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# President's Message November 2017

Greetings Folks,

Despite the unusual weather we have had this early Fall, we appear to have gotten back to reality. That means it's time to put our special vehicles to bed for the upcoming winter along with finishing up all the last minute yard work. This does not mean that as a Club our activities are over for the year.

First on the agenda is the November 8<sup>th</sup> Ham Dinner and elections at 6pm. We will be at our traditional location, the Marion Masonic Hall. As always, bring a dish to pass and your own place settings. Dinner will be followed by elections. Anyone who is willing to assume the duties of a Board member or fill one of the Club officer positions is urged to contact any one of the present officers or board members. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the time of the elections. In order to fulfill the terms of our AACA charter, we must elect a complete slate of officers and directors. This is non negotiable and the continued existence of our Club hangs in the balance. Please, step up and support our Club.

In other news, the officers and board members agreed by a vote of 6 to 3 to wave club dues for the 2018 year provided that members are in good standing with all dues paid to AACA National for the 2018 year. Please get proof of your AACA 2018 membership to Jean Empson so she can complete our roster.

Next on the agenda is our December program. At the October meeting, our members decided to do something different this year. We are not going to a nursing home this year though we have not forgotten those less fortunate. Pam Heald will get a dozen or so tags from the Angel Tree that Reliant Federal Credit Union sponsors. These tags will be provided to our members at

# Secretary's Minutes

#### **OCTOBER 2017 MINUTES**

The October 18, 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. 20 members were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - A correction was made in the minutes. Ann Rapp, not Ann Neal to work with Jean Empson on the year end banquet. A motion was made by Joel Neal to accept the September minutes as corrected. Seconded by Marion O'Neil. Motion carried.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Dick Stearns read a report from Matt Canavan that Jean Empson will wave the 2018 dues. Majority ruled.

The 2018 Proposed Budget was presented. Motion was made by Ann Rapp and seconded by Pete Empson to accept and approve as presented. Motion carried.

There isn't anything new on the website.

SHOW COMMITTEE - Steve Heald reported on the Reliability Tour. There will be an open breakfast at the Host Hotel on that Monday morning and the banquet will be at Club 86 on Friday night. The tour on Friday will be going to the Finger Lakes Steamers. The tour will have its own checking account. There will be working capital only as there will be a return. Motion made by Charlie Bauder and seconded by Joe Marino to take \$1500.00 with a cap of \$2500.00 from the Club. The other two Clubs will be doing the same thing.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Let Jean Empson know when you get your new dues card from National. Charlie Bauder's Hupmobile Skylark won at Hershey.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED - Stan Herdman is going through rehab. Jim Berry's son passed away.

#### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

NEW BUSINESS - Richard Deys, from Sandman's Sand Blasting in Manchester, spoke to the group. He was telling us about the different projects he has done. One of them was the greenhouse at Sonnenburg Gardens in Canandaigua. There were 55 cars that he had at a car show that he put on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with 1985 and earlier cars. Next years show will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He is looking at having vendors there also. The year end banquet will be held at Club 86 on January 7, 2018. Cost will be \$30.00 that includes roast beef/ham/chicken and appetizers. It will be 1:00PM get together, 2:00PM dinner. Anyone who has any ideas for a speaker, let Dick Stearns know. Motion was made by Pete Empson and seconded by Charlie Bauder to give the \$100.00 that would go to the Seneca Soundwaves, to the Food Cupboard or whoever. Pam Heald will get 12 Angel Tree Names from Reliant in Newark that goes to the Victim Resource. Instead of going to the Nursing Homes in December, we will be getting together in the back room of Parker's in Newark on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> around 5:00PM/5:30PM. Gerald Burnham will set it up.

# 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
8-Nov	Ham Dinner & Elections	Marion Masonic Hall	6pm	Amy Ressue
13-Dec	Holiday Gathering	Parkers Grill & Tap House 206 S. Main, Newark	5pm	
Jan-17	Year end Banquet	Club 86, Geneva	1pm	Jean & Annette

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BUY SELL OR TRADE - None

Dick Stearns thanked Ann and Carl Rapp for the refreshments consisting of donuts/cider.

Our next meeting will be held at the Marion Masonic Temple on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Ham to be provided by Amy Ressue. Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting.

The Door Prize winner of a mini flashlight was Hank and Donna Goellner. The 50/50 winner was Gerald Burnham.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM by a motion from Don Combes and seconded by Joel Neal.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Goellner, Secretary

### A note from our Board of Directors

Just a reminder. Club elections will be held at the Ham Dinner on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would be interested in filling one of the two board of directors positions which will be open are urged to contact Matt or any other director, or one of the Club officers. Also, nominations are open for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### Matt

# Holiday Gathering

Wednesday, December 13th, 5pm

Parkers Grill and Tap House 206 South Main Street, Newark, NY

Separate checks, Reservations not required

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the Ham Dinner if Pam can get them soon enough. Otherwise, arrangements will be made for members to obtain the information for gifts. The gifts will be accepted at our December 13<sup>th</sup> gathering or by making arrangements with Pam for pick-up. The \$100 that we have paid Seneca Sound Waves in the past will instead be donated to a local food cupboard or other charitable support organization. The final recipient was not decided at the close of the meeting.

I mentioned gifts could be brought to our December 13<sup>th</sup> gathering. This is the second Wednesday in December and will be an informal evening with no business meeting. We will be having dinner at Parkers Grill and Tap House, 206 South Main St., Newark, NY. This is on the south east corner of S. Main and E. Miller. The private banquet room is reserved for us starting at 5pm. For those who might not be familiar with Parkers, the food is good and very plentiful. We will have separate checks so no problems there. Reservations are not necessary.

Looking further ahead, we will have the year end banquet on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at Club 86 in Geneva.

#### Dick

#### Year End Banquet - Sunday, January 7, 2018

This year our Year End Banquet will be at Club 86 in Geneva. We will have a choice of 3 meats with the buffet. Appetizers will be served at 1pm and dinner will be at 2pm. We will then have a speaker and program. The cost is \$20.50 per person. The tax, tip and cost of appetizers is usually covered by the club. Further information may be available at our November meeting.

Jean and Annette

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 Anniversary to:

Martha Stevermer & Loren Gifford 11/19
Pat & Jim Bollman 11/27



# 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

# Reliability Tour Committee Report

Hi Steve.

In follow-up to our chat, I have attached an article to begin publicizing a "Chance Auction" that we will be holding as part of Hospitality. Chris Dear has asked me to take responsibility for this. As I said, I was feeling increasingly uncomfortable about the use of the term, "Chinese Auction" and did some on-line research. ". Apparently others have had the same concern. Thus, I have used the term "Chance Auction.

Would you be able to send this article along to the Horseless Carriage club and Wayne -Drumlins for publication in their newsletters? I am hoping we can rely on members from all three clubs for making our Chance Auction spectacular!

Regards, Nancy Huffman

#### Items needed for the 2018 Reliability Tour Chance Auction (August 2018)

One of the Hospitality Room activities for the 2018 Reliability Tour will be a "Chance Auction". This is a variation of a silent auction. People purchase a quantity of raffle tickets and then place a ticket (or tickets) in a bag accompanying the auction item(s) they would like to win. At the final drawing, one winning ticket is drawn from each bag and the holder of the ticket wins that item!

We are looking for high quality donated items such as theme baskets, hand-made items, artwork, gift certificates, and other interesting and unique things. For example, at one AACA function, a member-woodworker made a miniature wheelbarrow which was filled with car care items. Another member donated a clever automobile-related mailbox. Other ideas for auction items include cookware, garden decor, vintage car collectibles, car care products, lottery tickets, bird houses, bird feeders, gift certificates, tools, wine products, placemats, theme baskets related to cooking and cooking products, skin care products, pasta assortments, gourmet salad dressing assortments, candy store assortments, seasonal assortments, distillery items, seasonal items, vintage carrelated ephemera, coffee products, etc.

So... we're looking for members from our three Reliability Tour hosting groups – Wayne-Drumlins AACA Region, HCCA local Horseless Carriage region, and GVACS AACA region—to donate items for this "Chance Auction". Do you own a business and would be willing to donate one or more of your products? Do you have connections with a store owner or company you can contact for a donation? Do you have a hobby such as wood-working, quilting, hooking rugs, knitting, painting, welding, photographic art (especially featuring pre-1915 vehicles), crafting signs/sayings, etc. and be willing to donate one of your objects d'art? (Remember winter is approaching and creating your item would be a great winter project!)

Please contact me, Nancy Huffman, GVACS, to let me know of your donation. I will work with you to arrange for pick-up. All donors will be acknowledged. Again, we're looking for everyone's help. I can be reached at 585-538-4690 or by email: <a href="man@aol.com">nphuffman@aol.com</a>. My address is 601 Stearns Road, Churchville, NY 14428 should you wish to have your donation shipped to me.

Regards, Nancy Huffman

#### Why do stop signs have 8 sides?

In the dawn of the motor vehicle age, there were no stop signs. As autos became more numerous on the roads of the era, local municipalities found it necessary to become involved with various means of traffic control for reasons of public safety. One of the first traffic control devices was the stop sign. Each jurisdiction had it's own design and there was no standardization.

At the turn of the 20th century, American roads were chaos. Drivers didn't need a license, lane lines didn't exist, and stop signs hadn't yet been invented.

The first stop sign debuted in Detroit in 1915 but looked nothing like the ones we are bombarded with on roads today. In 1923, folks who worked for Mississippi's highway department suggested a new sign. One that would give drivers a heads-up that a potential hazard might be just up the road. The idea they came up with was that the more sides a sign had, the more dangerous was the road ahead.

A circle (considered to have infinite sides) denoted the riskiest stretches of road, such as railroad crossings.



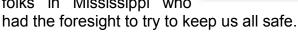
It was decided that the 8-sided octagon would represent a sign for intersections, the next level of potential danger. Diamond-shaped signs were next in line, followed by rectangles which are used only for information.



In case you haven't noticed, we still use all these sign shapes today.



Next time you're driving, think back to a time when the roads were essentially lawless, and thank those folks in Mississippi who







As the illustration at above right shows, our highway signs are still evolving. The use of universal graphics instead of words is becoming wide spread.





The image at the left is another example of the evolution of our road signs. Does anyone else remember the stop sign above left with the glass beads for reflection to aid night time driving? Needless to say, this was before the days of Scotchlite<sup>©</sup> reflective materials which are almost universal for our modern road signs.

This is but a small sample of the variations our highway signs have undergone over the years but, stop signs still have 8 sides.

# Cover photo

1926 11/4 ton Stewart Covered Express President's Choice, 2017





The truck right after I bought it

Restored prior to having the wood work complete.

My name is Vinnie Vitale and I am the proud owner of this restored 1926 11/4 ton Stewart Covered Express. Stewart trucks were made in Buffalo, NY from 1912-1941.

I purchased this Stewart truck in 1991. I found it in a garage whose roof was caving in. The truck was in very bad shape. I brought the truck home and started working on it in my garage. The first thing I needed to do was strip it down and look for parts. Finding parts for this truck was difficult. I placed an ad in the Hemings magazine hoping someone could help me. Luckily, Gordon Rawson (Buffalo, NY) responded to my request. Gordon was a member of the American Truck Historical Society and had helped other Stewart truck owners find parts for their trucks. Once I was able to purchase rear fenders and gauges I started to build the truck back up. I sandblasted the chassis and rebuilt the motor. I then found a carpenter (Wood Restoration Co. Sherburne, NY) to rebuild the body out of oak. My vision was to make this Stewart Covered Express into a fruit and vegetable truck. Once the body was in place I sanded and varnished the wood.

In the late 1990's I put the truck restoration on hold in order to support my son's dirt racing career. In 2015 I retired from working and brought the truck back out of storage. I spend the last few years making the last few tweaks to the truck including purchasing the accessories.

I started showing this truck in shows the summer of 2017. I have showed this truck three times and won 6 plaques and trophies ranging from "Best of Truck" to "Presidents Choice". I never thought this truck would have received the positive response that it has received. It is unique and a conversation piece.

All photos this page curtsey of Vince Vitale







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