A Message from the President

From the cluttered desk of the president: We’re going to try something new this month! The meetings will begin at 6 p.m. for the July and August.

We’d like folks to drive their old cars to the meetings. By meeting earlier we hope to be home before dark. I plan on driving my hack and giving you brave kids a ride around the parking lot in the sidecar before the meeting.

The 4th of July is one holiday I really look forward to because I have such great memories from childhood. It was THE day for kids growing in Mars, PA. First was the raising of the flag and gun salute. The bike parade followed. We’d decorate with crepe paper and flags and then pedal uphill to the ball field. The reward was 50 cents that you then spent on different games and treats. Horse pulls, ball games, water battles and family. What a great time! My Aunt and Uncle’s house is on the parade route, as is my parents, so we’d all gather for a picnic, get a good seat on the curb and scramble for candy thrown to us by folks in the parade. Then we’d play with sparklers (raise your hand if you got burnt from one of those metal menaces) and scare each other by throwing those snap firecrackers. Off to downtown Mars for the carnival until fireworks at dark. What a great time!

I’ve included some photos in this newsletter of cars that Bill Swaney, my Dad, created for the parades. They were always a hit with the crowds. I hope you enjoy them as much as he enjoyed creating them!

Happy Summer!

Mary Jo Phillips
Minutes June 9, 2019

On June 9, 2019, the meeting was called to order by President Mary Jo Phillips following the pledge of allegiance. Correction to May 19 minutes: Ross Township 4th of July celebration will be June 30. There were no other additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 19 meeting. Minutes were accepted by Steve Illsley and seconded by Bill Watt. Treasurer’s report: $2,488.68 accepted by Steve Illsley and seconded by Tom Lofink.

Wellness Report

JoAnn Stauffer had a knee replacement and is in Rebecca Residence for rehab. June 18 Suzanne Acker will have her shoulder replacement. Dave Carpenter is recovering from a finger burn and was present at the meeting.

Old Business

Rick Kelley has rosters available.

New Business

Lunch tour June 20 to Elwood City. Meet at 11:30 at Mars Train Station. No lunch tour on July 4.
Mike Coco proposed that future June, July and August meetings begin at 6:00. The July 14 meeting will begin at 6:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Steve Illsley.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Otto, Secretary
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Have You Ever Seen a Swaney (Auto)?

Between 1976 and 1979, longtime NHHAC member Bill Swaney rallied friends and relatives together to create unforgettable July 4th Parade car entries. Here’s a chronicle of those one-off Swaneys.

1976
“One Piece at a Time” inspired by the Johnny Cash song of the same name. The 1966 Cadillac base car and other Cadillac parts came from Myoma Auto Parts: 1962 left door, 1960 hood, 1957 right fender, 1960 tail fin

1977
“Econo Car” inspired by gas crisis
The 1968 Toronado was owned by the father of Swaney Automotive employee Mark Pugliese. Mark wrecked the car. A chop saw was used to cut the car in half. Two coaster wheels were under the new back of the car and a two gallon gas can was used to supply fuel.

1978
“Mars Cop Car” inspired by the Mars Borough Police who totaled two police cars in three months. Legend has it that the police officer who drove and rolled the 1972 New Yorker cop car called in a “10-50” (accident) and said “I’m in it.” The 1966 GTO had no shocks, a trunk lid that lifted, the driver door was on hinges to fall open and the front bumper would fall off.

1979
“Odd/Even” inspired by gas rationing. The last digit of your license plate determined the day you could buy gas.

The cars are a 1967 and 1968 Cadillac Eldorado. This was an extremely challenging build due to the weight of the cars. The top car “Odd” had the motor removed. Two poles are welded in the front of the cars for support. A steel plate was placed between the two roofs and then bolted together. Blocks were used to keep the suspension from “bottoming out” All lights worked on both cars.

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June Lunch Tour - Berg Collection
Message from Steve Illsley - Photos from Judy Coco

Just want to thank the twenty-three people who attended the first of the year lunch tour! We had a very nice time at Dave and Karen Berg’s collection of vintage automobiles and really great collectibles. I love going there as they always seem to keep adding stuff. Nice stuff!

The next lunch tour will be June 20th. There won’t be a tour the first Thursday of July due to the 4th, so the following will be on Thursday, July 18th. Hope to see you then!

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NHHAC Calendar of Events

July 10 - Women's Lunch, 11:30am
July 14 - Monthly Meeting, St. Alphonsus Cafeteria, 6:00pm
August 1 - Steve's Lunch Tour
August 11 - Monthly Meeting, St. Alphonsus Cafeteria, 6:00pm
August 14 - Women's Lunch, 11:30am
September 5 - Steve's Lunch Tour
September 8 - Monthly Meeting, St. Alphonsus Cafeteria, 7:00pm

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Highpointe Car Show on June 23rd. The feedback from the residents was very positive. They really liked talking to all the car owners, and enjoyed viewing the cars. We had 17 cars attending.

Women's Lunch - Wed. July 10 at 11:30am

Hartmann's Deep Valley Golf Course
Waterhole Restaurant
169 Hartmann Rd, Harmony, PA 16037

For reservations, please call:
Marty Goetz (724)452.8600

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