



North Hills Historic Auto Club



June 2009

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JUNE 7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**CAR
SHOW**

Hi everyone, it's show time!

**YOUR HELP
IS
REQUIRED
TO MAKE
THIS
A SUCCESS**

It takes a lot of effort to put on our car show each year and we all need to pitch in to make it a success. If every one does a little it won't take a lot of effort on anyone's part.

Thanks to all of you who have already put a lot of time and effort into planning the show. If you wish to help those folks, a list of chairpersons and their contact information is listed in this month's newsletter. Bill Watt especially expressed a need for help with public parking. If you can help him out call him at 412-364-3176. If you have no preferences you can call Joe Somerville at 412-939-2984. Your assistance in any area will be appreciated.

In this issue:

For those of you planning to help at the Wexford cruise on June 5th if you wish to meet me at 4:30 at the information tent we can volunteer as a group. If that is not possible you can check in at the tent on your own at any time. The church can use any help you can give for as much time as you have. Don't forget to wear club logo clothing !

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**NEXT MEETING
Sunday June 14**

7:00 pm
St. Alphonsus
Cafeteria

NORTH HILLS HISTORIC AUTO CLUB

2008 OFFICERS

President: Bob Stauffer
Vice President: Jan Smith
Treasurer: Jack Swaney 724-625-1442
Secretary: Antoinette Quinn

Directors	Clara Dresbach	Past President	Frank Pribanic	Term 2009
	Jennie Barker	Term 2010	Randy Fusco	Term 2011
	Carol Vivaldi	Term 2012		

Appointive Positions

Historian: Ed Sipp
Flea Market Chairman: Mike Quinn
Car Show Chairman: Joe Somerville
Car Show Prog. Book: Joe DiSalvo
Newsletter Editor: Mary Jo Phillips 724-898-9661

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

Mark Your Calendar!

June
07 Annual Car Show Mars Middle School
14 monthly meeting at St. Alphonsus Flag Day
21 Father's Day

Check pages 8—9

MINUTES OF THE NHHAC MEETING

May 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Stauffer. After the Pledge of Allegiance, it was noted that there were no additions and/or corrections to the Minutes of the April 19, 2009 meeting. Treasurer Jack Swaney informed the Club that the current treasury balance as of 5/17/09 was \$4,093.39.

Frank Pribanic reported that, since our last meeting, Lou Gamber has been in the hospital and Debby Mueller's mother-in-law passed away.

Robert May was not present for his first review. Larry Buntman was present and was admitted into the Club.

Joe Somerville asked that people look at the Car Show committees and sign up where needed. Joe DiSalvo collected ads from the membership. Bill Watt requested that members assist with the Car Show parking. He asked that volunteers relieve his committee members throughout the day. Steve Illsley will be handling the Children's Award at the Car Show and would like help.

JoAnn Stauffer again informed the Club that she is taking orders for name tags, but pickup is on your own.

Steve Illsley sent a note to the meeting to inform the Club that sign up is necessary for the May 31st tour. If you do not sign up, please do not attend. If you do sign up, please make sure you do attend.

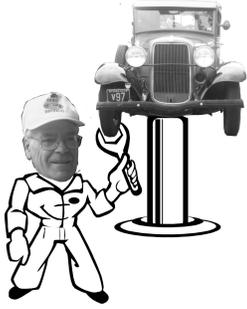
We will be helping out at the "Wexford Cruise" night on June 5th. Be there at 4:30 if possible. Joe Hrason said that the driver eats for free on June 25th at the St. Mary's (Middle Road) cruise. Be there at 5:30. Call him if questions. Randy Fusco gave details for the Kalamazoo tour to take place August 19 through August 23, 2009. See him for brochures and sign up. On July 12, 2009 Dave Colette is holding a picnic in Portersville.

The Board of Directors held their meeting and have asked someone to volunteer to be an "Activities Director" to coordinate tour dates. No one came forward at this time.

Mary Jo Swaney then asked if the Board had considered her request regarding ballot voting requirements. Some discussion was held and Mary Jo made a motion that there be only (one) 1 ballot vote per membership. Jackie Sheerer seconded that motion and it was carried.

Jack Swaney then moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Antoinette S. Quinn, Secretary



Member Profile

By: Joe Acker

Dave and Karen Berg

This month we feature club member Dave Berg. Some of you have had the pleasure of visiting his Antique and Classic Car collection, so know how seriously he and his wife Karen are about the car hobby. They have over 40 vehicles including the motor bikes and motor scooters along with large variety of auto related memorabilia. With all of these cars, it would be hard to pick a favorite, but Dave did and said he likes his 1932 Chevrolet best and Karen picks her 1904 Krieger Brazier Electric Limousine as her favorite. The club has been invited to see this fantastic museum. If you attend this garage tour, you can pick your favorite car and will have a better understanding how tough it would be to make that choice.

I asked Dave to tell us how he got into the old car hobby and how their interest and dedication lead them to their wonderful car collection. Here, in Dave's own words, is the story of his 44-year love affair with cars.

My first look at an antique car came in 1965, when I was just 15 years old. A friend who had recently got his drivers license and also had a car, invited me to go to a shopping mall that had a group of old cars on display. More than likely I was bitten at that point, however, reality had to come first. Karen and I were married in 1969.

We were given \$300 as a wedding gift from Karen's mom to use to buy a stove. Our tiny apartment though, already a stove in it. So like most normal American couples, we decided that a second car should be purchased. Unlike most couples however, we bought a 1939 Oldsmobile. The car was really neat but it needed a great deal of work, more than we had the knowledge or funds to handle. We soon traded it towards a regular used car that was fully functional.

Most Sundays we would go for a ride. After all gas was cheap and we didn't have much money to do anything else. It was during one of these weekend rides that we saw a bunch of old cars driving together on Route 22 a little east of Monroeville. I suggested to Karen that this looked like it would be a lot of fun and she agreed. Still the thought of a collector car that we could actually drive around was far from our vision of reality.

In 1974 circumstances brought us to a friend who knew a friend etc, etc that had a 1939 Dodge Business Coupe for sale. It was priced affordably for the time and we quickly made the purchase. We drove that old Dodge everywhere. We never had a doubt that it would get us there and back without fail and it always did. We still have that car today and it runs just as good as it did 35 years ago when we bought it.

It was never our intention to have a car that we could do anything more with than just simply drive around and enjoy. On seeing an ad in the paper one Sunday in the summer of 1975 for an Antique Car Show in Butler, Pa, we decided to go and look at the cars.

We had no intention of putting the Dodge in the show. It may have been a reliable driver but had lacked in the "looks" department with the headliner hanging down and the wood grain off the dash and window trim, pretty much left to a primary rust color. Upon making the healthy drive to the Butler Fairgrounds, we began to look for the parking lot. All we wanted to do was park the Dodge and go in and look at the cars.

There were loads of people working in the crowded parking lot and they kept motioning for us to go this way or that way. Before you knew it, we were in the show! Talk about being out of place! We were parked next to a gorgeous big Packard on one side, and low and behold, another 39 Dodge on the other side. It was a sedan. Well, we had never even seen a Packard before, at least not that we could ever take the time to look at and the Dodge was really nice and showed us what many of the things we needed looked like. As the day progressed we didn't feel so out of place and other people would come along and offer suggestions on where we might be able to find this or that for our car.

From that day we checked the newspaper frequently to learn where the car shows were. We became "regulars" so to speak on the local car show circuit. The very first car club we ever joined was our very own North Hills Historic Auto Club. We joined in either 1975 or 76. It was also at that time that we met a fellow at a local car show that invited us to his home after one of the shows. He had a 1937 Dodge.

While there I noticed a copy of "Antique Automobile" magazine on his table. When I asked him where he got that, he replied that you had to belong to the AACA. He gave me the information and I sent in the dues money.

So, just as we were really getting involved in the old car hobby, my work found us moving to Plano, Texas which was just outside of Dallas. Dallas was nice because you could drive the old cars around virtually anytime, but there was very little organized collector car activity in the area. Everything seemed really far away and was!

In 1978 I decided to start my own business and we moved back to Western Pa. We rented a home in the Murrysville section and eventually ended up in Trafford and then to the North Hills area in late 1980. We had not been involved at all with cars then as the new business really occupied so much time.

The Dodge sat in storage at a friend's house and saw virtually no use for a couple years. When we finally moved into the North Hills area, we began to see our interest in the cars come to life again. The only connection to the hobby we had maintained was our AACA membership because we really liked the magazine.

Karen would often speak of a funny old car we had seen at one of the shows before we moved away. It was an electric car from the teens. It looked sort of like a telephone booth on wheels. (She gets mad at me when I say that). She decided that she wanted one of these strange cars. So we started a search. A long search, a really long search, until one day in 1983, we found a 1914 Detroit Electric car for sale in upstate Wisconsin.

In the interim period, of course the search for the electric car lead us to a 1918 Chevrolet and a 1940 Cadillac, both of which we decided we had to have. We also bought the 1914 Detroit Electric and after nearly a year were able to actually drive it on the street.



To try to describe the feeling of being able to drive a car of that type and vintage on the road would be impossible. It redefined the term, fun! In the meantime for the last six or seven years we had learned about Hershey. Surprisingly not from the AACA magazine I always looked forward to, but from friends in the local car show scene. We made the trips to Hershey, generally just for the flea market, but occasionally to see the show cars too if time permitted. You can learn a great deal from looking at well-restored cars even if you never intend to do a complete restoration.

When we finally put two and two together and realized that Hershey was an event of the AACA, which we already belonged to, we decided to learn more about AACA. We learned there were National Meets in various parts of the country each year and that they also had many educational items that were free to the membership.

The one that first caught my eye was called National Judging School. I had judged at several of the local shows of course, but knew that I really knew very little about antique cars in general. So, off to judging school I went and the following year dragged Karen along with me. Karen said "why should I go?" She never really had any interest in judging. That was then. Today she has judged at nearly 150 AACA National Meets, about 270 for me.

Shortly after beginning to judge at the national meets, one of the fellows from the Butler Old Stone House Region of AACA invited us to join their club. By then we had moved to the Zelienople area and Butler no longer seemed so far away. That region a few years later decided to host an AACA national meet.

They honored me by asking I serve as the Chief Judge. To do so required one to have been an AACA national judge and reached the Senior Master level, fortunately this I had accomplished a few years prior. At the conclusion of the National Meet in Butler, I was asked to serve on AACA's National Judging Committee. 19 years later, I still have my seat on that committee, .

From there it went on to Assistant Chairman of Judging Training, then to becoming the Chairman of National Judges Training and now just ten or so short years later I found myself creating and teaching the very schools I had attended. In my final year of National Judges training I was asked to run for the AACA National Board. I was thrilled to be asked to run for one of the 21 seats. To my delight I was elected in 1996 and began serving as the Assistant to the Vice President of Class Judging.

Two years later, I became the VP of Class Judging. Here I was in charge of the entire judging system of the world's largest antique car club. I am pleased to say that of the rule and policy changes that I proposed, every single one is still in use today, hopefully to the benefit of all 60,000 plus AACA members. After my terms in judging came some other positions, each important but never having the same meaning to me that those in the judging system did.

Then in a surprise move (to me anyway) I was asked to serve as the Executive Vice President. I knew of course that in all but the rarest of circumstances that meant that the National Presidency was but one term away. So that's how it went. In 2007 I became the National President of AACA. I started the term with a million ideas and time to get a few of them enacted.

My presidency took place in my eleventh year as an AACA board member. Twelve years is the term limit. That's a good rule too. New people must take over these positions with new ideas in order for any organization to stay on top of the game. To not do so invites the group to become stale. Imagine if the Model T was invented today. Other than as a curiosity, our society would have no use for it. It would be too slow, too dangerous, far too lacking in creature comforts and so on, essentially it would be too old!

My times in judge's training and on the national board could not have been accomplished without my wife Karen at my side. More often than not, she did more of the work than I did. Now that my time on the board is over, it is indeed a lot of fun to know that I can find more time for our cars, a collection that has grown to proportions that defy sanity! We do however enjoy taking one out for a drive, an occasional show though not that often. Our most enjoyable parts of the car hobby are the one day tours. We hope to get a number of those in this year and in the years to come.

Just as we suspected some 40 plus years ago, "there is no enjoyment like the enjoyment that driving an old car down the road can bring."

Memorial Day Parade Sewickley



The Barkers followed by Dresbachs and lots of other nice cars.



Why did Bob Stauffer cross the road?
To see what point Bob Moore was making!
Dee Moore and Joe Dresbach look on in wonder.

Why does the chicken cross the street?



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3 LUNCH TOUR

Destination: Falsetti's in Ford City
Meet: Route 8 Target parking lot Gibsonia
Time: 11:15 a.m.
Leave: 11:30 a.m.
Reservation: Call Jim and Ann Cutulli by June 1 724-265-3238

JUNE 5 WEXFORD STARLITE CRUISE

NHHAC has volunteered to help with parking at the largest weekly cruise in the area.
Report at 4:30 p.m. or when you can

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17 LUNCH TOUR

Destination: Hoover's Old Plank Restaurant and an ice cream stop
Meet: Shaler Plaza at Route 8 and Saxonburg Blvd.
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Leave: 11:30 a.m.
Reservation: Call Bob Stauffer by June 15 412-486-7977
or sign up at June meeting

THURSDAY JUNE 25

*need 10 cars

Meet: St. Mary's in Glenshaw
Time: 5:30 p.m. in the reserved area
Bonus: one free spaghetti dinner per car
Reservation: Call Carol Vivaldii by June 22 412-486-6009
or sign up at June meeting

JUNE 28 TOUR

Destination: great truck collection and Snyder car collection in Ohio
Meet: Cranberry Twp. Municipal Building, Rochester Road
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Leave: 8:30 a.m.
Reservation: Call Frank Pribanic by June 15 412-487-2094
or sign up at June meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JULY 12 PICNIC AT COLLETTE'S

Destination: Dave and Nancy Collette's, Portersville
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Bring: a dish to share, table service, lawn chairs, your old vehicle, old parts for a mini swap meet

Directions: Take U.S. Rt. 19 or I79 to Portersville, Pa. Coming from the South on Rt. 19 turn left onto Rt. 488 West (turn right if traveling from the North). Follow 488 for 2 miles then turn right on Mountville Road. Follow Mountville Road for 2.7 miles and Collette's farm will be on your left.

KALAMAZOO, MI TOUR **AUGUST 19-22**

Hotel: Fairfield Inn \$69 per night + tax
Touring: Glimore Auto Museum, George and Sally's Diner, Air Zoo airplane museum, OFF Brothers auto collection
Banquet: Theo's and Stacy's
Dining: several restaurants in walking distance of hotel
Options: possible tour of Kellogg mansion, self-tour of downtown Kalamazoo
Contact: Randy Fusco 724-656-1353 or fuel-n-fire@comcast.net

FALL TOUR OCTOBER 16 AND 17

Destination: Caboose Motel, Titusville
15 rooms reserved for NHHAC members and guaranteed by Frank
Rate: \$89 per night
Reservation: Call the motel toll free 1-800-827-0690 or 1-814-827-5730 and say you are with NHHAC
Reservation: Call Frank Pribanic after you make your reservation 412-487-2094

She sees a guy



YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED

ANNUAL CAR SHOW JUNE 7

MARS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SET-UP BEGINNING AT

PROCEDURAL CHANGE—TAKE NOTES!

**ALL MEMBERS CARS MUST BE
ON THE SHOW FIELD
BY 10 AM**

Hopefully, this will ease congestion at the registration
area,

If you haven't signed up to help, you are needed
in car show parking
or the refreshment stand

Many hands lighten the load

Thanks in advance for helping making the car show
a success!

THE CAR SHOW IS COMING, THE CAR SHOW IS COMING!

AVOID THE RUSH. SIGN UP NOW TO HELP! IT'S FUN!

Sunday June 7 Mars Middle School 10 am—4 pm
Set-up beginning at 6 am

Please contact the folks listed if you are able to help.
It's great if you can work the entire show. If you only have a few hours to spare, that's great, too!

Show Chair	Joe Somerville	home 412-939-2984 cell 412-443-9425
Show Book * <u>EVERYONE</u> should help Joe by selling ads	Joe Disalvo	724-776-7339
Refreshment Stand all day *You can sign up for shifts as a cook, cashier or server	Suzanne Acker	412-364-3875
Judging noon until finished	Bob Cirilli	724-449-3323
Show Parking 8 am – 1 pm Need quite a few folks for this - direct show cars to the correct area	Rick McClure	724-933-9203
Admission Gates All day or sign up for a shift	Jackie Sheerer	412-367-3138
Registration 8 am to noon	Mary Jo Phillips	724-898-9661 nhhacnews@yahoo.com
Show Flea Market	Steve Parise	412-367--4928
Advertisement	Ernie Rensi	412-318-4919
Public Parking all day or sign up for a shift	Bill Watt	412-364-3176
50/50 Raffle all day	Warren Smith	724-776-4780
PA System and Music	Jan Smith	724-282-3320
Pop all day	Steve Illsley	724-625-1372
Road Signs	Jack Dougherty	412-486-3808
Kid's Choice	Barb Mistic	412-486-8566

She'd like to meet



Thanks

I would personally like to thank every member of the North Hills Club that purchased a hand or worked as a dealer for the 2009 Pennies for Patients.

You have all helped to make this another successful effort in a year when many have given up.

A special thanks to Mike and Judy Coco for sharing their great collection, I heard a lot of terrific comments throughout the day.

Tom Henry and the entire St. Barnabas staff are very appreciative and relay the thanks of senior patients that this cause helps to sustain.



New Address!
Jean Hackett
608 Pawn Avenue
Quincy, IL 62305-0802
217-228—4088

Thank you for the sympathy card on the death of my mother-in-law.
I truly appreciate the thoughtfulness.

Debby Mueller



Proof of Insurance
Touring season is here!
You must provide proof of insurance
to Steve Illsley



FOR SALE

1993 Camaro, \$5000 mint condition

T-tops, VG-RS, automatic, new tires and brakes \$800 Kenwood CD system

Call Joe 724-449-2742

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

WANTED: Used Open Car Trailer 16 ft. or Longer with Surge Brakes
Call Vince Ciganik (412) 486-3814 (412) 480-5962 (C)

WANTED: Someone to silkscreen or airbrush numbers and letters on Firestone
battery charger Call Ken Schuring (412)741-4691

FOR SALE: 1950 Plymouth Business Cp. Street Rod. New crate 350 Chevy
engine Edelbrock 4 Bl with manifold, PB disc front, drum rear, PS, tilt wheel,
split front power seats, chopped three inches, ten bolt rear end, and more.

\$9500.00

Call Jim @ 412-367-2722

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that happen between newsletters,
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