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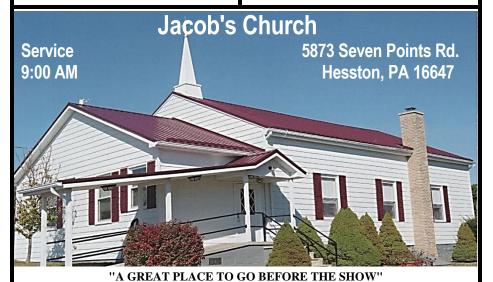


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## President's Message



Well, WHOOSH...THERE IT GOES...summer has zipped past us and fall is right around the corner. As summers go this one was kind of crappy. A lot of rain and either too cold or too hot. I guess we are never satisfied. We did catch a break and get good weather for the Swigart Meet. I heard the turnout was amazing! Let's hope it continues this way! There is so much work goes on at the museum getting ready for the meet and so much

history there for people to see. It seems a shame that awful weather wipes us out so often!

Unfortunately the weather right before the meet was NOT good up our way. It seems we were the recipient of a "micro burst". Instead of spending the day with my friends and cars, I spent it trying to get giant oak trees off the road in the cemetery. We lost over a dozen 40 and 50 year old trees. Some split and some just rolled out of the ground. Big thanks to Jeff and Zach Boring for helping me on Monday to get them out without damaging more stones.

We had 1 day tour in Bedford County on September 15th. Steak, 9 covered bridges, gravity hill and a nice turnout.

I know I do a lot of buying and selling and things coming and going but 2 weeks ago I got something I have wanted for a long time. A 1978 Ford Ranchero. I can't wait to get started on it, but Jackie says I have to finish up a few projects before I start a new one. Jeesh ....WOMEN! So right now I am fixing what needs done on her Javelin so she can bring it to Delgrosso. HOPING to get paint to stick to that 2006 Mustang that has been hogging up my paint room for 2 years!

I am sure you have all heard Jackie, at some time, mention that I am butt hole deep in alligators. Well this summer I was! Well, actually it was just one 3 foot long gator that was captured in the river down by Delgrosso Park. Center Wildlife found a sanctuary in Lancaster Pa. that will foster him so I ran him down. There was a brief moment when he got loose in my van but, hey....things happen! He later caught a ride to Florida and will spend the rest of his life down where he belongs. Forgotten Friends Reptile Sanctuary is a great place. We met them at a library where they were doing a program for kids. We certainly didn't want that gator walking the rows at the car show on the 29th at Delgrosso! The only wildlife allowed at the show is our wives! So grab those wild women (your wives!) and Fast cars and head on down and meet us at Delgrosso!

Bill "Crocodile Dundee"

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### **Pedal to the Metal**

A senior citizen drove his brand new BMW Z4 convertible out of the car salesroom. Taking off down the highway, he floored it to 100mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

"Amazing!" he thought as he flew down the M1, enjoying pushing the pedal to the metal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring.

"I can get away from him - no problem!" thought the elderly nutcase as he floored it to 120mph, then 130 then 140mph. Suddenly, he thought, "What on earth am I doing? I'm too old for this nonsense!" So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

Pulling in behind him, the police officer walked up the driver's side of the BMW, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The old man, looked very seriously at the policeman, and replied, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, Sir", said the policeman.

### **ACTS - 2 -38**

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening at church service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "STOP! ACTS 2:38!" (Repent and be baptized, in the name of the lord, so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. .As the officer cuffed the man to take him in; he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell scripture at you."

"SCRIPTURE?!" replied the burglar,

"She said she had an AXE and TWO 38's!





## **Square Car Tour**

Bob Parish Vice President - National Awards

Have you ever participated in a square car tour? You may have and not known about it. Every spring our local Region organizes a tour that travels through the back roads in the country. A square car is defined by the general shape of cars of the 1920s – 1930s.

The tour organizer usually leads because they have selected the routes, and detailed route instructions are passed out in case the tour becomes interrupted. The other participants are arranged by the oldest first and sometimes this is a Model T Ford. Other members with newer cars also come, but are placed in order by the car's age. The tour duration is about 50 or 60 miles, the pace is slower, but the waves from people along the way are gratifying.

The tour always ends at a pre-arranged restaurant for lunch. A good time of fellowship is had by all.

We always invite the local Model A Club to join us and guess what, the Region and AACA usually pick up some new members. Call the tour what you like, but "Square Car" seems appropriate to us.

## **Trivia**

- 1. How many Dodge Chargers were used in the original "Dukes of Hazzard" that ran from 1979 to 1985?
- 2. What taillights did the 1968 Shelby Mustang use?
- 3. What color was the first Camaro off the production line?
- 4. What was the name of the car Chrysler built in 1940 as a publicity stunt?
- 5. How many Plymouth Hemi Barracuda Convertibles were made?

Answers elsewhere in Vapor Locks

## **2019 Calendar of Events**

September 22-27 Glidden Tour, Rock Hill SC

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, D'Ottavios, Tyrone

October 27 Fall Dinner, Standing Stone Golf Course, Huntingdon

November 20 Cook's Nite Jethro's in Altoona - Jackie Forsht

Any changes or additional activities will be added to the calendar as soon as available.



## **CLASSIFIEDS**

**1967 Ford 380 Gallery** with 86,997 miles, asking \$9,500. Call Elaine Callihan at 814-733-4802

**1950 Willys Jeepster** - Campus Red with black band -very nice restoration. Original 4-cylinder "F" head engine with OD. New black top and side curtains, reupholstered seats, new wiring harness, parts re-chromed, stainless steel trim refinished, etc. 79K miles, \$16,500, Received the President's Award at the Latimore Valley Car Show. Contact Fred Wentzel in York. (717)764-0029

**1938 DeSoto**, 3 speed with OD. National Senior Winner. \$17,500.00 Call 724-354-2665

**1929 Ford Model A Coupe**, 4 cylinder with rumble seat. \$5000 firm. Needs tires and carburetor cleaned. Contact Rick Overman, 724-479-4189 Indiana, PA

## THE EDITOR'S DESK



Summer might be winding down but we are not ready to wind down the cars.

There have been some beautiful days to get the cars out and enjoy them.

The Mifflin County tour was a warm beautiful day. Bill and I had a great time with the "group". The Bedford Covered Bridge Tour was another beautiful

day to be out in the car. Both were leisurely driving on back roads.

It seems fall is here when there is football and the Delgrosso show. Our grandson Cooper plays flag football. Very exciting games if you know what I mean but the kids play hard. However, the highlight of Cooper's game on Thursday and probably the highlight of his season was when he intercepted the football and was able to hold on to it. He was very proud of himself as were Pappy and Mimi.

The Delgrosso show is in a few days. No preregistration. A great show and great day enjoying our common passion, "cars". Let's make this a record attendance and a full show field. Hope everyone can attend.

I'll meet you in the next issue with plans for the road.

Gladys

# 74th Revival AAA Glidden Tour

**September 22-27, 2019** 

The Hornets Nest Region, AACA is hosting the **2019 Glidden Tour** in the Rock Hill, SC – Charlotte NC area.

Several members of the Allegheny Mountain Region are attending the Tour. There will be highlights of the week in the next issue of Vapor Locks.

Safe Travels!

## COOK'S NITE OUT Schedule

No cooking tonight!

Gladys Guyer



Cook's Nite Out continues in October and November before we take winter break. This is a good way to spend an evening out enjoying great food and great company.

Below is the schedule for October and November.

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

October 16 D'Ottavios 1302 Pennsylvania Ave Tyrone, Pa 16686 Contact Jeff Boring ? 814-942-3373

**November 20 - Jethro's** 417 Parkview Ln, Altoona, PA 16601. Contact Jackie Forsht 943-8766 or 931-7045

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

You will be notified of any changes made to Cook's Nite.

#### **Trivia Answers**

- 1 309
- 2 1966 Ford Thunderbird
- 3 Black
- 4 Newport Dual-Cowl Phaeton
- 5 Plymouth produced 7 for the 1971 production year

## **COOK'S CORNER**

#### **Gladys Guyer**

#### **Apple Bars**

3/4 cup butter, melted

1 1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1 1/2 cup white sugar

3 eggs

3 teaspoon vanilla extract

3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

3/4 teaspoon salt

3 teaspoon baking powder

3 cups all-purpose flour

3 cups apples, diced (a tart baking apple is best like granny smith)

1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

1 Tablespoon white sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Spray a 9 x 13 casserole dish with cooking spray.

In a bowl, mix together butter, brown sugar & 1 1/2 cup white sugar.

Add eggs, vanilla, cinnamon, salt & baking powder, mix well.

Add flour and mix again. Batter will be thick, don't worry!

Add apples and walnuts (if desired) and mix well. Batter should begin to thin to more brownie like consistency.

#### **Cheesecake Apple Salad Fluff**

8 ounces of Cream Cheese at room temperature

1/2 cup sugar

8 Ounces whipped topping

5 apples diced. Any kind you like.

1/2 C chopped nuts - walnuts or pecans

1 Cup mini marshmallows

Put cream cheese in a large bowl and beat until smooth. Add sugar and mix, stir in whipped topping until mixture is smooth and lump free. Add apples, nuts, and marshmallows. Stir to coat. Serve immediately, or store in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to 24 hours.

"Eat an apple on going to bed and you'll keep the doctor from earning his bread"



## ~50th Anniversary ~ Swigart Meet

The 50th Swigart Museum Car Show was held on August 9 and 10, 2019 sponsored by the Allegheny Mountain Region AACA and the William E. Swigart, Jr. Automobile Museum.

Festivities started Friday evening with an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Wine Tasting by ReKlaimed Vines. As registrants arrived the greetings began and old and new friends joined in the evening.

On Saturday morning the sun shone brightly as the sparkling cars started to arrive to the parking area along with the Kars and Koffee Kruisers. On the grass in front of and beside the Museum as well as the macadam parking areas, the many cars were on display. The Gettysburg Region planned one of their tours to join in our celebration.

The attendees were treated throughout the day by music provided by Autumns Music Box with oldies and some country music. Jayden Moffa, Miss Greater Juniata Valley, a contestant in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant was among the visitors and had her picture taken at many of the cars and with some of the owners much to their delight.

Chef John Barley and his crew were kept busy with the lunch crowd serving hot dogs, sausages, sloppy joes, and root beer along with all the fixin's.

The weather continued to be beautiful with pleasant temperatures all day. The tent selling tickets for the raffles including baskets, locally donated items, gift cards from businesses and 50/50 tickets was busy continuously. The baskets were provided by some of the board members, some local merchants, and the Gettysburg Region donated three great items. Many door prizes were given throughout the day.

## 50th Anniversary Swigart Meet page 2

#### Awards were given in the afternoon to the following recipients:

- \*\*Youngest Driver to the Show Victoria Kontor from Latrobe, PA in a 1967 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible
- \*\*Oldest Driver to the Show Emery Turner from Buffalo Mills, PA in a 1964 Dodge Dart Convertible
- \*\*Longest Distance Driven Philip Hempshire from Downingtown, PA with a 1977 Chevrolet Malibu Classic

#### \*\*Director's Choice

1st prize - Augie Lesher from Reinholds, PA with a 1946 Whizzer Goodrich Schwinn

2nd prize - Jackson Nelder from Connellsville, PA with a Red Classic Pedal Car. Jackson is a 5th generation participant at a Swigart Meet

- \*\*Youth Choice Fred Sleasman from Connellsville, PA with a 1965 Pontiac LeMans Hardtop
- \*\*People's Choice Scott Heitzman from Coal Twp., PA with a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe



People's Choice Scott Heitzman's 1934 Chevy Coupe

## 50th Anniversary Swigart Meet -page 3

The banquet on Saturday evening at the Standing Stone Golf Club began with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem sung by Jayden Moffa. We then were treated to a delicious Turkey and Ham dinner along with additional entertainment by Autumns Music Box.

Everyone, with full stomachs and good feelings of being with family and friends, said their goodbyes until another year. The 51st Swigart Museum Car Show will be held on August 7th and 8th, 2020. Put it on your calendar now and plan to be with us.

A big Thank You to the Staff of the Swigart Museum for planning such a great day especially Tami Hetrick for chairing this event and Marge Cutright, Betty Boozel, Dean Kyler, Lonnie Smith, and Jace Long, and Board members Steve Gordon, Dave Kontor and Steve Hall.

And remember.....

We'll See You Down The Road!

Pat



Scott Heitzman and Pat Swigart

# Harvestfest Antique Car Show

**September 29, 2019** 

The Delgrosso Amusement Park has invited the Region back for our annual car show.

Chair people for the show Bill and Jackie Forsht will have everything in place for the show.



The show will be held across the highway on the grass in front of DelGrosso Foods, Route 220 – Tipton, PA. There will be TWO FREE ADMISSIONS to the park which includes all day rides and a gift package of sauces for each car registered and driven to the show field.

## This year's feature vehicle is Randy Clemen's 1966 Oldsmobile Delta 88

- Registration opens at 9:30 AM
- > Dash Plaques to the first 150 cars
- This is a non-judged show
- ➤ Drawing for gift cards at 3:30.
- > YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
- NO "For Sale" signs allowed on or in cars

#### **VEHICLES MUST BE 25 YEARS OLD. 1994 AND OLDER.**

There will be Food and entertainment all day over in the park. There will also be a Porta Potty available near the show field

## There is no preregistration!

See you there!!

## **Mifflin County Tour**

Pete and Cathy Searer

On Sunday, August 25th, a small group consisting of Jeff Boring, Bill & Gladys Guyer, Scott & Ellen Deno, Jim Burke & Cindy and Pete and Cathy Searer met at the Quality Inn in Burnham for an afternoon tour.

We traveled to the Service Station of Allen Bingman. Allen built a beautiful Service Station and has several cars in addition to some rather unique memorabilia.

After we finished there, we toured Green Lane in Belleville, crossed to Milroy and traveled into New Lancaster Valley where we shared the road with some Amish buggies. An early dinner at the Wilderness Lodge and a stop at Rita's for ice cream made for a nice afternoon.

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Thank you Pete and Cathy for a great afternoon!









Allen Bingman's Service Station



## Fall Dinner



## Saturday, October 27, 2019

**Event coordinator Pat Swigart and Gladys Guyer** 

Join the Region for our annual Fall Dinner on Saturday, October 27 at the Standing Stone Golf Club north of Huntingdon on Rt. 26N

A social hour at 2:00 followed by a Ham/Turkey meal at 3:00.

AMR is contributing to the cost of this delicious meal so members cost is \$10.00. Your reservation is in this issue of Vapor Locks. Please send your reservation in by October 19, 2019

For additional info contact Pat at 814-251-2299 or Gladys at 814-667-3796.

Standing Stone Golf Club - 10506 Standing Stone Rd, Huntingdon, PA 16652. Directions from Rt. 22.in Huntingdon. Turn at the Sheetz store at 4th street. Continue over RR tracks to the red light. Make a right at the light which will be Penn St. and continue. Make a left on 2nd Street/PA 26 N. Turn right on Standing Stone Rd. /PA 26N. Drive about 3.89 miles until you see the sign for the Standing Stone Golf Club sign on the left. Follow the road to the club house.

## ANNUAL MEETING

October 27, 2019 following the Fall dinner the Region will hold the Annual Meeting. This is a time to review the year, ask questions, express opinions, and make comments and voice ideas for the 2020 calendar of events

The nominating committee, Pat Swigart and Randy Clemens contacted many members for the Board term 2020-2021-2022 and four members are willing to serve the Region on the Board. They are Jeff Boring, Jackie Forsht, Paula Clemens and Pat Swigart. President Forsht will introduce the 4 members at the Fall Dinner/Annual Meeting. No election is necessary.

Mark your calendars. Hope everyone can attend!

Your Dinner reservation will include a space for your vote for member of the year. A member you feel has contributed the most to enhance Allegheny Mountain Region throughout 2019. You may also email your member of the year choice to <a href="mailto:pbts114@gmail.com">pbts114@gmail.com</a> or call Pat at 814-251-2299.



#### Standard Steel, Burnham PA

Mifflin County Historical Society

Very few companies in North America can trace their roots back over 200 years, but Standard Steel can. Standard Steel is likely the oldest company continuously operating forging company in America.

Standard Steel was established in 1795 as Freedom Forge during the first term of President George Washington. Initially, the plant in central Pennsylvania produced iron bars and rods.

The original blast furnace was destroyed by fire, but a new 145-ton blast furnace – then known as the Freedom Iron Works – opened on the Lewistown site in the years leading up to the War of 1812. As the Industrial Revolution began to flourish in the 19th century, so did the plant.

The furnace increased its capacity some five-fold after the Pennsylvania Canal reached Lewistown in 1829. By then, the railroad industry was on the verge of taking shape in America. The Pennsylvania Railroad began to serve the central Pennsylvania community in 1848.

Less than a decade later, the Pennsylvania company was renamed Freedom Iron Company. With annual capacity at 1,310 tons, the first ring mill in the United States was installed to produce 2,000 locomotive tires per year.

During the latter half of the 19th century, Standard focused more and more on steelmaking, and it eventually changed its name to Standard Steel in 1875. As the railroad industry flourished in America, so did the company.

The company's history throughout the 20th century was punctuated by several milestones. In 1904 it produced the first solid forged and rolled wheel in the United States. By 1939, Standard Steel was making one-fifth of all the locomotive tires in the United States.

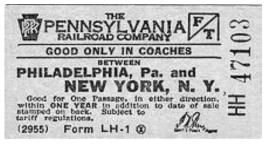
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Around the time that Standard Steel celebrated its 200th anniversary, the steel industry in the United States was under assault from both foreign imports and from a general decline in manufacturing here. In 2001, the company, which had been calling itself Freedom Forge again for about two decades, filed for voluntary protection under Chapter 11 bankruptcy in an effort to reorganize, although it continued to operate during the bankruptcy process.

In 2002, The Company reached a five-year contract with the United Steelworkers and changed the operating company's corporate name to Standard Steel, LLC. Moving forward Standard Steel, LLC dedicated all of their resources toward our railway wheels and axle products

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Kathy Weiser - Legends of America

## 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2020 will be here before you know it which means it is time to renew your membership in Allegheny Mountain Region as well as AACA.

Renew your Region membership by
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Take advantage of the savings.

Your renewal form is in this issue of Vapor Locks. Please complete the information requested. This keeps our records current.

Thank you.

Mail it now and get the savings.

# There Is Always ROOM For DESSERT

Gladys Guyer

## On Lloy and Betty Blattenberger's Patio!

After our July Cook's Nite on August 21 at Traditions everyone was invited out for dessert at Lloyd and Betty Blattenberger's home.

Holy Cow, there was a table full of a variety of desserts and drinks. Even though we had just eaten, everyone was able to have dessert. Deciding what to have was hard to do.

The hospitality of Lloy and Betty was totally enjoyed. The time spent with them and the fellowship was wonderful.

They have a beautiful flower garden and shared flower seeds with everyone. I think there will be beautiful flowers growing at some members homes next year.

Everyone would like to send a **BIG THANK YOU** to Lloy and Betty for having us to their home.



Lloy and Betty's 1951 Dodge Wayfarer

## **Covered Bridge Tour**

Planned by Bill and Jackie Forsht Photos by Jackie Forsht

Sunday September 14 was a gorgeous day for a Covered Bridge excursion planned by Bill and Jackie Forsht.

8 cars with 4 Red ones met at Ed's Steakhouse in Bedford for lunch before we got started. Bill and Jackie Forst in a 1978 Lincoln Contintental Town car, Pete and Cathy Searer in their Ford Galaxie convertible, Scott Deno driving his Cadillac Convertible, Jim Burke and Cindy riding in a Model A, Al and Mary Ingham in a Red Thunderbird, Don and Carol Foor cruising along in their red Plymouth Fury Convertible, Jeff Boring in his hot red Mustang Fastback, as well as Bill and Gladys Guyer in their Red Chrysler.

Bill and Jackie were our leaders for the tour. We travelled back roads enjoyed the countryside, covered bridges and gravity hill

Our first stop was the Claycomb Covered Bridge at Bedford Village. On we went and snaked thru the town of Osterburg to the Bowser's covered bridge built in 1890. Continuing on we travelled to the site of the 1882 Snook's Covered Bridge. After driving through Snook's Bridge we drove to the Kniseley Covered Bridge built in the 1880's. Driving on we came to the Ryot Covered Bridge. It was lost to fire in 2002 the Bedford County Commissioners rebuilt the bridge and reopened to traffic in 2004. After several miles we came to the 1882 Cuppett Covered Bridge and continued through the town of New Paris and stopped at Gravity Hill. Off again we went destination Turner Covered Bridge. We then stopped at Slicks apple market for fresh apples.

Leaving the market we headed out and a hot red mustang got real hot. No problem, everyone pulled over and the "group" mechanics diagnosed the problem and....it needed water. Various people had water bottles with them so they donated them to a worthy cause. Jeff got his hottie home safely and so did everyone else

It was a fun afternoon out in the old cars.

Our Thanks to Bill and Jackie Forsht for planning a great day!



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One lane road for one Lane Bridge



Taking a break while the car cools down

## **JUST FOR THOUGHT**

**Spare Change** 

On the way back from work every evening, more often than not there would be a homeless man standing at the exit of the freeway

His eyes were what struck me the most about him, they were brown and they had a sparkle. Like an inside light that was beaming out of his eyes. His eyes, I thought, represented the man in general. People say they can tell a lot from a person's eyes. It was certainly true in his case. He always waved at every car; he was always happy and smiling.

Every day after work I would remember to gather any spare change, and put it aside to give to him if I saw him. A feeling of joy would come over me every time I saw him, as I came off the ramp. He had that effect.

I'd quickly roll down my window and give him the coins. Occasionally the red light would be on for a minute and we would ask each other about our day. His answer would always be the same, "I'm blessed!"

I knew what his answer was going to be every time, yet I would still ask. It amazed me that even in his situation he was so positive, and his answer would remind me of how blessed I was. A single mother of four amazing kids, with a place to call home and with a job to provide for my kids.

Then one day I was called into my boss's office and was told that I was being laid off due to the economy. A feeling of worry engulfed me, and for the rest of that day all I could think of was "how am I going to provide for my kids, how am I going to pay rent, what am I going to do?"

Needless to say that on my way home that day I was very sad and upset. I didn't remember to look for my spare change and keep it ready like I usually did. I wasn't feeling the joy as I got off the ramp where the homeless man would be. Yet there he was as always, as I turned the ramp. He set his eyes on me, while still smiling and waving at others. I had hoped to catch the green light, but I missed it. While I was waiting for the red light to turn, he strolled over to my car. He had a big smile he looked me straight in the eyes and said "today I will give you a dollar". He then reached into his pocket and pulled out a dollar bill. I was blown away. I burst into tears. I wanted to jump out of my car and hug him!

You see that day he gave me more than a dollar bill, he taught me a valuable lesson. No matter what material things are taken from you, no one can take away your choice to be joyful. My ride home was smooth sailing, I had lost my job, had no savings, but I knew I was blessed!

Every time I'm faced with challenges, I think of the homeless man's valuable lesson and remember that I am blessed.

# 55th Fall Foliage Festival Bedford, PA



## Car Parade Saturday, October 12

This is another great chance to get out in the old car and support the Bedford Region.

Organized entirely by volunteers, this event draws thousands of visitors to Bedford. The Fall Foliage has continually brought people together over crafts, art, music, and fellowship.

**Check In:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bedford High School Parking Lot. Plaques to the first 150 qualified antique cars.

## **Abandoned and Still Beautiful**

Free Pictures



What truck is it?