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The President's Message



Boy, did winter come too quickly. In recapping the year, it has been a busy and a great year for Ellen and me with trips to Gettysburg for the AACA Founder's tour, Wellsboro for the AACA Vintage tour, Nebraska for the AACA Glidden tour, and great region events. All of these were most enjoyable. The Nebraska tour was the most pleasant surprise. I could not

believe all the great things to see around Hastings, Nebraska. See articles in this issue of Vapor Locks about the Vintage and Glidden tours. We were so sorry we missed the Tipton Show as we were traveling back from Nebraska, but it was another great show. Also, a big THANK YOU to Christine Stachmus for the recent cook's nite out at Traditions. It was their 10th year anniversary with great meal specials for just \$10, great atmosphere AND free coffee mugs; what a deal! Thanks everyone for a good turn out as well.

Medical news – Don Bruner says his should is getting better, Gail Whitman was getting around pretty good at the cook's nite out at the Traditions, Ellen's leg seems totally healed, Ron Strapel is much better after being through a very serious bout with Lyme disease and pneumonia, and Judy Lloyd had recent shoulder surgery.

Region board business -

- Please give our officers for next year a warm welcome: President Bill Forsht, Vice president Randy Clemens, Secretary Pat Swigart, Treasurer Gladys Guyer, Vapor Locks editor Gladys Guyer.
- Please give new board members for next year a warm welcome: Randy Clemens, Earl Eby, Ed Hinkle, Mike Walters, and Scott Deno.
- I am glad to see so much "new blood" among the officers and board members. I can say without a doubt that each and every one of these new folks is all super additions to the management of the region. Part of that new blood is our new president, Bill Forsht. Bill is a great choice and I plan to give Bill all the support I can.
- I am sorry to report Susan Romanini's resignation from the board. Susan has assured me she will continue with her critical help organizing and fund raising for the Boalsburg show in between the babysitting and personal business responsibilities. Thank you Susan for all you do!

The President's Message

• I am pleased to report that the board voted unanimously by those present to make a significant addition to our by-laws. The new by-law states: "No immediate family member can second a motion initiated by another immediate family member. All "seconds" of any motion must be made by a board member who is NOT an immediate family member of the board member initiating the motion. Immediate family members are: spouses, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, or sisters.

Recent events - The Glidden tour in Hastings, Nebraska was a delight and Ellen did great. Our 1929 Marmon, as always, did it in style (see article in this Vapor Locks). I hope no pictures surface of me "playing" the "wiggle dolls" to music at the closing banquet. However, pictures of Don Barlup or Dave Kontor "playing" are OK.

Future events on my radar – AACA national meeting in Philadelphia, PA in early February. I hope to present seminar(s) on restoration experiences again (the hot topic will be welding, excuse the pun, I could not resist). The AACA Grand National show is in Greensburg, PA in late May. Ellen and I hope to attend with our 1931 Cadillac. The Hershey Concourse in early June. The Reliability Tour will be in Geneva, NY August 20-24. I know most members do not have 1915 and older cars, but this gives to time to buy one! Follow Ed Hinkle's lead (Ed just purchased a nice 1912 EMF touring). The VMCCA convertible tour will be in Hayward, Wisconsin August 12-17. AACA Sentimental Tour will be in Natchez, MS Nov. 5-9. We plan to attend the Sentimental Tour. Unfortunately, the Glidden tour in Idaho September 16-21 will probably not be on our list as it is a bit too far.

Tidbit from the shop – ask Ellen what antique car she just purchased? Hint - She likes the "more modern" iron which "can go faster".

This is my last presidential message. Thanks to all that supported me during the last 3 years.

Your president, Scott Deno



ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN REGION, AACA

Mill Stone Manor Restaurant October 19, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Allegheny Mountain Region held a meeting on October 19, 2017 at the Mill Stone Manor Restaurant, Huntingdon, PA.

Board members in attendance were: President Scott Deno, Vice President and Vapor Locks Editor Gladys Guyer, Treasurer Pete Searer, Board Members: Bill Forsht, Bill Guyer, Cathy Searer, Gail Whitman, Harry Whitman, and Secretary Pat Swigart.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by President Deno.

President Deno presented the following **motion** which had been sent by email from Fred Hammer which had been seconded by Nina Hammer via email. After much discussion, the motion passed 6 to 5.

What follows is the entire and complete motion being made. Motion eligibility shall be considered as "background" in the same manner that "background" was provided in the July -- August 2017 issue of <u>Vapor</u> Locks.

CORRECTION OF THE 6-17-2017 AMR BOARD MINUTES

The introduction of the "Turkey Hill Tour Conflict" as submitted in the minutes for the June 17, 2017, AMR Board meeting, did not occur during that board meeting; further, reporting the minutes is not the place for one's own opinion or interpretation of an event --especially when that person was not even there. This was a totally improper act, inaccurate, and not within Pat Swigart's duties as club secretary. The correction of the minutes should include these opening statements of fact, and all statements below, to offset the fallacious nature of those minutes.

As the minutes of the Allegheny Mountain Region AACA have now been distributed via Vapor Locks to our membership, so should this correction be distributed.

- [1] Fred did not "ask Susan Romanini to pay for her G[sic] granddaughter.
- [2] The one-sided altercation began not as reported, but after Fred handed Susan her ticket (as per board direction), and Susan asked, "Where's my granddaughter's ticket?" Fred then explained to her that it was the board's decision that **members** receive this perk; whereupon Susan exploded with convoluted logic that since she had no spouse with her, her membership then

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extended to her granddaughter. Even after Fred and another member calmly corrected Susan, she continued her rant and extended it to personal attacks against Fred and his wife Nina.

- [3] It was not a "conflict." A conflict requires at least two-party participation. This was an attack, and as such was a violation of AMR by-laws, for which a vote of censure against Susan Romanini was approved.
- [4] The situation was exacerbated by club president Scott Deno when he overrode the AMR board decision regarding perks for club members only, Also a violation of AMR by-laws, this action too resulted in a vote of censure
- [5] Because of the nature of the word "censure," Fred agreed to soften the affect by substituting the synonymous phrase "formal disapproval" for their actions, and this is how it was reported in the minutes.
- [6] Regarding the opinion statements: "At the next board meeting Fred made it clear the situation was very upsetting and humiliating for him. Nothing more was discussed on the matter until the board meeting of June 17, 2017 where Fred reiterated his feelings on the tour situation." These two sentences are incorrect by placement, by being misleading, and by presenting the false impression that Fred purposely let this situation go for almost a year.

Fred's <u>next meeting</u> was actually September 22,2016, wherein the minutes report: "After a discussion on the subject of member's benefits, Fred Hammer made a motion that the issue of nonmembers be tabled until AMR can make a proper distension (distinction) between Regional guest's (guests) verses member's guests."

The above was not a motion from an upset and humiliated person as insinuated by the 6-17-2017 minutes. It might, however, suggest that the club secretary confused this with the discussion surrounding Fred's decision to step down as tour director. As those minutes report: "Fred Hammer has decided to step down as tour director." And, he made it clear whom we have to thank for that.

Because Fred is a snowbird, there was no other meeting between September 22, 2016, and June 17, 2017, that he could have attended, and therefore there was no "reiteration of feelings on the tour situation" as posited by the secretary's editorialized portion of the minutes.

I, Fred Hammer, move the minutes of 06-17-2017 be corrected as stated above without alteration.

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The Minutes of the May 12th meeting were approved with the above correction by motion of Bill Forsht, seconded by Pete Searer.

The Financial Report was received upon motion of Bill Forsht, seconded by Harry Whitman.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabinet

The cabinet which the Region purchased is in the Lobby of the Mill Stone Restaurant. They have informed us that it will not fit in our room. Cathy Searer made a motion that Pat check to see if there is room for it at the Swigart Museum. Seconded by Bill Guyer. Motion carried.

Gail Whitman made a motion that Scott should be given something for getting the cabinet and taking it to Mill Stone. This was seconded by Gladys Guyer.

Bill Forsht made a motion that we give \$130 to Scott for getting the cabinet. Seconded by Cathy Searer. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition certificates

Bill Forsht suggested that we give a certificate of recognition to a member who has **contributed** to the betterment of the region. A candidate was chosen and will be awarded the certificate at the fall dinner.

Bill Forsht made a motion that "No further discussion or motions regarding the Turkey Hill matter will be entertained at future board meetings." was seconded by Gail Whitman. The motion carried unanimously.

Region events pricing

Bill Forsht made a motion that when the Region has an event which will need payment, the price is listed for Members and for Guests. This was seconded by Cathy Searer. Motion carried. The costs will be published in Vapor Locks prior to the event.

The After Christmas Party will be held on January 14 at the Huntingdon Country Club. Pete made a motion that the Region pays \$10 of the full amount for Region members. This was seconded by Harry Whitman. The motion carried unanimously

Gail Whitman made a motion, seconded by Cathy Searer that Gladys should get small gifts for children attending the After Christmas Party. The motion carried unanimously

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The next Cook's Nite Out will be held on November 15 at Traditions in Martinsburg. Contact Christine Stachmus of your attendance.

Upon motion of Bill Forsht, seconded by Gladys Guyer the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

> Respectfully submitted, Patricia B. Swigart, Secretary

2018 Calendar of Events

January 13 Board Meeting, Mill Stone Manor, Huntingdon After Christmas Party, Huntingdon Country Club January 14

AACA Annual Meeting February 8-10

Memorial Day Show, Boalsburg, PA May 28

August 10-12 Swigart Meet, Huntingdon Delgrosso Car Show September 30

AACA ANNUAL MEETING

February 8-10, 2018 Philadelphia, PA

Meeting

•Car Exhibit

•Lady's Breakfast

Auction

National Awards Banquet

•Trade Shows

Seminars

• President's Dinner

Judging Schools

ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN REGION, AACA

Mill Stone Manor Restaurant November 2, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Allegheny Mountain Region held a meeting on November 2, 2017 at the Mill Stone Manor Restaurant, Huntingdon, PA.

Board members in attendance were: President Scott Deno, Vice President and Vapor Locks Editor Gladys Guyer, Treasurer Pete Searer, Board Members: Bill Forsht, Bill Guyer, Cathy Searer, Gail Whitman, Harry Whitman and Secretary Pat Swigart and also newly elected Board Members Randy Clemens, Earl Eby, Ed Hinkle and Michael Walter.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by President Deno.

The Minutes and Financial Report will be accepted at the next Board Meeting.

Banners

Gladys reported that Jeff Boring has asked about the Region banners. Jeff suggested that we get some smaller, light weight ones. Gladys showed a banner from Bing Banners which costs about \$20.00. Pete Searer made a motion that we get two of these banners. This was seconded by Gail Whitman. Motion carried. Gladys will check on logo and set-up. It was suggested that we go with our colors of yellow and green.

After Christmas Party

The After Christmas Party will be held on **January 14** at the Huntingdon Country Club. Pete Searer made a motion that we charge MEMBERS \$15.00 and guests the listed amount. We will check on items for the Social Time. The Social will be at 1:00 P.M. with Dinner at 2:00 P.M. This was seconded by Randy Clemens. Motion carried.

Membership Dues

Upon motion of Randy Clemens, seconded by Bill Forsht, the dues for the year 2018 will be \$10.00. Motion carried.

Letter of Appreciation

Gladys read a letter of Appreciation from Al Ingham thanking the region for the group that visited them after the Grape Escape and for the Certificate of Appreciation that was given to him at the Fall Dinner. This letter will be included in the next issue of the Vapor Locks.

Resignation and Board Term

A letter of Resignation from the Board has been received from Susan Romanini. Upon motion of Gail Whitman, seconded by Bill Forsht, the

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resignation was accepted with regret. Randy Clemens volunteered to complete Susan's term.

Motion

Scott Deno made the following motion: "No immediate family member can second a motion initiated by another immediate family member. All 'seconds' of any motion must be made by a board member who is NOT an immediate family member of the board member initiating the motion. Immediate family members are: spouses, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters or sisters". The motion was seconded by Mike Walter. Motion carried unanimously.

By Laws

As the By Laws have not been updated since 2008, a copy will be e-mailed to all members of the Board for review. Any changes suggested will be discussed and voted on at a future Board meeting. The By Laws will be updated next year.

New Officers

Officers for the 2018 year were elected as follows:

Upon motion of Randy Clemens, seconded by Cathy Searer, Bill Forsht was elected as President

Upon motion of Pete Searer, seconded by Gladys Guyer, Randy Clemens was elected Vice President.

Upon motion of Pat Swigart, seconded by Gail Whitman, Gladys Guyer was elected Treasurer.

Upon motion of Gladys Guyer, seconded by Bill Forsht, Pat Swigart was elected Secretary.

Gladys asked if anyone would like to take Editor of the Vapor Locks. Gail Whitman said she would help with the mailing. Gladys will continue as Editor.

A Tour Coordinator is needed. This will be someone to schedule tours that members plan but not be responsible to plan all tours.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Gladys Guyer, seconded by Randy Clemens the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia B. Swigart, Secretary

Driver's

When were driver's licenses and car insurance mandatory?

In 1903, Massachusetts and Missouri became the first states to require a driver's license, although it wasn't necessary to pass a test to obtain one. In 1908, Henry Ford launched the Model T, the first affordable automobile for many middle-class Americans. (In 1919, when Ford's native state of Michigan started issuing driver's licenses, he got his first one at age 56.) The same year the Model T debuted, Rhode Island became the first state to require both a license and a driver's exam. Massachusetts instituted a chauffeur exam in 1907 and started requiring tests for all other drivers in 1920. Pa Driver's License Law was started by issuing drivers licenses in 1909 and mandatory driver's exam in 1924

California, now known for its car culture, started requiring licenses in 1913 and exams in 1927. However, it took several decades for licenses and tests to be adopted by all states. In 1930, only 24 states required a license to drive a car and just 15 states had mandatory driver's exams. South Dakota was the last state to begin issuing licenses (without exams) in 1954. Additionally, a handful of states didn't impose driver's tests until the 1950s, including Alaska (1956), Arizona (1951), Idaho (1951), Illinois (1953), Missouri (1952) and Wisconsin (1956). In 1959, South Dakota became the final state to institute a driver's exam requirement.

Generally, auto insurance became mandatory in 1927. The first state to offer auto liability insurance was Connecticut, in 1925. Massachusetts was the first state to make auto insurance mandatory for drivers in 1927.

COOK'S NITE OUT

No cooking tonight!

Gladys Guyer



Due to the uncertainty of weather conditions, there will be no Cook's Nite in December, Ja January, and February.



COOK'S CORNER

Ellen Deno

Butternut Squash Bisque

3 stalks of celery, diced

1 whole onions, diced

1 butternut squash, seeded, peeled, cubed and steamed until tender

½ cup butter

½ cup honey

3/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1 tablespoon cinnamon

1 1/2 cups brown sugar

1/4 cup chicken base

8 cups water

2 cups heavy cream

In a stockpot, melt ¼ cup butter. Add celery & onions and cook until tender. Add cubed squash and sauté breaking down squash as you stir. When onion, celery and squash are thoroughly combined, add in remaining ingredients and bring to a simmer. Allow to simmer until reaching desired thickness. Soup can also be thickened with roux to reduce cooking time. Serve warm garnished with chopped pecans

Buffalo Chicken Spread

Gladys Guyer

16 oz. cream cheese softened

1 cup chopped cooked chicken finely chopped or 8 oz. canned

1/2 cup of Frank's hot sauce or the hot sauce of your choice

1.2 cup ranch or blue cheese dressing

1 cup of finely shredded cheddar cheese.

Combine all together. Taste and add additional hot sauce as desired. Serve with your favorite crackers

My doctor told me I had to stop throwing intimate dinners for four unless there are three other people."

-Orson Welles



Just For Laughs

Funnies Garden

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping, and upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her voice, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and get into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then it dawned on her why. A few minutes later she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down!

She loaded her bags into the car and then drove to the police station. The sergeant to whom she told the story nearly tore himself in two with laughter. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, about 75, and carrying a large handgun.

THE RECYCLE GALLERY

Matthew Brake



JUST FOR THOUGHT

The Important Things In Life

One day a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor handed out the question paper with the text facing down as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions, just a black dot in the center of the page.

The professor seeing the expression on everyone's face told them the following, "I want you to write what you see there." The confused students got started on the inexplicable task. At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them with no exceptions described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet etc.

After all had been read, the classroom was silent. The professor began to explain, "I am not going to grade you on this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot and the same happens in our lives. We have a white paper to observe and enjoy, but we always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift given to us by God with love and care. We always have reasons to celebrate, nature renewing itself every day, our friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see every day."

"However, we insist on focusing only on the dark spots, the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with a family member, the disappointment with a friends etc. The dark spots are very small compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds. Take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life positively!"

Moral: As the professor explained, life is a bag of good and bad things; we all have positives and negatives along the way. But we must always concentrate greater on the positives for a healthy and happy life. Life goes on no matter what so do not waste your time thinking about the negatives.



Harvestfest

September 24, 2017

Gladys Guyer

Each year the last Sunday in September AMR is invited to share in the festivities at the Harvestfest. The Region has hosted an annual show at the Delgrosso Amusement Park for many years welcoming vehicles from many towns.

Bill and Jackie Forsht did a wonderful job planning the annual show. Bill and his crew made sure everyone got parked. The registration table was supervised by Jackie. Everything ran very smoothly with the help of several volunteers. The weather is always a big factor for the show and this year the weather could not have been more perfect. It was warm and rain free. As the day progressed more and more cars came to the show. By the time registration was over there were nearly 150 cars on the show field.

The park had many things to offer. There of course was lots of food, crafters, produce and much more. Many participants took advantage of all that was offered and spent time in the park. The guys did a lot of car talk while the girls enjoyed catching up with each other.

A sincere "Thank You" to the Delgrosso family for sponsoring the AMR show, giving a box of delicious sauces and free tickets for the park.

At 3:00, gift cards were presented to participants by random drawing. "Thank You" Bill and Jackie and helpers for making the show a success.

Thank you to the participants, the show would not be possible without your gorgeous vehicles.

AMR invites everyone to the "Harvestfest 2018 Show" and looks forward to seeing everyone.

Bill Forsht had his drone flying and captured some beautiful aerial pictures.

Great job Bill!!

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much Helen Keller

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Beautiful Cars



What a site!!

THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hi everyone,

It is hard to believe that summer and fall are history. To me it they go by faster every year. Guess that makes all of us a year older and wiser, right?

This issue of VL will close the year for the club. I hope you were able to attend some of the events this year.

We had a super time at all of them.

I hope you have enjoyed reading each issue of VL. I would like to say a special THANK YOU to everyone who had given me articles, pictures etc. to print for the club. As I continue being editor of Vapor Locks, I would love for any contribution you have.

The region will begin 2018 with 5 new board members, a new president and new vice president. I am sure at the January meeting there will be new ideas and old ideas to be considered for region activities. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend any meeting

Each member is an important part of AMR and a valued member! Without members just like you and me there would not be an antique car club. We have a great club and I am looking forward to the New Year. Doors have been closed for 2017 and new ones will be opened in 2018.

Don't forget the after Christmas Party on January 14 at the Huntingdon Country Club. It will be a great event.

Remember to send me a photo of your car. I do not have any on hand.

Have a great holiday with your family and friends!

See you on the road!

Your editor, Gladys

Belonging is something but participation is everything!

Manassas, VA Tour

42nd Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Show Saturday, September 16, 2017

Photos by Don and Carol Foor



A group of AMR members met on Friday morning August 15, for a journey to Manassas, VA. Saturday we would support the Bull Run Region by attending the, 42nd Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Auto Show but first we had to get there.

Friday we traveled scenic roads enjoying the sites along the way. At one of our stops we discovered the Lloyd's and Foor's were going to lodge at a different Marriot than the Hammer's and Guyer's and it was located about 20 miles from Manassas. Oh well we just made the best of it. Arriving at the Marriott Residence Inn, we checked into our rooms and relaxed. The Foor's and Lloyd's came to the Marriott in Manassas where we socialized before going out for dinner. The evening went by quickly and it was time to go back to the Residence Inns and turn in for the night.

Saturday morning after breakfast, everyone joined together to go to the Car Show. We arrived at the show around 9:00 a.m. and were parked immediately. Lucky for us there was a shady spot close to our cars for us to sit and be comfortable while enjoying the day. There were 6 hit and miss engines running by us all day. Good or Bad? Jon Battle who played a vital part in the show announced over the pa system that



our group from Central PA drove to Manassas to support the show. Jon invited participants to come say hello and several came over to welcome us and chatted.

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I have been corresponding with Jon Battle for years adding the "Orphan Tour" and others items to VL. We said to each other someday we will meet in person and we did.

At 10:45 a feature at the show was the disassembly of Model T. It was amazing how quickly the "T" was dismantled and the pieces lay on the pavement. At 2:00 the Model T was put back together and a little later we saw it drive away. Really interesting! We did have one little glitch at the show. A Great Dane dog jumped on Judy Lloyd and knocked her to the ground. Fortunately she only got a couple of bruises. BEWARE OF DOGS AT SHOWS. We enjoyed the rest of the show, went back to the Residence Inn, regrouped, and went to dinner. (I highly recommend the All American Buffet. DELICIOUS!)

Sunday morning we had breakfast and headed back to Central PA. It was very nice to support the Bull Run Region and they really appreciated our support.



After our trip to Manassas trip I received this thank you from Jon Battle

Hello, AMR Friends:

I hope that your drive back to Pennsylvania was enjoyable and without Incident.

It was a pleasure to meet you. Gladys, it was a special treat to meet you face to face after years and years of deluging you with my "junk mail" advertising our Bull Run show and the Orphan Car Tour!

We of the Bull Run Region were honored that you'd all traveled such a distance to visit us. I hope that our meet was worth the trip!

Sincerely, Jon Battle



Welcome to AACA By Bob Parrish, Vice President, National Awards

You never know who you will meet at an AACA activity; if only people will talk with each other there is much to learn.



Recently, at the Tidewater Region AACA monthly meeting a visitor (and prospective new member) sat next to me. As I began to welcome her she began to tell me that she had inherited her grandmother's 1955 Ford, which had been in the family since it was new. I explained the benefits of AACA membership and the activities of Tidewater Region, which appeared interesting to her. She was looking for an opportunity to enjoy the Ford and its many personal memories that she had of this

family vehicle.

I feel that this scenario exists all over our country and bringing the pieces together will benefit the member, the National club as well as local Regions.

As we began to discuss the area where we lived I found out I was raised in the same neighborhood and attended the same schools and furthermore I knew her mother, dad and brother growing up in Norfolk, VA. Our mothers were also good friends. This really is a small world we live in and open conversation only demonstrates this. At the end of the meeting, I thought we obtained a new AACA member and Tidewater Region member also.

When you see a stranger at you next Region gathering, engage them, make them feel welcome and everyone will profit from the experience.



LOCAL LORE

PEP BOYS

By Stan Smith

PEP BOYS - While shopping at the AACA Fall Meet flea market I came upon a 96 page catalog for PEP BOYS dated May 1955. It surprised me to learn they had stores sixty years ago. That's about the time I was just beginning to shop for car parts and locally my source, other than the junk yards, was Sears or Clark's Auto Parts. If one wished parts through the mail you would go to Whitney or Warshawski's in Chicago.

According to the inside page of the catalog they had been in business 33 years (1921) and the headquarters/ warehouse was in Philadelphia. It started off as PEP AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY named after a shipment of Pep Valve Grinding compound they had on a shelf (more about that coming up in a future LOCAL LORE. The company was formed by four friends who chipped in \$200 each. Their names were Emanual Rosenfield ("Manney"), Maurice Strauss ("Moe"), W. Graham Jackson ("Jack"). The fourth was Moe Radavitz. The catalog listed over a dozen stores in downtown Philadelphia and a dozen more in Pennsylvania (Allentown ,Easton, Pottstown ,Lancaster Reading and York to name a few). There were 22 in NJ with Maryland and Virginia each having three or more. Back in the 1930's they had opened 11stores in California.

PEP BOYS in Happy Valley has been here around 10 years. They don't have near the variety of things to buy like the PEP BOYS stores of the 1950's. According to the 1955 catalog one could buy or order bicycles, home and garden supplies along with TV - radio items. They were like most hardware stores of the 50's and 60's. Manny, Moe, and Jack had a creed that read: "If you can buy it elsewhere for less - return it and we will either refund your money - or return the difference"

After looking at some of the automotive items it was interesting to see one could buy a Phone-lite to hang on your dash. Looked like a phone but had a flashlight built into the ear portion..... was wired into the cigar lighter.

They sold new tire that was named CORNELL that was a tubeless white sidewall 6.70x15 that sold for \$19.85. There were less costly tires like the "New-Cap" tires that were re-capped and sold for \$4.95. To dress up those tires for another \$4.95 you could buy four snap on white sidewalls that were of metal. For \$7.95 they offered chrome plated sidewalls on brass. I recall the thick rubber or plastic dress rings for one's wheels, but not those of metal. What happened to these Snap-On metal sidewalls if one got a flat tire? They must have popped off and got lost along the road.

According to the latest Wikipedia PEP BOYS now have 930 stores in 35 States and Puerto Rico

"SURPRISE"

By Al Ingham



It all began one evening in October. I was called to a knock on our door. This doesn't happen to often on Wopsy Mountain. On the porch stood a group of people and in the drive a collection of Antique car. What a sight, I was overwhelmed. Then a couple of weeks later we were invited to go along with the Loy's and Forsht's to the fall dinner in Huntingdon.

At the dinner Scott Deno made the announcement that he had an award to present. You can't imagine what went thru my mind when he mentioned my name. No words can describe how I felt. I couldn't speak. So now I want to say "Thank You". You are all a fine group of people and I am so proud to be considered a friend and associate of all you fine people in the Allegheny Mtn. Region.

Thank You Al and Mary Ingham

The Dollar Stretcher



Don't buy windshield de-icer. Here is a great way to keep your windshield ice free this winter.

A mixture of 3/4 white vinegar to 1/4 water will do the trick. Just spray you windshield when you get home at night and it will be ice free in the morning.

After Christmas Party

January 14, 2018
Chairladies Pat Swigart and Gladys Guyer

Save the date

2017 will be behind us and the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Holiday will be over. AMR is going to start the New Year with an "After Christmas Party" and everyone is invited to attend. It will be a great way to kick off 2018.

Pat Swigart has confirmed The Huntingdon Country Club, Sunday, January 14 for the event. A social hour will begin at 1:00 followed by a buffet meal of tossed salad, rolls and butter, stuffed chicken breast, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and dessert at 2:00. There will also be a cash bar and FREE SODAS!!!!!

The club will be subsidizing <u>members</u> cost. Guests are absolutely welcome at full price.

Adult members: \$15.00 Adult guests \$25.00 All Children (age 10 and over) \$12.50 All Children (age 3 and under) FREE

Any questions contact Pat or Gladys.

Pat Swigart at 814-251-2299 - email pbts@pennswoods.net
Gladys Guyer at 814-667-3796 - gladys_guyer@yahoo.com

Mark your calendar to keep the date, January 14.

Please understand we have to make reservations with the Country Club. AMR **must** have reservations by January 5, 2018.

See everyone at the Party!

Pat and Gladys

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL \$10.00

No Typo



When was the last time you have ever seen the price of anything go down? Possibly never! I hear on TV the price of gas is going down. I am not sure where, I have not seen a lower price. As I sit here thinking, I don't know of anything the cost is decreasing.

Well I have GOOD NEWS for you. As I am sure you know your 2018 AACA membership renewal has increased \$5. I am sure you are thinking where is the good news?

The GOOD NEWS is the Allegheny Mountain Region Board of Directors has decided to reduce your 2018 membership renewal by \$5. This means your 2018 will be just **\$10.00** and <u>no this is not a typo!</u> It's the real deal!

When AMR was founded in 1951 the cost of membership was \$2.00.

After checking with Pat Buckley from National I learned in 1951 the cost of membership in the AACA was:

- Active member **\$6.00**
- Associate member \$3.50
- Wife of member \$2.00
- Life membership \$100.00

Here we are 67 years later (in 2018). When you look at the comparison of then and now, dues have increased in both AMR and AACA. AMR dues increased from \$2.00 to \$10.00 for husband and wife and AACA has gone from \$8.00 for husband and wife to \$40.00.

Between 1951 and 2018, in 67 years there was an increase in AMR of \$8.00 and AACA \$32.00. Do the math, not such a bad deal!

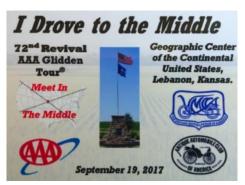
If you have already renewed your membership for 2018, \$5 will be returned to you. Please renew your national and regional membership now!

2017Glidden Tour

Hastings Nebraska - September 17-22, 2017

Hosted by the Nebraska Region AACA, content from original article in Buzzard's Breath Newsletter by Brenda Shore Kaiser, Photos by Brenda Kaiser, Trisha Copley, edited for Vapor Locks by Scott Deno

This year, the 72nd Revival AAA Glidden® Tour returned to Nebraska for the first time since 1909. The AACA Nebraska Region was this year's host with



John Nikodym as the Tour Chairman and Myron Smith as Registrar. On the tour were 41 Buzzies; the tour had 126 cars registered and over 270 people in attendance. The Glidden® Tour has a long history and represents a shared initiative with the VMCCA, AACA, & AAA. Many of the participants have attended more than 15 Glidden Tours; this year 80 participants were joining the tradition as 'freshmen.'

One of the best things about touring is the opportunity to see a part of our country that we may not have seen before, or to visit places and learn things that we did not know about. This was absolutely the case with the Glidden®. We were up early each day, proceeded to the fairgrounds where the Glidden® Gazette was waiting in our mailbox as is common with a Glidden® Tour. The Gazette is a Glidden® tradition; it lets you know what is happening on the tour, and especially if there are any changes in the day's events. After checking on our mail we would venture out to our morning coffee stop—we were hungry, after all. Doug Seybold told me that we are an 'eating club with a driving disorder' or was that a 'driving club with an eating disorder?' Either way, he is correct in that we certainly have a lot to eat on the tour.

One thing that is done very well in the mid-west is prairie museums; specifically museums that cover how the West grew



with pioneers. On Monday we visited the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege and the Pioneer Village in Minden. While both have some things in commonthey were both huge—they were sufficiently different to be interesting. In addition to many vignettes provides the chance to see how things really appeared and were used during a specific period of time. The Nebraska Prairie Museum had a special section focused on the WWII German POW Camp, located just outside of Holdrege.

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During our travels we also visited the Stuhr Museum in Grand Island and the Hastings Museum in Hastings. The Stuhr Museum has many sections with both inside and outside exhibits. The approach for the two main buildings is more modern that the other places we visited, but

expertly done. Included was a rotunda memorabilia.

a with beautiful American Indian

While I had visited the Hastings Museum during a previous visit, I was not prepared to experience a great presentation on the WWII Navy Ammunition Depot, which was located right outside of Hastings. After the presentation we drove through what remains of the Depot–it was a moving experience.

No tour would be complete without having a chance to see car collections, and some farm equipment as well. For this we did not have to go far as John Nikodym, the tour host, has his very own private collection of both. While John may say that he does not own every Velie ever made, it sure looks like he does! With his cars and John Deere equipment beautifully stored on his property, we had a great venue for our morning coffee stop. We also had a stop at the Kermit Wilke's private collection in Wilcox and the Classic Car Collection Museum in Kearney. No matter where we go as we tour, we each have our favorite places that we visited.

On this tour, for me, this was the Archway Monument and the Geographical Center of the Continental US. The later was more about where we were than what was there, but I always think it is worthwhile to realize how vast our country is, and how wonderful, but at the same time, be able to know exactly where you are. In this case, we were exactly in the middle of the US, as the tour was named. The Archway Monument crosses over I- 80 and offers a history lesson on the Oregon Trail and the pioneers that came west.

Other places we visited included the Nebraska Firefighters Museum; Icon Poly–a



custom 3-D fabricator; and Red Cloud, home of not only our host, but the author Willa Cather. We also cannot forget that Kool-Aid originated in Hastings, we now know what a Runza tastes like (interesting), and that cattle outnumber people in Nebraska.

The Glidden® Tour would not be the same without the many events associated with the tour. Our very own Pat Swigart was the Dean of the Freshman. The following Buzzies were

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recognized for attending more than 15 Glidden Tours: Ellen and Scott Deno (19 tours); Wayne and Rosa Ann Hayden (31 tours); Dave Kontor (22 tours); Marty Roth (16 tours); Judy Scotland (17 tours); and Pat Swigart (28 tours). In addition, Wayne and Rosa Ann Hadden was the recipient of the VMCCA Cloisonne Award for their 100+ year car, a 1912 Rambler Touring and Charlie and Ardie Froehlich won the award for having driven their vehicle farthest distance to get to the tour. Congratulations to everyone!

Post Script – Truly, this tour exceeded my expectations. The region had great participation as well as a great week. The following photos are of the region members on the tour: Don and Carol Barlup, Steve and Blanch Gordon, Emery and Shelah Turner, Pat Swigart, Ellen and Scott Deno, and Dave Kontor.





Ellen with our 1929 Marmon in front of Henry Fonda's (the movie star) childhood home. It was a very small, modest home.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

It is time to renew your 2018 membership.

Please take a minute and complete the renewal application located on the cover in this issue of Vapor Locks.

Please include all information that is requested. This helps keep all mailing addresses, e-mail and phone numbers current. There will also be a new membership book printed in January 2018. The new book will be available at upcoming events for you to acquire your copy.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would return your renewal information and \$10.00 (see article elsewhere is this issue of Vapor Locks) to Pat Swigart by December 31.

Secretary Swigart must meet the AACA National deadline with current information on membership.

Please be prompt with your renewal.

Thank you in advance for your courteous response.



Vintage Tour 2017

By Scott Deno



What a beautiful first tour outing for our 1918 Cadillac into the mountains northern Pennsylvania and southern New York. This event is held during odd-numbered years and includes vehicle 1931 or earlier. "There were 12 states represented and three countries." said tour chairman. Thomas Roberts "including 49 cars". It covers everything from a Overland, that's our oldest car on

the tour, to some 1931 models." This was the first semi-progressive tour (not staying in the same hotel every night) which had many folks nervous, but it worked out great with the tour taking a loop returning to Wellsboro twice including the tour's end. Thanks so much to the organizers Tom and Sheri Roberts, Bob and Patti Giles, Chuck Gibson, Judy Fischer, Rick Marsh and Dave Kontor. Also, thanks to the Buzzard's Breath region for sponsorship of the tour. And, dare I forget, thanks to my wife, Ellen, who was a real trooper through the week sporting a recently broken leg.

Monday was move-in day at the historic Wellsboro Hotel with a nice lobby and adjoining bar for socializing which were both used extensively. The famous Wellsboro Hotel and nearby Diner were popular spots for meals.

Tuesday was off to Watkins Glen to visit the magnificent falls and, of course, the race track. Then north to the lovely lake side town of Hammondsport at the south end of Keuka Lake. The day was completed with a nice meal and some picturesque evening drives through the town and by the lake.

Wednesday was off to the Curtiss museum with more aviation history than anyone can imagine. The region has toured here before and should probably do it again. Next, off to the Corning museum which



is always a treat. And off again back to Wellsboro for a watermelon social at the village green. Members of the Tyoga Motor Club also made an appearance as many local drives arrived to connect with other enthusiasts and share about their cars. Families, friends and automobile fans alike roamed The Green and admired these landmarks of automotive history.

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Thursday included a picturesque drive through the Pine Creek gorge with the coffee stop at the Woolrich mills where necessary purchases were made. Then off to the Piper museum in Lock Haven. With both my father-in-law and his brother deeply involved in Piper planes for decades I always find something new and interesting at the Piper



museum. Overnight was in Lock Haven but not before a stop for a live play at the Millbrook playhouse. What a nice parade of vintage cars traveling back after dark (no modern vehicles, since they were back in Wellsboro).

Friday was a short drive to Penn Tech College for a tour of the restoration shops and classrooms led by Roy Klinger. Don't ever pass up a chance to see this great facility and school. Finally, with sadness, as the tour was coming to a close, we journeyed back to Wellsboro for the closing banquet at the Wellsboro hotel.

What a nice tour. Thank you Ellen for showing some real patience with crutches, wheel chairs and other assistance to really enjoy the tour. We both had a great time. We were joined by many old friends and the following "local" folks: Dave Kontor, and Don and Carol Barlup. Also, I am pleased to say our 1918 Cadillac ran perfect.

BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting has been schedule for January 13, 2018 at the Mill Stone Manor Restaurant in Huntingdon. Plan to have lunch at 12:00 followed by the meeting at 1:00. Please respond to Pat if you will joining the lunch group at 814-251-2299 or pbts114@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome!!

Classifieds

From our neighbors, Punxsutawney, Fort Bedford and Gettysburg Regions

FOR SALE:

1984 Chevrolet Caprice Classic 4 door

2 tone red paint, all original, body like new. \$7,000 Contact James Fisher 814-847-2578

1955 Nash Rambler 2 door coupe

Good title, not running, mostly complete; rusty bottom \$907 (price could be a misprint)
Call 301-371-4487; Jefferson, MD

Kaiser Manhattan, 4 door

3 speed w/overdrive, needs brake repair Pits in chrome \$5,500 Call 717-762-1709; Waynesboro

Nash Metropolitan, red and white

Excellent condition, completely restored Rebuilt engine, new whitewalls, lots of extra accessories, garage kept \$13,500 Call 814-356-3232, Bedford

1986 Scottsdale, long bed 1/2 T, 2 WD

Immaculate condition, new shocks, new exhaust, new tires Has cap new deck plate bumper 814-309-2001, Claysburg

1930 Model A Coupe with rumble seat

Black, very nice, road ready, best offer over \$20,000 814-929-7359, Marienville, PA

19?? Buick Centurion Convertible

Solid Car, runs and drives \$3,500 814-650-9012, Altoona

1936 Nash Lafayette, suicide 4 door

Original, 6 cylinders, 3 speed, runs great. 44,750 miles 717-497-0446, Carlisle, PA

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For Sale

1921 Elgin opera coupe

In process of restoration, 1/2 complete (45,000 spent) when Bob Leonard passed on. Extensive documentation, body primed, Fenders, interior and final engine work ahead. Asking \$20,000 Contact John Leonard, Executor, 646-331-2375, PA

1929 Ford Model A Special Coupe

Green with black fenders and a rumble seat. Restoration completed in 2009 \$15,900 OBO Contact, Ken Warner, 717-476-9260

1951 Studebaker Commander Starlite coupe

Restored, bullet nose style, V-8 engine \$15,000 Contact Mearle Gross 717-292-1888

1966 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu 2 door hardtop

350 with 4 speed, power steering, power brakes, green with black top \$21,500 Contact Ray Wimer, 717-786-2796

Wanted:

1965Ford Mustang convertible, V-8

Contact Butch Salzgiver, 717-637-0332, Hanover, PA

Car Books in the "Crestline" series:

Lincoln, Mercury, Packard, Pontiac, Plymouth, Desota Contact John Sayler 717-796-1895 Mechanicsburg, PA

TOUR CHAIRPEOPLE

Gladys Guyer

Would you like to plan a tour for Allegheny Mountain Region? Over the years we have been on many great tours but I will tell you it does take a lot of time and planning. The Board would like to get new members involved in the Region and PARTICIPATE!!

There has always been an "unofficial tour guide lines" but for anyone who would consider planning a tour, I pulled together a guide lines to help you and make the planning a little easier. Below you will see a planning guide.

YOUR GUIDE FOR PLANNING A TOUR

- 1. Where do you want to go? Will this destination be of interest to a significant number of people in the club?
- 2. Is your tour idea going to take one, two, or three days?
- 3. Plan your route two-lane roads all the way if possible.
- 4. If needed plan stops where members can join "along the way."
- 5. Plan "potty stops."
- 6. Plan lunch stops. Choose local restaurants rather than the chains.
- 7. For two or three day tours, find a hotel with the most reasonable rate. Get a group rate if you have the required number of participants.
- 8. Plan a different route for your return trip.
- 9. If club funds are available, provide an incentive for members such as \$10 toward a meal, fuel, activity ticket, or other as determined by the Board.
- 10. Submit your tour to the AMR board in time for their January meeting.



FALL DINNER

The Smithfield Fire Hall was buzzing with chatter and laughter on October 28th at the Fall Dinner except for one person disappointed. A week before the dinner Pat became aware that her daughter Patty was going to receive a prestigious award in Hummelstown so like any mother would do she could not miss the occasion however she did miss the fall dinner. "Congratulations Patty."

Pat didn't leave town before arriving at the fire hall with punch and phyllo shells stuffed with chicken for the social hour but she left immediately. No problem, Pat had asked Cathy Searer to step in for her and she was happy to help.

Cathy and Gladys got busy. They decorated the tables with pumpkins filled with various flowers. Moving to the appetizer table, the punch was mixed, fruit, cheese spreads and crackers were prepared for club members. As a special touch, Gladys carved a pumpkin into a VW Bus for the centerpiece.

Members arrived and talking and snacking continued until our turkey meal was ready. President Deno welcomed everyone to the dinner and Emery Turner gave the invocation. Everyone got in line to partake of a DELICIOUS meal. The club police kept an eye out for line jumpers however no action needed to be taken.

When everyone had finished eating President Deno once again had everyone's attention. He introduced the candidates on the election ballot and thanked each of them for their willingness to serve on the Board. All ballots were collected and socializing continued while Cathy and Gladys tallied the votes. The vote count was very close. With all the ballots counted, President Deno announced the new Board members for 2018-2019-2020 were Randy Clemens, Earl Eby, Ed Hinkle, Mike Walter and Scott Deno.

The afternoon continued with President Deno announcing that an appreciation award was going to be given to a well deserving member of the region for service and dedication. The recipient of the award was Mr. Al Ingham. He was completely surprised. Al has been a vital part of AMR for many years and very worthy of the honor. "Congratulations Al".

President Deno omitted the annual meeting and concluded the afternoon with a thank you to the Smithfield Fire hall workers for the fabulous meal.

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Has anyone traveled in a VW Bus?



New Board Members, Ed Hinkle, Mike Walter, Scott Deno and Randy Clemens. Missing from Photo Earl Eby. As you can see, Scott and Randy were models for the Region's shirts. Looking Good Guys!

A history of Automobiles from 1900 - 1991 by Ed Miller



It was beautiful and fast but also impractical. There was no room for luggage. Weather protection consisted of a flimsy rag top and side curtains. When erected, ingress and egress were all but impossible. Occupancy was strictly limited to just two. The marketing department felt it would draw prospective purchasers into the showroom. Yet corporate management had to cajole and sometimes coerce skeptical dealers into accepting at least one for showroom display.

Today, it is a recognized Full Classic® motor car. It is admired for its stunning beauty and its ability to outpace just about every other contemporary automobile. It's a motor car that demands to be driven only on sunny days. The only time the top is erected is on the show field to satisfy the judges. The vehicle is so widely regarded that it commands prices far in excess of one hundred times its original sales price. This is a 1935 Auburn 851 Super-Charged Speedster.

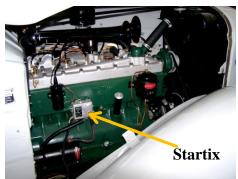
As the garage door slowly rises, a simple one piece chromed bumper comes into view. Then, emerging into sight is a vertical chrome finishing piece at the very end of the boattail. Finally the entire Speedster can be seen and savored. Although the center portion was salvaged from unsold Auburn Twelve Speedsters produced from 1932 through 1934, the new rear-end and Gordon Buehrig designed radiator grill and cowing contribute to a design that is both voluptuous and better proportioned than its Predecessor Speedster.

But we didn't come merely to ogle and drool over the boattailed body.

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Why external exhaust pipes? When Fred Duesenberg was working on the Duesenberg Supercharged Model J, he decided that the best way to dissipate engine exhaust heat would be to run the exhaust pipes directly out from under the hood. A protective flexible outer pipe also provided for an improved appearance. Fred's brother Augie, in concert with the Auburn chassis department, grafted similar outside exhaust pipes onto the Supercharged Auburn.





In spite of its relatively small displacement, the Auburn straight eight engines produce a prodigious amount of power, thanks to the assistance of the Schwitzer-Cummins manufactured super-charger. The little aluminum box near the center of the engine is the Startix

Let's climb aboard and discover if this gal's beauty is more than skin deep. By 1935, entry into the front seat of most

cars had become much easier. Entry into the Speedster is better than average. The "A" pillar sweeps down and forward creating a yawning chasm for your feet to easily slide through, unless you wear size thirteen or larger sneakers. Leaning back against the leather seat is quite relaxing. There is welting running horizontally in the upholstery about shoulder blade high. If you feel it stabbing into your back, which is common, find a better upholsterer. This Speedster's welting is nicely done and doesn't stab or even tickle.

Starting is fairly conventional. Protruding from the right side of the steering column is the ignition switch which doubles as a steering column lock. Turn the ignition key, pull out the choke knob, depress the clutch pedal, shift into neutral, slightly depress the gas pedal and pull the ignition switch down from "OFF" to "STX." The engine ignites with a fast idle and a mechanical rattle and roar. It is neither the melodic sound of a Packard nor the raucous roar of a Bugatti. Alright, the Auburn is running. Depress the clutch and locate reverse gear. The shift lever is long and has between little and no feel until you find a gear. Once reverse is located, pause and then place the shift lever into reverse. Backing out of the garage is no problem. Now outside in the blinding Florida sun, locate low gear which will take a little searching. Once found, depress the accelerator gently.

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No, don't give it full throttle. The pedal is very sensitive to the slightest application of foot pressure. This is easily remedied by installing a stiffer spring on the accelerator linkage. But for today, be careful working the gas pedal. Exiting the garage area, we enter onto a two lane macadam road. The Auburn is equipped with an instrument rarely seen on an American car of this vintage, a tachometer. Unfortunately the needle bobs up and down and is not very useful but it is entertaining. Three easy fixes are: lubricate the inner tach cable, replace the inner cable or relieve any kinks in the cable. Accelerating up to about 15 MPH, a cautious shift into intermediate gear is executed and finally, at about 25 MPH, a shift into high gear is completed as we journey down the road. At an intersection, we stop, look for traffic and turn right onto a very well-traveled six lane street. Accelerating through the gears the Auburn is soon cruising at 45 MPH.



In spite of its relatively small displacement, the Auburn straight eight engine produces a prodigious amount of power, thanks to the assistance of the Schwitzer-Cummins manufactured super-charger. The little aluminum box near the center of the engine is the Startix.

This is the perfect two-seater Full Classic car for those with big feet. The unusual scalloped shape of the "A"

pillar permits easy access into the Auburn Speedster.

The instrument panel incorporates three glass enclosed instruments housing all the necessary dials and gauges including the center housing that is reserved exclusively for the tachometer. Also found within the instrument panel are two knobs, one for choke and the other may be used as a hand throttle for a fast cold idle. The glove box holds a radio, clock and a plaque that is signed by famous race car driver and future



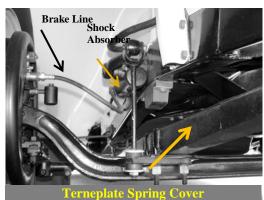
Mayor of Salt Lake City, Ab Jenkins, attesting that this particular Speedster attained 100.8 MPH. In fact, only a few Speedsters were tested and they did exceed 100 MPH. The vast majority were not so tested but all had plaques affixed to the glove box claiming various speeds just in excess of 100 MPH

A quick look at the odometer reminds us that this car is a fresh restoration with only 25 miles on the clock. It's not every day you drive a brand new 1935 automobile. A stop light turns red, the brake pedal is depressed and the Speedster comes to rest. Once the light turns green, the Auburn accelerates

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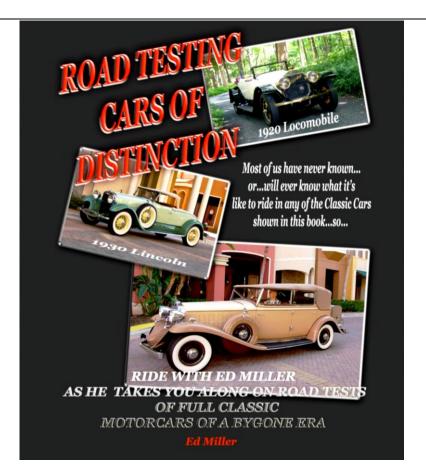
smartly and easily keeps up with traffic. Auburns were noted for their performance. In 1927, the Auburn Automobile Company purchased a controlling interest in the Lycoming Manufacturing Company which, among other things, manufactured automobile engines. The engine manufacturer built engines for Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg and several other manufacturers. The Speedster engine evolved from the 1933 top of the line straight eight cylinder engine manufactured by Lycoming for Auburn. Dubbed the GU, it displaced 268.6 cubic inches, was fed fuel through a 11/4" single throat downdraft Stromberg carburetor and was rated at a very respectable 100 HP @ 3,400 RPM and 210 ft/lbs of torque. For 1934, the engine was upgraded by boring out the block an additional 1/16 inch for a displacement of 279.9 cubic inches. Furthermore, the carburetor was replaced with a Stromberg EE1 downdraft carb. Although the new Stromberg's throat was only 1", it had a dual rather than a single throat for better breathing. The new engine also boasted of a higher compression ratio of 6.2 to 1 as opposed to GU's standard ratio of 5.26 to 1 or optional 5.75 to 1. At the time, fuel could not be compressed at a ratio much greater than 6.5 to 1 without causing premature igniting of the fuel and piston knock. The new engine also offered an aluminum head and what was probably the finest piston available: the Nelson Bohnalite aluminum piston with invar struts. A nickel-iron alloy, invar was invented in 1896, by Charles Eduard Guillaume. Nelson Bohn applied invar to an aluminum piston. In-var is a low thermal expansion alloy, 36% nickel and 64% iron, providing the piston with the ability to maintain its size and shape at all normal operating temperatures.

You are viewing the front passenger's side of the undercarriage. The rubberized line terminating at the back of the brake drum is the hydraulic brake line. The cylinder affixed to the frame with a horizontal lever and a vertical rod is the Spicer manufactured dual acting lever type hydraulic shock absorber. The springs are wrapped in a material called terneplate. It is an alloy originally com-posed of



four parts lead to one part tin. When painted it has a life expectancy of ninety years. Today, zinc has replaced lead in a ratio of 50% zinc to 50% tin. Terneplate is strong, very corrosion resistant, extremely malleable and inexpensive. When it's time to inspect the springs, the terneplate can be easily removed and reused numerous times before breaking.

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