

Road Angels Tailpipes Monthly Newsletter of Who, What, Where & When

From the Prez

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

Unfortunately, The weather did it again. We had to cancel our April Cruise nigh. We hope to see you on June 13 for our next Cruise. Check for start times on page 4. As usual, we will have a DJ, Club Members selling 50/50 tickets and the Fire Company will once again be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, steak sandwiches, etc. We look forward to seeing you there.

Spring is here! Temperatures have moderated and we arenout Some car shows are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Thank you to all of our Car Show Sponsors in 2024. Due to your support, The Road Angels Car Club was able to distribute \$9,000 to local charities and organizations. Our members will be out soon to acquire more sponsorships which are important to the success of our show and do allow the Club to continue the legacy of community support. Many of our sponsors are shown at the end of the newsletter. Please consider supporting them.

We are accepting early registrations for our 2025 Car Show. The registration form is in the back of the Newsletter. Hope to see you in July at the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company.

The Club agreed to bring a canned food good to our meetings each month to be donated to the Food Larder at the New Britain Baptist Church. This month, we collected **104 pounds** of food with a goal of **1,500 lbs. collected for the year.** Way to go Road Angels and THANK YOU!

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.



LITHIA MOTORS INC. – Drought Friendly Car Care

Water is our most precious resource and in recent years the western states have been faced with a major drought. Many Americans are being asked to conserve the wet stuff and in California and Oregon, you can be fined for using too much water for lawns or even to wash your car. Does that mean you have to live with a dirty car? Not at all. Here are a few tips to keep your precious ride clean even when water is scarce.

Cover It Up

First of all, keep your car in a garage or covered if at all possible as it will reduce how often you'll need to wash the vehicle. By having your car detailed and ceramic coated, you can cover your car and leave it for a long time in pristine condition, but most of us have to use our cars every day and keeping it covered is just not an option. Washing your car with a garden hose uses at least ten gallons of water, even if you only use the hose at the beginning and end of the wash job. Many commercial car washes recycle water and that helps to keep the number of gallons used down, but there is an even thriftier way to wash your car. If your vehicle has been sitting outside without a cover and is in need of a wash, you can do it all with just one third of a bucket of water.

Low Water Car Washing

You'll need a bucket, a car mitt or soft sponge, and microfiber towels. You will not be soaking the entire car, using a car wash product and then rinsing the entire car as in a traditional wash job. The key is to wash the car one area at a time. Get your car mitt wet and start with the roof. Only cover the roof with the wet mitt and then immediately dry it off. This will get most atmospheric dust and debris off the car.

Next, do the windshield as well as the side and rear windows. You can use a glass cleaner. Again, dry off the glass parts right away. Then wet your car mitt or sponge again and wash the hood of the car. Then come behind with your microfiber towel and dry the hood. The trunk area is next. Wet the area with your mitt and dry it right away.

The last body parts to cover are the front grille, the rear bumper area, and the sides of the vehicle. Do each section one at a time. Get the area wet and then dry it right away. The water in your bucket may be getting dirty by now and that's why you save the wheels for last. Moving to each wheel at a time, wet them with the mitt and then dry them.

When you are finished with the washing, you can use the dirty water left in the bucket to water your plants. I have washed my cars using this method for many years with no problems. The main thing is to use a car mitt and microfiber towels to keep from putting any tiny scratches in the finish.

Instant Detailer

Once your car has been washed and dried as described above, you can use an Instant Detailer to keep it shiny. All of the major car care companies offer such products. It is important to apply these detailer products in the shade as bright sunlight will dry them prematurely and diminish their usefulness. Again, starting with the roof, you spray a small area and then dry it with a microfiber towel. Move from the highest area of the vehicle to the lowest as you use the detailer. Do the roof, then the hood, then the trunk, and save the sides of the vehicle for last.

No Water Washing

If your car is fairly clean but covered in atmospheric dust, you can use a Car Duster to remove the offending particles and keep your car looking great. These dusters are meant for use on dry cars only. You use very light pressure on the surface of the vehicle and dusting off the car only takes a few minutes. If your car is parked outside, keep a close watch out for bird droppings. They will eat through the protective layers of your car's finish, damaging your clearcoat and paint. You want to remove bird droppings and bug splatter right away, but you don't have to use water to do it. Detailer Sprays are great for removing such nuisances. Only use them in the shade on a cool, dry surface of the vehicle. Use a microfiber towel to dry the area. When washing your towels, do not wash them with other regular cotton towels as this will reduce your microfiber towels' life and effectiveness.

According to the experts at Edmunds, there are a number of excellent products that offer a choice between a spray detailer and a full wash. Among them is Mequiar's Ultimate Wash & Wax Anywhere spray. Besides cleaning the surface, it also leaves a water-repellent protective coating. The company also makes a Rise-Free Express Wash and Wax that eliminates the need to rinse off your car after washing.

Admire that Shine

Even with all of the drought-friendly car washing ideas listed here, you may still need a conventional car wash from time to time. But saving water is definitely something we can all get behind. When using Instant Detailers or other cleaning products, always take the time to read the label and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Hagerty Media - 5 American Classics Slumping in 2025

<u>Brandan Gillogly</u>

01 May 2025

We have many dedicated valuation specialists at Hagerty who pay close attention to the collector car market day in and day out. They track sales volume and prices to keep the Hagerty Valuation Tool up to date and pick up on trends. The latest data, published earlier this April, <u>suggests that the overall market is cooling down</u>. As is usually the case, some models are holding strong and <u>even increasing</u> in value, but when the market is trending downward, there have to be some models that took a bigger hit than others. Here are the American muscle and pony collectible models that saw the largest drop in value, averaged across all #1 (Concours) to #4 (Fair) conditions.

As always, if you have questions about how we arrived at these changes, you can read more about the methodology behind the Hagerty Price Guide.

<u>1968-1971 Mercury Cyclone</u> -15%

Mercury's mid-size muscle, the Cyclone came in a number of designs with varying rooflines, all of them gorgeous. Backing up the good looks was an array of powerful V-8s from high-revving 302 Windsor small-blocks to torquey 427 FEs, with both Windsor and Cleveland versions of the 351 available along the way. They were Mercury's NASCAR ambassador and served as a more upscale counterpart to Ford's Torino.

Poor auction results at Kissimmee and Scottsdale are part of the reason why Cyclone values have been adjusted, as those venues are often a bellwether for muscle car values in general. Often, these mechanically similar cars are pulled up by rising prices of their mainstream brethren, but are the first to sink back down when the market softens.

1965-1966 Ford Mustang GT -12%

We don't need to remind you that the 1965 Mustang was a tremendous sales success. That initial design, carried over with minor mechanical and cosmetic changes for 1966, sold more than 1,000,000 copies, a tremendous volume for a two-door car. The 289-powered GT was the basis for the legendary Shelby GT350, which remains a hot commodity, especially in #1 and #2 condition. Still, the market for the first Mustang GT out of the gate is cooling significantly, with values falling 12% this past quarter. That's a significant drop for such a stalwart collectible and a sure sign the market is cooling.

<u>1964-1967 Pontiac GTO</u> -6%

The GTO was created by dropping a big engine and suspension upgrades into a mainstream, midsize two-door with an emphasis on sporty performance. It was arguably the first muscle car, and at least the archetype that the rest of the market would follow in the 1960s. Powered by 389-cubic-inch engines, those early GTOs spawned lots of competition both inside and outside of GM, as the 4-4-2 soon followed. Chevy eventually dropped a 396 into the Chevelle to keep up.

Those <u>375hp Z16 Chevelles</u> are still increasing in value, just a bit, but the more readily available GTO is slumping.

1968-1972 Pontiac GTO -5.5%

GM revamped its A-body lineup across the board in 1968. While the chassis carried over with the same wheelbase, Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac mid-sizers all received major redesigns as two-door models got a more fastback design with shorter trunks than their Coke-bottle 1967 counterparts. Six inches shorter than its predecessor, the 1968 Pontiac GTO was more muscular and aggressive, with an available grille that concealed its quad headlamps.

Again, auction values for these popular muscle cars have been weak at venues where they typically do well. While the perennial favorites are bouncing back a bit after falling earlier this year, many iterations of the GTO are still down across the board.

1961-1964 Chevrolet Impala SS -4.5%

Chevrolet's Impala SS convertible had design changes each year between 1961 and 1964, and many collectors have fierce opinions on which body style reigns supreme. For this bit of data evaluation, however, we put all drop-top SS models, regardless of engine, into one bucket. Values for #1 (Concours) condition cars remain high and, in some cases, the most desirable models, those with high-performance 409 V-8s, are still on their way up. But looking at all of them in aggregate shows that prices are down by 4.5 percent.

Upcoming Car Events

Saturday, May 31st Pleasantville Church 3rd Annual Car Show 3424 Limekiln Pk., Chalfont, PA June 6, 7, 8, 2025 NSRA Street Rod Nationals York Fairgrounds Expo Center 334 Carlisle Ave., York PA

June 7, 2025 Dublin Borough Community Day Supplee Park, Middle Rd. 1:00 – 5:00 PM

June 28, 2025 Gasket Goons Spring Showdown Macungie Memorial Park Time to be determined. Sunday, June 15, 2025 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Silver Creek Father's Day Show 2943 Route 212, Springtown, PA



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 <u>altursi@gmail.com</u> or 267-893-9796

"We will be looking forward to meeting you!"



Road Angels Member Paul Curtis' Batmobile

Road Angels Member Bob Duke's 1948 Plymouth Coupe



Road Angels Tailpipes





Rich Tatar – May 5 Rick Broughton – May 7 Bob Duke – May 9 Trisha Kimmey – May 30 Dale Kowalek – June 1 Emmitt Lee – June 2 Regina Bernstein – June 3 Roslyn Rumpf – June 4 Rosely Stronski – June 8 Trish Tatar – June 14 Kim Wexler – June 17 Barb Serafine – June 19 Rich Kaiser – June 24 Gail Marron – June 30



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Mike & Kim Wexler – June 2 Bill & Concetta Ford – June 20 Bill & Rose Marie Bell – June 24

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 – Rained out May 9 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM – Rained out 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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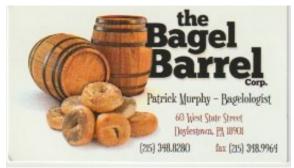
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Road Angels Tailpipes

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH 194 N. Main St., Dublin, PA 18917

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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



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!



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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:	Туре:	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:

<u>AMATS</u>

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Please, no bicycles or alcoholic

