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Al Danner's 68 GT is Part of a 2 Car Feature

2020 AACA Grand National

n August 22nd the Antique Automobile Club Hosted their Grand National in Gettysburg, PA. The New Jersey Region was well represented by its Members spectators, judges, as well as participants.

New Jersey Region Grand National Award Recipients

- 1st Grand National Winners
 - ♦ *Class 3B Ira Patel (1914 Detroit Electric Brougham)
 - ♦ *Class 19A Scott Spiro (1929 Hudson Phaeton)
 - ♦ *Class 24B Richard Payne (1970 *Chevrolet Corvette, Race Car)
 - ♦ *Class 30B Arnold Papenfuhs (1963 Chevrolet Corvette)
 - (1957 Ford Thunderbird)
 - ♦ *Class 38 Denise Tuck (1991 Chevrolet S-10)
- Senior Grand National Winners
 - *Class 27B August Daub (1956 Studebaker Hawk)
 - *Class 35A Edward Koch (1953 Nash Healey)

A hearty Congratulations to all for their hard work and dedication to the preservation of history.



Suzanne Danner's 86 GT is also part of a 2 car feature



A Message from the President September 2020



hese monthly messages have not been the easiest to write this year, due to the COVID-19 epidemic and the subsequent cancellation of almost all AACA, both National and Regional events.

We just had to cancel our Aug & Sept meetings and modified the Region Picnic, as the Morris Plains VFW is still

closed by the Governor's direction.

However, something happened this month that really has nothing to do with our cars. More importantly, it has to do with our people! Somebody said "bring the cars and the people will come," or something like that. Speaking for myself, the people are the most important part of our club, both the New Jersey Region and AACA Art Briggs, President

Here is the difficult part of this message.

One of our members, John White ('54 Chevy) suffered a serious heart attack on June 23rd. He was found unresponsive in the Salvation Army parking lot in Paterson. Fortunately, someone witnessed it and called 911 immediately! Unfortunately, I don't believe John received help fast enough. They did revive him and transported him to St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, where he ultimately passed away on August 17th.

The reason we know about this at all is because John had an "ICE" number in his cell phone. "In Case of Emergency." First Responders are trained to look for this number in your cell phone. If you don't have a cell phone, you need to change that! Why? Above is a great reason! Ask any first responder! For more reasons why, refer to my message in last month's Road Map.

Back to John White. The ICE number's in John's cell phone were those of two friends. One of them knows and called Dave Cavagnaro because the hospital was looking for a blood relative so they could communicate with them to notify them of John's condidiscussed with anyone else.

This brings to mind other documents that we all need to have for such occasions.

1. A Living Will.

The purpose of this document is to give instructions to the caregiver in the event that you are incapacitated such as John is at the moment. This document should assign a person, preferably, but not necessarily, a family member, to make decisions for you when you are incapacitated.

2. A Will.

This instructs how your assets are to be divided after your death.

If you don't have a will, it is said that you died "Intestate." If you are married, your wife gets everything. Even if you separated years ago but never bothered to obtain a divorce. That may not be what you want. So make a Will! Another downfall of not having a Will is that the State can claim all of your assets!

I can not give you legal advice. The intent of this is to make you aware. My personal advice is that if you don't have either of these documents, contact an attorney and get them made as soon as possible. Don't put it off! I'm sure that when John went out he had no idea what was going to happen to him! "Tomorrow" is not quaranteed!

I personally have had a will for many years. Wills need to be updated often, also. I also have a "Living Will" and not only do several family members have copies, St. Josephs Hospital and Atlantic Health have it in my records there.

I seriously urge you to consider my suggestions above if you have not already done so! Surely John White had no plans for what happened to him!

Respectfully submitted,

NJAACA #1469



UNDER THE HOOD Notes from the editor



When I jumped on board to be the editor of the Regions newsletter my only goal was to produce a bigger and better newsletter. One that was recognized as a quality publication not only in our family, but in the AACA.

Until March that was something I enjoyed doing. The membership provided energy and content was so rich that we soon became the envy of other clubs

wishing they had that level of participation. These days tion. The HIPPA laws do not permit health issues to be are hard for all of us and the newsletter is no exception. There is so little content it's actually exhausting to put one together. Thanks to Rich Reina and his column we have original content. And oh, Rich's column has been picked up by 2 other Region newsletters for publication. So Good on ya Rich!!! And Thanks to Abe Platt who has once again joined the ranks of contributing authors after his physical mishap.

> This month is a 2 Car Feature Article about Al and Suzanne Danner's Mustangs. Such a unique pair of vehicles that are also the same in many ways. Check it out, I'm sure you'll like it. Thanks for your patience over the last month, I am sure we can back on schedule soon.

On My honor..... Jay DeBoey (#1*540*)







NJ AACA EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

13th Annual Region Picnic & September Meeting. VFW Post #2540, 546 Fawn Road, East Stroudsburg, PA, 18301 Pete Cullen, Chair

19th 6th Annual Califon Classic Car Show. Califon Island Park in Califon, NJ. Abe Platt, Chair <u>abeplatt@aol.com</u> *C:* (732) 433-5319.

OCTOBER

1st NJ Region AACA monthly meeting Morris Plains VFW Post 3401, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ. 8:00 PM

NOVEMBER

5th NJ Region AACA monthly meeting Morris Plains VFW Post 3401, 45 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, NJ, 8:00 PM

AREA EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

26th King of the Hill Car Show. Canfield Ave School - 42 Canfield Ave, Mine Hill, NJ 07803, NJ. 8am—3pm

OCTOBER

4th Autoberfest Car Show. Garden State Region Mustang Club 175 Rt 10, East Hanover, NJ 9am—2pm BROCHURE

AACA NATIONAL EVENTS

OCT

9-10th - Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey PA Car Show Only—<u>Brochure HERE</u> Covid 19 Policies HERE





All events are to be submitted to the Vice President for clearance.

ALL NJ REGION MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE GRAND NATIONAL IN 2020 MUST SEND THEIR INFORMATION TO VINCE DeLISI IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THEIR PARTICIPATION POINTS FOR THAT EVENT

Make Up Date - Annual Region Picnic & August Meeting September 13, 2020 at the East Stroudsburg, PA VFW

ho could have dreamed that 2020 would have been such a disastrous year in so many unimaginable ways. I don't have any recollection of a Spring this year, Summer is a hot, humid blur, and now it's almost autumn!

With the remnants of a 2020 Car Hobby season running short, I've been able to book an alternate location to hold the traditional Region Picnic and Monthly Meeting, since the home VFW base has been closed due to NJ State and other governmental agency guidance on COVID-19 procedures. For those Region members comfortable with driving a little extra distance, and dealing with masks and social distance compliance, this year's picnic will be moved to a beautiful open pavilion at the VFW Post #2540, located at 546 Fawn Road, East Stroudsburg, PENNSYLVANIA, 18301 (See map below)

What we will do this year, instead of me and a team of BBQ chefs at the grill, plus the usual sharing of favorite side dish and dessert food fest, this VFW will provide the traditional basic picnic fare. The Region will provide a meal ticket for each member, for one sandwich, chips and a soft drink Alternately, NJ Region members are free to pack their own picnic basket or lunch bag with their own favorite foods and soft drinks. Wood picnic tables are plentiful, but you may want to bring your own chairs, and drive your vintage vehicles this year's event!

For many of us, this may be the first and only car event you go to in 2020! Due to the COVID impact on cancellation of this year's Spring Meet and just about every other car show, I'm expecting that our car display at the picnic will be the Region's largest display of vehicles during 2020!

For directions, please see map below, showing the route from the Route 80 West Delaware Water Gap \$1.00 toll bridge to the VFW, just about 5 miles.

According to my records, this will be the 16th year that I'm serving as the Picnic chairman. As we have use of a large covered pavilion, all available picnic tables will be protected from both sunny and not so sunny weather, **this will be a 'rain or shine'** type of event, and modern cars are also welcomed, as long as YOU get to the picnic and meet with your friends, socially distanced and wearing masks when not eating.

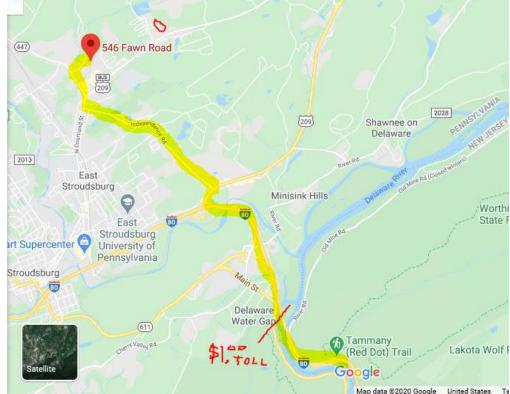
Members may arrive any time around 11:00 am. Be sure to wear your Region name badges, as an **abbreviated September monthly business meeting will be conducted** which will be **in lieu of the 'first Thursday' regular meeting**, as the NJ VFW location remains closed. The picnic food service will begin after the meeting, and you can expect to stay until about 2 pm to hang around and chat! Bring your face masks, the Region will pro-

vide the hand sanitizer.

As usual, I would like one or two members to arrive a little bit earlier than the crowd (anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 am) to help me set-up for the festivities – call or text me at the number below if you think you can help in any way! I hope to see many members - and all their vintage cars - at this year's Region Picnic Alternative.

Pete Cullen, Jr. Picnic Chairman Worthi 973-650-2957

Map from Delaware Water Gap Rt 80 \$1.00 toll bridge, about 5 miles to the VFW pin below. (BTW, my cabin is the red circle on the map, for reference)



CELEBRATIONS

BY BRENDA ZIMMERMAN, NJ AACA REGION #1238

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

3.. BOB & JOAN HEDDRICK 5728 NORMAN & FRANCES WOOLEY 49



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

17 BILL & ANNABELLE WILMER 29 MIKE & DIANE MANGANELLI



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8ANN HOLZBERGER

10 RAY FISCHER

16BRYAN BURKE

16 FRANK FIGOROTTA

16 RAY KOZIOL

18BOB BENSON

18 VICKI MANGULSON

19 ARNOLD KANTOR

20LINDA SORRELL

24 BEATRICE STAATS

24 DEBORAH SYMONDS

29 WALTER TERRY

29 NORMAN WOOLEY

30 PAT KAPRAL

31 DUANE COPLEY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2.....RALPH KNECHEL

6.....ROY KONWISER

12 ERIC SYMONDS

13 ELLEN KONWISER

14 CAROL DURNA

16 LILLIAN ANDERSON

16 MAUREEN MCCANN

17 DORIS COFONE

18BILL PRITCHETT

18 WILLIAM YOUNG

26JAY LEONARD

HACKETTSTOWN TO MILFORD TOUR

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020

erry Peck, Bryan & Sarah Pritchett, LeRoy & Marlene Gearhart, together with some members of the MG Club (Steve & Linda Wagoner, Mary Hayes, Gary & Janet Perrault, and Ed Orna and his daughter Sam) and a couple of friends: Joe & Chris Kuhl and Bob Sullivan, met Bobbi and me at the VFW in Morris Plains on a



warm, sunny, Saturday morning. At 10:30, we took off through the back roads of Morristown, Mendham and Chester, over the Schooley's Mountain and up Schooley's Mountain Road to the Lowe's in Hackettstown.



There we met with Trisha & Duane Copley, Craig & Yvonne Kunz, Judy & Ray Fischer with Brenda Zimmerman, Ron & Nancy Hutchins, Dave Cavagnaro, Paul & Helen Wolfmeyer, Roger & Kathy Bagley, Tom & Patty Fehley (Sarah's parents), Phil & Doreen Trager, Debbie & Ed Symonds,



Bill & Bette Pritchett, Bob & Kathleen Kelly, PJ & Elsie Ehmann, John & Diane Henderson and Pete Cullen, and members of the Running Board A's: Steve & Kathly Belton, Timothy & Kathleen Litzen-



berger, Bobbie Sliker & Carl Weissman, PJ and Elsie Ehmann, and Tom Fritz. Sorry if I have missed anyone - It was quite a large crowd!

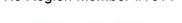
We took off for the Royal Diner almost on time. Someone had to yell at me to stop talking about cars and get in mine! While at the Diner, some of the crowd ordered "meals to go" while others went straight to the park with home prepared picnics to stake out a shady spot. All the cars lined up in a row was quite a sight to see.



After lunch we were off to the vintage gas station, where I was the only one to get gas! Everyone else was lined up on Route 31, making for an interesting photo opportunity.

After a short detour around Roaring Rocks park on Castle Ridge Road, we wandered back to Rt 57 in time to enjoy a quick stop at the Bread Lock and drive on the "concrete mile" before heading off through the corn fields and farms to Route 519 and Jimmy's Ice Cream in Milford. Ice Cream on a summer afternoon is a perfect way to end a tour. Although it was hot, everyone seemed to have a good time.

Article and Photographs respectfully submitted by: Dick Bettle NJ Region Member #1614







Legislative Update

By Kelly Adams Vice President - Legislation



hope everyone is staying safe during this unprecedented time. As VP of Legislation I am tasked with learning what U.S. states, Canadian provinces and the U.S. Federal Government are doing legislatively that may affect our hobby. I have spoken to Colby Martin Director of Spe-

cialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Action Network. He and his team are dedicated to learning what laws are being considered that can affect the automotive industry as a whole. Many of these proposed laws can directly affect our old car hobby. Some of the proposals could effectively end our hobby. I encourage all of you to contact SAN at SEMA.org, look around their site and especially click on the government affairs tab.

On the legislative front a few things of note have taken place or are taking place.

- In Canada the provinces of both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have proclaimed July 2020 as "Automotive Heritage Month."
- In Massachusetts there is a bill to allow the restoration of year of manufacture plates for antique vehicles. It has passed one committee and has moved on to a new committee.
- West Virginia passed a law that would allow antique military vehicles to display alternate registration insignia instead of traditional license plates. This protects the aesthetic appearance of these vehicles. These vehicles must be 25 years old or older, manufactured for use in any country's military forces and be maintained to accurately

represent its military and design markings to qualify.

- Kansas HB 2420 to allow for the registration and on road use of surplus military vehicles. Currently only

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antique military vehicles over 35 years old can be registered

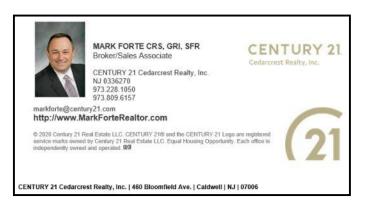
for on-road use. The bill passed the House but failed to pass the Senate before adjournment.

- Kansas HB 2528 to redefine vehicles eligible to be registered as antique vehicles. Currently Kansas defines antique vehicles as 35 years or older and as close to original as possible. The bill only required that the vehicles be 35 years old or older regardless of the components. The Bill passed the House but failed to pass the Senate Transportation Committee before adjournment.
- Kansas SB 330 to allow for the registration and onroad use of four-wheeled surplus military vehicles. The bill passed the House but failed to pass the Senate before adjournment.

This info was compiled from SEMA Action Network website of current Bills regarding antique automobiles. SEMA Action Network is a fabulous resource for ever changing legislation relating to our hobby. If any of you learn about a bill in your area that could affect our hobby, please send an email to



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NEXT MEETING CLUB PICNIC

The Sept 13th meeting of the New Jersey Region AACA will be held at the VFW on 546 Fawn Road, East Stroudsburg, PA, 18301

11:00 AM Sept 13th, 2020

DRIVE BY CAR SHOW FOR SENIORS Somerset Woods Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and Canal Walk Senior Living Community

n early August I read a flyer posted to face book regarding a Drive By Car Show for Seniors at the Somerset Woods Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and the Canal Walk Senior Living Community in Somerset, New Jersey scheduled for Friday, August 21, 2020. I immediately composed an email on August 9th to Catherine "Carrie" Santiago of Somerset Woods introducing myself as a member of several local car clubs and offering any help I could provide regarding organizing this event and/or reaching out to the various car clubs in the area to make their members aware of this worthy event. Carrie accepted my help and on August 12th I sent out notifications to several local antique and classic car clubs. When I asked Bill Pritchett to send out an email blast to the NJ Region's membership, he told me that Carrie had reached out to him via his contact at the Stein Assisted Living. Since Bill and Bette



1948 Pontiac Silver Streak—Owned by John Cirrito

owners that I know in the area by sending them the flyer.

The flyer for this event asked that participants meet and stage their vehicles for the parade at Colonial Park parking lot G by 10:30 for a 10:45 start. I had asked members of the NJ Region AACA and the Galloping Hill Cruisers to meet me at 10:00 so that I could get everyone registered and to ease the possible congestion at the parking lot entrance along Mettlers Road. By the appointed start time approximately 50 antique, classic, and exotic cars, trucks, and motorcycles were staged in the parking lot making for a very nice mini car show for all of us to enjoy. Members from the following clubs were present:



1953 Chevrolet Bel-Air—Owned by Ray & Judy Fisher

were babysitting for their daughter, who was excepting, Bill said I should take the lead on this for the NJ Region. Likewise, when I contacted Danny Staten, the president of the Curb Appeal Car Club, he mentioned that Carrie had contacted him and several of the members were going to participate. I also reached out to Michael Gelnovatch, president of the Galloping Hill Cruisers and made him and the membership aware of this. I also reached out to several unaffiliated classic



1966 Oldsmobile F-85—Owned by Craig Kunz



1976 Lincoln Towne Car—Owned by Roy Hardgrove

NJ Region AACA; Curb Appeal Car Club; Galloping Hill Cruisers; Jaguar Club of America; Running Board A's; Canal Walk Car Club; and several unaffiliated car and motorcycle owners. Members of the NJ Region included the following:

The parade route took us north on Mettlers Road to Schoolhouse Road and west to Canal Walk



1986 Ford Mustang GT—Owned by Suzanne Danner

Blvd. We drove through the community to the circle at the far west end of the community and were greeted by residents lining both sides of the Boulevard. The residents were as enthusiastic the sec-



1988 Pontiac Fiero—Owned by Yvonne Kunz

ond time we drove by as they were on the first pass. The difference was that as we made the second pass, many residents shouted thank you for our participation. This brought a warm feeling to my heart and a smile to both Ann's and my faces, as I am sure it did for those participating. As we exited the community, we drove east along Schoolhouse



1951 Hudson—Owned by George Maulbeck

Road, which turned into New Brunswick Rd. I observed at least two cars pulled to the side of the road taking pictures and/or videos of our procession. We continued to Old New Brunswick Road, making

a turn north and entered the Somerset Woods facility to find the sidewalk on two sides of the facility filled with residents/patients and staff, wearing masks, and staying socially distant. Everyone was waving and some were dancing and shouting out thank you. What a wonderful experience. Apparently, Danny Staten and I had the same idea as we both circled around to make a second pass around the facility, both of us with camera in hand.

This was a very pleasant event, both for the participants in this event and the residents and staff at both locations.

Please go to the News & Photos section of the NJ Region's website to see additional pictures of this event https://njregionaaca.com/news-photos/. Go to our Face Book page for a pictorial essay on this event; https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyRegionAACA. Also, clink on the following link to go to my Photo Album for my pictures of this event: https://photos.app.goo.gl/n7SAQX9U1ZVCgCNw6

Article and Photographs respectfully submitted by. Abraham "Abe" Platt NJ Region Member #1524



The Staff at Somerset Woods came dressed to party, poodle skirts and all!!

6th Annual Califon Classic Car Show

Saturday, September 19, 2020 (Rain Date: Sunday, September 20, 2020) 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

he 6th Annual <u>Califon Classic Car Show</u> will be on Saturday, September 19, 2020. The car show is held at Califon Island Park in Califon, NJ. The event will feature Music by DJ DUG, Food Trucks, Vendors, T-Shirts/Hats, Trophies, and fun for the whole family. Spectator parking is available adjacent to the show field. The park is two blocks from the center of Califon, off of Main Street, and has a playground, baseball fields, an open-air pavilion with tables & benches for picnics, a gazebo, restrooms, and trees for shade.

The Car Show is from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Pre-Registration is only \$15.00. Day of Show Registration is \$20.00 and starts at 8:00 am. The event is hosted by the Friends of Califon Island Park (F.O.C.I.P.). The show benefits the Califon Veterans Memorial. Trophies will be awarded in several classes based on peer and spectator votes. Winners will be announced at 1:30 pm. For additional information contact Bruce Morrow (908) 832-0418 or (862) 219-2911 or via email califoncarshow@gmail.com. Please make out your registration fee checks to "F.O.C.I.P.". The flyer/registration form for this event is located on page 11

In 2018, the NJ Region members brought six vehicles, and in 2019 twelve NJ Region members brought nine vehicles with some of these vehicles receiving trophies. Let's see if we can top these numbers. So, come out and join your fellow members of the NJ Region AACA for an enjoyable day of socializing and showing off your beautiful automobiles, as well as meeting other antique and classic automobile enthusiasts showing off their equally beautiful vehicles.

Califon Island Park is located on Bank Street, Califon, NJ 07830 and is accessed from Main Street, which is County Route 512. Califon is located between US Route 206 to the east, NJ Route 31 to the west, and Routes 22 and I-78 to the south.

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Ethanol free gas available

any of us have travelled to other parts of the United States and noted the ready availability of ethanol free gas. As you know, the ethanol likes to attack older rubber fuel lines, carburetor floats, and gas tanks among other wonderful problems.

I have used an application called <u>Puregas</u> which is available for both Android and Apple phones in addition to a website, <u>pure-gas.com</u>. Typically, NJ has a few available places, but they are primarily aviation fields. PA used to be the same way with the Lehigh Valley Airport being the only close one. However, in the last six months or so, places close to NJ have started to carry ethanol free gas. I have listed a few below. One caveat, some stations in PA are selling E-15 which is 15% ethanol so be careful when filling up.

Allentown	SUNOCO	87 90 110	Airport Garage	610-867-8921	3220 Airport Rd
Allentown	WAWA	89	Wawa #8078	484-326-6581	408 S Cedar Crest
Bangor	VALERO	87	Tolino's Speedier Break	610-588-1553	100 S First St
East Stroudsburg	WAWA	89	Wawa	570-223-8578	5121 Milford Rd
Whitehall	WAWA	89	Wawa #8014	610-439-2414	2985 Macarthur Rd

6th Annual Califon Classic Car Show

To Benefit the Califon Veterans Memorial

Saturday, September 19, 2020 • 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Registration starts at 8:00 AM

Rain Date Sunday, September 20, 2020

Califon Island Park, 130 Bank Street, Califon, NJ 07830

Online Registration ♦ Check out our website!

Winners will be announced at 1:30 PM

Express Check-in with pre-registration ◆ Improved Show Entrance

Vendor Space Available

Music by DJ DUG ♦ Food Trucks ♦ T-Shirts / Hats \$15.00

Free T-Shirt or Hat to first 50 Pre-Registrations

Car Clubs Welcome!

Contact: Bruce Morrow - 47 Academy St., Califon NJ 07830 or Call 862-219-2911 or 908-832-0418

Pre-Registration \$15	Day of Show \$20	6th Annual Califon Classic Car Show
Make Check Payable to	"F.O.C.I.P." Mail Check	s to: 47 Academy St., Califon, NJ 07830
MAKE:	MODEL:	YEAR:
NAME:	ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:		
PHONE:	Email:	
FOCIP (Friends o	f Califon Island Park) is Not	Responsible for Damage or Injuries
ww	w.califoncarshow.org	califoncarshow@gmail.com



Owned by AI & Suzanne Danner Bound Brook, New Jersey Story written by Suzanne Danner Photography provided by Jay DeBoey

n the early 1980's Al Danner was looking for a 67-68 Mustang to restore, but he had trouble locating one that was affordable so he settled for a 1969 Cutlass convertible. Al did a full ground up restoration on the Olds and joined the Rally 350 Olds and National Oldsmobile Club. The car won many awards, but Al is a die hard Ford guy and still wanted a mustang. In the early 1990's with a daughter in college he had just about given up hope in getting a mustang, when his high school buddy, Dave Zimmerman called to tell him a group of Mustang fans were getting together to talk about starting a new Mustang club and suggested he





come to their meeting. So in the spring of 1993 Suzanne and Al went to that meeting of what was to become the Garden State Mustang Club and I told the group I was looking for a mustang. After the meeting a young fellow came up to Al and told him he had bought a 1968 mustang GT convertible to restore, but needed money and had to sell the car. It was in a paint shop up in Sussex county having just had a paint job. So that weekend Susie and Al drove up to look at the car. The paint job was done, but the car needed the rest of a full restoration. They bought the car, came home and



Suzanne Danner's 1986 Convertible GT with a 5.0 is a great for touring.

put the cutlass up for sale so they'd have the money to



fix the car. After months of working on the car, doing a full restoration we had a show car. One of the first MCA nationals we did was to Atlanta, GA where we meet President Bill Clinton. Al started showing the 68 at local and Mustang national shows and it started winning top prizes. Al and Susie joined the AACA and the Jersey Region AACA in 1995 and started showing it at those shows as well up and down the East Coast. The 1968 convertible has won top awards at many shows and received a preservation award at the NJ Region AACA national in June of 2019. In early the 2000's Suzanne was getting tried of car shows now that the car had won all the top awards it could get. One day she was talking to some of the girls at a region meeting

and they told her about the AACA tours that our car could do. So their first tour was out to Shelter Island, NY. They had a great time, seeing the islands and still having fun with all of their car friends. Suzanne was hooked on touring, in her view, if she was spending her vacation time from work, that's what she would like to do with the car. They used the 68 for the first few tours, but by this time the kids were married and they had the money to talk about a second car to use for tours. Al found a 1983 mustang a fellow in town had, so he bought it. It was a nice car and they did several tours with it, the only problem it was a 4 speed and although my Susie can drive a stick, she was having trouble with this one because of a bad right knee. One night in early 2012 at a region meeting, one of the members announced he was selling a 1986 mustang. After the





Al Danner's 1968 showing its AACA Class award

meeting Susie talked to him to get all the information. On the way home that night she said she wanted to go see Al's car. A few days later we went out to Tewksbury to see Al's mustang .He had bought it new for his wife and she only drove it in the summer time. It was everything Susie wanted in a tour car, automatic, AC, power everything, even cruise control. It was a white GT convertible with a

segment, the Mustang was developed as a highly styled line of sporty coupes and convertibles derived from existing model lines, initially distinguished by "long hood, short deck" propor-

In continuous production since 1964, the

The 68 Mustang's changes while subtle are easily

black top just like the 1968 back at home. Next thing Al knew his wife was wiping out her checkbook and buying a car! Al then sold the 83 to his brother who still

tions. The 1968 Mustang was little changed on the outside from it 1967 counterpart apart from the obvious side reflectors that were now mandated. Most of the changes were in subtle refinements to the interior and exterior. Several new options were added and engines switched around also. The 302-4V, 230 horsepower engine replaced the 289 Challenger Special of previous years. By December of 67, the 289 engine was replaced entirely by the 302 version. Other changes included the deletion of the horizontal grille bars. The grille featured a running Mustang inside a corral in the center of the grille. There was also the deletion of the F-O-R-D letters at the front of the hood, simplification of the quarter panel ornament, and many safety features (increasing governmental

1968 MUSTANG					
DIMENSIONS		POWERTRAIN		OVERVIEW	
Weight	2,445 lbs.	Engine(s)	200 ci IL 6 cyl 289 ci Windsor V8	Manufacturer	Ford Motor Company
Wheelbase	108 in.		302 ci WindsorV8 390 ci FE V8 427 ci FE HiPoV8 428 Cobra Jet V8	Production	
Length	181.6 in.	Transmission(s)	3 Spd Manual 4 Spd Manual 3 Spd Sutomatic	Body Style(s)	317,404 Total 3,339 GT Convertible
Width	68.2 in.			Assembly	Dearborn, Michigan San Jose, California Metuchen, New Jersey



1986 would be the last year of the "Four eyed"

regulations). These safety changes on the 1968 Mustang included front and rear side marker lights, folding, flush mounted interior door pulls, and an energy absorbing steering column. New options for 68 included an AM/FM stereo radio, rear window defogger (coupe and fastback only) and re-designed front power disc brakes. The GT option was offered again in 1968. It could be purchased if you ordered the 230, 325 or 390 hp engines. The package consisted of 14 inch styled steel wheels, a pop open GT gas

cap, "C" side striping and a GT side emblem. There were only 17,458 GT's manufactured in 1968.

The third-generation Mustang was produced

The third-generation Mustang was produced by Ford from 1978 until 1993. Being built on Ford's Fox platform, it is commonly referred to as the Foxbody Mustang. When Ford introduced the 1986 Mustang GT with its fuel-injected 5.0 HO V-8, it marked a watershed moment in American performance. The hangover from the post-muscle car era was truly over. After two crippling fuel crises and a couple of decades of increasingly stringent emissions standards, here, finally, was a legitimate 200hp performance car that could tear off sub-15-second quarter-miles all day long--on street tires, no



For 86, 225/60VR15 Goodyear Eagle Tires

less--and still return decent fuel mileage. It handled well, too, and, like the original muscle cars, it didn't cost an arm and a leg. With that 1986 pony car, Ford engineers proved that they had cracked the code that had haunted them for decades, creating an exciting car that sipped fuel, relatively speaking, and was emissions-compliant.

It's an exciting event having 2 Mustangs as the feature cars. Both GT's, both convertibles, and both White with black accents. Mustang lovers everywhere are jealous.

The third brake light in the luggage rack in a Convertible only	,
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1986 GT CONVERTIBLE					
DIMENSIONS		POWERTRAIN		OVERVIEW	
Weight	2,921 lbs.	Engine(s)	4 Cyl 86hp 4 Cyl Turbo 200hp	Manufacturer	Ford Motor Company
Wheelbase	100.5 in.		V 6 Cyl 120hp V8 5.0L 175hp	Production	224,410 Total 9,887 GT Convertibles
Length	179.6 in.	Transmission(s)	4 or 5-spd Manual 3 or 4-spd Auto	Body Style(s)	Coupe Fastback Convertible
Width	69.1 in.			Assembly	Dearborn, Michigan San Jose, California Metuchen, New Jersey

2020 Region Fall Foliage Tour Lukan's Farm Resort, Hawley, PA October 16-18, 2020

hat else can COVID-19 take away from us? So far, every AACA National show and tour that I had planned to attend has been cancelled. But the planning must go on, and I've confirmed with Lukans that the Pennsylvania Governor is allowing their opening for lodging and dining, witht special conditions followed. So, I'm proceeding with planning of what could be the first and only car club tour for 2020, continuing the exploration of the Pennsylvania Pocono area for its annual Fall Foliage Tour. The lodging destination is again the Lukens Farm Resort, and again the weekend AFTER the Hershey swap meet had been scheduled.

On Friday, I'm planning a meet up location, breakfast on your own, at the Mt. Bethel Diner on Route 611, just about a mile from the Portland Toll Bridge over the Delaware River. From breakfast, we'll head north along Route 611 to the Castle Inn in the town of Delaware Water Gap for a guided tour, with a possible stop at the adjacent Antoine Dutot Museum, a former school house. Another scenic 10 mile ride along the Delaware River for a group photo opportunity at the Shawnee Inn pavilion on the riverfront, before a lunch stop at either the hotel pub or an adjacent tavern. There is also a brewery tour or a distillery tour I'm going to check out. Enough stops for the day, we'll drive the remaining hour along scenic routes to check in at Lukans well before dinner. And then start the weekend off with a little wine & cheese reception (BYO) at the glass house before dinner. For Saturday, plan on visiting the Woodstock Museum at Bethel Woods in Bethel, NY, and a possible tour of another area attraction, before returning to Lukans in time for the Saturday dinner.

At this time, fourteen of the 24 available rooms have been reserved for Region members. I've again been asked to handle the reservations with membership internally, due to the possibility of last minute changes in tourist's plans. So, there is no need to call Lukens to reserve your room or to send a deposit to them directly. This is how reservations will be done:

- Step #1 Email Pete Cullen at oldcarz57@aol.com to add your name to the list;
- Step #2 Write a deposit check for \$100, payable to "Lukans Resort" and hand it to Pete at a meeting or Region event, or mail it USPS to :

Peter Cullen, 20 Valley View Road, Verona NJ, 07044

Step #3 – Get your car ready and packed!

Here summary of the facts for 2020:

- Lukan's Farm Resort 539 Long Ridge Road, Hawley, PA 18428. Phone: 570-226-4574 Internet: www.lukans.com
- Friday October 16 through Sunday October 18, 2020.
- Cost: 3 days with 2 nights rooms, 4-5 meals is approximately \$475 plus tax & tips/Couple, Double Occupancy, includes spacious room and delicious meals. (Slight difference in rates for the Deluxe rooms and the Poolside rooms).
- All events and destinations subject to local COVID-19 compliance orders, masks required when you cannot social distance, at all point.

Recognizing that fall is a peak time, they will hold the rooms for us for a little longer. Since there are only 22 rooms at Lukans, reservations are first come, first served, if still available. I will again extend the invitation to members of other clubs.

Optionally, anyone is welcome to join in the fun for just a day trip, or maybe even for a one night stay, provided vacancy is available. As Lukan's dining room is also open to the public for meals, and if you are in the area during any part of the tour,

More details about the confirmed tour stops will be provided as available. We look forward to another interesting, if not relaxing, weekend! Just repeating, that you can still make your reservations NOW!

Pete Cullen Fall Foliage Tour Master



Rich's Repair Ramblings,
AUG/SEP 2020: Brakes 101: System Identification & Initial Inspection

The primary braking system (foot brakes or service brakes) on almost every road-going car built since the late 1930s is a hydraulic system. When the driver applies pressure to the brake pedal, hydraulic brake fluid is forced through the brake master cylinder, and distributed through pipes and hoses to the wheel brakes, one at each wheel. There are exceptions: cars with mechanical (cable) brakes, cars with front- or rearonly brakes, and so on. However, our brake tutorial will stay with the most common type of system as described above, which should cover 95% of the vehicles owned by members.

System differentiation is made by counting the number of hydraulic circuits. Most cars up until the late 1960s were single-circuit: the master cylinder contained a single piston which fed one circuit out of the master through one or more pipes, reaching all four wheel brakes through a series of connecting pipes. Should the system lose hydraulic pressure via a leak, such as a split in a hose or a crack in a metal line, the car would lose all hydraulic braking ability. In the U.S., the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 mandated dual-circuit hydraulic brakes. While there was some voluntary compliance before this, by 1968, all new cars had dual-circuit systems, whereby the master cylinder had two separate circuits. Should one fail, the other circuit still fed brake fluid to at least two wheel brakes.



Single-circuit master cylinder, integral reservoir, metal cap



Dual-circuit master cylinder, integral reservoir, metal cap



Dual-circuit master cylinder, separate reservoir, plastic cap

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Further differentiation is made at the wheel brakes. The two primary types are drum and disc. A drum brake consists of a metal drum, open on one side like a round baking dish. The drum is mounted to the hub or axle, and rotates with the wheel. Inside the drum are brake shoes, typically two shoes to a drum. A wheel cylinder acts as the connection between the hydraulic and mechanical parts of the system.

When the brakes are applied, hydraulic pressure en-

ters the wheel cylinder, which has two pistons within. The pistons are forced outward, pushing the shoes against the inside of the drum. The resultant friction of shoes against drum slows and stops the car.

A disc brake has a disc or rotor, mounted to



Drum brake shoes and wheel cylinder on backing plate (drum removed)

hub, which rotates with the wheel. Straddling the rotor is a caliper, and within the caliper are brake pads, one on each side of the disc. The caliper has one or more pistons within, and just like a wheel cylinder, it is the interface between hydraulic and mechanical componentry. When the brakes are applied, pressurized brake fluid travels into the caliper, pushing the pistons inward. The pistons in turn push the pads against the spinning disc, and the friction brings the car to a stop.

American cars used 4-wheel drum brakes almost



Disc brake system: disc (in gold), caliper (in red), pads (in caliper)

exclusively through the 1960s. Adoption of front disc brakes began slowly, and by the mid-70s, most domestic cars had disc brakes in the front and drum brakes in the rear. European imports were early adopters of disc brakes, in some cases, putting them on all four wheels. Your collector car could have 4-wheel drum brakes, or 4-wheel disc brakes, or front disc and rear drum brakes.

Whether single-circuit, dual-circuit, disc, or drum, the braking system needs to be able to bring a car to an effective and safe stop, and do so from 95 mph as well as from 5 mph. There should be little to no free-play at the pedal upon initial application; the pedal should feel somewhat firm; the braking action should begin almost immediately; the driver should be able to modulate the brakes by varying pressure at the pedal; the car should brake in a straight line; and the car should come to a complete stop within a reasonable distance depending on speed and road conditions.

There are mechanical systems besides the brakes which can adversely affect braking ability. Tires (treadwear, pressure, age), suspension (shocks, springs, ball joints, bushings) and steering (pitman and idler arms, tie rods) could hurt braking performance if worn or damaged. It's beyond our scope here to discuss diagnosis of these systems, but if your brakes are poor, these systems deserve inspection also.

If it is determined that your car's brakes require service or repair, a complete examination is in order. Some brake components are intended to wear and need regular inspection anyway. Brake shoes and pads use friction material which wears away by design. Tremendous heat is created every time you brake, which affects other components, such as rubber hoses and the brake fluid itself.

Before you inspect the wheel brakes, start at the master cylinder. Locate it: pre-war and some post-war cars have it mounted at or below the brake pedal; on later cars it's in the engine compartment on the driver's side firewall. Some Asian imports originally engineered as right-hand-drive cars kept the master on the right (our passenger) side, even for cars assembled as left-hand-drive. The fluid reservoir may be integral with the master cylinder housing, or may be a separate metal or plastic container.

Clean any dirt away from the cap, then remove it. The fluid level should be near the top. If not, add some, but if low, beware that you may have a leak. The fluid should be a light amber color. If it's closer to brown, the fluid may be old and may require a flush and refill. Check for any obvious signs of brake fluid leaks around the master cylinder. (Brake fluid is extremely corrosive to paint; expect any spilled fluid to damage the car's finish.) Learn to distinguish different types of fluids. Brake fluid has a light oily feel and has almost no odor, so don't mistake it for other types of oil or grease which may be leaking.

Next month, Brakes 102: Identifying and inspecting the components at each wheel brake.

FUND RAISER - FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 9, 2020

n a pleasantly hot Sunday with cloudy skies and cooling breezes, Fabio's Bistro hosted a Fundraiser/Food-drive Car Show at the Fanwood train station. Members of several New Jersey car clubs participated in this event by submitting a \$20.00 registration donation and dropping off bags or cases of non-perishable foods. The cash and food donations were collected for the local food pantries run by Saint Bartholomew and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thanks go out to Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and to the Borough Council for supporting and promoting this event.

To support the Fund-raiser/Food-drive, members of the following car clubs came out with their beautiful antique classics, customs, modifies, hot rods, rat rods and modern vehicles: Galloping Hill Cruisers Car Club; Club 3;



Raritan Bay Cruisers; NJ Region AACA; Legendary Muscle Cars; Curb Appeal Car Club; Street Dreams Car Club, Hollywood Cruisers Car Club; Brick City Cruisers; Car Nutz Car Club; and a number of unaffiliated car enthusiast including several AACA members. This event drew over 100 beautiful vehicles in the display area. Social distancing guidelines were observed by participants and by the many spectators that enjoyed our car display.

Music for this event was provided by our friend DJ "Hot Rod" Mike. The owners of Fabio's Bistro, Gregory Kowalczyk and Ronnie Vojka, funded this event by obtaining the necessary permits and liability insurance as well as the trophies given out at the end of the event. In addition, every registered vehicle received a buy one slice get one slice free coupon. Fabio's also provided ten \$100 gift certificates handed out in a random drawing prior to the trophies being awarded.

NJ Region AACA Members included June and Greg Roser with their 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo and their 1976 Cadillac Sedan DeVille; Pat and John Quattrocchi with their 1977 Cadillac Sedan DeVille; Abraham Platt with Ann's 1988 Mercury Cougar LS.





As a member of the NJ Region AACA, I was very happy to participate in this event. As I have said before, I cannot think of a better way to spend part of an afternoon than to be with great people, see some very interesting and beautiful cars, and help the local food pantries. This event raised more than \$2,700.00 in cash and filled up five and one-half pick-up trucks with food.

Article and pictures submitted by,

Abraham "Abe" Platt, Event Chair NJ Region Member 1524

Pictures can be viewed on the following link: https://photos.app.goo.gl/ynggzqDmY6FK6MyP9

As a Follow-up: Fundraisers/Food-Drives at Fabio's Bistro are Sundays: Sept. 13th and Oct. 11th

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John C. White of passed into eter-

Parsippany nal life on

August 17th, 2020. He was 73.

John was a graduate of Hoboken High and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He moved to Parsippany with his father, Henry C. White and his mother, Catherine (Repetti) White, both of who have predeceased him. John worked as a draftsman for AT&T/Lucent until his retirement, and had many hobbies and interests that kept him happily involved and busy for most of his adult life.

John was well-loved and respected by nearly everyone who had the great fortune of being counted as one of his many friends. He was a natural and gifted conversationalist, he had a robust sense of humor and always had a joke at his fingertips should the moment arise. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of classic cars and was a master model-car builder, envied and renowned for his skill. As a member of several model car clubs over the years, including the NNL East and the Jersey Scale Model Car Club, his precision and attention to detail earned him many awards, as well as the respect and awestruck admiration of his peers.

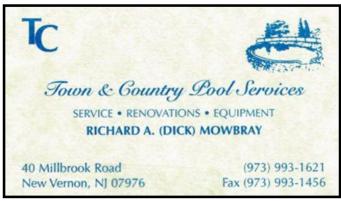
He was also one the most giving and charitable individuals you would ever be likely to meet. He had a big heart, and a youthful sense of fun that he carried with him throughout his life. He took on the role of friend, mentor and a protector in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. He was a great friend to adults and kids alike, always involved in the lives of those he cared about, always available to help repair a car, or for a birthday party or special occasion, or for a neighborhood game of tag and manhunt, or just to spend hours talking to about any subject. He was always always interesting, always engaging, and he was always giving back to others. He touched countless lives during his time here on earth and he will be deeply missed.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday August 27, 2020 11:00am at the Par-Troy Funeral Home 95 Parsippany Road Parsippany (973) 887-3235. Interment: Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover. The family acknowledges and understands that many are still uncomfortable to attend public gatherings and will be unable to attend the visitation. We ask that you keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.















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