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President's Message *February 2014*

It's 2014 already - astonishing - so Happy New Year! And sorry to start out with such a serious subject, but maybe it can help guide our actions this year and get others involved in the club.

I've read a couple of articles recently about the impending demise of the automobile. The premise for such a dire prediction is a series of polls that indicate young people today have a diminished interest in driving or owning a car. They prefer public transportation, bikes, even walking. One given reason is that cars are expensive. The initial cost, insurance, fuel, maintenance, all add up to a big annual number, tough to handle when the job market seems to be creating mostly minimum wage jobs in the service sector and little advancement or income growth opportunity.

But what you say about the recovery of auto sales, with 15.6 million sold in 2013? It is thought that this number is not based on first-time or younger buyers, but on the fact that the average age of a car on our roads today is 11 years, and they just plain need to be replaced. If any of this is true, then our hobby has bigger trouble. Antique car collecting is a subset of cars generally, and the participating population is much smaller. If young folks don't want a contemporary car, chances are they won't want a collectible car. So we need to push back, take the offensive, and find those new club members younger than ourselves who do indeed have an interest, and who can carry the hobby into the future. Difficult? Yes. Impossible? No. So figure out what YOU can do to make this happen.

Matt

2014 CLUB CALENDAR

February 6-8 AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

February 16	Breakfast at the Elks Lodge, Canandaigua Hosts: Annette & Carl Rapp (cost is \$7.00 per person)	8:30am
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February 19	Monthly Meeting at the Phelps Community Center Refreshment by the Empson and Rapp families @7pm	7:30pm
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March 19	Monthly Meeting at the Phelps Community Center	7:30pm
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March 22	Ladies Luncheon at Peppers in Canandaigua	11:30am
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March 30 Early Ford V-8 Indoor Auto Flea Market 9am-3pm
at a new location: Total Sports Experience 880 Elmgrove Rd., Rochester

A Note from Hank, Membership Chairman

Don't forget your 2014 dues.



Our club is required to submit to AACA a list of our 2014 members by March 1st. If you have not renewed your Wayne Drumlins membership, you can do so at the February 19th meeting or you can mail your \$10.00 check payable to Wayne Drumlins Antique Auto Club Region, Inc to the following address:

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Remember you must have renewed your AACA dues for 2014



Please remember your non-perishable food items for our local food cupboard. They are grateful for whatever you can bring.

If you would like the "Headliner" emailed, please contact me at jempson@fltg.net. Jean



Our Sympathies



Our sympathies to the family of Ruth Morley. Ruth and Dewitt (who passed away in 2012) were long time members of Wayne Drumlins. Ruth was 94



Happy Birthday to:

Menna Berry	2/2
Bea Duffy	2/17
Dave Dorf	2/20
Anne Rapp	2/25



Happy Anniversary to:

Janet & Bruce Knowlton	2/27
Dorothy & Joe Marino	2/27

***Vice-President's
Message
February 2014***

Greetings everyone,

As your new V.P. I just wanted to sneak in here for a moment and introduce myself. Jean has been gracious enough to lend me a bit of space, even if she doesn't know it as I write this, so here goes. Since I am one of the newest club members, and being a bit slow on names, I will need all the help I can get. Please be patient with me.

I understand as V.P., one of my duties is to create an activities calendar for the year. Had I known this to start with, I might of thought twice about volunteering for the job. Please, any thoughts or ideas would be appreciated. I would like a small committee to work with me. We should have a calendar ready to publish by tax time so members can plan their summer activities if we have any hope of good participation. I understand life is subject to change and so are events calendars, but let's see what can be done.

Another area of concern for me is Club membership. We have a great group of people but like the population of our country in general, we are all getting older. This is much better than the alternative, but we still need to entice some younger folks to join us for the longevity of the club. Some new muscle to help set up and run events such as our annual car show would be beneficial as well. Understand, I mean no malice towards the fine efforts of all our committee heads, members, and volunteers over the past years, and their wisdom and experience is still needed to co-ordinate these wonderful activities. Please give this some thought and see what creative ideas we can generate.

For those of you who fled south for the winter, you are missing a great old fashioned winter this year with some new low temperature records and, as of the first week of January, snow falls some 15" above the 30 year average to date. "Wish you were here."

Just for your information until our web master can update our web site:

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Dick

Thank you Notes



Dear Jean,

As we start this new year, please express our sincere thanks to all the Drumlins for their support of the Phelps Food Cupboard. Your monthly donations of food is truly appreciated. We served 58 families for Christmas so we were very busy. Thanks again to everyone and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Bev and Tom

Dear Wayne Drumlins AACA,

I can not thank you enough for the wonderful gifts you gave this Christmas. I have been having very hard times financially and if it was not for you, my children would not have had the Christmas that they deserved. I will forever be grateful to you and hope that one day I can pay it forward to someone else. You showed the true meaning of Christmas by your generosity and giving instead of receiving. I will never forget you all for your help. Thank you again.

Jan

Tucker Automobiles: The Cammack Collection



The AACA Museum is embarking on a most meaningful phase of its development - the renovation of the existing 5,200 square foot Cammack Gallery to create an unparalleled exhibit: the world's largest and best-known collection of Tucker 48 automobiles, engines, mechanicals and automobilia from Tucker historian and collector David Cammack. This permanent, interactive and educational exhibit will involve visitors in the compelling story of the development of these historic vehicles and dynamically display their unique and advanced features. Beyond the cars, we will chronicle Preston Tucker's vision, determination and struggles that are so much a part of the marque's history.

The AACA Museum envisions the Tucker exhibit becoming a "must see" attraction for hobbyists, historians and the general public from all over the world. The Cammack Tucker Gallery design has been fully endorsed by descendants of Preston Tucker, acting as historic advisors during the build process. "The effort being put forth by the AACA team in the presentation of the Cammack Tucker collection is

not only an honor to the Tucker family but also the man who had an amazing passion to preserve the history of the Tucker story" exclaimed Sean Tucker, Preston's great-grandson.

The job of transforming ideas and concepts into reality was given to Museum volunteer Jim Booth of Jim Booth Designs. Lizewskie was proud to say, "We are extremely lucky to have Jim as one of our many dedicated volunteers. We sat down with him and explained what we wanted, and what he delivered to us far exceeded our goals!" He added, "Jim's proposal was easily approved by the design committee and the entire Museum Board. Not only will it be visually stimulating, but fully interactive and very educational."

Celebrating the Legacy of Preston Tucker & "The Car of Tomorrow-Today!"



Within the 5,200 square foot Cammack Gallery, the AACA Museum will chronicle Preston Tucker's love affair with the automobile. Known best for the "Car of Tomorrow"- the Tucker 48- Mr. Tucker had a remarkable, sometimes controversial impact on the automotive industry.

Tucker Cammack Collection



image credit Tami Dresher

Mr. David Cammack, an avid Tucker collector, has donated a rare and extensive collection of Tucker Automobiles to the AACA Museum. The Museum are in the process of designing a dedicated gallery space to house this collection of Tuckers on a permanent basis. Taking a lead from Preston Tucker's philosophy, the Tucker vehicles and other collection pieces will NOT be on display (or available for viewing) until the time of the Grand Opening. Updates on progress will be ongoing through the Museum's website, e-newsletter, Facebook and Twitter communications and we hope that you will follow the progress and join us for a spectacular exhibit opening in late 2014.

Enjoy these images from moving day.

image credit Tami Dresher

The Tuckers were moved via rollback from the storage unit to an awaiting enclosed transport trailer for their journey from Virginia to Pennsylvania

'48 Tucker Automobile

The enthusiasm and creativity that propelled Preston Tucker and his vision for the Tucker automobile is something that has captured the hearts of many. The world's largest collection of Tucker vehicles (3) and many other Tucker memorabilia will be finding a new home at the AACA Museum.

The Cammack collection includes three (3) 1948 Tucker '48 vehicles, the factory Tucker test chassis #2, thousands of engineering drawings, original Tucker parts, several prototype engines as well as many other artifacts and displays. The vehicles include Tucker #1001 – the first 'production' prototype, Tucker #1022, and Tucker #1026 – the only Tucker built with an automatic transmission. A total of 51 Tuckers were built by hand in Chicago, of which 47 are known to still exist. The three Tuckers which will reside at the AACA Museum will be the largest collection of these vehicles on permanent display anywhere. Preston Tucker and his story was detailed in Francis Ford Coppola's 1988 film, "Tucker: The Man and His Dream" and certainly helped bolster the public's intense fascination with the "Car of Tomorrow".



Loren & Martha go to the "Classic Car Show" in Johannesburg, South Africa on 1 Dec. 2013

This was a real adventure. We had never driven in Johannesburg before because of its reputation for carjacking and violent crime. Martha needed to be at the airport Monday AM for a flight to Malawi for Peace Corps work. So, Sunday was the best time to carefully learn how to get around the city. Jo'burg is huge & sprawling like Los Angeles, and of course not all the neighborhoods are dangerous. We got a list of the worst areas and plotted them on the map. Martha navigated us through the freeways and complicated intersections so that we could avoid the bad areas and go from the airport hotel to the show field in a different part of the city safely.

The site was big like a state fairgrounds. It is south of Soweto which is gradually being redeveloped into industrial areas and apartments although it still is a vast area of poor housing. You can see the roller coaster and monorail of the fairgrounds in some pictures.



Behind the Mustang is an Australian Holden El Camino. American flags were common in this celebration of anything connected with the USA, especially big noisy V8's. There was even an Elvis impersonator and live rock band on stage.



This hotrod pickup had lots of personal touches.



This '68 Pontiac Catalina had the top cut off and a really beautiful custom interior.



Our favorite car of the show. This Ford Anglia has exquisite paint and the interior was just as pretty.

All in all it was a fun show. There were two other fields full of kids of all races with about 400 of their little import "tuner" cars, mostly VW GTi's. Each one had spent a fortune on rims and humongous sound systems. My ears are too old to handle the high decibel electronic beats but I'm all for whatever it takes to bring the younger generation to the party. Back over on the classic car/hot rod field, wandering kids got to hear the wonderful sound of well-built big V8's with headers. Seeing and hearing hot rods and old cars is a rare privilege in this part of the world and everybody really enjoyed it.

Loren Gifford and Martha Stevermer

Gas Pump History

Courtesy of EdtecPandora

In the 1900s-1910s the gas pumps were hand pumps where you had to have a great deal of arm strength, not only to pump your gas, but also start your car!



In the 1920s the “visible” gas pumps were created. These were very TALL pumps. The amount of gas was selected and would fill a transparent glass tank at the top of the pump so the customer could “see” the quality of the fuel and the color of the fuel. Fuels were colored different colors to indicate the grade of the gasoline and to avoid the dangers of using the wrong fuels for cleaning purposes. The colored fuel allowed for yet another method of branding for customer loyalty to specific oil companies. Creating customer perception of quality was crucial for the expansion of oil companies, so marketing of the superiority of products was extensive. Names such as “superior” and “marvel”, “super” and “best”, “mighty” and “deluxe”. Glass bowls

were affixed to the top and lit up, advertising the brand.



1930s still had the bowl at the top of the pump, but the “visible” glass tank was gone. Now, the measuring method was the “clock face” scale that would weigh the amount of liquid. The use of iconography and distinctive graphics became the mode to entice belief in quality and branding. Some customers would only go to X type of gas station due to the cleanliness of the restrooms, Gilmore gas was famous for having the cleanest restrooms in the industry on the west coast. Others would go to Y gas stations because of customer loyalty that had been developed when they were children, gas stations often had toys, coloring books, games and other giveaways to create branding with children.



The 1940s introduced the first iteration of the shape of pumps we are more familiar with, simple rectangular posts, however several versions still have the globes on top as they were more eye catching that way and again, allowed for brand recognition. These were called the calculator pumps due to the rolling numbers.



The 1950s ushered in the current era of gas pumps, shorter, stockier pumps with the rolling numbers to indicate the amount of gas being pumped.



1950's Gas Pump

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