# Reservation



## **Spring Dinner Reservation**

### Saturday, April 6, 2019 Stoney Point Events in Sinking Valley Socializing at 2:00 Dinner at 3:00

Menu is Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, roll, dessert, drink and... friends.

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The cost of the meal is \$20.00 per member. Guests \$25.00 per meal.

Any Questions contact: Bill Forsht at 814-931-7045

Adults: \$20.00 --Guests \$25.00 Children \$10.00 (age 4-11) Children (age 3 and under) FREE

Reservation deadline is March, 31 2019

Mail This Reservation Form to: Bill Forsht 723 Forsht Lane Altoona, PA 16601

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Reserve:

Adults @ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Guests @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Children 5-11@ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 5 Free \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA

### HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE DINNER

### **Spring Dinner Directions**

From Map Quest

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Stoney Point address: Address: 284 Stoney Point, Altoona, PA 16601. Phone: (814) 944-8952

#### **From Huntingdon Area**

William Penn Hwy/US-22 W to Water Street. Take 1st right onto Birmingham Pike/PA-453, go 3.39 miles. Turn left onto Pembontor Rd. Turn slight right onto Nichols Rd. Take the 1st left onto Kettle Rd. Turn left to stay on Kettle Rd. Turn left onto Stoney Pt. STONEY PT is on the right.

#### From State College Area

I-99 S/US-220 S toward Philipsburg/Altoona Take the PA-453 exit, EXIT 48, toward Tyrone Keep left to take the ramp toward Water Street Turn left onto PA-453. Turn slight left onto Morris St. Morris St becomes Quarry Rd. Turn slight left onto Quarry Rd/Sr1015. Turn slight right onto Skelp Mountain Rd. Skelp Mountain Rd becomes Skelp Rd. Turn left onto Crawford Rd. Take the 1st right onto Golf Course Rd. Turn right onto Kettle Rd. Turn left onto Stoney Pt. STONEY PT is on the right

#### Altoona Area

Turn right or left (depending which direction you are traveling) onto S Kettle St/PA-971. Continue on PA-971 for 2.67 mi. PA-971 becomes Kettle Rd. go 3.47 mi. Turn right onto Stoney Pt. 284 STONEY PT is on the right

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For any questions call Bill Forsht 814-931-7045



# Enjoy Your Day!

# **Vapor Locks**



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### **President's Message**



Hello from sunny Florida. This is going to be a quick letter because Gladys needs to get the VL out quickly.

We have a lot of upcoming events. Please check your Vapor Locks for all the details for dates, times and places.

We have had a great time being away from all the snow, ice and wind. It seems like every day we get a text or

message about more bad weather. Please try to get it all cleaned up before we come home at the end of March.

We spent the first month down here in Tavares known as the seaplane capital of the world. It was amazing to go to the park to walk the dogs and watch them testing the planes on the lakes. One day we stopped to eat lunch while we were at the park and suddenly all these antique cars starting showing up. It turned out to be a local club having their version of Cooks Night Out.

The small town of Mt Dora was near us.... Jackie wanted to go see the house that is painted like Van Gogh's Starry Night painting and I wanted to see the MUSEUM OF SPEED! The museum is fairly small and only had about 15 or so cars but they had an amazing amount of memorabilia of all kinds. You had to go thru the place at least 3 times just to see most of it. Every time you noticed something new.

When we did "What would you take Home" it was a tossup for me. Either the 1966 Shelby GT 350 "SC" Mustang that had been driven by Andy Granatelli or Madonna's underwear....Jackie picked a 1939 Ford woody wagon.

The museum owner was into flower cars and hearses so we had a lot to talk about! He said he is closing this year and will be having a sale. I left him my number and asked him to contact me if he does.

Antique cars just seem to find us. One morning we were walking thru the RV Park and Jackie said "Why are all those old cars in the parking lot?" Of course I went to check it out and it was a monthly meeting of the local Hudson club. There were 8 Hudson's in the lot!

On April 24<sup>th</sup> we headed up to Ocala for the AACA Winter meet. It was a beautiful sunny day and the cars were great! As we wondered up and down

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the rows I suddenly saw a familiar face. Don Barlup had flown down to judge!

As usual we did the "What would you bring home. Jackie picked a 1956 Nomad wagon and I picked an Austin Healy Speedster. Pictures to follow!

Everyone please keep in mind that we are have a board meeting on the March 24 at River Billys. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Pat and I will be heading to Penn Tech to present the Region's scholarship on March 31.

Also start getting those cars ready for the Boalsburg show Memorial Day weekend.

I am bringing summer with me when I head north in about 2 weeks so get ready for the car show season to start!

"Museum of Speed"



Neat pictures from inside the museum.

See you soon.

Bill (pass the sun screen) Forsht

### Inside the "Museum of Speed"







House painted like Van Goghs Starry Night painting.



This? How about a car like or This?



This lady in this photo looks stunned. Did she see Bill or what?



No, Bill you can't have it!



What is made in Bethlehem PA, here every Easter, like a little beady-eyed creature? They are made in many shapes and colors – baby chicks and bunnies. Yes it's the marshmallow peeps!!



The company is named after Sam Born, a Russian-born founder and confectioner, started the brand in 1917

after immigrating to the United States. His candy company grew and eventually acquired Rodda Candy Company in 1953 where there was a small line of marshmallow products.

These small candies are made from marshmallow, sugar, gelatin, and carnauba, a waxy substance that gives the Peep its gritty, sugarcoated shell.

Believe it or not, it originally took 27 hours to create one Peep! The little birds were squeezed out of tubes and painstakingly decorated by hand. That was until Sam Born's son, Bob, invented a way to mechanize the marshmallow-shaping process.

Today 2 million Peeps can be made in a day, in Bethlehem, Pa. In 2019 it is anticipated that more than 700 million Peeps will be sold this Easter holiday.

Over time, Peeps developed into a posse. The line now includes bats and pumpkins for Halloween; hearts for Valentine's Day; and red, white and blue Peeps for the Fourth of July.

An annual "Peeps Eating" contest is held each year at National Harbor in front of the Peeps & Company store. The 2017 **winner** was Matt Stonie of California. Matt ate **255** Peeps in five minutes.

Hmm maybe Allegheny Mountain Region should have our own peep eating contest. What do you think?

## **2019 Calendar of Events**

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March 20	Cook's Nite at D'Tavios in Tyrone	
March 24	Board meeting, River Billy's Grill	
April 4-7	AACA Southeastern Spring Meet, Charlotte, NC	
April 6	Spring Dinner Stoney Pointe Events in Sinking Valley	
April 17	Cook's Nite, Marzonies in Duncansville	
April 24-28	Spring Carlisle	
May ??	Tour??	
May 15	Cook's Nite, Mifflin County at Wingman Brew & Que	
May 26	Prep work for the Memorial Day Show at 6:00.	
May 27	Memorial Day Show, Boalsburg, PA	
May 30-June 1	AACA Grand National, Auburn, IN	
June 2	Ronnie Morris Cruise in at 5 Forks	
June 9,	Strawberry Festival at Warrior Run	
June 19	Cook's Nite, Paesano's in Alexandria	
June 21-23	Chevrolet's, Carlisle	
June 23	Bill and Jackie Forsht's picnic	
June 23	Board Meeting at Forsht's Picnic	
June 26-29	Eastern Spring National Meet, Parsippany, NJ	
July 13	Alum Bank Car Show	
July 17	Cook's Nite at New York Deli in State College	
August 9-11	Swigart Meet, Huntingdon (50th Anniversary Meet)	
August 21	Traditions in Martinsburg	
August 22-25	Corvettes at Carlisle	
August 24	Martinsburg Car Show	
August 25	Tour in Mifflin County - Cathy Searer	
September 1	Ronnie Morris Cruise in at 5 Forks	
September 15	One day tour place to be determined - Jackie Forsht	
September 18	Cook's Nite place to be determined	
September 22-27 Glidden Tour, Charlotte, NC		
September 29	Delgrosso Car Show	
October 2-6	Fall Carlisle	
October 9-12	Hershey - AACA Fall National Meet	
October 12	Bedford Fall Foliage Parade	
October 16	Cook's Nite, Village Pantry	
October 19	Visit Lenny's Place, Altoona	
November 3	Fall Dinner, Standing Stone Golf Course, Huntingdon	
November 20	Cook's Nite, Hungry Duck in Roaring Springs	

## THE EDITOR'S DESK



The time has changed, it stays light a little longer each day and Spring is right around the corner. Are looking forward to pleasant weather? You know I am!

Hopefully by our Spring Dinner the weather will be nice enough to take the old car out for a drive to spend the afternoon with good friends. **So let's do it!** Get the car out, remove the cover, dust it off and enjoy the drive to

the dinner.

Information for the Spring Dinner and your reservation form is included in this issue of Vapor Locks. Send it in as soon as you receive your Vapor Locks so it does not slip your mind.

I am hoping the Region can get a May tour planned at the Board Meeting. The weather should be good not be to hot and not to cold but is our weather ever what we think it should be? Probably not, but whatever the weather I can guarantee you a nice leisurely tour and it does not even matter where we go. If you have an idea for a tour please let President Forsht or a Board member know.

See you on the road!

Gladys



## Get your cars out and let the GOOD TIMES ROLL!

## COOK'S NITE OUT RETURNS

No cooking tonight! Gladys Guyer



Cook's Nite Out is one of the region's most popular and well attended activities. We will kick off the 2019 Cook's Nite on March 20 which

happens to be the first day of "Spring". Our schedule is below.

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

March 20	D'Tavios in Tyrone 1302 PA Ave. Tyrone PA 16686 contact person <b>Paula Clemens</b> at 814-215-5949 (Can leave a message.)	
April 17	Marzonies in Duncansville, PA contact person Paula Clemens 814-215-5949 (Can leave a message)	
May 15	Wingman Brew & Que address: 9074 US Hwy 522 S Lewistown PA 17044 - Cathy Searer, 717-250-9070	
June 19	Paesano's in Alexandria - Contact Gladys Guyer at 814-667-3796.	
July 17	New York Deli, State College - Contact Scott Deno	
August 21	Traditions in Martinsburg	
September 18	Lewistown Area	
October 16	Village Pantry Altoona Area	
You will be notified of any changes that are made to Cook's Nite.)		

### JOIN THE GROUP FOR AN EVENING OF SOCIALIZING!!

## **HUDSON in HIDING**

Submitted by Earl Eby

Earl took this photo about 15 years ago. He tells me the owner bought the car new and when it quit running he just parked it out back of his house.



Hidden Treasure!

A LITTLE HISTORY OF THE HUDSON Gladys Guyer

The company started production, with the first car driven out of a small factory on July 3, 1909 at Mack Avenue and Beaufait Street in Detroit. The company occupied the old Aero car factory which would sell for under \$1,000. More than 4000 were sold the first year.

**Female designer -** As the role of women increased in car-purchase decisions, automakers began to hire female designers. Hudson wanted a female perspective on automotive design so hired Elizabeth Ann Thatcher in 1939, one of America's first female automotive designers. Her contributions to the 1941 Hudson included exterior trim with side lighting, interior instrument panel, interiors and interior trim fabrics. She designed for Hudson from 1939 to 1941, leaving the company when she married Joe Oros, then a designer for

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Cadillac. He later became head of the design team at Ford that created the Mustang.

As ordered by the Federal government, Hudson ceased auto production from 1942 until 1945 in order to manufacture material during World War II including aircraft parts, naval engines, and anti-aircraft guns

Production resumed after the war and included a 128-inch wheelbase 3/4-ton pickup truck. The 1951 Hudson's strong, light-weight bodies, combined with its high-torque inline six-cylinder engine technology, made the company's 1951–54 Hornet an auto racing champion. It dominated NASCAR in 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1954.

After the company's high-priced Jet compact car line failed to capture buyers in its second straight year, Hudson was acquired by Nash-Kelvinator (makers of Nash and Rambler) automobiles in 1954

The last Hudson rolled off the Kenosha assembly line on June 25, 1957. There were no ceremonies, because at that point there was still hope of continuing the Hudson and Nash names into the 1958 model year on the Rambler chassis. The combined Nash and Hudson production volume was not sufficient to justify an all new design and tooling, so the Rambler's platform was expected to be adapted to the longer cars.

AMC's President George W. Romney came to the conclusion that the only way to compete with the "Big Three" (General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler) was to stake the future of AMC on a new smaller-sized car line. Neither Hudson nor Nash brand names had as much positive market recognition as the successful Rambler so sales were lagging. Together with AMC's chief engineer Meade Moore and Romney had completely phased out the Nash and Hudson brands at the end of 1957. The decision to retire the brands came so quickly that preproduction photographs of the eventual 1958 Rambler Ambassador show both Nash- and Hudson-badged versions. The Rambler brand was selected for further development and promotion while focusing exclusively on compact cars.

Eventually, however, something close to the Hudson design was chosen for the 1958 Rambler Ambassador. Hudson brand enthusiasts will note the triangular grille guard and 1957-like fender "gun sights" and the fast-selling 1958 Rambler Customs wore 1957 Hudson-styled front-fender trim

## 83rd AACA ANNUAL MEETING

February 8-10, 2019 Philadelphia, PA

Several members of the Allegheny Mountain Region participated in the 83rd AACA Annual Meeting. Pat Swigart, Dave Kontor, Don Barlup, Marge Cutright as well as Scott and Ellen Deno made the trip to the city of Brotherly Love.

Scott presented two seminars that were well attended with 50 - 100 people.

- 1) Restoration Experiences.
- 2) Tips: Engine Rebuilding, Do's and Don'ts Restoration Q & A.

The Swigart Museum was invited to take their gorgeous 1916 Scripps-Booth Formal Town Car to display at the Meeting. As you recall the students at Penn College did a phenomenal job with the car.



Posing for a photo in front of the Scripps-Booth are Pat Swigart, Dave Kontor, Don Barlup and Marge Cutright. Missing from the photo Scott and Ellen Deno



Allegheny Mountain Region banner hanging on the balcony of the hotel.

### Amelia Island 2019 Concours d'Elegance

The **Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance** is an automotive charitable event. It is held each year during the second weekend in March at The Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island in Amelia Island, Florida. If there was a car "beauty pageant for rare and elegant cars", this would be it.

The first car event was held April 6, 1996 at Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island. Bill Warner assembled a group of 163 cars and attendance was around 2,200 fans.

Fast forward to 2019 founder Bill Warner, a small paid staff and 600 volunteers set up the annual classic car event in and around the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, and estimated over 10,000 to attend.

The Elegance has donated \$ 3.25 million dollars for Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Spina Bifida of Jacksonville, The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and the Shop with Cops Program of Fernandina Beach and Nassau County (FL).

The Swigart Museum was invited to participate in the Elegance with the 1909 International. Quite the honor! The students at Penn College prepared the International for the journey. Pat Swigart, Marge Cutright and Roy Klinger as well as the students attending were elated when the car received the Historic Corporate Award.



## **Congratulations!**

## **IN WITH THE NEW OR NOT?**

Tesla Trivia Submitted by Charley Cates with additional info from Wikipedia Gladys Guyer

Did you ever hear of a Tesla Car? I never did (maybe it's a girl thing) until Charley Cates sent me a trivia question about a Tesla so...I had to find out about the Tesla so I did some research.



Tesla is American Automotive and Energy Company based in Palo Alto, CA specializing in electric car

manufacturing. It was founded in July 2003, by engineers Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpenning, under the name Tesla Motors.

Tesla Motors was joined by Elon Musk, J. B. Straubel and Ian Wright. Musk envisioned Tesla Motors as an independent automaker, aimed at eventually offering electric cars at prices affordable to the average consumer. Tesla Motors shortened its name to Tesla in February 2017.

The **Roadster** kicked things off in 2008 with impressive stats: 0 to 60 MPH in less than 4 seconds and a range of 244 miles per charge. Meanwhile, the company began work on a more affordable car: the **Model S family Sedan**. It came with three different battery options, which gave estimated ranges of 235 or 300 miles. The battery option with the highest performance gave an acceleration of 0 to 60 miles per hour in slightly over 4 seconds and a top speed of 130 mph. Unlike the Roadster, which carried its batteries at the front of the car, the **Model S** had its batteries underneath the floor, which gave extra storage space in front and improved handling because of its low center of gravity.

When Tesla started taking orders for the Model S, a 40 kWh battery version was offered for \$57,400. That version of the Model S only had about 160 miles of range and was not a popular. In 2012, Tesla started to manufacture the Model S, delivering about 3,100 cars that year. Performance was close to the Roadster with a range of 270 miles

In 2012, Tesla unveiled what may have been its secret weapon: a high-speed charging network that enabled Tesla owners to replenish half of their cars' range in 20–30 minutes, or go from empty to a full charge in about an hour.

The 40 kWh Model S was discontinued in 2013 before being manufactured, but the original order price was honored.

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Tesla released the **Model X**, a "crossover" vehicle (i.e., a vehicle with features of a sport-utility vehicle but built on a car chassis), in 2015. The Model X had a maximum battery range of 295 miles and seating for up to seven. , The model X electric SUV came in at just a bit more expensive than the current Model S. While the dual-motor 70 kWh Model S was selling for \$75,000, the Model X was introduced at a price of \$83,000. With the top-of-the-line performance package and "Ludicrous Speed," the Model X can hit 60 MPH from zero in just 3.2 seconds and 257 miles of range between charges.

Because of demand for a more inexpensive vehicle, the **Model 3**, a four-door sedan with a range of 220 miles (354 km) and a price of \$35,000, began production in 2017.

Tesla ranked as the world's best-selling plug-in passenger car manufacturer in 2018 with 245,240 units delivered of the plug-in segment sales.

As of January 2019 Tesla offers three car models: the Model S, Model X and Model 3. The firm's first vehicle, the first-generation <u>Tesla Roadster</u> is no longer sold.

### Now for the Trivia Question

The battery pack on one version of the Tesla Model S contains how many pounds of lithium compounds?

A. 140 lbs (64 kg) B. 290 lbs (132 kg) C. 510 lbs (231 kg)

Answer can be found at the bottom of Yester Years News page 3.

## **BOARD MEETING**

A Board Meeting has been schedule for March 24, 2019 at our meeting room at the Mill Stone Manor River Billy's in Huntingdon.
Pat is picking up pizza for lunch at 12:00 with the meeting following at 1:00. Please respond to Pat if you will be joining the lunch group at 814-251-2299 or pbts114@gmail.com.

## YESTER YEAR NEWS

### 1917 Pennsylvania License Plates and the Allegheny Region

George John Drobnock, Mount Union, Pa.

Porcelain License plates in Pennsylvania, up to 1916, were manufactured under contract with the Brilliant Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, Pa. The porcelain plate was in service to until 1915, and in 1916 the Commonwealth changed to a painted metal embossed plate.

Motor vehicle license plates were required in the Commonwealth beginning in 1903. Some larger cities and towns had their own automobile registration plate with the introduction of the automobile, but on April 19, 1905 the legislature passed an act to regulate motor vehicles. When the Act went into effect in 1906 motor vehicles were required to have a registration plate front and rear. With this act no counties or cities could require an automobile to be registered locally. Only the Commonwealth had the privilege to require the registration of a vehicle. The first plate cost \$3.00, and registration passed from county Prothonotary to the Pennsylvania Highway Department.

The 1906 porcelain plates were manufactured by the Ingram and Richards Company of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Ingram and Richards produced porcelain plates until 1911. Then in 1912 the state awarded a contract to the Brilliant Manufacturing Company. In 1915 the lowest bidder was Quayle Enamel Company of Albany New York. In 1914 Quayle defaulted on a contract to produce automobile registration plates for the state of New Jersey. This default left Pennsylvania nervous and the state awarded the contract again to Brilliant. Brilliant continued to produce porcelain plates through 1915. In 1916 the State changed its format to an embossed metal plate. It is not known how many porcelain plates were manufactured for 1916 (http://www.ricksplates.com/).



1916. the In Commonwealth placed a bid for 1917 registration plates. The new plates were to be painted and embossed metal. not porcelain. The

last porcelain registration was manufactured in 1915 by the Brilliant Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia.

Those who collect or have seen early porcelain or pre-1920 metal plates may have noticed a keystone embossment with either a small attached tag or in some cases a number stamped on the keystone embossing. The number was the VIN (Vehicle

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Identification Number) for the vehicle for which the registration plate was purchased.



Pennsylvania motor vehicle registration plates up until the 1920s had a keystone shaped space where a motor vehicle serial number was stamped for the registration. The early VIN number could be either the motor number or the serial number of the complete vehicle.

So what changed in the manufacturing of automobile registration plates between 1916 and 1917? In July 1916, State Highway Commissioner Frank B. Black

made two official announcements that were found in an article in the Pittsburgh Gazette Times (11 July 1916): (1) road races on state roads were banned, this included hill climbs, and (2) Commissioner Black stated that registration plates would be manufactured through a contract awarded to the Reformatory in Huntingdon, PA. The new contract was awarded with the understanding that the cost to the State would be fifteen cents per license plate.

The "Municipal Journal" for 15 January 1917 stated that the old plate registration (issued 1916) was to be kept in use until new registration was available. This would take time for the Prison Labour Commission to establish a metal stamping shop at a state correctional facility. The new license plates were to be issued by November 1916. The correction facility had been awarded a contract, with an understanding that they could produce, with inmate labour, 2,500 license plates a day. At the close of business December 27, 1916 the Highway Department received registration totaling \$786,244.00 and no new license plates to deliver to the purchasers.

In March 1917, the journal "The Delinquent" published by the Prison Association of New York stated that the Huntingdon Facility's bid was \$20,000.00 less than all other bids received. By the end of 1917 license plates produced by the Huntingdon facility had been placed on about 306,001 automobiles. (Public Road, May 1918.)

Within the Allegheny region, the manufacturing of Pennsylvania vehicle registration plates in Huntingdon County enhanced local automobile history. The plates, one for the front and one for the back, were pressed from heavy gauge metal, and painted white on black at a cost of fifteen cents per plate. By an Act of public law from 1907 and 1915, the inmates were to be paid to be productive. It also offset the cost of housing the inmates.

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For those interested, a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania publication for 1917 lists plates manufactured and issued in 1917. The publication of note is titled "Motor Vehicle Registrations and Licenses," State Highway Department of Pennsylvania for June 1917. Within the June listing is found the dealer plate to Charles Huston and Brother, Mount Union. The Huston's who built a Ford Dealership in Mount Union in 1921/22 had a dealer plate of X7821. In Huntingdon, the tablet manufacturer J. C. Blair Company had a vehicle registered with license plate 262284.



Sample pairs of 1917 Pennsylvania Automobile license plates manufactured at the Huntingdon Reformatory, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.





#### **Plate Numbers**

295475 Ralph S. Nichol, R. F. D. No. 1, Home 295476 Sam Gitstaferin, Sagamore 295477 G. A. Dowell, Blue Bell 295478 J. A. Dempsey. Osceola Mills 295479 T. W. Baker, R. F. D. No. 1 Saxonburg 295480 M. L. Hartman, R. F. D. Martinsburg 295481 Grant Baker, Knolesville 295482 A. M. Brenize, Dry Run 295483 A. M. Hettesheliner Noxen 295484 Wilber W. Buchman , R. F. D. No. 2 Walnutport 295485 Anthony Struruland, Moon Run 295486 R. A. Dunbar, Evans City 295487 M. A. Davis . R. F. D No. 2 McKean 295488W. E. Saylor, Hillards 295489 J. W. McNelsh, Hillards

### ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION

The correct answer is A. 140 lbs (64 kg) (This is equivalent to the lithium in 10,000 typical cell phones



Our Spring dinner will be held at the Stoney Point Events in Sinking Valley.

A 2:00 social hour will begin the day with the meal at 3:00

Menu is Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, roll, dessert and drink and friends.

The cost of the meal is \$20.00 per member. Guests \$25.00

Bill and Jackie Forsht have made all the arrangement for a great afternoon and.....I believe President Forsht had a long talk with Mother Nature and was assured the weather will be nice to bring the "old" car. Perfect, all we have to do is attend and hopefully drive the "old car".

Your reservation form is included in this issue of Vapor Locks. Please make your reservations by March 31. Directions to Stoney Point Events are on your reservation page.

## **2019 Show Registrations**

There will be no pre-registrations for the Memorial Day Show or the Delgrosso Show. All registration will be done on the day of the show. A \$10 donation is requested per vehicle on show day.

The donations from these shows supports the Boalsburg Military Museum, helps fund a scholarship to a deserving student at Penn College and also helps support the Human society.

Come out and support the Region.





### They're Only Original Once Fred Trusty, HPOF Chairman

This is the second in a series of articles about the Historical Preservation Original Features (HPOF) class. In the last article an overview of the class was presented. The main point was the definition of an HPOF vehicle is one that retains its original components and features not restored or altered.

In this article we're going to open the doors and look at

the interior. Wouldn't it be nice if every 25-year-old plus vehicle's interior looked the same as it did on the show room floor? Since most vehicles are driven as basic transportation their first 25 to 30 years of existence things happen. Kids spill things, the sun's ultraviolet ray's take their toll and basic wear and tear contribute to the deterioration of the interior's materials resulting in that used car look and smell. But with HPOF, that's OK, because it's all about originality.

If a component serves the purpose for which it was intended that's acceptable in most cases. Cracks in a leather armrest are acceptable as is some wear on all the other components. If a seat has a small tear, then repair the tear but there's no reason to recover the entire seat. It may be worn and faded but that's fine since it's still original. There are situations where an entire seat might have to be recovered but if the rest of the car is original one seat won't keep it from being HPOF certified. Broken or missing door handles, window cranks, and other knobs and handles can be replaced with NOS or salvage parts.

What about aftermarket parts? Remember, 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. Sorry, but that AM/FM 8 track, cassette, CD, MP3, CB, XM, ESPN, ESPN2, Bluetooth unit that slices, dices, and makes Julienne fries and has a gazillion watts of power is not a factory authorized option. The fuzzy dice hanging on the rear view mirror or any other gadgets are not dealer in-stalled options, either.

The main point is that the vehicle must have original components. NOS and salvage replacement parts are acceptable replacements if they are installed correctly. Small repairs to larger components are also acceptable.

Next time we'll take a walk around the car and dive into the most controversial area of HPOF: exteriors. Remember, they're only original once.

## **JUST FOR THOUGHT**

## "Don't Judge"

A 24 year old boy seeing out from the train's window shouted...

"Dad, look the trees are going behind!"

Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year olds childish behavior with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed...

"Dad, look the clouds are running with us!"

The couple couldn't resist and said to the Dad...

"Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?" The Dad smiled and said..."I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today."

Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.

### The Obstacle in our Path

There once was a very wealthy and curious king. This king had a huge boulder placed in the middle of a road. Then he hid nearby to see if anyone would try to remove the gigantic rock from the road.

The first people to pass by were some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers. Rather than moving it, they simply walked around it. A few loudly blamed the King for not maintaining the roads. Not one of them tried to move the boulder.

Finally, a peasant came along. His arms were full of vegetables. When he got near the boulder, rather than simply walking around it as the others had, the peasant put down his load and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. It took a lot of effort but he finally succeeded.

The peasant gathered up his load and was ready to go on his way when he saw a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The peasant opened the purse. The purse was stuffed full of gold coins and a note from the king. The note said the purse's gold is a reward for moving the boulder from the road.

The king showed the peasant what many of us never understand:

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

## **COOK'S CORNER**



Gladys Guyer

### These recipes are Bunny approved for Easter

### **Roasted Carrots**

1 lb. carrots peeled and halved length way
2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
2 teaspoons canola oil
1 teaspoon honey
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to  $400^{\circ}$ . Place carrots in a greased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. In a small bowl, mix thyme, oil, honey and salt; brush over carrots. Roast until tender, 20-25 minutes.

### **Buttery Garlic Green Beans**

1 pound fresh green beans 3 T butter 3 cloves garlic minced 1/4 tsp. lemon pepper Salt to taste

Place green beans into a large skillet and cover with water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until beans start to soften, about 5 minutes. Drain water. Add butter to green beans; cook and stir until butter is melted, 2 to 3 minutes.

Cook and stir garlic with green beans until garlic is tender and fragrant, 3 to 4 minutes. Season with lemon pepper and salt

A husband and wife are at an expensive restaurant. When their meal was served the man said "this food looks delicious lets dig in". The wife says to the husband "we always pray before we eat at home." Husband answers " yes but there is a real chef here".



## Just For Laughs

Emery Turner

## Do you and your spouse shop together?

A husband and wife are shopping at the grocery store.

He picks up a case of beer and puts it in the cart.

"What are you doing?" asks the wife.

"They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans" he replies.

"Put them back we can't afford them", demands the wife. They continue shopping.



Later on she puts a \$20 jar of face cream in the cart.

What are you doing?" asks the Husband.

"It's my face cream it makes me look beautiful," replies the wife

He said "So do 24 cans of beer and it's half the price.

That's him in aisle 5.

### Advice for men at the gym

A man over 60 was working out at the gym when he noticed a sweet young thing across the room.

The man asks a trainer who was nearby "What machine should I use to impress the sweet gal over there?"

The trainer looks him up and down then says "I would recommend the ATM machine in the lobby".



## MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

#### **Gladys Guyer**



Scott Deno our regions webmaster was recognized with the 2018 "Award of Distinction" by the AACA at the national meeting held in February.

What does a webmaster do? A couple of examples to give you a <u>small</u> idea of what Scott does as webmaster is:

He updates our website throughout the year adds photos articles etc. as well as up loads each issue of Vapor Locks on our website.

We are no longer required to send paper copies of Vapor Locks to the newsletter judges; however National does request electronic copies. There is a specific way to do this and Scott also ensures this task is completed. He is now working on the necessary conversion of our website to a new location on the internet.

Thank you Scott for the time and work to be our Regions webmaster!



## MEMBERS RECOGNIZED PG,2

#### **Gladys Guyer**

I was also recognized at the national meeting for publishing Vapor Locks. Just as Scott volunteers his time for our website, I volunteer my time to publish Vapor Locks.

I make an effort to publish our newsletter with contents that are of interest everyone.

I am very grateful to be chosen to receive the 2018 "Master Editor Award."

Thank you to everyone who sends me Vapor Locks material and photos.







### The 8th Annual Buzzard's Breath Touring Region Tour August 5-8. 2018 - Denver, PA By Scott Deno with portions from Fran Shore's article in

The Buzzard's Droppings

The annual tour for the Buzzards Region of AACA has existed from 2011 through 2018. Attending in 2018 were region members Dave Kontor, and Ellen and Scott Deno. Dave has the honor of attending every Buzzy tour since 2011, as well as being their membership chairman. The opening for some of our tourers started at Das Awkscht Fescht. The annual 3 day meet at Macungie is called "Das Awkscht Fescht" which means "The August Festival". The weekend draws 1200 cars through Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday was an optional tour to the Pagoda in Reading, PA. It appears like an ancient Chinese building with a magnificent view overlooking Reading. It is over 100 years old and has been kept in good condition by the local government for many years.



On Monday we drove to Columbia, Pennsylvania and toured the National Clock and Watch



The Clock Museum

Museum. From a reproduction of Stonehenge to the recent years of time instruments, from the most miniature to large, from the simple to the beautiful artistic, to the static to the timepieces with full animation; it was all a fascinating presentation. Three blocks away we entered the Turkey Hill Experience. The seven young folks on the tour were interviewed and their

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smiles and animation described a great time. The grownups had fun as well and yes, they also ate their ice cream.

Tuesday, the drive was to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and a memorable study of the industrial history progression through the years. The Museum of Industrial History gave a tactile and visual up-close view of the progress man has made to create the modern world. The museum is housed in one of the previously used buildings of Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Our very good guides explained that while it does have machines displayed, the museum is on all American industrial history. Every machine is in perfect condition and from massive machines to air balloon baskets to weaving loom machines for intricate material patterns. We continued to the America on Wheels Museum. This museum has developed a setting for vehicles that visually give the effect that you were seeing the vehicles in an actual way for their intended purpose. The evening was our 2018 Buzzard's Region dinner meeting. The room was packed with Buzzies, the pizza was terrific and plentiful, and the camaraderie is what makes our region so special. This time the room was filled with the joy of being together with longtime friends, newer friends and many memories. The Buzzard banquet is a great tradition and they are proud of their banquets and meetings.

Wednesday with weather still good touring weather we drove our shortest day in mileage to the Ephrata Cloister in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. This cloister was founded in the 1700's and began as a unique monastic settlement and evolved into a religious settlement. The movie, the guide and the touring of the buildings and land was quite interesting as we learned the life of these deeply religious folk who lived in this way during our revolutionary times.



The Ephrata Cloister Meeting House

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Our next stop was for lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant. No photos were taken as it would have been an embarrassment to all due to our plates being overloaded with both the entrees and the deserts.

The tour then moved to the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, Pennsylvania. This is a storage and consignment building where it is like a "candy store" for the antique automobile hobbyists. Pictured is a view from the main entrance. Yes, it is HUGE with 550 of the owner's cars and 150 cars for sale.



**Gorgeous Automobiles** 

## **Email Correspondent**

Cathy Searer, the Regions e-mail correspondent remains at her desk for 2019. She does a fantastic job reminding you of the upcoming events and correcting any incorrect information. Members are very appreciative for the work she does.



# **Memorial Day Show**



**Free Pictures** 

### Military Museum Grounds, Boalsburg, PA May 27, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This will be the 26th year that Allegheny Mountain Region will have a show on the lawn of the Military Museum.

Enjoy socializing at the show or walk across the highway and take in the town festivities. There will be food vendors by the show with a delicious variety of options.

### There will be no pre-registrations for the Memorial Day Show. Registrations will be done on show day with a \$10 entry donation.

The entry contribution of \$10 per vehicle goes to great causes. The Military Museum, a scholarship to an Automotive Technology student at Penn College in Williamsport and the humane society.

This is a NON JUDGED SHOW!! There will NOT be trophies at the show! Near the end of the day, by a random drawing, various items will be given to lucky participants.

Additional information will be included in the next issue of Vapor Locks.

Come and enjoy a great day!

Thank you Cathy!