Hi Everybody,

By the time you read this, the Christmas mess should be cleaned up and put away, and hopefully you’re sobered up from the New Year’s party. Before long we’ll be in the middle of the long, dragging winter.

Remember tire chains? They really have made big improvements in tires. I had a ’57 Pontiac with bias-ply tires that would get stuck on a banana peel.

Anyway, let’s think about fun things to do in the spring. See you at the January meeting.

Your new president,
Jan Smith
The North Hills Historic Auto Club was founded in August of 1971. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria of St. Alphonsus Church located on Church Road (Rt. 19 & Rt. 910) in Wexford, unless otherwise noted in the monthly newsletter.

The newsletter is published monthly. All articles for publication must be received no later than the 20th of each month to MJ Phillips 263 Forsythe Rd., Valencia, PA 16059 or nhhacnews@yahoo.com. Any car or club-related news from the membership is greatly appreciated.

An application for membership is located on the club website at http://clubs.hemmings.com/nhhac. Application for membership and annual dues should be sent to Jack Swaney P.O. Box 152 Mars, PA 16046-0152. Membership dues are $20.00 per year, payable by the first day of January.

Any change of address or any roster changes should be submitted to Pat O'Neill, 4077 Branding Place, Allison Park, PA 15101 or pjojlo@msn.com.

Frank & Judy Pribanic are the chairpersons of our “Get Well and Condolences” committee for the members and their immediate families. Please notify them at 100 Cherrington Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or call 412-487-2094 or email at van2001@verizon.net

Email Information List
If you would like to be included on the email list that informs you of cancellations, member illnesses and similar things that happen between newsletters, send a note to Martha McEvoy
marthamcevoy@comcast.net

From the Editor:
When sending information for the newsletter via email, kindly send information in plain text or as a word document. Refrain from using colored fonts and special effects such as bold fonts as it does not always transfer easily to the newsletter. Thanks! MJ
MINUTES OF THE NHHAC MEETING
December 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Stauffer and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. There were no corrections to the Minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer Jack Swaney informed the Club that our bank balance as of December 13, 2009 was $7,272.57.

Joanne Stauffer informed the Club that Frank Pribanic had heart surgery and was recuperating, Lucille Johnson passed away and Warren Smith had knee surgery.

Pat O’Neill said that there was nothing new regarding the February 13, 2010 After-Christmas Party.

By written ballot, the following people were elected to the following positions: Michael Quinn, Vice-President, Antoinette S. Quinn, Secretary (retained) and Jack Swaney, Treasurer (retained). Joe Somerville and Rick Kelley were elected as Board members.

Stephen Illsley reminded the Club that a brunch is being held at North Park Clubhouse on January 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. There was a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

A thank you was extended to Bob Stauffer for his service as President during the past year.

There being no further business, Jack Swaney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette S. Quinn
Secretary
This month I am pleased to do a story on the Blythe’s, Richard and Cathy. Rich has always been interested in old cars and 35 years ago, two friends of his who had antique cars asked him if he would like to go to the Carlisle and Hershey car parts markets. His interest really took off from there.

In 1963, Rich and his wife took a ride one Sunday and ended up on Baum Boulevard, where Cathy spotted a 1960 Ford Thunderbird in a used car lot. At that time she did not have a driver’s license, so told Rich, “buy me that car and I’ll get my license!” So, they went back the very next day and bought the car.

It was their first T-Bird. It was a one-of-a-kind car and had a standard shift with the body painted black with a red roof. They kept this car for 13 years, and then sold it.

At that point, they started looking for a two-seater T-Bird. One night Rich was working the second shift at Westinghouse, and Cathy called and said there was a 1955 T-Bird advertised in the paper.

Rich called and it turned out that he knew the seller and said because it was very late, he would stop by and look at the car the following day. The seller told him, you had better stop by tonight as he had been getting lots of phone calls already. Rich decided not to chance someone else getting the car, so went that night and did buy the car.

After driving it a couple of years, Rich decided to restore it. He then started to go to car shows. He attended the NHHAC show, then being held at the North Hills Village Shopping Center on McKnight Road. He asked one of the members how he could join the club, and they invited him to join us at our next meeting that was held at Casey’s on Route 8. He recalls that Jack Dougherty had just become President. In 1987 Rich joined the club.
They kept this 55’ T-Bird 13 years before they sold it. Now they started to look for another 60’ T-Bird just like the one they had in 1963. They found one, but it was white with a black interior and they really wanted the same as they had before. They bought it anyway as the car had just been painted and had a nice interior. Rich had all of the chrome re-done, detailed the engine compartment and took all of the undercoating off.

He worked at the Westinghouse R & D Center for 28 years. They had a sand blaster and a paint booth. What more could you ask for when restoring an antique car! When he worked the second and third shifts, he would stay over or go in early and sandblast all of his car parts and paint them there.

They drove the 60’ T-Bird for 5 years or so when a friend called Rich and said a friend of his was selling all of his antique cars and one was a 1960 T-Bird, black with a red interior and a sun roof. It was all original with just 37,000 miles on it. He and Cathy went to look at this car and when the seller took the cover off, they both looked at each other, and Cathy said, “that’s more like it, buy it!” It was like looking at the car they had 29 years ago, now 17 years later and they still have the 60’ T-Bird. They sold the white T-Bird.

Rich says he has always been partial to Fords, especially the T-Bird, but has owned lots of other cars from a VW to a Cadillac. His first car was a 1948 Pontiac Convertible. He really enjoys driving the T-Bird and going to cruises, but has also enjoyed restoration work and car tours.
You are Cordially Invited to the North Hills Historic Auto Club's

Annual After-Christmas Party

Saturday, February 13, 2010
At the Hampton Banquet Hall
5416 Route 8 (On right ½ mile north of PA Turnpike #39, across from Wal-Mart)
Gibsonia, Pa 15044 Phone: (724) 444-6770

Deadline to have Received Reservations is January 30, 2010
Info Call Pat O'Neill (412) 487-8512 or pjojlo@msn.com

★ Member Hobby Displays to View
★ Hors d'oeuvres, Punch & Cash Bar - 6:00 p.m.
★ Dinner Buffet Served at 7:00 p.m.
★ Plus the Famed Award Presentations & Door Prize Give

Away Following Dinner

Cut and Return Lower Half, Keep Upper Half for Your Reminder

Names of all those attending: ____________________________________________

Phone # ____________________________________________________________

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Make Check Payable to North Hills Historic Auto Club" and return to address below, reservations must be received no later than January 30, 2010. Be sure your 2010 dues have been sent to our treasurer, please do not send them with this reservation.

Pat O'Neill
4077 Branding Place
Allison Park, PA 15101-2963
In Remembrance
Lucille Johnston

Wife for 54 years of Lloyd Charles Johnston.

73, of Valencia, on Dec 8, 2009.

Lucy was a member of Holy Sepulcher Church, Silver Sneakers, Red Hat Society, and helped with Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed bingo, bowling and her friends, family, her two dogs, reading, and having her glass of wine. Lucy also attended her grandchildren's activities and sporting events.

Mother of Kim (Randy) Adams, Mark (Lesa) Johnston, Linda Johnston, and Renee (Adam) Vincik III. Grandmother of Michael, Jason, Ashley, Mark, Tanya, Bobby, Dalton, Nichole, and Adam IV. Sister of Kenneth Nobbs, Wallace Nobbs, Butch Nobbs, and Eleanor Miller. Second grandmother to, Shannon Griffin and great-grandma to Shannon's 2 boys. Donations can be made to VNA Hospice.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!

You must have your own auto insurance and provide proof of such insurance before you go on any club trips.

Just see me at a club meeting.
You can't miss me.
Stephen Illsley

DRIVER SNOOZING
MARK YOU CALENDAR!

BRUNCH

Destination: North Park Lounge
Route 8
Going north it’s just past the PA turnpike exit 39

Date: Sunday, January 10, 2020

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Menu: Buffet

Hosts: Stephen Illsley

R.S.V.P.: home 724-625-1372 cell 724-553-8386
or sign up at the December meeting

After-Christmas Party
February 13, 2009
You must make reservations.
See form on page 6

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
February 28, 2010
No reservations required
All members needed to work to make this a successful event
An ad for the Vette lovers

They don’t write songs about Volvos.

You are LATE!

DUES were due December 3, 2009
Send a $20.00 check made payable to NHHAC to:
JACK SWANEY
PO Box 152
Mars, PA 16046

ROSTER CHANGES were due December 31, 2009
PAT O’NEILL
4077 Branding Place
Allison Park, PA 15101-2963
412-487-8512
pjojlo@msn.com

DUES are sent to JACK SWANEY
ROSTER CHANGES are sent to PAT O’NEILL

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
Winter Get-A-Way
March 19-21, 2010
Blackwater Falls State Park
West Virginia

Please call Jackie Sheerer
412-367-3138
after making your reservations

http://www.blackwaterfalls.com
1-800-CALL-WVA  304-259-5216

20 rooms reserved, all rooms non-smoking
$72 + tax includes the 10% group discount

Amenities include swimming pool, hot tub, game room,
restaurant and private hospitality room

HOBBY TIME!

Hobby displays are needed for the After-Christmas party
Please contact Pat O’Neill
412-487-8512
pjojlo@msn.com
HELP FUEL THE ECONOMY
AND
BUY A CAR OR CAR PART!

FOR SALE: 1966 Mustang convertible, blue with white top 6 cylinder automatic
asking $13,500 Contact Bob at 724-339-8844

FOR SALE: 1973 Red Mercedes Benz 450SL, hard and soft top (replaced
1998), 84,000 miles, $13,000. or best offer. Call 412-366-5157.

FOR SALE: Riley two port overhead valve head for Model A or B engine
It will double the h.p. of your engine. Includes all parts needed and instruction
book. $2000.00 Call Bud Lawton 724-935-4160 or 724-312-6662

FOR SALE: 1950 Chevy fastback metal rear fenders
Purchased from GM in 1965. $1200.00 for the pair Call Bob Goetz 724-452-8600

Parts Model A and T Dave Maddock 412-521-0125 home 412-708-6102 cell

FOR SALE: 1967 F-100 $11,800 Includes free storage until June 2010!
Air conditioning, p/s, p/b, sliding rear window, AM/FM cassette, 89 Mustang 302
HO engine, 4-barrel, C-6 automatic Call Mary Jo Phillips 724-898-9661

Sold a long time ago.........
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January 2010
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