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# President's Message September 2017

Greetings Folks,

Let me start by saying thank you to all our members and volunteers who helped make our 40<sup>th</sup> annual car show a great success. The weather was perfect and everything went smoothly. We had 316 cars register for the show. While this wasn't a record, it is the largest turn out we have seen in several years. Having been on the check-in line, I know we had many first time exhibitors. I also heard many expressions of sorrow that this would be our last show and many inquiries as to why. As we all know, the simple answer to that question is a lack of manpower to carry on.

Sadly, this marks the end of an era in the Rochester region. GVACS had to give up their show about three years ago and the big MG Car club show in the Farmington area closed down about four years ago. We all have the same underlying problem, an ageing membership and decline in the number of members.

We have a top notch reputation for hosting one of, if not the best, shows in the region. Thanks again to all who helped us go out in style.

Looking ahead to next August, don't feel there will be nothing to do or look forward to without our show. The week of August 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> will be the AACA pre16 reliability tour. I know the planning committee is hard at work getting the tour organized and there will be ample opportunities for all of us to be involved doing all types of jobs both before and during the tour. As the committee starts getting the tour set-up, you will be kept abreast of what's going on and where you can help out. Ann Neal and Charlie Bauder are our two members on the committee and there is no doubt they will be asking for volunteers. Don't be afraid to speak up.

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## Secretary's Minutes

#### AUGUST 2017 MINUTES

The August 9, 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. 27 members were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - A motion was made by Pam Heald to accept the July minutes. Seconded by Rusty Smith. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ann Neal, Treasurer, gave her report. Motion made by Matt Canavan to accept the report. Seconded by Marion O'Neil. Motion carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Matt Canavan stated that there was nothing to report. There is nothing new on the Website, but quite a few people have called after looking on the website about the show.

SHOW COMMITTEE - Steve Heald, Chairman, stated that there was still a lot of openings for the shifts. After going through the list, everything has been filled. Amy Ressue has 5 kids coming to help both with Saturday set up and Sunday. Each kid will get paid \$50.00 for the two days. Matt Canavan will be the volunteer coordinator with having cellphone numbers for each kid. Pam Heald is having lanyards made up for them to wear during the show. There are 33 vendors in 68 vendor spots, with 79 per-registered cars so far. We will probably be swamped on the day of the show after getting rained on last year, for registration. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service on Saturday. Dick Stearns will get 2 cases of water.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Jean Empson, Chairman, had nothing new to report.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED – Phil Mendola is in remission, it was good to see Jim Davis at the meeting and Isabel Potter is under the weather.

BUY SELL OR TRADE - None

OLD BUSINESS – Charlie Bauder and Ann Neal are going to be the Wayne Drumlins representatives for the tour next August 20<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. GVACS and the Horseless Car Clubs will each have 2 representatives. The guest hotel will be the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake. Routes are already created with one of the day's will be changed because it was already done by the participates. We will be looking at somewhere in Wayne County.

NEW BUSINESS - Victor is discontinuing their cruise nights. We will continue to give \$250.00 to the Phelps Community Center. There was a good turn out at the Clifton Springs Nursing Home.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017: Many car shows going on around the area.

President Dick Stearns thanked the refreshment committee which consisted of Amy Ressue and Rusty Smith.

#### 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

## WAYNE DRUMLINS ANTIQUE AUTO REGION CALENDAR FOR 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE	TIME	HOSTS
16-Sep	Canaltown Days Car Show (rain day 17-Sep.)	Palmyra		Gone Cruisin' Car Club
16-Sep	Annual Williamson- Pultneyville Community Garage Sale	CentennialPark, Pultneyville	9am-4pm	
20-Sep	Monthly Meeting	Phelps Community Center	7pm	
23-Sep	President's Picnic	Dick & Brenda Stearns' Home	1pm	Dick & Brenda Stearns
24-Sep	Varysburg car show	Byrncliff Golf Resort & Ban- quets	10am-3pm	(585) 535-7300 or info@byrncliff.com
18-Oct	Monthly Meeting	Phelps Community Center	7pm	
8-Nov	Ham Dinner & Elections	Marion Masonic Hall	6pm	Amy Ressue
TBD Dec	Nursing Home Christmas Party	TBD		

## Looking Ahcad

Just a reminder. The President's Porch Picnic is Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have tables, chairs, and place settings. All you need to bring is a dish to pass. We will supply all the meats and condiments. Hope for some nice weather but this will go on rain or shine. Special cars are welcome. We have been known to have traffic on North Road come to a stop to view our line-up.

Hope to see you here.

Dick and Brenda

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Refreshments for the next meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> will be Rita Canavan and Don Combs to be held at Phelps Community Center.

The Door Prize winner of shop rags was Marion and George O'Neil and the 50/50 winner was Barb Rube.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM by a motion from Rusty Smith and seconded by Stan Herdman.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Goellner, Secretary

# President's Message, continued from page 1

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a reminder for the President's Porch Picnic being held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. I hope everyone can attend.

Enjoy the pleasant and drier weather we are having for a change. I am starting to see a hint of fall colors already and according to reports I have heard, this should be a banner year for color. So, get out and enjoy.

See you at the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dick

## **Follow-**up

Remember our "refreshing" August mystery picture? Did you figure out where it was taken? Congratulations to Ann Neal and Robert Speciale who were both able to provide information as to its location. With their input, the location has been determined. The big clue is the Democrat and Chronicle building with the signs on both sides of the roof. For more about this historic view and a bit of Rochester history see page 6.



#### Dick

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:

Jean & Pete Empson 9/23



### Happy Birthday to:

Charlie Bauder9/5Sue Smith9/15Loren Gifford9/15Barb Grube9/26

#### **Clifton Springs Nursing Home visit**

We had 10 vehicles drive in for a visit with the folks at Clifton Springs Nursing Home on August 3rd. The weather was threatening but it held off for an hour so we were able to enjoy good company for a bit. It always seems to rain when we plan this yearly event, but this year I think it has just about rained for all events. Thank you to all who braved the rain.

Jean & Pete

Jim Bollman was kind enough to share this historic document.

#### Thanks Jim





Wishing I could be at the show on Sunday but a bit of a drive when we were just back in July. I saw this hanging on one of my cabinets in the shop this morning and thought I would share. Pass it on to anyone you thing would enjoy seeing it. I don't have the first show flyer but this has been hanging on the wall in three different shops now for many years. It is getting very discolored and brittle.

Jim...

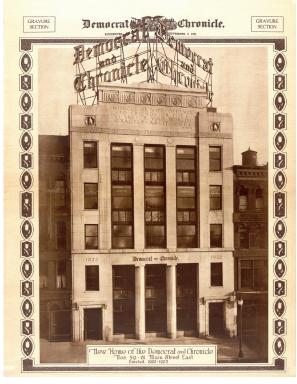
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**Follow-up** 

There was a time, right up until the mid 1960s, that you could walk along Main Street from one side of the Genesee River to the other and never even know it. That's when the Main Street Bridge was lined on both sides with buildings. Despite a succession of fires, floods and other periodic catastrophes, the buildings kept coming back, no doubt because of the prime location in the middle of downtown. In the picture to the right the Democrat and Chronicle building is still there but is home to other tenants as they had long since moved to their larger building at the corner of



Broad and Exchange Streets. To the left is a publicity picture of their then new headquarters



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Distinctive Electric Signs of Artistic Design for Every Need

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation"

To the right is the bridge as we know it today.

The bridge was listed on the <u>National</u> <u>Register of Historic Places</u> in 1984

Located at 59-61 East Main Street in downtown Rochester. This was on the Main St bridge across the Genesee River, on the south side. Though the sign on the back of the building doesn't show in this rendering, it was well placed. It was visible from the Court and Broad Street bridges as well as from both the Lehigh Valley Railroad station, east bank of the Genesee river, and Erie Railroad station, west bank of the river, both on the south side of Court Street.

The front fascia of the building below the signs, is inscribed:

# *"Without or with offence, to friends or foes, I sketch your world, exactly as it goes"*

In some of their publicity they also proudly proclaim "The large electric signs which embellish the top of the beautiful new home of The Democrat and



# Cover photo

## Pultneyville Fire Company's 1925 Sanford Fire Truck

Pultneyville Fire Co acquired their first mechanical piece of fire fighting equipment from the Sanford Motor Truck Co. of Syracuse, New York on March 31, 1928. The truck was a Sanford single tank chemical hose car mounted on a 1925 Sanford Truck Chassis. The truck was a demonstrator and was purchased for a sum of \$1500.

The Specifications of the truck are as follows: Motor-Continental Red Seal Model 8R, six cylinder, L-Head, 55 H.P. with Stromberg carburetor. Fuel System- 24 gallon, Gravity feed. Electrical Equipment- 6 volt with 6" nickel plated head lamps, Dash lamps, and Searchlight. Brakes- Mechanical drum with shoes lined with best grade brake lining. Wheels-20" steel. Tires- 32 x 6 HD Pneumatic Cord. Carrying Cap- 6000 pounds. Truck outfitted with full line fire fighting equipment of the day.



In 1935 the truck was upgraded with a new pump, water tank and fittings at the Sanford Factory, and

continued to be used by Pultneyville FD until the mid 1950's. In 1965 the truck was sold to "Doc" Ernest Emerson of Old Forge, New York who utilized it as a private individual, and drove it in local parades and shows in the area. ("Doc" had the truck re-lettered with the name of "Gray Lake Fire Dept.") After his passing the family sold it to Fred Rice, a fire truck collector, in Lodi, Ohio in 1990. Mr. Rice kept the truck until he decided to sell it back to Pultneyville FD in 2002. We feel grateful that this piece of fire fighting equipment has been well cared for all these years, and has come full circle back to the Pultneyville Fire Company.

Side note: All paperwork pertaining to this truck, from the sales brochure, bill of sales with specifications, maintenance and repair receipts has been kept together and was returned with the truck.

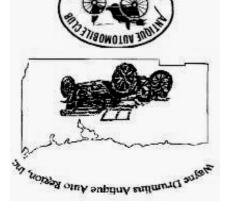


Currently the truck is up and running and was driven to the 40th Annual Wayne Drumlins Car Show in Marion, NY, by Craig DeNagel, Captain of the Truck, where it won 1st place in it's class.

Thanks to Craig and Susan DeNagel for their help with pictures and a write up for this month's cover.

Dick

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