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President's Message



Our trip to Florida got a slightly rocky start. We were 400 feet from the driveway when I look in the mirror and said "Dang! I shouldn't be dragging that electrical cord." After that it was a nice trip down. Found some nice campgrounds. Stayed one night in the Everglades and, thankfully, saw no pythons!! Spent a week in the Keys,

which always makes us happy. Then we headed north to the Florida Panhandle and Ft. Pickens State Park. We drove the scenic route up the coast and stopped at the little campground call Ho-hum Campground not far from Destin. It was an awesome little campground if you are ever down that way. Beautiful view of the gulf and great rates.

Arrived at Ft. Pickens to find a flashing sign saying "DANGER water on roadway." It was only about 6" (OK, Jackie says it was more like 10") so I made a dash for it. Got thru the water and then found out our camp site was under water too! Spent the night in the parking lot of the camp store and went out the Ranger Station in the morning. We got a nice dry camping spot but, unfortunately, they were getting a new roof and we also got a roofing nail in a tire on the Jeep. Spent the day touring the tire stores in the area only to find out that no tire shops will repair a tire that is over 7 years old. We don't drive the Jeep much so they don't get changed often. I even offered them an extra \$50 and told them I didn't need a guarantee but no go. My solution was to buy a fresh tire plug kit. Worked like a charm! And in fact it also worked for the girl camped across from us who was crying about a flat tire 2 days later. I got to be a hero for the price of a tire plug.

The 1990 Jeep got to be a hero again too. A young family had decided to pull off to the side of the road and walk down to the beach. Their minivan did not appreciate having all 4 of its tires in the sand. They were surprised I had a tow strap. I told them anyone who owns a Jeep needs to keep a tow strap in it. 2 minutes later they were back on the road and their vacation wasn't ruined.

Weather was wonderful and the trip home was uneventful.

We got back from Florida in time to have the Spring dinner at the "Forsht Events Center" on the 16th. We had a productive meeting before the dinner started and hopefully got some things on the schedule for this year. Also door prizes were awarded...whether you asked for them or not! lol

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The 70th Anniversary celebration will be at Bedford Springs on Sunday Sept. 5th, so mark your calendar and clean up your old car. I am really hoping to get a group shot of them on the lawn.

Scott Deno is working on a plan for a show on Sept.26 so pencil that in too.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer. We have some camping adventures and a couple of dog shows planned. Took Bruiser to his first scent trial on May 23rd and he came home with a 1st place ribbon! Good Boy Bruiser!

Now I need to find a car show and do that.

Bill (Let me look, I am sure I have that somewhere) Forsht





Bill did you teach Bruiser to drive facing backwards? What a dog!

ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN REGION, AACA Board Meeting Sunday, May 16, 2021 Forsht Entertainment Center

The meeting of the board of directors of the Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA was held on Sunday, May 16 at the Forsht Entertainment Center, Altoona.

Members present were: President Bill Forsht, Jeff Boring, Zach Boring, Jim Burke, Paula Clemens, Randy Clemens, Scott Deno, Jackie Forsht and Secretary Pat Swigart. Those absent: Lloy Blattenberger, Bill and Gladys Guyer.

President Bill called the meeting to order at 1:20 P.M.

The minutes of the March meeting were published in the Vapor Locks. The Financial Report was presented, upon motion by Paula, seconded by Jackie, the Minutes and the Financial Report was accepted. Motion carried.

There are several members who have not renewed for the year 2021. Gladys contacted those people to see if they are going to renew in order to get the mailing list up to date. Two members indicated that they did not wish to continue as members of the Region.

The trophy case is now at Bill Forsht's in his garage. Anyone having any items to place in it can now put them in

The next Cook's Nite Out will be this coming Wednesday at Hoss's in Huntingdon. June will be at Traditions in Martinsburg. Jeff Boring will be in charge and July Jethro's in Altoona, Paula will be in charge.

Scott is planning a one day tour to Bilger's Rocks on June 27. More information will come on this.

The Swigart Museum Car Show will be on Saturday, August 7 with a Hospitality evening on the 6th from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. This is the 100th Anniversary of the Museum and it is hoped that many Allegheny Mountain members will attend. As Scott has contacted Boalsburg to see if we can have the Memorial Day Show and was told they are not allowing any events at this time it was suggested that we go elsewhere for a show. Elwood Homan has graciously offered his farm in Pennsylvania Furnace for this and Scott is also looking into the Tussey Mountain Ski Resort.

Board Meeting Sunday, May 16, 2021

Scott informed the board that a Region from Rochester, New York is doing a week tour in August starting in the Bradford area and has invited us to join them even if for only a few days. He will look into this further. The Board discussed the Region's 70th Anniversary. As the initial meeting for the Region was held at Bedford Springs, Bill and Jackie went down and made the arrangements to have the dinner there. This will be held on September 5 with dinner in a tent on the lawn. More on this in future Vapor Locks.

The Fall Dinner will be held on October 30 at the Forsht Entertainment Center. The menu will be turkey, mashed potatoes, noodles and vegetable.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 P.M. upon motion of Paula. Seconded by Jackie.

Following the meeting our Spring Dinner of Chicken Alfredo, Meat Balls, Wings, Salad and delicious desserts was served.

Several additional members of the region joined us for the dinner.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia B. Swigart, Secretary



1951 Hudson Pacemaker Sedan

If you own a home with wheels on it and several cars without, you just might be a redneck." Jeff Foxworthy

2021 Calendar of Events

June 13 June 16 June27	Strawberry Festival, Warrior Run-CANCELLED Cook's Nite Traditions - Martinsburg - Tour to Bilgers Rocks
July 21	Cook's Nite Jethro's, Altoona - Paula Clemens
August 13-14	Swigart Museum Meet
August 18	Cook's Nite Slick's Ivy Stone Restaurant, 8785 William
	Penn Rd. Osterburg PA 16667 - Jackie Forsht
August 22	Picnic at the Forsht's event center
August 29	One day tour - Jim Burke, Jeff and Zach Boring
September 5	70th Anniversary Party at Bedford Springs
September 15	Cook's Nite, Village Pantry, Tyrone - Bill Forsht
September 26	Delgrosso Show CANCELLED
October 6-9	Hershey
October17	Fall Tour
October 20	Cook's Nite - InLows - Jim Burke

Additional events or corrections will be posted as information is available.

June 17-19	Eastern Spring Nationals, Sarasota, NY	
July 1-3	Central Spring Nationals, Auburn IN	
July 11-16	Vintage Tour, Lock Haven-Wellsboro, PA	
September 9-11	Southeastern Fall Nationals, Greenville SC	
September 12-17 Glidden Tour, Sarasota Springs, NY		
October 6-9	Western Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA	
October 11-16	Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour, Mt. Airy, NC	
(Confirmation of the above dates at www.aaca.org)		

CAR TRIVIA

1. Question: What is a slang term describing putting tire chains on a truck?

2. Question: Which car company uses the tagline "The ultimate driving machine"?

3. Question: What year was the first Mercury Cougar made?

4. Question: Chevrolet took its name from a French race car driver. What was Mr. Chevrolet's first name?

5. Question: Which was the first automobile company to provide seat belts as an option?

6. Question: When were car radios first introduced?

7. Where did Cadillac hide the gas cap in the 1958 Cadillac Coupe DeVille?

THE EDITOR'S DESK



Hi Everyone,

Well here it is mid-June and the days just seem to fly by. Bill and I have not been out in the old car as much as we would like because there always seems to be something going on or it is raining. We seem to be busier now than ever before.

We were unable to attend the Spring dinner but we will be out with the group on the Bilger's Rocks Tour.

Scott Deno has planned a nice one day tour for June 27. It will be a great day and we are looking forward to it.

Check the calendar of events and join in as many as you can. These events are a good way to show your support of Allegheny Mountain.

If you have not been out with the Region recently, why not come? . I can't guarantee the weather but I can guarantee a fun, relaxing time.

Stay healthy and safe, and we'll meet you on the road soon (I hope).

Gladys



Back in the 1930's, if you didn't want your dog riding inside your car, it could ride "safely" on a running board. Transport systems were simple running board-based boxes and shields while others, such as the <u>Bird Dog's</u> <u>Palace</u>, were sturdy external steel enclosures. They came in several sizes and included a barred door that could be released without the driver leaving his seat and an oilcloth cover that could be unrolled and buttoned into place if the weather got bad. The cost was around \$13



Jackie Forsht There were about 25 people attend the Spring dinner at Bills Garagemahal. For some of the members it was their first outing in over a year so there was a lot of catching up to do!

Food was great. Mama Randazzos is always excellent and they went out of their way to accommodate us since they aren't even open on Sunday!

We sold raffle tickets on the 1973 Jeep Commando that AACA is raffling. If anyone wants tickets they are \$10 each. I think Bill has about 10 more to sell but Zach Boring and I are sure that one of us is winning if!

Scott and Ellen brought Ellen's Dad, Elwood, along. Elwood is going to be 99 this year! He puts many of us "younger" folks to shame! He also offered us the possibility having a show at his farm! A generous offer we will be looking into further!

As usual dessert was the favorite for many members and you should find recipes for some of them in the VL!

Hope to see more members out soon!



Jeff Boring, Zack Boring, Jim Burke and Cindy Smith



Harry and Gail Whitman and new members John and Svetlana Blake



Pat Swigart, Judy and Bill Lloyd, Don and Carol Foor



COOK'S CORNER Jackie Forsht and Paula Clemens

Key Lime Pie

Jackie Forsht

This Key Lime Pie recipe was given to me while we were camping in the Keys about 5 years ago. A friend there brought it to a picnic and we loved it. The funny part is that it was given to me in The Keys by a friend who lives in Michigan who got it from a friend in Indiana!

Buy a Keebler Extra Serving graham cracker crust. The extra serving crust is a 10 inch size. Pre heat oven to 350 degrees

3 cans of Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk 1/2 ROUNDED cup sour cream 1 scant cup Nellie & Joes Key West Lime Juice 2 Tbls lime zest (about 2 limes) Mix all filling ingredients on low speed in mixer till blended. Pour into crust. Bake approx 10-12 min. until tiny pin holes appear in top and burst. DO NOT BROWN. Chill at least 2 hours. Serve with whipped cream!

Easy Southern Banana Pudding Paula Clemens

3 cups milk 2 pkg, (4 serving) vanilla instant pudding 30 Nilla wafers 3 bananas sliced 1-80z. whipped topping

Pour milk into a large bowl. Add pudding beat with whisk 2 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes. Arrange half the wafers on bottom and up sides of serving bowl. (I use a truffle glass holder) Layer pudding and whipped topping. Add banana slices layers with wafers. Put whipped topping on top.

Desserts are the fairy tales of the kitchen. A happily ever after to supper! Terri Guillemets

Road Trip Word Search Challenge



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Just For Laughs

Parking Ticket

My wife and I went into town and visited a shop. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, "Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He just ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

I called him an "a**hole." He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires. So my wife called him a "s*ithead." He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing more tickets.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

He finally finished, sneered at us and walked away. Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's so important at our age!

School Teacher

A former Sergeant in the Marine Corps took a new job as a high school teacher.

Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart-aleck punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead silence..... The rest of the year went very smoothly.

Super Glue and Loctite

wikipedia

I am pretty sure that most of you guys while working on your old cars have used Loctite or superglue so hmm... just what is the story of them. Below is what I found interesting about the two.

Super Glue, also known as cyanoacrylate, was originally discovered in



1942 by Dr. Harry Coover. Coover was attempting to make clear plastic gun sights to be put on guns used by Allied soldiers in WWII. One particular formulation he came up with didn't work well for gun sights, but worked fantastically as an extremely quick bonding adhesive. Surprisingly, despite the commercial potential of such a product, Coover abandoned that formulation completely as it obviously wasn't suitable for his current project, being too sticky.

Nine years later, in **1951**, now working at Eastman Kodak, Dr. Coover was the supervisor of a project looking at developing a heat resistant acrylate polymer for jet canopies. Fred Joyner was working on that project and at one point used the rediscovered Super Glue and tested it by spreading ethyl cyanoacrylate between a pair of prisms. To his surprise, the prisms became stuck very solidly together. This time, Coover did not abandoned the cyanoacrylate (Super Glue), rather, he realized the great potential of a product that would quickly bond to a variety of materials and only needed a little water to activate, which generally is provided in the materials to be bonded themselves.

Super Glue was finally put on the market in 1958 by Eastman Kodak and was called the slightly less catchy name of "Eastman #910", though they later re-named it "Super Glue". Eastman #910 was soon licensed to Loctite who then re-branded it again to a somewhat uninspired name of "Loctite Quick Set 404". They later developed their own version, calling it "Super Bonder". By the 1970s, numerous manufactures of cyanoacrylate glues had popped



up, with Eastman Kodak, Loctite, and Permabond accounting for around 3/4 of all "Super Glue" sales.

I also discovered there is a push in the automotive industry to make cars as lightweight and efficient as possible without sacrificing safety. Special super glue adhesives are used both <u>inside</u> and outside vehicles.

The Story behind the Deno's 1912 Rambler

According to a friend's wife, a car can infect one with a rare condition. She describes the symptoms of this disease as, "the obsession of secretly searching the internet and automobile events for the next car and this obsession only has one cure." I confess, I have been known to contract this disease from time to time. One such occasion was the 2017 Glidden tour in Nebraska. A compulsive desire set-in when I saw a 1912 Rambler on tour. Amazingly, there were two of these were on the tour. Even though I have restored and still own cars from the teens to the thirties, I have always kept a "soft spot" for Brass Era cars (We purchased a 1912 Buick 20+ years ago). I love cars with unique challenges and behaviors. Nothing screams unique like the early years of motoring.

During this Glidden Tour, one of the Ramblers was driven by Wayne Hadden, an HCCA member from Georgia. Wayne is a great car guy and easy to talk to. Wayne and I talked several times during the tour about how I admired his car. To my dismay, he said he had just purchased the car from Gary Wallace from Missouri. He loved it and would never consider selling it. On the 2019 Glidden Tour, I discovered Wayne was on the tour in South Carolina, but without the Rambler. From the first day, I started teasing Wayne about selling his Rambler knowing full well it was a fool's quest. I still really enjoyed our conversations. Later that week, to my

complete surprise, Wayne asked if I was serious. At this critical moment there was no time to consult my wife (I always consult my wife before buying a car; well almost always). I said, "Yes!" The deal was quickly done. Wayne was kind enough to bring the Rambler from Georgia to the Hershey Fall Meet Show only days later. My first test drive near Hershey Park was a challenge. The shifting pattern is upside down – I loved it!



Once home, the Rambler received a number of minor adjustments, upgrades, seat belts, and cosmetic improvements. It ran beautifully; a touch of the starter and it was purring. After a number of trial runs, I really starting to enjoy driving the Rambler, but it seemed a little weaker on hills than it should. After carburetor adjustments, timing adjustments, and other checks, I could find no real issue. One day, I was under the hood and noticed the #3 spark wire seemed slightly out of place. Yes, removal of

1912 Rambler

spark plugs confirmed that #3 hadn't fired for some time! Amazing what an additional cylinder can do. Equally amazing is how well the large flywheel engines run on three cylinders.

The Rambler continues to provide unexpected benefits. We also have a 16-year-old grandson who is totally into antique cars. And, a discriminating youth, like our four-year-old granddaughter, loves Brass Era cars. Riley is quite taken with her favorite old car, the Rambler. The Rambler is working its magic on Riley. See her picture strapping down the Rambler for its trip to the Hershey Hangover (she really did much of the work).



Good Job Riley!!

Carlisle Schedule of Events

GM Nationals Auctions Summer Sale Chrysler National Truck Nationals Corvettes Fall Carlisle June 25-26 June 26 July 9-11 August 6-8 August 26-28 September 29-October 3

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Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open John Barrymore





If You Don't Like Change, Try Extinction By Mark McAlpineVice President –National Activities

In the three years I have been fortunate to serve on the AACA Board of Directors, I have spoken with or traded e-mails and letters with many AACA members and officers of AACA regions & chapters. Many of those conversations focused on the challenges faced by our regions & chapters declining membership and difficulty in attracting new members, especially younger members. When I've spoken with region/chapter presidents about their club possibly hosting a future AACA Nationals or National Tour, the answers I received were frequently the same: "Our region/chapter is too small;" "Our members are too old;" and "It's too much work and we don't have enough people willing to help." The common factor in all of these challenges is the unwillingness of many regions, chapters, and members to change and do the things necessary to attract new members. They don't want to change what they're doing and are unwilling to add new activities. The problem with this is that if they don't change, their region or chapter will slowly atrophy and eventually disband as its members pass away or leave because they're not having fun. What's the old saying? "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." One of my former commanders (in the Air Force) put it more bluntly: "If you don't like change, try extinction." So, what can our regions & chapters do to prevent extinction?

1) The first thing you can do is reach out to AACA national directors that can help you.

2) The second thing is you need to have fun activities to energize your current members and help attract new ones. Everyone has different interests; different things they like to do, so try to add a variety of activities throughout the year.

3) You need to bring in new members. Membership is a contact sport. People who might be interested in joining your region/chapter and the AACA are not going to track you down. If you want new members, you need to seek them out and take every opportunity at a car show, cruise-in or other activities.

4) Host an AACA National Activity. As strange as it may sound, one of the best ways to jump start your region/chapter—energize your current members and at-tract new ones—is by hosting an AACA national activity. A number of AACA regions/chapters, with the common concerns of being too small and/or too old, have hosted an AACA Nationals or National Tour and seen their members get more involved in the region/chapter. If your region/chapter is aging and slowly dying through the attrition of members, take a look at what you're doing and implement some changes to reverse the trend. Yes, change is hard and sometimes uncomfortable initially. However, if you don't like change, try extinction.-

JUST FOR THOUGHT

From Heart Touching Stories

It happens that people pay too much attention to material things. After some time they understand that it is a mistake and that true connection with family and friends is far more valuable. Unfortunately, this understanding can come to us when it's too late. This will make you rethink what is truly important to us in this life.

George was a driver and he spent so much time at his work, that he could hardly have a meal together with his wife and three children. In the evenings he attended classes, seeking to get knowledge, that one day would help him to find a better paying job.

George's family often complained that he is not spending enough time with them, but his only answer was, I am doing all this for you. I work hard to provide my family with the best that I can".

Soon after George had passed his exams, he received a good job offer with a salary, which was significantly higher than he had before. So now George could provide his family with more expensive clothes, some luxury items or vacations in foreign countries. It was like a dream come true, but family still did not get enough attention from George, as he continued to work very hard and often he did not get to see his family for most of the week.

Time passed and George's hard work paid off, he was promoted. He decided to relieve his wife from domestic works, so he hired a maid. He also decided that their flat is not big enough for their family and they need a more spacious one. Thus he needed to work even harder and, moreover, he continued his studies, so that he would be promoted again. George worked so hard, that sometimes he even had to spend his Sundays with his clients instead of his wife and children. And again, whenever family asked for his time and complained that they do not spend enough time together, he answered, that he was doing all this only for them.

A bit later George was promoted, so he could buy a spacious house with a beautiful view. On the first Sunday evening at their new home, George told his wife and kids, that now he decided not to take any studies and work not so hard, so that he could spend more time with his beloved family. The very next morning George did not wake up.

One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching!

COOK'S NITE OUT RETURNS



No cooking tonight! Gladys Guyer

Cook's Nite Out is off a running the 3rd Wednesday of each month. A nice group gathers for a pleasant enjoyable evening. Come on out and give the cook in your house

the nite off! Join the fun!

Our Cook's Nite Out schedule is listed below. If there are any changes, we will let you know.

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

- June 16 Traditions in Martinsburg, 2329 Curryville Rd, Martinsburg, PA 16662 - Jeff Boring 814-942-3373 Dessert at Lloy and Betty Blattenbergers
- July 15 Jethro's 417 Parkview Ln #9313, Altoona, PA 16601 - Paula Clemens - 814-943-8626
- August 18Slicks Ivy Stone, 8785 Wm. Penn Rd, Osterburg,
PA 16667. Jackie Forsht 814-943-8766
- September 15 Village Pantry, Tyrone Bill Forsht 814-943-8766
- October 15 Inlows Jim Burke 814-224-2242



1951 Hudson

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1931 Model A Ford black 2-door coupe. Professionally restored in 2008, and driven less than 200 miles since. I acquired this car from my grandfather in 1956. Includes extra engine and parts. \$20,000. Al Vannice (814) 466-6115. Photos available: bay1140@comcast.net.

From our neighbors the Gettysburg Region

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1968 Buick GS 400 ready to turn key and go. All original, painted onetime, rebuilt motor, automatic, factory air, p/b, p/s, and p/w. Asking \$26,000 Contact Bob Shoemaker at 717-532-8774

FOR SALE:

1924 Chrysler two door coupe. On the title it says "exempt" for the odometer reading. Green/black. Rare first year of production, solid car, all original paint, redone interior, rumble seat, dual rear mounted spares, flathead 6 cyl. 3 speed, runs and drives good. \$13,500 Contact Erin Rochefort (daughter of Jay Zimmerman) at elrochefort@gmail.com or call 912-210-4524

CAR TRIVIA

- 1. What is a slang term describing putting tire chains on a truck?
- 2. Which car company uses the tagline "The ultimate driving machine"?
- 3. What year was the first Mercury Cougar made?
- 4. Chevrolet took its name from a French race car driver. What was Mr. Chevrolet's first name?
- 5. Which was the first automobile company to provide seat belts as an option?
- 6. When were car radios first introduced?
- 7. Where did Cadillac hide the gas cap in the 1958 Cadillac Coupe DeVille?

Answers elsewhere in VL









Anniversary Party

Allegheny Mountain Region, AACA

Come celebrate this milestone!!

President Forsht is scheduling the 70th Anniversary Party at the place our Region began, the Bedford Springs Hotel. The date will be Sunday, August 29, 2021

> Party details will be coming soon. Save the date!!

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Put on the iron
- 2. BMW
- 3. 1967
- 4. Louis
- 5. Nash Motor Company
- 6. 1930
- 7. Left Rear Taillight



Caution Car In Tow

Stan Smith – 28 May 2021 A LONG HAUL......800 miles



It was during the 1960's that my passion for the French front wheel drive Citroen began. I had a few that were bought used from Penn State professors who had brought them back to State College from Europe. One of my first Citroens was the air cooled two-cylinder model that was called the 2CV. When I read an advertisement in CARS & PARTS newsmagazine that there was a 2CV Truckette which was the Station Wagon version of the Sedan I had been driving for a number of years. I had to buy it, at \$99 I couldn't pass it up.

But the only problem was that the 2CV was in Paragold, Arkansas which was over 800 miles away. The owner told me that he had put new tires on it and the distance should not be a problem. So I bought a ticket to fly to meet the owner at a nearby airport and when we arrived at his home I began to wonder what I got myself into.

A trial drive around the block convinced me that no way would this wore out machine could get me back home. When I mentioned my concern the gentleman said he has another Citroen in which he had replaced the engine. It was the larger 4-cylinder model called the DS that made use of a hydraulic suspension. "For \$300 you can have them both and just tow the 2CV home" was his suggestion. There was one problem, neither of us had a tow bar and if we did there really was no way to hook one up since both vehicles had independent suspension. After much thought we came up with a solution.

We decided to use a heavy-duty chain to interconnect the bumpers of the cars together. To minimize the scruffing effect of the front wheels of the 2CV was to first lower the DS all the way that the hydraulic suspension would allow. In that position would allow the DS's rear bumper to fit under the front bumper of the 2CV. Then the two were lashed together.

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When the DS was raised to its normal height the 2CV virtually had its front wheels off the ground.

The gentleman was so happy to see me leave, and my \$300, he offered to let me use his Arkansas license plate...... Just be sure to mail it back to him were his last words.

I left just as it was getting dark, which meant I'd be driving all night. That actually was a good move since the highway police folk would have a hard time noticing this crazy land train of vehicles speeding home to Penna!

By mid-morning the next day I was past Pittsburgh and made it to State College by 2 PM after having over heating ignition coils causing loss of power. Once home I realized that I was a lucky person to have made the A LONG HAUL......800 miles trip without any incident and to start using a trailer for bringing home any future treasure. Plus think twice before going a third of the way across USA for it.

1951 Presidential Limousine Free pictures

President Harry S. Truman's new super-special, custom-built, oversize Lincoln Limousine - first of a fleet of ten built for lease to the White House. The big car has gold-plated fittings in the rear compartment, special running boards for Secret Service men, and a shiny, padded leather top with sufficient headroom for high silk hats.



1950 Lincoln Cosmopolitan

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

John and Svetlana Blake PO Box 60 Morrisdale, PA 16858

Car: 1923 Essex

Joseph Herrle and Vicki Wedler Cars: 1965 Mercedes Benz 23051 2521 Tara Circle State College, PA 16803

2000 Corvette Convertible 2009 Mercedes E350

Tony and Carrie Grassi 149 Sunny Meade Lane Altoona, PA 16601

Cars: 1924 Studebaker 1924 Dodge - Fisher Body





50-Year Membership

Gladys Guyer



Allegheny Mountain Region Member Don Barlup has received special recognition for 50 years of membership in the AACA.

purchased Don his 1940 Pontiac, which he still has April in of 1970. Many cars have come and gone, but he has always kept the He first one. joined AACA in Feb. of 1971 and Gettysburg the Region at the Williams Grove Park (long since closed) show that I heard about. The car was a little rough at that point. but Ι enjoyed the day and have been involved ever since.



Don receiving his award from AACA President Elliott

Congratulations Don on your 50 years of membership in the AACA!!

The 1951 Ford



For 1951 Ford went through a clean-looking facelift. The single bullet in the center of the grille was replaced by two...one at each end. The chrome molding above the center bar was smoothed out to match and there was no hump over the center bullet. The interior was upgraded and all instruments were positioned in front of the driver. Finally, Ford offered an automatic transmission...a two speed Ford-O-Matic and they came out with Ford's first hardtop coupe the Custom V-8 Victoria. The Custom Victoria proved to be a success, selling over 110,000 its first year. Ford overall sales slipped in 1951 but so did the other major automakers.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Pat Swigart

The 85th Annual Convention of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held June 3rd to 5th in Williamsburg, Virginia. This is the first time the convention was not held in Philadelphia and not held in February. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, plans had to be changed and the change worked out to everyone's enjoyment and satisfaction.

Thursday, June 3 began with Registration at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. The girls in the Registration booth had things moving in perfect time. Thursday evening took the attendees by shuttle to the collection of National President Jim and First Lady Donna Elliott. Despite the heavy rain everyone enjoyed looking at their great collection, feasting on BBQ and getting ice cream from the real old fashioned ice cream truck

Friday morning many attended the First Lady's Breakfast. After a delicious breakfast we were entertained by staff member of the Raleigh Tavern who informed us of her life and family in 1776 where she was working as a hostess at the tavern. For being somewhere around 260 years old, she looked amazingly well.

Unlike Philadelphia where there are 20 or more Seminars, there were only four. Many said they thought this was better as there were no decisions to be made as to where to go or what to miss.

Friday evening we were treated to a "Fireside Car Chat" presented by Past National President Tom Cox, AACA Magazine Editor West Peterson and Richard Lentinello, formerly with Hemmings Motor News. They regaled us with stories of their past experiences of cars and friendships.

Saturday morning is the normal presentation of the National Judging School. The General Membership Meeting was at 2:00 P.M. It included regions and chapters news, update on the new headquarters and the general health of AACA. At this meeting Past National President and AMR member Don Barlup was presented his 50 year pin by President Elliott.

The convention ended with the AACA National Awards Banquet. A delectable meal was served and many awards were presented. They announced that Gladys Guyer received the Master Editor award for our newsletter the Vapor Locks. Congratulations, Gladys for an excellent job.

After a long period of not being together, it was great being able to meet and share with AACA friends. With many tours and shows being planned for 2021, it is hoped that things will get back to "somewhat normal".

Bilger's Rocks Tour June 27, 2021

The first tour in 2021 and you won't want to miss the chance to have a fun day in the "old car".

Our Tour leader Scott Deno has planned a wonderful one day Tour to Bilger's Rocks on Sunday June 27

This amazing place is located in Clearfield County four miles north of Grampian. It is a geological phenomenon of massive sandstone formation called "Rock City". The many cracks offer incredible views really showcasing how large and impressive the area is.

We will meet at the Firehouse Pizza in Bald Eagle (13524 S. Eagle Valley Rd. Tyrone, PA 16686) at 9:30 for breakfast or 10:30 to leave. It is located just off I-99 at the Bald Eagle exit.

We will leisurely travel to and spend time visiting the "Rocks".

Lunch will be in Curwensville, Strawberry Tree or Central Hotel or Subway.

Dinner at Marzoni's on our return trip

Hope to see YOU there!

Give Scott a call at 814-238-4031 or 814-571-9790 and let him know you will be joining the group