



# Mid-State Antique Auto Club

Box 24, Fitchburg, Mass. 01420

# News

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## WELCOME!

In this - the first issue of the Mid-State Antique Auto Club News - we'd like to extend a great big "Hello" and "Welcome" to the Club!

We sincerely hope that your membership and participation in the Club's activities will be most enjoyable for you and for the other members.

The Mid-State Club was started up with one main goal: to provide the members with enjoyable Club activities throughout the year. The officers of the Club offer only one promise - to try and make Mid-State the best local antique auto club in the region.

## By way of introduction...

The idea of a new club in this area was first conceived early in the summer of 1979. It was felt that with so many people interested in antique automobiles in this area, there was a definite need for an organization which would bring us together to share our common interests and to set up programs through which we could all benefit from each other's knowledge and experience in the antique automobile hobby.

By joining the Club now, you have become a charter member and, we hope, a member in the years to come. We solicit any suggestions you may have on ways to improve the Club as we develop. This Club will be operated by the membership - the Club officers are dedicated to the idea that they are only the "pairs of hands" with which the meetings, communications, public relations, finances and programs can be tied together to provide the membership with a club we can all be proud of.

So, once again - - WELCOME! - - and ENJOY!

Your Club officers for Mid-State's first year (1980) are:

President	Fran Delisle
Vice President	Al Eyles
Treasurer	Bill Harris
Secretary	Paul Giordano

Board of Directors: Ken Hultgren, Dick Reynolds, and Ed Painter



# THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It was very encouraging to see so many people in attendance at our last meeting. This kind of participation can only make this club a successful and enjoyable club for all.

The time is drawing near for our annual auction which will be held immediately following the business meeting on Tuesday Jan. 8. Come one, come all and make this auction a smashing success. For those of you who are new to the club what the auction boils down to, is that everyone brings an auto part or any other item of interest and the rest of the club bids on it. All proceeds go in the club treasury to help finance future events. So bring yourself and your donations to the Jan. 8 meeting. Let's have a full house.

We have great entertainment planned for the Dec. 4th meeting, (see "Miscellaneous Column" for details) so bring the entire family. Also bring some lawn chairs with you, as we have a limited number of chairs.

Just a few weeks ago many of our members participated in the R.O.C.K. Fall Foliage tour. We have included in this issue a complete report on this tour, see "The Putt Putt To Putney" column.

See you at the Dec. 4th meeting.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

If any member of the Club is looking for car parts, etc. or would like to sell some, why not use your Club newsletter to advertise? Just jot it down on a piece of paper with your name and phone number and hand it to the Club Secretary (Paul Giordano). He'll see to it that it will be in the next issue of the Mid-State NEWS. The best part - it's free!

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Here's a late bulletin - - We have just received word that Cecil B. Pelletier & "Big Al" Eyles will complete production of their PutneyTour extravaganza in time for the December 4th meeting! They have been working feverishly on their Super-8 color/sound film and assure us the final editing and adding of the sound track will be completed on schedule. (Bring your own popcorn).

## OUR FIRST CLUB TOUR

Well, the Club's first official tour was a success last November 18th with a showing of ten antique cars, two modern cars, and a total of 21 people.

After leaving King's parking lot on a brisk Sunday morning, we toured down to the Sterling and Princeton area and wound up at the Old Mill in Westminster for a sumptuous breakfast. All cars and people performed well, and by the time we had arrived at the Old Mill, the temperature outside had risen to a comfortable level.

After breakfast, many of those on the tour then continued on to the Rietta Farm flea market in Hubbardston to continue our never-ending search for those elusive car parts and other junk - - I mean - collectibles!

Everyone was pleased and happy with the tour and are looking forward to more Club events in which we can all participate.

And speaking of Club events, let's take a look at the Club Calendar.....

Regular monthly meetings: Dec. 4, Jan. 8 - AUCTION, Feb. 5, March 4.

Late in February - Our first annual banquet.

A sleigh ride sometime this winter, and a tour to Parker's Sugar Barn on March 23.



## Secretary's Scribbles

Well, our meeting on November 6th was a tremendous success with 30 people attending....and before the evening was out, we wound up with a total of 35 members in the Mid-State Antique Auto Club! Not too bad for our actual first get-together.

Attending the meeting were many old faces and some new ones - and we say "welcome" to all who were there. The meeting was attended by already-signed-up members Fran Delisle, Paul Giordano, Ed Painter, Dick Reynolds, Bill Harris, Al Eyles, Dick Pelletier, Bud Rowe, and Jim Larkin. Ken Hultgren was unable to attend because of business commitments.

We discussed future activities of the Club including tours, an annual banquet, and an annual meet. We also discussed various ways to make the Club enjoyable and worthwhile for all the members.

Here's a list of the Club's new members who submitted membership applications on November 6th: (or who mailed their application in to us)

FRANK CARBONE	JOHN HAVEN	DAVID REYNOLDS	KAREN TUCKER
JEAN DELISLE	DUANE HOAGLUND	MARGARET REYNOLDS	JOSEPH PELLETIER
JIM DUNN	DETROIT HOOD	CHARLES SHERMAN	TED WHITNEY
DEBRA DUNN	ALAN LEHTOLA	DAVID SIMARD	JOHN WOODCOME
BOB FICKETT	WALTER LILIUS	RUSSELL SMITH	RALPH WRIGHT
ROLAND GELINAS	DENNIS MAXFIELD	JEAN THEBEAU	BILL GOODWIN
HENRY GOEWY	BEN NERO	KIT TUCKER	

And GIBBY LASHUA was voted in as a lifetime honorary member.

If we've forgotten anyone, give the secretary hell!

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## THE JUNK PILE

\*\*\*FOR SALE\*\*\*

1938 BUICK 4 DOOR SEDAN - Excellent condition - 5 white sidewall tires -  
one year old battery - drive anywhere - black Asking \$4500 -  
Bob Fickett, Lunenburg. Call 582-4774

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## FINANCIAL

Every month in the Club newsletter, we'll try to keep you up to date on the financial condition of our treasury, as of the end of the previous month.....

So here's what it looked like as of October 31, 1979:

INTAKE: \$55.00

EXHAUST: \$11.00

BALANCE: \$44.00

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## THE PUTT-PUTT TO PUTNEY

Since there are so many of us that are or were involved in the R.O.C.K. club, we thought that you might be interested in the tour that took place on October 7th. Fran Delisle and Al Eyles were the tour chairman and they did a terrific job in planning the tour. The turnout was by far the best ever for a tour coming out of the Fitchburg area.

Taking part in the tour were 61 people, 5 modern cars, and 20 antique cars. We started the tour from West Fitchburg and headed north on route 12. The weather was cool and cloudy and it sure looked as if it wanted to rain on our parade....and it did...once....as we approached the outskirts of that gleaming metropolis known as Winchendon. This was also about the time that the carburetor on John Barrett's '29 Model A started to do funny things....like burning rich... and causing John a few problems. But with all the expert(?) mechanics on hand we managed to get John, his female friend, and his Model A successfully through the whole tour. We might make mention here that Paul Giordano's '23 Packard also decided to become a little finicky on the way home....the starter hung up on the flywheel gear and the Packard had to be pushed to the side of the road!

But that problem was quickly taken care of and we all made it safely back home. Getting back to the tour.....we stopped at a carriage museum and gift shoppe just short of the Vermont border so that we might relieve ourselves of some of that "filthy" stuff that we work all week for. We then piled into our cars and continued on our way north until we stumbled onto the Putney Inn in (guess where) Putney, Vermont. We staggered into the Inn and had a roast beef or turkey lunch along with some liquid refreshments.

After lunch, we found our way to Harlow's Sugar House & Gift Shoppe to divest ourselves of more of that "stuff". Then we sneaked over to a hall where most of us took part in a little square dancing (professional caller and all!), and some beer, wine, crackers and cheese were served to the hungry travelers.

Peg Reynolds won the ladies' door prize which was a Halloween table centerpiece. Ralph Wright was the winner of some small tools for guessing the correct number of scheduled stops to be made on the tour.....Dick Pelletier also won some small tools for the closest estimate (before we started) of the mileage to our destination - which nobody knew except Fran and Al.

After the square dancing and awarding of prizes, we had one car game in which the blindfolded driver tried to drive his car up to and closest to a line across the road. Al Lehtola won the car game and took a bottle of champagne home with him.

Dick Pelletier and Al Eyles took sound movies of the tour and they will be shown at the earliest possible meeting of Mid-State.



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PRESIDENT FRANCIS A. DELISLE

SECRETARY PAUL GIORDANO

BOARD MEMBERS:

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

ALFRED EYLES

WILLIAM HARRIS

KENNETH HULTGREN, EDWARD PAINTER, RICHARD REYNOLDS

We cordially invite you to become a member of our newly formed Mid-State Antique Auto Club.

Many of the former members of the Rollstone Old Car Klub are joining us to develop a new club where members can share their enjoyment of antique cars in an informal and harmonious manner. Our objective is to set up and run club events in a congenial atmosphere, free of conflicts and squabbles.'

As a good friend and a valued antique car enthusiast, we solicit your help and membership. Our first meeting will be held at D & H TOOL CO., RIVER STREET, FITCHBURG, MA. on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 8 pm and the first Tuesday of every month thereafter. Dues will be a nominal \$5.00 per year.

We are in the process of developing a series of interesting and informative club meetings for 1980, and we do not want you to miss out.

So, won't you join us on NOVEMBER 6, and let's start working to build a club all of us can enjoy and be proud of.

Please bring the enclosed application to the NOVEMBER 6 meeting, or mail to the above address along with the \$5.00 membership fee.

Sincerely,

Francis A. Delisle, President  
for the

Executive Committee

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

### With Best Wishes From Mid-State

## Secretary's Scribbles

Our regular monthly meeting on December 4th brought forth 18 members and 8 guests. Three of the 8 guests were member-applicants.

After each member introduced himself, we got down to business - - There was little interest shown in a January sleigh ride, so we decided that maybe we would take a tour (probably mostly "modern") to the "Landord's Ben" in Sterling for brunch. More details at the next meeting.

Then we talked about our annual banquet for Saturday, February 23, 1980 at the Bull Run in Shirley. There are all the details about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

We also talked about our annual meet next June 15th with a rain date of June 22nd. It would be held at the Lunenburg High School Grounds, and we will have car games and sell vendor spaces at \$5.00. Bob Fickett will make arrangements for our use of the field.

By a show of hands, it was voted that cars 15 years and older (1965 and older) would be able to participate in our annual meet - although cars with automatic transmissions couldn't take part in certain car games which require some skill in using the manual transmission and/or clutch pedal.

Fran brought up the subject of a possible tour in the spring to Parker's Sugar Barn. We would first tour to Elijah's in Milford N.H. and then on to Parker's.

Kit Tucker will be writing a column in the newsletter called "THE GARAGE DOOR" which will be a little story each time about a different Club member - how he came about acquiring his car - the trials and tribulations of the restoration, etc. Kit's first member will be about Dick Reynolds and his 1937 Oldsmobile - oops! - - we mean OLDSmobile...

Peg Reynolds volunteered to donate the raffle item for our Feb. meeting, which will be some delectable items from the world renowned "Ashburnham Pizza". So don't forget your Roloids in February! (we couldn't resist saying that).

Patty Eyles was the winner of our December raffle which was a pair of bottles of wine that her husband had donated for the raffle. We always say "let's keep nepotism in the family".

After the meeting, we settled down to watch the super-collosal, tremendous, exciting, spectacular, costly, and star-studded motion picture about a bunch of old car nuts who took on the perilous journey from Fitchburg, Mass. to Putney, Vermont. Despite all the "ham", Al Eyles and Dick Pellitier did a terrific job in putting the movie together - and they deserve our heartfelt thanks for working so hard on it!

#### Members present:

F. Delisle  
M. Reynolds  
R. Fickett  
H. Melanson  
K. Tucker

W. Harris  
A. Eyles  
D. Reynolds  
D. Grant  
L. Rowe

R. Pelletier  
P. Giordano  
E. Painter  
J. Larkin

R. Reynolds  
C. Sherman  
J. R. Gelinas  
R. Smith

#### Guests:

Ruth Giordano

Patty Eyles

Dot Rowe

Eleanor Melanson



## Helpful Hints

There is one precaution that every antique car owner should take when a car is going to sit in dead storage, such as over the winter months. That is - depress the clutch pedal and hold it in the down position by a piece of wood of suitable length.

This precaution will guarantee that when you are again ready to use your car, you won't be confronted with a clutch that has seized and will not release.

Should you fail to heed this advice and find yourself with a car suffering from a bad case of "Seized Clutchitis", try this before you resort to major surgery:

Leave the transmission in gear, depress the clutch pedal, step on the starter (ignition turned OFF if you value anything parked in front of your car), say a silent prayer, and hope that the starter will break it loose. If it won't, you might do well to hold the clutch pedal in the down position, as described above, and try the starter cure a few days later.

If the starter cure doesn't remedy the seizure, stronger medicine is in order. Try a gentle push or pull from another vehicle - again with the transmission of the troubled car in gear and the clutch pedal depressed. Don't forget to keep the ignition switch turned off.

If the above prescribed mild medicine doesn't cure it, you will have to resort to disassembly.

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the Old Car Club of Worcester.

## THE JUNK PILE

WANTED: Doors for 1931 Ford 2-door sedan, and 2 sedan rear fenders (metal)  
Paul Croteau Tel. 345-5062

\*\*\*FOR SALE\*\*\*

1938 BUICK 4 DOOR SEDAN - Excellent condition - 5 white sidewall tires -  
one year old battery - drive anywhere - black Asking ~~\$4500~~ - \$4000  
Bob Fickett, Lunenburg. Call 582-4774

## FINANCIAL

Here's what our treasury looked like as of the end of November, 1979:

INTAKE: \$202.74

EXHAUST: \$36.85

BALANCE: \$165.89

## NEED HELP?

Just a reminder - - If you're having a problem in restoring your antique car, or are having a tough time in locating certain information about your car, don't forget that we are all members of Mid-State - and one of the biggest reasons we belong to a club is to be able to mingle with other people who have the same interests and problems. So, bring your problem with you to the next meeting and you'll be surprised at how eager your fellow members are to help you solve it.

We're sure that if there is no one able to solve your particular problem on the spot, you'll be told about someone who can. This is what a club is all about - being able to seek out help when you need it and to offer your help to a fellow member when you can.



# ANNUAL BANQUET

Plans are well under way for our annual banquet in February.....

The banquet will be held on the evening of Saturday, February 23, 1980 at the Bull Run on route 2-A in Shirley, Mass.

Here's the menu:      Roast Beef Dinner                      \$12.00 per person  
                                 Turkey Dinner                      \$ 8.75 per person

These prices include meal, tax, tip, and the floor show.  
We will have a bar set up in our own private dining room. After dinner, we'll go down to the Sawtelle Room where we can watch the floor show and dance.

We would like to know as soon as possible how many people we will have so we can tell the Bull Run folks, so please make reservations early by filling out the coupon below and bring it with you to the next meeting, or mail it to:  
THE MID-STATE ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB, BOX 24, FITCHBURG, MASS. 01420

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACES AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET

\_\_\_\_\_ ROAST BEEF DINNER(S) @ \$12 EACH .....

\_\_\_\_\_ TURKEY DINNER(S) @ \$8.75 EACH .....

TOTAL .....

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK ☐

I'LL PAY LATER ☐

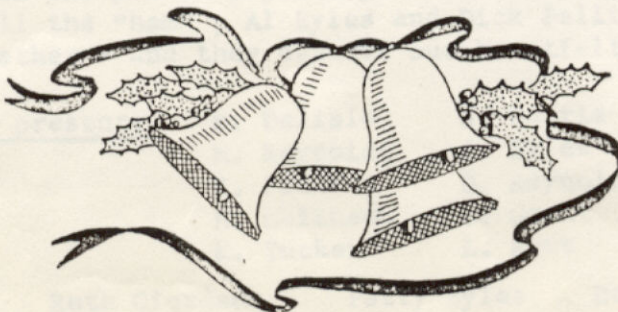
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## Club Calendar

The next regular monthly meeting of Mid-State will be held on Tuesday evening, January 8, 1980. Since the first Tuesday of the month is our normal meeting night, this will not be so in January, since the first Tuesday happens to be New Year's Day. So, don't forget - the next meeting is on the 8th of January - at the D & H Tool Co. at Waites Corner in West Fitchburg.

## IT'S AUCTION TIME!

Also, our January meeting is Club Auction night. This is when members donate articles to the Club to be auctioned off to help build up our treasury. The articles donated do not have to be car related. A bar of gold bullion will be acceptable. Bob Fickett, internationally famous auctioneer, has volunteered to do his thing that night. So bring along something with you to the meeting to be auctioned off. (No old girl friends please!)



Season's  
Greetings