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President's Message December 2018

Greetings Folks,

The holiday season is upon us. There are no plans for a Christmas gathering this year but, as noted in the Secretary's minutes, we are making donations to three local charities.

Also noted in the minutes, I did check with Depot 25 in Shortsville for our annual meeting. They do not open until 4pm on Sundays. During the winter months, I would like to have an earlier start so weather is less of a concern and no one has to try get home after dark. Considering the turnout for our ham dinner in November, thirteen people, I am hesitant to ask any restaurant to set up a banquet for us. If anyone can present a reasonably priced venue for our January Annual Meeting, and is willing to follow through with the necessary plans before December 15th, let me know. Otherwise, I will contact The Villager Restaurant in Canandaigua for the use of their banguet room. The food is good and the prices are reasonable. We have met there before. Option number two would be the Blue Ribbon in Phelps. We will hold the meeting at 1pm either January 6th or 13th. I will send out a notice between Christmas and New Years with the details.

Everyone needs to read the message from Matt Canavan on page 3 and then make every effort to be at the annual meeting in January. We will be deciding the future of our Club.

I would like to thank Amy Ressue for allowing me to copy the Club history from the June and July 1982 issues of the Headliner, Volume 7, issues #5 & #6. It is reprinted here on pages 5 & 6.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season.

1 Dick

Secretary's Minutes

NOVEMBER 2018 MINUTES

The November 14, 2018 meeting was held at the Marion Masonic Lodge. We had our Ham Dinner with many various dishes that were brought by the members. Amy Ressue provided the ham. The meeting was opened at 7:15PM by our President Dick Stearns and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 13 members were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - A motion was made by Matt Canavan to accept the minutes. Seconded by Jean Empson. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ann Neal, Treasurer, was out sick and had given her report to Joel Neal. Motion made by Pete Empson to accept the report. Seconded by Ann Rapp. Motion carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Matt Canavan reported that the website is up to date. He will contact AACA on what it takes to disband the Club.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Jean Empson, Chairman, stated that as soon as you get your new AACA dues card, let her know so that she can check your number against to what she has on the roster.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED - Stan Herdman is having a stent put in Monday morning and is still at the Wayne County Nursing Home. Ed Morrow is in rehab at the Continuing Care Facility at Thompson in Canandaigua after he fell and dislocated his shoulder. He really likes it there. Hank Goellner fell, broke his nose, bruised the whole left side of his face and had surgery on his nose on Monday. Today he had cataract surgery on his right eye and gets the left one done in 2 weeks. What a mess. Received a thank you from Jean and Pete Empson after the passing of her mother, Bernice Barnes for the donation to the Clifton Springs Nursing Home Activity Department.

BUY SELL OR TRADE - None

OLD BUSINESS - Joe Marino reported that he had talked to the Ventosa Vineyards and received a quote for Surf and Turf, crackers and salads. He had told them about 35 people for our year banquet at over \$100.00 per person. The date was for 1/6/19. The Norwich Bus Trip was reported to have been a fun time had by all.

NEW BUSINESS - It was discussed that 60% to 70% of the funds in our Treasury should be donated if we were to disband. A couple of things we could donate to would be to the BOCES auto body shop to help promote future Classic Car owners and the Marion Town Park for all the years we held our Car Shows. Motion was made by Rita Canavan and seconded by Joe Marino to not give the monies to AACA anymore this year because of the donation made in March. Motion carried. Motion was made by Rita Canavan and seconded by Joe Marino to make a \$150.00 donation to the Victims Resource Center in Newark, \$150.00 to the Phelps Community Center Food Cupboard and \$150.00 to Safe Harbor of the Finger Lakes.

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The Wayne Drumlins Antique Auto Region The purpose of this Region shall be to supplement the activities of the Antique Automobile Club of America and to provide mutual enjoyment for members

WAYNE DRUMLINS ANTIQUE AUTO REGION CALENDAR FOR 2018

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE	TIME	HOSTS
??-Jan 19	Year End Banquet	ТВА	1:pm	

A note from our Board of Directors

To Wayne Drumlins members:

As our membership numbers decline, and many remaining members become less active, our club needs to find a path forward. By consensus we accept the fact that we must throttle back and either disband or become more of a social group with now-and-then gatherings.

I talked with Steve Moskowitz about this and his initial reaction was that we should more aggressively recruit new members. But over the years we have made a number to efforts to do just that, with little success. We then talked about the challenges of maintaining a club in modern times, given all the demands on the discretionary time of the modern family, and the rise of cruise nights that provide an outlet for the car enthusiast but avoids any real commitment.

To maintain our charter, our club roster must have a minimum of 15 members. This should not be a problem for us. But we also need to adhere to our by-laws, so officers and a board of directors would seem to be required. I believe we would need a budget, and at least an annual meeting. I have not reviewed the by-laws in years, so this all stated from memory (a dubious endeavor!).

The alternative is to surrender our charter to AACA and send them our remaining funds(!). I think our affiliation with AACA is important to maintain the identity of our club, past and present. And our budget, with funds raised in our communities, should be used for the benefit of our communities and to ensure the legacy of Wayne Drumlins (I do like the BOCES angle).

I suggest we have our annual dinner/meeting in January, in a modest setting akin to what we've done in the past. We should from a small group to decide how to use our funds in our communities, maintaining a modest balance for future needs. We can maintain our current roster of officers and directors, though there would be little for them to do. And then settle on a few dates for informal dinner get-togethers around our communities. We need to decide if The Headliner and website continue (not sure it makes sense).

That's all I've got. Feedback is appreciated. Thanks.

Matt

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UPCOMING EVENTS - President Dick Stearns will check with the Depot 25 in Shortsville for a get together either on 1/6/19 or 1/13/19.

President Dick Stearns thanked the refreshment committee which consisted of Amy Ressue.

Matt Canavan reported that the following would stay on as Officers.

President - Dick Stearns
Vice President - Joel Neal
Treasurer - Ann Neal
Secretary - Donna Goellner
2 Year Board Member - Carl Rapp
2 Year Board Member - Gerald Burnham

Matt Canavan, Don Combes and Pete Empson are already on the Board

Motion made by Rita Canavan and seconded by Jean Empson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

The Board and Officers met afterwards to go over the 2019 Wayne Drumlins Proposed Budget. Motion made by Matt Canavan and seconded by Don Combes to accept it. Motion carried.

ATTENDEES: Pete Empson, Carl Rapp, Matt Canavan, Don Combes, Joel Neal, Dick Stearns and Donna Goellner.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Goellner, Secretary



Happy Anniversary to:

Anne & Carl Rapp 12/13 Nancy & Charlie Bauder 1/11



Happy Birthday to:

Don Combes 12/30 Isabel Potter 1/3 Betty Reilly 1/12 Jim Berry 1/13 Donna Goellner 1/22

Loohing Back

HISTORY OF THE WAYNE DRUMLIS REGION

by Dave McCleery

Having reached that ripe old age when I can remember with distinct clarity happenings of many years past, even though I can't find the screw driver I used five minutes ago, I'm sure I can recall the history of Wayne Drumlins.

When Les Buell of East Williamson acquired a 1930 Model A Ford in the summer of 1972, he soon discovered that his next door neighbor, Frank Credule, had in his high school days, acquired some automobile repair experience while working part time for a local car dealer. Since Les had little such experience, the two of them soon teamed up to do the necessary work on Les' pride and joy.

By the time of the Williamson Apple Blossom Festival the following May, the Ford was restored sufficiently to have it as a participating vehicle and Frank Credule was "hooked" on old cars to the point that he vowed to have one for himself.

To achieve this end, a deal was worked out with Dave McCleery, whose barn was well stocked already, whereby, he (Frank) would apply his experience in auto body work and painting to one of Dave's vehicles needing this treatment, and in return, Dave would extract from his store house the basic components from which Frank could eventually reconstruct a Model A Ford of his own.

By the time this project was matured, Frank began to feel that there were enough antique car buffs in the area to warrant the formation of a club and set himself the responsibility of getting one started.

The first nucleus of this movement then became Frank, Les, Jim Bollman, Tony Bushart, Don Orr, Dick Weis, Dave McCleery, Roger DeMay, Wayne Brownell and a few others centered in and about Williamson, N.Y. in Wayne County. By combining the contacts of these few, asking each to make a list of all the persons they knew to be interested in old cars, a sizeable list of some forty prospective club members was drawn up, and an appropriate letter sent to each.

In the meantime, inquiry was made to A.A.C.A. for directions and guidance in organizing a Wayne County region of that body. A.A.C.A. responded with the appropriate instructions which included copies of papers of organizations, proposed constitution and by-laws, and the requirement that we must be sponsored by an already existing region of A.A.C.A.

Since Wayne Brownell and Dave McCleery already belonged to the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society region of A.A.C.A., this group was approached and requested to sponsor our Wayne County club. This, they refused to do, citing their conviction that a club in Wayne County would provide unwanted competion with the Rochester based G.V.A.C.S.

This being the case, we then turned our attention East of Wayne County and contacted the Finger Lakes Region centered in Auburn, N.Y. in adjacent Cayuga County. This club received our request most graciously and promptly furnished the needed sponsorship.

With this acquired, those on the mailing list were again contacted and a meeting was set for June 1, 1974, at the home of Elwin Ressue in Marion, to formally organize the club. This was duly accomplished with Frank Credule as President, Dick Weis, Vice-President and Les Buell, Secretary/Treasurer. At the same time, the constitution and by-laws as suggested, were adopted as the rules for the club.

To be continued, next month.

EDITORS NOTE:

Dave McCleery has writen this "memory" account of the early history of our club, in resonse to Joel's plea for someone to come forward with some information on the beginnings of this organization. Dave, said it is accurate except for a list of the very earliest persons involved, since no records were kept of the early "get-togethers". Perhaps some other of our early members will be able to give us a few more details. 1

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HISTORY OF THE WAYNE DRUMLINS
by Dave McCleery
(Continued from last month)

WAYNE DRUMLINS was adopted as the name of the club following The main problem at the same time several other names were suggested, based deposited hills are a very evident part of the topography been giving some previous thought to the need for a name, in choosing a name arose because of the basic difference the whole county. At this point, Dave McCleery, who had of the entire county, and while not limited exclusively between the northern and southern parts of Wayne County. to this area, are found in greater profusion and county Several names were suggested incorporting, Lake Ontario and/or the fruit growing industry adjacent to it, while on the New York State Barge Canal and/or other features suggestions lacked the inclusiveness necessary to cover wide distribution here, then in any other area of the suggested the Wayne Drumlins, since these glacially state, thus the name encompasses the entire county. of the southern area of the county. All of these lengthy discussion of several proposals.

Following this organization, the club began a program of monthly meetings, held at the Williamson BOCES building in Williamson, a summer picnic at Forman Park and other activities possible for anewly founded and struggling organization, until the meeting January 29, 1976, when Frank announced that he would no longer be able to head the club, and Les also asked to be replaced. Attendance was small at that meeting and it appeared for a few minutes that the end had arrived for the club for the lack of anyone willing to assume leadership. At this point, and almost in desperation, Wayne Brownell agreed to accept the Presidency, on condition that Dave McCleery would be Secretary/Treasurer. Phil Mendola then was elected Vice-President.

Wayne, a disability retired Engineer at Rochester Products Company, with a life long interest in automobiles, immediately immersed himself in plans to reactivate the club, and get us involved in activities of interest to all the antique car buffs in the area.

Out of this desire quickly grew the idea of publishing a newsletter. Sitting at the McCleery kitchen table, a weekly practice until his death, the idea was discussed at length, including again the necessity of adopting a name for the proposed publication. I remember well, we wanted a name tied to some part of an automobile as G.V.A.C.S. had done with the "Brass Lamp". Many such parts were thought of and discarded for one reason or another until Dave said, "Hey, newspapers have headlines and cars have healiners; let's call it The Headliner." Presto, a name was born.

For the actual production of the paper, all credit must be given to Wayne and Jim Bollman, for it was their "baby". Wayne did most of the writing and mailing; Jim did the layout and printing and together they did such a good job that in its first the club received an award from A.A.C.A. for the excellence of the publication. It is greatly to the credit of Wayne Drumlins that under Phil Mendola's editorship and Jim Bollman's publishing the paper has not anly continued, but improved the high quality product begun on our kitchen table in 1976.

From this point on, the history of our club is easily followed, both from a very complete set of minutes of the meetings including the roll of club members and their attendance and from the reporting of all activities and events in The Headliner. Following Wayne's untimely death, March 3, 1977, Phil Mendola immediately showed true leadership qualities as he took off the Vice-President's cloak and donned the mantle of the Presidency until in due course of time others have assumed the responsibility for guiding the Wayne Drumlins Region A.A.C.A to its present premier position.

THE DRUMLINS MARKET PLACE



FOR SALE: 1925 Ford Model "IT" Stake Truck, runs good, all complete with extra parts. Dick Weis; 4277 Smith Rd. Marlon, NY 14505; (315) 926-4916.

Cover photo

1941 DeSoto Business Coupe Owner: Pete Empson

Early spring of 2014, I went to look at a business coupe in a field that was advertised on craigslist. I had a Chevy 6-cylinder engine and wanted a body to put it in. The deal was struck, and I brought the DeSoto home on my flatbed. After bringing it home I had second Boy was it in rough shape! The engine was set up, the interior was inhabited by mice and squirrels and I had no idea how difficult it would be to find body parts. started by scouring the internet for part sources, looking for rocker and quarter panels. After months of difficulties with a vendor, we contacted a man in Michigan who custom made the parts I needed. Meantime, hours of cleaning, sanding and stripping the body down to bare metal to see what we had. We were thinking once again, it should have stayed in that field. We made our own floor panels, installed new brake lines and cylinders, gas line





and gas tank and pulled the engine out to rebuild. I decided to rebuild instead of using the Chevy 6-cylinder. The body work was ongoing forever. Filling dents, sanding, priming, filling, sanding, on and on. I rebuilt the engine, transmission and drive line. Once that was completed with the help of Carl, we turned to painting. Once Carl painted the finish coat, Jean and I attempted to complete the interior. Installed new window glass, repaired all the interior trim and painted. The seat and door panels we had reupholstered, but we did the rest. During this process we were able to locate replacement bumpers, grill pieces and stainless trim at the swap meet in Carlisle. I made the wiring harness and installed. Purchased new tires and located hubcaps. The



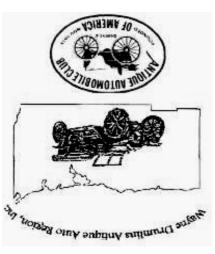
whole process took 4 years finding parts in Florida, Canada, British Columbia, Michigan and Minnesota. We finally had it out and about this spring. A big thank you to Carl Rapp for all his help over the length of the project, I learned a lot; and Ed Morrow for helping me grind the valves. We did this mostly ourselves, enjoyed the process most of the time, burned a lot of wood in the shop, but have no plans of doing another.

Pete

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