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## President's Message October 2015

Greetings Folks,

Welcome to Autumn. So far, the weather has been great for going out for a ride and the leaves are starting to turn. What an ideal time to enjoy our cars.

Just a reminder, we need your reservations for our fall banquet. Your menu choices and information are on page 7. Please get your choices and payment in to Brenda no later than October 10th so we can complete our reservations with Midvale Country Club for the banquet on Sunday, October 18th at 1:00pm. Our guest speaker is Ray Henry, Town of Canandaigua Historian. He has a very interesting history about the steam boats on Canandaigua Lake. If you have any questions please call either Brenda or myself.

Please keep in mind the need for your input regarding the future of our club. This includes, but is not limited to, nominations for officers for the upcoming year, car show coordinator, and Headliner editor. Without these key positions filled, our club, as we know it, will cease to exist. We also desperately need to attract new and younger members to keep our membership viable.

In August, USA Today had an article by Chris Woodyard, James R. .Healey, and Brent Snavely, parts of which I am quoting here for your enjoyment.

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### **2015 UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 16	Monthly meeting at the Phelps Community Center	
Nov 11	Monthly Meeting/Elections and Ham Dinner	6pm
Oct 21	Monthly meeting at the Phelps Community Center Refreshments by Ressue, Howard, VanCamp and Herendeen families	7:15pm
Oct 18	Annual Banquet at Midvale Country Club	1-4pm
Oct 7-10	Fall Meet at Hershey	

### Buy, Sell and Trade

Totale: 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 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.



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



## 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

Wishing Dick Weis good health.
Our prayers are with you.

#### **SEPTEMBER 2015 MINUTES**

The September 16, 2015 meeting was held at the Phelps Community Center. It was opened at 7:20PM by our President Dick Stearns and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 33 members were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - A motion was made by Rusty Smith to accept the August minutes. Seconded by Marion O'Neil. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Brenda Stearns, Treasurer, was absent, but Dick gave a copy out to everyone. Motion made by Joel Neil to accept the report. Seconded by Stan Herdman. Motion carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Matt Canavan reported that we need a nominating committee for the upcoming elections in November and to give him a call if you would consider volunteering.

The Club is becoming more inactive, Because of this, it may be necessary to rewrite the current bylaws. The by-laws need to apply to the present Brownell awards to Matt by October 1st for presenand what the future brings.

We currently have several openings vital to the Club. The first is editor/publisher of our newsletter. The second is Chairperson(s) of the annual car show. Please consider filling one of these positions or joining with someone else to perform the duties together.

Matt will assemble a survey to help with options in the next couple of days. The survey will be mailed or emailed in the beginning of October. Hank Goellner will look up old rosters to find people who used to be in the Club to possibly rejoin.

SHOW COMMITTEE - George O'Neil, Chairman, stated that he would like to retire as chairman as he has been doing it for 20 years with the assistance of Marion. He would help the person who decides to take over next year to get them familiar with what it takes to put on the Car Show. They were given a round of applause. George presented a Sponsor plaque to Jean Empson for the Family of Mert Maslyn with 15 years as one of the Car Show sponsors. There are many others who have been sponsors for many years.

There were 24 classes, 88 pre-registered, 71 new with a total of 257 cars in the show. There will be 2 new classes (rat rod plus 1915 vintage cars) for Donna Goellner, Secretary 2016.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Hank Goellner, Chairman, has one complimentary membership application for 2015 left and 4 for 2016. Let him know of any corrections or additions in the roster as he is trying to finalize it for next year.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY COR-RESPONDENCES RECEIVED - Dick Weis is in the hospital and Hazel Herdman is recovering from a recent illness.

BUY SELL OR TRADE - None

**OLD BUSINESS - None** 

NEW BUSINESS - Ray Henry, Town of Canandaigua Historian, will be the speaker at the banquet at Midvale Country Club in Penfield from 1:00PM until 4:00PM on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. If anyone wants to car pool or needs a ride, please ask. There are directions in this Headliner. The cost is \$12.50 per person and there is a choice of three. Brenda needs prepayment by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Send an E-Mail for the Stu Adair and Wayne tation at the Banquet. We should try not to have repeats.

A suggestion was made to maybe have business cards made up for the Club.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2015:**

Finger Lakes Live Steamers to be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> with a rain date on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

President Dick Stearns thanked the refreshment committee which consisted of Jean Empson and Dorothy Marino.

Refreshments for the next meeting on October 21st will be Amy Ressue, Charlotte Howard, Sue VanCamp and Norma Herendeen to be held at the Phelps Community Center.

The Door Prize winner was Steve and Pam Heald and the 50/50 winner was Hank Goellner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM by a motion from Rita Canavan and seconded by Pete Empson.

Respectfully submitted by:

The opening of relations between the U.S. and Cuba, marked Friday with the raising of the American flag over the island republic, could be a boon to auto collectors.

Among the droves of American tourist headed to Cuba are likely to be those seriously scouting some of the old cars that ply the streets of Havana.

"There certainly is pent-up demand for modern cars," says Michelle Krebs, senior analyst for AutoTrader.com. "Anyone who has been to Cuba can attest that in terms of cars, time stood still. Beat-up classics from the '50s and '60s are on the streets."

Before September 2011, only cars in Cuba before the 1959 revolution could be freely bought and sold, hence the island's fleet of 1950s U.S. cars kept running and passed down through generations. The Cuban government has a monopoly on the retail sale of cars in the country. There are 650,000 autos on the island, half of them owned by the government, according to Reuters. And the government's not in the discount business.

A 2013 Peugeot sedan was priced at more than \$250,000 in January and a 2010 Volkswagen Passat was \$70,000, according to a report earlier last year by National Public Radio.

"There are a few gems left in Cuba, no doubt about it," says Dave Kinney, publisher of the pricing guide from Hagerty, an insurance agency specializing in collector cars. They include mostly foreign classics like the Mercedes-Benz gullwing sports cars.

For the most part, the shiny 1950s American cars there are clunkers underneath, patched together over the years just to keep them running. Many aren't worth re-

storing to original condition, but they could have high novelty value. Interest in them would be akin to cheap Soviet-era cars that came from Eastern Europe after the fall of the Berlin Wall, collectors believe.

"They don't have any real value above the romantic value, which is definitely there," Kinney says. "They are wonderful expressions of humanity's fight to win." He adds, "It would be very, very cool to show up at Cars and Coffee with a '57 (Chevrolet) Bel Air powered by a tractor engine."

Roger Falcione, CEO of ClassicCars.com, a trading site for collector cars, says the Cuban magic may be in discovering what rare cars still exit there. "Our industry loves 'barn finds,' " he says, noting there could be as many as 60,000 pre-1959 cars in Cuba. "This has the capability of being the largest 'barn find' of all time."

Falcione says, "There will be some that are pristine enough that they would still be worth quite a bit to collectors."

Anyone for a "road trip" to Cuba?

See you at the Fall Banquet and the October 21st meeting.

#### Dick Stearns



President's Porch Picnic

## Restoration Students Do Wheel Nice Work on Vintage Rides

By Michael Rubinkam, Associated Press (article pulled from the Daily Local News)

Eugene Toner stomped on the footoperated ignition. The engine sputtered and coughed, but wouldn't catch. Uh oh. Here at The Elegance, one of the nation's most prestigious gatherings of antique automobiles, the exquisitely restored town cars, coupes and convertibles don't just sit pretty. They're expected to run. Toner's instructor lifted the hood to adjust the choke linkage. A few tense moments later, the 1916 Scripps-Booth Model D roared to life, allowing Toner, a 24-year-old auto restoration student from Quakertown, to pull out of his spot and begin a triumphant circuit around the show grounds. You have to expect some car trouble when your ride is a one-of-a-kind classic like the Scripps, which, after all, hadn't been driven since 1959 - until students at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport took it out of mothballs this spring and got it back on the road.

Classic cars are worked on at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. When Penn College of Technology revved up its vintage vehicle restoration major in 2012, it became one of just a handful of degree programs around the country teaching teens and 20-somethings how to help refurbish and maintain North America's fleet of more than 10 million classic cars.

"I can't say enough about our students' passion," said restoration instructor Roy Klinger. Passion is what the hobby desperately needs from young people right now. When Penn College revved up its vintage vehicle restoration major in 2012, it became one of just a handful of degree

programs around the country teaching young people how to help refurbish and maintain North America's fleet of more than 10 million classic cars. "We have a huge void," said Earl Mowrey, who heads youth development at the Antique Automobile Club of America. "There's been a generation or a generation and a half of missed opportunity." Mowrey and others worry that vital skills like metal shaping and upholstering might be lost unless young people with a penchant for old cars are enticed into the field. The multibillion-dollar industry recognizes the problem of its aging workforce and has been throwing money at training programs and scholarships. The efforts are beginning to pay off. The first graduating class at Penn College had eight students; 23 are on track to complete the program next year. McPherson College in Kansas, whose much larger program has been around for nearly 40 years and is the only school that offers a bachelor's degree in restoration, also reports increased student interest. With demand high, graduates usually have a job or paid internship waiting for them at a shop, museum or private collection. "There are jobs everywhere, because people are retiring," said Diane Fitzgerald, national director of the Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum in Tacoma, Washington, which has provided \$2.7 million in training and scholarship money since 2005.

As a high school student in South Williamsport, in north-central Pennsylvania, Jay Rhoads wanted to work on classic cars for a living. But his guidance counselor told him to consider auto restoration as a hobby, not a career. Rhoads took her advice. He joined the National Guard and served in Afghanistan, then got a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. But he realized he didn't want a career in law enforcement. The cars were calling.

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So Rhoads enrolled at Penn College, where, this spring, he found himself under the hood of a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 454 with a growling, 450-horsepower engine. A classic muscle car. "Just sitting behind the wheel and starting it up is enough to make your heart race," said Rhoads, 27. The prospect of a good job also quickens his pulse: "It's a hot, growing industry right now." Across the shop sat the century-old Scripps-Booth. The black town car was built to spec for Eleanora Sears, a tennis star and descendant of Thomas Jefferson, for the princely sum of \$17,500 - 40 times the cost of a Ford Model T and more than \$380,000 in today's dollars. The Scripps' unusual pedigree posed a challenge. Coming from a museum, it was already preserved. But "there was no manual, no book, no resource that we could lean on to make this car run," said instructor Shaun Hack. So the budding technicians stuck to the basics: fuel, air, compression, spark. They replaced worn wiring, tinkered with the carburetor, made new gaskets. Finally, on the last day of class, they got the engine to fire for the first time in more than 50 years. Jay Leno, a noted classic car collector, came calling and took it for a spin. Weeks later, the newly roadworthy Scripps took its place at The Elegance, where 74 of the world's finest automobiles from the 1964 Aston Martin driven by James Bond in "Goldfinger" to a mammoth 1949 Daimler DE36 drophead coupe that won Best in Show - went on display and drew throngs of auto enthusiasts. Donned in period garb, students chatted with show-goers who stopped to admire the Scripps, take pictures and ask questions. When it came time for the awards ceremony (the Scripps got a participation award), the show's announcer name-checked Penn College as he talked up the students' work. "It's nice to see somebody under 100 that likes (vintage) cars," he guipped.

Reprinted from "The Speedster"

## Mcssage from the Chairman of the Board of Directors

The Wayne Brownell Award is awarded annually to the member selected by the Board of Directors, who in their opinion, has done the most during the year to further the interest of the Wayne Drumlins Region.

The Stu Adair Award is awarded to a member who has been outstanding by having helped another member (or members) the most, throughout the year. This award is presented in the years that we have a member who meets the qualifications.

REMINDER: the deadline for suggesting Stu Adair and Wayne Brownell award recipients is October 1st!

The deadline for Nominating Committee suggestions is October 1st!

And the deadline for the upcoming club survey is October 14th! Get your information to Matt Canavan by phone, e-mail or regular mail.

This past weekend several club members attended the "Finger Lakes Live Steamers" open house in Marengo. I know our family had lots of fun. Both young and old enjoy this event and they had a super crowd. Recognize anyone in the picture below?



#### 2015 BANQUET

A PRESENTATION BY RAY HENRY WILL BE "STEAM BOATS ON

DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

TIME: 1 O'CLOCK

CANANDAIGUA LAKE". PLACE: MIDVALE COUNTRY CLUB 2387 BAIRD RD. PENFIELD, NY		
SELECT CHOICE OF ENTRÉE: (place initials for choice per person on menu selection)		
CHICKEN FRENCHBROILED HADDOCKVEGETABLE NAPOLEON		
CHEESE AND CRACKER TRAY		
WHIPPED POTATOES, VEGETABLES, ROLLS, SALAD, DESSERT, COFFEE AND TEA		
COST: \$12.50 PER PERSON OR \$25.00 PER COUPLE		
NAMES:		
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Please send Brenda Stearns the above information along with your check (payable to Wayne Drumlins Antique Car Club) for your reservation. The address is:		
Wayne Drumlins Antique Car Club 4605 North Road Canandaigua, NY 14424		

THE DIRECTIONS TO MIDVALE COUNTRY CLUB ARE:

FROM THE MANCHESTER ENTRANCE TO THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY TAKE

I 90 W TAKE EXIT 45 TO I 490 (8.1 miles). TAKE EXIT 25 ONTO NEW YORK 31F, FAIRPORT ROAD (.03 miles). TURN LEFT ONTO BAIRD ROAD (2.2 miles). MIDVALE IS ON THE LEFT (1 mile)

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## FIRST CLASS MAIL



October 2015

## Finger Lakes Live Steam Event

