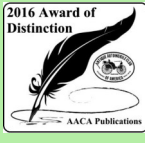
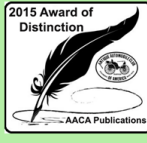
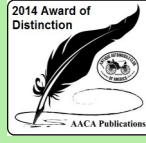
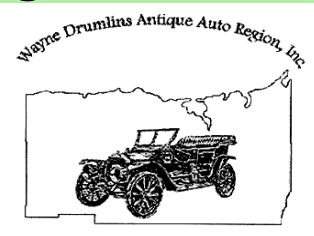


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President's Message *June 2017*

Greetings Folks,

This month's cover photograph got me to thinking. Over the years I have run across bits and pieces of the Holmes Tow Truck history and this looked like a good time to delve a bit deeper. Most all of us recognize the Holmes name, mostly from personal encounters, but what's behind the name? Thanks to multiple on-line sources, here is a brief history.

What is shown in our cover photo was about as good as it got in the early days. Most any make of heavy, powerful car with a stout frame and a couple of years old was considered fair game to become a rescue vehicle. Many of us cry at the thought today but remember, automobile technology was advancing at break neck speeds and those who could afford these massive cars had to trade up often to keep abreast of the newest features such as electric lights, electric self starters and newer, better, and more powerful engines, just to list a few of the improvements. Hence, these vehicles were available and relatively low priced for what they were.

In 1916 Ernest Holmes, a mechanic in Chattanooga, Tennessee, got a call to pull a Model T Ford out of a creek bed. Unfortunately, not only was the T in the creek, it was upside down. It took eight hours, six men and considerable labor to get the T back upright on solid ground. This experience got Ernest to thinking and, as they say, necessity is the mother of invention. Starting with a 1913 Cadillac sedan, Ernest with the help of two friends, L.C. Decker and Elmer Gross, removed the rear parts of the body and fabricated three booms, a pulley, some chain, and a hand cranked winch to create the first tow truck. After one rescue, he added out rigger supports for stability while lifting. In 1917, Ernest applied for and received his first U.S. patent.

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Secretary's Minutes

MAY 2017 MINUTES

The May 17, 2017 meeting was held at the Phelps Community Center. It was opened at 7:30PM by our President Dick Stearns and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 23 members were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - A motion was made by Matt Canavan to accept the April minutes. Seconded by Pete Empson.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ann Neal, Treasurer, reported on our accounts. A motion was made by Jean Empson to accept this report. Seconded by Pam Heald. Motion carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Matt Canavan had nothing to report.

SHOW COMMITTEE - Steve Heald reported that he and Pam met with George and Marion O'Neil. The Wayne County Sheriffs Department Youth are unavailable to help because of the Wayne County Fair. It was brought up whether or not this would be our last show. Motion made by Joel Neal and seconded by Matt Canavan that it would be after 40 years. Let us make it our best as long as Mother Nature cooperates. Set up at 9:00AM on Saturday, August 19th with a pot luck lunch at 12:00 Noon. We need to update the flyer with Jim Duffy's car to be on it (Steve has the flyer done as of Monday, May 29th). We will still do door prizes and the cash drawing, which George has the tickets for. The sponsors' letters will be going out on June 10th, per Ann Neal. Steve then brought up the AACA Reliability Tour with the Horseless Carriages, which is coming up in 2018 in our area. He thought that the Wayne Drumlines could co-sponsor it by helping run the route and anything else that might need to be done. He has talked to the Horseless Carriage region and will get with GVACS to see if they are interested. Pending their answer being yes, will go forward from there. Money comes from National to help defray the cost of the tour books getting printed and goodie bags.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Jean Empson, Chairman, passed out the new Rosters, hot off of the press. We are down 8 families due to non-participation or passing away. We did gain 1 family.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED - Norma Herendeen was in the emergency room over the weekend, Rusty Smith is doing better as well as Phil Mendola.

BUY SELL OR TRADE - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - The Wine Tour and lunch at the Culinary Center in Canandaigua will be held on Friday, June 9th. Ann and Joel Neal are hosting the event. President Dick Stearns then had Don Combes come up front to present him with a gift in recognition of his retirement after 30 years. There was a card explaining about putting together a rocking chair out of a bag of saw dust and bottle of glue.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017: To be listed in the Headliner. Joel Neal is still looking for anyone to do an event.

President Dick thanked the refreshment committee which consisted of Joel/Ann Neal and Charlie Bauder.

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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 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE	TIME	HOSTS
3-Jun	Sulphur Springs Car Show	Main Street Clifton Springs	10am-2pm	
9-Jun	Luncheon	Culinary Center, Canandaigua	12:30pm	Ann Neal
10-Jun	Third annual cruise-in for local food pantries	Main Street, Montour Falls, NY	12:30-4pm	Dennis Johnson (607) 331-0730
11-Jun	Lake Erie Region, AACA 65th annual car show	Elma Greens Park 3007 Bowen Road, Elma, NY	9am-4pm	
17-Jun	Car Show	Wayne County Nursing Home	11am-2pm	
18-Jun	Sonnenberg Gardens Car Show	Canandaigua		
21-Jun	Monthly Meeting	Phelps Community Center	7pm	
8-Jul	International Truck Show	92 Industrial Park Rd. Muncy, Pa.	Auction 2:30pm	IHMUNCY@yahoo.com
9-Jul	HCCA pre-1916 Auto Meet	Bloomfield town square	11am-3pm	Peter White (585)624-3507
13-Jul	Ferris Hills Car show	Ferris Hills at West Lake	11am-2pm	
13-15 Jul	John Deere Two Cylinder Expo	Pageant of Steam grounds Gehan Rd. Hopewell NY	7am-9pm	
15-Jul	Pultneyville Homecoming Car Show	Behind the Pultneyville deli and Reformed Church, Hamilton St.	10:30am	
16-Jul	M G Car Club Show	Elks Lodge, 1600 Jackson Rd.	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 Gehan 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 Garage Sale	Centennial Park, 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	TBD		

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Over the years, there were many improvements. The hand crank for the winch was replaced by power from the wrecker's engine, the single lift boom was upgraded to a twin boom system, and there were other refinements. The twin boom feature is rather interesting. The truck operator would take the line from the boom away from the rescue operation and tie it off to any stout anchor that was available, be it a tree, pole, or whatever. This back tie provided stability during the extraction being done with the second, or nearer, boom. In 1919, the Ernest Holmes Company went into business building and marketing tow truck hardware. Holmes units remained mechanically powered throughout the years and were often mounted on various makes of automobile chassis as well as trucks up into the 1940s.

The Ernest Holmes Company remained as a family owned entity until 1973 when it was sold to the Dover Corp. In 1974, Ernest's grandsons Jerry and his brother Bill, along with a former Holmes Company designer, formed Century Wrecker Company. With Jerry's guidance, the hydraulic wrecker was born. Today, these hydraulic units are the industry standard.

So we have progressed from six men and eight hours using ropes, pulleys, and anything else they could find, to today's units with one man, usually considerably less than an hour, and finger tip controls. Maybe in some respects the good old days weren't so good after all.

Dick Stearns

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Refreshments for the next meeting on June 21st will be Jean Empson and Marion O'Neil to be held at Phelps Community Center.

The Door Prize winner was Jim Berry, a bag of Snickers. The 50/50 winner was Charlie Bauder.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM by a motion from Joe Chiaverini and seconded by Marion O'Neil.

Respectfully submitted by:
Donna Goellner, Secretary



Happy Anniversary to:

Pam & Steve Heald	6/2
Rita & Matt Canavan	6/14
Hazel & Stan Herdman	6/23
Verna & Phil Mendola	6/27



Happy Birthday to:

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

Congratulations



On the 12th of May, Don Combes marked a milestone in his life, retirement. For the better part of the last year, if anyone asked Don how many more days, the answer was always “____”, but who’s counting”

To honor this event, at our May meeting Don received a retirement “gift”. Said gift was a large box of wood shavings, not saw dust, a bottle of glue, and an instruction sheet. The instructions extolled the various virtues of the chair’s customization abilities, safety precautions regarding protective clothing, hearing, and eye protection, and how to assemble and finish the chair.

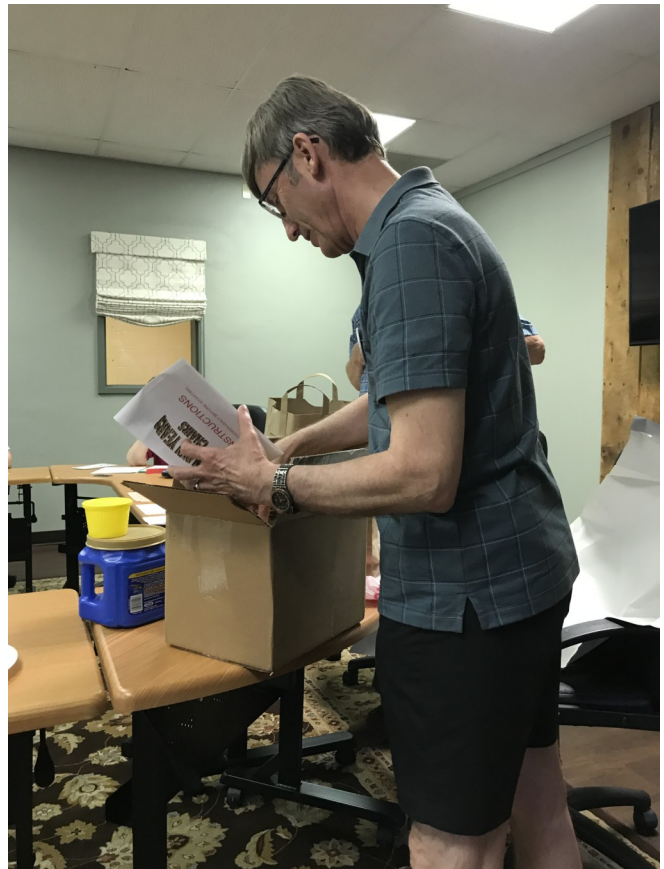
We all look foreword to seeing the finished project sometime in the future, probably way in the future.

GOLDEN YEARS CHAIRS



Designed for a Life Time

Photos courtesy of Pam Heald



Steve and I were in DC and this License plate artwork (what it says and how it was displayed) caught our eye. This was on display at the National Portrait Gallery. Thanks.

Pam and Steve Heald



Thanks to Pam for sharing this art work with us. If you study it for a moment, not only is the message, the establishment of our Constitution, there, but the plates are in proper alphabetical order for all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Someone spent a lot of time thinking this out, finding all the necessary plates, and putting it together. I suspect many, if not all, of the plates were specially made for this display

Dick

Cover photo

For the lack of any member car photos, this month we have a historic picture taken in Rochester and brought to my attention by Jim Bollman. The vehicle shown appears to be a 1910 Locomobile which has been modified for recovery duty. Note the substantial rope coiled up on the passenger side and the collection of fetch blocks hanging beside it. There are also numerous other items to aide in freeing a vehicle in distress. Despite the chains on all four wheels, this is not an all wheel drive unit. As a concession to the many unpaved roads of the day, it was not uncommon to use chains on the front tires to aide in steering during the snowy and muddy seasons.

The *LCCC* bears the name South Park Garage, 941 Genesee Street. Not unusual for the time period, there is no phone number which suggests probably the garage didn't have one yet. As for 941 Genesee St., this now appears as a vacant lot a few doors north of Brooks Ave.

The photo was taken along side of Washington Square Park, from the Monroe Ave., or south, side. This stretch of road is now Woodbury Blvd. To the right is South Clinton Ave. and South Street, now Saint Mary's Place is to the left. No wonder South Street was renamed to avoid confusion with South Ave., one block further west. The north end of the park is bounded by Court St.

The monument in the background is a Civil War Monument known as ***Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument*** and was dedicated in 1892, though the origin of the park dates to 1817. At the top of the monument, facing north towards the center of Rochester, is a statue of Abraham Lincoln. They covered all the important figures of the time with Lincoln watching over Washington Square. At a later date a memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt was added at the north side of the park.

Thanks Jim for an interesting look back at our local history.

Dick

Remember these?

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD

AROUND THE CURVE

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE

TO GAIN A MINUTE

LICKETY-SPLIT

OF PAUL FOR BEER

YOU NEED YOUR HEAD

BEAUTIFUL CAR

LED TO A WARMER

YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT

WASN'T IT?

HEMISPHERE

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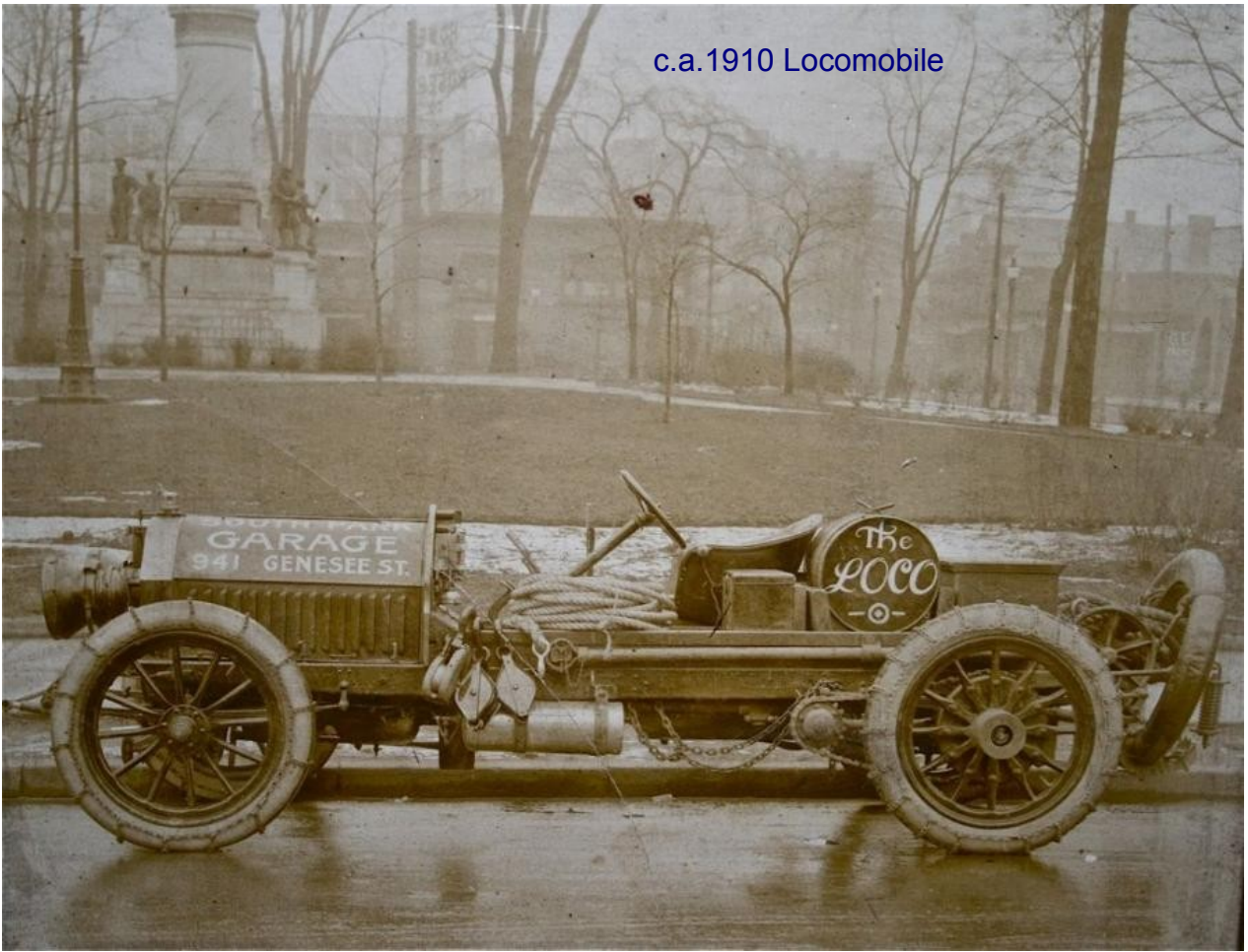
Editor's note:

Once again I need to ask. I need the support of our members for pictures of your special cars to use on our cover page. I will work with you if you need to get a picture or if you have a good print I can scan it and return it to you. How about sharing your pride and joy for everyone to see and enjoy. It only takes a few minutes and there is no charge.

At our dinner before the April meeting someone suggested perhaps I could do a collage of member's favorite four legged family members, be they cats, dogs, horses, or ???. I would be happy to try this idea but, again, I need the help from members for the pictures with a one line (or more) description i.e. owner's name. The pet's name or information if you are willing to share would be helpful but not necessary.

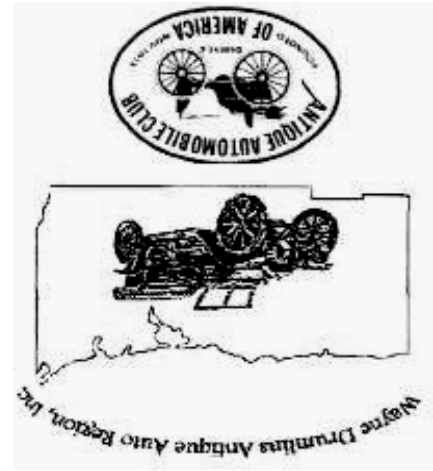
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