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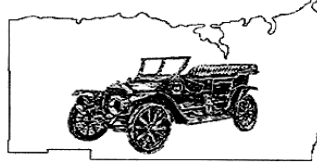


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President's Message February 2011

Thank you members for putting your trust in me as President of the Wayne Drumlins Antique Auto Region for 2011. For those who don't know me that well, here's a bit of my background. When I was a kid in Phelps in the 50's, I rode in my Dad's Packards and Studebakers and in school I drew pictures of cars instead of taking notes. Army pay and bean cannery overtime paid for my first GTO. I studied a little car design in college and met Martha in the Peace Corps after finally graduating. We have lived and worked and owned interesting cars in far-flung places. Ten years ago we returned to the Finger Lakes and built a barn for Martha's 1957 Ford Ranchero, which we brought back from California.

In this month's Antique Automobile don't miss Steve Heald's delightful article about their BrownieKar. -Well Done Steve!

In late Fall we lost two very fine gentlemen from our Club. Floyd Potter and Lew Wallace were great guys and it was a privilege to learn from their stories and experiences. Their departure reminds us to appreciate each other even more, while we can. Isabel and Dottie have our great sympathy and continued support.

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CLUB CALENDAR

February 10-12, 2011

AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

February 13, 2011

Breakfast at Canandaigua Elks Club

8:30AM

Hosted by Carl and Annette

February 16, 2011

Meeting at Phelps Community Center

7:30PM

7:00 Coffee and Socializing

Refreshments by Grube, Knowlton and Herendeen families

underlined events count as a club function for the participation award



As you may have seen in Steve Moskowitz' column in the January/February issue of Antique Automobile magazine, the AACA National Board election results are final. When all of the votes were counted, I came up short in my bid for re-election. I'd like to thank all of you who supported my candidacy and please know that it is appreciated. It was a great experience being on the board, one that I'll long remember.

Steve

Welcome New Members:

Bob and Carol Hopkins from Pultneyville have rejoined our club. Bob and Carol own a 1972 Mustang convertible and a 1952 Volkswagen Bug.



Happy Birthday to:

Menna Berry 2/2
Bea Duffy 2/17
Dave Dorf 2/20
Anne Rapp 2/25



Happy Anniversary to:

Pat & Mike Race 2/14
Janet & Bruce Knowlton 2/27
Dorothy & Joe Marino 2/27

WAYNE DRUMLIN DUES

There are still some members who have not paid their 2011 dues. Our club is required to submit to AACA a list of our 2011 members by March 1st. If you are a member who has not renewed your Wayne Drumlins membership, you can do so at the February 15th meeting or prior to that date you can mail your \$10.00 check payable to Wayne Drumlins Antique Auto Club Region, Inc .to the following address:

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Your Board of Directors sets the actual policies and goals for the Club, but I will sometimes use this space to put in my 2 cents, so here we go:

1. We need more members. There are lots of people around here with great cars, and they could probably benefit from our Club and the AACA.
2. Fun and informative meetings are more likely if we share our ideas for short programs. I really need your help on this.
3. We need to make ourselves better known, in local press, at local events, in the building where we meet, and on the Internet. Wayne Drumlins is a great little club so let's not keep it a secret.
4. We could be more useful to each other. Yes, us guys don't ask for directions, and we pretend to know more than we do, but there is usually someone in the room who actually has the relevant experience we could learn from, so lets find more ways to share our knowledge.
5. We have some good traditions for doing things for our community, but we should consider additional ways to give back (not just donations). We could even support and promote our hobby while we are at it.
6. We should continue with what we do best. The little events throughout the year are really fun and the Marion Car Show is awesome. We have wonderful people who keep these things going, and we need to support them in every way including learning what it takes to pull off a great event.

Well, it's mid-winter here and I'm tripping over all those battery charger cords in the garage, but if you're in sunny Florida, send Jean a nice picture, maybe a roadster on the beach or something that will warm us up.

Loren Gifford

Travel Hints for Early Motorists

Use chewing gum to mend leaky gas line.

Carry a can of ether for winter starting.

Test for an overheated engine: Spit on it. If there is a sizzle, all is well. If steam rises, check your radiator.

Strain all gas through a chamois skin to remove water and dirt.

If a spark lever slips while you are cranking, tie it in position with a piece of string.

A box of oatmeal flakes is handy when the radiator springs a leak. Pour flakes into the water. As they swell they fill the hole. Dried horse manure is also good and, of course, always available.

To rejuvenate a worn tire, pump in a cupful of chopped-up feathers and hot molasses. Spin tire to distribute the mixture evenly and seal pores and holes. Watch out, though, if there is a blowout.

A gun is no longer needed when you visit the western states.

To clean the celluloid windows in your side curtains, use vinegar.

To keep windshield clear on rainy days, rub a sliced onion over it.

— G. C.

-from "Things You Auto Know"
Siginaw Valley AACA—1998

Did you know ?

That the inventor of the windshield wiper was a woman. Mary Anderson came up with the idea in 1902 after noting that streetcar motormen had to keep their side windows open on a rainy day in order to see the road ahead. In 1903 she was awarded a 17 year patent for a hand operated wiper that moved in the familiar fan pattern. In spite of the practicality of her idea, some time went by before wipers became popular. Automatic ones were first featured on some cars in 1910. Not until 1916, did they become standard equipment on American cars

Sad news for members of the Wayne Drumlins Antique Auto Club. We lost 2 long standing members-Floyd Potter and Lew Wallace, both on November 30th.

Floyd Potter

Floyd with his wife Isabel were members when my husband and I joined in 1992. Until recently they owned a 1931 Chevrolet Coach Touring car, a 1963 Corvette Stingray Convertible and a 1963 Buick Electra 225 Convertible. I recall going to many an event with Floyd and Isabel as host, but the one that sticks out in my mind was a trip to Alexandria Bay. I can not recall what year it was, but I know we drove our 1941 Chevrolet. I remember being in the front of the tour group because of the age of our car, but Floyd lead the tour in his 1931 Chevrolet Touring. I remember it was not easy keeping up with that Chevrolet. One could say Floyd had a little bit of a lead foot on that trip, (we weren't the only ones that noticed either). I remember boating the Thousand Islands and touring Bolt Castle. We stayed at a great motel and had delicious food. I believe this trip is where we also cracked the windshield on our car crossing the bridge between the U.S. and Canada (a memorable moment for us). As I looked back in some of the old "Headliner" newsletters, I saw a comment from a member regarding an upcoming trip in October 1999. The Potter's were planning a Widmer Winery Tour and Dinner. The comment was so very true: "If you have been on tour with the Potter's you will know the kind of outing it will be. If you have not toured with them, ask members who have." Besides the trip or two to the St. Lawrence Region, the Widmer Wine tour and a trip to the Nation's capital area, you could always count on Floyd to be at our Annual Car Show helping to park show cars. We will truly miss you.

Lew Wallace

Lew was an active member of Wayne Drumlins as well as the Finger Lakes Chapter Buick Club of America for over 25 years and a past member of the Genesee Valley Automobile Club. Lew was an active member in the Chapter and participated in many events. He ran the Buick-Olds-Pontiac car shows for many years. Lew owned several collectible Buicks through the years, a 1967 Chevy Hardtop Impala and more recently a 1979 Fiat Spider. Lew, with his wife Dottie planned several trips over the years to the Strasenburgh Planetarium which was always accompanied with a dinner- usually at the Log Cabin. (We always have to eat.) On one particular event we enjoyed an unexpected treat. Dot and Lew gave us a home tour. This included Lew's cars and a really neat garage, a great display of collectible metal toy cars and trucks and Dottie's beautiful collection of Madame Alexander dolls. Dot and Lew also organized tours of the George Eastman House and the NYS Transportation Museum.

Over the past few years, Lew, Dottie, Pete and I got together on several occasions to visit. Lew and Pete enjoyed talking and sharing their common interests. I know Pete was envious of Lew's workshop where he restored his toys. I'm sure many of you know about Lew's collectible toys, but did you also know that he enjoyed collecting coins. Lew and Pete did a little swapping of both. We will miss you.

Note of Thanks

The Wallace family and Dot
Express their thanks to everyone
for your cards, thoughts and prayers in the
loss of Lew. He enjoyed his cars, toys and
friends in the car clubs and will truly be
missed.



Dot

On December 4, 2010 the Wayne Drumblins Antique Car Region met at the Belhurst Castle in Geneva for our Year End Banquet. The event was hosted by Rusty Smith and Amy Ressue. We met at 1pm for a little social time followed by dinner. Following dinner, our own Steve Heald presented a program with slides on their discovery of a 1908 Mora Touring Car that they eventually purchased. It was a very delightful story— how many people are actually interviewed before they purchase an automobile? The previous owner wanted to make sure the Mora would have a good home and would be well cared for. I can say without a doubt that the Mora could not have become a member of a better home than that of Pam and Steve Heald.

Another annual event at the Year End banquet is the recognition of our members who have attended events throughout the year and to recognize those families who host events. Participation in both is what keeps our Club strong. If you have not hosted an event in a while, please consider doing so or if you have an idea for an event please share.

Another feature of our banquet is the recognition of members who have gone beyond the normal expectations. The Wayne Brownell Award is awarded to a member selected by the Board of Directors who has done the most during the year to further the interest of the Wayne Drumblins Region. This year's winner was Steve Heald for his many contributions to the Club.



Bruce Knowlton, Chairperson of the Board of Directors with Steve Heald, recipient of the Wayne Brownell Award.

The other award given at the banquet is the Stu Adair Memorial Award. This award is given to a member who has been outstanding by having helped another member the most throughout the year. This year's trophy was awarded to Bob Good for his many hours of work with Dave Dorf. Dave restored a 1949 Chevrolet Panel Delivery over the last couple of years, with the completion in 2010.



Bruce Knowlton, Chairperson of the Board of Directors with Bob Good and Club President Steve Heald.



The last feature of the evening was the passing of the gavel. Loren Gifford received the gavel from President Steve Heald. Loren has been Vice-President for several years and we are sure his leadership will see our Club grow and evolve even more than it has over the past .



Happy Valentines Day!

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