



Road Angels Tailpipes

Monthly Newsletter of Who, What, Where & When

From the Prez

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

With the leadership of Road Angel Member, Jim Serafine, the Road Angels held its second swap meet on November 15, at the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company parking lot. With improvements from our first swap meet last year, the swap meet was a great success for the Club. Thank you to the Road Angels who worked the swap meet and also, thank you to all of our vendors and spectators.

Our cruise nights will begin again in April 2026. 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 5 of this Newsletter. Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations once again to all of the Road Angels who won awards this season!

We are already planning our 2026 Car Show on July 26, 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 **211 pounds** of food and goods. With an Annual GOAL of 1,500 Lbs., the Club is very close to reaching the goal. 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.



HOT ROD HIBERNATION – WINTERIZING TIPS FOR RODS, CUSTOMS, AND CLASSICS FUEL CURVE – TODD RYDEN

Depending on where you call home, there might be a couple of prime autumn days for a cruise in the crisp fall weather, but there's no denying it – winter is on its way. Some of you may have even seen some snow flurries by now. Shorter days and cooler weather mean it's time to look into Hot Rod Hibernation and take care of the annual tradition of winterizing your hot rod or custom.

For those of you that live in fair-weather states, this is no time to boast about driving your rods year-round. There's actually something calming or even promising about

preparing your car for a little time off the road. Plus, it provides a perfect time for winter maintenance and upgrades. And come springtime, there's nothing like pulling the car out of the garage for the first time of the year. Hibernation can actually be refreshing!

We reached out to several companies for tips about preparing your car for a safe winter slumber so it'll be ready to go when the spring flowers bloom. Take a look to see how they can help.

Cooling System Prep

At the top of the winterizing list is your hot rod's cooling system. If your vehicle isn't going to be stored in a heated garage, it's crucial that you make sure your coolant is up to handling the freezing temperatures.

Antifreeze actually plays an important role in cooling and lubricating the engine and water pump so you should already be running it in your radiator. However, when it comes to below-freezing temps, it is an absolute necessity. Remember, when water freezes it expands, and even a cast iron engine block will fall to the physics of freezing water.

The folks at Prestone recommend running a 50/50 mix of antifreeze and water. In extremely cold areas, the mix can be adjusted, but you should never surpass a 70/30 antifreeze-to-water mix. To make things simple, Prestone offers a pre-diluted blend that also has the company's Cor-Guard inhibitors to prevent the spread of corrosion through the cooling system. When adding antifreeze, don't forget the reservoir tank!

Even during the summer months, you should be running antifreeze to ensure a clean, well-lubricated cooling system. In the winter months, it is imperative to run antifreeze to ensure the cooling system cannot freeze. Always run a 50/50 blend of antifreeze and water or go with a pre-mixed blend from Prestone.

Fuel And Oil

It may seem odd to fill up the gas tank before parking your car for several months, but it's the right thing to do. A topped-off tank means less area for air, where moisture gathers and separates within the tank. However, due to today's fuel blends with additives and biofuels, you need to be even more vigilant and consider the added protection of a fuel conditioner such as Lucas Oil's Safeguard.

Ethanol, which attracts moisture, is the most common supplement in fuel these days, which can introduce even more moisture not only in your gas tank, but into the carb and even the engine oil. Ethanol is also very corrosive to common carburetor components made from zinc and aluminum and the issue is multiplied during long periods of storage. Add in fact that it is also harmful to rubber hoses, gaskets, floats and many other fuel system materials, and you can surmise how your spring startup might go if you don't prepare.

Lucas's Safeguard Ethanol Fuel Conditioner with Stabilizers is a formulated blend of corrosion inhibitors that battle against ethanol and its moisture-attracting qualities. By adding a bottle when you fill up, Safeguard will add protection to the fuel lines and carburetor and help prevent varnish and gum formation in the fuel system.

When you fill up your tank before putting your hot rod into storage, be sure to add a bottle of Lucas Oil's Safeguard before driving it home. Safeguard will prevent the buildup of moisture from today's ethanol blended fuels to keep the fuel system clean and ready to go come spring.

Another service that may sound backward to perform at storage time is to change the oil and filter. Once you think about all the combustion and minute deposits the oil has picked up through the summer, it makes sense. One final suggestion from Lucas is to pull the spark plugs and spray their Penetrating Oil directly into the cylinder and rotate the engine through a cycle. This will help prevent moisture and will add lubrication to the engine parts come the first spring startup.

It makes sense to change your oil before storing your car. The used oil has picked up combustion properties and deposits over the summer, so having fresh, clean oil pumped through the engine for storage ensures a clean engine.

Tire Protection

The tires on your car or truck are an important part of your comfort and safety, not to mention quite an expense, so it's a good idea to take them into consideration when storing your vehicle.

For a long hot rod hibernation, it is best to lift the vehicle to get the weight off the tread. This is especially important for bias-ply tires which are very susceptible to flat spotting (radials can also flat spot over time). The ideal plan is to remove the wheels and stack them on a shelf or in the corner of the shop. If you're stacking a set of whitewalls, be sure to place some cardboard between the tires to keep the white clean. By storing the wheels off the vehicle, you also have a chance to inspect the brakes, bearings and seals for maintenance.

If you can't remove the wheels over the winter, check out the FlatStoppers from Race Ramps. These lightweight ramps feature a concave, tire-shaped area that spreads the weight of the car throughout a larger contact area of the tire to help prevent the tires from flat spotting.

These FlatStopper ramps will help reduce the chance of damaging your tires during long periods of inactivity. They're lightweight, strong and easy to drive right up onto and help distribute the vehicle weight across a larger contact area of tread (available in widths up to 14-inches).

Hoist or Jack It Up

Having a hoist in your garage has a number of benefits. First, a four-post lift, such as the heavy-duty models offered by Advantage Lifts, basically doubles your garage space. Not only is your classic stored up in the air out of harm's way from bicycles, grocery bags, or mice, but you'll be able to use the space below it for snow blowers, snowmobiles, or better yet, another classic car! Plus, wintertime maintenance is easier!

Keep It Dry

With little or no air circulation in the interior, it's easy for mildew and corrosion to occur. A simple and effective solution is a Sta-Dri pouch from California Car Cover. These little pouches will reduce humidity and moisture for more than three months!

There Will Be Fluid

It's a fact: Most hot rods will leak some sort of fluid over the winter months. To help with oil cleanup, Oil2Soil is an effective and all-organic absorbent that will safely clean oil from any surface and won't leave an oily sheen or residue. The peat moss material will encapsulate the oils and won't release them back into the environment, creating an eco-friendly alternative to clay-based products.

Put It In A Bubble

To ensure that your classic comes through winter storage unscathed by moisture, scratches, or wire-chomping rodents, the best place to park it would be in a bubble, such as the ones offered by Car Capsule! These capsules are made from a tough 10-mil polymerized vinyl with an even thicker base material that is impervious to oil, gas and antifreeze. A high-pressure electric fan keeps the air changing several times an hour so moisture cannot form and the temp stays consistent. Plus, you get to look at your car all through the winter!

Keep Up The Volts

When it comes to car batteries, if you don't use it, you're going to lose it. To keep your battery in tip top shape it's wise to connect a device that will keep it fully charged during winter storage. Battery Saver offers a versatile 25-watt Pulse Maintainer that is ideal for long-term storage for 6- or 12-volt batteries. The device also has an Auto-Pulse cleaning technology that improves the battery's condition with continuous use. If you have a vehicle with dual batteries, the microprocessor-controlled Saver will keep both at their peak charge.

Upcoming Car Events

November 29, 2025
Down Shifters Fall Swap Meet
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Hilltop AA
4100 Grove Ave., Trevoise, PA

January 16 – 18, 2026
Auto-Mania - Carlisle Events
Friday – 12 – 9:00 PM
Saturday – 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Agri-plex Expo, 302 N. 17th St. Allentown, PA

SAVE THE DATE!

J U L Y 26, 2026

"Road Angels Car Show"

Location...

Dublin Vol. Fire Company, Dublin PA

Want to volunteer for Show Setup on July 25? Or Help on Day of Show? Call Al Tursi at 267-893-9796 or email altursi@gmail.com



Our members and family attended the Annual Picnic which was held at Bishop Estates in October. The event was coordinated by the Events Committee chaired by Eric Brand. Great job folks! Food and drink were excellent. Everyone enjoyed the comraderie. We are all looking forward to next year's event.

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!"



**Road Angels Member
Dale Kowalek's 1940
Ford Pick-up**

**Road Angels Member
Mitch Meyerson's
1985 Chrysler 5th Ave.**



Celebrations



Mitch Meyerson – November 18
Paul Curtis – November 24
Carolyn Palermo – November 30

Tim Byrne – December 3
Bill Robinson – December 11
Ed Towle – December 19
Tom Wholf – December 21
Butch Bickley – December 28



John & Jean Perry – November 13
Bob & Dawn Frank – November 26

Mike & Roslyn Rumpf – December 30

Mark Your Calendars

~ 2026 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 10 – 4:00 – 7:00 PM

May 8 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM

June 12 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM

August 7 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM

September 11 – 4:00 – 7:00 PM

October 9 – 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Food, as always, will be provided by the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company. We look forward to seeing you there. As always, thanks for your continued support.

Stuff for Sale and Wants

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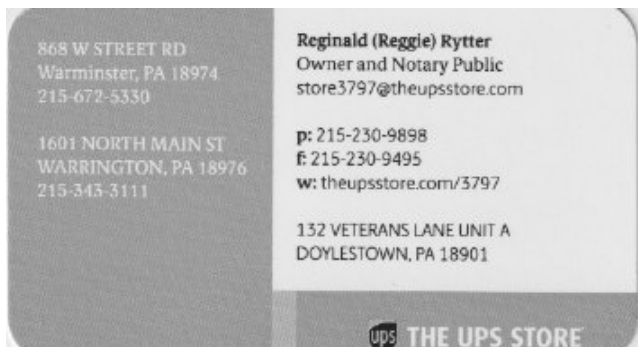
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