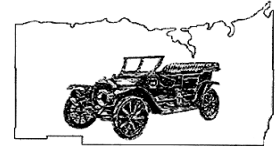


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## *President's Message* *November 2014*

When I look at collector car activity in our club, and then collector car activity in general, it's apparent that it is largely a man's endeavor. Buying these cars, building or restoring these cars, driving these cars, showing these cars - it's a field dominated by men. Of course there are exceptions (as there always are), as some women do own and drive collector cars. But from what I see, they are few and far between.

I guess it makes sense. Traditional occupational roles make men the mechanics and tradesmen who naturally follow their interests into old vehicles with the skill set needed to restore and maintain them. On a corollary note, this may also uncover a reason why our hobby struggles with attracting new members. The trades that in the past offered a path to car collecting have suffered from declining numbers as other occupations have taken precedence. And old cars offer a simplicity of design that made their restoration and maintenance a relatively easy proposition. There was a time when you really could maintain and repair your own car, nourishing an interest in anything car-related. Not so today when new cars are hopelessly complex, denying owners the opportunities necessary to foster a general curiosity and interest in cars.

But to circle back, maybe we need to replenish our club membership by appealing not only to younger men but also to younger women. In the spirit of equality of the sexes, let's figure out how to make our club attractive to everybody, old and young, regardless of gender.

Reminder! Our ham dinner and club elections are Wednesday, November 12th, at the Masonic Lodge in Marion.

*Matt*

## 2014 CLUB CALENDAR

November 12	Monthly meeting and Election Dinner at the Masonic Lodge, Marion, NY Bring a dish to pass, drink and table setting	6:00pm
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December 10	Monthly meeting at Vienna Gardens Christmas gathering at 144 Main St. Phelps Gather at 6pm, bring cookies or holiday goodies to share "The Seneca Soundwaves will perform for our listening enjoyment at 6:30pm	6:00pm
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Vienna Garden Wish List for some of the residents

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Personal wipes
- Soap
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brushes
- Mouthwash
- Q-tips
- After Shave
- Wash Clothes & Towels
- Writing Paper
- Pencils/Pens
- Envelopes
- Stamps

I will have more information at the November meeting.



### Happy Birthday to:

- Pat Bollman 11/2
- Gerald Burnham 11/4
- Pam Heald 11/14
- Ed Hunt 11/19
- Hank Goellner 11/19
- Carl Rapp 11/23
- Dick Stearns 11/25
- Dorothy Marino 11/29



### Happy Anniversary to:

- Martha Stevermer & Loren Gifford 11/19
- Pat & Jim Bollman 11/27
- Barb & Dave Dorf 11/27



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

## ***October Meeting Minutes***

The October 15th, 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. 32 members and 1 guest were present.

SECRETARY REPORT- A motion was made by Steve Heald to accept the September minutes. Seconded by Dick Stearns. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT- Treasurer, Rita Canavan reported on the status of our accounts. Rita has paid the AACA insurance and Sponsor's Trophies. Rita is working on the 2015 budget. A motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Dave Dorf. Seconded by Stan Herdman. Motion Carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS- Steve Heald, Chairman advised there was no report.

SHOW COMMITTEE- George O'Neil, Chairman reported that Jean Empson was resigning from her position as Sponsor Chairperson. George needs someone to replace Jean, please contact George if you're interested.

Thank you to Jean for doing a great job!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Hank Goellner, Chairman advised there was no report. Hank is collecting membership dues and reminded members that dues must be paid to the AACA.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED-

None

BUY SELL OR TRADE- Check Headliner.

OLD BUSINESS-

No new information on the Web Site.

Steve Heald requests that members send him nominations for the Wayne Brownell Award and the Stu Adair Award.

Matt reported that Diane Delooza has donated the service manuals for old radios to the Antique Wireless Museum in Bloom-

field.

Rita reminded everyone that payment for the year end banquet is required and she would like a final count so that reservations can be made.

The year end banquet will be October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Club 86 from 3pm to 7pm. There will be 3 dinner options and Preston Pierce will be the speaker.

NEW BUSINESS- The annual Ham Dinner and elections of officers will be held November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Hall in Marion at 6pm.

Offices that are open are:

President

Secretary

Treasurer

2 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors will be acting as the nominating committee.

If you are interested in holding an office for 2015 please contact a member of the Board of Directors.

Congratulations to Joe Marino and Steve Heald for the awards and recognition they received at Hershey.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MONTH:

Please bring a dish to pass, silver ware and table setting.

DOOR PRIZE WINNER- Sally Morrow

50/50 WINNER- Donna Goellner

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by a motion from Rita Canavan and seconded by Stan Herdman.

Respectfully submitted by:

Leslie Askin, Secretary

## ***Vice- President's Message***



Greetings Folks,

A smorgasbord of thoughts for you this month, in no particular order. Please understand, none of these ideas are presented with any thought of malice towards anyone and some may reflect upon my personal views.

We enjoyed a most excellent banquet with a very enlightening and informative presentation by Preston Pierce about the early days of our highway system and the regulation of motor vehicles. This touches the very core of our hobby a century later. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

To those of our snowbirds who are taking flight early, have a good and safe winter. We look forward to your return next spring.

Please think about the requests made at our last meeting for nominations of candidates for all the club officers and the opening positions on the Board of Directors. The Club needs the involvement of it's members in order to remain an active and viable organization. Contact Steve or Matt to volunteer.

We are all aware that hunger knows no season but as the Holidays approach, the need for assistance seems even more pressing. As a Club, we do help support our local food pantry. Please, if you can, help us during this holiday season and bring nonperishable food items to our meetings and dinners. Your help will be greatly appreciated by many families in need.

A reminder, Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> is the mid-term elections. Surely we are all tired of the negative campaigning but please, fulfill your civic duties and get out and vote. For whom you vote is your choice and there is no wrong vote. Wrong is staying home and not letting your voice be heard.

Speaking of Tuesdays in November, Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. If you or a member of your family is a veteran, thank you for your service. It is a shame we as a country only stop to remember our veterans twice a year. Please consider reaching out to a veteran and expressing your thanks or maybe do something special for him or her.

We have finally made it to Halloween and already there has been significant displays of Christmas merchandise on store shelves for a month or more. Is anyone else tired of this creeping commercialization of our Holidays?

See you at our November dinner and elections.

## ***Dick***



Today George and I presented sponsor appreciation plaques to two sponsors that have supported our show for 35 years. They are the M & T Bank of Marion and the James Sullivan Agency of Marion.  
Dave



## AACA Renewal Time

The end of the year will be here before we know it...

Look for your first opportunity to renew your membership in October. A renewal form was included with your September/October issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine. Simply fill out the form and send it back to the office with a check or credit card information.

We know the end of the year can get hectic with all of the holidays and family, so make sure to renew early so you don't forget.

Hank will be accepting your Wayne Drumlin dues. Please mail your check for \$10 to: **Hank Goellner**  
P.O. Box 86  
Port Gibson, NY 14537

### *Did you know.....*

That the Wayne Drumlins Antique Auto Region was chartered on October 3, 1974 with 15 members.

We still have 5 original charter family members. They are Jim & Pat Bollman, Stan & Hazel Herdman, George & Marion O'Neil, Amy Ressue and Dick & Allie Weis.

The Club has had 22 Presidents.

As of the 2014 according to our membership roster the club has 78 members with a listing of 119 cars.

In 2014, we celebrated our 37th Annual Car Show.

We have awarded the Stu Adair Award 18 times and the Wayne Brownell Award 33 times.



Leslie Askin, recipient of the 2014 Wayne Brownell Award presented by Matt Canavan, President and Steve Heald, BOD Chairperson



Recipients of the Stu Adair Award: Dick Weis, pictured above with wife, Allie and Jim Berry pictured below with Matt and Steve





The Tucker 48 (named after its model year) was an advanced automobile conceived by Preston Tucker and briefly produced in Chicago in 1948. Only 51 cars were made before the company folded on March 3, 1949, due to negative

publicity initiated by the news media, a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation and a heavily publicized stock fraud trial (in which allegations were proven baseless in court with a full acquittal). Speculation exists that the Big Three automakers and Michigan senator Homer S. Ferguson also had a role in the Tucker Corporation's demise.

After World War II, the public was ready for totally new car designs, but the Big Three Detroit automakers had not developed any new models since 1941. This provided great opportunities for new, small automakers who could develop new cars more rapidly than the huge legacy automakers. Studebaker was first to introduce an all-new postwar model, but Tucker took a different track, designing a safety car with innovative features and modern styling. His specifications called for a water-cooled aluminum block flat-6 rear engine, disc brakes, four-wheel independent suspension, fuel injection, the location of all instruments within reach of the steering wheel, seat belts, and a padded dashboard.

The Tucker automobile was originally named the "Torpedo," but was changed to "Tucker '48" , reportedly because Tucker

did not want to remind the public of the horrors of World War II.



**This is Tucker #1022, the first Tucker purchased by the late David Cammack and the car that started his obsession with the make.**



The instrument panel and all controls were within easy reach of the steering wheel, and the dash was padded for safety. The windshield was made of shatterproof glass and designed to pop out in a collision to protect occupants. The car's parking brake had a separate key so it could be locked in place to prevent theft. The doors extended into the roof, to ease entry and exit.

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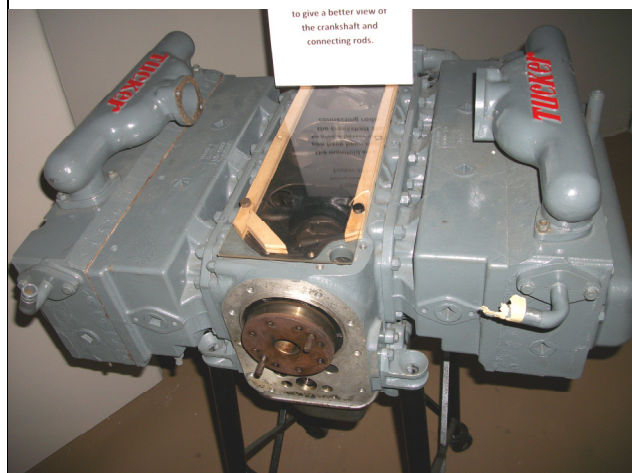
Each Tucker built differed somewhat from the previous car, as each car built was basically a “prototype” where design features and engineering concepts were tried, improved, or discarded throughout the production cycle. The door releases on the interior of the Tucker came from the Lincoln Zephyr. The steering columns used in the Tucker were donated by Ford and are from the 1941 Lincoln. Preston Tucker held a patent for a collapsible steering column design. A glove box was added to the front door panels instead of the more conventional location in the dash to provide space for the “crash chamber” that the Tucker is now famous for. This is a padded area ahead of the passenger seat, free from obstructions, providing the front seat passengers an area to protect themselves in the event of an accident. The engine and transmission were mounted on a separate subframe which was secured with only six bolts. The entire drivetrain could thus be lowered and removed from the car in minutes. Tucker envisioned loaner engines being quickly swapped in for service in just 30 minutes.

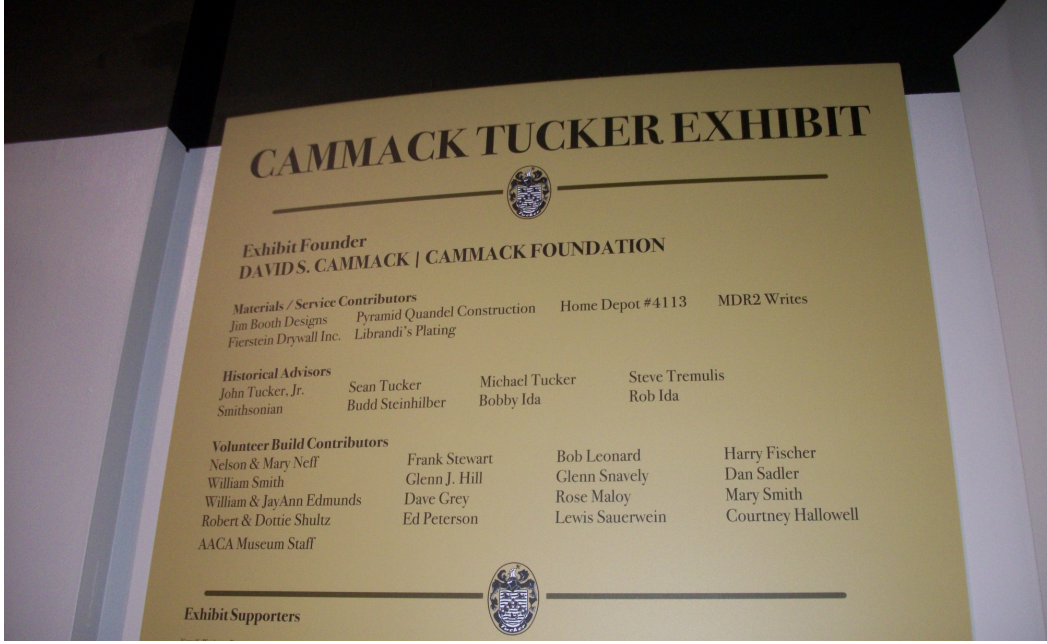
Tucker envisioned several other innovations which were later abandoned. Magnesium wheels, disc brakes, fuel injection, self-sealing tubeless tires, and a direct-drive torque converter transmission were all evaluated and/or tested but were dropped on the final prototype due to cost, engineering complexity, and lack of time to develop.

Tucker initially tried to develop an innovative engine. It was a 589 cubic inches (9.65 L) flat-6 cylinder with hemispherical combustion chambers, fuel injection, and overhead valves operated by oil pressure rather than a camshaft. An oil pressure distributor was mounted inline with the ignition distributor

and delivered appropriately timed direct oil pressure to open each valve at the proper interval. This unique engine was designed to idle at 100 rpm and cruise at 250-1200 rpm through the use of direct drive torque converters on each driving wheel instead of a transmission. These features would have been auto industry firsts in 1948, but as engine development proceeded, problems appeared. The 589 engine was installed only in the test chassis and the first prototype.

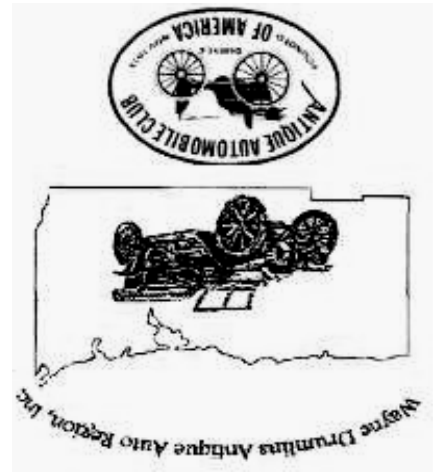
(The above was an excerpt from Wikipedia, the pictures are from our recent visit to the AACA Museum)





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