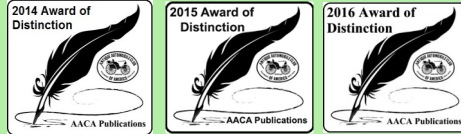


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President's Message *June 2017*

Greetings Folks,

Here we are at the beginning of July and our fortieth annual and final car show is only a month and a half away. Rest assured Steve will be at our July meeting with all the signup sheets. We are going to need everyone's help for the show, what us old Navy types would call an "all hands on deck" evolution. We want this show to live up to the standards we have become known for over the years. Most of us will need to be able to fill more than one duty to make the show a success. So, please come prepared to sign up.

This month's cover photo of Don's Rambler got me to thinking. Don's car is the bearer of a proud and historic name, but there is an interesting background here. The Rambler name first appeared in on an automobile 1897 when Thomas B. Jeffery, builder of the Rambler Bicycle, built his first prototype automobile, just one year after Henry Ford's Quadricycle. After receiving positive reviews at the 1899 Chicago International Exhibition & Tournament and the first National Automobile Show in New York City, Jeffery decided to enter the automobile business. In 1900, he bought the old Sterling Bicycle Co. factory in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and set up shop. Commercial mass production started in 1902 and by the end of the year he had produced 1,500 motor cars. Rambler was the second largest auto manufacturer behind Oldsmobile, producing one-sixth of all the autos in America at the time. The Rambler was a leader in technological innovation being the first to introduce of the steering wheel instead of a tiller, and was the first automobile to come equipped with a spare wheel and tire assembly, allowing motorists to simply change out the whole wheel rather than trying to fix a flat along side of the road.

In 1914, Charles T. Jeffery, Thomas B. Jeffery's son, replaced the Rambler

Secretary's Minutes

JUNE 2017 MINUTES

The June 21, 2017 meeting was held at the Phelps Community Center and was opened at 7:30PM by our President Dick Stearns and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 20 members were present.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ann Neal, Treasurer reported on our accounts. A motion was made by Jean Empson and seconded by Marion O'Neil to accept this report. Motion carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Matt Canavan reported that it is very quiet. In regards to the AACA Horseless Carriage Reliability Tour, the board members from GVACS, the Horseless Carriage and Wayne Drumlins need to meet before a commitment can be made.

SHOW COMMITTEE - Steve Heald, Chairman, isn't here tonight. He will have the sign up sheets at the next meeting. George O'Neil has the flyers with him tonight for everyone to help pass out. He has passed out over 900 flyers so far and has gotten a couple back already. Amy Ressue will get some young boys to help on both Saturday and Sunday. Ann Neal has sent out all of the Sponsor letters.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Jean Empson, Chairman, has the rosters still for anyone who might need an extra one or hasn't gotten theirs yet.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED - Phil Mendola is going through some tests. A very close friend of Steve and Pam Heald, passed away. Don Combs sent a thank you note for the retirement chair to our President, Dick Stearns.

BUY SELL OR TRADE - None

OLD BUSINESS - There were 9 members who took part in the lunch at the Culinary Center in Canandaigua with an optional wine tasting afterwards on June 9th. It was a bit pricy, but very enjoyable.

NEW BUSINESS - None

President Dick Stearns had a variety of flyers for various car shows coming up. He urged everyone to come up and take them.

President Dick Stearns thanked the refreshment committee which consisted of Jean Empson and Marion O'Neil.

Refreshments for the next meeting on July 19th will be the Ice Cream Social to be held at Jean and Pete Empson. Bring lawn chairs and toppings. Come by 7:00PM.

The Door Prize winner of portable shop light was Joe Chiaverini and the 50/50 winner was Ann Neal.

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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 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE	TIME	HOSTS
8-Jul	International Truck Show	92 Industrial Park Rd. Muncy, Pa.	Auction 2:30pm	IHMUNCY@yahoo.com
9-Jul	HCCA pre-1916 show	Bloomfield town square	11am-3pm	Peter White (585) 624-3507
13-Jul		Ferris Hills at West Lake	11am-2pm	
13-15 Jul	John Deere Two Cylinder Expo	Pageant of Steam grounds Ge- han Rd. Hopewell NY	7am-9pm	
15-Jul	Pultneyville Homecoming Car Show			
16-Jul	M G Car Club Show	Elks Lodge, 1600 Jackson Rd. Webster, NY	9am	mgcarclub.com
19-Jul	Ice Cream Social and Monthly Meeting	Pete & Jean Empson's Home	7pm	Pete & Jean Empson
9-12 Aug	57th annual Pageant of Steam	Pageant of Steam grounds Ge- han Rd. Hopewell NY	8am-8pm	
13-Aug	Wallington Car Show	Wallington, NY		Steve & Pam Heald
9-Aug	Monthly Meeting	Phelps Community Center	7pm	
19-Aug	Show Set-up	Marion Town Park		
20-Aug	40th Annual Car Show	Marion Town Park		
16-Sep	Canaltown Days Car Show (rain day 17-Sep.)	Palmyra		Gone Cruisin' Car Club
16-Sep	Annual Williamson- Pultneyville Community Ga- rage Sale	CentennialPark, Pultneyville	9am-4pm	
20-Sep	Monthly Meeting	Phelps Community Center	7pm	
23-Sep	President's Picnic	Dick & Brenda Stearns' Home	1pm	Dick & Brenda Stearns
18-Oct	Monthly Meeting	Phelps Community Center	7pm	
8-Nov	Ham Dinner & Elections	Marion Masonic Hall	6pm	Amy Ressue
TBD Dec	Nursing Home Christmas Party	TBD		

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM by a motion from Matt Canavan and seconded by Ann Rapp/Ann Neal.

Respectfully submitted by:
Donna Goellner, Secretary

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name with Jeffery in honor of his deceased father. Two years later, in 1916, the Thomas B. Jeffery company was sold to Charles W. Nash and became Nash Motors. In 1917 the Jeffery name plate disappeared. The automobiles from Kenosha carried the Nash name.

Fast forward to 1950 when Charles Nash's successor, George W. Mason, began development of a small car that could be produced inexpensively for the post World War II economy. This compact was named the Rambler.

In 1954, Nash Motors, by then Nash-Kelvinator Corporation, merged with the Hudson Motor Car Company to form American Motors Corporation which was soon shortened to AMC. For 1955 and 1956 Ramblers could be purchased as either Nash Ramblers or Hudson Ramblers even though they were the same car. Rambler became its own marque in 1957.

The last U.S. built Nash/Hudson/AMC Rambler was produced on 30 June 1969. Over 4.2 million cars carrying the Rambler name had rolled off the assembly lines in Kenosha. International production of Ramblers continued at various plants around the world up to 1983.

I sympathize with Don's trip north from Florida. I learned to drive on Ramblers and my family had several over the years. Like Don's, no power steering or brakes, no radio, and a minimal heater. My family didn't even believe in automatic transmissions.

Dick Stearns

As a club we have long supported the Phelps Community Food Cupboard. Please help keep this tradition alive. Unfortunately hunger knows no season.

Thank you.



Happy Birthday to:

Verna Mendola 7/19
Matt Canavan 7/22



Happy Anniversary to:

Anne & Alan Canne 7/9



East Main Street, Rochester, looking towards East Avenue. ca 1954



On June 17th Wayne Drumlins members participated in a car show at the Wayne County Nursing Home. Charter Member Stan Herdman is seen with his 1966 Lincoln 4-door convertible. .

Photos courtesy of Pam Heald

Steve Heald and his Mother pose with Steve's National Award winning 1912 EMF Touring car at the Wayne County Nursing home.



The 9th of June was a beautiful sunny day when a group of Wayne Drumlins members met for lunch on the upper deck of the Wine and Culinary Center in Canandaigua. Good food and great company.

Follow-up



After hearing of last month's Headliner story about tow trucks, a long time friend of mine brought my attention to a set of rather unique vehicles out in Seattle, Washington.

It all started in 1980 when then Lincoln Towing's then owner Ed Lincoln was inspired by a traveling salesman selling products Mr. Lincoln had no use for. Ed wanted materials related to towing. The salesman recalled a cartoon on his office bulletin board of a truck with toes hanging off the back end. A sketch was made and Ed found his inspiration. The original Toe Truck is the left foot seen above in the lead. It was built on a wrecked VW microbus. The toes are made from fiberglass and the big toe reaches eleven feet in the air. There are no side doors and entry is gained from the back. Despite being built on a VW microbus chassis, the truck does have an operating winch and can tow small vehicles though it is obviously not a commercial tow truck. It's primary use was for parades and publicity. This unique icon from Seattle is now on permanent display at Seattle's Museum of History and Industry. The folks at the Tow Truck Museum of Chattanooga, Tennessee, home of the invention of the Tow Truck, made a strong plea for it in their displays to no avail.

The first toe truck was so well received and in such demand that in 1996 a second toe truck was built. The right foot was constructed on a Chevy van chassis. Like the left foot, it has an operating winch and entry is again through the back. This truck is semi-retired though reportedly it is available for parades, weddings, and special occasions. The most recent information I could find lists the current owners as Roadone West DBA Lincoln Towing, Seattle, Washington.

Dick

Cover photo

My 1965 Rambler four door Classic 660 sedan was purchased on January 4, 1965. My Grandparents, Edgar and Ida Everhart, resided in New Port Richey, Florida during the winter months.

The reason for purchasing this particular car, right off the lot, was because my Grandparent's 1956 Ford Country Station wagon had been hit broadside.

The purchase price was \$2,800. The car has a 199 cubic inch engine (the same one used in the "American" model). The only option is an automatic transmission. It doesn't have power steering or brakes, or a radio. It has a very basic heater/defroster system because, in 1965 this was considered an "extra cost" item over the base price of the car. The Rambler came with seat belts, an outside mirror, black sidewall tires, and small basic hubcaps.

My Grandfather always wanted to drive a car for 100,000 miles. The 56 Ford had 85,000 miles at the time of the accident. With the 65 Rambler, my Grandfather's wish came true with 104,600 miles.

He gave me the car on November 4, 1989. I drove it back the 1295 miles to Newark, NY. With no radio, I sang and talked to myself while driving through the different small towns along Route 301, Route 15, Route 14, and finally Route 31.

The original Rambler still has the paint scratches and two dents in the side chrome that Grandpa put on it.

When my Cousins come for a visit, we always go for a ride. We reminisce about my Grandfather and all the stories he told.

Don Combes



Left: Don's Grandparents, Edgar and Ida Everhart with the Rambler in February, 1983 at their home in New Port Richey, FL.

Above: Don poses with the Rambler June, 2017.

Don, thanks for sharing.

Dick

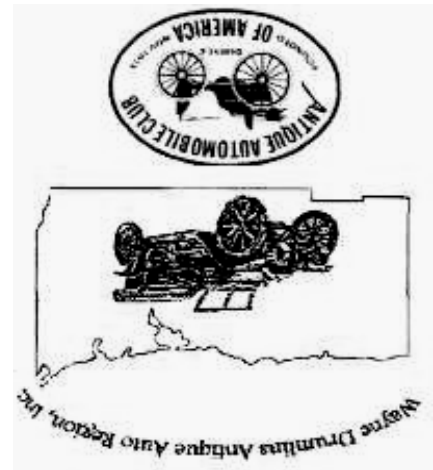


1965 Rambler Classic 660



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