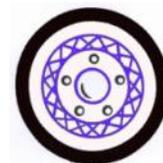




# NHHAC NEWS

## The Newsletter of the North Hills Historic Auto Club



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ready to go "GREEN"?

By the time you read this, most of us will be in the "green" phase. What better way to celebrate than with our first outdoor meeting of the summer at the Mars Train Station. The area is large enough that you can stay the recommended 6 feet from folks, and you know I can talk loud enough if you prefer to stay in your car. We'll have some ice cream treats to share as we try to get back to normal. Hope to see you on June 9 at 7 p.m.

It's been great to see the creative ways that folks have found to stay connected and celebrate from a safe distance.

Members of the club were part of two "drive-by" celebrations. I didn't organize any of them but if you know someone who could would enjoy an antique car drive-by to brighten their day, NHHAC members can be counted on!

I'm going to share some more family photos. My brother and his family decided to create an outdoor drive-in in the driveway They created a screen, had a snack bar, and even played the old cartoons before the first feature and the old intermission jingles before the main. This is what happens when you're quarantined and start talking about "When I was your age" .

Stay safe. Stay strong. Stay sane.

MJ



# Minutes May 2020 - None, no meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's lunch and Men's breakfast temporarily suspended**

**June 9 (Tuesday) Monthly Meeting; 7:00 pm, Mars Train Station**

**July 14 (Tuesday) Monthly Meeting; 7:00 pm, Mars Train Station**

**August 11 (Tuesday) Monthly Meeting; 7:00 pm, Mars Train Station**

**September 13 Annual Picnic**

## Lunch Tours

As everyone is aware of the restaurant problem, I'm sad to say all of our Thursday lunch outings are cancelled until further notice.

We have a few new locations to visit and, of course, some of the old standby ones, just as soon as we can safely plan an outing.

Until then, please stay well and we will look forward to seeing everyone later!

Steve Illsley

### For Sale

Franklin Mint collectibles

1911 Stanley Steamer 1:16 scale \$35

1913 Ford Model T 1:16 scale \$75

Call Joyce Fugini (412) 913-3501

## Advertising Policy

Free member classifieds:

- Must be received by the 20th of the month.
- Must have a club member as the contact.
- 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.
- 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.

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**Wellness and Condolences**

Get-well cards, contact Jackie Sheerer:  
(412) 367-3138 or [redbug17@verizon.net](mailto:redbug17@verizon.net)  
Funeral flowers/fruit baskets, contact Jack Swaney:  
(724) 272-9405 or [carnut123@hotmail.com](mailto:carnut123@hotmail.com)

**Is your information in the club directory correct?**

Send changes (address, phone, email, vehicles) to:  
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**Membership Application Form**

On club website at  
<http://nhhaclub.com/membership-info/>  
Send with annual fee to:  
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**CORRECTIONS & OMISSIONS / PHOTOS, STORIES AND EVENTS TO:  
Editor at [nhhacnews@yahoo.com](mailto:nhhacnews@yahoo.com)**

## Story of My First Car by Bob Proudfoot

It was in the fall of 1976 that I received a phone call from my cousin Eddie. He was calling me to see if I wanted a 1953, 2 door Ford, that he had inherited from his Grandmother in Philippi, WV. He had towed it back to his house in Saegertown, PA. I don't remember if he said how long it sat around, but I was just excited at a chance to have a car. I could have the car as long as I promised not to "Hot Rod" it. It had the original 6 cylinder engine and 3 speed on the tree. If I decided to ever sell it he would have first chance to get it back.



With the permission of my parents since I was a junior in high school they allowed me to get the car. We made arrangements to tow the car from Saegertown to my parents home in Penn Hills, PA. I rented a tow bar and with the use of my parent's 1969 Dodge Monaco towed it home. We parked the car in my parents single car driveway and proceeded to see what it all

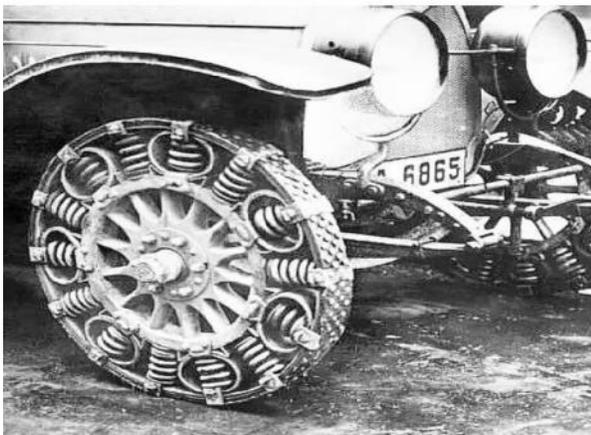


needed. It needed a couple floor patches, but the body was in good shape. The only rust was over the rear wheels. With money that I earned at the local Boron Station, I bought a lot of items from J. C. Whitney. Seat covers, headliner, door cards, floor coverings and hub caps to start off.

In the spring, after getting on the road, I took it to get painted just in time for my senior prom. I changed the color from forest green to bronze that I liked from seeing on a grand prix.

I drove it for a few years during the nice weather. I rented a garage during the winter. After a few years I lost the rental and had to decide what to do next. I ended up selling the car back to my cousin Eddie. But this time we were able to drive the car back to Saegertown. He had it for a few more years and ending up selling it.

*Thank you to Bob Proudfoot for this submission.*



Mystery Suspension Wheel ????

Sean O'Neill is looking for answers.

Does anyone know about this "suspension wheel"?

If you have an idea, let us know at

[NHHACNews@yahoo.com](mailto:NHHACNews@yahoo.com)

**Birthday Drive-By Parade on Tuesday, May 5th** to wish an 11 year old car loving boy Happy Birthday. Members meet at Target on Route 8 in Gibsonia then drove to Grandview Avenue past his home. A dozen or so NHHAC members made it! There were cars of every type and model, and even a boat on a trailer. The guy said he just took it out of storage that day and thought, "why not", they were having fun. Mom of birthday boy posted a video on Facebook and you could here her say "thank you" to every vehicle that drove past. The birthday boy was overwhelmed and said at one point,

"I have a lot of questions about this".



Mary Lou Swaney, Dee Cirilli, and Judy Coco practicing social distancing



Bob Cirilli pointing out where he keeps his face masks

Digital Newsletter has a bonus page of additional photos.

**Well Wishes Drive-By Parade on Saturday, May 23rd**

MJ got word that a current 8th grade student had some real health issues and was just released from the hospital. Got the message late on a Thursday and once again, NHHAC members did not disappoint! Folks met at the Mars middle school at 1pm on Saturday for a parade past his home. The student was really overcome with emotion from seeing his teachers and some cool cars and wanted to thank everyone that drove by!



Front to back:  
Renae & Michael Breskovich - 74 MG-B / Dee & Bob Cirilli - Corvette / Judy & Mike Coco - Riviera



**May 5th Birthday  
Drive-By Parade**





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Michael Quinn ain't Lion

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