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## President's Message October 2014

I was thinking about jalopies the other day. Don't ask why (I'm not sure myself). What is a jalopy? It's an old term; Merriam's dictionary says it means an old car in poor condition. So is a jalopy the same as a clunker? Or a flivver? Or a beater?

What about "hot rod"? Where did that one come from? (Probably southern California.) Is a hot rod just an old car with a transplanted V-8? Any other criteria? And today we have rat rods. I guess they're ratty but they're still "rods", whatever that means. And we also have street rods, which are certainly not ratty....

And then there's pocket rockets, land yachts, chariots, horseless carriages, muscle cars, tin lizzies, creampuffs, rice rockets and fourbangers. And of course the timeless classic cars, collectible cars, antique cars.

Different generations of car enthusiasts create their own car-based terminology. Some come and go, some stick around for a while. But the importance of cars, as simple transportation and as a hobby, is huge in our lives, as evidenced by the hundreds of nick names that have appeared over the years. And we haven't even touched on crotch rockets, hogs and choppers!

On a more serious note, our banquet is on October 26th and it is time to nominate club members for the Wayne Brownell and Stu Adair awards. The **Wayne Brownell** award is presented to the member who has done the most during the year to further the interests of our Region. The **Stu Adair** award is presented to a club member who is outstanding by having helped another member or members. These awards are central to our Wayne Drumlins region, having been presented for many years. Please think about deserving club members and convey your recommendations to any Board member or to any officer by mid-October. Thanks.

Matt

### **2014 CLUB CALENDAR**

October 15	Monthly Meeting at the Phelps Community Center 7:30pm	
	Refreshments by the Bauder, Marino and Morrow families	

October 26	Annual Banquet at Club 86	3-7pm

November 12	Monthly meeting and Election Dinner	6:00pm
	at the Masonic Lodge, Marion, NY	

December 10	Monthly meeting at Vienna Gardens	To be determined
	Christmas gathering at 144 Main St. Phelps	



#### **Welcome New Members**

Richard (Dick) Senges at 1231 Wellingto-Drive, Victor, NY 14564-1504 and has a 1944 Ford GPW (a JEEP made by Ford.)

Joel and Ann Neal at 2464 Maple Avenue, Palmyra, NY 14522 and own a 1947 Mercury Coupe. .



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



If you would like the "Headliner" emailed, please contact me at jempson@fltg.net.

Jean



## **Happy Birthday to:**

Phil Mendola 10/2
Willy Dean 10/6
Joe Chiaverini 10/8
Bruce Knowlton 10/8
Hazel Herdman 10/22
George O'Neil 10/25



## **Happy Anniversary to:**

Donna & Hank Goellner 10/16 Marion & George O'Neil 10/17



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

Phil and Verna Mendola

#### September Meeting Minutes

The September 17th, 2014 meeting held at the Phelps Community Center was opened at 7:33 pm by our President Matt Canavan and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 38 members were present.

SECRETARY REPORT- A motion was made by Rusty Smith to accept the August minutes. Seconded by Marion O'Neil. Motion carried. TREASURER REPORT- Treasurer, Rita Canavan reported on the status of our accounts. Rita gave an update on the results of the car show. Rita reported that Carey Lake a raffle winner donated the winnings back to the club. A thank you card will be sent for the donation. A motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Pam Heald. Seconded by Steve Heald. Motion Carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS- Steve Heald, Chairman advised there was no report. Steve congratulated George and Marion O'Neil and members of the car club for a great car show. SHOW COMMITTEE- George O'Neil, Chairman thanked all the members who helped at the car show and at the set up.

George thanked Dave Dorf and Bob Good and their crew for the car lineup. Also thanks to Norma Herendeen and Barb Dorf and their crew for registration. Donald Combes and the crew parking show cars were also recognized by George. George also thanked Jean and Pete Empson for all their work. Dave Dorf stressed the importance of show sponsors and advised members that plaques were given to 12 sponsors for their on going support. Dorothy Marino suggested a new copier for next year.

A big thank you to George and Marion O'Neil for another well run and successful car show. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Hank Goellner, Chairman reminded members that the AACA membership renewal form is in the most recent issue of the AACA magazine. Wayne Drumlins dues can be mailed to Hank at his home address. Dues will also be collected at the November meeting. Hank will not be at the year end banquet to collect dues.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Phil and Verna Mendola. A thank you letter was received from the House of John for our donation in memory of Charles Morrow.

<u>BUY SELL OR TRADE-</u> Check Headliner. OLD BUSINESS-

No new information on the Web Site. Thanks to Matt and Rita Canavan for hosting the President's picnic at their home.

A motion by Dave Dorf was tabled at the July meeting concerning the year end banquet. After discussion the motion was withdrawn by Dave Dorf at the September meeting. The Board of Directors agreed that the club would continue with the previous practice of paying for the gratuity, tax and appetizers. Charlie Bauder made a motion to accept the Boards recommendation. The motion was seconded by Joe Marino.

The year end banquet will be held 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. Rita will be collecting the money and it can be mailed to her or given to her at the October meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

Steve Heald informed members that he would like nominations for the Wayne Brownell and Stu Adair awards. E Mail your recommendations to Steve. Jean Empson suggested for a Christmas Family that we purchase presents for the residents of the Vienna Gardens who do not have families. A motion was made by Bob Good to accept Jean's suggestion. Seconded by Rita Canavan. Motion carried. Jean will check with Vienna Gardens for names and gift ideas. Joe Marino and Charlie Bauder will be hosting the 2016 Hupmobile National Meet. Matt received a letter from Diane Delooza who has service manuals for old radio's (Delco). If club members are not interested Matt will contact the AACA Library. The call list for members will be reactivated for those not on the computer.

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REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING-Charlie Bauder, Dorothy Marino and Sally Morrow.

<u>DOOR PRIZE WINNER-</u> Bob and Bev Good 50/50 WINNER- Steve Heald

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm by a motion from Rita Canavan and seconded by Pete Empson.

Respectfully submitted by: Leslie Askin, Secretary

# Vice-President's Message



Greetings Folks,

A great big thank you to Matt and Rita for their President's Picnic. They made a good call going to the rain date. We enjoyed a gorgeous day and great food. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

What a beautiful stretch of weather we are enjoying. How many of you have had someone ask if you have put your car(s) away for the winter yet. Yes, it has happened. Some of the best day touring is still to come with the fall foliage. Hopefully you can get out and enjoy the scenery.

Here's the real scoop; Brenda's recipe for the coffee cake so many enjoy at our meetings.

#### **BUTTERMILK COFFEE CAKE**

topping/filling (make this 1st if using stand mixer)

1 cup sifted flour, 3/4 cup sugar, 1/3 cup COLD butter - combine in mixer until blended and add cinnamon to taste.

Pour out into small bowl and set aside - use pastry blender if making by hand.

2 cups buttermilk and 2 teaspoons baking soda - combine in medium bowl and set aside.

In stand mixer, beat 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) soft butter.

Add 2 cups sugar and beat til smooth.

Beat in 2 eggs, one at a time.

Add buttermilk mixture in three or four stages.

Toss in 1/2 teaspoon salt.

Mix in 4 cups of flour, one at a time.

Butter and flour a 13 x 9 cake pan (I use an air-bake pan).

(cooking spray will not work !!)

Carefully spread about 1/3 of the batter in the bottom of the pan.

Spread about 1/2 of the topping mixture on top of layer of batter and press in by hand.

Drop the remaining batter in the pan in small spoonfuls so that, in the end, you will be able to carefully spread batter to fully cover surface of filling.

Spoon on remaining topping and press into top of batter.

Bake at 350 degrees about 45 to 50 minutes until sharp knife in center comes out clean.

Cool at least 1/2 hour before serving.

See you in October.

#### Dick

## **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

# President's Picnic on Seneca Lake

What a picture perfect day for a picnic next to the lake. Thank

you to Matt & Rita for opening your home to the Wayne Drumlin members.





# IMPORTANT!!! 2015 AACA National Board of Directors Election

In the September/October edition of *Antique Automobile* is a postpaid ballot for the 2015 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 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. Your ballot must be postmarked by November 15, 2014.

#### **License Plates**

By: Matthew Hocker (excerpt from The Speedster)

The story of the license plate actually predates the existence of the automobile. No one knows for sure when the first registration numbers went into use, but they were definitely used for horse-drawn carriages. For example, hansom cab drivers of Victorian England were issued numbered plates.



The birthplace of the automotive industry was Europe thanks to the introduction of the 1886 Benz Patent-Motorwagen. Motor vehicle registration also appeared to have originated in the Old World. Paris, France issued an automobile permit in April 1891, making it the earliest known example of such a transaction. By 1893, the city enacted a police ordinance in which drivers were required to fix a numbered plate to their vehicle.

In America, it wasn't until 1901 before New York became the first state to pass official legislation for motor vehicle registration. Drivers were required to have plates on their cars with their initials. Eventually realizing this system would be unable to accommodate the growth of automotive transportation, the state began issuing numbers in 1903. Numbers were printed on a small metal seal and intended for placement on the rear of the car.

Unlike the plates of today, American license plates of the early 1900s lacked standardization and came in a wide array of shapes and sizes. More often than not, drivers assumed responsibility for having the plates created. Those who needed assistance turned to blacksmiths, wood-

workers and even shoemakers. The average plate consisted of tin numbers affixed to a stitched leather pad (See photograph of Charles Duryea's leather plate below). Some drivers simply painted the numbers on the body or bumper of their cars.



The first state issued license plates were from Massachusetts in 1903. The manufacturing process behind these plates involved coating steel with porcelain enamel, and many states would adopt this method into the next decade. However, porcelain plates proved expensive to make and chipped fairly easily. This gradually gave way to tin plates, though Delaware continued using porcelain into the 1940s

In the early 1900s, traveling between states often required a plate for each state! From 1915 through the early 1920s, Maryland insisted travelers from D.C. purchase Maryland plates. Maryland rationalized that, because the capital was so small, D.C. drivers were more likely to frequent the Old Line State's roads. Virginia took note, briefly enacting similar regulations in 1915 and 1916, so some cars needed three plates! Not even the White House fleet was immune.

The 1920s witnessed the emergence of symbols and slogans which have continued into present day. In 1928, Idaho became the first state to use a graphic design on its plates with the image of a giant potato surrounding the numerals. Wyoming's famous cowboy astride a bucking bronco first appeared in 1936. New York even promoted its World's Fairs by issuing special themed plates in the late 1930s and mid-1960s.

With America's entry into World War II, the military's thirst for material had a significant impact on license plates in two ways. First, scrap drives witnessed legions of patriotic drivers donating their old plates toward the war effort. Second, metal shortages meant states would have to find alternative materials for which to use. One common method was to issue small aluminum year tabs to be placed on the old license plate. In other cases, windshield stickers were used.

Some states used soybeans to fabricate fiber-board plates. Illinois even continued manufacturing such plates during the first few years after the war had ended. Stories were abound of animals with an appetite for fiberboard. In 1947, an Illinois man reported "...he caught his collie yesterday zestfully gobbling up the rear plate on his automobile." Illinois would return to making steel plates in 1949.

Flash forward to the present, in which silk-screening has allowed for more elaborate designs, and state websites now accompany slogans of old. Despite changes in appearance throughout the ages, the popularity of the license plate as a collectible is a testament to its timelessness. More than just a series of letters and numbers designating our place in the transportation system, they have transformed into symbols of our heritage and cultural identity. (reprinted from "The Speedster"

## Year End Banquet

Given the short time frame, we will need to have a final count for the banquet at the end of our next meeting. I can take reservations and payment then or you can use the form to send me your reservation. Our choices are: 12 oz strip steak, Club 86 chicken or stuffed sole. I also need to know which side dish you want with your entrée – please select either potato or rice pilaf.

#### This and That:

By Ken Lee of "The Accelerator" Kansas City

- A club is only as good as the enthusiasm of it's members.
- Driving a classic car on a trip is an adventure, but also, a challenge you made it!
- Hobbies cost money...accept it!
- The added value of a restored car is in the mind and desire of the buyer.
- Save money and get a better car, don't buy from an auction.
- In the describing of a new car or part, why do we say brand new? Why not, just new?
- The point of cruising isn't where you are going as much as it is the process of doing it.
- "Men Working" signs...why don't you ever see
   "Women Working" signs? I was told by a member that it's already a known.
- Definition of a "Pony car" in the 60's = long hood, short trunk, sporty car.
- Today's horsepower is measured in "net". In 1972 and earlier it was measured in "bhp" / brake horsepower....big difference.
- In 1915, the Willy's car was the second largest car manufactured in the world...only behind Ford.
- The first FM radio station was broadcast from Paxton, Mass. in 1939.

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Chicken (\$18) Steak(\$25) Fish(\$23) Rice_ Potato
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Payment must be included. Checks made out to Wayne Drumlins Auto Club. Thanks

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