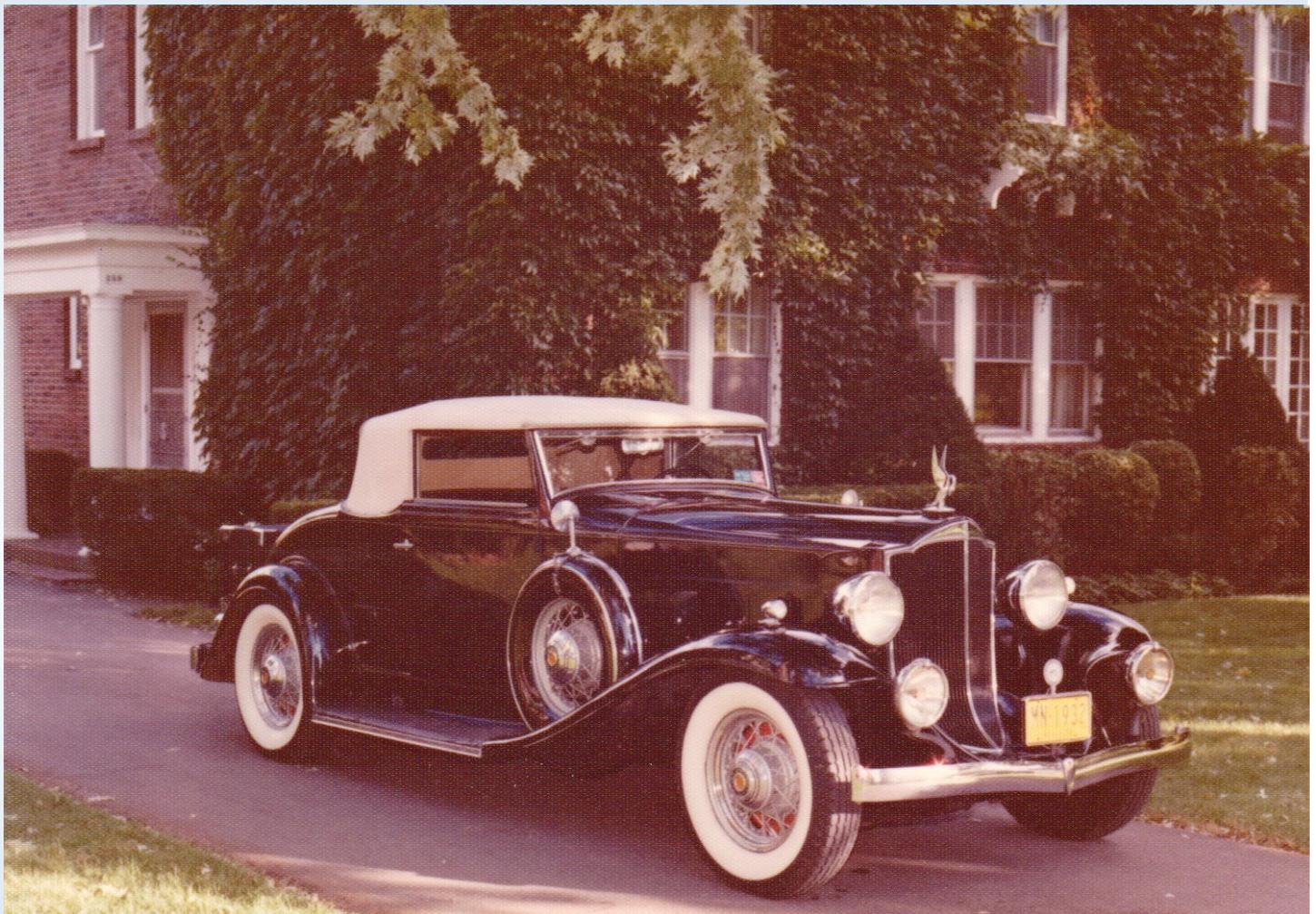




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A Message From Your Editor Judy Keenan

Coronavirus is impacting the entire world, causing anxiety, depression, and other emotional or financial stresses. I feel we have more reasons to be positive than negative with our thoughts and actions.

GVACS has been doing an excellent job of staying positive. The board has been doing their homework and trying to put together activities we can do while socially distancing and adhering to the rules and regulations that our government has given us. Kudos to them! Our club members have been very adaptive to change and have all contributed with all kinds of ways to get out and socialize and still be safe.

I'm thankful for ALL our members, we are a unique, diverse, and yet connected group of individuals who share a love of antique cars. Thank you for making this club what it is!



Be sure to look at the activity calendar on page 18. There are still a lot of months that need events and hosts.

As we enter the holiday season I wish you a happy and joyous holiday. please continue to stay safe. Follow the 3 "W's" - Wear your masks, Watch your distance and Wash your hands.

Blessings, Judy



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A Message From Your President Don Dear

2020 will be a year we will all remember! Reflecting back over the past months, we have all been following pandemic protocol to keep safe! Continue to mask up and social distance until we can move past this. GVACS members have had many fun gatherings and you can view the photos, taken by our expert photographers Brian and Mary Moon, on our website: <https://www.GVACS1.com>

Kudos to Ann and Joel Neal for a fantastic luncheon at Ventosa Winery. Visiting Miranda Cheese or Sauder's Amish Market afterwards was fun. Many delicious goodies were sampled and purchased. See pictures in this issue.

Thank you Chris for organizing Cars and Coffee. Fun for our small group at the Browncroft Family Restaurant, while practicing social distancing. We will have one in December on Tuesday, the 8th. Info in this issue.

Holiday Party- after much discussion, your Board has decided to cancel this upcoming event, which was to be held on Sunday, December 13th. We need to be extremely cautious at this time. Group gatherings are discouraged. Restaurant COVID guidelines are now limiting gatherings to 25 people. We all agreed that our health and safety is our #1 goal. See

further comments in this issue!

Congratulations to our new 50 year GVACS members: Bill and Grace Boudway, Pat Crowley and Bud and Carol Peters. GVACS appreciates their club participation and hard work over the years. We hope they will enjoy reflecting on the many fun times they have had with the GVACS family.

Looking ahead to 2021- some of our monthly activities have already been spoken for (ice cream social and brunch), but there is room for YOU to host an activity. See me or a Board member to finalize your plans. We can help with suggestions.

Best wishes to you and your families for a joyous and safe holiday season.

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| 07 Claire Zappone | 27 Bob Keenan |
| 11 Joe Kozloski | 30 Bonnie Franko |
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Happy Anniversary

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| 04 Gene & Susan Manno | 1971 | 49 |
| 16 Bob & Cheryl Klingensmith | 1967 | 53 |



Our Deepest Sympathy

Condolences to Nick Ferrante on the passing of his wife Betty, on October 17, 2020. Betty will be missed by all.

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1932 Packard Light 8 - 900 Series

submitted by Dave Stein

In the winter of 1954 I bought a second car for \$350. It was a 1932 Packard 900. I never thought of it as an antique, just a car that only needed some fix-ups.

Edgar Phillips was trying to trade in the Packard and couldn't make a deal with Churchville Motors. I was driving by and saw the car and made a deal to buy it.

He was the architect who helped construct the Little Theatre and the Manhattan restaurant.

In the cold winter of '54,

one of my trucks broke down that I used in my family's bakery business and I had to use the '32 Packard as a truck. I loaded it with bread and rolls to make my delivery for the day. I delivered my order to the Little Chateau restaurant at about 4 AM.

While I was making the delivery, I heard someone shout out "Who owns the Packard?" I look around and saw the man who was talking to me. I replied, "I do."

He asked if it was for sale, and if it was, would I take \$500 for it. Without hesitation I said, "SOLD!"

he knew my father and he could not take advantage of me. My car was worth much more, to my surprise.

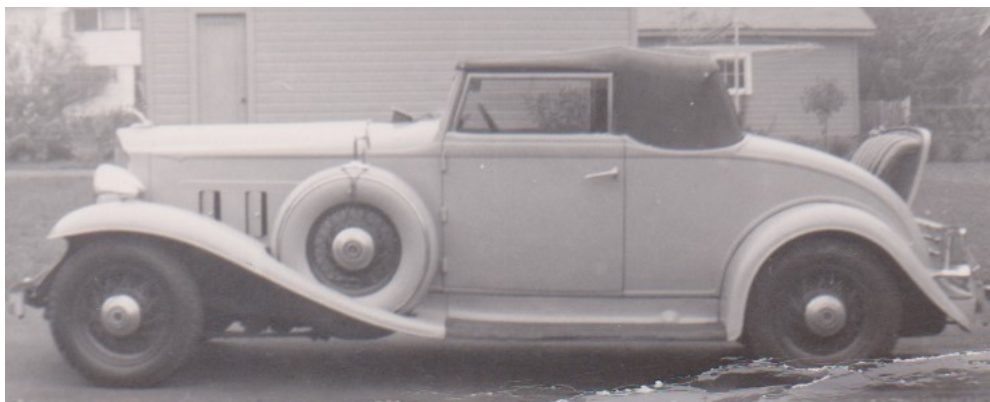
He said his name was Allan Nagle and I should join GVACS. Allan then said it would be worth \$1,000 someday!

Needless to say, he did not buy it from me. I took his advice and restored it. It was a lot of work, but with

the help of a few different friends, we restored it. The person who worked on it the most was Bill Drake.

For the next 18 years we en-

joyed the car. My wife and kids enjoyed many trips in this car.



In 1976 we sold the car. The last time we used it was for my daughter's wedding. The bottom picture is my daughter and son-in-law riding in the 1932 Packard at their wedding. It sure created some wonderful memories for our family.

Buying the car was the start of my lifelong hobby of owning antique cars and being a member of GVACS.

He came over to me and we started chatting. He said

A Sunday Drive
by Bob Klingensmith

The summer of 1965 I was serving in the U.S Army at a Nike Base located at Edgemont, Pa, a cross-roads situated about halfway from Philadelphia and West Chester. I had made my very first new car purchase just a couple of months earlier. My pride and joy was a 1965 Plymouth Belvedere 2 two door hardtop in midnight blue.

That Sunday I was not on duty so decided to drive into Philadelphia for a cheese steak. There was a small sandwich shop that made the best steak sandwich I ever had and that was my destination.

The return trip was going well until I was stopped at a traffic light about half the distance back to the base. As the light turned green the engine began to sputter and I managed to get across the intersection and to the curb before the engine quit. Now what was I going to do?

Here it was a Sunday afternoon with no service station in sight and my car refusing to run! It was known that a car with military stickers attracted attention of the local police and even if I had been able to leave the car I was on duty the next day for twenty-four hours. That meant that I would not be able to pay any attention to the car for at least two days!

Suddenly I remembered that there was rumored a garage just around the corner where a man was

supposed to race at the local track and was known to work on his car on Sunday afternoons. I soon found that the rumor was correct and the man in question was indeed working of a sports car that

had been worked over to be successful on the track. I explained my predicament to this sympathetic man who agreed to walk down to my car and see if he could do anything for me.

When we arrived at the car he instructed me to try to start the engine , the results were as expected grind but no start.

While I was still in the car this good Samaritan opened the hood and quickly made an adjustment with just his hand. "Try her again" he instructed. The engine roared to life as if there had never been an issue!



My gratitude for the help was well expressed and I asked him what I owed for the service. I knew that I had less than ten dollars in my pocket and I held my breath in anticipation of a large amount asked. "You are from the Nike base aren't

you?" the man asked and with my acknowledgment he continued, "there will be no charge but if you get out to the track someday you can cheer for me." "I will be pleased to support you in that way" was my reply, "but I don't know who you are." "My name is Mario Andretti," the man replied!!!!

When Cars were the Answer to Reduced Pollution A Murray Stahl Muse

We tend to think of things like pollution as recent problems only as they affect us, in our time; our use of hand-

sanitizer as Holy-Water in our life style wasn't always the norm. As an example, we view the sleek, beautiful, leisure-time bred horse of today as pretty links to a simpler, better time. In fact, back when heavy, draft horses provided almost all of the transportation they were much needed, yet a huge problem; you needed a lot of horses to do the work and to put it politely, horses are simply not housebroken. The barnyard smell must have been overwhelming.

Back around 1900 at least 200,000 horses lived and worked in NYC. A typical horse produced an average output of 22 pounds of manure and a quart of urine a day, always distrib-

uted along the course of its route. By the end of the 19th century, once-vacant lots around New York City housed manure piles between 40 and 60 feet high.



It's also a given that horse poop begets flies, lots of flies. One estimate cited claimed that horse manure was the hatching ground for three billion flies daily throughout the United States, flies that spread disease rapidly

through ever denser populations. The problem of horse manure had quite literally become larger than life. A single work horse on a farm was manageable but as cities became larger their "daily output" was a stinky, unsanitary, part of daily life.

Looking at the muddy, manure filled city streets of the time it's easy to see why the noisy, Smokey, not entirely reliable



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MARCH 17, 1893.

automobiles being introduced were so quickly

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When Cars were the Answer to Reduced Pollution A Murray Stahl Muse

adopted. You only had to feed them when they were working and they stank much less. Cars were faster than horses which sped everything up, changing our society forever; topping it all off cars allowed enormous freedom of movement

So, the car became the hero of the day, a solution for the pollution mess in the cities. By 1910, the number of cars on New York City's roads had surpassed the number of horses. Buyers found cars to be cheaper to own and operate and much more efficient; not to mention more sanitary. One and all praised the automobile for its economic sustainability and ability to reduce traffic. And so, by some miracle, the sanitation problem that had long plagued city planners disappeared just before parking all the cars became a new problem.

We now know that as automobiles proliferated, they contributed to their own pollution problems but Compared to 1970 vehicle models, our new cars,

SUVs and pickup trucks are roughly 99 percent cleaner for common pollutants (hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and particle emissions), and New heavy-duty trucks and buses are roughly 99 percent cleaner than 1970 models.

It seems to me that for every problem, science produces a solution but that solution seems always to have unintended consequences. Our news is now full of "electric Car" solutions but this "solution" will require massive changes in our electrical grid and modern lifestyle where you can get into a car and travel 250 miles without a worry about getting there,

heating or cooling the car or finding fuel. In my opinion EVs will remain a niche vehicle for quite some time in spite of the ever-present breathless hype.

Fini,

Murray

Secretary's Report - November 2020

November was a quiet month. We did enjoy "Cars and Coffee" on Veterans Day and we're looking forward to one more on December 8th where we will adhere to the local COVID-19 "Yellow Zone" guidelines.

Your 2021 Membership Renewal form is in this issue. Note, the one-time only \$10 special rate for 2021 for current members of record. Please renew before December 31 because AACA is asking us to report our roster for 2021 by January 31, 2021. This is a change. (In previous years we had to submit our roster by March 1.)

Nancy Huffman,



Secretary

2021 GVACS Membership Renewal Info

It's time to renew your GVACS membership. The renewal form is in this issue. Because of COVID and so many cancelled activities, the Board has approved a **Special Dues rate for 2021 of \$10.00** for current members of record.

While the GVACS Membership Year is February 1 - January 31, AACA has asked us to submit our 2021 roster by January 31. With that in mind, we are asking that you pay your 2021 dues by December 31, 2020.

Your GVACS Membership Renewal Form for 2021 is in this issue of *The Brass Lamp*. It is also posted on the GVACS website <https://www.gvacs1.com>

50-year members of GVACS do not have to pay dues. **However, 50-year members are asked to return the completed renewal form with the line checked that states you are a 50-year member.**

50-year GVACS members are listed below. New this year are Bill and Grace Boudway, Pat Crowley, and Harmon (Bud) and Carol Peters whose GVACS join date is 1971. Congratulations!

Ed/Gwynne Almekinder

Bill/Grace Boudway

Charles/Mary Bruno

Anne Burton

Pat Crowley

Douglas/Joyce Drake

Bonnie Franko

Norma Herendeen

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John McAlpin

Phil/Verna Mendola

Harmon (Bud)/Carol Peters

Ed/Jean Sherry

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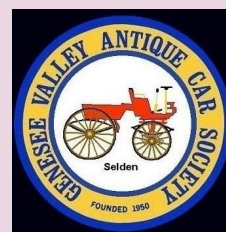
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Nancy Huffman is the Membership Chair. Send your Special 2021 \$10.00 dues and renewal form to her! Checks made out to GVACS.



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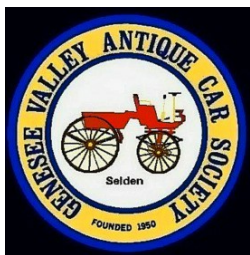
**Special GVACS Membership
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Because COVID-19 curtailed many of our activities (Indoor meetings, Brunch Run, monthly Cars and Coffee) the Board of Directors at their July meeting approved reducing 2021 dues for current members of record.

**The Special Dues rate for 2021
applies only to current GVACS
members of record.**

If you are a current member of GVACS, your dues for 2021 will be \$10.00.



Use this form below for
GVACS Membership Renewal
(Due by, or prior to, Feb. 1, 2021.)

**Special Dues Rate for
Renewing Members is \$10.00.**

Name _____

Spouse/Partner Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Preferred phone (____) _____

Other phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

AACA membership is required for GVACS and must be current for 2021. Your AACA dues notice was in the poly-bag mailer with the September issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine. 2021 AACA dues must be paid by 12/31/20.

Date you paid your AACA dues ____/____/____

My AACA number is: (6 numbers 1 Alpha character)

(Note that your AACA membership # remains the same from year to year.)

**Your special \$10.00 rate for GVACS 2021 annual dues
must be received prior to 2/1/21.**

Make check payable to **GVACS**.

____ I am a 50-year member of GVACS
and receive free membership.

Send this form and your check for \$10.00 to

Nancy P. Huffman, Membership Chair
601 Stearns Road, Churchville, NY 14428

For office use: Date Rec'd _____

Check # _____

Approved 8-2018 Updated 10-7-2020

Our Christmas Preparations

by Bob Klingensmith

Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage
Bob was giving the cars their winter massage.
The chevy was nestled all snug in it's cover
In hopes that the squirrels would not discover
The way to the tailpipe or air cleaner duct
Or any other opening for the acorns they plucked.

The VW was fastened to the battery tender
In hopes that the battery would not surrender
To the ravages of it's long winter slumber
And under both mothballs were scattered with care
To drive the mice out in despair.

The 41 Chrysler had been sent packing
To B&B auto for the life it was lacking.
Two long years it would be gone from our home
While it was subject to brush wrench and comb
Soon to be risen all bright and shining
For the first of many trophies for which we were pinning

When all of a sudden I called from the door
"Bob you are needed I called you before
Hurry and clean up we need to be going
To church for the service" then slammed the door

So now in the winter our cars are silent
Resting protected from the winter so violent
Waiting for spring when they once again run
All through the summer oh what fun
So I must end with just one wish
Merry Christmas to all now lets all fill our dish.



AACA National Calendar and Other Events

From the AACA Rummage Box

February 2021

11-13, 2021 - AACA Annual Convention,
Phila, PA 717-534-1910

March 2021

17-20 - **Special Winter Nationals & Special Grand Nationals** - San Juan, P.R. - Puerto Rico Region,
305-978-8037

April 2021

8-10 - **Southeastern Spring Nationals**, Charlotte, NC -
Hornets Nest Region, 704-847-4215

20-23 - **Southeastern Divisional Tour (up to 1966)** Central
Fl - Kingdom of the Rd. Chapter, 352-638-0502

May 2021

6-8 Central Spring Nationals (*tentative date/location*)
Auburn, Indiana - 717-534-1910

20-25 Founders Tour (1932-1996)

Davis, WV - Mt. State Classics Region, 703-869-8434

June 2021

2-5 Eastern Division Tour (up to 1995)

Maryland - Eastern Shore Region
410-742-8342

17-19 Eastern Spring Nationals

Saratoga Springs, NY - Saratoga Region, 585-474-2406

July 2021

11-16 Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier)

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Bob and Judy Keenan & Tom and Sue Smith at Peppermints in Avon.

Cars & Coffee



Tuesday, December 8th @ 9:00 AM

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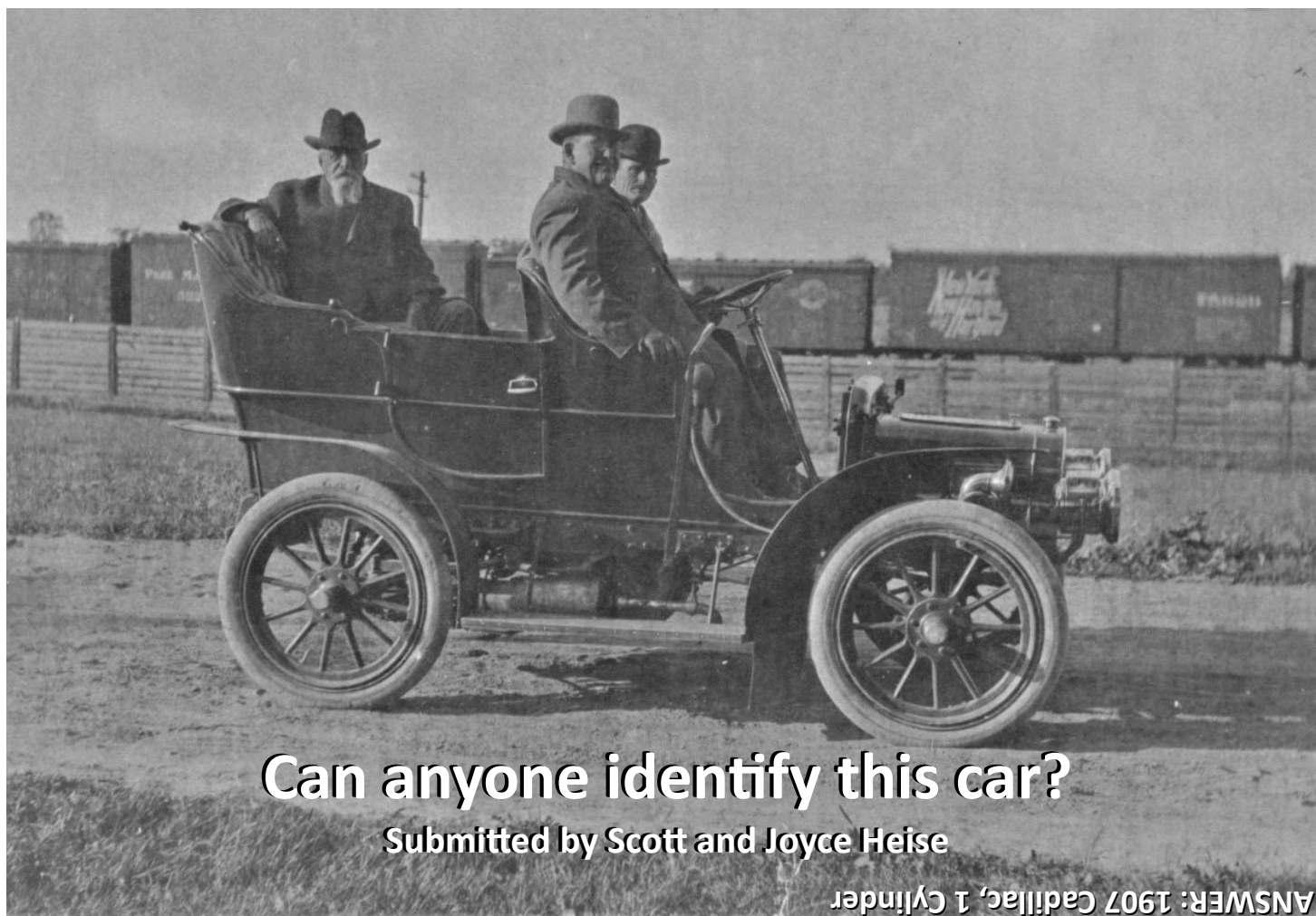
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Whom to Contact:

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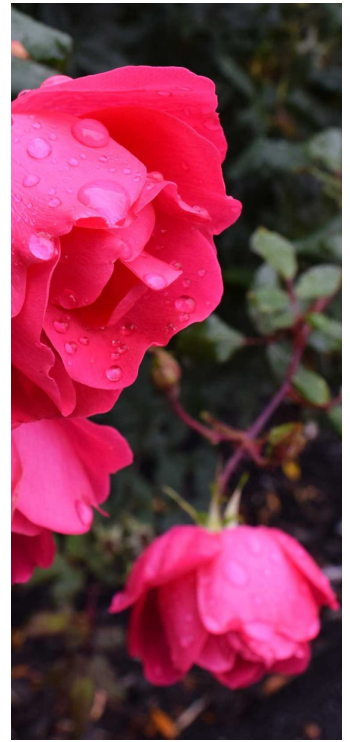


Can anyone identify this car?

Submitted by Scott and Joyce Heise

ANSWER: 1907 Cadillac, 1 Cylinder

PICTURES of GVACS TRIP TO VENTOSA WINERY & SAUDERS



PICTURES of GVACS TRIP TO VENTOSA WINERY & SAUDERS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

At its meeting on November 18, 2020, the Board of Directors...

... approved the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors.

... approved the Treasurer's report.

... Board approved disposing of financial records that have been previously audited and keeping records from the last five years on file.

...noted that membership currently stands at 107.

...noted that Membership Chair, Nancy Huffman submitted information to AACA regarding the Kirkham Award which recognizes a AACA region for the most new members in a year.

...noted that President, Don Dear AACA received notice from AACA regarding a military membership given to a local person whom we may wish to contact about joining GVACS.

...heard a report from Membership Chair, Nancy Huffman that she received notice from AACA that our annual Roster report (formerly due March 1) will now be due January 31. **GVACS members are strongly encouraged to pay their 2021 GVACS dues by December 31 so they will continue to be recorded on the 2021 roster we submit to AACA.** (Note, we are transitioning to changing our fiscal year to be consistent with that of AACA (January 1 – December 31). This will be addressed in the proposed revisions to the GVACS By-Laws.) **Again, to facilitate consistency with AACA recordkeeping, please pay your 2021 GVACS dues by December 31, 2020.**

...noted that Board received confirmation of meeting dates for 2021 indoor meetings at the church. They are reflected on our activities calendar in this issue

...noted that in reviewing the activities calendar, COVID-19 continues to impact our planning. The most immediate concern is the Holiday Party and election of officers scheduled for December 13, 2020. Because Shadow Lake Golf and Country Club is in a "Yellow Zone", they can only accommodate 25 people. If, after Thanksgiving, they move to an "Orange Zone" status, they will close. Reservations for our party are at 30. None have been received for the past two weeks. The Board also noted that COVID-19 may impact activities for February and maybe March. We will monitor as the new year unfolds.

... approved cancelling the December 13, 2020 Holiday Party at Shadow Lake Golf and Country Club and further, since all current officers and directors have agreed to continue serving for another year, we will forego the election of 2021 Officers and Directors that was to take place at the Holiday Party.

... approved the proposed revisions to the By-Laws that will be presented to the membership for approval. (Recall that Chris Dear, Ann Neal and Nancy Huffman have reviewed the current GVACS By-laws. Minor changes are being proposed to update the By-Laws to be consistent with current practices. The primary proposal is to change our fiscal year from "February 1 to January 31" to "January 1 – December 31. This change will be consistent with AACA's membership/fiscal year. As required by our current By-Laws the Board of Directors adopts a resolution amending the By-laws. The resolution is then put to the Members for a vote at the Annual Meeting or at any special meeting of the Members called by 30 days written notice for the purpose of amending the By-laws. Given the current calendar, this will occur in 2021 at either a special meeting or the 2021 Annual Meeting.)

...noted that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will occur at a date to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted



Nancy Huffman, Secretary

BLAST FROM THE PAST

The following is from The Brass Lamp dated April 1966

DID JA KNOW

....that when the Automobile Club of Rochester, sponsored the Glidden Tour in Rochester in 1950, the only ones from Rochester on the tour were Macy Jenkins in his 1926 Franklin and Seward Harris in a 1910 Flanders Touring. The Auto Club of Rochester was celebrating its 50th anniversary and this tour took place about a month before the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society was founded.

....that Mrs. Blanche Stewart Scott of Rochester, New York was one of the first woman drivers to drive from New York to San Francisco in 1910. She made the trip with a lady companion in a 1910 Overland tour car.

....that in 1921, Elmer Bassage raced a 1917 Maxwell on dirt tracks against such drivers as Wild Bill Albertson and occasionally placed in the money. In one race, Albertson blew a tire, and went through a fence, so Elmer because of the dust and poor visibility followed him, thinking he was still on the course.

....that there are no Rochester celebrity cars in our club and that no old cars formerly owned by George Eastman, Edward Bausch or others have been preserved.

....that in some garage on East Avenue, there is still an electric car carefully hidden away, not for sale, but nevertheless saved.



2020 HOLIDAY PARTY CANCELLED



The December 13th Holiday Party has been **Cancelled**.

The Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club is located in a "Yellow Zone". They can only accommodate 25 people and there is concern that it might change to an "Orange Zone" which would cause the restaurant to close down. In an abundance of caution and uncertainty Board of Directors made the decision to cancel the party. The good news is that we've rescheduled the party for December 12, 2021 so mark your calendars. Also, since all the Officers and Directors have agreed to continue their service to GVACS in 2021, the election of officers will not take place at this time.

If you made a reservation for the Holiday Party,
Treasurer Jerry Huffman will destroy your check.
Remember to adjust your checkbook!



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GVACS Activities Calendar Updated November 19, 2020

| Dates 2020 | Activity/Event/Speaker | Organizer/Hosts |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|
|  |  | Jerry & Nancy Huffman |
| January 2021 Event | No Event Scheduled | ❄️ ❄️ ❄️ ❄️ |
| February 2021 Event - Date TBD | ? Do you have an Event Idea? | Need Vol./Org./Host |
| March 2, 2021 Event Date TBD | Indoor Meeting: 7:00 PM Topic/Speaker ??? Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 3736 St. Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY | Need Vol./Org./Host |
| April 2021 Event Date TBD | Indoor Meeting: 7:00 PM Topic/Speaker: Honor Flight Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 3736 St. Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY | Ron DeGross |
|  | Brunch Run Genesee Country Village & Museum | Brian & Mary Moon |
| June 2021 Event - Date TBD |  | Betty Reilly & Bob & Judy Keenan |
| July 2021 Event - Date TBD | National Car Collector Appreciation Day Event | Need Vol./Org./Host |
|  | Allegheny Summer GVACS Tour Bradford, PA | Dears |
|  | Summer Picnic Foreman Park, Pultneyville, NY | Joe & Linda Kozloski |
| September 2021 Event Date TBD |  | Ron DeGross |
| October 2021 Event - Date TBD | ? Do you have an Event Idea? | Need Vol./Org./Host |
| November 12, 2021 Event | Indoor Meeting: 7:00 PM - Topic/Speaker: ? Annual Meeting and Election of Officers Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 3736 St. Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY | Need Vol./Org./Host |
| December 12, 2021 (tentative) | Holiday Event - 1PM Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club | Jerry and Nancy Huffman |



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