

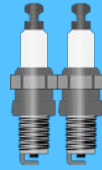


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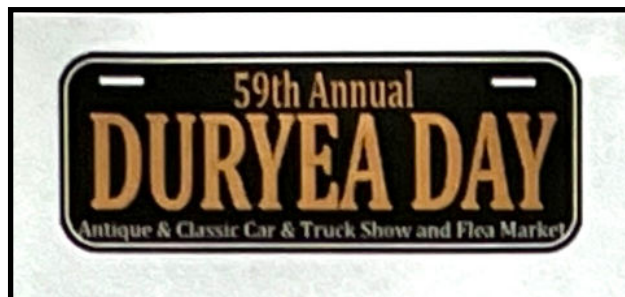
The newsletter of the Pottstown Region AACA

AACA's LIVE WIRE REGION

ESTABLISHED IN 1952



APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bob Dare

Hello to all you car enthusiasts. Fortunately, we are coming to the nice weather, which is great for driving our old cars. I hope you will all be able to attend and enjoy many of the shows and cruise-ins that are scheduled. There is a show or cruise-in almost every night.

Our Pottstown Region is working towards our Duryea Day Show. We have been registering over 500 vehicles in the last couple of years. We have been lucky to have a very diverse mixture of cars and trucks. We need everyone's help to accomplish this event! Please help. We will be discussing Duryea Day responsibilities at the picnic on August 23.

We have 97 members in our Pottstown Region....and I would like to see more members attend our meetings and shows. If you have an idea that would interest you let me know.

We have Hobby & Craft Night coming up as the entertainment for our June 11th meeting. This is always a favorite event...so bring out your special collection or hobby subject.

A big "thank you" to Barb Plant for her years serving as our Newsletter Editor..."good job Barb".

And now please welcome our new Newsletter Editor.....Karen Britton, and give her your support.

See you soon

Bob

Welcome New Members

**Don Kohn
Brian & Andrea Fox
Mike & Barbara Melnyk
John-Paul C. & Kellie C. Frattone**



Pottstown Region Sunshine

By Sandy Kemp

Please let Sandy Kemp, Sunshine Committee, know of any member who is sick or in the hospital. Also if you are aware of a member or their spouse, or immediate family passing away. Sandy can be reached by phone or text at 610-780-5480 or by email at sandrakemp5480@gmail.com.

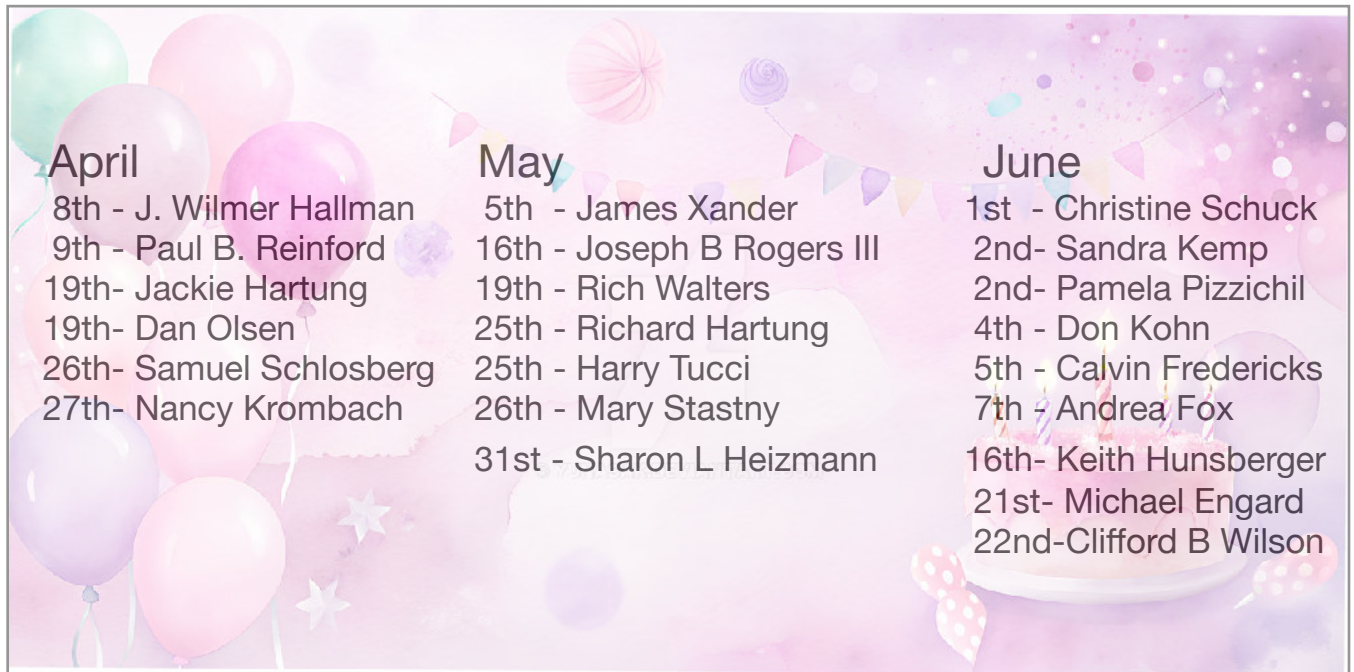
Cards of sympathy were recently sent to:

Robin Guigley on the passing of her husband Marlin.

Fred Scherzer on the passing of his wife Diana.

Kendra Cook, Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles curator, on the passing of her father,
Eugene Johnson.

Club Birthday Wishes



Message From Barbara Plant-

I want to take this time to thank everyone in the Pottstown AACA for allowing me be your newsletter editor for however many years it is has been. I am no longer really involved with going to any car shows or things like that and have some health issues that are kinda getting in my way. So the new newsletter is Karen. it's my understanding, she's also the secretary and co-membership chair for the Pontiac club. Again thank you for all your support.

Barbara R.Plant

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
GET EVENT INFO AND FLYERS ON THE CLUB WEBSITE
<https://pottstown.aaca.com/>

If you have any suggestions for club activities, please contact Tom Wright.

- May 29 - Duryea Day meeting at Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles
1PM start. Please bring any volunteers with you. We still need
people to help at registration and parking.
- June 11 - Club meeting and Hobby Night at the Pizza Como, Pennsburg,
PA. Dinner at 6:00PM with a meeting to follow at 7:00PM.
- August 23 - Club picnic at Hickory Park pavilion 3. Picnic will be catered by
CD's Place and everyone encouraged to bring a dessert. Please
RSVP by August 1st to Cliff and Mary Wilson 610-948-5922
or wilsondad2@msn.com (see flyer in this newsletter)
- August 29 - Park set up for Duryea Day Car & Truck Show. Please come out to
help us by 9AM
- August 30 - 59th Annual Duryea Day Car & Truck Show Flyer included in this
newsletter or on our website. Please come out and support our
club
- November 29- Black Friday Junk Yard Tour - more info to follow
- December 14- Club Christmas party at Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles.
More details to follow.

Upcoming AACA Events

June 1-7 – Vintage Tour (Pre-1932)
Southern/Eastern PA

June 19-21 – Eastern Spring National,
WV

July 2-5 – Central Spring Nationals –
Auburn, IN

July 24-26 – Grand Nationals / Zenith –
Dayton, OH

August 12-15 – Eastern Divisional Tour –
Northern Maine

September 7-12 – Revival AAA Glidden
Tour® (Pre-1943) – Owensboro, KY

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?





Now Includes

- ✓ Horseless Carriage Club of America
- ✓ KooKoo The Cartoon Magician
- ✓ Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit
- ✓ Food Vendors
- ✓ Participation Gifts
- ✓ 8 Specialty Trophies
- ✓ Top 30 Trophies

Boyertown Community Park, 419 South Madison Street, Boyertown, PA
Saturday, August 30 from 9 am – 3 pm

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Phone # _____
 Address _____
 City, State, ZIP _____ Email _____

Year	Make	Model	<input type="checkbox"/> Automobile	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle
			<input type="checkbox"/> Automobile	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle

		Before 8/22	After 8/22	Quantity	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> SHOW VEHICLE registration	each	\$12	\$20	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> SHOW VEHICLE registration (pre-1920)	each	\$0	\$0	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> CAR CORRAL registration	each	\$15	\$20	_____	_____
Please use Car Corral to sell vehicle—no "FOR SALE" signs in Flea Market or Show Field					
<input type="checkbox"/> FLEA MARKET registration 6 am setup	per space	\$15	\$20	_____	_____

All Checks Payable/Mail to:
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 Boyertown, PA 19512-1462

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POTTSTOWN REGION AACA PICNIC
HICKORY PARK
2140 BIG ROAD, GILBERTSVILLE, PA 19525
PAVILION #3 (same as last year)

COME AND JOIN US FOR THE FOOD & FUN!

WHEN: August 23, 2025---11:00 am to 3:00 pm

COST: "FREE" FOR CLUB MEMBERS AGAIN THIS YEAR!

\$20 for guests

Cliff and Mary Wilson will coordinate the picnic again this year and CD'S PLACE will again cater our picnic food --- hot dogs, hamburgers, B-B-Q Chicken, salad, a veggie and/ fruit tray, with water, iced tea, and sodas to drink.

Members are invited to bring desserts or munchies to share.

Plus, we will also take this opportunity to review data/ procedures for the Duryea Day Show.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY AUGUST 1, 2025...

Email Cliff Wilson at wilsondad2@msn.com or call at 610 948-5922

GUESTS ARE \$20 and checks should be made payable to the Pottstown Region AACA.
Mail the reservation form below with your check to: Mary Wilson, 318 Washington Street,
Royersford, Pa 19468

MEMBER NAMES - (no charge): _____

GUEST NAMES -\$20 each _____

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING _____

CLUB BUSINESS

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CLUB MEETINGS

Our club meetings are generally the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Pizza Como in Pennsburg. Dinner is at 6:00PM and the meeting starts at 7:00PM. Remember we don't have our monthly meetings in July and August.

MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

The Monthly Meeting notes are emailed by our Secretary, Pat Strunk. If you do not have email and would like a physical paper copy, please leave a message on my cell phone and I will see that you get a copy. Karen Britton 267-374-2799

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

All articles for the newsletter will be due by the 20th of the month prior to publication, Publication will be quarterly.

IT TAKES A CLUB & THEN SOME

Written by Sandy Kemp

We are fortunate to be a partner with the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles in planning and presenting the annual Duryea Day Car Show and Flea Market each year. By providing much needed man and woman power to run this event, our club receives a portion of the income from this yearly show. This has allowed us to offer free region membership to all current members and a free Christmas Party meal to all members who volunteer to make Duryea Day the success that it has become. We are so thankful to those, and there are many, who offer their time and service each year.

For the last 10 years Tom Wright has been the chairman of the show representing our membership. He and members of the Museum staff do so much behind the scenes work in preparation for the big day. There is a team of our members along with Museum staff and volunteers and, also members of the community that meet on a regular basis starting in January to make plans for the upcoming show. Sponsors are secured, donations are sought, flyers are prepared, dash plaques ordered, and the list goes on. In July windows cards start being readied for those who preregister. Then, a week before the show, more volunteers become involved. The group meets for the annual “stuffing of the goodie bags”. Paperwork, donations from local businesses, our participation award and dash plaque are assembled, then boxed. Friday, before the show, brings a few workers out to set up tents, tables, and chairs and to unload the packed boxes. Another group works to lay out and mark the flea market area. All this “before” work gets the show off to a better start in the morning.



This year, 2024, show day was cloudy, but as they say, “the show must go on”. The flea market crew arrived around 5:30 to get vendors in the spots. Registration and parking people around 6:45 and began to prepare for the arrival of what turned out to be about 500 cars and trucks plus a few cars in the car corral.

All in all, it was a good day. Spectators seemed to be plentiful, enjoying the show vehicles and

browsing the flea market. The bus running to the Museum was quite busy. After awards were presented, a crew of volunteers along with the help of a group of local Cadets, began the cleanup process, no small job for tired volunteers who had been there all day.

Many THANKS to those who helped to make Duryea Day a memorable day. Hope to see everyone next year on Saturday, August 30, 2025.

NOTE: The above article was written after last year's show, but was never submitted to be published. After our April club meeting, I decided to send the story to our editor Barb, but have added a few updates below for this year.

One big change will be that our Monday Goodie Bag Stuffing will be eliminated. We plan to hand out a few items and the dash plaque and participation award at either our preregistered areas or at our club tent. We will use our volunteers to assemble and hand out these items at that time.

We plan to discuss our show procedures at our annual club picnic in August. As Tom mentioned at the meeting, volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Please consider helping on Friday, August 29 when we get set up in the park. Even if you can give just an hour or two of your time on either day, that would be so helpful. Many hands do help to make the day go so much easier. It's really a fun day to meet new people and to get to know fellow club members better. Hope to see you on Saturday, August 30.



What is it? Night



On Wednesday night, May 14th, our club held its' monthly meeting at Pizza Como in Pennsburg. After the meeting we had our annual "What is it" event. Club members were invited to bring "different" items for the other members to identify. There were all kinds of items, from a bull nose ring to a garlic press and a manual fuel pump. Some items were identified others are still unknown. It is always a fun evening. Here is a picture of the items that were brought by some of our members. How many can you identify?

YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hello, My name is Karen Britton. My husband Tim and I have belonged to AACA for a number of years and have joined the Pottstown Region a couple of years ago. My husband and I own a 1959 Pontiac Bonneville and a 1931 Pontiac Street Rod that he has been building for 25 years. It's finally getting painted and reassembled! We're really anxious to get it on the road.

I am currently the secretary and membership co-chairperson for the Keystone State Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club Int. This is my first attempt at newsletter editor, so I'm hoping for some grace and help along the way.

I would love to get some stories from you to include in our newsletter. It can be about your cars, about any automobilia you collect, any historical story of interest to the hobby, etc. If you find it interesting, so will others. I hope to hear from everyone. You can contact me at britton231@comcast.net or 267-374-2799



SPONSORS

If you know anyone who would like to help support our club, please contact them and ask if they would consider placing a business card ad for \$25.00 for 2025. Since this is so late in the season we are extending the sponsorship to include 2026 as well. If you would like a copy of the letter on the following page to take to your local business, you can print this page or contact me at 267-374-2799 or email at britton231@comcast.net. Thanks!



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January 1, 2025

The Pottstown Region, AACA just celebrated our 73rd anniversary. We are one of the oldest AACA regions in existence. As AACA was started in the early years to get together to share their love affair with old automobiles and as in the early years, it still remains a hobby and the focus remains fun. AACA is America's Premier resource for the collectible vehicle community. Our region is currently 97 members strong.

We have exciting news! We're looking for sponsors to help fund our newsletter. And in return for sponsorship, we're offering multiple advertising opportunities throughout the 2025 and 2026 season.

Would you consider sponsoring our club and donating \$25.00 to help us to meet our goal?

We're so grateful for what our sponsors just like you have helped us accomplish over the years. From funding our get togethers to helping with our newsletters and so much more, we're immensely thankful to our past, present, and future sponsors.

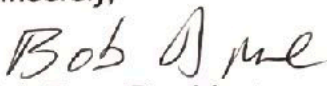
To demonstrate our gratitude, the Pottstown Region, AACA would like to offer you a business card ad in our quarterly newsletters for 2025 and 2026 since we are so late in this season, all for the same price. in recognition of your gift.

We hope you're able to contribute and thank you for the consideration.

To make a contribution, simply include your gift with this letter and business card and mail to Pottstown Region AACA, 2191 County Line Rd, East Greenville PA 18041 or hand deliver to our representative.

Many thanks in advance for your sponsorship! Go Pottstown Region AACA!!

Sincerely,


Bob Dare, President

P. S. We'd like to invite you to our car show this year on August 30th - Duryea Day at Boyertown Community Park, 419 South Madison Street, Boyertown, PA

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