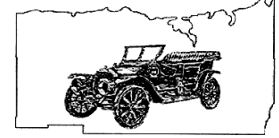


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## President's Message March 2013

It's the middle of winter, and collector car activity is mostly in hibernation here in the northeast, so be patient while my mind wanders aimlessly....

At the AACA meeting, there was a seminar sponsored by SEMA that pushed the SEMA Action Network (Loren has mentioned this in the past). The presenter emphasized the need for car people to consolidate their efforts to fight state/federal legislation that could harm the car hobby. Makes no difference if you're into antique cars, muscle cars, hot rods, rat rods, low riders, trucks, etc. - our strength is derived from joining together and offering organized opposition. United we stand - divided we fall. The internet address for the SEMA Action Network is [www.seman.com](http://www.seman.com). It makes for interesting reading.

Florida passed a law requiring foreign drivers to get an international driver's license to drive in Florida, to ensure that all licenses are in English. Now consider the fact that over 3 million Canadians visit Florida every year. As of January 1st, Canadian drivers without an international driver's license were in violation of the law. Early indications are this is affecting car rentals and possibly insurance coverage. The Legislature is moving fast to amend the law. The Florida state police say they won't enforce it. How did this get passed in the first place?

RM Auctions recently sold the Bruce Weiner microcar collection. Total revenue was \$9.1 million. Consider, as Hagerty reported, that a 1958 F.M.R. Tg 500 Tiger, weighing 580 lbs, sold for \$322,000, or \$555 per lb!

Stay warm.

Matt

## 2013 CLUB CALENDAR

March 20	Dinner at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant –Phelps Monthly Meeting at the Phelps Community Center refreshments by Marino, Grube and Smith families	5:30pm 7:30pm
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April 7      Early Ford V-8 Indoor Auto Flea Market  
at a new location: Total Sports Experience  
880 Elmgrove Rd., Rochester

April 17	Monthly Meeting at the Phelps Community Center	7:30pm
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**Congratulations to**  
Steve and Pam Heald on receiving the Driver Participation Pre-war Award for their EMF in Philadelphia

**Get Well Wishes to**  
Janet Knowlton  
Sue VanCamp  
Verna & Phil Mendola



### Our Sympathies to

Annette Rapp on the loss of her mother, Deloras Ceravolo. Donations in her memory may be made to  
King Fisher Foundation  
P O Box 177  
Mead, Colorado 80542



### Our Sympathies to


Phil Mendola on the passing of his brother Charles. Friends may call at the Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral home on Friday, March 1 from 4-7pm. Funeral Mass will be Saturday at 11am at Holy Cross Church 4492 Lake Ave. Rochester. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lifetime Hospice, 3111 Winton Rd., Rochester, NY 14623.

Do you need a plaque for your participation chips? Contact Steve Heald or Pete Empson.

If you would like the “Headliner” emailed, please contact me at [jempson@fltg.net](mailto:jempson@fltg.net).

Jean



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



### Happy Birthday to:

Brenda Stearns 3/11  
Janet Knowlton 3/16  
Allie Weis 3/18  
Jean Empson 3/28



### Happy Anniversary to:

none

## **FEBRUARY 2013 MINUTES**

The February 20th, 2013 meeting held at the Phelps Community Center was opened at 7:16pm by our Vice-President Rusty Smith and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 23 members and 1 guest were present.

SECRETARY REPORT- A motion was made by Jean Empson to accept the November minutes as published in the Headliner. Seconded by Dorothy Marino. Motion Carried.

TREASURER REPORT- Treasurer, Rita Canavan was not present.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS- Steve Heald, Chairman advised there was no report at this time.

SHOW COMMITTEE- George O'Neil, Chairman not present.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Hank Goellner, Chairman reported that we have 84 members for 2013.

CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED-

Bruce and Janet Knowlton are doing well. Sue VanCamp is recovering from knee surgery. Our thoughts go out to Phil and Verna Mendola.

BUY SELL OR TRADE- None

OLD BUSINESS- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS- Rusty reported that we received a thank you note from Mario Cerami from Metairie, La. thanking the club for the longest distance plaque.

Jean and Pete Empson were recognized by the AACA for their distinguished work as editors of the Headliner.

The Firewall Coffee Hall of Williamson offered us space for meetings.

The AACA Museum is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is having a fund raiser with a goal of \$100,000. Clubs are requested to consider making a donation of \$250.00 and up. Banners will be on display at the museum to recognize the clubs

who contributed. Banner sizes will be based on the amount donated.

The 2013 Eastern Division Spring Meet will be hosted by the Gettysburg Region of the AACA and will be held at the Carlisle Fairgrounds, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

Matt and Rita Canavan, Steve and Pam Heald and Rusty Smith attended the annual meeting of the AACA in Philadelphia. Congratulations to Steve and Pam Heald who were the recipients of a National Award for their EMF.

Steve and Rusty gave an overview of the Annual Meeting and how well organized the seminars and activities were carried out.

Steve has AACA car raffle tickets for sale. First place is a 1973 Ford Mustang convertible or \$15,000 in cash. Second place is \$2,000 and third place is \$1,000.

The drawing is October 12, 2013.

Rusty Smith is preparing the 2013 activities schedule. Please advise Rusty of your ideas.

Jean Empson will check with the Blue Ribbon Restaurant for dinner on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

This will be prior to our meeting which will be held at the Phelps Community Center. Please check the Headliner for details.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MONTH- Dorothy Marino, Barb Grube and Rusty Smith

DOOR PRIZE WINNER- George and Barb Grube

50/50 WINNER- Jean Empson

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by a motion from Annette Rapp and seconded by Hank Goellner.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Leslie Askin, Secretary

## Upcoming Shows

Apr. 7th Rochester, NY - Indoor Automotive Flea Market TSE (Total Sports Experience)  
880 Elmgrove Rd just South of Rt 531. Flea Market sponsored by the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and include Automotive Parts, literature, Supplies & Tools. 9AM – 3PM [www.wnyrg.org](http://www.wnyrg.org)

Apr. 24-29 Spring Carlisle [www.carsatcarlisle.com](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com)

May 11th. Penn Yan NY The Windmill State Rt 14A [www.thewindmill.com](http://www.thewindmill.com) 315-946-6418

May 19th . Finger Lakes BOCES Annual Car Show & Flea Market 10AM

May 17-18 Dunkirk, NY 45th Annual Flea Market & Car Corral Chautauqua County Fairgrounds  
716-386-7156 E: Mail [patnpl@hotmail.com](mailto:patnpl@hotmail.com) 716-386-2157

May 25th Norwich NY 1969 & up Muscle Car Show & Flea Market 607-334-8549

May 26th. Norwich NY 48th.. Car Show & Flea Market 607-843-6520 Ed Soyke  
[www.local.aaca.org/raocc](http://www.local.aaca.org/raocc)

May 26th. Waterloo, NY 13th Annual Wheels on Main St. Car Show & Flea Market  
9AM-4PM [carshow41@hotmail.com](mailto:carshow41@hotmail.com)

June 2nd. Horseheads, NY Twin Tiers Vintage Car Club 36th. Annual Fun Meet Car Show & Flea Market at the Chemung county Fairgrounds-  
\$1000 drawing to Car entrants Dash plaques to first 300 cars Elmira Heights Rotary Chicken BBQ  
Other food vendors Contact info: Ginny 607-594-6331 E-Mail [VHBruck88@yahoo.com](mailto:VHBruck88@yahoo.com)

July 19-21 Syracuse, NY Syracuse Nationals at the Fairgrounds [www.rightcoastcars.com/syracuse-National.php](http://www.rightcoastcars.com/syracuse-National.php)

Aug. 2-4 Macungie 50th. Annual AACA meet 610-966-4289 [www.awkscht.com/](http://www.awkscht.com/)

Aug. 7 -11 Canandaigua Pageant of Steam off and Flea market [www.pageantofsteam.org](http://www.pageantofsteam.org)

Aug. 10th. Auburn NY AACA History on Wheels Downtown Auburn 9 AM to 4PM Contact Jim 315-253-4357

Aug. 18st Marion NY 36th .Wayne Drumlin Region Car Show

Sept. 8th Wampsville NY 52nd Annual Car Show Mohican Model A Club. Large Flea Market  
[www.mohicanmodela.org](http://www.mohicanmodela.org)

Oct 2 – 6 FALL CARLISLE

Oct. 5th Penn Yan, NY Car Show at the Windmill Farm & Craft Market  
Jeff Stowell 315-946-6418 [www.thewindmill.com](http://www.thewindmill.com)

Oct 9-12 FALL HERSHEY

Excerpts from Twin Tiers Newsletter

**Enter to Win a 1973 Mustang!**



Each \$20 ticket has a chance to win a 1973 Mustang (or \$15,000 cash), \$2,000 cash, or \$1,000 cash. Proceeds benefit the Antique Automobile Club of America, The AACA Library & Research Center, and The AACA Museum. The drawing will take place on October 12, 2013 at the AACA Fall Meet.

- Less than 25,000 Miles
- Exterior: Red
- Interior: White
- Newly Rebuilt Engine
- Newly Rebuilt Air Conditioning system converted to r134a

Winner need not be present to win and is responsible for all taxes. Mustang Donated by George and Margaret Vitale.

## The Irresistible Isetta



If you've read the latest issue of *Antique Automobile*, you're probably already well-aware that a sizable portion of Bruce Weiner's microcar collection was sold through RM Auctions

this month. While Model A's and Corvettes often prove crowd favorites, other folks prefer a more Lilliputian set of wheels. To them, a microcar's character exceeds its size ten-fold. Out of the legions of pint-sized autos the BMW Isetta, Manufactured between 1955 and 1962, is perhaps one of the most revered of these whimsical wonders.

Despite bearing the BMW name, the Isetta was first manufactured in 1953 by the Italian company of Iso SpA, founded by Renzo Rivolta. Before entering the auto market, Rivolta focused on making motorcycles and scooters. While sales in Italy were strong at first, demand eventually waned. Because of this, Rivolta eventually offered other companies the opportunity to produce Isettas under license.

While French VELAM and Brazilian Romi built and sold Isettias, the most prolific manufacturer was that of BMW. When released for the German market in 1955 BMW was in the midst of financial troubles because, in part, motorcycle sales were falling. With sales of small cars like the Volkswagen Beetle on the rise, BMW jumped at the chance to market Rivolta's car.

Far from the economic salvation they sought, the car had proven successful enough to offset a significant portion of losses. Eventually, the car was exported, with 1958 models being the first to make it to the U.S. Although demand for small vehicles in America proved considerably smaller than Europe, Germany's "rolling egg" still managed to build

a cult following.

Because of its diminutive size, BMW's sales literature capitalized on the Isetta's ability to park in tight spots and maneuver around slow traffic. "No other car so completely answers the need for relief from chaotic traffic tie-ups," an American ad claimed. After shape and stature, the most iconic feature was its front opening door and accompanying articulated steering wheel. Regarding this unusual function, Road and Track claimed it made entry a breeze, even if it was "...a grotesque attention getter."

Even though the major automotive publications praised the Isetta's fuel economy, its rear mounted, single cylinder engine was criticized for lacking power. According to the November 1954 issue of Motor Trend, "acceleration



[was] hardly noteworthy" with a top speed of 53 mph. Demands for greater performance prompted BMW to release the two cylinder 600 series in 1958. Along with a stronger engine came an additional side door and extended body, providing enough room for four passengers. Unfortunately, the 600 was short lived, discontinued in 1959 after less than ideal sales.

In 1962, seven years and more than 90,000 manufactured units later, BMW finally pulled the plug on the Isetta. In its place was the more conventional looking but less memorable 700 series, first introduced in 1959. Though no longer

among us, the Isetta has solidified its place in automotive history and continues to occupy a special place in the hearts and minds of those with a fascination in small cars.

Courtesy of the "Speedster"



Steve and Pam received their Award at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia

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