

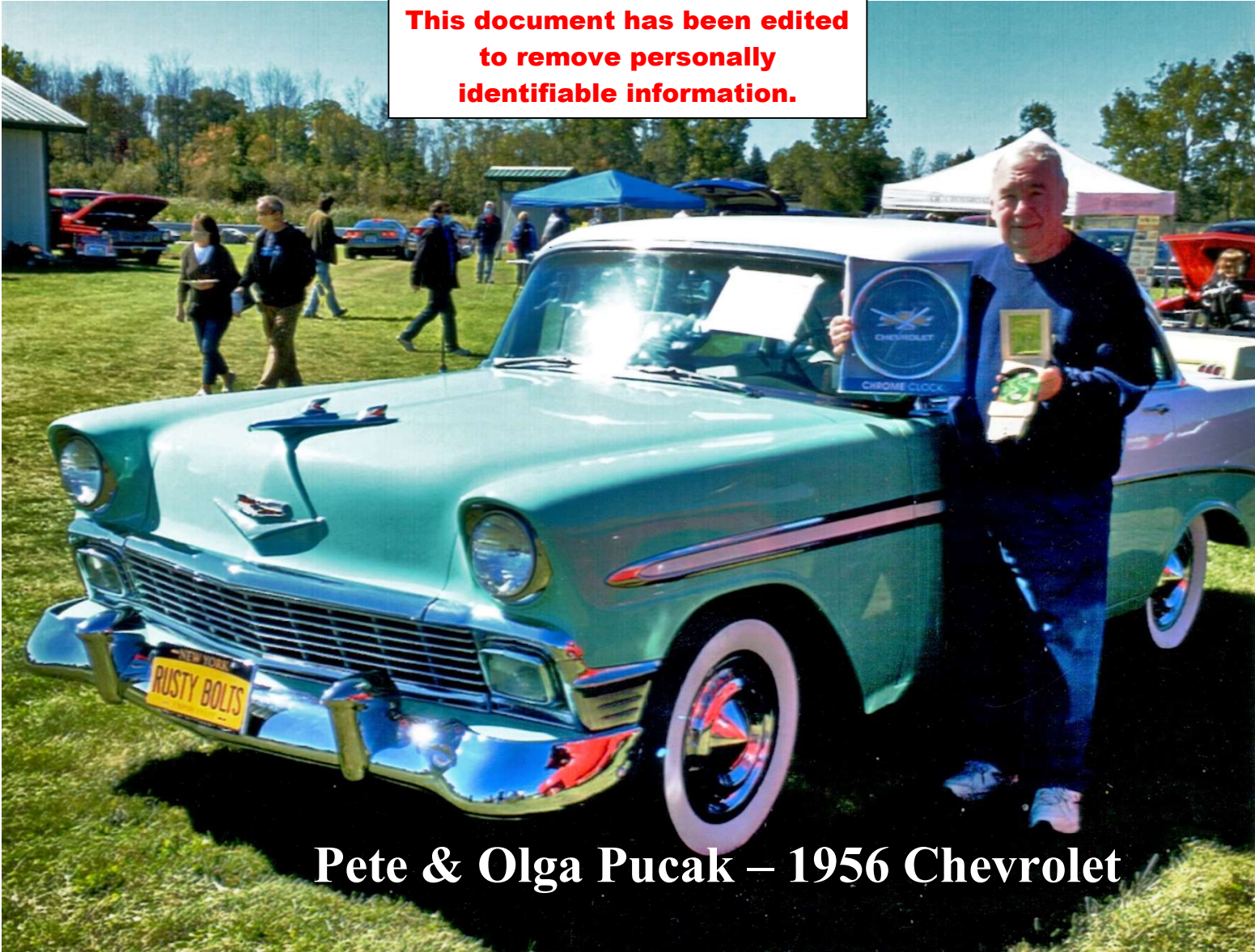
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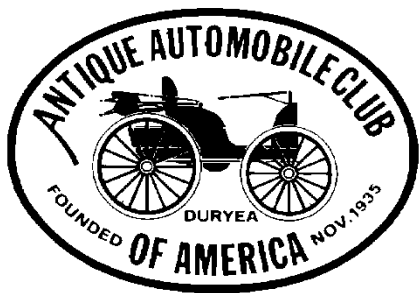
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Pete & Olga Pucak – 1956 Chevrolet

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- Overnighter None planned this year
- 2021 WebmasterJerry Ptak
- 2021 Sidelight Editor.....Valerie Wilson

Since there weren't any scheduled events for the past month, there is no local attendance report.

From the Editor:

We do still have washable, reusable face masks for sale. They are \$5 each and we will mail them out if you include \$1 for P&H. All proceeds go the LER. Of course, They will be available when we get to meet again.



More Post Office Believe It Or Not!

A member sent me an order for an LER mask on Jan 15th. It was properly addressed and contained funds for the mask. We received it on Feb 19th. Where had it been for a month? According to the postmarks, the envelope went to Greenville, S. Carolina where it was postmarked on Jan 18th. Somewhere on its journey someone wrote "Delivered to the wrong address" – you think? After a second postmark in Greenville, it finally made its way back to Buffalo and was again postmarked on Feb 10th and Feb 17th, before arriving in our mailbox. We are still waiting for a dues renewal that was sent on Nov 16th 2020 from another member.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cliff's Notes: I decided to have a board meeting this month to bring everyone up to date with the current Covid19 restrictions. We had a safe and distanced meeting at the Hillview Restaurant in Depew. We have carryover plans from last year for a May Rust Buster event and our June Car Show. The board will meet every month so that we can release important details as soon as they become available. Activity chip awards from 2020 will be distributed at our next allowable meeting/event.

A couple people thought I should tell you a little more about me. I know that I have met and talked to many club members over the past four years. This month's Cliff's Notes will be about Cliff. Just the good stuff...

Born and raised in Buffalo and then moved to Williamsville at the end of high school. Sure, I played my share of baseball, football and kickball. But anything car or speed related is what I really enjoyed. There were gas tether cars, model cars, slot cars, fast bikes, go karts, dirt bikes and more to keep me busy. I also learned to play the saxophone, which eventually lead to a successful polka band named The Tymes. I also played with Buffalo's own

Bobby Militello when I was in high school. WOW. I saved my money and bought a 409! No, that's not quite true, that was the Beach Boys song I remember. But I did buy a fast used 1968 GTO for my first car. Remember when gas was priced at .29/9. How many times did I skip lunch and put the money in the tank to go cruising? A lot.

Then it was off to Clarkson College, SUNY at Buffalo and Canisius College to finish an MBA. Somehow during that stretch, I traded my GTO for a 1970 Camaro Z28. I groomed that car for drag racing and spent many a night at Lancaster Speedway. However, race cars don't make very good street cars, so something had to change.

There was a lot to think about as I started my business career at Carborundum. Antiques, muscle cars, street rods and sports cars were now becoming more than a dream. Speed was my main drug, but I mean the mph kind. Stay tuned to next month when I will continue my saga. No hints now...

Stay well and stay safe.

Cliff

"Bob and the 1956 Chevy"

By Pete Pucak

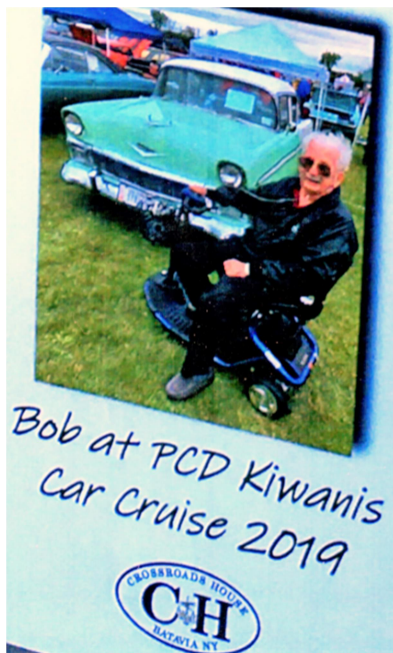
Our story begins in September 2019 at a car show in Pembroke, Genesee County. Olga and I were at the Kiwanis Fall Festival Car Show with our '56 Chevy.

During the show we were approached by four people pushing a man in wheel chair. While they were looking at our car, one of the ladies came over to us and asked if this was our car. After we said yes she introduced herself to us as people from Crossroads House in Batavia, which is a comfort care home for those who have a terminal illness. The man in the wheel chair was one of their patients. His name was Bob.

She began to tell us that they had asked Bob this morning that he had two wishes today and asked him what he would like to do. He said that he would like to take everyone out for ice cream and then go to the car show he had heard about at the town park and look for a 1956 Chevy.

I told the group that I would be more than happy to show them the inside of the car and answer any questions they had. Bob said that he wanted to see the interior and steering wheel of the car, so I opened the driver's side front door and pushed his wheel chair close to the car.

He put his left arm on the door arm rest and put his right hand on the steering wheel. He dropped something on the front floor mat and began to cry. They gave him a few minutes then pulled him away from the car. As I



picked up what he had dropped on the floor mat it turned out to be a very old and wrinkled black and white photograph of Bob standing next to a 1956 Chevy 4-door sedan that his father gave him when Bob turned 18. They took this picture of Bob next to our car, thanked us and continued through the show.

This past September, Olga and I drove our '56 to the show again. While we were sitting by our car a man came over to me with a picture. He asked if the car in the picture was my car. I said yes and then remembered Bob and the picture of his '56 Chevy. The person with the picture was an employee of Crossroads House in Batavia. He told us that Bob had passed away three weeks after they took the picture of him next to our car.

We will now carry this picture of Bob in the front seat of our car so he can still ride and see "The U.S.A. In Your Chevrolet."



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ACTIVITIES REPORT

Please be advised that all upcoming events are pending cancellation due to the current affairs with the Coronavirus. Everyone's health and well-being is of the utmost importance. Please stay safe and take care.

We look forward to a better 2021 season.

March 14th has been canceled.

April 11th meeting is tentative.

May Rust Buster, date to be determined, details to follow.

June 13th Annual car show is pending.

When we start up again, we will need volunteers, helpers and ideas for club-sponsored events. If you are interested in sponsoring, co-sponsoring or helping out at an event, please contact Lynelle Schloerb or Chuck Weimer.

Chuck Weimer Activities Co-Chairman

From Dean Burgstahler

: Did you know?

The Goldberg Brothers - The Inventors of the automobile Air Conditioner Here's a little-known fact for automotive buffs, or just to dazzle your friends.

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Maxwell, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees.

The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter. Henry was curious and invited them into his office.

They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees inside, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

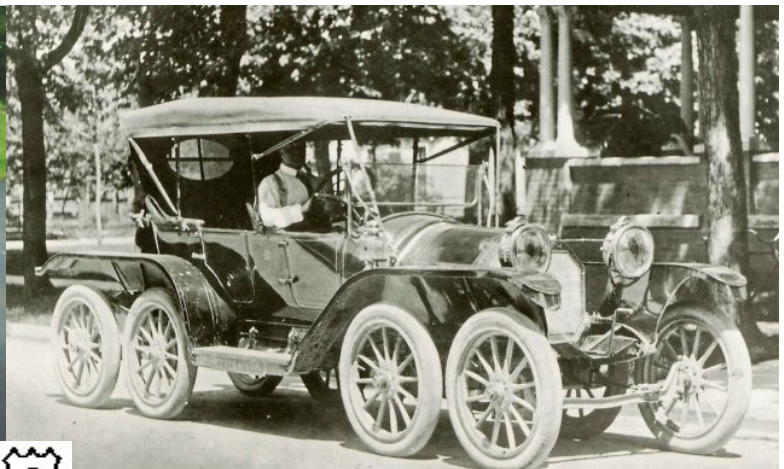
From the "What the....?" File

Dean Burgstahler is always sending me photos of VW vans from my era and earlier that are interesting, but none more than this one. I also received an email about another unusual vehicle, a 1911 Reeves (a modified 1910 Overland). Milton Reeves built this 8 wheeled Octoauto based on the theory of the railroad cars having eight trucks. Even though it created a smooth ride on the rough roads of the time, the car was so expensive it was out of the price range of even the moderately rich. He later built a six wheeled Sextoauto. Read more about Reeves and his inventions at https://www.hagerty.com/media/automotive-history/the-1911-reeves-octoauto-was-an-8-wheeled-technological-marvel/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Saturday_RoadTrip

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Jewish, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so, to this day, all Ford air conditioners show -- Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls. Control yourself! Just forward it on. This is what happens when you're retired and have too much time on your hands.



This month's activity is a scramble squares puzzle. Your task, should you accept it, is to cut out or copy these nine squares and assemble them so that each of the Wilson's vehicles are complete. It may look and sound simple, but don't be fooled!

The four vehicles are: 1953 Buick; 1962 Metropolitan; 1966 Mustang and 1973 VW Thing.



SIDELIGHT TREASURES

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AUTOS FOR SALE

'28 Ford 2 dr all steel body, no fenders, street rod, excellent roof, window glass, visor, doors, black, green body stripe, interior, tilt wheel, auto, 350 Chevy 4 bld headers, open, engine, disc brakes, 9" rear, \$22,000 Bob Hartinger 783-4378 (2)

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'41 Ford standard tudor sedan, flathead V8, radio, heater, a beautiful car \$16,900/BO. Car in South Carolina, Bruce Trilling 803-942-1540: Musket1234@aol.com Lead from Bob Nash. (2)



'41 Ford super deluxe convertible coupe, '98 AACA First place Jr award winner, red leather interior, radio, heater, WWW, flathead V8 \$42,000/BO Car is in South Carolina, Bruce Trilling



Upcoming feature: the restoration of my Tee-Bird,
(yes – I spelled it right!)
Valerie Wilson - Editor

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803-942-1540: Musket1234@aol.com Lead from Bob Nash. (2)

AUTO MISC FOR SALE

1961 Chevy full-size car LH front door for 4dr sedan, complete less hinges. Some rust. \$45.00; 1961-64 Chevy full-size upper door hinge. Fits LH or RH \$35.00; 1961-64 Chevy full-size lower door hinge, LH only \$35.00; 1969 Chevy full-size car front lower valence panel \$50.00; 1970's Chevy Camaro, Nova 14x7 rally wheels, (5) with center caps. \$135 for all; Early 1950's Chevy truck hood hinges \$50.00; 1958 Ford full-size car original front park/ turn signal lenses \$12.00/pair; Wheel covers: sets of 4 unless stated otherwise. Driver quality; 1964 Chevy Impala \$40.00; 1965 Chevy Impala \$40.00; 1967 Chevy Caprice \$40.00; 1968 Chevy Impala \$40.00; 1969 Chevy Impala 14" \$40.00; 1969 Chevy Impala 15" \$40.00; 1966 Buick Skylark (1) \$10.00; Ed Vogt 826-9082 (5)

I have many copies of AACA Antique Automobile Magazine dating back to the '60s. If anybody wants them, please call me, Barney Platzer, at 983-1539. (4)

AUTO MISC WANTED

Copies of the AACA Magazine from May/June 2020 if you are going to get rid of it. Dennis would like extra copies of the article on his Ford formerly owned by Lowell Todd. Call Dennis at 773-5847 if you have one for him. (5)

AACA & Horseless Carriage Club magazines from the 40s & 50's Call Steve 823-0526 or 335-0728 (6)

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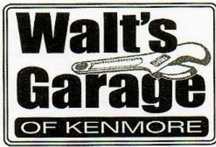
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Calendar of Events

Mar. 14 – Daylight Saving Begins
 Mar. 17 – Saint Patrick’s Day
 Mar. 20 – Start of Spring
 Mar. 28 – Palm Sunday



No other events planned at this time.
All other events are pending or have been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for further updates.

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