



Road Angels Tailpipes

Monthly Newsletter of Who, What, Where & When

From the Prez

As always, welcome to this month's issue of the Tailpipes.

Our cruise nights will begin again on April 11, 2025. As usual, we will have a DJ, Club Members selling 50/50 tickets and the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company will once again be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, steak sandwiches, etc. Refer to page 4 of this Newsletter. Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are already planning our 2025 Car Show on July 27, 2025 at the Dublin Volunteer Fire House Property. Hope to see you there. Stay in touch for updates.

The Club agreed to bring a canned food good to our meetings each month to be donated to the Food Larder at the Grace Church in New Britain. This month, we collected **171 pounds** of food and goods. With an Annual Goal of 1,500 Lbs. In 2024, the club donated **1,458 lbs.** Way to go Road Angels and **THANK YOU** for your continued support!

Thank you for your continued interest in the Road Angels of Doylestown and, of course, your support as we strive to support local non-profit organizations and the community.



Road Angels Member
Al Tursi's 1974 Chevy LUV Truck
Owned since 1978



Spring is coming! Pre-trip checkup: Inspect these systems before that first spring trip

Rob Siegel

05 April 2021

Although anything can go wrong in a vintage car, the problems that strand you are actually pretty predictable. Problems stem from failures with ignition, fuel delivery, cooling, charging, belts, clutch hydraulics, and ball joints. Address these things and you give yourself a pretty good inoculation against trouble.

The ignition systems in most pre-1980 cars have points and a condenser. Over time, the point gap closes due to pitting of the point faces and wear of the nylon block that rides on the distributor's cam lobes. Do a dwell measurement and, if necessary, adjust the point gap to set it to spec. Make sure the distributor cap isn't cracked and that the plug and coil wires can't easily be pulled out of their connectors.

Fuel delivery issues are commonly caused by a bad fuel pump (I always carry a spare), but a thorough fuel system inspection should include replacing any rock-hard or very soft fuel lines and checking for rust in the gas tank, which can cause the fuel filter to clog up.

Cooling system problems come in two forms: leaking and hot running. Leaks typically come from split hoses, failed water pump seals, or cracked reservoirs. Squeeze all the cooling hoses. If they're too soft or too hard, replace them. Rock the fan fore and aft to check the water pump bearing. If there's anything other than the smallest amount of play, replace the pump. Hot running occurs when a leak-free system runs in or near the red part of the gauge. If you're going to be driving in hot weather, test it in hot weather.

The charging system—the alternator and voltage regulator—should charge the battery at about 13.5–14.2 volts with the engine running. Inspect all the wires to the alternator for corrosion and breakage. If you have concerns, throw a spare battery in the trunk, as a vintage car can run for hours off a fully charged battery.

Because there's often a single belt running the water pump and alternator, a malfunction can cause those two crucial systems to fail. Inspect the belt, replace it if cracked, and check that it's tight, deflecting about half an inch under thumb pressure. Also verify the pulleys it runs are parallel, as alternator bushings can degrade, causing the alternator to cock and the belt to slip.

Clutch hydraulics—the master and slave cylinder—can be surprising failure points. You can inspect the cylinders for signs of leakage.

Any steering or front suspension component can fail, but it is the ball joints that take the pounding from potholes and allow the front wheels to turn. And if one fails, you lose control of the car. Have a mechanic check for play.

Are all pre-trip boxes ticked? Excellent—now go drive!

Upcoming Car Events

March 22 & 23, 2025
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Sunday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
East Coast Nationals
Greater Philadelphia Expo Center
100 Station Ave., Oaks, PA

Pleasantville United Church of Christ Car Show, May 31, 2025
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
3424 Limekiln Pk.
Chalfont, PA 18914
\$20.00 Day of show

SAVE THE DATE

July 27, 2025

"Road Angels Car Show" Location...
Dublin Vol. Fire Company, Dublin PA

Pre-Register today using the Registration form at the back of this newsletter.

Want to volunteer for Show Setup on July 26? Or Help on Day of Show? Call Al Tursi at 267-893-9796 or email altursi@gmail.com

Become a Road Angel

Benefits of Joining THE Road Angels Club

- ***Our Club is a great way to connect with like-minded enthusiasts***
- ***Our Club helps charities on a group level; sponsorships***
- ***Your social life will improve immeasurably through group events and socials***
- ***You'll have an incentive to look after your car***
- ***Community involvements***
- ***Going to other car shows as a Club, with friends / families***
- ***You will be part of our Annual "Run with The Angels" Car Show***

So much more: camaraderie; family socials; road trips!!

For more info please contact our President, Al Tursi, at

altursi@gmail.com or 267-893-9796

"We will be looking forward to meeting you!"

Here is something different. This bumper car was in rough condition when Mike purchased it. Mike Wexler repaired it, installed a new interior, mounted it on a Yerf Dog Go-Kart and repainted it himself. Great job Mike!



Before



After

Road Angels Member
Mike Wexler's Bumper Car



Road Angels Member
Mike Wexler's 1933 Ford

Celebrations



Christine Sanders – February 4
Wally Stronski – February 10
Jann Tursi – February 10
Bill Bell – February 11

Paula Hocker – February 12
Judy Wholf – February 13
Cynthia Kaiser – February 17
Rich Kelly – February 18

Concetta Ford – March 5
Al Tursi – March 6
Brad Sanders – March 10
Bill Ford – March 11
Gail Broughton – March 14
Marguerite Duke – March 26
Grace Kelly – March 29
Jean Perry – March 30



Wally & Rosalie Stronski – February 28

Joe & Jean Bernstein – March 27

Mark Your Calendars

~ 2025 Cruise Nights ~

The Road Angels had a very successful Cruise Night season for 2024 sponsored by the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company. Thank you Dublin Volunteer Fire Company. The following are dates for the Cruise Nights in 2025 all located at the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company, 194 N. Main St., Dublin, PA:

April 11 – 4:00 – 7:00 PM

May 9 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM

June 13 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM

August 8 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM

September 12 – 4:00 – 7:00 PM

October 10 – 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Be sure to put us on your calendar. Food, as always, will be provided by the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company. We look forward to seeing you there.

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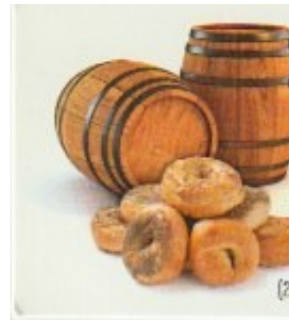
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SUNDAY, JULY 27TH

194 N. Main St., Dublin, PA 18917

www.roadangelsdoylestown.com

7:00AM Gates Open
9:00AM Show Begins
2:00PM Trophies
Drawings
Cash Prizes
3:30PM Show Ends



Registration Fee:
\$15 (Before July 1st)
\$20 (Day Of Show)
Spectator Fee:
\$5 Per Person
Children below 12 Free

ROAD ANGELS

CAR SHOW

**Vehicles must be
1989 or earlier**

Must be at
showgrounds
to be eligible for
prizes and awards.

Trophy selection
begins at 11 am.

Only legally registered
and street legal,
with the exception
of race cars, are
eligible for trophies.

Please clean up after pets
and they must be kept
on a leash at all times.

No bicycles or
alcoholic beverages.

Bring your own canopy!



**Doylestown, Pa.
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Bring a
non-perishable food
item for entry into a
\$50 drawing.

Benefits
Doylestown area
food banks.

Oldies music provided by
"Crowd Pleasers" DJ

Flea market spaces
available. Contact Jim at
jimserafine@yahoo.com
for more info.

Swap Meet / Vendor area

2025 CAR SHOW - REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Club: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Make of Car: _____ Type: _____ Year: _____

The Road Angels of Doylestown reserves the right to cancel the event due to inclement weather by 4:00 AM on the day of the event. Information will be on our website and Facebook notifying registrants if cancellation is necessary. Fees will be credited to the following year's event.

Liability: Entrants and participants, by execution of this form, release and discharge the Road Angels of Doylestown, PA, Inc., their officers, directors, employees, volunteers and anyone else connected with the presentation of this car show from any and all unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrants or participants to his/her person or property.

In consideration of this entry, car owner, entrant, and spouse or guest agree to permit the Road Angels of Doylestown to use their names and pictures of the car for publicity and advertising before, during, and after the event and do hereby relinquish any rights whatsoever to any photos taken in connection with the event and give permission to publish or otherwise dispose of said photos to the Road Angels of Doylestown.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Road Angels of Doylestown
Mail to: Road Angels of Doylestown, P.O. Box 12
Plumsteadville, PA 18949

Please, no bicycles or alcoholic beverages on the grounds.

A portion of the proceeds benefit local charities. For further information, contact club president at 267-893-9796.
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