



# NHHAC NEWS

## The Newsletter of the North Hills Historic Auto Club



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations North Hills Historic Car Club! In August the club will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its formation. The inside scoop on how the club was formed is included in this issue.

This got me to thinking about how and why I joined the club. My brother Jack Swaney had been a member for quite some time before I joined in 1998. I attended many events and helped my brother and parents Bill and Mary Lou Swaney, also members, host a few garage tours.

Why did I join? I bought a 1967 Ford F-100 and thought it was time to be a dues paying member, even though Rick Kelley told me I could be on my parents membership. As I was 40 and living on my own, I opted for my own membership.

One of my first events I attended was a garage and house tour hosted by Jack. I thought I would never get the names straight as I was introduced in quick succession to Jan Hall, Janet Hohman, Jean Hackett and Jackie Sheerer. Every name started with "J"!

My biggest fear as a new member was that I'd do something stupid on a tour and end up with a trophy to memorialize it at the Christmas party. I've had fun on the tours, shows and flea markets. Events have changed over the years but the fun and fellowship have remained a constant.

What's your story? Why did you join? What year? Your first event? Memory to share (funny, embarrassing, amazing). Sent to Cindy to be included in a future newsletter. We all have a story, so tell it!

Be safe,

MJ

**2021 \$20+ \$5 Annual NHHAC Membership Dues are due.  
Payable to NHHAC c/o Jack Swaney in person or mail**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**NHHAC Monthly Meetings & 2021 After-Christmas Party on Hold until further notice.**

**February 26 Men's breakfast, 8:00 am Eat n Park Wexford at Rt 910 & I-79**

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During the NHHAC Golden Anniversary year, early Club Material will be shared in the Newsletter.

Last month was the “Real Story”, here is the “Previous Story”.

***This was written in the January 1988 Newsletter and told by Bill Glesner.***

The initial idea for our club began at Leon’s Tavern which was several doors up from Glesner’s Piano Store on Babcock Blvd. The boys were tired of attending car shows and not winning prizes so they thought “Why not start our own club?” Thus the North Hills Historic Auto Club was created. There were four men at the Tavern that day. They are our founding fathers.

**Ken Kelley**, father of Rick Kelley, first owned a 1937 Oldsmobile. Later he bought the 1939 Buick from Bill Glesner and that car is now owned by Rick Kelley. Ken was instrumental in suggesting that our club follow the official Robert’s Rules of Order at all of our meetings.

**Eddy Kuslick**, owned a 1937 Oldsmobile. Address is unknown at this time.

**David Moore**, owned a 1939 Pontiac Coup, 6 cylinder. He is responsible for designing our logo – the wheel. Dave has been a member on and off throughout the years.

**Bill Glesner**, who then owned a 1940 Packard 1807 Touring Sedan held the first meeting in the basement of his piano store. Bill became the first president of the Club in August of 1971 and served as President until the elections of August 1973 when Frank Pribanic became the second President. Bill purchased his first car in 1944. It was a 1940 Plymouth Road King Coupe, light green in color. It had a ceiling price of \$537.50 due to the War. He sold it one year later for \$950.00 because the ceiling price had been removed by then. In 1988 Bill claimed to have bought about 92 new and used cars and trucks and approximately 53 cars that would be considered antique or classics. The first antique he bought was a 1937 Oldsmobile 4 door sedan which he later sold to Charlie Alimena. His favorite cars are Packards. Perhaps the 1940 Model 1807 Packard 4 door touring sedan and a 1936 Packard 1401 Convertible Coupe Roadster are his very favorite. Several people in our club have bought cars from Bill. Larry Clayboss bought his 1947 New Yorker Coupe, Rick Kelley’s dad bought the 1936 Buick Sedan that Rick now owns, Larry Givens had a 1930 Model A Roadster. There are more than this down throughout the years.

The following people joined very shortly within that first year of formation:

Charlie Alimena (bought his car from Bill)

Franklin Paugh had a 1937 Plymouth Coupe

Jean and Ted Hackett joined at the Etna Car Show

Marvin Bendzick had a 1937 Ford

Larry Given had a 1956 Cadillac Limo

Frank Pribanic had a 1937 Cadillac.

He actually made people put on white gloves before helping him to push the car.

George Tanner

Hank Henry had a 1940 Packard that he bought from Bill Glesner

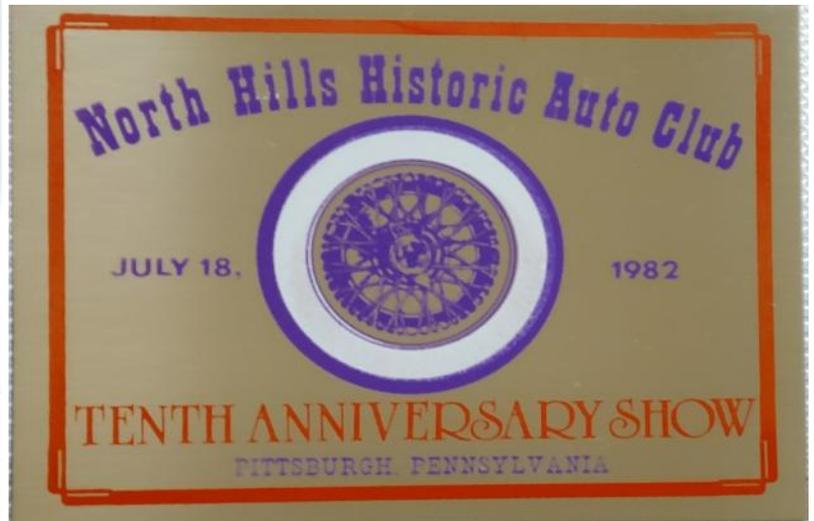
***Many Thanks to Rick Kelley, Rick McClure and Cathy Paine for sharing their NHHAC Archives!***

**Excerpt from September 1973 Newsletter**

The only spotlight story I have is on Bill Glesner's oil burning Packard, so I must use it. Bill's 1940 Pack is an 1807 MODEL, which means the 180 series and seats 7. This auto is on the official register of the Classic Car Club of America. The odometer shows 55,000 original miles. The auto is all original, but Bill is planning a paint job. The auto was chauffeur-driven from 1940 through 1958. It was then traded in and sat on a used car lot for 30 days until Paul Schneider bought it. Paul, a local gas station operator, never bothered to inspect the car for the eleven years he owned it. Bill is the third owner having bought it in 1969. Other Club members advise me that the car gets 10 miles per gallon ----- of oil.

**Rare auto**

Bill Glesner of Ross is the proud owner of the only 1936 Packard roadster in Pennsylvania. He polishes the old-time luxury car, at right, in preparation for Sunday's show at North Hills Village. Another view, below, shows a trunk made for that model, fitted with suitcases and hatbox and attached to a trunk rack.



**Friday, July 16, 1982 - North Hills News Record**  
**"Club assembles auto show"**



Remember before computers, GPS, and mobile phones?  
We made maps and gave directions!

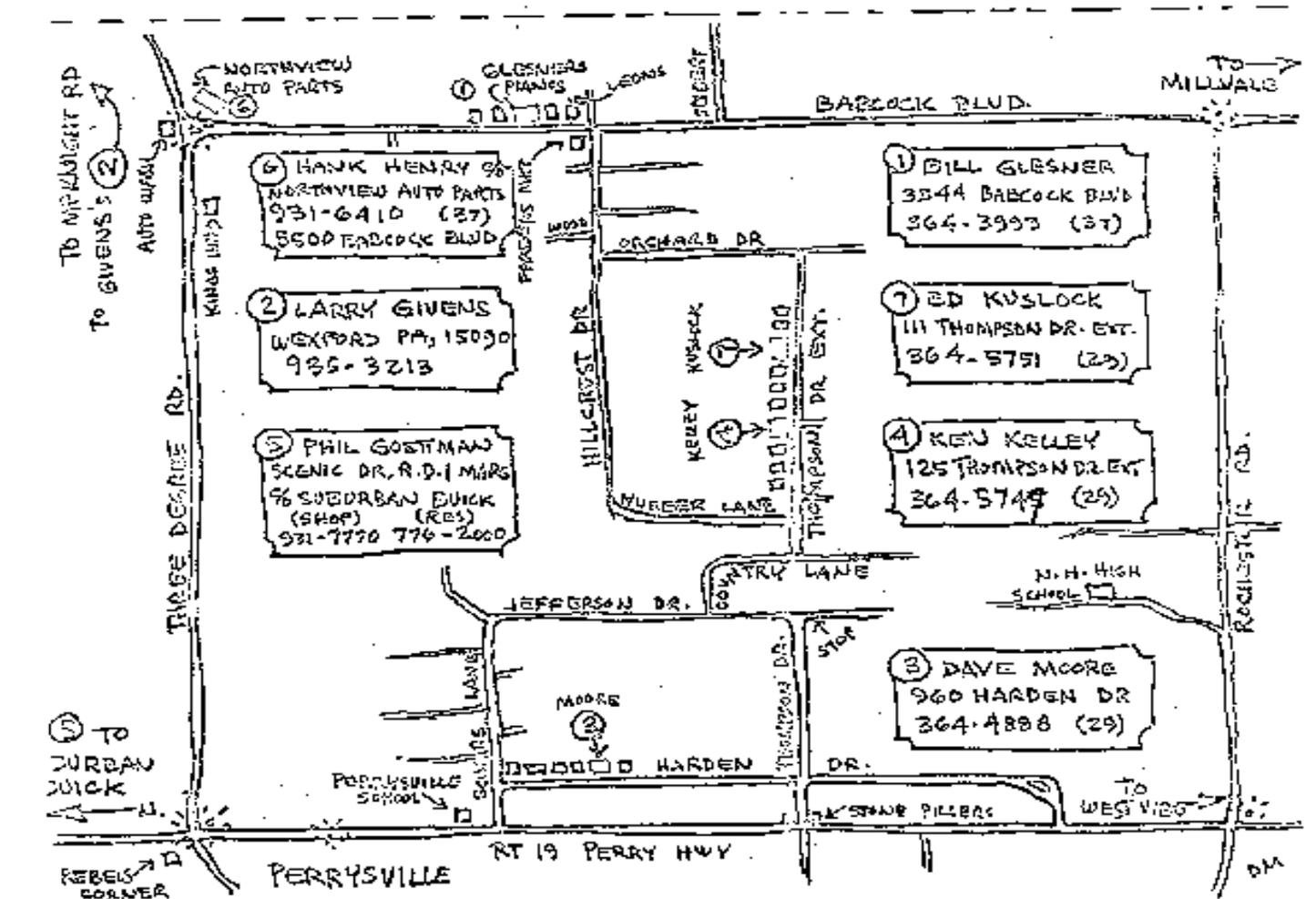
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Next meeting on  
January 16th, from  
1 to 3 p. m.

The next meeting of The North Hills Historic Auto Club will be held at the home of Ken Kelley on Sunday, January 16th, from 1 to 3 p. m.

The map below illustrates roads leading to the homes of a number of club members. Ken Kelley's home is located at 125 Thompson Drive Extension -- number 4 on the map.



## The First NHHAC Newsletter September 1973

NORTH HILLS HISTORIC AUTO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

September, 1973

Vol. 1, No. 1

The Election Meeting of August, was held in the comfortable confines of one of our few family members, Ted and Jean Hackett. The following officers were elected for a term of two (2) years:

President-----Frank Pribanic  
 Vice President-----Charles Alimena  
 Secretary-----Gene E. Arnold  
 Treasurer-----Larry Givens

New elections mean a new year, thus dues. Please forward your check for \$5.00, to Larry Givens, R.D.#3, Wexford, PA 15090.

The proposed By-Laws were discussed as well. Action will be taken upon them at the September meeting.

The next meeting is to be held on the regularly scheduled second Sunday. In September, this coincides with the Auto Show held by the South Hills Jaycees. Thus, our meeting at 1:00 PM., September 9, 1973, will be at the Auto Show to be held at the Children's Playground parking lot, adjacent to the South Park Fairgrounds. We plan on having an area reserved for our members' autos and a formal meeting to be held at a grove nearby.

Should you desire to pre-register for the show, send name, address and check for \$2.50, payable to 'South Hills Jaycees', to Robert C. Foley, 3101 Elroy Avenue, Pgh., PA 15227. Give him your name, address and describe your auto.

The October meeting, October 14th, will be at George Tanner's. The November meeting, November 11th, will be at Ken Kelley's.

It is the desire of your new executive team, to increase interest and attendance by distributing this newsletter. Another intention is for our membership to better know one another by at least knowing about the others vehicles. For that purpose, I would request you send me a short narrative telling of the interesting notes or background of your auto. Each month, I will highlight one such story.

### FINAL NOTE

Member, Frank Paugh, is much interested in our turning out to show our cars at the Btina Days Celebration, September 1st, Saturday, at the Ballfield, Noon to 4 PM. For other information, call Frank, at 781-7558.

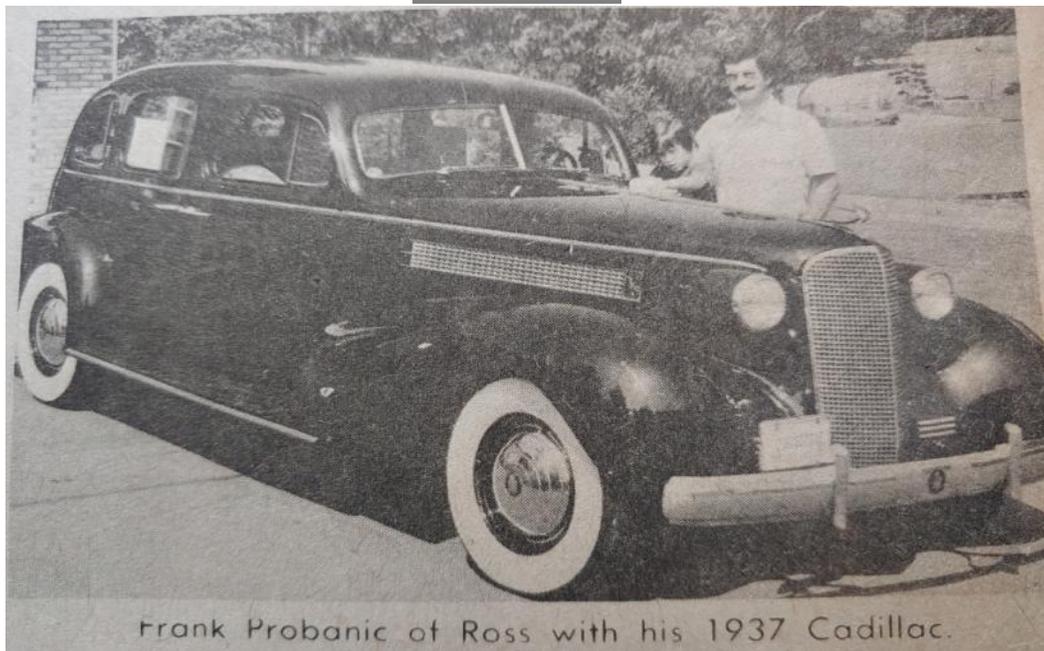


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Frank Probanic of Ross with his 1937 Cadillac.

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