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COOK'S CORNER

Cheesy Ranch Oven Roasted Potatoes

4 big russet potatoes, washed and cubed up
¼ cup olive oil
1 packet ranch seasoning mix
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
¼ cup Parmesan Cheese, grated
2 teaspoons chopped parsley (if you want)
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
In a large bowl, toss the cubed potatoes with olive oil, ranch seasoning mix salt and pepper until uniformly coated.

Spread the prepared potatoes evenly on the lined baking sheet. Roast for 25-30 minutes, flipping once or until golden brown and crispy. Sprinkle shredded cheddar cheese and Parmesan cheese over the top of the baked potato cubes. Return to the oven for another 5 minutes or until melted and bubbly. Garnish as desired.

Loaded Chili Dog Bake

1 T soft butter
1 (12 count) pkg. Hawaiian rolls
6 Hot dogs cut in half crosswise
1 T Yellow mustard
1 15 oz. can chili
1 C. nacho cheese sauce or one of your choice
1 ½ Cups shredded cheddar cheese
Sliced pickled jalapenos 9optional)
¼ Cups finely chopped onion.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread butter along bottom and sides of 9x13 casserole dish. Put rolls in dish and cut a slit into each roll but do not cut all the way through.

Place a hot dog half in the slit of each roll. Drizzle a thin layer of mustard over the top. Top evenly with chili and cheese sauce. Top with 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar, onion, jalapeno slices and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake until hot and bubbly.

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President's Message



It's hard to believe that it is Fall already! What a busy summer. I sure hope your summer was as interesting as ours: Grandkids graduating, Sentimental tour, HCCA tour in Stroudsburg, PA, Buzzy tour, Divisional tour, AACA Grand Nationals, Glidden tour, Hershey, Hershey hangover tour. WOW what a schedule of fun!

Bedford Springs weekend, August 15 was very nice like last year. The Grand Hotel did not disappoint. The usual interesting vendors and cars attended. I am sure it will be again next year (please join us!!). We brought our 1931 Cadillac roadster which was well received and parked next to a nice Packard touring car. Our Cadillac looked presentable and ran well.

The 75th dinner celebration was super nice thanks to Paula's great preparations and a very nice turnout. Thanks to Gladys we recognized two longtime members, Larrie Derman (64 years) and Bob Struble (69 years), with commemorative plaques. Bob road over to the dinner with us and as we returned home, he said, "Wow, 69 years, we have lived in the best of times". I sure agree and hope the future years are just as enjoyable. Bill Lloyd talked about his Fall foliage tour, October 17, to help relive the Huntingdon Broadtop Railroad. Come join us starting at the Giant store in Saxton at 10:00

Don't forget the Fall dinner on October 1 at the Bull pen in Tyrone. We may have a speaker.

National Events –Our HCCA tour in Stroudsburg, PA July 12-17 with our 1912 Rambler AND two of our local PA grandkids is history and all went well. It was terrible fun.

The Buzzy tour July 30-August 1 in West Virginia followed by the AACA divisional tour in Henderson, NC. with our member, Dave Kontor is history. Dave and I put lots of great miles on Ellen's 1964 Cadillac. Thanks dear! Ask her about the new hood ornament.

The AACA Grand National was next at Allentown August 20-22. It was amazing! The rain that was predicted never arrived. In addition to a great car collection, Mr. Bulgari has been developing a high-class restoration shop. The NB center shops were toured on Friday. The engine shop was my favorite. On Saturday our 1931 Cadillac Roadster received its repeat Grand National Senior

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More national events are still coming for us like the Glidden tour, HERSHEY and Hershey Hangover tour.

Shop talk – The 1915 Hudson's serious "knock" - "the rest of the story". The knock was bad enough I had second thoughts about whether you should keep running the engine! It sounded like marbles in the combustion chamber! I used a stethoscope for the first time and, with some difficulty, traced the knock to the distributor assembly located behind the cross shaft (these early engines did not have the distributor directly on the engine block). How could the distributor cause such a loud knock? Well, a previous mechanic had a very bad idea. He "highly modified" the brass coupling in the distributor assembly apparently to adjust the timing!? Timing should be done at the distributor. The "modification" caused the brass coupling to become extremely loose causing the knock. Yes, it was flying wildly out of control. It's a wonder a more failure didn't occur. A new, correctly made, coupling removed the knock. It is still a mystery why some previous mechanics "got so far off track".

Scott Deno

Yes, the region is still alive- come join in the fun.



By Scott Deno

The Mifflinburg tour on August 29 was well attended. Ken Kephart set the pace with his Model A which did great!

It was a great time to finally get our 1960 T-bird out for a run which it really liked. The weather was very cooperative.

The Rusty Rail restaurant was nice, as usual, with lots of lively conversation. The trip to the Buggy museum was a delight for the newcomers and repeat visitors. An ice cream stop on the way home topped off a great day.

If you couldn't join us, come join us next time. For those who came, thanks for the great company!

Board of Directors Meeting

September 20, 2026

President Scott called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: President Scott Deno, Randy and Paula Clemens, Bill & Gladys Guyer, Bill Loy, Ken Claar, Jim Burke, VP Ernie Romanini, Jeff Boring and Lloy Blattenberger. Missing: Amber Boring, and Jackie Forsht.

Business:

AACA Memorials. On a motion by Lloy and seconded by Ken, a memorial donation in the amount of \$100 will be given to AACA in memory of Pat Swigart, Pete Searer, Harry Whitman, Bill Forsht and Jackie Struble.

Fall Foliage tour by Bill and Judy Lloyd was finalized. We will meet at the Giant Store in Saxton on October 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Membership renewal will remain at \$10 for 2027 if paid by December 31, 2026. After January 1, 2027, the fee increases to \$15.00

The 2026 Boalsburg Car Show was reviewed. Our 2026 deposit will be shifted to our 2027 show. President Deno will take care of the vendor **sponsorship** for the show.

Discussed a short tour on October 25 and a visit with Al and Mary Ingham. We will meet for lunch at Marzonies Greenwood at **12:30** and order from the menu and then begin.

Ernie is checking with several locations for the possibility of an additional show in 2027. More information later.

The after Christmas party was discussed. It will be on Sunday January 10, 2027, at Marzonies in Greenwood. Everyone will order from the menu.

AMR welcomes back Daryl and Nelly Wright of Duncansville

The next Board meeting will be January 24, 2027, at 2:00 in Huntingdon at the Swigart Museum Office. Scott is contacting Lonnie.

On a motion from Paula and seconded by Ken the meeting concluded at 4:15 p.m.

Secretary Paula Clemens.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Randy and Paula for hosting the meeting and...the delicious picnic lunch.

Calendar of Events 2026

Oct. 17 Fall Foliage tour – Bill and Judy Lloyd info elsewhere in VL
Oct. 20 Cook's Nite Spruce Creek Tavern TUESDAY Oct. 20
Oct. 25 Afternoon tour to Al and Mary Inghams
Nov. 1 AMR Fall Dinner held at the Bullpen Restaurant in Tyrone

Calendar of Events 2027

January 10 After Christmas Party, Marzonies- Greenwood

January 24 Board Meeting, Swigart Office, Huntingdon, 2:00

Additional events and updates will be included in future issues of Vapor Locks!

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



October 25, 2026

Sunday afternoon short day out

The club is planning a short tour and a stop at Mary and Al Ingham's on October 25, 2026 (weather permitting). We hope to brighten their day and enjoy the visit.

We will meet at Marzonies in Greenwood for lunch at 12:30 and then head out on our drive. Hope you can join the group!

THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hi Everyone,

Here we are in October. Did I sleep through summer? I must have because it sure has gone by quickly.

Lucky for us there are still activities in the Region for everyone to enjoy. Why not join in? YOU will not be disappointed and will have a good time. Check out the schedule of events and mark your calendar.

Everyone is always welcome! Members of the Board try to plan a variety of things that are of interest to members and in different locations to cover the area Allegheny Mountain Region covers.

I am having the same problem finding interesting material for VL. I am thinking it just may be time for a new editor with new ideas and a better memory to step in. If any of you would like to give it a try, please contact President Deno.

Hope to see you soon.
Gladys



2026 Board of Directors at the 75th Celebration

Back Row: Bill Loy, Jim Burke, Randy Clemens, Bill Guyer, Gladys Guyer, Ken Claar. Front Row: Lloy Blattenberger, Paula Clemens, Scott Deno and Jeff Boring.



Fall Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026

**Event coordinator
Ernie Romanini**

Attention Members!! The Regions Fall dinner will be held on Nov. 1 at the Bull Pen Restaurant in Tyrone. 207 Jefferson Ave. Tyrone, PA 16686 **2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** VP Ernie Romanini is handling the arrangements.

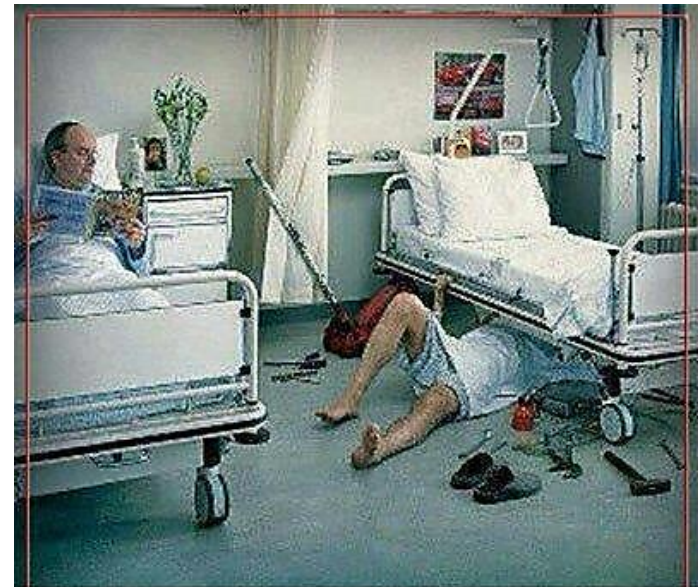
The Dinner will be at 2:00. Each person will choose their meal from the Bull Pen's Menu.

For additional info and to reserve your seat by contact Ernie Romanini At 814-231-2678 by October 25, 2026

Mark your calendars November 1, 2026

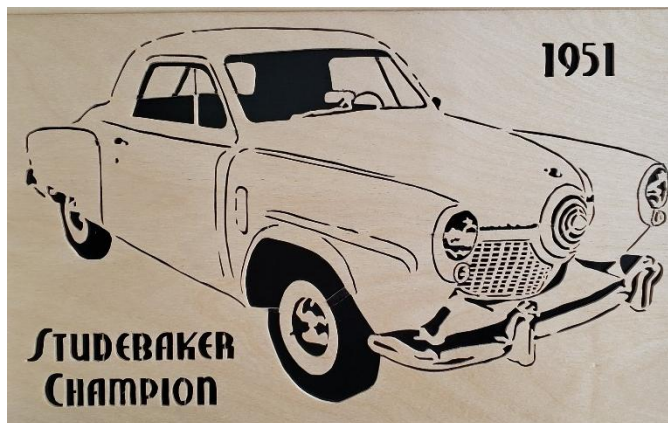
Hope everyone can attend! PLEASE RESPOND TO ERNIE By October 25, 2026, at 814-231-2678 to reserve your seat.

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What Car was Popular 100 years ago in 1951

The 1951 Studebaker is famous for its iconic "bullet-nose" or "airplane-styled" front end and the introduction of a powerful new V-8 engine.

The Bullet Nose: Designed by Raymond Loewy and Robert E. Bourke, the front end featured a jet-age center spinner that gave the car a futuristic look.

1951 Updates: Compared to the 1950 model, the 1951 version brought a larger, flush "egg-crate" textured grille and a painted ring around the bullet nose instead of chrome.

Starlight Coupe: This signature model featured a wraparound "greenhouse" rear window that curved around the sides of the cabin.

Champion (Inline-Six): The low-priced Champion continued using an 85-horsepower, 169.6-cubic-inch L-head inline-six engine. It was renowned for great fuel economy, averaging over 28 mpg in the Mobilgas Economy Run.

Commander (New V-8): The big news for 1951 was a new V-8 engine for the Commander line, which boosted power and significantly increased its share of total sales.

The radical bullet-nose design was replaced by a more conventional grille for the 1952 model year, but the 1950–1951 cars remain celebrated mid-century automotive icons.

The Studebaker Champion was Studebaker's most popular and highest-selling model of all time.



Cook's Nite 2026 Schedule

October 20 Spruce Creek Tavern, Spruce Creek. **NOTE DAY CHANGE, Tuesday.** Contact Paula 814-215-5946 if you can attend.

~Annual Meeting~

The Region will hold our Annual Meeting Sunday Nov. 1, 2026, following the Fall dinner. This is a time to review 2026's activities, ask questions, express opinions, make comments and voice ideas for the 2027 calendar of events. Your voice would be very appreciated.

Also, at the Annual meeting volunteers are needed to become a part of the Board of Directors for the 2027-2028-2029 term.

As President Deno stated in his message, if you are a member of the Allegheny Mountain Region and have an interest in old vehicles you could take part in the guidance of our region and become a Board Member.

Think about helping with the leadership of our club.

Contact President Deno if you would like to become a Board Member!! 814-238-4031 or email nsdeds@hotmail.com

AMR Fall Foliage Tour

October 17, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Organizers, Bill and Judy Lloyd

Bill and Judy's knowledge of the area will take us back to the era of the Huntingdon Broadtop Railroad.

A Little History

The Huntingdon and Broad Top Mountain Railroad and Coal Company was chartered on May 6, 1852, and organized on January 10, 1853. The purpose of the line was to provide a rail link from Huntingdon to Bedford, and to provide a competitive alternate route to local coal producers to break the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's monopoly on coal that was being shipped from the Cumberland, Maryland, area. The existence of high-quality semi-bituminous coal in the Broad Top Mountain region was known since colonial times. Before the railroad, wagon or pole barge was the only practical method of bringing the coal from the remote region to market.

The 31-mile portion of the main line from Huntingdon to Hopewell, via Saxton and Riddlesburg, was completed in 1855. On February 3, 1859, the **Bedford Railroad Company** was chartered to provide a railroad connection for Bedford and was incorporated February 19, 1859.

We will gather at the Giant store parking lot in Saxton at 10:00 and will begin the tour at 10:30. Join us for a nice fall drive.

If you can join the tour, call Bill and Judy at 814-327-8191.



The Buick

In Memory of Jackie Struble



Jacqueline "Jackie" Bloom Struble
May 1, 1936 - August 24, 2026

She graduated from State College High School, Class of 1954. Jacqueline excelled in high school as both an honor student and member of the State High Band. She held BA, Masters and PhD (all but dissertation) from Penn State University; and Masters and PhD (all but dissertation) from Harvard University.

Jackie taught history and English in public schools in New Jersey, Ohio and Massachusetts for forty years and chaired both social studies and English departments. After retirement, she worked with young teachers through the Nelson Center of Regis College in Waltham, MA.

On January 8, 2005, married Robert M. "Bob" Struble, also the Class of 1954. They attended the State College Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband, Robert of State College, her sister, Rosalie Bloom-Brooks of State College; stepson R. Christopher Struble and his wife Amy of Graham, NC; three step-granddaughters and a step-great granddaughter of Graham and Greensboro, NC.

She was a member of State College Kiwanis Club.

Jackie and her husband shared a love of history and antique cars. She found joy in her family, her students and colleagues. Reading, gardening and her pets which were paramount to her. She would like to be remembered for granddaughter Erika's observation that "You love all living things."

There will be no services at this time



INTERESTING HISTORY

by George John Drobnock

The Allegheny Mountain Region had its official beginnings in 1951. The Regional Director was William E. Swigart. Mr. Swigart is also responsible for the Swigart Museum, an important educational facility to exhibit the history of the American automobile. But there is a side of Mr. Swigart and the Museum that is usually missing from the National Headquarters of the AACA publications.

William E. Swigart Jr. was very active in the early years of the AACA, at one point being president of the group.

Reviewing the history of the AACA, the information presented states that the organization began in 1935 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was located there until 1959, when it moved to the basement of the Hershey Museum.

In a 1995 interview by a local newspaper by William H. Smith, then director of the AACA, he stated that up until 1959 the organization had no official permanent home, with all business correspondence sent to an office in Philadelphia. He stated in the interview that the ACCA officially moved to Hershey Museum in 1959, remaining there until 1971, when the permanent home was on Governor Road.

This leads up to the question, why does the AACA history not mention that for a short period of time the AACA National Headquarters were not in Philadelphia or Hershey? But for a two-year period, the National Headquarters were temporarily located at the Swigart Automobile Museum in Huntingdon, PA

The AACA Board of Directors agreed at the Annual Meeting in 1957 to have the Swigart Automobile Museum be the temporary headquarters from 1957 to 1959.

Of note in 1957 William Swigart constructed, in its current location, a new building to house his family's automobile collection started in the 1920s.

The AACA magazine for February 1958, indicated that the Board of Directors consented to have Swigart's be the temporary National Headquarters, with the Swigart staff assisting the AACA.

The December 1959, Antique Automobile magazine indicated memberships be sent to Swigart's (Museum). Also, the period publications carried advertisement for AACA memorabilia and magazine back issues available from the Swigart Automobile Museum.



Celebrating 75 Years!!!!

February 2, 1951, was the beginning of the Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA. That was 75 years ago, hard to believe! We certainly had to honor the event with a celebration.

The Anniversary was celebrated on September 13, 2026, at Marzonies. Paula and Randy Clemens made the arrangements for the day.

President Deno welcomed everyone to the dinner and Lloy Blattenberger gave the invocation.

The occasion was very well attended and the food was excellent. Randy and Paula had a special anniversary cake made. DELICIOUS!!



After eating President Deno ask Bob Struble and Larrie Derman to step forward. It was extra special for these 2 members, and both received a special membership award.

Bob joined Allegheny Mountain Region 69 years ago and Larrie joined the Region 64 years ago. That is many years of dedication. Each played a vital role in the Region serving as President, Treasurer, Secretary and so much more. Thank you for your loyalty!

President Deno presented Bob and Larrie with a membership award and thanked each of them for the many years of service to the Region. Congratulations!! Photos taken by Randy Clemens.

Congratulations Bob!



Congratulations Larrie!

TABLE TALK!!



GREAT GROUP!!

Allegheny Mountain Region Board of Directors Meeting January 24, 2027

2:00

Swigart Museum Office, Huntingdon

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!

Time to renew your membership for 2027.

The new year is approaching fast. RENEW NOW!

Your renewal form is in this issue of VL. Your membership renewal will be \$10.00 if received by December 31. After December 31 the cost will be \$15.00. If you have already renewed, you may ignore this message.

Please include all information that is requested. This helps keep all mailing addresses, e-mails, and phone numbers current.

The club is required to meet the AACA National deadline with current information on membership.

Your renewal form is in this issue of VL .

Thank you!

July Cook's Nite

Photos by Betty Blattenberger

A large group of members attended our July Cook's Nite held at Traditions in Martinsburg.

The service was great, the food was wonderful and the Blattenberger's invited everyone to their patio for dessert. WOW! It was a buffet of delicious desserts. There were so many treats it was a hard decision to make.

It was a wonderful evening. Thank you so much Betty and Lloy!



Looking happy!



Paula is serving the gob cake!



GREAT GROUP!

After Christmas Party

January 10, 2027

at Marzonies, Greenwood

Organizers Paula and Randy Clemens

Everyone is invited to the Region's after Christmas Party.

After family get-togethers, festive parties, gift exchanges, and more treats than you can eat, January tends to slow down. While the start of the new year is a time to focus on goals and resolutions, we always find ourselves missing the togetherness of December. Let's keep the party going (literally) by throwing another bash just because we want to. It is sure to help make the doom and gloom of Winter a bit more bearable. There will be No POST HOLIDAY BLUES at this party. It is party for friends in AMR.

Members and guests will select from the Marzonies menu.

Please contact Paula to reserve your seat by January 1, 2027 at 814-215-5949.



The 80th Anniversary Glidden Tour September 21–26, 2026 based in Dover, Delaware.

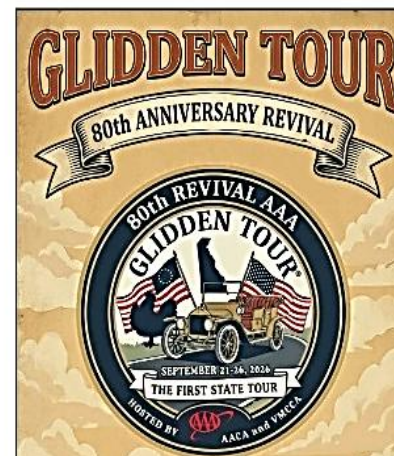
Allegheny Mountain Region was represented with a group of members making the trip for the tour. Scott and Ellen Deno, Dave Kontor, Shelah Turner and Don Barlup.

The tour participants traveled over 500 miles through coastal and historic communities like Lewes, New Castle, and Cape May, New Jersey (via ferry).

More than 115 beautifully preserved pre-1943 automobiles and enthusiasts from across the country enjoyed the tour.

The week was filled with wonderful sights, sounds and friends.

The final day featured celebratory laps around the historic Dover Motor Speedway Monster Mile.



**The 81st Revival Tour will be in Branson, Missouri
2027**

Annual Membership Renewal

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