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# President's Message May 2012

This is my last letter for the Headliner. It's been good to work with Jean and Pete because they do a great job and keep things moving in spite of presidential procrastination. Martha and I will remain members of Wayne Drumlins and AACA. It will be great to follow the club's activities in the emailed Headliner while we are in Swaziland. If I find any cool old cars in Africa, I will send pictures. Learning how to drive on the wrong side of the road will be difficult. As I recall it's like learning how to drive all over again.

Wayne Drumlins is a club that continues to be in transition. It's wonderful to attract new members. There is always a challenge of gracefully integrating their energy and new ideas into our activities. Not so long ago Martha and I were the newcomers. In our case, we were encouraged by the leaders and members of Wayne Drumlins as we learned to appreciate both the valuable traditions and ongoing challenges.

All in all, I have enjoyed being the president of Wayne Drumlins. Those Headliner deadlines of Jean's got me back into a little writing which was a good thing. This president didn't accomplish all he intended. Leadership challenges remain for your incoming president, Matt Canavan. Please give him all the support you gave me so that Wayne Drumlins can grow and thrive and be here when we return.

- Loren

2012 CLUB CALENDAR		
<u>May 16</u>	Monthly Meeting at Phelps Community Center	7:00PM
June 9	Games Day hosted by Sally & Ed Morrow	11:00AM
June 20	Monthly Meeting at Phelps Community Center	7:00PM
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May 20	18th BOCES Car Show at Flint	10:00-3:30
May 18-20	43rd Annual Flea Market & Car Corral at Dunkirk	
May 20	KSK Car Show at the Newark Sr. High School	
May 27	47th Car Show and Flea Market at Norwich	
May 27	12th Annual Wheels on Main Street at Waterloo	
June 2	Sulphur Springs Festival in Clifton Springs	
June 3	35th Annual Fun Meet & Flea Market at Chemung County Fairgrounds	

underlined events count as a club function for the participation award



June 28

Get Well Wishes to
Phil and Verna Mendola
Hoping you both are feeling better

The "Great Race" comes to Fairport

### Buy, Sell or Trade:

For Sale:

Bumpers for 1956 Buick Special or Century, front and rear, good condition, minor pitting. Asking \$200 each or \$350 for both.

Steering column (complete) for 1956 Buick Special (or other models or years), includes steering wheel and horn ring. Asking \$200.

Call Maryanna Morrow (315 462 3827 )



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



## **Happy Birthday to:**

Rusty Smith 5/11 Nancy Bauder 5/16 Pat Race 5/30



## **Happy Anniversary to:**

Barb & George Grube 5/9
Nancy & Richard Dierks 5/10
Betty & Marty Reilly 5/14

### **APRIL 2012 MINUTES**

The April 18th, 2012 meeting held at the Phelps Community Center was opened at 7:30 pm by our President Loren Gifford and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 42 members were present. SECRETARY REPORT- A motion was made by Rusty Smith to accept the March minutes as published in the Headliner. Seconded by Sue Van-Camp. Motion Carried.

TREASURER REPORT- Treasurer, Rita Canavan reported on the status of our accounts. Paperwork has been given to Charles Bauder to audit the 2011 club's financial books. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Rusty Smith and seconded by Dave Dorf. Motion carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS- No Report, Steve Heald was not present. The Board of Directors were asked to meet after the meeting to discuss the Vice President position. Matt Canavan will become

reviewed for replacement of the Vice President position.

<u>SHOW COMMITTEE-</u> No report - George O'Neil,
Chairman was not present. Insurance information

President at our June meeting. By Laws will be

will be given to Dave Dorf for the car show.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- Janet Knowlton, Chairperson reported that there are no new members. The 2012 rosters are completed and one roster per family will be distributed. Wayne Drumlin visor hats are available.

# CONCERNS FOR MEMBERS AND ANY CORRESPONDENCES RECEIVED-

Rusty Smith reported that Phil and Verna Mendola are ill. A memorial service will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> at the United Church in Phelps for Loren's mother. It will be at 10:30 am. A \$500 reward is being offered for information for the statue that was stolen from the Phelps Historical Society.

<u>BUY SELL OR TRADE-</u> A 1956 Dodge will be auctioned at the Palmyra Fair Grounds on 4-21-12. Roger Morrow's tools will also be auctioned at the same auction. The Black and Decker store at the Outlet Mall is closing on 4-26-12 and sales are underway.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> Loren reminded everyone about the Great Race which will be going through Fairport on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Howard Sharp a member of

our club won last year. Volunteers are still needed. At our next meeting on 5-16-12 there will be a presentation by the GM Fuel Cell Research Group from Honeoye Falls and a car will be present. Please advise other people who may be interested in this presentation to attend our next meeting. Loren will place an article in the Finger Lakes Times and the Canandaigua Messenger. Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> we will have car games at the Town of Seneca Park, hosted by Sally and Ed Morrow. Starting time will be 11:00am, bring a dish to

Matt Canavan reported that we need more pictures of club member's cars for the web site. Please forward your pictures to Matt.

NEW BUSINESS- Coming events.

pass, lawn chairs and beverage.

The Rochester Street Rods are hosting a swap meet on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 5375 W. Henrietta 7am to noon.

May 27<sup>th</sup> Wheels on Main St. in Waterloo NY, 11am to 4pm.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Fourth Annual Sulphur Springs Car Show in Clifton Springs, NY. 10am to 3pm.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Horseheads Car Show. Pete and Jean Empson have information. If you would like to go as a group please make your arrangement with Pete and Jean.

June 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> the AACA National Meet in Sheby-ville-Lynchburg, Tennessee.

July 13<sup>th</sup> 2012 Collector Car Day.

July 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Ice Cream social at Carl and Annette Rapp's.

August 11<sup>th</sup> the Antique Auto Show in Auburn. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> the Bennington Car Show in Bennington, VT

December 2<sup>nd</sup> the Christmas Banquet at the Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua NY.

<u>REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MONTH-</u> Leslie Askin, Sue Van Camp, Allie Weis, Bev Good and Barb Dorf.

<u>DOOR PRIZE WINNER-</u> Isabel Potter <u>50/50 WINNER-</u> Jim Berry

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by a motion from Rusty Smith and seconded by Rita Canavan.

Respectfully submitted by: Leslie Askin Secretary

# **General Motors Fuel Cell Development Center**

Located on Carriage Street, blocks away from the Honeoye Falls business district, the center is one of three GM facilities worldwide that are devoted to developing hydrogen fuel cells. The other two facilities are in Warren, Michigan; and Mainz-Kastel, Germany. The fuel cells and fuel-cell engines developed here will be making a pit-stop in the German plant before the vehicles they power hit the pavement.

A total of around 500 people work at the three facilities, says a GM fact sheet. Around 200 people have been stationed in Honeoye Falls since 1998, and as of last summer, that number was expected to grow to 300. Just what are the engineers and other employees doing? They're running an R&D facility charged with developing hydrogen "fuel cell stacks," processors, and related devices to power a new generation of motor vehicles and industrial equipment.

The effort is part of a new energy regime that's not far down the road. And GM has been touting new products and designs that could position the company at or near the top of the heap: for example, the electric "EV-1" vehicle, the recently-unveiled "Hywire" hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle, and a new "skateboard" chassis that can be built up with different modules.

What are fuel cells, and why do so many people love them? Basically, the devices are a major departure from the internal combustion engine. In a fuel cell, hydrogen and oxygen react chemically to produce electricity, which then drives the wheels of the vehicle. There is no "burning" of fuel in the popular sense; the reaction produces water, not smoke. And there's lots of flexibility. For example, as a backgrounder from the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) explains, vehicular fuel cells can be powered by pure hydrogen or by methanol derived from liquid natural gas.

Fuel-cell technology has been around for many years --- so why all the excitement now, and why the push to build facilities as in Honeoye Falls? The most salient reasons are also the most crucial: getting cleaner air and slowing global warming.

"When run on pure hydrogen," vehicles powered by

fuel cells "are true zero-emissions vehicles," says UCS. Even "when run on methanol, they still cut smog-forming pollution more than 90 percent." There are other benefits: "As with other electric-drive vehicles, fuel-cell cars are quiet, smooth, and fun to drive." Moreover, since fuel-cell cars don't need recharging from an outlet, they can have a range similar to that of ordinary vehicles.

Courtesy of the City Newspaper, June 4, 2003

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### Twin Tiers Vintage Car Show— June 3, 2012

This is a non judged fun event. Pete and I attended last year and we thought it would be a good trip for the club this year. They have drawings throughout the day, a small flea market, a chicken barbeque and the Chemung Valley Farmer's Museum is open free of charge the day of the Show. Pre-registration in \$5. Loren had some copies of the flyer at the last meeting. If you are interested in attending and would like to travel together we could meet for breakfast. Fill out your registration and give it to us at the May meeting with your \$5 and we will be glad to send everyone's in. It should be a nice day.

Jean

## Games Day—

June 9, 2012

Just a short note to give you information on the games day. It starts around 11 am with lunch. Bring a dish to pass and your drinks and table service. The club will provide hot dogs. Loren said he had the rolls left over from something. The town pavilion is located at 3675 Flint Road Stanley. Just a half mile off 5 & 20 in the hamlet of Flint. It is located behind the town hall which is next to the town barns. It is right next door to us if you know where we live. I can give you a map if needed. There is plenty of parking and room to do the car games. There are other activities: there is a small playground, walking trail, horseshoes, volley ball net, basketball, soccer and baseball fields. The pavilion is enclosed and has tables outside as well as inside. Sally & Ed

# **AACA Museum**— Alternative Energy Vehicles

The AACA Museum will begin 2012 by "going green" with an Alternative Energy Vehicle Exhibition.

Electric cars and hybrids are all the rage today with the movement toward a cleaner environment and the crippling cost of gasoline. What most people don't know is that these technologies have been around as long as the automobile itself! In the car's formative period, electricity went head to head with steam and the internal combustion engine as countless manufacturers competed for market share in this burgeoning new industry.

This exhibition will look at the entire history of automobile propulsion beyond the internal combustion engine. Included will be early steam and electric vehicles, plus newer variants produced later in the century. We are also focusing on other "alternative energy" vehicles produced over the years, including wood burners, and other "converted" machines. The exhibition will enter the 21st century with select modern vehicles that aim to offer everything from high mileage, performance, comfort and low emissions all in one affordable package.

#### 1956 Citroen



The front-wheel drive Citroen 2CV was not a flash car; it was a practical car much like the Volkswagen beetle. The ability to remove the seats and panels created extra room for larger objects were just a few of the amenities that made this car practical. Only one color was initially offered when the car came on the scene in 1948, it was grey. In

1959, blue was added to the list of available colors, and then in 1960 yellow was added.

The engine was small and did not even include a distributor; instead, there was a coil that fired the spark plugs. It featured a tiny flat-twin unit that was air cooled and capable of producing a measly 9 horsepower. The top speed was in the neighborhood of 40 miles-per-hour but was able to travel over 55 miles on a gallon of gas. The car weighed in at 1100 pounds, had a four-speed manual gearbox, and drum brakes all-around. There was one spring on each side of the car which made up the vehicles suspension.

Mr. Flamino Bertone was the designer of this vehicle. The design was simple. The front of the car had two lights, one on each side of the vehicle that was attached to the hood of the car. The front grill had a waterfall shade with the grill-lines being horizontal. The hood was V-shaped. The rear of the car was designed so that the top could slide back by removing a few pins allowing fresh air and panoramic view.

This car was given nicknames such as the Tin Snail and the Duck. These nicknames were appropriate given the vehicles design and performance figures. Even though this vehicle may not have been visually appealing to many, the practicality made it very popular. It was inexpensive, <u>fuel efficient</u>, fun, and convenient. Between 1948 and 1990, 5,114,920 Citroen 2CV's have been produced.

In 1960 the styling of the car was updated. In 1958 through 1966, the vehicle was available with four-wheel drive and two engines.

Citroen's little 2CV was named the ugliest car at London's Earl's Court Motor Show. It was built primarily for sale in France's agricultural districts. French farmers appreciated its rugged, backto-basics design; sometimes waiting two years for delivery. It was a different story in the Únited States, where the 2CV was distinctly out of place among the full-sized, V-8 powered sedans. The eccentric car offered innovations such as a built-in jacking system and the flexibility of movable seating surfaces. it was imported in very small numbers.

Source - AACA Museum

(The above is one of the cars that caught our eye during our recent visit to the Museum—
Jean & Pete)

#### **Automobiles in Children's Books**

Here at the Library, you never know what you might find. On top of our large collection of automotive reference books and sales literature, surprises await visitors around every corner. One of our best kept secrets is a small collection of antique children's books, most of which are over 100 years old and themed around the automobile. Since children were just as fascinated by this new technology as their parents, it seemed natural to publish books catering to both their newfound interest and imagination. At the time, few things were considered as adventurous as driving by car, and these books opened children up to a world of excitement.



Golliwogg's Auto-Go-Cart (Not in our collection):

According to Michael Worthington-Williams's book, Automobilia: A Guided Tour for Collectors, the first automotive themed children's book may have been Golliwogg's Auto-Go-Cart by Florence K and Bertha Lupton. Published by Longman's Green & Co. in 1901, the story chronicled the exploits of Golliwogg and his electric car. Unfortunately for Golliwogg, his car eventually blew up but, thankfully, all the passengers lived to see another day.

Around the World in an Automobile: While the Golliwogg story capitalized on the novelty of the automobile at the time, other books like the 1907 Around the World in an Automobile emphasized its growing role as a practical form of transportation. Published by McLoughlin Bros., the book followed the Arnold family as they traveled the four corners of the world in their car. While the family's trip began near their home in Cambridge Massachusetts, they drove to other famous American sights such as Niagara Falls. Eventually, they even took their car overseas to England and continental Europe.

After reading through the book and viewing its breathtaking illustrations one thing became clear; vacationing with an automobile in 1907 was considered a grand adventure! Upon their mother asking if they were tired of traveling by car, the children "...laughed heartily at such a question. Who ever heard of such a thing as being tired of riding in a big touring car through the beautiful changing country?" Contrast this attitude to today's children in which you're more likely to hear a whiny, "are we there yet?"

The Traveling Roosevelt Bears in the East and West:

Travel as a form of adventure was also a theme of Seymour Eaton's nursery rhyme-like Roosevelt Bears series of books published between 1905 and 1908. The books' protagonists were two anthropomorphic bears, complete with their own attire. In fact, the character of Teddy G. wore glasses reminiscent of President Theodore Roosevelt. This of course was no accident, as these books cashed in on the growing popularity of the Teddy bear. Such success was driven by an infamous 1902 political cartoon, in which President Roosevelt refused to shoot a tied up bear.

That the stories focused on travel and adventure was fitting, since Roosevelt himself has often been associated with both. Before becoming President, "Teddy" led his Rough Riders into battle during the Spanish-American War. Following his Presidency, he even traveled to Africa on a safari, hunting down specimens for American museums.



Like Roosevelt, bears Teddy B. and Teddy G. traveled throughout the world and via all modes of transportation. Of particular interest was the 1906 short story, "The Traveling Bears Take an Automobile Ride," in which they journeyed through historic New England. While the bears had traveled by train and even a hot air balloon they felt, "this ride to Concord was best by far."

While it may have been the best, the trip was not without setbacks. At the time this was written, most American roads were little more than dirt paths. Consequently, a little rain could mean the difference between reaching your final destination and struggling to free your car from the mud. Unfortunately, the Roosevelt Bears found themselves in the latter situation.

Soon after, Teddy G. and Teddy B. attempted to fix the problem with disastrous results: But down they got and looked below, And back and front and high and low, And twisted bolt and unfastened screen, And got their hands all gasoline. Fortunately for these unfotunate motorists, help arrived in the form of a young student who "...knew autos like a book." After receiving some solid advice, the Bears fixed their ride and were on the road again. Driving incredibly fast behind the wheel was Teddy B., who quickly realized he was unable to slow down the car. Upon hitting a bump,

the two bears flew out of their ride and landed at the feet of a terribly upset police officer. Busted for speeding, things sure looked grim for the Roosevelt Bears.

Still, they comically attempted to justify their actions. "They told the officer face to face that this ride of theirs was a record run, and they didn't like to be pinched for fun." Not amused in the slightest, the officer arrested Teddy B. and Teddy G., locking them up in a Boston jail overnight. What an unfortunate ending to an otherwise great adventure.

Conclusion - Choose Your Own Adventure: While an adventure along the lines of the Roosevelt Bears' may be a bit too harrowing for most, sometimes the greatest journey begins in a library. Why not embark on your own adventure and trek on over to the AACA Library? It's the best way to see the children's books mentioned here, and we also have a nice selection of reference books about collecting these and other forms of automobilia. In addition, we are always on the lookout for books and sales literature to add to our collection, including children's books. If interested in donating such items please feel free to contact us by email or phone Chris Ritter, critter@aaca.org or 717-534-2082

#### Carlisle 2012

Carl, Annette, Pete and I made our annual trek to Carlisle last week. It is always an adventure. The weather was dry, but a little cool, but dry. Did I mention it was dry? We walked about 5 miles a day, looking and looking for a few necessities. Pete picked up some clips and bolts, nothing big. We did find a bumper hook for the '66 Charger on our last day and I think the last row we went down. Should have started there, right, but that's what makes it fun. Looking and looking until you find just the right thing. If you have never been, you might think about it for next year.



1956 Citroen

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