

# NHHAC NEWS



The Newsletter of the  
North Hills Historic Auto Club

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## A Message from the President

Our club trip to Walnut Creek, Ohio was a success and I think all who attended had a good time. John and Fran Kaiser brought a couple along, who also seemed to enjoy the trip with us. We had seven couples in the group.

I didn't go to any of the tourist traps (as they call them), instead, we took Marty and Bob Goetz and drove 100 miles west through all the small towns we could. The view of the landscape, the farms, scenery, etc. was really nice. We all met for dinner at 6:00, then went back to the Hospitality Room. Some worked on puzzles and the rest talked cars. After all these years, nothing changes...but, that's what we enjoy!

A big thanks to Mike and Judy Coco for organizing the trip! We all missed you both and were sorry you couldn't make it.

We had a good March meeting as Rick Kelly told the story of his '36 Buick, Mike Coco told of a buying experience and Daryl Elliott told about old Model "A's" or "T's" racing. Thank you all who shared their experiences. I look forward to them at the meetings.

Remember to pick up your rosters, as they will not be mailed. Also, we are planning many trips for this coming season.

See you at the April meeting!

Any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me.

Your President,  
Steve Illsley



Almost time to plant the gardens!

## History

The North Hills Historic Auto Club was founded at Leon's Tavern on Babcock Blvd. in August of 1971, by 4 men as follows: Bill Glesner, Eddie Kuslick, Ken Kelley & Dave Moore.

## Purpose

The general purpose of the NHHAC shall be to encourage the members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit and make use of antique, classic and special interest automobiles, and such other motor vehicles considered by the club fitting this purpose. Also, the club will promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among its members.

# Minutes - March 12, 2017

On March 12, 2017, President Steve Illsley called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance. Correction to last month's minutes - award to Jennie Barker was presented by Jack Swaney, not the president of the club.

## Treasurer's Report

Jack Swaney read the treasurer's report. Current cash balance is \$2,140.34. Jennie Barker made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Jackie Sheerer seconded.

## Wellness Report

A thank-you card was received from the Ruhe family after the passing of Charlie Ruhe. Bill Swaney is now at home after knee replacement surgery and is doing well.

## Old Business

Charlie Ruhe's cars may be for sale.

## New Business

First lunch tour - Wednesday, May 17 to Weirton, WV. Sign-up at April meeting.

June 2, 7-8 volunteers are needed to work a car show at North Way Christian Community Church in Wexford. Contact Steve Illsley.

Lunch tour planners are welcomed for the upcoming season. Select a day/date/location. It's then as easy as coming to one of the monthly meetings and putting down a sign-up sheet giving tour particulars.

July 12 - Trip to Cambridge Springs to see On Golden Pond.

Fall overnight trip to Gettysburg - Lincoln Highway is a possibility discussed by Mike Paine.

Dash plaque awarded to Carol Vivaldi - 1957 Thunderbird.

There being no further business, Jennie Barker motioned to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted (in Bill Watt's absence)

Diane Otto

## Aspinwall Memorial Day Parade

Once again, we have been invited to participate in Borough of Aspinwall's Memorial Day Parade. The parade will be the morning of Monday, May 29th.

Last year, Aspinwall donated to a charity of our choice for participating in the parade. It would be great to have another nice representation from the NHHAC again!

## Email Information List

If you want to be included on the email list that informs members of cancellations, member illnesses, and similar events between newsletters, send a note to Martha McEvoy at [marthamcevoy@comcast.net](mailto:marthamcevoy@comcast.net)



## Wellness and Condolences

For get-well cards, contact Jackie Sheerer at [redbug17@verizon.net](mailto:redbug17@verizon.net) or (412) 367-3138.

For funeral flowers/fruit baskets, contact Jack Swaney at [carnut123@hotmail.com](mailto:carnut123@hotmail.com) or (724) 272-9405.



## Officers and Directors

### President

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### Directors

Michael Quinn, Past President  
Lou Gamber, Term 2017  
Bob Goetz, Term 2018  
Betty Boff Term 2019  
Ken Barker Term 2020

## Appointive Positions

### Historian

Position Open

### Flea Market Chair

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# Early GM Tests - Proven Practices

Submitted by Jerry Longstreth, from Hemmings.com

The photos are on the GM Proving Grounds and illustrate the devices they used to test cars. For example, the to the right depicts a 1924 or 1925 Oakland sedan (with a going-flat front tire?) and an early fifth wheel. The caption reads:

Geared to "fifth wheel" on the running board, this spark accelerometer measured distance against time. Electric sparks made pinholes in a paper tape at one- and ten-foot intervals. A clock ticked off half-second marks.



Looks to be the same two men here. The caption tells us they're likely conducting a fuel consumption test:

A five-gallon can, two burettes, a bicycle pump, piping and tubing and a piece of twine tied to a front headlamp mounting - this was General Motors Proving Ground's 1924 fuel measuring apparatus.



Finally, a bit of nighttime work.

This was how undesirable reflections of interior body hardware were spotted in the 1920s. A man with a Coleman lamp walked around the vehicle while a man inside noted objectionable glare. This is done today by placing the car in a 90-degree arc of electric lamps.



## 2017 Rosters

As in past years, the rosters will not be mailed, but they are available for you to pick up from Rick Kelley. He is available at the monthly meetings, or you may contact him at 724-799-5709 to arrange getting your copy!



## WHEN ARE DUES DUE?

2017 membership dues were \$20, but had to be received by Dec. 31, 2016.

Now that it is after December 31, dues are \$25.

Pay in person at a meeting or mail your check, payable to NHHAC to:

Jack Swaney  
P.O. Box 152  
Mars, PA 16046



## Is your information in the club directory correct?

Send changes (address, phone, email, vehicles) to:

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Gibsonia, PA 15044-7880  
724-768-7484  
[p.oneill5020@gmail.com](mailto:p.oneill5020@gmail.com)



## Classifieds and Notices

No Classifieds this month, sorry!

### Advertising Policy

Free member classifieds:

- Must be received by the 20th of the month.
- Must be from members current on their dues.
- Are limited to 50 words or less, and may include one photo if space permits.
- Must state an asking price, except for miscellaneous parts.
- Must have a club member as the contact.
- Expire after three consecutive months unless the editor is notified otherwise.

Preference is given to ads for antique and classic vehicles and parts.

Please include the phone number and/or email address you want displayed.

Other ads may be included on a space-available basis. The NHHAC News does not accept business advertising.

NHHAC News is published monthly. All items for publication must be received no later than the 20th of each month. Send submissions to Sean O'Neill, 675 Bairdford Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044 or email to [nhhacnews@yahoo.com](mailto:nhhacnews@yahoo.com). Any car or club-related news from the membership is greatly appreciated.

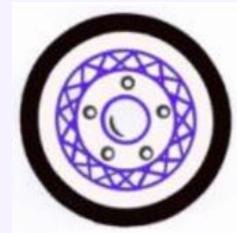
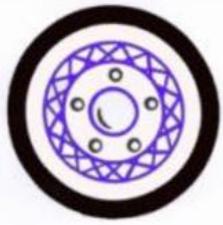
Application for membership and annual dues should be sent to Jack Swaney, P.O. Box 152 Mars, PA 16046-0152. An application for membership is located on the club web-site at <http://nhhaclub.com/membership-info/>.

Photos, Stories and Events: [nhhacnews@yahoo.com](mailto:nhhacnews@yahoo.com)

# 45th Annual NHHAC Car Show

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Mars Area High School  
520 Route 228, Mars, PA 16046



It's never too early to talk about Car Show preparations! Volunteers will be needed for a variety of tasks the are essential to a successful event, from judging classes to cooking food. We will publish the chairs of each responsibility, but there is one thing you can do ahead of time, starting now: Class Sponsorships and ad sales.

Please visit your local businesses around Pittsburgh and speak to your employers ~ let them know about our great club, our work to promote American history through restoration of antique automobiles, and the great causes we have and continue to support through our own donations.

Ad space is *unlimited*, so get out and encourage your friends and business leaders to make a donation towards our car show, and in return, we will showcase their business and/or message in our program that reaches hundreds and hundreds of North Hills patrons.

Full page - \$100

Half Page - \$60

Quarter Page - \$40

Business Card - \$25

Trophy Class Sponsor - \$25

Class 1 1900-1935 Stock Only - Commerical Technical Services, Inc.

Class 2 1936-1942 Stock Only - The Richard and Norma Kelley Family

Class 3 1943-1953 Stock Only - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 4 1954-1958 Stock Only - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 5 1959-1963 Stock Only - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 6 1964-1969 Stock Only - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 7 1970-1976 Stock Only - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 8 1977-1997 Stock Only - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 9 Two Seaters & Sports Cars (Stock) Thru 1997 - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 10 Pony Cars (Stock) thru 1996 - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 11 Modified Street thru 1948 - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 12 Modified Street 1949-1997 - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 13 Trucks & Commercial thru 1997 - **Sponsor Needed**

Class 14 Unrestored Original - 1900-1997 - **Sponsor Needed**



## NHHAC Calendar of Events

March 31 - Men's breakfast, 8:00am at Kings Restaurant at Rt. 910 & I-79

April 9 - Monthly Meeting, St. Alphonsus cafeteria at 7:00pm

April 28 - Men's breakfast, 8:00am at Kings Restaurant at Rt. 910 & I-79

May 7 - Sunday Bruch Trip (sign up at April Meeting)

May 14 - Happy Mother's Day!

May 21 - Monthly Meeting, St. Alphonsus cafeteria at 7:00pm

May 29 - Aspinwall Memorial Day Parade

June 4 - 45th Annual Car Show

June 11 - Monthly Meeting, St. Alphonsus cafeteria at 7:00pm

June 17 - Grace Manor Car Cruise, 1:00-3:00pm

July ??? - Car Tour to Ohio for 1950s and older, contact  
John Kaiser at 412-486-3050 for more details



## Automobile Trivia

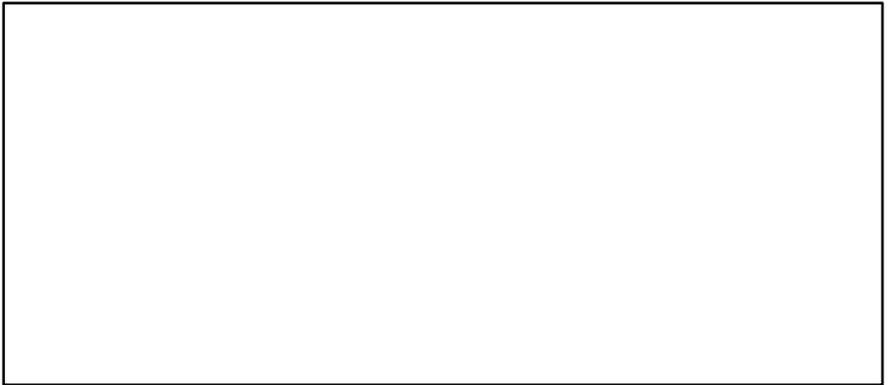
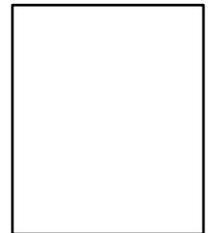
Music platforms have changed greatly over the decades, from the "Highway Hi-Fi" of the Chrysler Corporation to today's Bluetooth-ready devices. In between was the cassette deck, an improvement over the previous 8-track tape.

What was the last year that you could get a cassette player as standard in your vehicle? What was the make and model of that car?

Bonus: What was the last vehicle (year, make and model) to include a cassette deck as an option?



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I wonder if this Model T church does  
Fish Fry Fridays!