



TIRE TRACKS

February 2021



Greetings, W-S Members,

We hope you all are staying warm and healthy as we approach a full year of the pandemic. There are some positive signs of relief as the rollout of the vaccines is underway. I got my first dose yesterday and look forward to getting the second in 3 weeks. Another positive sign is that I received and sent in the registration form for Hershey 2021. Let's hope that things are under control by October and we can resume the honored ritual in PA.

Stu Allen

ACCESSORIES

Back in the day, car manufacturers provided brochures with your new car to entice you to add accessories to allow "customizing" the vehicle to your taste. When you ordered your car, some accessories were available from the factory, but the dealer often stocked some items that they would install. This brochure for the 1957 Buicks is a good example. If you show your car, it is good to have a copy of this type of brochure to show judges that an accessory was "Engineer Approved" by the manufacturer. I've been questioned about the dual "Trailmaster" spot lights on my '57 Roadmaster but the brochure shows that they were available from the dealer at \$14.50 each.

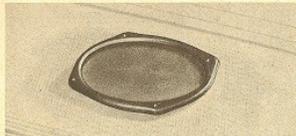
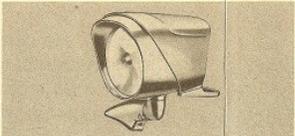
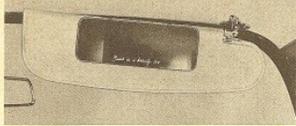
These days, few cars are ordered by individuals. Most are purchased off the lot with dealer ordered option packages so these brochures are no longer available.

Future Meetings—Check our website and watch for emails announcing future activities.

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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I cut my own hair. I got sick of barbers because they talk too much. And too much of their talk was about my hair falling out. Poet: Robert Frost

Your editor (Stu) begged me to come up with something, ANYTHING for this month's ramblings. When one lives a rather mundane existence, it's hard to just start writing, and in my case even thinking. As luck would have it, I got a visit from my nephew and one of his childhood buddies.

During a tour of the joint (house, not jail) he asked me about a couple of the photo's on the den wall and who was the leggy blonde that I had my arm wrapped around as she was singing to me on stage. "Those photo's were taken at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas in August of 1978 while I was there on a special assignment with Chrysler, and I decided to take in a live show with Jerry Lewis and Joey Heatherton. I had a front row seat for the performance and when Joey came on stage she invited me up on the stage to sing for me. I was star struck."

"Who's Jerry Lewis and Joey Heatherton" he asked?" "Never mind, it was before you were born" I replied. Who could sleep after that experience, and so after the show I was on cloud nine and decided to play the slots for the rest of the remaining early hours (2-5 AM). Suffice to say the slots were more than generous and I walked away with several thousand dollars in winnings. It was a great 4 months of "work" in Sin City and I saw a number of other entertaining performers as well. Perhaps you've heard of them. Dino Paul Crocetti ("King of Cool", Dean Martin), "Old Blue Eyes", Frank Sinatra, "Mr. Las Vegas", Wayne Newton, "Piano Man", Liberace and the fabulous Lena Horne.

The most outrageous of them all was Liberace, whose over the top entry was to be driven on stage in one of his Rolls Royce's and his continuous changes of spectacular costumes. I flew my mother and cousin out there for one of his performances and he came up to my mother and asked her what she thought of this gigantic diamond ring he had on his finger and she said it was "BREATHTAKING". He replied, "It should be, you paid for it"! Let me just say that stage tickets were not cheap and the slots helped pay for it.

The memories of all the concerts I've been to over the past 42 years all come flowing back when I listen to Dean Martin sing "Memories Are Made of This". When I say, "The other day", I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

(ps) Sadly, all events are cancelled for the month of February.

Jack Drago

Editor's Note: I tried to find a suitable picture of beautiful Joey Heatherton but I was afraid this issue wouldn't get past the censors!

John Stone 1937-2021

Past W-S President (1997-1998) and faithful member John Stone passed away on January 20, 2021.

Our prayers are with Doris and their family.

<https://www.kygers.com/obituary/john-stone>



Virtual Car Show—Car Quiz

Can you match these show cars with our member owners?

Owners are listed on Page 5.

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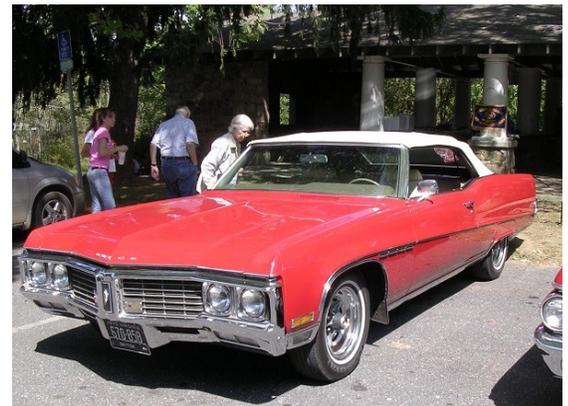
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I Was There—Rochester Products Division GM—1964

Hemmings Classic Car runs a monthly article called “I Was There” and it got me thinking of some of my past experiences in the automotive industry.

Fresh out of high school in 1964, I was fortunate enough to be accepted in an engineering co-op program at General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) that would lead to a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I grew up in a small town in Northern Pennsylvania and was able to get a co-op position at Rochester Products Division in Rochester NY. I had just turned 18 when I started at RPD and I had only visited the plant once during the interview process. My first 6-week work assignment was a real eye opener. I drove my trusty 1962 Corvair to the big city on Sunday in July, the day before I started work. Much to my dismay, the National Guard was controlling the city streets due to race riots that had been going on. I was quickly pulled over but convinced the troops to let me continue to my rooming house. Certainly not the welcome to the city that I had expected.

After a physical and orientation I was assigned to my first work block in the punch press department. Students at that time were non-union hourly workers. I was on cloud 9 making \$2.84/ hour. The departments were glad to have students since we were free labor to them. This department had at least 50 hand-fed punch presses along with a large number of automatic presses that made all sorts of sheet metal parts like throttle levers, valves and links that were used in the carburetor assemblies.

Most of the operators were women who routinely fed up to 5000 parts through their presses per shift. Long sets of pliers were used to insert each part into the die and 2 palm buttons were pressed to cycle the machine.



Punch Press

I was trained to fill in on some of the presses when the regular operator was out. I quickly learned that this was not something I would want to do as a career! In July the plant was very hot and the fans did little to cool the operators. The noise from the presses was deafening. After my shift, my ears would be ringing for hours. This was before OSHA required hearing protection in noisy operations. OSHA started in 1971.

The worst task I was assigned to was sorting the shavings from throttle valves. The valve blanks were run through a press that formed the beveled edges required to fit the throttle bores in the carburetor. The oil-covered valves were dumped into tote pans along with the sharp shavings. My job was to dump the pans into a sloped screening fixture, swirl them around until all the shavings had dropped out, and then send the valves on to the next operation. Wearing oil-soaked gloves amongst the din of the nearby presses was an experience I'll always remember.



Throttle Valve

I worked in that department for 6 weeks before going to Flint, Michigan for my first college block. Work assignments like this one certainly motivated me to study hard at college to insure that I would graduate with my engineering degree and not end up running a punch press!

Stu Allen



It's Not the Cars, It's the Memories

By Fred Trusty

Vice President - Membership

At age 14, I got a copy of the Kentucky Drivers Manual. I read it front to back several times and memorized all the stopping distances and other important facts. If only I had that much enthusiasm for my school work. On Sunday mornings I would get up and be ready for church long before it was time to leave. My mother would let me back her 1967 Oldsmobile Delmont 88 out of the garage about 10 – 15 minutes before it was time to leave. I would drive it the 200 feet or so down the driveway but I wasn't allowed to go into the street (or at least I didn't get caught) so I would go in reverse all the way back to the garage. Everyone told me that parallel parking was the hardest part of the driving test so I put chalk markings on the asphalt in front of the garage to simulate parking spaces so I could practice parallel parking. A couple of days after my 16th birthday I took the written test and easily passed. Then a couple of months later I took the driving test and after 2 years of parallel parking practice, I could parallel park that Olds blindfolded.

I now had a license to drive but no money for insurance, and gas. Having a car meant no more walking to and from school uphill both ways in the snow, or at least that's what my kids say about me. I could be one of the cool kids at school. I could be somebody. Oh, and let's not forget the biggest motivating factor; girls. But getting a part time job after school meant quitting football. Hmm?

I started work at the Beechmont Key Market making \$1.60/hour. With some money I had saved from cutting grass and a loan from my father, I paid \$500 for a 1965 Ford Custom. The Custom was basically a Galaxy without all the options and trim but for some reason this one was equipped with factory air, automatic, power steering, power brakes, 352 CI engine, and a 4-barrel carburetor.



*Could this 1965 Ford Custom be like Fred's first car?
Sold by Mecum Auctions in 2015.*

Editor

Cars invoke memories of our younger days. Have you ever noticed that when some people talk about their cars they have a gleam in their eyes? "I had one just like this in high school" or "The first date with my wife was in a car like this?" What are your memories?

I might not have a '65 Ford Custom anymore but I still have the memories. Now think of young people today. 20 years from now when they see a car on the show field, are they going to say, "Wow, my first car was a '95 Toyota Corolla. I drove it in high school during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic." If you see a 90's car on the show field, don't think of it as just a used car. To someone younger, someday it might bring back fond memories.



'95 Toyota Corolla currently for sale on Edmonds.

Future fond memories?

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CAR QUIZ

**Owners in
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This list of cars for sale from Dick McIninch

- 1915 Buick C25 Touring Car,
- 1936 Rolls Royce Phantom III Drophead Coupe,
- 1936 Ford Deluxe Touring Sedan,
- 1966 Ford Mustang Convertible,
- 1986 Mercedes Benz 300E.

For more information call 434-361-2568 or email olcarfn@aol.com Dick McIninch

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

Editors Note: Due to the present restrictions on gatherings, the Board will work on planning events and notify members on the website and by email as soon as possible.

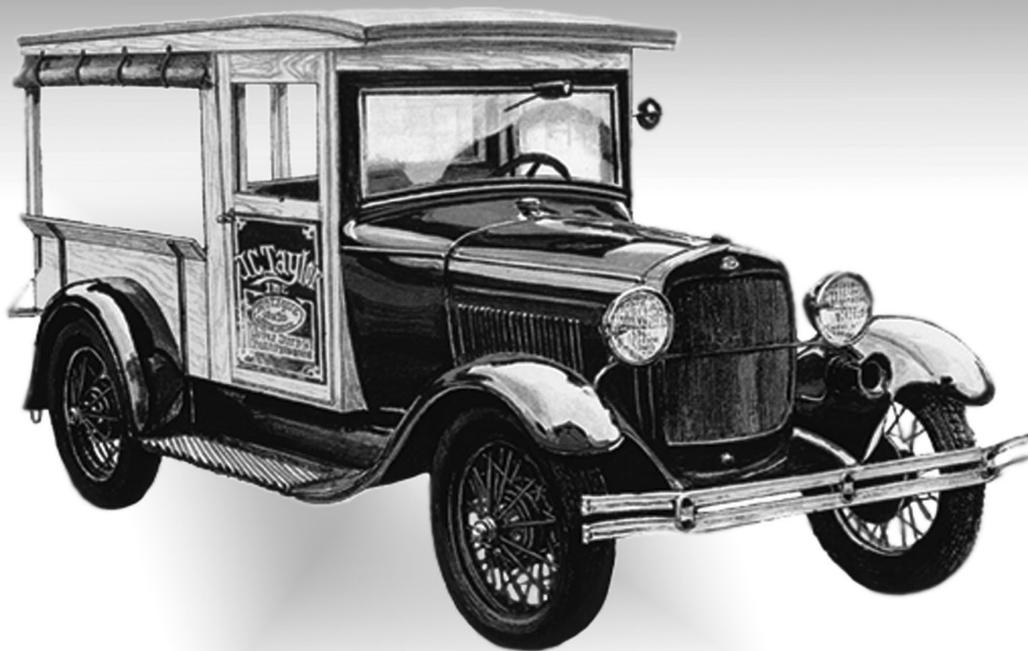
FEB.	10	Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
	21	Sunday, 2:00 PM	Monthly meeting TBD CANCELLED
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	21	Sunday, 2:00 PM	Monthly meeting TBD
	27	Saturday, 5:00 – 9:00 PM	Dinner & Auction to Benefit the Augusta County Fair. Weyers Cave Community Center, 682 Weyers Cave Road, Weyers Cave. Tickets are \$10.00.
APR.	8-10		Southeastern Spring National Meet at the Charlotte Auto Fair, Charlotte Motor Speedway, 5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC. Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region.
	14	Wednesday, 7:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
	15-17		AACA National Convention, Sheraton Downtown Hotel, 201 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA.
	18	Sunday, 2:00 PM	Monthly meeting TBD

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