool.

## Fresh Peach Punch

2 ripe fresh peaches, peeled and sliced  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 cup of water

**Sparkling Water Garnish:** Fresh peach slices [

Blend sliced peaches, water, lemon juice, and sugar into until the mixture is smooth. Pour the peach puree into four glasses. Top off each glass with sparkling water, stir gently and garnish with peach slices.

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# President's Message



As dark as it seems after losing so many great members in a short time: Pat Swigart, Pete Searer, Bill Forsht and Harry Whitman, it is hard to be positive, but...

To quote Bill Forsht's last words, "But we must go on and the club must go on so..."

I guess to quote Bill again, "Scott 'I'm Baaaaaack' Deno". I just keep coming

back like a bad penny. AND as far as I know, don't worry, my health seems ready to stand the perils of Allegheny Mtn. Region's presidential life.

Yes, it is time for some members to step up and fill the gaps. After handling the responsibility for the Memorial Day show, Ernie Romanini impressed me again by stepping up and volunteering to fill the VP slot. Thank you Ernie! I am sure his board acceptance is a formality.

**Local events** – Belly buster is cook's nite out June 17<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the Deno's will be on tour that week, so we will miss you folks.

The next event is our June 28<sup>th</sup> picnic which, of course, is being relocated. It is scheduled for Delgrosso's picnic pavilion on June 28. Confirmation and details may elsewhere in this issue of the Vapor Locks. Let's have a good turnout in the memory of our dearly missed members we have lost.

Don't forget Harry Whitman's service at 10AM June 29 at the Pine Hall Lutheran church, State college. The family has asked us to bring cars. Of course, I will be there.

The Swigart meet is on July 18<sup>th</sup>. I will try to make it back in time from the Stroudsburg tour to honor Pat's tremendous service to our region, the museum and the hobby.

More later on the Bedford Springs weekend, August 15, and Mifflinburg tour, August 29 and Fall picnic on September 13<sup>th</sup> and Bill Lloyd's Fall foliage tour, October 17. Yes, the region is still alive- come join in the fun.

**National Events** – by the time you read this we will probably be on the Sentimental Tour in Mechanicsburg, PA which our member Don Barlup is hosting. Our twin grandkids from CA (both 18 so they are not really kids!)

## President p.2

are joining us, which will make it special. Our 1930 Packard will carry us (we hope).

We will be on the HCCA tour in Stroudsburg, PA July 12-17 with our 1912 Rambler AND two of our local PA grandkids will join us which is another treat.

With little time to rest, I will be off to the Buzzy tour July 30-August 1 in West Virginia followed by the AACA divisional tour in Henderson, NC. with our member, Dave Kontor.

More later on other national events like HERSHEY!

In memory of Pat, "SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD!"

Scott Deno

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## Calendar of Events

- June 14-19 AACA Sentimental Tour 1928-1958 vehicles, Mechanicsburg
- June 17 Cook's Nite Belly Busters, Altoona
- June 19-20 46<sup>th</sup> ATCA National Truck show, Macungie, PA
- June 28 Picnic at Delgrosso's contact Scott Deno (814) 238-4031
- July 10-12 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals Carlisle, PA [www.carlisleevents.com](http://www.carlisleevents.com)
- July 15 Cook's Nite, Traditions, Martinsburg, 5:00 (**note time 5:00**) contact Loy and Betty Blattenberger .814-793-2756
- July 18 Swigart/Region Show, Huntingdon
- July 25 Keystone and Allegheny Mountain Region Truck/Car Show, East Freedom, PA
- Aug. 1 Raystown Car Show, 1PM-4PM Hosted by Lake Raystown Resort Lodge & Conference Center.
- August 7-9 Carlisle Truck Nationals-Carlisle, PA [www.carlisleevents.com](http://www.carlisleevents.com)
- August 15 Bedford Springs weekend
- Aug. 19 Cook's Nite Quaker Steak & Lube, St. College, Scott 814-238-4031
- Aug. 29 Mifflinburg Tour contact Scott Deno 814-571-9790 (info later)
- Sept. 13 75<sup>th</sup> celebration at Delgrosso's
- Sept. 16 Cook's Nite, Kelly's-, Huntingdon, Jackie Forsht 814-312-5287
- Sept. 19 Keystone Chapter Fall Truck Show and Festival Snowshoe, PA
- Sept. 30-Oct. 4 Fall Carlisle Flea Market and auction
- Oct. 3 Central PA Chapter ATCA Mack Days, Lititz, PA
- Oct. 17 Fall Foliage tour – tour guides Bill and Judy Lloyd
- Oct. 20 Cook's Nite Spruce Creek Tavern NOTE DAY CHANGE

## National Events

June 14-19—Sentimental Tour—Mechanicsburg, PA  
August 19-22 Annual Grand Nationals—Allentown, PA  
September 20-26 AAA Glidden Tour—Dover, Delaware  
October 6-9-Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey PA



**SWIGART MUSEUM  
CAR SHOW**



**Saturday July 18, 2026**

**You're Invited!**  
Join the Swigart Antique Auto Museum on  
Saturday, July 18, 2026  
for our 56th Swigart Museum Car Show  
9:00AM – 3:00PM

To celebrate America's 250th Anniversary, we encourage you to  
deck out your car — and yourself — in full patriotic style!  
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\*Please note that we changed the date from the first Saturday in August to the third Saturday in July\*



**Lonnie Smith Jr. from the museum advised that everyone should have received a registration form by mail. In you did not get one, go to the Swigart Museum website and you can get one there.**

## **PICNIC RELOCATION**

### **AMR Picnic**

**June 28, 2026**

**Delgrosso Amusement Park**

A picnic on June 28 will be held at a pavilion in Delgrosso Park. The Region is covering the cost of the meals. Our meal will be chicken and possibly burgers and dogs, potato salad, rolls, mac and cheese, and coleslaw.

We will eat at 1:00

All members are encouraged to attend.

Contact Scott Deno 814-238-4031

## **SPRING DINNER**



### **“The Dream” Hollidaysburg**

**The Region's Spring Dinner was held on April 26 at the Dream in Hollidaysburg.**

**Members came to enjoy the afternoon with fellow members. Everyone ordered their favorite food from the menu. While waiting for our meal there was no lack of conversation.**

**Loy Blattenberger gave a lovely invocation prior to everyone eating. Thank you Loy!**

**Thank you Paula and Amber for making the arrangements for the afternoon. Everyone had a wonderful time.**

# THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hi Everyone,

It has been a sad time in the past several weeks for AMR. We have lost four members of our valued members. Pat Swigart March 9, Pete Searer May 7, Bill Forsht May 11, and Harry Whitman, May 30. It is just so hard to believe they are no longer with us. They have been vital members, who participated in the Region for many years.

When I think about them, I picture Pat making her special punch for everyone while Pete, Bill and Harry are of course talking cars. They certainly were special, definitely one-of-a-kind people and will never be forgotten.

Our Region will move forward, that is the way they would want. VP Scott Deno will cover the Presidency for the rest of the year. Ernie Romanini will take the VP position. The secretary position and 2 Board members seats will also need volunteers. We will get through this tragic event and keep their memories in our heart!

The Schedule of Events provides information on all events happening and who to call if you have any questions.

There are listings throughout VL with information on upcoming events. Hope to see you at some events.

Gladys

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**JUNE 28, 2026**

**FOLLOWING OUR PICNIC  
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**Schedule of Events:**

**Friday, July 24, 2026**  
12pm-5pm—Exhibitor /Vendor Setup  
5pm—Ice Cream Convoy

**Saturday, July 25, 2026**  
7am-10am—Breakfast Available  
7am-3pm-RS Library Bake Sale  
8am-4pm—Registration open  
11am-3pm—Lunch Available  
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# Just For Laughs



## The Blow-up Bra

Story Corps

As a young woman, Betty Jenkins received a gift from her mother, an inflatable bra with a straw-like tube that was used to inflate the pads in the cups and enhance its wearer's figure.

As Betty tells it, "I was very skinny, and I didn't have any curves. I guess my mother got kind of worried, because she didn't think I had enough boyfriends...I was really excited, so I blew and blew to about [size] 32."

During a plane trip in South America, while the plane was flying near the Andes Mountains, she began to feel pressure and sensed a problem. It turned out the cabin was not pressurized, and the bra, whose pads could be inflated up to size 48, was expanding.

Once is passed size 48, one of the cups burst, making a noise so loud that the co-pilot came out of the cockpit with a gun wondering what had happened. The plane ended up making an emergency landing, and Betty was handed over to the police who ordered her to strip as they looked for what they assumed was a bomb.

Betty's mother, who passed away in 1967, enjoyed the story so much that she kept the broken bra. While the bra has been lost to time, Jenkins, 94, says that that the attention she received wasn't the kind she was hoping for.

## 75<sup>th</sup> AMR Anniversary Picnic

September 13, 2026  
Delgrosso Amusement Park

A picnic celebration is planned for our 75th anniversary. It will be held at a pavilion in Delgrosso Park. The Region is covering the cost for all members.

We want all members to attend.

More information will be in the next issue of VL but mark your calendars now!

# 1951 PA Road Signs

The history of Pennsylvania road signs spans from the early 1900s "Good Roads" movement to the modern interstate system. Pennsylvania pioneered cast-iron markers, helped standardize national traffic sign shapes in the 1920s, and even influenced the fonts used on modern highway signs.

In 1951, Pennsylvania road signs followed national standards, largely featuring black-on-white regulatory signs (like speed limits) and yellow-on-black warning signs. Key signage included Keystones for Pennsylvania Routes (PA Routes) and shield shapes for U.S. Routes, along with railroad crossing markers. These signs were designed to be simple, using clear text rather than symbols.

### Key 1951 Pennsylvania Road Sign Characteristics:

**Highway Markers:** PA routes were identified by Keystone-shaped signs.

**Regulatory Signs:** Mostly black and white, including "Stop" (sometimes yellow), "Speed Limit," and "No Left Turn".

**Warning Signs:** Primarily yellow, featuring messages like "Gravel," "Narrow Roadway," and "Curve".

**Color/Material:** Many signs were painted metal, often with reflective, or "reflectorized," lettering to improve night visibility, which became more common in the early 1950s.

**Shape Signifies Danger:** The number of edges on a sign indicated the hazard level. Railroad warnings were round, stop signs were octagonal, warning signs were diamond-shaped, and informational/directional signs were rectangular.

**Keystone Route Markers:** State routes utilized an iconic cast-iron or steel outline of a keystone, paying homage to the Keystone State.

**Keystone Town Markers:** Iconic blue-and-yellow cast-iron signs stood at town entrances.

They typically featured the town name, the origin of the name, the founding date, and the distance to the next town.

Signs from that era in Pennsylvania were governed by the early editions of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control*



Oh No flat tire

## ~Welcome New Members~

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# Memorial Day Show

## **Military Museum Grounds, Boalsburg, PA, May 25, 2026**

Gladys Guyer

What a BUMMER! All plans were a go until they were not. Mother Nature had her own plans...RAIN!

Advertising was taken care of. Dash plaques were purchased; registration was ready.

There must have been some missed communication for setting up. On Sunday, Ernie Romanini got everything to set up the show field and waited for help to arrive. When no one came, he was a one man contractor who tackled the tent set up with no members arriving to help

Monday morning at 7 am it was still raining and the field was very wet. Ernie talked to a couple of other club members, who were hesitant to drive that morning. The show field was very wet field and cars driving on it would do some damage so the call was made to cancel.

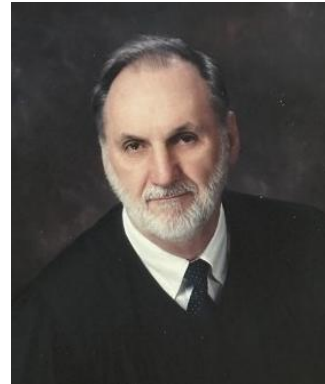
Gladys sent out a mass email while Paula and Jackie posted the cancellation on face book to inform people. Ernie placed a cancelled sign at the field entry for the day. He received a few calls from people thinking of coming but checked first. Ernie and Cathy removed the tents on Monday. He talked to the 2 vendors who were on site. They had no issue staying stating most of their business was from the Boalsburg fair and art show. Porta potties were delivered on Sunday so could not be cancelled.

It takes a lot of work for the show. The tents, tent poles straps, weights, tables etc. must be taken to the show field and we can't forget the garbage cans to set up for the show and then it all everything must be taken down also all garbage must be taken. Quite the chore and not a job for 1 or 2 people. We owe Ernie a BIG THANK YOU for the job and an apology for the lack of help.

We apologize to members for any inconvenience.

## *In Memory of Pete Searer*

*May 21, 1939 - May 7, 2026*



Francis Arthur "Pete" Searer passed away on May 7, 2026. Pete, or "Judge", as many people called him, even decades after he served, was always ready to strike up a conversation, with a twinkle in his eye, as he laughed the day away.

Survived by his wife, Cathy. They would have been married twenty-two years on May 21, 2026. He is also survived by his sons Daniel (Jennifer) of Lewistown, PA, Nathan (Janet) of Juniata Terrace, PA, and Matthew (Kimberly)

of West Linn, OR, and daughter Amy Davis (David) of Lewistown, PA. Also, two brothers John (Jack) and Michael and Six grandchildren.

Pete lived a legendary life as a lawyer, farmer, outdoorsman, golfer, and antique car restorer. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, conversing with his friends at East End Coffee Shop, and serving his community. With his family and friends, he built his cabin in the mountains so that he could enjoy stargazing, watching wildlife, and reading Robert Frost and Herman Melville in his favorite recliner by the window.

Born May 21, 1939, in his parents' home, to the late John and Violet (Young) Searer, of Juniata Terrace. Pete attended Lewistown High School where he donned maroon and steel and was a standout basketball, track, and football player. Pete was known in football for his "tremendous defensive play and fine pass catching ability." He earned National High School All-American honors as well as being named to the Associated Press All Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Team as an end. He went on to graduate with a degree in Math from Lock Haven University while playing football for the Bald Eagles where he set a record for blocked punts. After two years as a math teacher, track, and wrestling coach at Kishacoquillas High School he went on to become a distinguished graduate of Dickinson School of Law.

Pete went on to a long and storied career as a lawyer in Mifflin County serving as the county's first Public Defender, District Attorney, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He then started his own law practice and was eventually joined by his son, Daniel, and daughter-in-law, Nancy.

# *In Memory of Pete Searer p.2*

He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Rotary, Kiwanis, Jaycees, Nash Car Club of America, Antique Car Club of America, Lewistown Country Club, Mifflin County Library Board of Directors, Mifflin County and Pennsylvania Bar Association, and Mifflin County Democrats.

While never officially retiring from the law profession, he slowly weened back his hours to spend time working on his collection of antique cars. He loved driving his 1954 Nash Rambler Country Club all over the country with his wife, Cathy. Together they traveled to California, New York, New England, and Wisconsin for the Annual Grand "Nashional." Breaking down was never a problem, it was just part of the adventure they meandered around the country on two lane roads. He loved spending the winter months in Myrtle Beach playing golf in the sun and sitting on the balcony watching the waves roll in. He was part of a loyal company of golfers that played three times a week at Lewistown Country Club where he served as President of the Board.

A few lines from one of Pete's favorite poems to all who have come to know and love him over the years:

*With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams,*

*It is still a beautiful world.*

*Be careful. Strive to be happy.*

Desiderata: Child of the Universe by Max Ehrmann

Pete was a wonderful man, our Condolences to Cathy and the family!



Free pics

# *In Memory of Bill Forsht*

*November 1, 1952 - May 11, 2026*



William D. "Billy" Forsht, 73 beloved husband, father, brother and friend to all, died unexpectedly early Monday morning May 11, 2026, at his residence.

He was born November 1, 1952, in Altoona a son of the late John R. "Bud", Jr. and Dorothy M. (Graffius) Forsht. He married Jacquelyn A. "Jackie" Wilkinson on June 16, 1996, at Old Bedford Village. Bill was a 1971 graduate of Altoona Area High School.

Surviving are his devoted wife and best friend, Jackie; his three loving children, Heather J. Forsht of Altoona; son Brandon M. Forsht of Columbus, NJ; Katherine Berkheimer of Greensburg; four awesome grandchildren,

Growing up, he was employed by Grandview Cemetery, Forsht Concrete Products, Inc., and Hydraulic Dolly Company, Inc. eventually taking over the ownership and control of each of these businesses upon the retirement and passing of his father and uncle. Along the way, Bill added to these businesses by starting Forsht Cremation Services and Forsht Livery Service as a natural outreach of working with nearly all of the area funeral homes. He was a past president of the Pennsylvania Concrete Burial Vault Association.

Never one to slow down, he served as a Blair County Deputy Coroner from 2000 to 2024, and since 2024 to his death, he was currently serving as a Huntingdon County Deputy Coroner. He carried on the Forsht Family's legacy of community service, touching countless lives in his unique and unassuming ways. Billy was always there to lend a hand.

He purchased and ran Mid-State Microfilm, Inc. and also owned Creature Comforts Pet Supply. He was passionate about animals, and he served as a wild-life rescue technician having saved many animals from certain death. He and Jackie both loved to attend and participate in dog shows, and he served on the board of Brandywine English Setters for over twenty years.

Bill had a life-long passion for cars and vehicles. He was a member of the Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA, a life member of Antique Automobile Club of America, and he was a member of the Horseless Carriage Club of America.

A quick trip to his "Garage-Mahal" would leave visitors with a view of "Huck-the-Truck", his 1928 huckster truck or his 1911 Maxwell. One might

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even see a 1940 vintage hearse, an old ambulance, or a vast array of old vehicles. He was always collecting. Of course, to get there, you have to travel past his beloved RV in which he and Jackie travelled to many dog shows, car shows, and beaches. In his younger days, he was an avid race driver.

Growing up in Grandview, he became a life member of the then Grandview, now Logan Township United Volunteer Fire Company.

Billy was a welcoming soul and a dear friend to many.

*Hugs and Prayers to Jackie and the family.*



## **Cook's Nite 2026**

### **Schedule**



June 17 Belly Busters Altoona, PA Jackie Forsht 814-931-7045  
July 15 Traditions 5:00 and dessert at the Blattenberger's contact Loy and Betty, 814-793-2756 **NOTE TIME 5:00**

August 19 Quaker Steak & Lube, State College, Scott 814-238-4031  
Sept. 16 Kelly's Corner - Jackie Forsht 814-931-7045  
October 20 Spruce Creek Tavern, Spruce Creek. **NOTE DAY CHANGE, Tuesday**

## *In Memory of Harry Whitman*



Harry C. Whitman, 90, of Spring Mills, formerly of Boalsburg, died Saturday, May 30, 2026, at Mount Nittany Medical Center.

Born May 22, 1936, at State College, he was the son of the late George C. Whitman and Elma C. Hendershot Whitman.

Harry was a resident of Boalsburg for 48 years, before moving to Spring Mills in 2024. On October 11, 1958, at Blanchard Church of Christ, he married Gail Lucille Barnhart, who survives. Harry and Gail were together for over 70 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Cindy Whitman Grove and her husband Dennis Lee Grove of Centre Hall, and Barbara A. Judy of Spring Mills; four sisters, Doris France and her husband Roy of Honey Brook, Lois Gibson and her husband Paul of State College, Gail Vonada of Centre Hall, and Marcia Williams of East Earl; three grandchildren, Ashley Mason (Chris), Alanna Steffens (Patrick), and April Judy (Martin St. John); and five great-grandchildren, Taylor, Ryan, Charles, Parker and Harrison ("Harry").

Harry graduated from State College High School in 1955. He served as a sergeant in the United States Army Reserves. Harry retired from Chemcut Corporation after 30 years as a senior machine specialist. He was a member of Pine Hall Lutheran Church.

Harry was a member of the Allegheny Mountain Region Car Club, Mid-State Mopars & More. He loved anything with a motor and wheels. An avid fan of anything related to automobiles. He attended years of shows, cruise-ins and cross-country tours. He restored multiple antique cars to their original showroom glory. Several of his restorations received awards.

There will be a Celebration of Harry's Life at Pine Hall Lutheran Church June 29. Visitation at 10:00, service at 11:00. Social following the service.

The family welcomes Antique Cars to honor Harry.

*"Happy memories become treasures in the heart  
to pull out on the tough days of life."*

***Our thoughts and Prayers are with Gail  
and the family!***

# 1951 Auto Industry—75 years ago

In 1951, the automotive industry experienced a wave of post-war innovations, highlighted by Chrysler introducing the first commercially available power steering and all-electric windows. The year also marked the debut of the iconic, high-compression "Hemi" V8 engine, and a boom in automatic transmissions

Specific breakthrough features that defined the 1951 model year included:

**Hydra guide Power Steering:** Chrysler debuted this revolutionary system on the Imperial, making it effortless to turn massive steering wheels and vastly improving parking.

**All-Electric Windows:** Moving away from hydraulic systems, Chrysler introduced the first all-electric power window system operated by individual motors]

**The "Hemi" Engine:** Chrysler introduced the legendary 180-horsepower Fire Power hemispherical combustion chamber V-8, which changed the landscape of American automotive performance.

**Automatic Transmissions:** While introduced earlier, the availability and popularity of automatic transmissions exploded in 1951. Ford introduced the "Fordomatic" option, and Hudson offered the GM Hydra-Matic.

**The Hardtop Convertible:** Cars with the racy, sleek lines of a convertible but a fixed, permanent steel roof became widely available, with "hardtop" styling spreading to four-door sedans.

**Fold-Down Sleeping Seats:** Championed by brands like Nash, the ability to fold front seats down to form a bed inside the car became a heavily advertised, factory-offered feature for families taking road trips.

**Curved Windshields:** Moving away from the split, flat windshields of the 1940s, the seamless wraparound, one-piece curved windshield gained major traction across production models.



1951 Ford Deluxe

# BIG BOY COMES TO TOWN



The 1.2-million-pound locomotive known as Big Boy No. 4014

Union Pacific's Big Boy was built in 1941 to haul heavy freight through the mountains of the American West. Big Boy 4014 is one of only eight surviving "Big Boy" locomotives and the only one still in operation today. Stretching more than 130 feet long and weighing over one million pounds.

Union Pacific's Big Boy No. 4014—the world's largest operating steam locomotive—is making a historic multi-day stop in Altoona, PA. This marks the first time the iconic 1941 locomotive has ever visited the East Coast, arriving as part of a coast-to-coast tour celebrating America's 250th anniversary. The train hasn't arrived yet—but in places from Lewistown to Huntingdon, to Tyrone, to Altoona, to Cresson and Johnstown -- it's already being talked about.

Union Pacific's release of the Big Boy No. 4014 summer schedule has set the stage for something rare: the world's largest operating steam locomotive heading to the East Coast for the first time, part of a coast-to-coast tour leading into America's 250th anniversary celebration. The dates, times, and stops are now public—and in Pennsylvania, they tell a story that builds from a brief encounter to a full-scale event.

It begins, for many, in Lewistown. On Wednesday, July 8, Big Boy is scheduled to arrive at the Roundhouse Road crossing at 12:45 p.m., departing just 30 minutes later. It's one of more than 50 whistle-stops planned across 10 states short visits designed to give communities a chance to see the locomotive in motion. No tickets, no extended programming. Just the sound of the

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whistle, the rush of steam, and a fleeting moment with a machine that once defined American railroading.

Just down the line, the experience expands. Union Pacific says later that same day, Big Boy will roll into Altoona—one of the most historic railroad towns in the country—arriving at 5:15 p.m. at the Railroaders Memorial Museum. .

Like Lewistown, the initial stop is brief, with a 5:45 p.m. departure. But Altoona's role in the schedule doesn't end there. It becomes the centerpiece

From July 9 through July 10, Big Boy will be on public display in Altoona from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with free admission and shuttle access for visitors. It's one of the major display events on the entire tour—an extended opportunity to see the locomotive up close, not just as it passes through, but as it stands still, towering and detailed, in a city built on railroad legacy.

For a place like Altoona, where rail history isn't abstract but foundational, the visit carries weight. This isn't just a stop—it's a return of steam power to a community that helped define it.

The schedule continues into July 11, when Big Boy departs Altoona at 9:00 a.m. and makes a special, ticketed appearance at the famed Horseshoe Curve at 9:30 a.m.—another nod to the deep railroad heritage of the region. Tickets for the Horseshoe Curve appearance sold out the day after the eastern leg of the tour was announced.

Union Pacific issued guidance for those trying to get a view of Big Boy. The message, stay back from the tracks 25 feet, respect railroad property, and experience it safely.



**CHOO CHOO BIG BOY**

## A BOOK OF POEMS by Charles Howard

Welch, M.E., A.B. – Dec 1908

By Stan Smith



Recently I came across a small book with the above title and was intrigued that it was by a young gentleman from Mount Union, PA. Consisting of over 220 poems that he had written for the eight page weekly The Mount Union Times newspaper that his father edited and owned.

Charles had lived in that town, which is just East on Route 22 of the William E. Swigart, Jr. Museum. His family moved to Mt Union in 1882. He graduated from Juniata College in 1905 with a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of English degree, but rather than to pursue that type of job to match those skills he went to work with his father at the newspaper and town mercantile businesses.

I'm not much of a poet fan but saw two or three of his that struck me as interesting and somewhat warm to my heart. The first of which is "OUR MOUNTAINS" is about the Alleghenies of Keystone State plus one called "WAITIN' FOR TH' LIGHT" which was written as the town of Mt Union was awaiting to have electric lights.

But the favorite and most interesting is the one "THE AUTOMOBILE". It amazes me why he picked it as a subject since the auto business had started just 10 years previously and I'm sure there weren't that many running around in his area. It's possible that his father had one or maybe a truck for his businesses and that prompted Charles into writing a poem about this new addition to mankind.

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1908 Ford Model T

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Rushing down the city street,  
Filling with awe the people you meet,  
In mechanism so complete,  
The Automobile.

Quietly, peacefully see it roll,  
Not one thought of paying toll,  
Striving to reach the final goal,  
The Automobile.

Slipping along on rubber tire,  
With lightning speed a rush of fire,  
Fair in the distance see it start!  
Now it passes us with a dart;  
Soon from our vision to depart.  
The Automobile

Thou, the talk of this civilized land  
Fully obeying thy master's command,  
Made and perfected by human hand.  
The Automobile

Stepping with civilization apace  
Oh, what is worthy to envy thy place  
Run on forward! Yea win out the race  
Thou Automobile



1908 Packard

## 1951 Popular Kitchen Tools

In 1951, kitchen tools were in a transitional golden age. While heavy cast-iron and manual hand-crank gadgets remained staples, post-war manufacturing brought an influx of brightly colored plastics (like Tupperware), gleaming cast aluminum, and stainless-steel tools.

### Manual Hand-Crank & Countertop Gadgets

- **Manual Hand Mixers:** Double gear eggbeaters (like the A&J) with wooden handles were essential for whipping.
- **Food Prep:** Meat grinders and potato ricers with red-painted metal handles were used to process fresh ingredients.
- **Cake Breakers:** Uniquely popular for the time, these pronged tools gently pulled apart delicate angel food cakes without crushing them.
- **Flour Sifters:** Rotary, squeeze-handle sifters were necessary for aerating flour before baking.
- **Potato Ricers:** Hand-pressed cast iron or aluminum ricers were essential for making perfectly smooth mashed potatoes.

### Utensils & Cutlery

- **Flint-Ekco Tools:** High-quality stainless-steel utensils with colorful Bakelite or Catalin (often red, yellow, or black) handles were marketed as "The Most Beautiful Kitchen Tools Ever Made".
- **The Spatula & Flipper:** Flexible, heat-resistant spatulas began replacing heavy wooden spoons for flipping and scraping.

### Emerging Electrics & Innovation

- **Electric Stand Mixers:** Brands like Sunbeam and Hobart (KitchenAid) were highly coveted luxuries, reducing labor in baking.
- **Vacuum Drip Percolators:** Sleek stovetop or electric glass coffee makers were used to brew fresh coffee.
- **Pressure Cookers:** In 1951, newly engineered stovetop pressure cookers were actively hitting the market, promising to cut meat and vegetable cooking times in half.

### Bakeware & Storage

- **Pyrex:** Colorful, patterned mixing bowls and baking dishes revolutionized oven-to-table dining.
- **Tupperware:** Introduced shortly prior, its polyethylene bowls with airtight "burping" seals were quickly gaining popularity for food storage.
- **Food Grinders:** Cast aluminum meat and vegetable grinders clamped directly to the edge of the counter.

# HOME SCHOOLED in many ways.

## How many of these have you heard.

1. **My mother taught me RELIGION.**  
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
2. **My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.**  
"Straighten up or I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
3. **My father taught me LOGIC.**  
" Because I said so, that's why."
4. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT.**  
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
5. **My father taught me IRONY.**  
"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
6. **My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.**  
"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"
7. **My mother taught me about STAMINA.**  
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
8. **My mother taught me about WEATHER.**  
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
9. **My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.**  
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
10. **My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.**  
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."
11. **My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.**  
"Stop acting like your father!"
12. **My mother taught me about ENVY.**  
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
13. **My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.**  
"Just wait until we get home."
14. **My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.**  
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
15. **My mother taught me ESP.**  
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
16. **My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.**  
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
17. **My mother taught me about my ROOTS.**  
"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
18. **My mother taught me WISDOM.**  
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."



## Spring 2026

East, West, North, South ~Where is Next?

By Greg Jackson 2026 VP National Activities

2025 resulted in eight total nationals for the year. One in the Southeastern, two in the Western and Central regions and three in the Eastern division. Two Grand National meets were hosted, one in the Eastern Region and one in the Western Region. Tours for the year included the Vintage Tour (Model Year 1931- earlier), the Eastern Divisional Tour (Model year 2000 & earlier), the Central Divisional Tour (Model year 2000 & earlier).

The calendar has come together for 2026 with 14 events including the convention. We have embraced out of the box thinking with new ways to put on events, including having our National Headquarters sponsor two events, the National Board of Directors sponsoring one, and hosting two Grand National events in both the East and West.

The first Winter Nationals in three years was hosted in 2026, which will also was the first meet held in the state of Georgia in 24 years. The Sentimental tour (Model Year 1928-1958) will make a return to the schedule after a four-year absence.

Financial assistance is available for Regions and Chapters that have not hosted a national event in 10 years, please contact National Headquarters or the VP of national Activities for more information. Always check [aaca.org](http://aaca.org) for the most up to date schedule.



## Juniper Village Car Display

On Sunday, June 7, from 11:00 to 1:00 everyone was invited to display cars at Juniper Village in State College for the pleasure of the Residents. There were 30 vehicles lining up the parking lot.

The residents were brought outside to see everything. The cars and trucks.  
Lots of makes and colors.

It was a bit warm, but everyone enjoyed looking at the cars and trucks.

We were treated to lunch and ice cream.

Everyone thanked us for coming to brighten the resident's day.

## The "Senior Dictionary" for Tech

- **Mouse:** A device you point, click, and accidentally throw across the room when the screen freezes.
- **Hard Drive:** Taking a very, very long road trip with your grandkids.
- **Floppy Disk:** What you get in your lower back after sitting at the desk for too long.
- **USB Port:** A fancy drink you have while looking at boats.
- **Log In:** What you do to the fireplace during winter.

Tired of kids' texting abbreviations? Use these senior-specific definitions instead:

- **ATD:** At the Doctor's
- **BFF:** Best Friend's Funeral
- **BTW:** Bring the Wheelchair
- **BYOT:** Bring Your Own Teeth
- **GGPBL:** Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low

## Let's Go Truckin'



1956 Oldsmobiles



1953 Fords



1948 Buicks