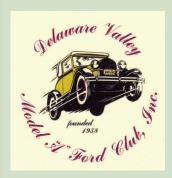
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#### August 2014



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#### The Newsletter of the

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The Klaxon is the monthly newsletter of the Delaware Valley Model "A" Ford Club, Inc. and is circulated to all club members and other interested clubs. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at Daley's Service Center, 2749 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA 19020.

If you wish to contribute articles for publication in the Klaxon please do so by submitting them to the editor Steve Organ. Other pertinent information can be obtained from the officers.

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#### President's Message



**Greetings:** Our August meeting will be a picnic at Bill Griffith's place in Chesterfield, NJ. on Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. There will be no meeting at Daley's Garage in August. Bring your Model A's to the picnic. Bill's address is 46 Sykesville Road, Ches-

terfield, NJ. 08515 so that you can plug it into your factory issue Model A Ford GPS unit. He is only a few minutes from the Tacony and Burlington Bridges. The pool will be open so bring your swim trunks and a towel. A map with directions is included in this newsletter issue. Perhaps we can get some convoys together for the trip.

On August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Das Awkscht Fescht Show will take place at Macungie Memorial Park in Macungie, PA. This is a very nice show and flea market along with entertainment and fireworks on Saturday night. For further information, check out: http://awkscht.com/

The July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Parades did go on despite the early morning rain. We did have a few cars at each parade. Lawncrest began two hours late to try to avoid the rain. Cheltenham began at their normal start time of 1pm which made it difficult for participants of Lawncrest to get over to Cheltenham in time. In the past, these two parades used to coordinate with each other since many of the participants are doing both parades. This year I was told that there was no communication between the two parades.

See you at the picnic on the 9<sup>th</sup>!



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#### **Editor's Message**

Hi All: Penn Dot has a free service

available to link two emergency contacts to your driver's license. It provides the State Police with multiple ways to contact the individuals that you designate in the event of an emergency. I think it is a valuable thing to do, especially for people who have serious medical conditions or significant allergies. I filled out the information and encourage everyone to do the same. It was quick and easy.

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Take a few minutes and add someone or 2 to your license as emergency contacts. It's FREE and easy.

#### **Up Coming Events**

8/9/2014 Monthly Meeting Bill Griffith's <u>House</u>

9/4/2014 Monthly Meeting at Daley's Service Center

# Happy Birthday for August 2014

If we missed your birthday please let the editor know

Tom Smith 17
Rick Foltz 21
Rose Marie Gray 31



News Update: As of the printing of the Klaxon we have had a couple of emergencies happen to members. Tom and Pat Smith had a house fire that destroyed a good portion of their home. They are staying in a hotel right now and dealing with the insurance companies.

Dave Miller has been hospitalized with complications of things from the many procedures he has been through. Hopefully he is on the mend but please keep him and the Smiths in your thoughts and prayers.

Please remember the August meeting will be at Bill Griffith's House in NJ. On Sat Aug 9th noon-??





#### The First Solar Powered Car

Thanks to diminishing resources and rising gas prices, alternative fuels have received a lot of press coverage in recent years. Of course, alternative fuels are nothing new; gas may have won out, but the brass era was also characterized by electric and steam-powered vehicles. In 1960, renewable energy would take center stage when International Rectifier Corp. of El Segundo, California unveiled the first solar powered car.

Oddly enough, the car used to harness the sun's energy was a restored 1912 Baker electric. These early battery-powered vehicles had a reputation for quality and developed a strong following, with clients such as

Thomas Edison and the King of Siam (present-day Thailand). When President Taft introduced the White House's first official fleet of motor vehicles in 1909 a Baker Victoria was among them.

The primary purpose of the 1960 experiment was to demonstrate the future potential of solar energy, which was then still in its infancy. A solar powered brass era car afforded an excellent means of promoting the technology, as it turned heads wherever it traveled. However, the main reason the vehicle was used for the project was because the surface area of the roof was large and level enough to accommodate the massive 26 square foot solar panel, dubbed the "Solar King." Over the next two years, the modified Baker went on a 23,300 mile world tour and was demonstrated at several scientific exhibitions.

The entire project cost a whopping \$40,000 which, adjusted for inflation, would be more than \$319,000 in today's world. A considerable portion of the funding went toward the development of the roof-mounted solar panel, which consisted of more than 10,600 silicon cells. The panel could be tilted in order to catch the sunlight from multiple angles, providing power to the car's rechargeable 72 volt battery.

While the demonstrations were impressive, the scientists behind the project acknowledged that, "to be usable, efficiency of the solar cells must be increased, and efficiency of current use in the car would likewise need to be made greater." When fully charged, the modified Baker was capable of driving for approximately an hour at a top speed of 20 mph. Recharging the batteries required leaving the car under direct sunlight for eight to ten hours.

Since the 1960 experiment, several other examples of solar powered cars have been built, but we have yet to see one hit mass production. Despite this, the scientists were arguably successful in achieving their primary objective of proving the commercial possibilities of solar energy. The homes, boats, and even toys powered by solar panels stand as a testament to their vision.

By: Matthew Hocker
April 2014



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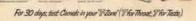
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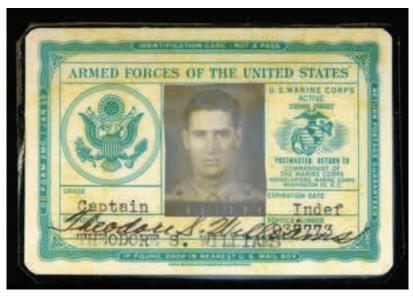






# Here's a bit of history: Ted Williams was John Glenn's wingman in F-9Fs in Korea

When asked to name the greatest team he was ever on, Ted said, "the US Marines". Ted Williams was john Glenn's wingman flying F-9Fs in Korea.

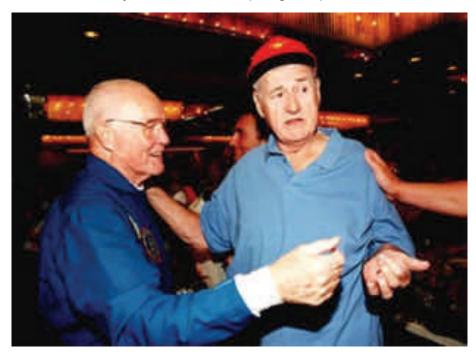


The Boston Red Sox slugger, who wore No. 9 as a major leaguer, would now be assigned to an F-9 Panther jet as a pilot. Ted flew a total of 39 combat missions in Korea. **He was selected by his commander John Glenn (later the astronaut, senator, and "septuagenonaut") to fly as Glenn's wingman.** 

While flying an air strike on a troop encampment near Kyomipo, William's F-9 was hit by hostile ground fire. Ted commented later... "the funny thing was I didn't feel anything... I knew I was hit when the stick started shaking like mad in my hands. Then everything went out, my radio, my landing gear, everything. The red warning lights were on all over the plane." The F-9 Panther had a centrifugal flow engine and normally caught fire when hit. The tail would literally blow off most stricken aircraft. The standard orders were to eject from any Panther with a fire in the rear of the plane. Ted's aircraft was indeed on fire, and was trailing smoke and flames. Glen and the other pilots on the mission were yelling over their radios for William's to get out. However, with his radio out Williams could not hear their warnings, and he could not see the condition of the rear of his aircraft. Glenn and another Panther flown by Larry Hawkins came up alongside Williams and lead him to the nearest friendly airfield. Fighting to hold the plane together, Ted brought his Panther in at more than 200-MPH for a crash landing on the Marsden-matted strip. With no landing gear, dive brakes, or functioning flaps the flaming Panther jet skidded down the runway for more than 3000 feet. Williams got out of the aircraft only moments before it was totally engulfed in flames. Ted Williams survived his tour of duty in Korea and returned to major league baseball.

FYI - Ted missed out flying combat missions during WW II, because his flying and gunnery skills were so good that he was kept as an instructor for much of the War. During advanced training at Pensacola, Florida Ted would accurately shoot the sleeve targets to shreds while shooting out of wing-overs, zooms, and barrel rolls. He broke the all-time record for "hits" at the school.

Following Pensacola, Ted was sent to Jacksonville for advanced gunnery training. This is the payoff test for potential combat pilots. Ted set all the records for reflexes, coordination, and visual reaction time. As a result of his stunning success he was made an instructor at Bronson field to put Marine aviation cadets through their final paces. By 1945 Ted got his wish and was finally transferred to a combat wing, but weeks later the War was over. He was discharged from the military in December of 1945. Seven years later, in December of 1952, Ted was recalled to active duty as a Marine Corps fighter pilot.



TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1. What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of *Time* and *Newsweek*?
- 2. What was the lowest priced mass produced American Car?
- 3. What is the fastest internal-combustion American production car?
- 4. What automaker's first logo incorporated the Star of David?
- 5. Who wrote this to henry Ford, "I have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8?"
- 6. What was the first production V-12, as well as the first production car with aluminum pistons?
- 7. What was the first car to use power operated seats?
- 8. Which of the Chrysler "letter cars" sold the fewest amount?
- 9. What car company was originally known as Swallow Sidecars (aka SS)?
- 10. What car had the first manual spark advance?



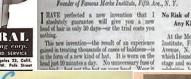
#### VINT&GE FORD HUMOR

A man who had recently purchased a new Ford car was out driving one morning when the temperature was below freezing. On arriving at his destination, he got out and covered his radiator with a robe. Two small boys, who had been very busy watching him, hollered and said, "You needn't cover it up, mister, we know what it is. It's a Ford."





By ALOIS MERKE
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Light Ash Tray Fits on Cigarette Holder

ASHS cannot spill from a cigarette in a holder fitted with the novel ash receiver shown above. Made of aluminum, the lightweight receptacle is suspended from the holder by a clamp.



#### Solar Bath Apparatus Helps Cure Diseases of the Head

makes a square egg



Solar bath apparatus supplies ultra-violet rays to head.

### No, THE peculiar looking device in the N photo at left is not a camera, nor even a telescope, although partially resembling both. It is a new solar bath apparatus for both. It is a new solar bath apparatus for the head and has made a great hit with the medical fraternity of Germany. The main purpose of the device is to cure sicknesses of the head, like catarrh of the nose and throat or of the ears. It reposes on a sta-tionary upright and has an opening in under side for a patient's head. Affected person sits in a chair while taking treat-ments. An ultra-violet ray machine within throws artificial sunlight upon all parts of the head. Eventually, when fully tested and the head. Eventually, when fully tested and improved, it is expected to cure many of the illnesses of the head.



When you take your dog along for a ride, but prefer not having it inside the car, it can ride safely and comfortably in this sack, which is carried on the running board. The bottom of the sack is clamped to the running board and the top is fastened to the lower part of an open window with hooks, covered with small rubber tubing to prevent marring the car.



See Jack at the Flea Market for any of these items!

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# Yes, it's that magical time of year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed, honoring the least evolved among us.

#### THE DARWIN AWARDS FOR STUPID.....

#### **Here is the glorious winner**

1. When his .38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

#### And now, the honorable mentions:

- 2.. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company, expecting negligence, sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.
- 3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.
- 4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.
- 5. An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.
- 6. A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer.. \$15. [If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?]
- 7. Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some booze pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.
- 8. As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

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- 9. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 5 A.M., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away.
- 10. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street by sucking on a hose, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

In the interest of bettering mankind, please share these with friends and family....unless of course one of these individuals by chance is a distant relative or long lost friend. In that case, be glad they are distant and hope they remain so.

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#### **Trivia Answers from Page 7**

- 1. The Mustang
- 2. The 1925 Model T Runabout. Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1925.
- 3. The 1998 Dodge Viper GETS-R, Tested by <u>Motor Trend</u> magazine at 192.6 mph.
- 4. The Dodge Brothers
- 5. Clyde Barrow of Bonnie and Clyde in 1934.
- 6. The 1915 Packard Twin-Six. Used during WWI in Italy,.
- 7. They were first used on the 1947 Packard Line
- 8. Only 400, 1963—300J's were sold.
- 9. Jaguar
- 10. 1901 Packard

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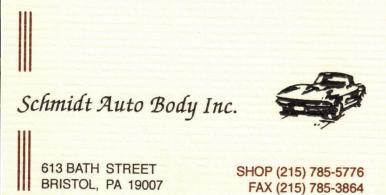
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Joe and Cheryl Chamberlain held their annual drive-in movie at their house in June. The yard was filled with classic and hot rod cars. There was no admission charge but you did need a lawn chair to enjoy yourself. More than 25 cars were parked in and around the yard. Movie goers, friends and neighbors enjoyed a mini car show as well as the movie.

The feature film was American Graffiti. There were treats for all with plenty of popcorn, hot dogs, cotton candy and funnel cakes for all to eat. The top ten cars were awarded a box of

movie type candy as a prize. During the movie attendees were surprised with ice cream which included Nutty Buddy cones, ice cream sandwiches and fudgesicles. Nobody went thirsty since all could treat themselves to orange drink and lemonade. Unlike drive ins of the past there were no steamed up windows (are we getting to old?) but Willie did arrive in the trunk of Joe Weldon's car. The night was a success and thanks go out to Joe and Cheryl for having another Drive In Movie Night— Thanks!

Think about coming next year!