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The President's Message



The last letter I wrote we were getting ready for the Delgrosso show. The weather gods smiled on us and we had a beautiful day and a great turnout. I think the final count was 147 cars. One of our best counts ever. A lot of the same faces we see every year but also a lot of new people. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The fall dinner at Standing Stone Golf Club was well attended. It seems everyone is trying to attend more events. I have to mention that Gladys Guyer's table decorations get better all the time! The corn ear cars were awesome.

Our annual trip to Hershey was kind of a washout. It rained so hard on Thursday that I was wishing for an antique canoe! No one bought any exciting new toys. I had to cook breakfast for Pat on Friday and she finally got her steak!

Jackie and I took a break from car stuff for 4 days and attended the English Setter National dog show at Seven Springs. We don't show our dogs any more but we still have lots of friends who do. It was a great time catching up and visiting with people we don't often see. Thankfully no extra dogs followed us home!

The Cooks Night Out at Paesanos in Alexandria was well attended. We had a great little server who really earned her tips! There were not quite as many in attendance at the Olde New York in State College but we still had a great time.

The trip to Lenny's Classic Car Collection in Altoona was a great day. Most of us had no idea this gem was sitting right there in downtown. I think Jackie might write a little more about that later in this VL.

I know there were lots of things going on that we weren't involved in. The Glidden Tour, Bedford Fall Festival car show and The Grape Escape. I hope those who attended will send Gladys info and let us all know what they were up to.

Remember the After Christmas Party is coming up in January. I am sure there is more info on that in the VL. Plan to attend. We are headed into the winter doldrums and need to get out and get together!

Spend the winter getting those old cars running and shined up for the spring!

Bill (counting the days till we head south) Forsht

AMR Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA was held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Standing Stone Golf Club following the Fall Dinner.

The meeting was called to order by President Forsht at 4:00 P.M. with 47 members and guests in attendance.

The minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were accepted upon motion of David Kontor, seconded by Ed Hinkle.

Treasurer Guyer gave the Financial Report which included the regular account and the Reliance Bank account. She reported that there were 147 cars at the Del Grosso Show. Upon motion of Randy Clemens, seconded by Clair Grove the Treasurer's Report was accepted. It will be filed for audit.

NEW BUSINESS

President Forsht requested that anyone with suggestions for tours should report it to any board member. If they would like to also plan the tour it would be very helpful.

It was suggested that we have several one day tours. The President will look into having a tour of Lenny's Classic Car Collection in Altoona in the near future.

We will try to schedule the After Christmas Party for January 5th or 12th at the Smithfield Fire Hall.

It was suggested that we stop pre-registration for the DelGrosso and Boalsburg Shows. Upon motion of Anne Appleman, seconded by Jackie Forsht the decision was carried.

The Secretary read the results of the Board elections. The elected members are:

Randy Clemens	Bill Forsht
Bill Guyer	Gladys Guyer

Gladys Guyer was selected as Member of the Year.

Everyone introduced themselves and the cooks and servers were Thanked for the delicious meal.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

(Mrs.) Patricia B. Swigar,t
Secretary

83rd Annual Meeting

Antique Automobile Club of America

February 7-9, 2019

Philadelphia, PA

**Meeting, Trade Shows, Seminars, Lady's Breakfast,
President's Dinner, Auction, National Judging Schools,
National Awards Banquet**

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Thursday, February 7, 2019

3:00 - 5:30 PM	Early Meeting Registration
9:00 PM	National Directors Reception (Suite 2301)

Friday, February 8, 2019

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Meeting Registration (Ballroom Floor)
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hospitality ~ Ballroom Floor
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Trade Show
8:00 AM - 4:15 PM	Seminars
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	First Lady's Breakfast (open to all members)
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Youth Program
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Reception
6:00 PM - 8:15 PM	Region/Chapter Presidents' Dinner (By Invitation Only)

Saturday, February 9, 2019

7:00 AM - Noon	Meeting Registration (Ballroom Floor)
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hospitality ~ Ballroom Floor
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	National Judging School
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Trade Show
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Youth Program
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Seminars
10:00 AM	Philadelphia City Tours Begin
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	AACA General Membership Meeting
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	AACA National Awards Reception
6:30 PM	National Awards Banquet

COME AND ENJOY!!!





They're Only Original Once

Fred Trusty, HPOF Chairman

I have heard some misconceptions lately about the HPOF class so let's take a closer look at the Historical Preservation Original Features Class or as a lot of people call it, The Original Class.

HPOF was created in 1988 to reward and provide incentives to keep vehicles in their original unaltered state and provide a living history of how factories manufactured these vehicles. They also serve as a record of how these vehicles should be restored.

There are two major areas evaluated in HPOF; **maintenance and preservation**. An HPOF vehicle is one that retains its original components and features not restored or altered. It must be an authentic vehicle as the dealer could have prepared for delivery to the customer with any feature, option, or accessory in factory literature or company directives for the model year of the vehicle. *These are the same standards as class judging.*

With HPOF, if a component serves the purpose for which it was intended, it's acceptable in most cases. For example, a bumper with some scratches and dings would be fine but one where all the chrome has flaked off and has holes rusted through would not be acceptable. There must be enough of the original vehicle left to be an example to a restorer.

Maintenance - Maintenance items are parts that will eventually have to be replaced if the vehicle is driven. Examples are batteries, belts, brakes, compressors, fuel pumps, hoses, alternators, tires, water pumps etc. Maintaining a vehicle is vital to its longevity so replacing maintenance items is not only accepted but it is encouraged and will not have a negative effect on the certification of the vehicle. Note that period correct replacements should be used and installed correctly.

Preservation - Many damaged exterior items can be replaced with NOS parts or better examples from salvage with no effect on the certification of the vehicle. Examples include bumpers, hoods, fenders, running boards, trunk lids, and most trim pieces. The same thing goes for many interior items as well. Searching to find a correct replacement might take a while but part of the fun of the old car hobby is the hunt.

Remember, they're only original once.

ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN REGION, AACA 2019 Calendar of Events

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|---------------------|---|
| January 5 | Board of Directors/Membership meeting
Smithfield Fire Hall @12:00 |
| January 5 | After Christmas party, Smithfield Fire hall,
Huntingdon. Social @ 2:00, meal@ 3:00 |
| February 7-9 | AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia |

CONGRATULATIONS

**Elected Board of Directors
for the term 2019-2020-2021**

**"Bill Forsht"
"Bill Guyer"**

**"Randy Clemens"
"Gladys Guyer"**



Randy Clemens, Bill Forsht, Gladys Guyer, Bill Guyer

THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hello everyone,

Winter has arrived with Christmas and 2019 fast approaching.

This is the last issue of Vapor Locks for 2018. I hope you have enjoyed reading each issue. I would like to thank each person who has made contributions to *Vapor Locks*.

Our Region indeed has many members who contribute to the club's success.

No doubt many of you have the "old car" tucked in for a PA long winters nap. While the cars are napping it will be a great time to get involved with the club. You will enjoy the people and activity planning. Come on out and give it a try. You have nothing to lose and much to gain.

Bill and I have enjoyed activities the club arranged in 2018, and were able to attend most events however we missed the November Cook's Nite in State College. I was having a "senior moment" and completely forgot about it until a few days later. Can we redo it?

Pat and I have Region's after Christmas Party planned for January 5th at the Smithfield Fire Hall. (Complete information is elsewhere in this issue). Attend and enjoy great friends and great fellowship.

Planning for 2019 events will begin on January 5th, 2019 prior to the after Christmas Party. Members will work together; donate their time and effort to plan events for the New Year. Ideas and input are always needed and welcomed. There is no better time to get active in the club than today!!

Happy Holidays, I'll meet you in the next issue or better yet I will meet you at the after Christmas party.

Gladys

*Snow is like kindness,
it beautifies everything it touches!*



COOK'S CORNER

Gladys Guyer

Taco Bubble Up

1 lb. lean ground beef
1 pack taco seasoning
2/3 cup water
1 can 16.3 oz. can biscuits

1 can (15 oz.) black beans rinsed and drained
2 cups (8 oz.) Shredded Mexican cheese blend
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions

Heat oven to 375°. Spray 13x9 baking dish with cooking spray. Cook ground beef until thoroughly cooked, drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water. Cook 3-4 minutes stirring frequently until thickened. Add black beans, 1 cup of the shredded cheese and green onions.

Separate biscuits and cut each into 8 pieces. Using a rubber spatula, combine biscuit pieces and beef mixture, stirring gently to combine. Spoon evenly into baking dish.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown and thoroughly baked in center of casserole. Sprinkle remaining cheese over top. Bake about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle top with additional onion, peppers, lettuce, tomato etc. Top with a dollop of sour cream.

Easy Rocky Road Fudge

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
1 cup chopped nuts of your choice

Line an 8x8 or 9x9 pan with foil: coat with cooking spray. Put chocolate chips and condensed milk in a large microwave safe bowl. Microwave for 20 seconds increments until melted. Add vanilla and stir. Add marshmallows and nuts, gently stir to combine. Press fudge into your pan. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Use foil to lift the fudge out of the pan, cut into pieces and enjoy.



**I'm Dreaming of a white Christmas
but if the white runs out
I'll drink the red.**

After Christmas Party

January 5, 2019

Event planners, Pat Swigart and Gladys Guyer

Save the date

2018 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 2019.

Pat Swigart has confirmed The Smithfield Fire hall, Saturday, January 5th for the event. A social hour will begin at **2:00** followed by a full course turkey meal at **3:00**

Adult members: \$12.00

Adult guests \$12.00

All Children (age 6-12 and over) \$6.00

All Children (age 3 and under) FREE

Any questions contact Pat or Gladys.

Pat Swigart at 814-251-2299 - email ppts@pennswoods.net

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Mark your calendar to keep the date, January 5.

Your reservation form is on the cover.

Please understand we have to make reservations with the Fire hall and **must** have reservations by December 28, 2018.

See everyone at the Party!

Pat and Gladys

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!

Have you renewed your National Membership?

**Have you renewed your Allegheny Mountain
Region Membership?**

**The December 31st deadline for both is fast
approaching. RENEW NOW!**

Secretary Pat Swigart reports that membership renewals are coming in. If you recall your renewal form was in the last issue of Vapor Locks and I have also included it in this issue. Your membership renewal will be \$10.00 if received by December 31. After December 31 the cost will be \$15.00

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

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

Thank you!





Our thoughts are with Don Barlup and family on the loss of Carol, wife, mother and grandmother.

Carol Barlup passed away on Tuesday November 20 at the Hershey Medical Center. She was a 1965 graduate of Cedar Cliff High School, and attended HACC where she obtained a degree in early education. She was employed at the Dauphin Deposit Bank and later became a homemaker spending her time taking care of her grandchildren.

Carol was a life member of the AACA and loved touring. She looked forward to traveling the country from one tour to the next making new friends and enjoying old friends. Carol was an avid reader and cherished her family.

Carol enjoyed 51 wonderful years of marriage to her wonderful husband and friend Don.

AMR is sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the family.

*Those we have held in our arms for a short while
we hold in our hearts forever.*

Author Unknown

A Day at Lenny's Classic Car Collection... from a wife's point of view!

Jackie Forsht

Looking at the building at 816 Green Avenue Altoona gives you no idea what be hiding inside.

A good indication of how nice the inside might be it how nicely the lot was plowed outside so we all had a nice place to park. We didn't get to start or tour quite on time because the owner of another large car collection (I won't mention any names) managed to get herself lost!)



You step thru the front door and the sparkle smacks you in the face! These cars don't just shine; they reflect light like giant gems. And that is what they are! Rolls Royce, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Bentley, Model A, Thunderbirds...some of the most beautiful cars ever built. I read an article from a few years ago that estimated the value of his collection at over \$5 million dollars.



And this isn't just a car garage. It is a beautiful building with wonderful lighting, murals on the walls, white tiled floors, a wine vault and a lovely little neighborhood Pub in case the visitors get thirsty.



Lenny Fiore met us at the door and treated us like we were all old friend he had invited over for the day. You will never feel more welcome than we felt there. He told us it was perfectly fine to touch the cars and in fact he said we could get in them and take pictures if we wanted! This

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man loves cars! Lenny orders every part himself for the restorations and knows every car in the building and its story. He is more than willing to spend the whole day talking cars with a bunch of guys! This is why we wives were happy to see a nice seating area with comfy leather chairs!

There are approximately 25 cars on the museum floor and other cars in storage that get rotated in and out. This was Bill and my third tour and you see different cars each time. Bill favorite, a blue Aston Martin from some James Bond film, wasn't there this time.



After spending about 90 minutes downstairs we got in the huge elevator to go up to the restoration area. There are actually 4 stories in the building but the upper 2 are just for storage. The restoration area has every tool and toy a boy could ask for. A body

shop, paint room, mechanical shop and everything is beautifully neat, clean and well lit. They are currently working on an SS 1 which is a 1930's forerunner of the Jaguar. It is a one of a kind car!

The best part of the restoration room is "The Cat House". This is where the extermination team lives Aston and Martina are 2 cats that live the life of Riley. I'd be willing to bet they never caught a mouse but they sure made us feel welcome. They are also responsible for the big wooden car inside the front door where you may make donations to the local Central Pa. Humane Society. The Cool Cats of LCCC recently donated a new van to the local shelter when theirs died.



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I love to play "Which one would you take home" when I am at a show or museum but LCCC really made it hard to decide. I think I finally decided on a 1950 pearl colored Jaguar XK120. Bills favorite Aston Martin was missing so he went with the mid 50's pink baby bird with the rumble seat. Randy Clemons also went with a T-bird but he chose the red '63 convertible and our "late arrival" went with the 1935 Rolls Royce Sadanca de Ville. I guess none of us would throw that out of the garage. Haha



After we left Lenny's, this isn't easy to do, because the man LOVES to talk cars! We went to the Greenwood Steakhouse for lunch. The steakhouse is a local landmark that has been around for 50 years and survived 2 fires...that's another story! I think almost everyone agreed that their cheese steak hoagie is worth coming back for. Maybe we can make it a stop for a cook's nite out next year.

All in all it was a terrific day. Anyone who missed it missed seeing cars that you may never see anywhere else. We own a big thank you to Lenny Fiore and his staff and I think we should make it a point to visit him again soon.



We never miss a meal!

TRIVIA

Submitted by Dean Kyler

1. What city was the first to use parking meters?
2. Where was the first drive-in restaurant?
3. True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.
4. What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?
5. What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?
6. What American luxury automaker began by making cages for birds and squirrels

Answers on the last page

Congratulations!!!!

Allegheny Mountain Region winners!

**AACA, Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA
October 13, 2018**

Driver Participation Award

Don Barlup, New Bloomfield, PA - 1974 Pontiac Grandville

Senior Award

Ernie Romanini, Lewisburg - 1930 Model A

JUST FOR THOUGHT

This year, thousands of American families will have an empty chair at the holiday table. And some presents will remain wrapped. Months ago, family members waved bravely as their sons, daughters, husbands, and wives boarded airplanes to begin their deployment overseas with the US military. Many family members promised their soldiers that they wouldn't cry. Many lied.

During this busy holiday season, keep in mind the sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, spouses and others who are part of a military organization attempting to bring peace to the world. Having a loved one in the military during the holidays encourages us to focus our priorities on more important issues and not get caught up in the holiday hype. This year we'll continue the tradition of lighting candles and offering prayers for the safe return for the thousands of military members who serve the cause of freedom. Someday they will return home, remove the yellow ribbons, and take their seat at the table.



God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above

From the mountains, to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America
My home, sweet home
God bless America



My home, sweet home

Just For Laughs

The Empty Seat

Freddie and John were fortunate enough to have a season ticket to watch Chelsea. They could not help noticing that there was always a spare seat next (B14) to them and they had a friend who would love to buy a season ticket, especially if all three could have seats together.

One half-time Freddie went to the ticket office and asked if they could by buy the season ticket for B14. The official said that unfortunately the ticket had been sold. Nevertheless, week after week the seat was still empty.

Then on Boxing day, much to Freddie and Eddie's amazement the seat was taken for the first time that season. John could not resist asking the newcomer, 'Where have you been all season'. Don't ask he said, the wife bought the season ticket back last summer, and kept it for a surprise Christmas present.

Mirror Image

On Christmas Eve, Nathan thought it would be nice to buy his wife a little gift for the next day. Always short of money, he thought long and hard about what that present might be.

Unable to decide, Nathan entered the store and went to the cosmetics section where he asked the girl, "How about some perfume?" She showed him a bottle costing \$75. "Too expensive," muttered Nathan.

The young lady returned with a smaller bottle for \$50. "Oh dear," Nathan groused, "still far too much."

Growing rather annoyed at Nathan's meanness, the sales girl brought out a tiny \$10 bottle and offered it to him.

Nathan became really agitated, "What I mean", he whined, "Is I'd like to see something really cheap."

So the sales girl handed him a mirror.

Fall Dinner

Coordinators Pat Swigart & Gladys Guyer



Nearly 50 members and guests attended the annual Fall dinner held on October 6 at the Standing Stone Golf Club.

When members started to arrive, Gladys and Pat had an appetizer table prepared for everyone to enjoy. The tables were decorated with fall flowers as well as cars made out of ears of corn.

President Forsht made rounds making sure the appetizers were being tested properly before our meal was ready. As you will see, the following pictures say it all!



Members shared a great afternoon!

LOCAL LORE

Reading, PA



The **Acme** was a make of American automobiles made in Reading, Pennsylvania from 1903 to 1911.

In June 1903 James C Reber acquired the old Acme Machine Company's bicycle factory on the corner of Eighth and Elm Streets, Reading at a bankruptcy auction of the American Bicycle Company. Reber owned Reber

Manufacturing, an automobile manufacturer, and was going to use the factory to manufacture automobiles initially planning to make 4 to 6 vehicles per week, with the aim of increasing output 500 machines per annum.

With the purchase of this site Reber also announced that Reber Manufacturing was changing its name to the Acme Motor Car Company.

Acme exhibited its cars at the Chicago Automobile Shows from 1904 to 1907. The company was one of the founding members of the American Motor Car Manufacturers Association.

In November 1905 the company was taken over by Frank A Devlin of Devlin & Co, Chicago. The new owners intended to specialize in tourist cars (a touring car, limousine, and landaulette) and delivery wagons.

The firm went into bankruptcy in July 1906 with Daniel J Driscoll appointed receiver by the Court. The plant was kept in operation by the receiver to ensure a reasonable return to its debtors.

The business was sold in February 1907 by the receiver to Herbert M Sternbergh for \$65,881.12.

Acme introduced its first 6-cylinder car, a touring car called the *Sextuplet*, at the New York motor show in September 1907. In 1909 it introduced a 10-year guarantee on its 6-cylinder models.

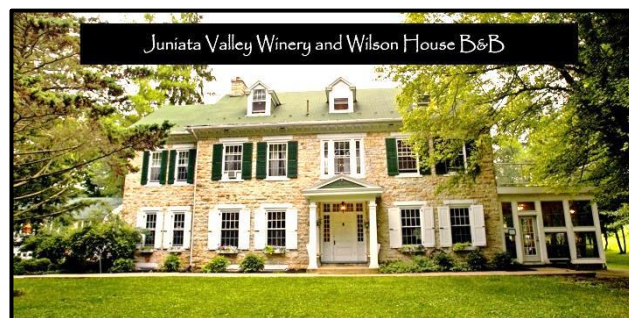
By September 1907 Acme is thought to have made 520 cars since production began at its Elm Street plant. The company's output was quite low with only between 125-150 cars planned in 1909.

The Grape Escape Afternoon Tour

October 20, 2018

Pete and Cathy Searer, organizers

Saturday, Oct. 20th a small but happy group met in Burnham to spend the time together on an afternoon tour. Pete and Cathy planned everything perfectly. The roads they chose were very "off the beaten path."



We enjoyed the scenery on our drive to our first stop, the Juniata Valley Winery. The winery has an absolutely gorgeous. B&B attached to browse.

We left the Juniata Valley Winery and once again travelled on nice country roads to the Hawstone Winery. Hawstone wines are handcrafted in small batches. Every bottle has exceptional quality. Here some visited the winery while others enjoyed sitting on the porch.



Our final winery to visit was the Hungry Run Winery. Wine is crafted in a small barn just outside of Lewistown in the rural countryside of Vira, PA. Their name was chosen from the Hungry Run stream that runs through the farmlands in the valley. A unique gift shop was enjoyed by the gals in the group.

By the time we had finished. It was time for dinner so the

day ended with dinner at Bel-Vue Inn. Everyone had a great afternoon. You did not have to be a wine drinker to have a super day.



Silver Bells

wikipedia

Do you know the history of the "Silver Bells"?

Silver Bells was written for the movie, *The Lemon Drop Kid*, starring Bob Hope and Marilyn Maxwell in 1951. It was written by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans who were very reluctant to write a Christmas song as new ones had never made the hit list. Their uncertainty about taking on such a project also stemmed from the fact that their contracts were coming due and they had not written a hit in a while. Another flop would have sealed their fate.

Because the studio was insistent on a new Christmas song being written for this movie, the duo wrote a song based on department store Santa's and Salvation Army workers tinkling their bells on New York street corners. They named their song, "Tinkle Bell" and fortunately for all of us Jay told his wife about the song, including their name for it. Asking Jay if he was out of his mind, she proceeded to inform him of the slang meaning of 'tinkle' understood by most people.

Lucky for the world that Jay accepted his wife's criticism of the title with maturity. He and Ray loved the music and melody of their song, "Tinkle Bell". The word "Tinkle" was replaced with "Silver" and leaving the rest of the lyrics untouched, the rest as they say is history! "Silver Bells" became a huge hit when Bing Crosby recorded a duet of the song with Carol Richards, securing the employment of Jay and Ray with Paramount Pictures and providing the world with a much loved musical tradition.



Allegheny Mountain Region Board Members

Photo by Don Foor



Ed Hinkle, Randy Clemens, Bill Forsht, Gladys Guyer, Bill Guyer, Cathy Searer, Pete Searer, Jeff Boring, Pat Swigart, and Mike Walter

TEAMWORK

Coming together is the beginning
Keeping together is progress
Working together is success

Henry Ford

The Studebaker Wagonaire

Wikipedia



The **Studebaker Wagonaire** was a station wagon produced by the Studebaker Corporation of South Bend, Indiana, from 1963–1966. It featured a retractable sliding rear roof section that allowed the vehicle to carry items that would otherwise be too tall for a conventional station wagon of the era.

Wagonaires seated six passengers (five with the optional front bucket seats). The car could seat eight when equipped with a rear-facing third-row seat, which was available as an option through 1965. When the third seat was ordered, the cars were fitted with special "Captive-Air" (puncture-resistant) tires, as the additional seat took up the space required for a spare tire and wheel.

Early buyers soon found that their new Wagonaire's roof leaked water near the front of the sliding section. This problem was addressed – with limited success – by the factory. While the early roof seals were redesigned and improved, it was also critical that the drainage tubes in the roof slider assembly be kept clear, a factor that early owners were probably not aware of. A series of service letters were sent to dealers to address this but early negative reports probably tarnished what was otherwise a very sound design.

As a result of the leak problem, fixed-roof station wagons were rushed into production alongside the Wagonaire and became available in January 1963. These sold for US \$100 less than the sliding-roof wagons, but it was technically a "delete option", meaning that if the buyer wanted the fixed roof versus the slider, it had to be specifically ordered that way by the selling dealer and was not a separate model.

When Studebaker closed its South Bend, Indiana, assembly plant and continued production at its Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, plant, the company

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eliminated its "halo" models, the Avanti and Hawk, but continued to build Lark-based sedans and Wagonaires.

The 1964 models, which were built only in Canada after December 1963, were the last to carry Studebaker's own engines. Beginning with the 1965 models, General Motors supplied engines based on the Chevrolet six-cylinder and V8 designs. The 1965 models were available only with the sliding roof.

The fixed-roof option made a return for Studebaker's final model year in 1966, but the third seat was no longer offered. In addition, the 1966 Wagonaire finally was made a model in its own right blending the exterior features of the Commander with the interior trim grade of the sporty Daytona. There were also fixed-top Wagonaires available in 1966; while a total of 618 of all types of Wagonaires were built for 1966.

BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting has been schedule for January 5, 2018
at the Smithfield Fire Hall in Huntingdon at 12:00.

This is the first planning meeting of the year so
everyone is invited to come and give ideas.

Everyone is welcome!!

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935
2. Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921
3. False. The 1953 'Vett's were available in one color, Polo White.
4. The 1960 Plymouth Valiant
5. The 1924 Chrysler
6. The George N. Pierce Co of Buffalo, who made the Pierce Arrow,