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President's Message

Dear Members

Welcome back to another season of the Pottstown Chapter of AACA. We started on September 8th with our unofficial club location, Pizza Como in Pennsburg. We had 30 members enjoy a terrific dinner and good conversation especially around the recently concluded Duryea Day Car Show (more on DD later in newsletter).

We started to plan our 2026-2027 schedule. We discussed events like a car cruise, interesting speakers, board meeting, Christmas Party as well as our traditional "what is it?" and "hobby nights" meetings.

We had a very good late summer with our annual picnic attended by 30+ club members and of course a very successful Duryea Day.

I want to thank both Cliff and Mary Wilson for their many years of running the annual club picnic. I also want to recognize Brian and Andrea Fox on accepting the role as our new picnic organizers.

We are a very active club with some terrific members and volunteers from our offices, board members, and event volunteers. Come out and participate in your club by attending a monthly meeting or one of our club events.

I hope to see ya down the road.

Thank you all.....Tom Wright

*Wishing our AACA Pottstown Region a safe and wonderful
Holiday Seasons filled with family, friends, health
And love!*



2026 Calendar of Events

Get event info and flyers on the club website
<https://pottstown.aaca.com/>

- Oct 14- Club meeting at the Pizza Como, Pennsburg PA. Dinner at 6:00PM with a meeting to follow at 6:45PM
- Nov 11- Club meeting at Pizza Como, Pennsburg PA. Dinner at 6:00PM with a meeting to follow at 6:45PM
- Nov 27- Junkyard Tour with Pontiac Club - more info on page 13. Please RSVP by Nov 20th to Karen 267-374-2799 or britton231@comcast.net

Pottstown Region AACA Christmas Party *Sunday, December 6, 2026* Brookside Country Club, Pottstown PA

5:00 PM SOCIAL TIME

5:30 PM SEATING FOR DINNER

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



Upcoming AACA Events

September 20-26, 2026 – Revival AAA
Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) – Dover, DE

October 6-9, 2026 – Eastern Fall
Nationals – Hershey, PA

February 4-6, 2027 – Annual
Convention/National Awards – King of
Prussia, PA



Upcoming Local Events

October 2- First Friday Cruise-In at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, 4-7pm located at 85 S Walnut St, Boyertown, PA. No registration is required. Free to participants and spectators.

November 7 - Diner Day 10am-1pm at Boyertown Museum. Coffee and pie are available for purchase at 1938 prices--that means a nickel for a cup of coffee and a quarter for a slice of pie! Can't beat those prices! Regular Contribution rates apply at door.

FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of our newsletter. As another year comes to a close, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the friendships, tours, cruise nights, car shows, and meetings that made this season so enjoyable for the Pottstown Region AACA. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, shared their knowledge, and helped make our events a success. I also want to thank everyone who contributed to the newsletter this past year and please keep the stories coming.

While many of our antique vehicles will soon be tucked away for the winter, our enthusiasm for the hobby doesn't have to be. Winter is the perfect time to plan next year's adventures, work on a restoration project, or simply enjoy the stories and camaraderie that make our club so special.

Wishing you and your family a happy Thanksgiving, a joyful holiday season, and a healthy, prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone at our monthly meetings and back on the road when spring arrives!

Karen Britton

Deadline for the next newsletter is December 20th.



2027 AACA Membership Renewal Information

Please renew your AACA membership for the upcoming year to maintain your active status. The membership term runs from January 1 through December 31.

Renewal Options

- Renew online by visiting aaca.org.
- Renew by mail using the renewal form included in the *Antique Automobile Magazine*. Please note if you are not getting the magazine then you are not a current member of AACA.

Membership Requirement and Pricing

Pricing for the 2027 membership year is available through the renewal options listed above. An active AACA membership is required to participate in the Pottstown Region of the AACA.

Thank you,
Pat Strunk
Membership Chair, Pottstown Region AACA

Martin Memorial Show at Trappe VFW

by Cliff Wilson



This annual mid-week show features lots of older vehicles and other contraptions you don't often see elsewhere.

Pottstown members in attendance were Rich Hartung with his DeSoto and Cliff Wilson with his Ford Super Deluxe sedan. Coffee and sweets start the day and a ham sandwich lunch are featured.

Weather could not have been better and the old timers have quite the conversations. The Iron Trap Garage guys were there with some of their street rods at the show which is their specialty.



Ted Maurer's Auto Picnic

by Cliff Wilson

This was the 17th annual show on a perfect Friday evening of June 5th. Members showing vehicles were Tom Wright with his Ford pickup, Scott Lykens with his Chevy street rod, Rich Hartung with his DeSoto sedan, Brian Fox with his Oldsmobile convertible and Cliff Wilson with his Ford Model A sedan. Scott, Brian and Cliff each received a trophy for their entries. This is always a popular show with the proceeds given to a child with special needs.



JUNKYARD TOUR

Join us for the junkyard tour at Eichelburgers U pull it, located at 1381 Sunnyside Rd, Spring Grove, Pa. 17362 on November 27th, Black Friday, starting at 8 AM. The phone number for the yard is (717) 225-5610.

We'll kick things off with breakfast at The Lyndon Diner, located at 1353 Kenneth Rd., York, Pa. 17404. The diner's number is (717) 699-5523. The yard will open at 8 AM, and it's likely a 20-minute drive from the diner. You'll find mostly newer vehicles there, including a '79 or '80 Trans Am and a late 60s Corvair. There are also a few Corvettes and other vehicles scattered around. They have plenty of pickup trucks, vans, and mini vans. The entrance fee is just a dollar. The yard is on a hill, which shouldn't be too difficult to navigate. They also have space for personal battery vehicles (handicap). Most vehicles are set on concrete blocks about 2 feet square and 4 feet long under the front. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please let Karen know if you are able to attend by November 20th so we can let the diner know our numbers. Email - britton231@comcast.net or phone 267-374-2799.

November in Automotive History

- **November 28, 1895:** Brothers J. Frank and Charles Duryea won the first American car race on Thanksgiving Day, completing a 54-mile course in Chicago.
- **November 3, 1900:** America's first major car show—the "Horseless Carriage Show"—opened at Madison Square Garden in New York City, featuring 31 vehicles.
- **November 10, 1903:** Mary Anderson was officially granted a patent for the first windshield wiper.
- **November 3, 1911:** Chevrolet was officially founded.
- **November 1922:** Cadillac made windshield wipers a standard feature on all their cars, paving the way for wider safety implementations.
- **November 1927:** Ford began production of the legendary Model A, following a 19-year run of the iconic Model T.
- **November 23, 1954:** General Motors hit a massive industrial milestone by producing its 50 millionth vehicle, a gold 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air.
- **November 1954:** The first automated toll machine was installed in New Jersey, changing highway commutes forever.

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JULY 31 - AUGUST 2, 2026
MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK
MACUNGIE, PA

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63rd annual show. There were many Pottstown Region members attending including Joe Frattone, Bob & Betty Dare, Rich Hartung, John McCarthy, Tim &

Karen Britton, Keith & Barb Hunsberger, George Wolfgang and Cliff & Mary Wilson. Jim Xander was manning the Boyertown Museum Tent. The featured vehicles in the main tent were all manner of race cars.



Dare's Jaguar



Hunsberger's Graham

by Cliff Wilson



Wilson's Ford Fordor



Britton's 1959 Pontiac



Hartung's DeSoto



Jim Xander - Boyertown Museum Tent



McCarthy's Buick



Wolfgang's Plymouth

1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass "S" Restoration Part Two

by Brian Fox

Attached is the update (Part Two) providing the status on the restoration of our 1971 Cutlass "S". Since the initial report, we have pulled the 350ci engine and Turbo 350 transmission. We tightened and degreased the engine and applied all new gaskets and seals. Same approach was applied to the transmission as we replaced the filter and pan gasket. We have reinstalled the engine and transmission and got the



The Cutlass "S" engine as we pulled it prior to clean-up.

engine running and ensured the transmission shifts as expected. We also removed and re-cored and repainted the radiator completed by Dick's Radiator Repair; Chris did a very nice job

on the original radiator, it is like brand new.

We also completed the disassembly and removed the entire interior. We removed all of the exterior trim. We removed the windshield and rear glass along with all of the door and rear quarter glass.



Cutlass "S" 350ci Engine After Clean-up and Restoration in Olds Gold paint

We did find one surprise (and not a good one), that required attention; the cowlings at the bottom of the front windshield. We had to address the rust. We cut in a new section. It looks really good now! Always seem to have a surprise, unfortunately. But that is how it goes during a restoration as many of you know.



Cutlass "S" with the new cowlings sectioned into place

I am working with the folks at "610 Auto Works, who are performing the restoration, they are kind enough to allow me to work on the car with them. We are going to patch the bad spots around the wheel wells and on the front fenders and rear quarter

panels. We will provide more status included in part three and additional reports. Hope you enjoy!

Oldsmobile



Cutlass "S" being worked on at 610 Auto Works

Pottstown Region Annual Picnic

by Sandy Kemp

Close to 40 Region members gathered at Hickory Park for our annual summer picnic. President Tom Wright welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out. He began with a short discussion about Duryea Day and encouraged everyone there to come out and help at the show. He also unveiled a sign that will be on display at our Club tent during the show. The sign is in recognition of 3 Duryea Day volunteers who have passed away since the last show in 2025. Listed on the sign are Bob Strunk, Gary Schuck, and Roger Lehman. They will be missed. Tom also welcomed back longtime members Joe Rogers, Pete deMauriac, Tom Spaar, and Steve and Mary Stastny. It was great to see them again.

Cliff Wilson led the group in prayer before we all filled our plates with hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, fresh fruits and vegetables prepared by Bowtied Catering of Pottstown. There were also many desserts to choose from brought by those attending.

It was an enjoyable afternoon of good food and even better fellowship. A special Thank You to Cliff and Mary Wilson for coordinating this event.



AACA Grand National Zenith Show

By Tim Britton



On Saturday August 22nd, PA hosted its 3rd National AACA event this year. Now in its 10th year, the Zenith Award is an event that celebrates some of AACA's members' best restorations. There were only 18 vehicles being selected from the 2025 Nationals this year to compete.

This year the Zenith Award Show was held at the NB Center in Bethlehem. The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage is a 27-acre, park-like campus dedicated to preserving, restoring, and actively

driving historically significant American automobiles. The NB Center maintains a 200-car collection spanning 1910–2017. They also operate a specialty vintage engine rebuilding machine shop and a classic car maintenance and repair center serving collectors nationwide.



The show was limited to 500 vehicles and parked by AACA classes throughout the grounds. The weather was partly sunny but there was no rain until the evening hours.





Hello Members

We have successfully completed another year of Duryea Day. In some respects you can say that it was one of most successful shows in our 60 year history.

Lets review:

- Over 600 cars, motorcycle and trucks
- A very robust and eclectic flea market
- Once again diverse food choices
- A great DJ and band that played 5 or more marches
- Terrific pictures highlighting the entire day
- We handed out almost 40 awards to a very difficult decision of "fine cars"
- Dash plaques highlighting our 60th year and a nice show gift and goody bag
- A feature vehicle with a real "WOW" factor with 6 pre WWI vehicles in the outstanding "PULLMAN". 28 known to exist with 6 at our show.
- What a truck field and mix of trucks this year!
- Easy organized registration and sign-ups
- Outstanding parking job with diverse areas for cars to choose
- Cadets from the local youth reserve unit helping us to raise the flag
- We added " Mr Elvis" with songs of the 50 & 60's and appearance of the King himself

The comments I read on line were things like enjoyable, wonderful, and outstanding and most importantly "I'll be back"

But the best thing about this show that makes it one of the biggest and, in my opinion the best, is YOU!!!! This club's members and volunteers that start work in February each year and meet regularly to plan this event. It takes roughly 40+ folks and countless emails and calls to get everything in place.

This CLUB along with our partner Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, Kendra, Felicia and Michaela along with their staff "We Thank You",

Without Mark Landis and his endless stream of fiends that give us hard behind the scene work in many areas along with 2 days of security this show could not happen. Thank You!

This team of volunteers has worked hard to make this show seem effortless, but we all know the truth.

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Thank you to Pottstown Chapter of AACA , for once again, stepping up and putting on a seemingly flawless show. We will meet again later this year, after we all decompress, to review the show in detail and then start up in February 2027 to bring together year 61 of DD with our continuing effort to be truly flawless.

Once again good job as we have a lot more left in 2026 to do in this club.

See ya down the road!
Tom Wright



60th Annual Duryea Day From Cliff Wilson

What other word than "WOW" for the 60th annual event on a perfect weather day. Thanks to everyone who helped in some form, the show went very well.



DURYEA DAY THOUGHTS

As I was putting away all my things from the show and writing down numbers and those who volunteered this year, I started looking back to other years.

To start, for this year we had 34 members and 13 non-members who helped make the day a success. We have grown. In 2025 there were 32 members and 7 non-members who helped out. For 2024 it was 25 members and 9 non-members, and in 2018, my records show only 25 members, but I'm sure there were non-members as well. A few of our non-members this year were Museum volunteers, but most were children and grandchildren of our members. It is so wonderful to see the energy and enthusiasm this younger generation has. If my memory serves me right, and I'll apologize now if I miss a family, we've had help from the Wilson family, the Dare family, the Hallman family, the Schuck family, the Britton family, and the Fiorillo family. Without these volunteers and the many other members who support our efforts, we would not have the successful shows we have had. Mother Nature has also blessed us with beautiful weather for a good many years.

And, from the numbers I gather each year, there were 306 vehicles preregistered and 296 Day of Show entrants for this year. This was one of the largest turnouts for Duryea Day ever.

Thank you everyone for helping and also to those who brought out their cars to support the show.

Until next year....

Sandy Kemp, Registration

At Our September Meeting

by Cliff Wilson

There was a tremendous gathering of club members for the post-Duryea Day dinner meeting. President Tom Wright had nothing but good things to say how he felt about this year's show success and thanked everyone for their great work to make it happen. In excess of 600+ show vehicles were on the field and although the gate traffic was down this year, the crowds were enjoying the perfect weather and all the special events. Elvis made an appearance for two performances and had the place rockin'. Another great year for the museum.



Pottstown Region Sunshine

By Sandy Kemp

Please inform Sandy Kemp, Sunshine Committee, of any sick or hospitalized members. Also, if you know of a member, spouse, or immediate family passing away, Sandy can be reached at 610-780-5480 or sandrakemp5480@gmail.com.



Longtime member Fred Scherzer, 82, of Perkiomenville passed away on August 29. Fred faithfully attended our monthly meeting. He enjoyed helping pack goodie bags for Duryea Day and then helping out at the club tent on the day of the show. He loved his Corvairs and jukeboxes. Fred will be missed. Contributions may be made in Fred's memory to The Perkiomenville branch of Montgomery County SPCA or to Logan's Hero Animal Rescue, 9411 Kings Hwy., East Greenville, PA.

Club Birthday Wishes

October

2nd -Peter J Heizmann
6th -Marjorie Schlosberg
8th -Frank Gormley
16th -London R Hain
18th -Horace Reinford Jr.
19th -Karen Britton
20th -John A McCarthy
30th -Pierre G deMauriac

November

6th -Donna Stever
9th -Brian Fox
11th -Gail deMauriac
11th -Carmen D'Annunzio
14th -David Poley
19th -Carol Smith
25th -Patricia R Strunk

December

11th -Robert H Dare
20th -Arthur Istenes
21st -Barb Melnyk
30th -Brian Schantz
31st -Katherine McCarthy
31st -Steven Stastny

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 6:45PM during Spring/Summer/Fall. During Winter (Jan./Feb) we will meet for lunch at 1:00PM followed by the meeting at 1:45PM. 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 for Pat and she will see that you get a copy.

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.



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Please don't forget to patronize our sponsors and 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 2027. If you would like a copy of the letter on the following page to take to your local business, contact me at 267-374-2799 or email at britton231@comcast.net. Thanks!

PLEASE PRINT THIS LETTER
and
Help Us Get More Sponsors!

The success of our events and activities depends on the generous support of local businesses and organizations. Sponsorships help us:

- ★ Keep our events affordable for members and the community
- ★ Continue to preserve automotive history
- ★ Support youth education and scholarships
- ★ Promote the antique automotive hobby
- ★ Grow our membership and outreach

If you know of a business or organization that might be interested in supporting our club, please share this letter with them. Their sponsorship makes a real difference!

Together, we can keep our
AUTOMOTIVE HERITAGE
on the road!

Your support drives our success!





Pottstown Region AACA,
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January 1, 2026

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 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.

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,

Tom Wright, President

P. S. We'd like to invite you to our car show this year on September 5th - Duryea Day at Boyertown Community Park, 419 South Madison Street, Boyertown, PA

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