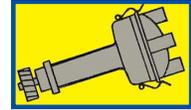


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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA



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TRUCK TRAVELS IN 2021

By Ken

My truck has been restored for 27 years. This year, thanks to vaccines, I have been traveling with it again. Through the end of October, I have put 2,040 miles on it. All the major trips were to Pennsylvania, with one exception.

In April, I sadly attended the funeral of a fellow railroader, Ann Brooks. She had been the Administrative Assistant to the Terminal Superintendent of the Penn Central, later Conrail operation in Baltimore. She became a Pennsylvania Railroad employee in 1967, two years before I hired on Penn Central. In retirement, she was the President of the local chapter of the Penn Central Railroad Retired Employees Association, which I serve as its Treasurer. Ann was like the Den Mother to all the Baltimore terminal railroaders. She continued in this role as the President of the PCRREA. For her funeral, I drove the truck up to Essex, Maryland, and was placed in line behind the hearse conveying Ann to the cemetery. There followed a reception at the Hawks Pleasure Club, on Back River, a local social club where the retirees group has its annual summer picnic. The day's trip was 179 miles.

The first trip to Pennsylvania was to **Macungie**, near



The friends include a group of **DIVCO** truck owners, because we stay in the same bed & breakfast establishment every year. They are granted space on the show field, as a group, and by association, my truck has become an honorary **DIVCO**. On this trip, I drove the truck 348 miles.



Allentown, for the annual national meet of the Antique Truck Club of America (**ATCA**, rather than **AACA**). Always held on Father's Day weekend, this was the 50th Anniversary of the ATCA, and there were nearly 1,000 trucks in attendance. Except for 2009, I have attended this meet that was held, every year since 2002. There is every kind of truck imaginable there, of any vintage. It always is a good time, and I have made many friends there.

Through my association with the Macungie meet, and the other friends I have made there, I have become a member of the **Keystone Chapter of the ATCA**, which is centered around Altoona and State College. That I have a railroad connection to Altoona, the location of the main shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is icing on the cake! Although I attend their meetings

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 even less that I do the BCR meet-
 ings, I have made their annual show
 a few times. This year, instead of a
 show, they had a caravan to several
 locations of interest. I named it the
Keystone Karavan!

On July 30th I drove up to
Centre Hall, to spend the night
 with **George and Eileen Wool**.
 George operates the Nittany Farm
 Museum, on the east slope of Nitta-
 ny Mountain, just north of Penn
 State. He has a **B-series Mack** that he restored himself. The



next day we cruised north and west
 on I-80 to a truck stop near
 Milesburg, where we met the rest
 of the group for breakfast. After
 breakfast, we continued west, al-
 most to Clearfield, then southwest
 to **Grampian**. The destination was
the collection of Drexel Pentz,
 who has an amazing assortment of
 porcelain automotive signs and gas
 pump globes, plus toys and mod-
 els, and a dozen antique trucks and
 cars, including a 1957 Mercury
 Turnpike Cruiser. Some of you

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George, with Larry (L) and Herb (R)



Three carburetors
 on a flathead six!



Keystone Chapter Karavan
 Grampian, Pennsylvania
 July 31, 2021



may remember that it had the reverse-angled retractable rear window. We enjoyed lunch and a great time together, as multiple additional trucks arrived.

Next, we moved on to the **Bud Garvey Vintage Race Car Museum, in Osceola Mills**, a vintage stock car collection from the 1930s and 40s. Garvey was hosting a classic car show. There we found all kinds of interesting vehicles, in addition to the Garvey collection, and the visiting collection of the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, from York Springs, Pennsylvania. Can you imagine a mid-1930s Plymouth coupe as a race car? With a flathead six and three carburetors? My favorite vehicle there was a 1950 GM motor coach converted to a motor home.

From Osceola Mills, I dropped down to **Cresson** to check in with Tom Davis, the proprietor of **The Station Inn**, a hotel catering to rail enthusiasts. I have stayed there many times, and I used to attend a car show that the town sponsored, once winning a best of show trophy. The Inn is situated across a street from the Pennsy main line to Pittsburg, which still hosts 60 or more trains a day. Sadly, Tom was near the end, and passed away a few weeks later. Fortunately, the Inn is in good hands, and there is a group interested in purchasing it for continued operation.

After a night there I drove back to Choptank, for a total of exactly 700 miles.

The next extended trip was to **Altoona** for the annual meeting of the **Penn Central Railroad Historical Society**. Although I am more interested in the Pennsylvania Railroad, I was a Penn Central, hiring on a little over a year after the Pennsy's merger with the New York Central. The PCRHS is a nice group of guys that I can identify with. We stayed in a downtown hotel and had access to the Railroaders Memorial Museum and the **Horseshoe Curve** park, where the train literally wraps around you as it slowly climbs, or descends the grade to the summit of the Alleghenies.

Altoona has come back considerably since it declined in the 1960s, following the conversion from steam power to diesel and the decline of rail passenger service. Neighborhoods have been rejuvenated and there is much new construction.

After three days of train watching, reminiscing, and sight-seeing, I made my way back to Choptank, with a stop to visit



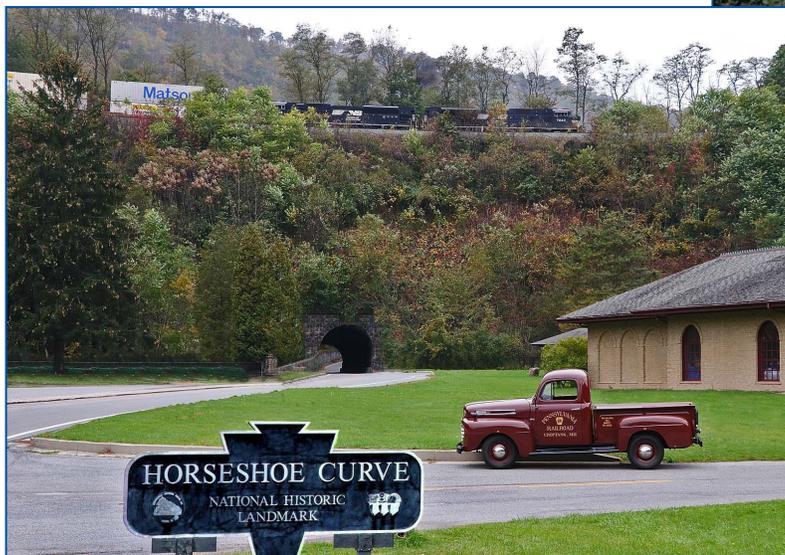
The Station Inn



The Penn Central group



Horseshoe Curve, from the air. The X marks the location of the photo at left.



my brother in Ellicott City, Maryland. On this trip, I traveled 591 miles.

Other wanderings, in between these four trips, to Easton, St Michaels, Cambridge, and one up to the Adkins Arboretum, bring the total up to 2,040 miles since the first of the year.

I intend to keep this up in future years.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

The October General Membership Meeting got off to a rocky start. Betty and I got to the Diner early and noticed that several tables in our meeting room were occupied. I checked with the manager who told me that someone had cancelled the reservation. She tried to call in help, but no one was available. The Diner did a good job of recovering. We got the orders in, and the meals were served in a reasonable time. The snag came with the bill; everything was on one bill. It was a scramble to get the money right and mistakes were made, with everyone upset and frustrated. As a consequence, Jim Newcomb and Danny Morris are looking into alternative meeting places that can accommodate us and will provide separate bills. Meanwhile, I spoke with the manager several days later, and she agreed that they could break bills down to groups of four. At least we have a compromise, if Jim and Danny don't come up with an alternative.

The meeting was a hybrid-in person and virtual. We needed the virtual attendees to make quorum. Thanks to Craig Duerling and Lee Caplan for arranging the Zoom connection, and making it work. It worked well with Lee roaming the room so the virtual attendees could pick up on what was being said at the meeting. Great job Lee and Craig! I plan to have the same arrangement for the November membership meeting.

A lot of business was handled at the meeting. We are collecting for Wreaths Across America again this year. We passed the hat at the meeting and collected \$195. We will accept checks made out to Wreaths Across America, or Bay Country Region, either mailed to Betty by November 17th or delivered to her at the November meeting, on November 17th. We will also pass the hat again at the November meeting. The official gathering of the club for December will be the Christmas Dinner (Dec. 18th), which also is the day of the wreath laying. I plan to attend the wreath laying, and you are welcome to attend the ceremony, but for some members it is too much traveling in one day.

The Christmas Dinner is set for December 18th at the Easton VFW. Diann has completed the arrangements, except for the final count. After discussion, the club set the price of \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Checks should go to Diann, in advance, so she can provide the head count to the VFW.

Danny Morris reported for the Nominating Committee. All the current Officers and Directors agreed to serve again. The slate: Pres., Ed Nabb; VP., Lee Caplan; Secretary, Carol Grant; Treasurer, Betty Nabb. For Directors; Diann Prah and Charles Emery will stand for a new term, and Neil Grant, Craig Duerling and Danny Morris will continue for another year. There were no other nominations, and with no contested positions, the election was completed and noted in the minutes. Thanks to everyone who agreed to serve again and to Danny for getting everyone to agree to go for another term.

The club approved dues for 2022 at the same level: \$12 single and, \$15 joint membership. A renewal form is included with this newsletter. Please fill it out and send it with your check to Trudy Hamilton. **You do not need to wait for your AACA card, just check the box indicating that you have sent in your AACA dues.** AACA has set a deadline of **January 15th** for us to have the roster turned in. **Please act quickly.**

Charles Emery gave a final report on the AACA Eastern Spring Tour. After all expenses the club received \$2331.96, half of the net profit from the tour.

I have the last three BCR magnetic signs that can go on the side of your car. Let me know if you want one or two. They are \$11 each.

I hope to see you at the November General Membership Meeting on the 17th, either in person or virtually. **Note the change in location on the back page!**

Sincerely,
Ed Nabb

CLASSIFIEDS

KENT ISLAND CRUISERS

27 Ford Model T Roadster Pickup, turn key, 302, C4, 12 bolt, almost all Ford, \$16,500.

40 Packard Coupe, Amazingly solid project, crate 350, 700R4, Tilt column, Disc brakes, tons of parts \$15k

41 Ford Super Deluxe Coupe, Flathead V8 with goodies, running/driving, Fine car that needs driven, \$25k.

51 Ford Custom Tudor, Flathead V8 with goodies. Been in storage 3 years, Fine car that needs to be driven, \$25k.

56 Thunderbird, solid project, both tops, cont. kit shaved, manual trans, stuck motor from sitting \$10k

4.3 Chevy V6 Core \$100.

5.0 305 Chevy Core, \$100.

3- Misc. Chevy BOP Transmissions/Cores to build, \$100. ea. **Parts Washer Cabinet** \$50.

2 misc. Air Compressors, \$30. & \$80.

Pics at bchevy7@yahoo.com; Bob 443 496 2887

CHESAPEAKE CLASSICS

1939 Chevrolet Master Deluxe 4 Door, \$4,500.00. Original Condition, including Original Drive Train, Straight 6 Cylinder, 3 On the column manual transmission, original interior & headliner, fender skirts, heater, Original Philco Radio, city and country horns. Extra rebuilt/replacement parts included (See link to list and photos). Car was rescued from a barn around the end of 1998 and garage kept since. Frame and floors are solid. There is some rust through around the bumper brackets, rear trunk pan and corners of fenders (See photos). Clean Maryland Title.

Link to Photo's: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rL6w8j0YNF2RmXouqVPtF2iDMdmJKzeT?usp=sharing>. Interested parties call 410-684-3910. Please, no unsolicited services or offers



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 2 **BCR Board Meeting, 1:00-2:00 pm; via zoom**
- 6 6th Annual Historic Stevensville Arts & Entertainment Classic Car & Truck Show 10:00 am Registratin \$15 Info: 410-604-2100
- 17 **BCR Premeeting Dinner , 5:00 pm, Easton Elks**
- 17 **BCR Monthly Business Meeting, 6:00 pm, Easton Elks**

DECEMBER

- 7 **BCR Board Meeting, 1:00-2:00 pm; via zoom**
- 18 **Wreath Laying, Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 10:00 am**
- 18 **Christmas Dinner, 6:00 pm, Easton VFW**

Use the **BAY COUNTRY REGION HOTLINE** to:

- find out about activity changes, club emergencies, etc.
- pass along urgent information to all club members

Contact **Lee Caplan** at 919-636-0955 or lcaplan@icloud.com

THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT CERTIFICATE TO THE CRAB CLAW!

By *Charles Emery*

Early in October Barbara and I were treated to a week-long visit from our California-girl granddaughter who was raised in Delaware and is a great fan of Maryland blue crabs. We all went to St. Michaels to enjoy crabs at The Crab Claw on a beautiful fall evening. It was delightful and we thank the Bay Country Region for the gift that helped to make it possible.



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THE BAY COUNTRY REGION, AACA

The purpose of the club shall be the preservation, use, and enjoyment of self-propelled antique, classic, and special interest vehicles and related parts, materials, and services. The Board of Directors of the Region shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise specified. Membership meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August. Meeting announcements will be carried each month in the newsletter. Articles for the newsletter are welcomed and members are encouraged to submit news about personal interest items to the editor by the 20th of each month.

ITEMS FOR THE DISTRIBUTOR should be submitted by the 20th of the month. Submissions from members are greatly appreciated. Tell us about, or show us, your cars (and trucks) and what you are doing with them. If you're planning an event, here's the place to describe it.

Electronic submissions are preferred. Having avoided learning how to type all these years, the Editor doesn't want to have to learn now. On the other hand, photos and illustrations can be scanned, with no typing necessary, so send anything that you would like the membership to see.

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*Coming up:
Membership
Renewal-the form
is included

Christmas Dinner
& Installation
12/18*

FIRST CLASS MAIL

INSIDE: TRUCK TRAVELS IN 2021

BIRTHDAYS

11/19	FAITH BROWN	1/2	CATHY MAXWELL	1/28	JIM NEWCOMB
11/26	TERESA MCCANN	1/5	KEN KVAMME	1/31	LOU FRITZ
11/27	DONNA GLIME	1/9	DONNIE FOSTER	2/2	CHARLES REICHARD
12/2	ADA BLYSMA	1/11	CAROL GRANT	2/3	WALT TRICE
12/6	NORMA JEAN BRADLEY	1/19	NORMA HUBER	2/8	JEAN BROWN
12/9	FRANK ADAMS	1/22	JOE GLIME	2/19	CHARLOTTE MORRIS

CHANGE OF MEETING VENUE

The November General Membership Meeting will be at **The Elks Club**, Dutchman's Lane, Easton, MD, on November 17th. **Dinner will be at 5:00 pm, and the meeting at 6:00 pm. Please be at the Elks ready to order by 5:00 PM.** They close at 7:00, so we need to eat at 5:00 and start the meeting promptly at 6:00. The Elks will do separate billing so we don't have the fiasco of last meeting. We will move to a separate room for the meeting, so we won't be interrupted by bussing tables.

It should be a short meeting and, time permitting, there will be a short presentation at the end. We will discuss time and place for future meetings and consider whether we should meet for lunch instead of dinner. Lee and Craig are arranging for Zoom connection, so those who cannot attend in person can join us.

Please let me know a few days before the meeting if you will be attending the meeting personally so I can give the restaurant a head count.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

December 18th at 6:00 pm
Members: \$20.00, Guests: \$25.00
VFW Post 5118, on Glebe Road, in Easton, Maryland.

MENU:

- Tea & Coffee
- Cheese & Veggie Tray
- Turkey with dressing and Cranberry sauce, **or**
- Baked Ham,
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Sauerkraut (a little bit), cooked apples
- Dessert: Cakes and Pies

Bring checks the November meeting or mail them to:

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CLUB NOTES

