

Around the Bend

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1952 Buick Super Estate Wagon
(Body by Ionia Furniture Co. Ionia, MI)
Chris and Kathleen Koch-Trenton, ME/
Palm Coast, FL

**GREAT
GREEN
WOODIES!**

1947 Chrysler Town and Country
Donna Reis , Mt. Desert, Maine



1927 "Shooting Brake" Rolls Royce
Erwin Zimmerman, Addison, ME
(See Page 7 for more information on this car!)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hershey is here! Put everything else on hold!



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Hi All, hope to see many of you at Hershey again this year. Karie and I will be at dad's spaces in the Chocolate Field, CX-60 and CX61 on the main road as you drive in. Stop by to rest, say hello, leave that heavy "prize" you just bought etc. We're looking forward to it.

Once back in Maine your board will be meeting soon to wrap up 2019 and begin planning 2020 events. This is earlier than in the past as I'd like to try a couple longer distance events next year. Carl Barker and Dick Pratt have offered to do an event in Southern Maine, probably our Mud Run in the Spring. For years we have talked about going to "The County" for an event and as we have a number of Maine Region members from Aroostock County who know the lay of the land, I think we should take advantage of it. Our members seem to like the overnight trips as it best allows socializing and story telling and a chance to unwind after a day of touring instead of making a mad dash to get home at the end of the day. With our Lobster Fest in July and a Chili Day in October at the Worth's we have 4 events already. Stay tuned. My hope is by giving a LOT of notice about where and when that we can help you plan well in advance for our 2020 events.

Membership. I'd like some help forming a committee to work aggressively on growing our membership in the region. We have a number of tools at our disposal. As president I get 4 free member sign ups to use. There is a 1st year sponsorship for our Veteran's out there. When I was working on the Bangor State Fair event I contacted National AACA for a list of all AACA members in Maine. Only about half are Maine Region Members. I think those people are the "low hanging fruit". They are already members of National, live in Maine, like old cars so therefore should be a part of The Maine Region AACA. It will mean contacting those people with an invite to join, tour, meet and mingle. Can you help?

In closing, thanks to all who joined us this year at our events and tours. It has been a lot of fun.

Best regards, Rick Watson.



P.S. If not at Hershey, I hope to see you at John and Vicki Worth's Chili Fest in a few weeks!

8th Annual Chili Fest!

October 20TH 151 Zion Hill Rd. Chesterville, ME

- Hosted again by John and Vicki Worth
(Originated in 2012 at Dale Watson's.)
- Festivities begin at their home at breakfast time (9am)
- It's a picturesque foliage trip just to get there,
so mark it on your calendars today!

Breakfast: Vicki will have Breakfast Burritos , Breakfast Casserole,
Coffee Cake, Munchkins, and Coffee.

Lunch: Served among their collection of automobilia!
Vicki will be providing Meatballs and Brownies

**But we can't have a Chili
Fest -without Chili !!**

Needed are:

Chili's, Salads, Appetizers,
Rolls, Desserts

(Bring your own drinks, of course!)

Please let John know what

you will be bringing—by Oct. 15th.

Call John's Cell phone at 462-1598. If they don't
answer, please leave a voicemail so they can have a
record of it—old age, you know?





COOL THAT MOWER DOWN OUTSIDE!

By Glenn Byron

Hello all,

You are receiving this because the Gods were with us yesterday!

Mowed my lawn with my 2-3 year old Zero-Turn lawn mower and finished with what I thought was the end of the season event. Put the lawn mower back in my garage snuggled up to other stuff, checked to see all was in order and went inside to watch the rest of a Red Sox Game. I was listening to it on my headphones; relaxing in my easy chair. Toni's friend, Diane, came rushing in saying

" Why do you have a fire going in your garage?"

I rushed to garage to find FIRE raging up from the lawn mower and into a bunch of other stuff around. I grabbed a large fire extinguisher I had bought several years ago for \$10 at a flea market, thinking I didn't have a chance to knock it down. This thing was raging way up toward the ceiling of my garage. I told Toni to call fire department and hoped my breath would hold out to fight this blaze. The 911 operator said to *Get out of there!"*

My large very outdated fire extinguisher was holding out pretty well and keeping the flames down. . . reoccurring frequently, but I was doing OK breathing well in the smoke. 911 kept saying *Get out of there,"* but I said I was staying as long as there was breath in my body . . . and not until the fire department got there! Five minutes and our local volunteer gang was on scene. We saved everything except the mower, and a few flea

market items; no real damage at all.

Our home is OK, and everything in the garage is fine, including the 1955 Willys Bermuda waiting to get out and around. What we lost is the lawn mower is totaled, a bunch of Canadian Ford manual, and a few other miscellaneous items of no consequence.



What did we learn here?

Look around your world. Do you have adequate fire extinguishers at hand quickly. If this fire had a couple minutes more, I would have had no chance to knock it down and would have lost everything including my home which is attached. Those fire extinguishers are your key to keeping things under control till help gets there.

Look around your world, *"Are you ready?"*

A \$10 flea market buy saved it all. Clean out your JUNK hanging around. This fire got into some old books and made excellent progress with the fuel at hand. All of us have JUNK hanging around. Get it GONE!!! My world almost went up in smoke.

Look at yours. Where do you stand? Just because you have new equipment, doesn't mean no problem.

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Summer of 2019



Dale Watson got a beautiful, new "old" 1925 Buick 7 passenger (2 jump-seats). . . but he's sold it already! . . . along with his pretty 50S Chevy).



Never too old to learn, so try something new!



"Smart Car" practice?



A bright yellow Plymouth yells "see me!" (uh? can't you tell?)

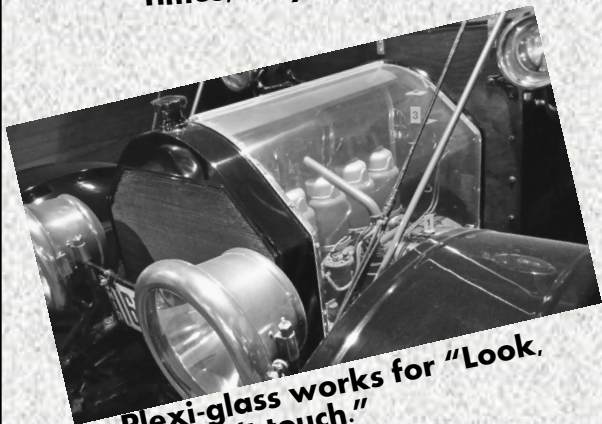
Tucker Watson is is "on the job" . . . If that's what you call it when you have to go show a 1947 Delahaye convertible . . .and a 1954 Bentley . . . at the Maryland Concourse!



Times, they are "achanging!"



Jeff Orwig and Norman Hutchins take a turn



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Maine Region visits the Seal Cove Auto Museum's Car-B-Que



Spotted were:
Bob Koenig and Peggy who brought his 1973 Duster from Topsham.

George and Jane Enman drove down from Charlotte — with guests from Cape Cod—in their 1951 Olds 98 Holi-



day Hardtop Coupe— Now for Sale— It was top of the Olds line and has the Deluxe equipment package including power windows/seat and chrome interior roof bars. The famous, powerful, Olds Rocket V-8 engine has the advanced Hydra-Matic transmission, (both rebuilt) and beautiful original interior. Super clean undercarriage. Runs/drives like new. Would like to sell locally. George 592-4126.

Jeff Orwig and Norman Hutchins came over from Paris Hill in Jeff's '79 Pacer. They even took a whirl at tending bar.

Marshall Chervin, of Manchester, had this award winning '73 Autumn Gold Buick Riviera. This was the car he had at the at the Maine State Fair. It had won a AACA First Junior at Hershey in 2012. In case you didn't see it there, here is a better look at it.



(Note: **Barbara and Dick Fox** in their '28 Studebaker and **Bill and Kate Barter** in their '64 Humber 'Super Snipe' were closer by. (Humber for sale too!)



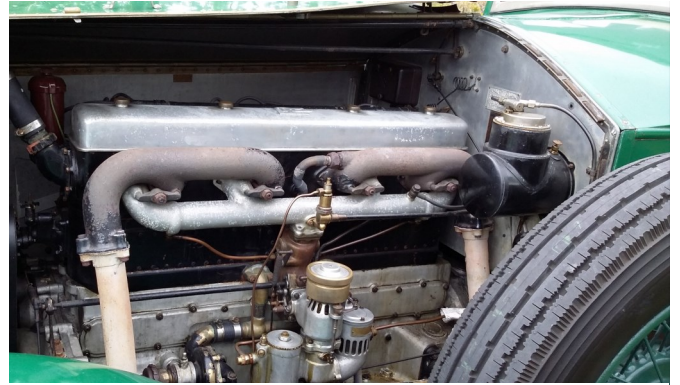
The 1931 Packard, is as pretty on the inside as it is on the outside! This Senior National First Prize winner belongs to Dick Kiklbourne who was visiting from Exeter, NH.

“Shooting Brake” and “Boat Tail” Rolls

1927 Rolls Royce 40-50 Hp - See cover photo

“*Shooting-brake*—a car body style which originated in the 1890s as a horse-drawn wagon used to transport shooting parties with their equipment and game. The first automotive shooting brakes were manufactured in the early 1900s in the United Kingdom.

“This automobile was re-bodied in the early years of World War II to qualify for “Farm Vehicle” gasoline rationing. It was christened “Holzklasse” by its present owner referring to the 3rd class seating (wood class) on the German train system.



A look inside—1927 Rolls-Erwin Zimmerman



L. Millard and Maggie Newman's had this 1910 *Shooting Brake* Rolls -Royce Silver Ghost on the 1984 Glidden Tour.

R. It was sometimes -like in this photo - referred to as a 1911 Rolls Limo.



Below: Another early Glidden shot-Jack Waterman's 1929 Rolls “Shooting Brake.”

1924 Boat-tailed Rolls Royce

David Glaser-Cape Elizabeth

My 1928 Rolls Royce Twenty was originally a five passenger Wayman. It was re-bodied in England in 1970 as a boat tail speedster and sold at a Sotheby's auction in 1971. The car was brought to the U.S. by Ernie Clair, an automobile dealer in Saco, Maine. I purchased the vehicle in 2009 from his estate. The Rolls Royce Twenty model was produced from 1922 to 1929. It is a small chassis model designed to be owner driven and priced to compete with American luxury cars. Several Rolls Royce innovations such as a four wheel brakes were tried first on the Model Twenty. There were 2,885 produced and it is estimated that approximately half are still in existence. Top speed exceeded 60 mph. The car runs well and is currently driven about 1,000 miles a year. *Ed. Note: We'd like to see you on tour with this car next summer, Dave!*





Courtesy of: *Editor's Collection*

SEARS MOTOR BUGGY

This ad appeared in the April 1st, 1909 *Des Moines Homestead*. It advertises the buggies that Sears sold, as well as the "Motorbuggy." This original ad showed additional text.

The very first ads for the "Motor Buggy" are believed to have come out - just a few months earlier - in January of 1909.

By the next year they were offering 5 different models.

The vehicle was not very profitable and by 1912 they stopped making cars and turned the machinery over to the Lincoln Motor Car Co. who had been making some of their components



They're Only Original Once

Fred Trusty—HPOF Chairman

This is the 4th in a series of articles about original vehicles; Historical Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) class. The 1st article was an overview of the HPOF class, the 2nd opened the doors and looked in-side, and the 3rd started the exterior series with paint. This time we'll look at tops, trim, glass, wheels, and tires.

Convertible tops are another item that if not properly cared for can contribute to the deterioration of other areas. A leaky top can cause rust in the fender wells, floor boards, and other areas. The sun can take its toll on fabric so if it's dry rotted it needs to be replaced. If it's done so in a professional manner and with period correct materials, there should be no deductions.

What about chrome and stainless trim items? If the part serves the purpose for which it was intended, then it's ok to an extent. But, if that chrome bumper has holes rusted through and almost no chrome is left, then it's time for trip to the salvage yard. The same goes for badly damaged trim items.

If the windshield and/or glass is damaged or starting to have that foggy appearance, then it's time to replace it. If possible, use the correct glass for the era of the vehicle. Either way, there should be no deductions because glass is considered a safety issue.

And last but certainly not least is the controversial area of wheels and tires. The vehicle has to have the correct wheels and covers. Even though those nice Cragar mags on your '69 Chevelle SS are period correct, they aren't what the factory installed so there would be a deduction. And then there is the area of tires. If radial tires weren't available for the year of the vehicle, then that would also be a deduction. One sometimes confusing area is the 1972 to 1978 alpha numeric radials on American cars and light trucks. Most of these size tires are not available and using a bias ply tire would definitely be incorrect so a P-metric radial can be substituted in most cases by making a written request for exemption to the VP of Class Judging. Please keep in mind that proof of authenticity is the responsibility of the vehicle owner. When in doubt, remember these three things: documentation, documentation, documentation.

Remember, they're only original once!

Do You Remember?

THE BOSTON HERALD, FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1942.

Official State Blackout Regulations

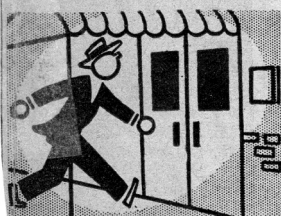
On Aug. 18, 1942 the U.S. Office of Price Administration dropped a long-anticipated triple whammy of rationing: no new-car sales to nonmilitary personnel, price limits and mandatory indoor storage of unsold new cars. With no new cars likely for years, the government wanted to be sure the few left -- it had counted 532,000 in February -- would be hoarded and doled out slowly to the people critical to maintaining public safety and keeping the war effort going. The initial list of people allowed to buy new cars included doctors, police and fire departments, critical war workers and traveling salesmen.



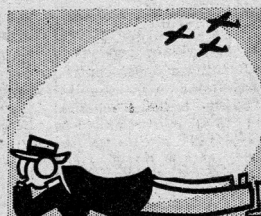
1942 Ford Super Deluxe

You should have grabbed this while you could.

8 THINGS YOU SHOULD DO IN AN AIR RAID



Keep Under Cover.



If Outdoors, Lie Flat.



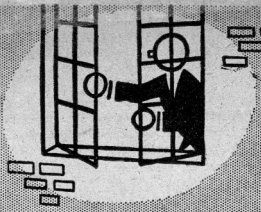
Leave Car Or Bus.



Turn Off Gas Connection.



Avoid Top, Street Floors.



Open Windows Partially.



Put Out, Conceal Lights.



Be Calm, Avoid Panic.

XII

NO VEHICLE shall be operated on any street or way, public or private, in the Commonwealth during a blackout or after the giving of an air raid alarm, ex-

cept an emergency vehicle for which a special license shall have been granted by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles after the said vehicle has been inspected and approved for blackout operation by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Such inspection and approval shall be evidenced by a sticker placed in a prominent position on the vehicle at the time of inspection and bearing the following inscription:

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XIII

WHEN THE BLACKOUT SIGNAL is given, the operators of vehicles other than emergency vehicles and those specified in paragraph 12 above shall immediately reduce speed to not more than fifteen miles per hour, drive to the side of the road or curb at the first opportunity, and stop. The operators of vehicles shall extinguish the lights thereon and seek shelter if available. The operators of such vehicles shall not park at intersections, hydrants, police stations, fire stations or other places specified by the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety. If practical, the operators of such vehicles shall drive the same entirely off the traveled portions of the road or highway. Vehicles already parked at the curb, in parking places or garages shall be left where they are unless ordered or permitted to be moved by the police or military authorities.

Editor's Choice:

Barbara D. Fox

My father had Buicks from the late 30s, but I didn't fall in love with them until the 7th grade: the year Buick put out the first Roadmaster Buick. . . with "portholes!"

Now, I'm older and wiser and this summer I fell for this "older" model: a beautiful, 1941 Buick Super Model 50 Convertible in Sienna Rust. (see back cover for color picture.)

It belongs to Robert Croul of Blue Hill and has been named "Peggy" after it's lucky, original owner.

As the story goes, it was delivered to Peggy Houghtaling (Mc Manus) in October of 1940 as a gift from Amy Elizabeth DuPont(known as Miss Amy) who was a friend of the family.

Peggy lived in Montecito, California, and the car lived there with her for its entire life. At first it was a daily driver but eventually by the late 1970's, it became a favorite used for shows, parades and special outings. The car cost \$1,650 new and was well cared for its entire life with Peggy but never rebuilt or restored. It is all original. Peggy was an actress, model, talented horseback rider and tennis player.

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 Fisher Body
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Mystery Car Challenge

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**Can you guess the year, make and model?
(i.e. 1936 Buick, Model 80 Roadster)**