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## President's Message June 2014

It's true that we have a hard time trying to predict the future of our carcentric hobby. Will our offspring embrace it as we have and be good custodians of cars preserved, restored or hand-built today and tomorrow? What are the cars of today that will be the classics of tomorrow? A market once dominated by America and Europe has become so global maybe our children will be chasing down something from China or Korea!

But today everything seems healthy as interests broaden and new subclasses of collectibles appear. I read recently in *Autoweek* about barn finds, and their evolution into a distinct category of collectible. As distinguished from preservation class, barn finds are maintained as they are found, untouched, dust, dirt and all. Originality in its purest form seems to be the goal.

Rat rods have been around for a few years, and they take the hobby in yet another interesting direction, unpristine and proud in their grittiness. There's been dune buggies for decades, but they are making a comeback, at least in warmer climes than ours. And in some instances you can build a brand new old car - there's available a brandnew '65 Mustang fastback body shell that benefits from higher quality modern steel and manufacturing techniques, and a sufficient enough chain of new parts to build a complete car. I wonder where this fits in the family tree of collectibles and classics.

Anyways, there's vitality in car collecting today, and whereas tomorrow is uncertain, enjoy what we've got, and the helter-skelter way our hobby advances.

#### Matt

#### **2014 CLUB CALENDAR**

June 7	Sulphur Springs Festival Car Show		
June 8	Twin Tiers VCC Car Show at the Chemung County Fairgrounds		
June 14	Wayne County Nursing Home	11am—2pm	
June 18	Monthly Meeting at the Phelps Community Center Refreshments provided by Canavan, Stearns and O'N	7:30pm Neil families	



## **Our Sympathies to:**

Barb and Dave Dorf on the loss of Barb's mother. Funeral services will be on June 14th in Kiantone and Memorials are to the Kiantone Congregational Church, 646 Kiantone Road, Jamestown, NY 14701.



## 2014 Car Show Meeting

There will be a Show meeting on Monday, June 9th at 7pm at George O'Neil's house.



Please remember your non-perishable food items for our local food cupboard. They are grateful for whatever you can bring.



#### **Get Well Wishes:**

Our best wishes go out to Dick Weis George Grube Hank Goellner



## **Happy Birthday to:**

Jim Bollman 6/4 Joe Marino 6/6 Norma Herendeen 6/8



## **Happy Anniversary to:**

Pam & Steve Heald 6/2
Menna & Jim Berry 6/14
Rita & Matt Canavan 6/14
Bev & Bob Good 6/20
Hazel & Stan Herdman 6/23
Verna & Phil Mendola 6/27

## Vice-President's Message



Greetings folks,

It appears that summer might be here, finally.

We have passed Memorial Day weekend and are now unofficially into the summer season. That means there are parades and car shows all across the region. I encourage all of our members to attend as many of these events as they are comfortable doing. Lets enjoy our special cars, but more importantly, lets share these beautiful machines and our love for them with the general public. We have all read and heard how our hobby is slowly dying. Please do your part to keep it alive while you are enjoying the weather, meeting new people, and having fun.

Be sure to check Jean's listing of events while I save her some space.

#### Dick

#### Note from Dave -

For any club member who would like a shirt/top with a picture of their car on it, any location and any size, Laurie of Custom Trophies can provide it. Send Laurie a digital image of your car, a high resolution image will reprint best. Prices are \$10 and up depending on the shirt type. Visit Laurie at: custom Trophies, 110 Cuyler Street, Palmyra NY 315-597-6966.





Windmill Car Show

On May 10th, several members of the Wayne Drumlins Region attended the Car Show at the Windmill in Penn Yan. It was a little wet from the rain the previous day, but Saturday was a beautiful day for a Show. There were 127 vehicles entered. The Goods' and Struczyks' each won an award. We enjoyed the shops, the food and friends and oh yeah a door prize. The Rapp's really enjoyed the Show too, but you will have to ask them why.

Jean & Pete

#### **MAY 2014 MINUTES**

The May 21st, 2014 meeting held at the Phelps Community Center was opened at 7:30 pm by our President Matt Canavan and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 30 members were present.

SECRETARY REPORT- A motion was made by Bob Good to accept the April minutes. Seconded by Dave Dorf. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT- Treasurer, Rita Canavan reported on the status of our accounts. A donation was made to the AACA Tucker Brick Program. A motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Pete Empson. Seconded by Stan Herdman. Motion Carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS- Steve Heald, Chairman was not present, however Matt Canavan reminded members of the AACA Eastern Spring Meet in Buffalo NY. SHOW COMMITTEE- George O'Neil, Chairman reported that the show flyers were ordered from the printers and will be available next week. George also reported that he has a new design for the show field that can be reviewed by members. Classes have not been changed. There will be a car show meeting on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the O'Neil's. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Hank Goellner, Chairman not present. AACA is now offering half year membership for first time new members only.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED- Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Dick Weis. A thank you card was received from the Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic for our donation in memory of Margaret Mulford. A motion was made by Charlie Bauder to increase our donations for deceased members or immediate family. Seconded by Dick Stearns. Motion carried. BUY SELL OR TRADE- Check Headliner.

<u>OLD BUSINESS-</u> Matt reported that progress is being made on the web site. New software is being used.

Dick Stearns suggested that we join the Central New York Car Club website which will offer us more visibility for our car show. Pete Empson made a motion to join. Seconded by Brenda Stearns. Matt will contact AACA to determine if there are any issues in joining.

Matt advised that the President's Picnic\Car Games will be postponed to September in an effort to obtain a more favorable date. Pete Empson will check to see if the Oaks Corners Community Park is available for car club activities.

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

Discussion of various activities took place and Jean Empson will include a 2014 Calendar of Events in the Headliner.

Wegmans Cruise Night in Canandaigua will begin Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Many of the Club Members attended the Windmill Car Show and received various prizes and awards.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MONTH-Rita Canavan, Marion O'Neil and Brenda Stearns.

<u>DOOR PRIZE WINNER-</u> Stan Herdman <u>50/50 WINNER-</u> Sally Morrow

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by a motion from Dave Dorf and seconded by Rita Canavan.

Respectfully submitted by: Leslie Askin, Secretary

## History of the Ford Logo (Blue Oval)

There have been a bunch of different logos Ford has used to market the brand. Today, we all recognize it as the Blue Oval, but it wasn't always that way.

In the very beginning there was a fairly complicated, oddly design that included a "Detroit - Mich." tag and spelled out "Ford Motor Co.



In 1912, the <u>Ford logo</u> made a complete change over to a very simplistic <u>oval design</u>.



The famous Blue Oval finally came around in 1928. It set the basic shape and color of future Ford logos, although it was much "fatter" than the current logo."



This next blue oval doesn't have an exact date of release, but it was used throughout the years leading up to the <u>Centennial logo</u>. It was basically a longer, shorter version of the logo from 1928.



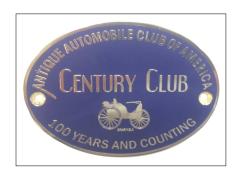
This last logo is the blue oval that Ford released in 2003 in honor of the 100 years Ford Motor Company had been around. It was named the "Centennial Blue Oval".



Submitted by Ed Hunt.

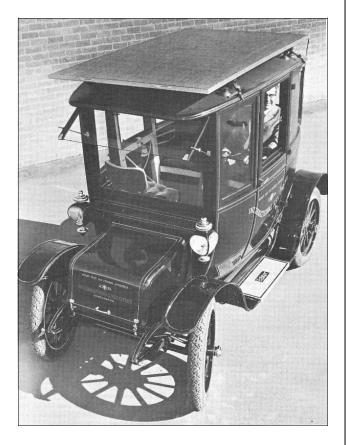
## Member Benefit of the Month - Century Club Recognition Award

We are excited to announce that we have introduced a special recognition award for vehicles 100 years and older - The Century Club Recognition Award! This badge was created to help encourage and increase the participation of these very special vintage vehicles at all AACA national events. The Century Club Recognition Award is a onetime badge that will be presented to 100-year old AACA-recognized vehicles upon participation in a national meet or tour. So be sure to dust off your 100-year old vehicle and enter into a national meet or tour!



#### The First Solar Powered Car

By: Matthew Hocker



Thanks to diminishing resources and rising gas prices, alternative fuels have received a lot of press coverage in recent years. Of course, alternative fuels are nothing new; gas may have won out, but the brass era was also characterized by electric and steampowered vehicles. In 1960, renewable energy would take center stage when International Rectifier Corp. of El Segundo, California unveiled the first solar powered car.

Oddly enough, the car used to harness the sun's energy was a restored 1912 Baker electric. These early battery-powered vehicles had a reputation for quality and developed a strong following, with clients such as Thomas Edison and the King of Siam (present-day Thailand). When President Taft introduced the White House's first official fleet of motor vehicles in 1909 a Baker Victoria was among them.

The primary purpose of the 1960 experiment was to demonstrate the future potential of solar energy, which was then still in its infancy. A solar powered brass era car afforded an excellent means of promoting the technology, as it turned heads wherever it traveled. However, the main reason the vehicle was used for the project was because the surface area of the roof was large and level enough to accommodate the massive 26 square foot solar panel, dubbed the "Solar King." Over the next two years, the modified Baker went on a 23,300 mile world tour and was demonstrated at several scientific exhibitions.

The entire project cost a whopping \$40,000 which, adjusted for inflation, would be more than \$319,000 in today's world. A considerable portion of the funding went toward the development of the roof-mounted solar panel, which consisted of more than 10,600 silicon cells. The panel could be tilted in order to catch the sunlight from multiple angles, providing power to the car's rechargeable 72 volt battery.

While the demonstrations were impressive, the scientists behind the project acknowledged that, "to be usable, efficiency of the solar cells must be increased, and efficiency of current use in the car would likewise need to be made greater." When fully charged, the modified Baker was capable of driving for approximately an hour at a top speed of 20 mph. Recharging the batteries required leaving the car under direct sunlight for eight to ten hours.

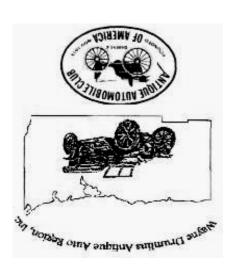
Since the 1960 experiment, several other examples of solar powered cars have been built, but we have yet to see one hit mass production. Despite this, the scientists were arguably successful in achieving their primary objective of proving the commercial possibilities of solar energy. The homes, boats, and even toys powered by solar panels stand as a testament to their vision.

## 2014 Calendar of Events

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February 16	Breakfast at the Elks Lodge, Canandaigua	Rapp
February 19	Monthly Meeting	
March 19	Monthly Meeting	
April 6	Glenn H. Curtiss Museum—Hammondsport	Rapp
April 16	Monthly Meeting	
May 10	Windmill Car Show & Shopping	Empson
May 21	Monthly Meeting	
June 14	Wayne County Nursing Home	
June 18	Monthly Meeting	
July 9	Clifton Springs Nursing Home visit (5:30)	Empson
July 12	Porch Picnic	Stearns
July 16	Ice Cream Social	Empson
July 23	Geneva Living Center (North) (6pm)	
July 31	The Terrace at Newark (6pm) Sock Hop and Ice Cream	Empson
Aug 13	Monthly Meeting	
Aug 16-17	Car Show Set-up and Show	
Sept 17	Monthly Meeting	
Sept 21 or 28	National War Plane Museum, Geneseo	Empson
Oct 15	Monthly Meeting	
Oct 25	Year End Banquet	Canavan
Nov 12	Ham Dinner/Elections	
Dec 10	Monthly Meeting	

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Joe's 1934 Hupmobile at the AACA National Spring Meet

