

# *Around the Bend*



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## **SOMETHING FOR**



## **EVERYONE !**



**AACA CAR SHOW IN CROSS CENTER at the BANGOR STATE FAIR:**

Top -1933 FORD MODIFIED —Bill Boyle;

Center— Sue Davis and Mark Smith prepare to fire-up ;the 1909 STANLEY– from the Stanley Museum , and Mark and Debbie Smith's 1914 Stanley.

Bottom-1966 SUNBEAM TIGER 1&2 - Steve and Jan Towle ; 1967 PONTIAC GTO- Paul Morris



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

Well, it has been a busy summer so far. Perhaps the late start with a cool wet spring is the cause. In any event it has been great to see so many of you get out the cars and make the effort to get to our club events. It is much appreciated.

The Bangor State Fair event was well supported. Going into it both the fair and I anticipated some things we'd correct a second time around if done. We weren't wrong! I feel without question our club held up its' end of the bargain. We were able to get around 40 vehicles there. The Seal Cove Museum brought their 1904 Knox. The Stanley Museum had 4 Stanley's representing them. Owls Head Transportation Museum brought their Great Race 1935 Ford 4 door convertible. I had told them 50 was my goal and the American Truck Historical Society was a no show after committing to 5 trucks earlier. What the ATHS didn't know was their big truck meet the week prior would be 100+ degrees in the bright sunshine and the toll that would take on their members. Understandably, their members needed a weekend off. No harm. No foul. Had a few other no shows made it we would have easily exceeded 50. Another year the fair will need to add signage on the fair grounds directing fair goers to the cars on display. Also and most importantly, their 6 pm time of us leaving is unworkable. I will suggest 3 pm. We stayed until 4 pm but from about 2 to 4 pm was a drag. Thankfully the Stanley's decided to do a demonstration and start up. In the end I think it was a great opportunity for us and hope we will get some new members. Thanks to all who supported it.

The lobster fest in Smithfield went extremely well this time around. I think everyone is learning what is needed to put on the event and seem happy to lend a hand. I don't have the exact numbers but we had around 40 members attend, cooked 50 lobsters, had a few pitchers of Jane's not yet famous Margarita's and enjoyed a perfect summer day sitting in the shade at Fairview Grange in Smithfield by the shore of North Pond. In the end we raised over \$500 for the club. With 50-50 sales from the 2 weekends we've added a little over \$600 to our bank account lately. Thanks again to all who helped. This event doesn't happen on its' own. It takes a team. Team AACA !

Upcoming events are the Seal Cove Car-B-Que and in September the town of Thorndike is celebrating 200 years. They have asked us to come for their parade. It is on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Line up at 9am with the start at 10 am. Immediately following the parade is a chicken bbq and other events. For more info contact [sheriff@waldocountyme.gov](mailto:sheriff@waldocountyme.gov) or at 322-9213. Sheriff Jeffrey Trafton. I hope to see you at both and then it will be time for HERSHEY !!!!

Thanks again for all the support this season,

Regards, Rick Watson.

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## MAINE REGION AACA SUMMER of 2019-



**June 15th**

**The very interesting Jay-Livermore Falls Tour**

The first place visited was the “**Paper & Heritage Museum**” in Livermore Falls. It was a big hit with all the members who wondered why they had never been there before! The building is filled with fascinating artifacts and historical photos of the early days; preserving the history of the paper industry in Maine.



**Four generations of Glen Byron's family:** Willys are part of the fun shared by- Left to right, John Benoit (his Granddaughter Kimberly's Husband), Eric Byron (son) in front, Clayton Benoit, (his Great Grandson), and Glen. All arrived in his Willys '50 Jeepster- and parked it by Jimmy Ryder's '48.



**A large exhibit shows an operating model of the paper-making process from tree to finely finished paper. It was made by a former employee, and the procedures described by another former employee.**



**PolyCor Quarry , Jay, Maine. North Jay boasts a now-idle granite quarry that for decades provided high-quality white granite for buildings throughout New**

England. There fine-grained light grey granite, called “Jay White,” built well-known structures like Portland City Hall and many railroad stations, before closing in the 40s. Today- with new methods of extracting granite- the quarries of Jay are once again operating.

Lunch at **LaFleur's** in Jay followed and gave everyone an opportunity for some fellowship. Before heading home, there was another stop at the Jay Historical Society. Where there were displays of old tools, and granite related items.



**Ready for lunch! Ken Clark, India Broyles and Robert Shaffo**





## July 20th Bahre Collection and Craft Show

Everyone loves it when Bob Bahre opens his amazing collection at Paris Hill. It's hard to know who took advantage of this annual occasion, but we do know the Watson family, and their regular visitor, Sam Edmunson, enjoyed the day.

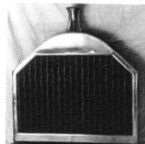
## July 28th AACA Car Show at the Cross Center-(See centerfold)

## August 4th- The "Lobster Palooza" at Fairview Grange in Smithfield-by the Shore of North Pond.



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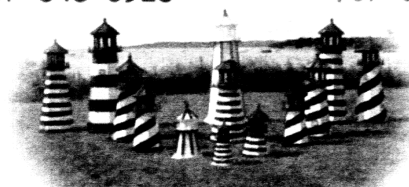
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*It's not over yet- Things to come*



### Free Admission for Registered Cars

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**Plus:** a free annual membership to the museum for 2019 at the *Flying Merkel* level.

Cars registered in advance will be provided with two free entrance tickets to the event; this will get you access to the car show, live music, and entrance to the Museum.

## SEAL COVE AUTO MUSEUM

*"JUST 20 SCENIC MINUTES FROM BAR HARBOR!"*

### Car Show

10am-4pm

### Live Music

3-5

Souled Out Band,

5-7

Blake Rosso Band,

7-9

Danny Harper Country Band

### Food

### Barbeque and other foods

Available for purchase all day from *Nostrano* and *Wing Dingahs* Darlings Ice Cream Truck 1:30pm

### Plus

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To Register your car or for other information: Contact Bill at [www.sealcoveautomuseum.org](http://www.sealcoveautomuseum.org) or 207-244-9242

## Annual Summer Wrap-up!

# 8th Annual Chili Fest!

Chesterville, ME Oct. 20th



Hosted again by  
John and Vicki Worth  
at  
Chesterville.

(Originated in 2012 at  
Dale Watson's.)



Festivities begin at their home at **breakfast** time (9am) and continue thru the **chili plus++ lunch** served among their collection of automobilia! It's a picturesque foliage trip just to get there, so mark it on your calendars today!

Watch for further information in the next issue of *Around the Bend*



(Pictures  
From  
Previous  
Chili Fest  
Tours)



## MAINE AACAA at BANGOR CROSS CENTER



Karie and Shelby Watson “man” (?) the registration desk



Setting up at the Cross Center– A/C was a treat!



Bill Boyle’s 1933 Ford Cabriolet- Pretty from any angle!

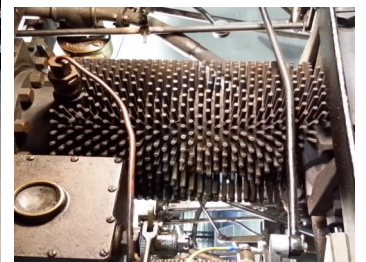


Dale Watson’s 1956 Chevy has an admirer



Seal Cove Auto Museum, 1904 Knox.

“Old Porcupine” had two-inch pins stuck into the cylinder barrel to air-cool the engine.





# BANGOR STATE FAIR CAR SHOW

The first car show , in conjunction with the 175 celebration of the Bangor Fair was held at the Bangor Cross Center, July 28th, hosted by Maine Region AACA.



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## Something for everyone!

1. Koenig's 1973 Plymouth Duster
2. Maynard Cook's 1977 Trans am
3. Beth Thomas's Mustang Conv.
4. Marshall Chervin's 1973 Buick boat tail (with model)
5. Lincoln Nye's Chevy Impala, "Picnic ready"
6. Water bucket from Alton Higgins' 1903 Stanley.
7. 1914 Stanley Steamer Mark & Debbie Smith (For Sale)



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## SUMMER CAR SALES



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**1934 Chevy Coupe:** over 21 accessories and working GM radio , perfect upholstery, always maintained, and history from new, trades considered, \$28,000.00

**1925 Lawton** make and brake engine on a riding lawnmower—a real museum piece! Dale Watson 207- 399 -0437



## NOT FOR SALE!

### Red Letter Day at the Watsons!

In 2015, Dale turned 80 and decided to stop collecting cars. Of course that was just before he had a chance to buy back a 1934 Ford Beach Wagon that he had sold over 50 years earlier! As reported in the "Around the Bend" that spring, Rick and Tucker heled him replace the panels. We are happy to show here that Dale is getting to the final stretch on the 1934 Woodie. It has some small details left to deal with, but he took it out on its maiden voyage, July 26th 2019.

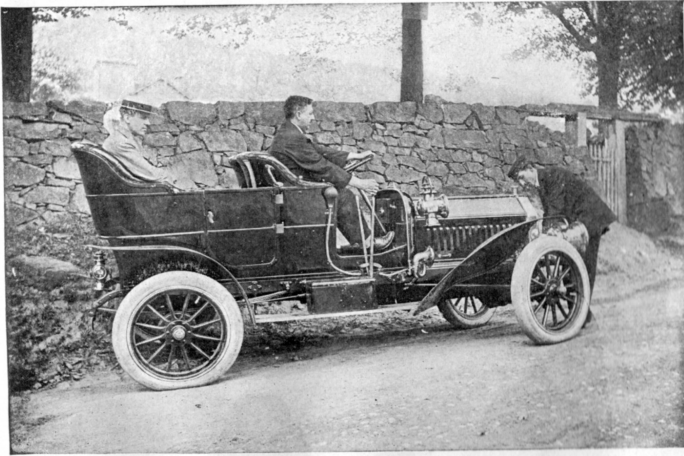
Will he give up collecting now? Remember that shortly after buying back this Woodie, he couldn't resist a 1912 Seagraves ladder truck-complete with all the ladders! (Note: Dale is offering to swap his motor home for an antique car?!



## A GLIMPSE AT:

HOW TO KEEP GOING— WHEN IT IS BETTER NOT TO DO ANYTHING.

(Country Life in America, Nov. 1907)



Don't crank your car without first seeing that the change speed lever is neutral and the spark retarded. An extra precaution is to set the emergency brake



It doesn't pay to strain a car even if it will pull through holes. Better go some other way although it means several miles more



Coast over broken stones without power if possible. It lessens the chance of cutting tires. On up grades like this run very slowly



A bottomless Ohio road so bad that a ploughed field was a welcome relief. A picture never adequately shows the condition of a road



The middle of the road is a poor place to stop your car to make repairs or adjustments



These men are not praying—they are making a quick repair on a steering rod





When the brakes get hot they will often drag and retard the engine. After a long down-hill coast, it will pay to cool them



Skidding on wet, slippery roads is the bane of a motorist's existence. Chains are a remedy. Be sure, however, that the state laws permit them. New Jersey's do not

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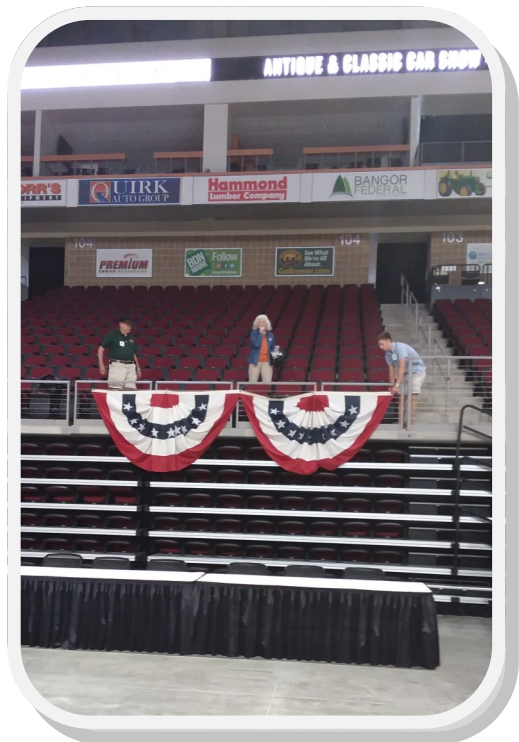
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