

# The Wayne Drumlins Antique Auto Region



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## *President's Message*

### *November 2015*

Greetings Folks,

Autumn is firmly upon us and we have had a couple of good frosts. There may be a few good days left to go for a ride, but many of us are looking at "bed time" for our cherished rides until next spring. Tis sad but true.

Again a big thanks to Rusty Smith and Amy Ressue for the excellent fall banquet. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Remember, the November 11th ham dinner and elections. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. It is not too late to step forward and offer your time and expertise to help keep our club alive and functioning. All the officer positions and two of the Board of Director positions are available should you be so inclined. Please give consideration to running. The position of Show Chairperson will also be vacant in 2017. This is our club and the need is urgent to continue. Let's not let Wayne Drumlins Region disappear from the antique automobile scene.

Jean requested I not get too carried away here so, until the ham dinner and elections, stay warm, stay dry. See you soon.

*Dick Stearns*



*On November 11th, Thank a Veteran*

**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**

**2015 UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 11**                      **Monthly Meeting/Elections and Ham Dinner**                      **6pm**  
Bring a dish to pass and table service
- Dec ?**                         **Holiday Gathering at Clifton Springs Nursing Home**  
Bring cookies to share with the residents. More info at the Nov. meeting

***Buy, Sell and Trade***

***For Sale:*** 1942 Chevrolet 1-1/2ton truck with stake rack body. It has 15,000 miles, never had any rust, runs great, passed NY Inspection last week. Price is \$12,000 firm. Must see. Stanley Herdman 502 Pierson Ave., NY 14513. Phone 315-331-4045

***For Sale:*** 1965 GMC 250 6 cylinder engine complete with 4 speed transmission. \$400. Contact Pete Empson 315-521-0762

***Membership***

Hank will be revising the roster in anticipation of 2016. If you have vehicles to add or delete from the current roster please let Hank know as soon as possible as well as any address changes.



***Thank you***

Thank you for all your monthly food donations to the Phelps food cupboard. Your donations help us to continue serving those who need our help. Again Many Thanks.

***Tom Cheney, Director***



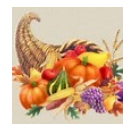
***Happy Birthday to:***

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



***Plenty of Get Well Wishes to:***

Dick Weis  
Hank Goellner



Wayne Drumlin members gathered on October 14th to honor Dick and Allie Weis who will be moving to Florida in the very near future. Dick and Allie are charter members of our club. We had a great turn out and wish them only the best.



Our club held it's annual banquet on Sunday, October 18th, at the Midvale Country Club in Penfield. Attendance was good with 39 individuals present. After an excellent meal, a unique presentation about the history of steam ships on the Finger Lakes was given by Ray Henry, Town of Canandaigua Historian. Participation and event sponsor awards were distributed to club members. The highlight of the day was the presentation of the Stu Adair award to Carl Rapp, who has selflessly helped club members over the years, and the presentation of the Wayne Brownell award to George and Marian O'Neil, in recognition of their many years of excellent leadership of our annual car show, known as one of the best shows in the region. *Matt*





**Hagerty's Swap to Street Challenge:  
4 Gearheads. 100 Hours. 1 Epic Build.**  
By: Tara Hurlin

At some point over the summer, someone here at Hagerty came up with an idea that would raise the bar for any collector vehicle build challenge: a team of four car nuts from Hagerty would take on a truck build with the goal of not only getting it running and driving within 100 hours by sourcing all of the parts from the fall Hershey Swap Meet, but also of making the nearly 750-mile drive home to Traverse City, Mich.

The aforementioned "epic build" involves a 1946 Ford ½-ton commercial pickup. Over a four-day period, Wednesday, Oct. 7, to Saturday, Oct. 10, the old farm truck that had been sitting behind a barn and forgotten since 1962 was brought back to life in front of a live audience at the Hagerty booth during the fall Hershey Swap Meet.

The four car nuts are all Hagerty employees: Parts Finder Davin Reckow, Social Media Analyst Matt Lewis, Staff Writer Tara Hurlin and Client Relations Manager Brad Phillips.

The team purchased the chassis ahead of time for a couple of reasons: 1. It was their ride home and they had to have it registered and insured for the road. 2. The team needed to look over the beast of a project that they got themselves into in order to plan ahead for the intense four-day (and night) build.

Despite its wheels being buried 6 inches in the soil behind a barn in northern Michigan, the truck rolled out of its slumber surprisingly well. It had no engine, and had been sitting outside for decades. At first glance, the truck was in better shape than expected: the body solid, the glass good, and with a natural patina that — if you look closely enough — tells its story. Before the big week, the team's first priority was to sort out the safety issues: brakes, steering and suspension. That way, if worst came to worst, the truck would be able to pull over and

come to a complete stop. The drum brakes and axles were rebuilt and all bearings replaced, and then the ol' gal was loaded onto the trailer for Hershey, Pa.

**Swap to Street, Day One:**

The team spent a good deal of time on the show field, tracking down some big parts wins: a correct 1946 Ford pickup bench seat, a bed and rear bumper from a 1952 Ford, rear fenders, leaf springs (from our friends at POSIES Rods and Customs), battery box, engine mounts, transmission mounts, rearview door mirror, inside door handles, and taillights.

First up was installation of the leaf springs. Brad and Matt took on this task. Meanwhile, Davin worked to fabricate floor pans and weld them to the frame. After noticing a leak in the brake line, he took care of that, too. Tara made some progress in the cab, tearing out the headliner and cleaning from the glove box a rat nest fit for a rat king. Then Brad, Matt and Tara spent longer than you'd guess trying to affix the rear bumper to the frame. It didn't help that the bumper, brackets and frame were all bent in different directions. The successful completion of that project was cause for celebration.

Picture below taken at Hershey on Thursday



And then, the team's first frustrations. They needed to find an engine as soon as possible, preferably a flathead V-8, and preferably a running example. Several options were spotted on the field; most of them looking like they didn't run. Vendors and attendees stopping by the booth gave tips, which the team spent some time chasing down. The best tip on the engine was from an attendee who stopped by the booth to let us know he had a V-8 for sale – at his home in Virginia. The team made a late-night run to scope it out, and returned home with a running 1953 flathead V-8 engine and transmission at 2:30 a.m., just in time to get a few Z's and get back to the build at 7 a.m.

### **Swap to Street, Day Two:**

On Thursday morning, the team was in great spirits due to the engine score, but there was lots of work ahead. Davin finished up the floor pan and Matt got a good deal of the wiring completed. Tara installed water pumps on the flatty, and the team worked to install the bed and prep for the wood.

There was much success on the parts front, too. Corky Coker of Coker Tire hand delivered a set of steelies with beautiful wide whites, and POSIES Rods and Customs delivered wood for the bed. Matt tracked down all of our electrical components but the wiper motor. Other Hagerty staff got in on the action, too. Marketing VP Doug Clark and magazine Publisher Jonathan Stein went way out to the Red Field and returned with horns, hood springs and hinges.

The main pain point on Thursday was missing parts for the engine. The team needed a clutch disc and truck oil pan before the engine could be installed. They found and installed the clutch disc by end of day, but still no luck on the oil pan. The team went back to the hotel for some sleep with that worry in the back of their mind.

### **Swap to Street, Day Three:**

After learning Thursday that the oil pan on our flathead — which had come out of a '53 passenger car — didn't quite work in our '46 pickup, the team scored what they needed from

longtime Hershey Swap Meet supporter Robert "Redneck" Readnack, who donated a truck pan in memory of a friend. It was just another in a long list of kind gestures from fellow car lovers at Hershey. One spectator even gifted us a beautiful die-cast model of a 1948 Ford pickup to inspire us to finish the challenge.

Brad, Matt, Tara and Davin put in a 16-hour day on Friday at the Hershey Region AACA Swap Meet. And the 1946 Ford pickup build progressed, but not without some bumps. Mother Nature was gave the team an extra challenge, as a midafternoon thunderstorm swept through Hershey. But thankfully the rain lasted only a half hour, and moments after it stopped the engine was lowered into place — cheers rang throughout the grounds from the hearty group of spectators who stuck it out.

Everyone buckled down on their tasks. They got the wood down in the bed. They got a mess of wiring done. They got some parts they'll need, and they got the flathead and transmission in. Then they fired it up for a single, loud, fantastic moment, right around 10:45 p.m., with 30 people watching on the ground and about 180 watching from all over the place on the Livestream.

The need for clutch linkage moved to the top of the priority list, and the rain reduced the team's chances of finding what was needed. Half the vendors on their side of the Swap Meet had already packed up and left. So the parts runners went looking for a '46 Ford pickup that was seen in the car corral, slid underneath and took photos of what was needed. Davin sketched the part, which was quickly fabricated by Worm Inc. Another victory.

### **Swap-to-Street Day Four:**

Adrenaline ran high on last day, and it's a good thing, too, considering the team's overall lack of sleep. The truck needed to be roadworthy by midnight, and there was still a lot to do. The team was feeling the heat, and it was crunch time to wrap up all the bits and pieces that would let this truck drive off of the Hershey grounds.

It was all-hands-on-deck as the team wrapped up the wiring, installed the original 1946 truck seat sourced from Hershey, mocked-up and welded the exhaust, and won the fight with the clutch linkage. With the radiator installed and fluids poured in, a slow leak was discovered in the water pumps, so Brad and Tara quickly made some adjustments and fixed the issue just in time.

The truck started up with a spit a spatter, and the proud team drove it around Hershey's Chocolate Field for the first time, receiving many thumbs-up and cheers from the dedicated people remaining on the grounds. A few more adjustments to the timing, and the truck was driven for another round around the lot, still sputtering and popping, but at least flames weren't shooting from the exhaust. With smiles on their faces and renewed energy from all of the build's successes, the team drove the truck back to the hotel and would rest up for their long journey home to Traverse City, Mich. early in the morning.

### **A victory for hobbyists worldwide:**

It all sounds so simple to say in a few sentences, but this project has not been without its roadblocks. So many of the issues that plague you in your own restoration work over the course of a year (or, let's face it, folks, a decade or two) are the issues that the team faced, compressed into four days. They're just replacing two-and-a-half-dozen trips to the junkyard with two-and-a-half-dozen conscripted runners putting in miles at the greatest swap meet in the land.

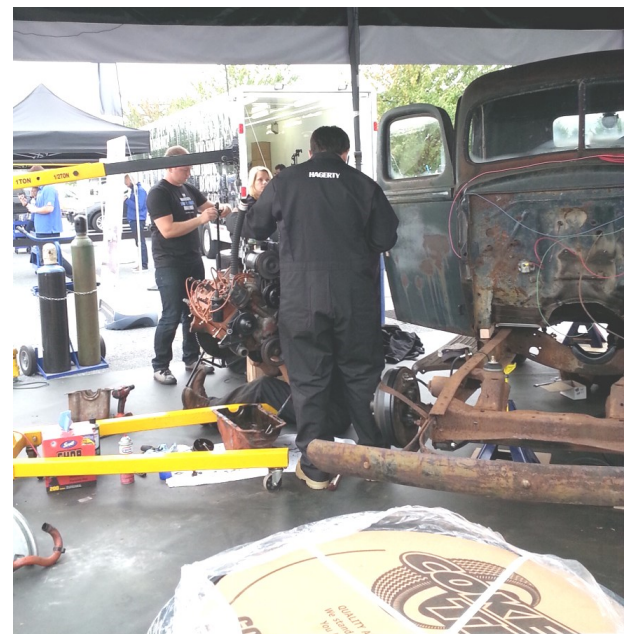
And the journey home wasn't without its fallbacks; fuel pump failure and other minor issues caused the team to fall behind a few hours in their travels, spending much time on the side of the road or in parking lots. But they prevailed; the truck was driven home every mile — it was never towed or trailered — although it may have been pushed a few feet down the road.

Reprinted from AACA Speedster

The success of this build is proof that the hobby is still alive and thriving within swap meet events. Enthusiasts within the Hagerty team and the surrounding spectators and vendors all pulled together in support of watching this truck come back to life and witness its first drive on a public road in, what was thought to be, over 50 years. The team hopes that this build will inspire further rescues for the other classics that are in a deep slumber, deteriorating outside and just waiting for someone to come along and bring them back to their former glory.



Pictures taken at Hershey by your Editors





## Wayne Drumlins Election Day November 11th

The following members in good standing are running for the following offices:

President - Dick Stearns  
Vice President - Pete Empson  
Secretary - Donna Goellner  
Treasurer - Jean Empson  
Board of Directors - Carl Rapp  
Gerald Burnham

Added note: Brenda Stearns will be assuming the duties of Editor of "The Headliner" in 2016.

If interested in running for any of the above offices, please notify a member of the election committee. We will certainly take nominations from the floor on Election Day also. Thank you.

Steve, Pam, Pete and Jean

### IMPORTANT!!! 2016 AACA National Board of Directors Election

In the September/October edition of *Antique Automobile* is a postpaid ballot for the 2016 Board of Directors election. **It is your ONLY ballot and must be filled out according to the instructions or it will not be counted.** Please read the biographies of all the candidates listed in the magazine and vote for the 7 of your choice. Our candidates this year come from widely different backgrounds, so please give serious consideration to those who match your ideas of what is important to the future of the club. **All ballots must have 7 names selected or they will be considered "not valid" and will not be counted.**

**Your ballot must be postmarked by**

**November 15, 2015.**

Also in the September/October edition of *Antique Automobile* was your renewal form for your national dues. Hope you noticed.

NOTE: The minutes from the October 21st meeting were not available at time of publication of this month's Headliner.

## Hershey, Hershey, Hershey

Trying to describe Hershey to someone who has never attended is difficult - try it... You can explain how BIG the show is - 9,000 vendor spaces in the flea market, 1,000 cars in the car corral, 1,300 collector cars in the car show, 250,000 visitors - but without actually seeing it it's really hard to image. Kind of like when you see photos of the Grand Canyon, it's beautiful, but when you actually are standing there looking at it with your own eyes, it's breathtaking. (excerpt from the Speedster).

The above says it all. Pete and I had a great time. The weather was beautiful, except for a few hours on Friday. We found some parts for our 1941 Desoto and really enjoyed talking with some new Hershey friends.

This EMF has travelled over 10,000 miles circumnavigating the United States and made a stop in Hershey. WOW!!





**Haggerty's 1946 Ford 1/2-ton commercial pickup**

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