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# Meet your 2018 President

Gladys Guyer

I would like to introduce you to Allegheny Mountain Region's 2018 president. Our new president is... Bill Forsht and our first lady is Jackie.

Bill and his lovely wife Jackie's home is in Altoona, PA. Bill has lived on this same property since he was born. On this property Bill has a huge garage (his man cave) with many car collectables.

Like all young men, Bill had an interest in cars and couldn't wait to get his driver's license. He took his driver's test in his brother's 1965 Falcon. The first car Bill owned was a blue 1967 Mercury Cyclone.

Bill liked FAST cars and had a lot of fun racing at Watkins Glen Poconos in Summit point. In his racing days he drove a white 1965 Mustang.

Jackie caught Bill's attention at the kennel club they show dogs so needless to say she became his true love and wife. Antique cars also captured Bill's attention which was very apparent when he arrived in style at Old Bedford Village in a 1933 Rolls Royce to get married.

That did it there was no turning back; Bill definitely caught the antique car bug. His first antique car was a 1940 Cadillac LaSalle Hearse. Bill located the LaSalle at a trade school in Green Bay, Wisconsin and brought it home. A gorgeous restoration was done by the man himself. Jackie and Bill still own the hearse. Hmm... I wonder if Jackie does her grocery shopping in it. It would hold a lot of food!

Bill has many other parked antique cars but you may see the Forshts cruising around Altoona in their 1928 Model A Harvester truck, the 1940 Cadillac LaSalle Hearse, a 1950 2MGTD or a 1990 Jeep Wrangler. Jackie just never knows what car may show up at Bill's garage.

Bill tells me at one time he and Jackie owned seven different businesses. Forsht on Crete Products, Grandview Cemetery, Hydraulic Dolly Creature, Comfort Pet Supplies, Midstate Microfilm, and Forsht Livery Service but other than businesses and antique cars they have had a **dog boring life**.

## The President's Message



Hello to All from the Sunshine State,

My first presidential message is coming to you from Tampa FL. We are still in route to the Keys. Hope to arrive in about 3 days.

Jackie, Mariah (the dog) and I left Altoona on the 20 of January. As is normal for us there were a few "glitches" in our schedule.

Since we wanted to leave on the 20<sup>th</sup> I went out on the 18<sup>th</sup> and blew the snow off the trailer. Brought it down by the garage and hooked it up to the RV. Then I went and got the Jeep and drove it down to the garage and hooked it up to make sure the battery was charged up. A couple hours later I go up to load the Jeep on the trailer and it won't start! What the heck? I drove it down here.... Ha! Gas is low. Go get 5 gallons of gas and put it in...won't start. Dry gas! Won't start. NOTHING!

Now, being the Safety First kind of guy I am, I dump gas in the carburetor. It runs, but not for long. Did everyone just shout "fuel pump"? Thankfully there are some gas stations with real mechanics still and one is near me. Off to Mallows it went and the next day it was home and running. Got it loaded along with all the clothes, groceries, wife and dog and off we went.

Made our first fuel stop someplace in Virginia. Got back in RV after fueling and...won't start! REALLY? I ended up under the RV while it is parked at the gas pump tapping on the starter while Jackie starts it. OK, maybe just a stuck solenoid.

On the road again. We drive down to North Carolina and decide it is time to start looking for a place to stop for the night. Jackie goes online and finds a little campground about 3 miles off the road. BUT! On the way there I see a large hand painted sign saying CAMPGROUND. Looks great! I stop at the gas station/office and paid my \$30 cash. "You don't need a receipt do you??? Just pick out a spot!" We drive into the campground. I pick a spot and after trying 3 different electrical boxes I finally try the sketchy one next door and it works! Jackie is already not impressed. She takes the dog for a walk and returns quickly. "There are 2 empty dog boxes behind the after hour's office. I think either these people ate the dogs or there are coyotes here!" The guy in the camper next door kept putting food in the woods. I didn't want to know.

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I slid under the motorhome with the trusty WD40 and hosed the heck out of the starter solenoid. That should fix it!

Next morning after Jackie took the dog for a very short walk we loaded up to head out of the Coyote Campground. I turned the key and...NOTHING! I am getting the hairy eyeball from the wife, and the dog.

So, I am again lying on the ground, under the RV, wondering just how upset is the woman in the driver's seat? Once again I tap it and it starts. And off we go!

We make it to Old Town Florida to visit great friends. Park for a couple of days then off to the local NAPA store to order a new solenoid. Wrong! Have to order starter and solenoid. It arrives next day, WRONG starter. Reorder, get correct part. Install it in the driveway at friend's house. All is well. Great visit with friends and dogs!

Now we will wend our way south but I want you all to know that even though I am out of the state the club is still on my mind. I am truly hoping that we can go forward in 2018 with the intention of making our club a place to come together with friends and share our love of beautiful cars and good times.

The Board has scheduled a great number of fun events and tours. I promise that Jackie and I will do our best to be involved in as many as we can. Please try and do the same! Pick out at least one new event you want to be involved in this year. Join a tour, help with a show, send Gladys a great article for the Vapor Locks or welcome our new members and encourage them to get involved too.

I hope to get to a cruise in here in Florida. The Southern Most Car Club usually has 2 while we are here. Our 1990 Jeep won't win any prizes but it will fit in just fine.

See you all in the spring!

Bill "Safety First" Forsht



Good office desk for Bill!

## ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN REGION, AACA Board Meeting RiverBilly's Restaurant January 13, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Allegheny Mountain Region held their meeting on January 13, 2018 at RiverBilly's Restaurant, Huntingdon, PA.

All board members were in attendance except Nina Hammer who was present on a conference call.

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 P.M. by President Forsht.

The Minutes had been printed in the last issue of the Vapor Locks. Upon motion of Gladys Guyer, seconded by Cathy Searer, the minutes were approved as printed. Motion carried/

Past Treasurer Pete Searer presented the Financial Report of October to December 2017. He then presented the Founders Tour reports. Upon motion of Randy Clemens, seconded by Earl Eby, these reports were accepted.

Pete presented the 2017 Annual Report. This was accepted upon motion of Mike Walter, seconded by Scott Deno. All Financial reports will be filed for Audit.

### OLD BUSINESS.

#### Banners

Gladys showed the new Region banners which had been approved for purchase at the last meeting.

#### Feather Flags

With the purchase of the new banners, it was decided not to pursue the purchase of Feather Flags upon motion of Mike Walter, seconded by Randy Clemens.

#### Membership

There was a discussion of new members and the manner in which to secure them. A Membership Chairman would be helpful. Scott Deno volunteered to take this position. Upon motion of Pete Searer, seconded by Mike Walter, Scott will undertake this position.

#### Events Coordinator

An Events Coordinator who will contact the membership and inform/remind them of various Region events would be helpful. Cathy Searer volunteered to handle this position. Upon motion of Gladys Guyer, seconded by Scott Deno, Cathy will handle this position.



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### Cabinet

The cabinet that the Region purchased placed in the Allegheny Room of the restaurant for memorabilia was moved to another wall. There are some hinge brackets missing and a lock should be placed on it. Mike Walter volunteered to replace the missing hinge bracket and install a lock. This will complete the cabinet and so we can place our items in it.

### Motion re Relative Seconding

The motion made at the last meeting by Scott Deno regarding a relative not being able to second a motion was rescinded upon motion of Gladys, seconded by Pete after much discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Membership Renewal

Over half of our members has renewed for the 2018 year. A report must be sent to National by March 1 of our membership.

#### Nominating Committee

A motion sent by e-mail from Nina Hammer reads as follows: In order to preserve equality of autonomy to spread empowerment more widely, and to give members of the Allegheny Mountain Region AACRA more choice and control, I move that prior to each board election cycle the current board of directors shall select the "nominating committee" necessary for the nomination of new board members, and further that no member of said "nominating committee" may hold the position for two consecutive election terms. After discussion, this will be included when the new By-Laws are updated.

#### Donations

Upon motion of Pete Searer, seconded by Scott Deno, \$1500.00 will again be given to the Scholarship Fund at Pennsylvania College of Technology. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion of Mike Walter, seconded by Scott Deno, \$1000.00 will be given to the AACRA Library. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion of Pete Searer, seconded by Earl Eby, \$500.00 will be given to the AACRA Museum. Motion carried upon a vote of 8 to 4.

After a discussion regarding a donation to the new building of AACRA, upon motion of Mike Walter, seconded by Gladys Guyer, it was decided to table participation until more information is forthcoming.

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### Auditor

As Emery Turner has audited our books for the past several years, he will be contacted to ask if he will continue doing it for us again this year.

### Events Schedule

The schedule for Cook's Nite Out and Region events was discussed. These appear in another area of the Vapor Locks.

### Consolidate Bank Accounts

As our Regular Bank Account and one Founders Tour account are both at Kish Bank it was decided to consolidate them into one account. Gladys will check into the possibility of an interesting bearing account. The other Founders Tour account is at Reliance Bank. That will remain there.

### Miscellaneous items

An issue regarding several members was raised. The board heard the issue and voted to dismiss it.

Mike Walter made a motion that until such time as we have the proper technology for participation; it is too difficult to accommodate non-present members. The motion was seconded by Randy Clemens.

Motion carried 9 - 1.

The next board meeting will be March 17.

The By-Laws meeting will be April 14.

### Adjournment

Upon motion of Gladys Guyer, seconded by Randy Clemens the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 P.M...

Respectfully submitted

Patricia B. Swigart, Secretary



# 2018 Calendar of Events

## **Tentative Dates**

February 8-10	AACA Annual Meeting
March 17	Board meeting, RiverBilly's Restaurant, Mill Stone Manor
March 21	Cook's Nite
April 14	Board meeting - By Laws
April 18	Cook's Nite
May 16	Cook's Nite
May 18-20	Three day tour to
May 27	set of for the Memorial Day Show at 6:00.
May 28	Memorial Day Show, Boalsburg, PA
May 31-June 2	National Meet, Greensburg, PA
June 3	Tour to Ronnie Morris Cruise in at 5 Forks
June 20	Cook's Nite in Huntingdon
June 24	Bill and Jackie Forsht's picnic
July 18	Cook's Nite at Traditions in Martinsburg
August 10-12	Swigart Meet, Huntingdon
August 15	Cook's Nite in Bedford area
September 7-9	Three day to Potomas Eagle Scenic RR
September 16-21	Glidden Tour, Idaho Falls, Idaho
September 19	Cook's Nite Burnham area
September 30	Delgrosso Car Show
October 6	Fall Dinner
October 13	Bedford Fall Foliage parade
October 17	Cook's Nite in Huntingdon
October 20	Fall Tour and Grape escape tour

**Additional activities will be added to the calendar at the next board meeting including one day tours or as information becomes available**

## Happy Valentine's Day!



## THE EDITOR'S DESK



Bill and I had a nice holiday with our family and hope you did to. We are already looking forward to summer and participating in events with the car club.

I will be your editor for Vapor Locks for 2018 and the year is off and running. I am sorry for getting some of the pages in the November - December issue of Vapor Locks in the wrong order. I could say that I was testing you but I was not. It was my mistake. Hopefully I will do better in this issue.

The Board of Directors has already held the first meeting of the year and a tentative calendar has been planned. The Board is doing the time consuming part and **YOU** have the easy part. Mark your calendar and save the dates before your summer is full. Get your old car out and participate in the variety of events the Region has planned.

If you were not able to attend the after Christmas Party, you missed an opportunity to be with members, have a delicious meal and suffer through my gag gifts. Thanks everyone for being a good sport!

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who contributed in any way to the 2017 issues of Vapor Locks. It is great members that make this club special.

I am happy to report that Vapor Locks received a "Master Editor Award" from AACA for 2017.

See you on the road!

Your editor,  
Gladys

**Good friends are like four leaf clovers,  
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# COOK'S NITE OUT RETURNS

No cooking tonight!

*Gladys Guyer*



As you know, Cook's Nite Out is one of the region's most popular activities. We will kick off the 2018 Cook's Nite on March 21. Our schedule is below. Come on out and give the cook in your house the nite off! Restaurant names will be printed as available.

## WE GATHER AT 6:00 and ORDER AT 6:30

**March 21** - Marzoni's in Duncansville, 165 Patch Way Rd, Duncansville, PA 16635 (near Meadows). Info call Paula Clemens 814-943-8626

**April 18** State College Area

**May 16** Lewistown Area

**June 20** Huntingdon Area

**July 18** Martinsburg Area

**August 15** Bedford Area

**September 19** Lewistown Area

**October 17** Huntingdon Area



# Yester Years News

Bob Struble and Gladys Guyer

I have in my hands a very very special copy of a news magazine given to me from Bob Struble. It is a small magazine consisting of 2 double sided sheets of paper folded in the middle.

The special copy is the very first AACA Volume 1; Number 1 AACA magazine first published in 1937 and was called "The Bulletin of the Antique Automobile" with the first elected editor being Theodore Fiala.

The following is one of the articles in the magazine titled the **History of the AACA**. As printed in the magazine, Mr. Fiala writes:

After the Antique Automobile Derby of January 14, 1935, the President and Secretary thought it would be a good idea to start a club fostered by the good fellowship of the owners and drivers of antique cars, and the valuable knowledge and information which could be gained. In view of the fact that the club will be the only one of its kind in this country, it would add to the public interest and so gain wide spread publicity.

As a result of correspondence with antique car owners a specific date, namely November 4, 1935 was set for the first meeting in the auditorium of the American Automobile Association of Philadelphia. Thirty enthusiastic persons were present, some of them coming 150 miles for the meeting. Officers were nominated and elected. An interesting discussion followed which was recorded in the minutes. This was the first page of the history of the Antique Automobile Club.

Since that memorable day, the club has faced many difficulties that were unforeseen and has had bitter disappointments in many of its undertakings. Lack of funds prevented advertisement of the Club to the public and to automobile companies.

Last fall the automobile industry prospered. This new prosperity caused automobile shows in the large cities of the east to look to novel ways to entertain their throngs of visitors. The Washington D.C. auto show officials promoted a Horseless Carriage Cavalcade and asked the co-operation of the Antique Automobile Club of America. The Trenton

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auto show also looked to the Club for assistance in staging their parade of antique cars.

Events have at last brought the antique cars before the public. During the past few months the Antique Automobile Club has become known to the automotive industry and its associations and we are attaining and serving the purpose for which we were organized.

On Saturday March 6, 1937, a reporter from the Evening Bulletin interviewed the Secretary and myself and wrote a feature story of our organization. This story appeared in the Bulletin on March 11. This is just a start and with the influx of new members and with the anticipation of many more, the Antique Automobile Club of America will have its proper place in the automobile limelight.

In conclusion, I want to point out that the club is in no way affiliated with any automobile club or trade association. It is governed by its own members and its non-paid officers who cheerfully devote their spare time to further the progress of this good cause.

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Additional interesting information from the AACA Website

## The Duryea Logo

What about that AACA Logo that today, younger members sometimes see as a "buggy? Of course the first automobiles were derived from the buggy, and those early vehicles made a significant impact on our club. That was particularly the case with the Duryea – widely recognized as one of the first production automobiles built in this country. Indeed, the Duryea family played a large role in the development of our club, serving in many capacities. Thus, the Duryea automobile was chosen as our emblem with the first published drawing of the club emblem, as we know it today, designed in 1939 by Mr. Herbert van Haagen of Upper Darby, Pa.

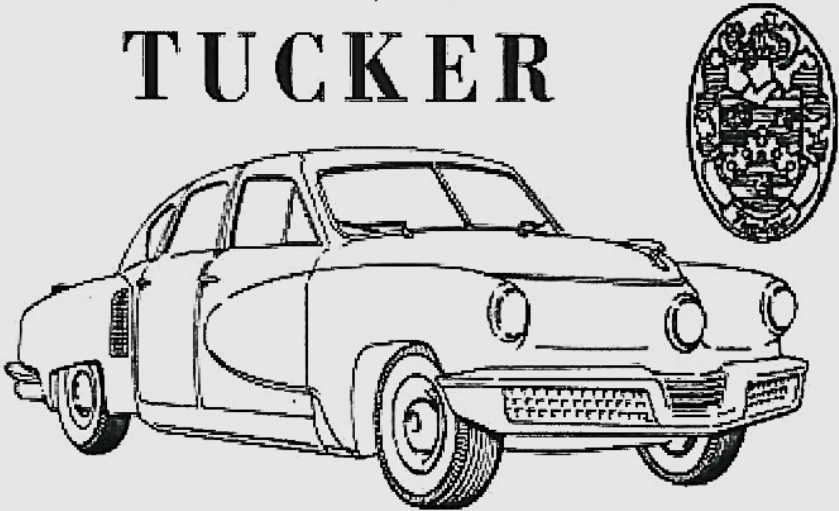


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lengthly piece by renowned writer Karl Ludvigsen and there's to be sold on the auction block the TUCKER that Preston owned for 7 years. Also in August the Pebble Beach Concours Show is to have TUCKER as a feature marque. One need not go to California to see one, just visit either of our two great museums here in Central Penna. The Swigart Museum or the AACA Museum in Hershey.

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## LOCAL LORE

By Stan Smith

70 years ago, in 1948, a dealership was to open in Altoona for a new revolutionary car – one with an engine in the rear and have disc brakes inside the four cast aluminum rims that wore large 13" balloon tires. Those wheels were attached to an independent suspension that used rubber for the springs.

A number of safety features never offered before were the lack of a dashboard in front of the front seat passengers. Instead a compartment was provided for one to dive into in case of a crash plus the windshields would pop out upon impact. Also a third head light that turned with the front wheels would allow one to see around turns at night.

By now you probably have guessed we are discussing the TUCKER automobile which was to be made in Chicago in one of the world's largest factories – the one used by Dodge to build aircraft engines for WW2.

Mr. John F. Realino, who had signed up to sell the TUCKER car here in central Penna must have visited that plant during one of the package deals given by Preston Tucker. During which they could hear a metal stamping machine and possibly see the prototype car. Some came home with an accessory item such as the Tucker radio or a large ash tray that had a scale model of the new car on it to help keep their interest up while waiting for the production cars to start coming to their dealerships.

Unfortunately after 50 plus cars were made the TUCKER CORPORATION went under and most dealers never got one to sell. There may have been a TUCKER car shown in Altoona but it was most likely there as part of a promotional stunt to drum up orders and sell stock.

Fortunately for us folks we have two TUCKERS in the Swigart Museum Collection and one of them is the prototype. To my mind it is the most valuable since it has a good number of Preston Tucker's ideas that didn't make it to the production cars. It was called "The Tin Goose" by Alex Tremulis who had grown affection for it due to the many hours he spent designing and building it according to Preston's demands. The other TUCKER on display is #13 which has been on the road at many shows plus in 1988 was in the movie "Tucker: The Man and His Dreams".

Since 2018 is the 70<sup>th</sup> year since the introduction of the TUCKER car there is quite a bit of hoopla being generated about it. A good number of magazines have already started to do cover stories – one I get from England will have a



## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Wayne Tuck  
Vice-President

What constitutes being a good neighbor? A friendly hello to the folks who live next door? Picking up the next door neighbor's mail while they are gone for a few days? Invite them over for a barbeque? We each have our own idea of what being a good neighbor requires

We are all part of the old car hobby neighborhood and I have been impressed with the show of neighborly support that I have observed lately. Being located in an area where many regions are within driving distance of each other we have been showing up and inviting each other to attend the same events. A good ex-ample is the Ontelaunee Region "Das Awkscht Fest" which is held every summer in Macungie PA. It is attended by members of many neighboring AACA Regions. In fact, the New Jersey Region lists it on their calendar of events. The New Jersey Region's Spring Meet this year was honored to have some South Jersey Region members attend the event and register their cars. We recently had a local pig roast where three different regions conducted a day tour to attend the event. AACA members dominated the event. Together we were the largest group there. It was not a big effort to set up a membership table and advertise the benefits of region membership. When others see the friendship and fun AACA region members have they want to be-come members.

At the national level I have attended some of the best meets ever that were put on with the efforts of several neighboring regions. So get out there! Take a look at what your neighboring regions are doing and support them.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!



# Spring Dinner

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE!



After a long cold winter, spring is right around the corner. It will be great to gather at Allegheny Mountain Region's first dinner of the year.

Pat Swigart and Gladys Guyer have begun planning for Allegheny Mountain Region's Spring dinner. It will be held on April 28 at the Smithfield Fire hall near Huntingdon. Socializing will begin at 2:00 with a

delicious turkey meal at 3:00.

The cost will be \$12.00 for all adults and \$6.00 for kids.

Complete information and your reservation form will be in the **next** issue of Vapor Locks but....save the date!

## BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting has been schedule for March 17, 2018 at the Mill Stone Manor RiverBilly's Restaurant in Huntingdon. Plan to have lunch at 12:00 followed by the meeting at 1:00. Please respond to Pat if you will be joining the lunch group at 814-251-2299 or pbts114@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome!!



# CAN YOU NAME THIS CAR?

Submitted by Fred Hammer

The Naples-Marco AACA was invited to participate in the TCVCC (Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club annual show. Lots of high-end vehicles were displayed including this one. The owner of this car paid \$65,000 for it and had it shipped to Florida. Do you know what it is?



The Bricklin SV-1 was conceived in 1973, when the U.S. auto industry was in a slump due to fuel shortages, emissions regulations, and increased safety requirements. The **Bricklin SV-1** is a gull-wing door sports car that was assembled in New Brunswick, Canada. The first Bricklins were built in 1974, for the American market and the factory shut down in late 1975, with a few 1976 models built from leftover parts. Fewer than 3,000 cars were built. The car was a creation of Malcolm Bricklin, an American millionaire who had previously founded Subaru of America. Bricklin believed there was a seam in the market for a "safe" and individual sports car, so he persuaded the Canadian government to invest money for construction of such a car. Cost overruns and quality control problems led to eventual bankruptcy.

The model name SV-1 was an acronym for "safety vehicle one" The original idea for the Bricklin SV-1 was a safe and economical sports car, but due to the added weight of the safety features, the car was inefficient. The Bricklin was designed for safety with an integrated roll cage, and big bumpers. The body was fiberglass with bonded acrylic in five "safety" colors: white, red, green, orange and suntan. The cars had no cigarette lighters or ashtrays "to discourage smoking".

# NAME THIS CAR<sub>page2</sub>

A non-smoker, Malcolm Bricklin believed it was unsafe to smoke and drive. The Bricklin is the only production vehicle in automotive history to have factory powered gull-wing doors that opened and closed at the touch of a button as standard equipment.

Information from Wikipedia

## Cars produced 50 years ago - in 1968

Chevrolet	2,139,290
Ford	1,752,334
Pontiac	910,977
Plymouth	790,239
Buick	651,823
Oldsmobile	562,459
Mercury	360,467
AMC/Rambler	272,726
Chrysler	264,853
Cadillac	230,003
Lincoln	46,904
Imperial	15,367
Shelby	4,451
Checker	992
Avanti II	89
Excalibur	57



## COOK'S CORNER

### Pierogi Casserole

Gladys Guyer



- 1 - 16 oz. box of Pierogies
- 1 - 10 oz. can of your choice cream soup

10 oz. milk  
2 cups of chopped ham or the meat of your choice.  
2 cups of cheddar cheese

Layer bottom of a 9x13 greased pan with frozen pierogies. Put ham on top. Mix together soup and milk and pour over ham. Top with cheese. Bake uncovered for 45 minutes at 350°

### 10 Minute Fruit Fluff

Gladys Guyer

- 1 (15 ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple tidbits, drained
- 6 ounces (1/2 jar) of Maraschino Cherries, drained and chopped
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 (8 ounce) tub Cool Whip

In a serving bowl combine drained oranges, drained pineapple, drained and chopped maraschino cherries & marshmallows. Gently mix.  
Add Cool Whip and gently fold until combined.  
Serve immediately.

Angry **husband** sends sms to his mother-in-law.  
"Your product (daughter) is not cooking food properly".  
Smart **mother-in law** replies  
"Product sold...warranty expired manufacturer no responsible"!

## JUST FOR THOUGHT

### Honesty Has No Class

There was a rich couple throwing a big New Year party at their house. They went shopping at the market where everything was expensive. They wanted to maintain their level of standard so didn't mind paying for it. After purchasing all they needed, they called a porter to carry and deliver it at their home. The porter who came was of an old age, not very healthy looking, his clothes were torn, looked as if he wasn't even able to meet his daily needs.

They asked the porter about the charges for delivering their purchases. The old porter quoted just \$20, well below the market rate for delivering goods at couple's home in his cart. Yet, the couple argued and bargained with the porter and finally settled for \$15. The porter was struggling to make even one meal so he needed anything he could earn. The couple was very happy thinking how well they bargained with the poor porter and paid him \$15 in advance and left after giving the porter their address for delivery. They reached their home and hour passed, two hours passed, but the porter still hadn't delivered their stuff.

The wife started to get angry at her husband, "I always tell you to not to trust such a person still, you never listen to me. Such a person who is not even able to earn to feed himself for 1 time in a day, you handed him everything we purchased for our big party. I am sure instead of delivering to our home; he must have disappeared with everything. We must go back to the market to inquire and then to the police station to file a complaint against him". They both left towards the market. On their way to the market, they saw another porter. They stopped him to inquire about the old porter and noticed that he was carrying their stuff in his cart! The angry wife asked him, "Where is that old thief? This is our stuff and he was supposed to deliver it. It seems you poor thieves are stealing our stuff and going to sell it".

The porter replied, "Madam, Please calm down. That poor old man was very sick. He wasn't able to earn enough to even have a single meal each day. He was on the way to deliver your stuff, but was hungry, sick and in this heat he fell down. He handed me \$15, his last words were, and I have taken an advance for this delivery, could you please deliver it to this address".

"Madam, He was hungry, he was poor, but he was an honest man. I was just on the way to complete the old man's last delivery to your home", the porter said. Upon hearing this, the husband had tears in his eyes and the wife felt so ashamed, she had no courage to look up in her husband's eyes.

Moral: Honesty has no class. Respect everyone regardless of their financial and social status. It's always a good deed to give the one who deserves.

# ATTENTION



## *Allegheny Mountain Region Members*

**Secretary Pat Swigart reports there has been great response for membership renewals. There are still a few members who have forgotten to send in their renewal. Please send your renewal now! Our membership list needs to be submitted to AACA. Regretfully if you membership is not paid, this will be your last issue of Vapor Locks.**

**Thank You!!**

**Secretary Pat Swigart and Treasurer, Gladys Guyer**

Free Pictures



These boys may need some help!

## The Dollar Stretcher



## Tar and Bugs

Have tar or bugs on your car and grille? You may want to try these ideas for easy removal.

**TAR:** Smother the tar in one of the following substances for 1 minute to loosen the tar:

WD-40 (not for use on windshields and windows)  
Goo gone  
Peanut butter

**BUGS:** One of the following should do the trick

**Baby Oil** - Spread a light film of baby oil over the front of the hood, above the windshield and on the grill and bumper. This practice will make their removal a simpler task.

**Johnson's Baby Shampoo** - Mix warm water with the shampoo and some elbow grease.

**Degreaser** - A little degreaser on the windshield and bumper, let that set for a minute or two and the love bugs should wipe clean.

**Cooking Spray** - Who'd a thunk?! Use the cooking spray on the nose and mirrors of your car at the first sign of love bugs.

**Baking Soda** - Good ole Arm & Hammer has yet another use. Mix with warm water and watch the bugs melt away.

**WD-40** - Go with the power of WD-40. It has a whole bunch of uses and it will soften the bugs and you just wipe them away with a wash cloth.





## Just For Laughs

Funnies Garden

As a trucker stops for a red light, a blonde catches up. She jumps out of her car, runs up to his truck, and knocks on the door. The trucker lowers the window and she says "Hi, my name is Lena and you are losing some of your load." The trucker ignores her and proceeds down the street.

When the truck stops for another red light, the girl catches up again. She jumps out of her car, runs up and knocks on the door. Again, the trucker lowers the window. As if they've never spoken, the blonde says brightly, "Hi my name is Lena, and you are losing some of your load"

!" Shaking his head, the trucker ignores her again and continues down the street. At the third red light, the same thing happens again. All out of breath, the blonde gets out of her car, runs up, and knocks on the truck door. The trucker rolls down the window. Again she says "Hi, my name is Lena, and you are losing some of your load!" When the light turns green the trucker revs up and races to the next light

When he stops this time, he hurriedly gets out of the truck, and runs back to the blonde. He knocks on her window, and after she lowers it, he says... "Hi, my name is Tom and I'm driving the salt truck!"

## AACA ANNUAL MEETING

February 8-10, 2018  
Philadelphia, PA

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| ● Meeting                 | ● Trade Shows        |
| ● Car Exhibit             | ● Seminars           |
| ● Lady's Breakfast        | ● President's Dinner |
| ● Auction                 | Judging Schools      |
| ● National Awards Banquet |                      |

## Happy 67th Birthday Allegheny Mountain Region!

2018 is another milestone for the Region. We have started our 67th year of becoming an AACA Region. Quite an accomplishment!!

On that cold winter evening, February 2, 1951, at the Bedford Springs Hotel in Bedford, PA a group of antique car enthusiasts met. The goal they had in mind was to discuss the idea of an antique car club that would be part of AACA. The enthusiasm and interest in those attending to establish a Region was over whelming. By the end of the meeting Officers were elected, the club was named Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA and thus was the beginning of our antique car club. Shortly after the meeting, our Region received its charter from AACA.

Since 1951 our predecessors of the last 66 years certainly were very influential to all of us. They definitely set high standards stating the purpose of the region would be to encourage members to acquire, preserve, restore, use and exhibit antique automobiles, hold meets, tours, and exhibition of antique automobiles, have social affairs to enable antique automobile enthusiasts to meet fellow enthusiasts, and to exchange information. They positively had the right ideas for what makes a club endure.

Here we are in February 2018 starting that 67th year and we continue the same values bestowed on us. The enthusiasm, interest, and dedication are still a very significant part of the continued success of our Region. Everyone shares the same goal, enjoying our friends and our antique cars.

Many have led the way and it has been quite a journey. We have travelled on many roads, some with a few bumps but they all return to the great group of people in the Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA. We, have the privilege to set an example for futures to come.

**Congratulations Members of Allegheny Mountain Region!!**

# After Christmas Party

Photos courtesy of Jackie Forsht

The Huntingdon Country Club was the place to be on January 14, 2018. Pat Swigart and Gladys Guyer made the arrangements for the party. They had appetizers prepared and the tables decorated, yes; everything was organized for an afternoon of pleasure.

The social hour began at 1:00 with appetizers, drinks and lots of socializing. Seats were taken and, President Forsht welcomed everyone. Emery Turner gave a very nice invocation. The aroma of food filled the air as we went to the buffet line. What a meal! There was salad with a variety of dressings, rolls with butter, chicken breast, beef, potatoes, vegetable, and cookies for dessert. Everything was absolutely DELICIOUS!

When everyone finished with dessert, Gladys had a few surprises. Her opening remarks were, she knew the 12 days of Christmas was past and she probably was not everyone's true love but it did not matter, she was going to present 12 gifts anyway. These were well planned gifts and everyone on the receiving end of a gift was a good sport.

1. It began with **President** Forsht - Since Bill is the Region's new President he needed some special gifts. First to help him keep Board meeting under control I give him a gavel. We also know that the president of the USA signs documents with many ink pens so he was given a giant pen. There was one more gift for our new president. Many of you have heard the commercial on TV for purchasing Trumpie bear so I immediately thought our President should have a bear named after him so he received a Billy Bear.

2. Vice president of the region, **Randy Clemens** may need a little help. One of the biggest jobs for Randy is to make sure President Forsht remains calm so he got a bottle of chill pills if Bill needs to be medicated. For Randy's use, a bottle of aspirins for when Bill becomes a pain in the you know what

3. The Region has our own fashion model? I thought she may be straight from the New York runway. She is famous for her dresses and high heels? Some may call her the queen dresses so I thought our **Queen Pat** should have a beautiful tiara.

4. There was a rumor that **Bill Lloyd** built a snowman and started crying when the snowman melted. When I found this out I kind of felt bad so I raced over to his

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house and put that melted snowman in a bottle and saved it so Bill received a bottle of melted snowman

5. Everyone has heard of look-alike contests where regular people like you and me are made to look like a celebrity? Everyone has heard of Dolly Parton the queen of blond wigs and other popular items. Well no one in the room was wearing a blond wig but there was someone with blond hair and could possibly be a double Dolly with my help. That blond was **Paula Clemens** so Paula got an original Dolly Parton asset kit. Complete with instructions. Just inflate, tie, insert and be cautious of sharp corners.

6. Rumor has it that **Jim Burke** is not as optimistic about 2018 as he should be and needed a little incentive I found something that should do the trick. These 2 items should help you have a rootin tootin good year. A can of root beer and a can of baked beans.

7. For the **Deno's** who go on a lot of National Tours. I thought they may need a roadside emergency kit just in case they get stranded. It was a roll of bathroom tissue to use as needed

8. Some of us country folks may be called rednecks. We probably have several here so I am just going to randomly choose **Zack Boring**. This gift will help you with any itch. It is a redneck backscratcher made out of a piece of wood with bottle caps attached to scratch anywhere you itch.

9. Jewelry. What about jewelry? When I say it and look around the room, **Gail** comes to mind. She is always wearing beautiful jewelry. Harry thinks she could start her own jewelry store so I thought I might give her one more item for the store. Valentine's Day is right around the corner so I gave her a red heart necklace she can wear on Valentine's Day and .....Harry likes red so it could be quite the day.

10. In life we all know there are many roads to travel. Some may be good and some could be bumpy but with experience you realize that it's not where you go; it's who you are with. There is a couple in this room that has this experience. **Shelah and Emery Turner** are the perfect example of a great couple who have traveled together through life. They are as solid as a rock so I am giving them a special keepsake rock that reads, ITS NOT THE ROAD YOU TRAVEL BUT WHO YOU TRAVEL WITH.

11. Then I asked if there was anyone in this room who would like to lose a few pounds or eat healthier? I thought I saw **Don Foor** raising his hand a little bit. I had just the thing to help him eat just a little less and jab those healthy vegetables. His gift was special eating tools, a fork with one prong and a half of spoon.



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I had one more important gift to present.

12. I asked if there were any angels in the group. I think fingers were pointing to **Bev Mueller**, yes I was correct, and it was **Bev**. I gave her a glass angel as a reminder to all of us that angels are all around us if ever we need one.

I "Thanked" everyone who so graciously accepted my gifts.

President Forsht thanked Mr. Lightner of the Country Club for a wonderful dinner and also those attending the party. The afternoon concluded and President Forsht wished everyone to have a safe trip home.



Everything Bill needs!



Queen Pat



This Looks Serious!

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Round Table Fun!



Are These Girls Meditating?

**A GREAT DAY FOR EVERYONE!**



# A history of Automobiles from 1900 - 1991

## by Ed Miller

### Chapter One: 1935 Auburn 851 Super-Charged Speedster

Continued from the November December Vapor Locks



The new engine, referred to as GG, was rated at 115 HP @ 3,600 RPM, fifteen more horses than the previous GU engine rating. Another engine attribute is a crankshaft that is held in place by five main bearings without counterweights. However, a Lanchester vibration dampener is located at the front of the crank. The GG engine is found under the hood of all 1935 Auburns, but Auburn affixed two other standard items to the Speedster engine: Startix, which we will examine later and a Supercharger. The top of the line 1935 Auburns were called Super-Charged. August "Augie" Duesenberg, brother to the late and better known Fred Duesenberg, was hired to work alongside Auburn factory manager Pearl Watson. Together they adapted a Schwitzer-Cummins manufactured supercharger, developed by Kurt Beier, to the in-line eight cylinder GG engine. The supercharger runs at six times engine crankshaft speed. The compression ratio was increased to 6.5 to 1. The blower dramatically increased power to 150 HP @ 4,000 RPM and provided 232 ft./lbs. of torque at 2,800 RPM. At low RPM, a super-charger robs a few horsepower from the engine. However, once the engine speed hits around 2,000 RPM the supercharger is putting out more than it is taking and the difference can be felt.

What will she do? The Super-Charged Speedster weighs 3,706 pounds which produces a stunning weight to power ratio of 24.71 to 1. To put this into perspective, see the chart below:

#### Comparison Chart

1935 Make/Model	Weight	HP	Ratio
Auburn Super-Charge Speedster	3,706	150	24.71
Auburn Super-Charged Coupe	3,565	150	23.77
Cadillac V-16 Convertible Coupe	5,840	185	31.57
Packard Twelve Coupe Roadster	5,480	175	31.31
Pierce-Arrow Twelve Sedan	5,250	175	30.00

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*Super-Charged Speedster advertisements were openly suggestive. How many men bought the boattailed Auburn expecting girls to swoon the moment they drove up to the racquet club?*

The chart contains a couple of anomalies. The first is why does it include a Pierce-Arrow Sedan and not a lighter Convertible or Coupe? The answer is that there are no reliable published weights but for the Sedan. The other anomaly is how come the Speedster only places a close second to the Auburn Super-Charged Coupe? The answer is that the Coupe, plus a couple of other body styles, weigh marginally less than the Speedster. Nonetheless, the Speedster is very fast and the

difference is marginal. Expect a zero to sixty miles per hour time of about 14.5 seconds. The Speedster should top out at just over the century mark and no more than 102 MPH. While motoring down a palm tree lined south Florida road, we come to a stop sign. Pressing down on the brake pedal actuates the Bendix hydraulic brakes. By now, most motor cars were equipped with four wheel internal expanding brakes and the Speedster is not an exception. Total braking area is 194.2 square inches which results in a ratio of pounds to one square inch of brake material of 19.08 to 1. The following chart com-pares stopping ability:

#### Comparison Chart

1935 Make/Model	Weight	Braking Area	Ratio
Auburn Super-Charge Speedster	3,706	194.2	19.08
Auburn Super-Charged Coupe	3,565	194.2	18.36
Cadillac V-16 Convertible Coupe	5,840	237.7	24.57
Packard Twelve Coupe Roadster	5,480	283.7	19.32
Pierce-Arrow Twelve Sedan	5,250	342.0	15.35

Pierce-Arrow appears to win the brake safety contest. Not only does the Pierce Twelve have the greatest ability to stop but the same size brakes were on all their models, many of which were lighter. However, it is now understood that during braking, weight is transferred from the rear axle to the front axle. Therefore, the front brakes are doing most of the work and require a greater breaking ability than the rear set of brakes. Pierce was biased to the rear, viz.: 53% rear to 47% front which

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somewhat diminishes their supremacy. Cadillac appears to place a distant last. Ironically, it has the best proportion of breaking front to rear, viz.: 60% front and 40% rear. Cadillac was able to get more out of fewer square inches of brake material. The remaining competitors have a more conventional proportion of 50% to 50%. Packard comes in a very close third.

*Owner, Dave Gaunt, is just beginning to enjoy his automotive toy. At the beginning of the road test, the Auburn had been driven a mere 25 miles since restoration. Soon, Dave intends to retire the Auburn from the show circuit. Then he will drive the Auburn which will deliver pleasure as only a Super Charged Speedster can.*



Whether taking into consideration or ignoring braking proportion between the front and rear brakes, the pair of Auburns place an honorable second in the stopping contest. But the way is clear and it's time to accelerate. The accelerator spring is light and takes getting used to. Apparently you're not used to it yet as the car stalls. Rather than have to restart the engine, the Startix kicks in almost instantaneously and once again we are on our way. Startix was available from Bendix. It has a relay and a couple of solenoids with movable plungers contained in a little metal box. When turned on, it acts as an automatic starting switch. It also will re-start a stalled engine. As we continue on our road test, the Columbia Dual-Ratio rear-end intrigues you. In 1935, turning a lever located on the steering wheel changed the rear-end ratio from an in-city 5.1 to 1 ratio to a super highway of the future ratio of 3.47 to 1. Even today, this useful tool effectively creates a six-speed automobile. For most of this trip in the open Auburn, the 3.47 to 1 ratio is opted as the ratio of choice. The gear change is vague but the synchromesh in the top two gears is quite good. Even the dry single plate clutch isn't heavy. Pot holes are uncommon in south Florida but every now and then one turns up unexpectedly, like right now. Swerving to avoid a bottomless pit, the Ross Gear and Tool Company Cam and lever steering box turns out not only to be light but relatively quick at 3½ turns lock to lock. The conventionally semi-elliptic silco manganese springs coupled with Spicer Manufacturing Company dual acting shock absorbers offer a comfort-able and controlled ride.

We came to determine if this gal's beauty is merely skin deep. The Speedster's beauty certainly ex-tends far deeper than her metal skin. As the Speedster is returned to its owner, there is but one regret. Few were made and those few that survived are extremely expensive. But then if you could find an Auburn Super- Charged Coupe, it may not look quite as gorgeous but it would be much more affordable and it would be really fast.

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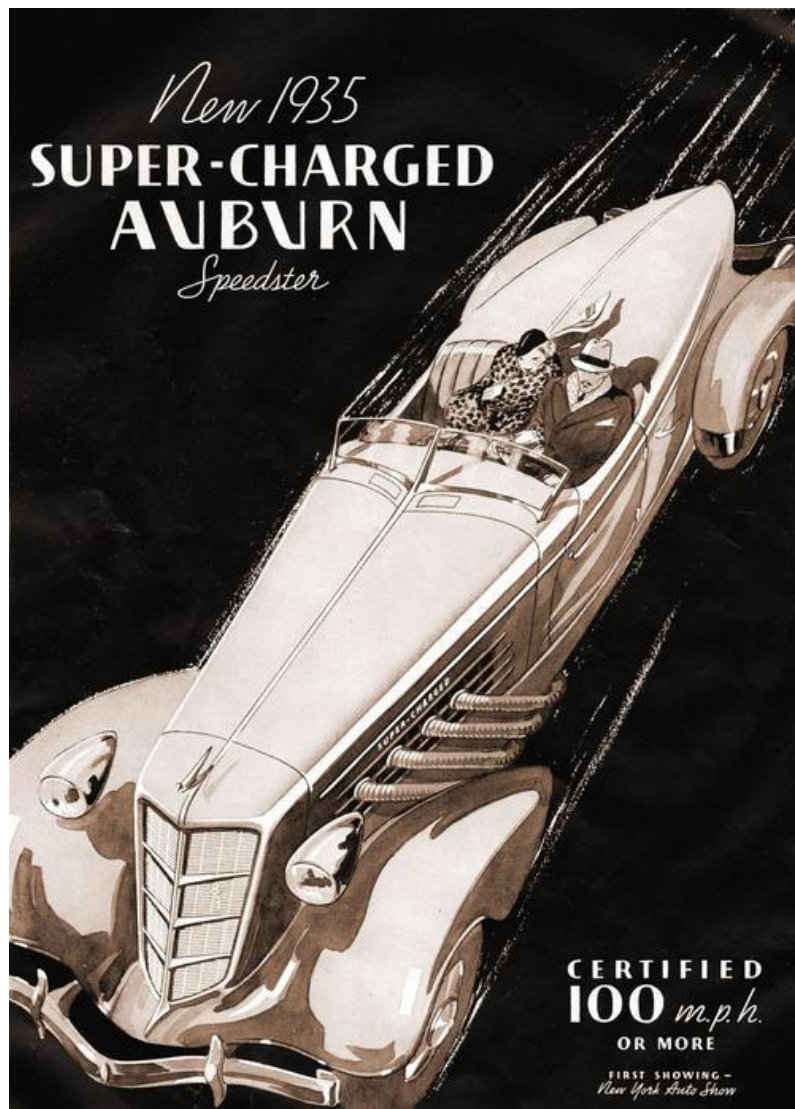
### Specifications:

Engine in-line eight  
Displacement 279.9 cubic inches  
Bore x stroke 31/16" X 4¾"  
Compression ratio 6.5 to 1  
Horsepower 150 @ 4,000 RPM  
Torque 232 ft/lbs @ 2,800 RPM  
Main Bearings 5  
Induction system 1" dual throat downdraft Stromberg & mechanical pump Clutch  
Single 9" Long dry plate  
Transmission 3 speed, synchro 2nd & 3rd  
Rear axle  
Columbia Dual-Ratio  
Rear-end ratios 5.1 to 1 & 3.47 to 1  
Steering Ross cam and lever  
Turns lock to lock 3½ Brakes  
Hydraulic 4 wheel internal expanding  
Brake lining area 194.2 sq. in.  
Suspension semi-elliptic springs & dual acting Spicer hydraulic lever type shocks  
Wheelbase 127 inches  
Fuel tank capacity 20 gallons  
Tire size 6.50X16  
Weight 3,706 pounds

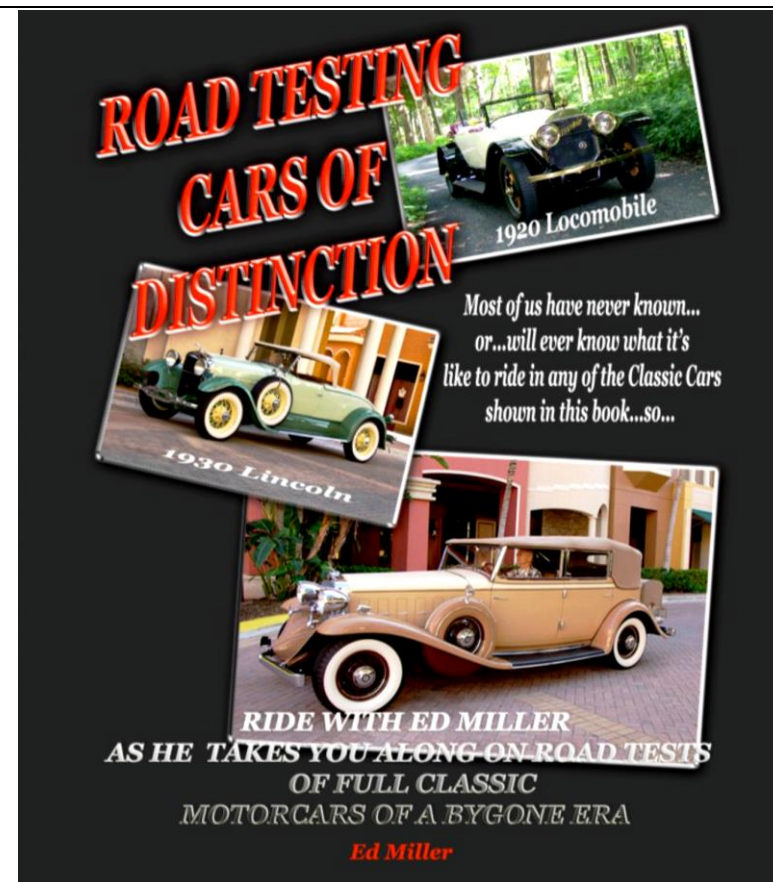
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