



# Road Angels Tailpipes

Monthly Newsletter of Who, What, Where & When

## From the Prez

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

We will be having Cruise Nights once again in 2025 beginning in April. They will be at the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company. Check for start times on page 5. 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 almost here. Temperatures are moderating and we will be out soon so get those cars ready. In 2024, I wrote a little article for Shifting Gears to help. Since that is a recent rerun, there is an additional article in page 2.

Thank you to all of our Car Show Sponsors in 2024. As a result of our 2024 Car Show, our Club was able to donate \$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 Food Larder. This month, we collected **185 pounds of food with a goal of 1,500 lbs. collected for the year.** Way to go Road Angels and

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  
Bill Bell's 1981  
Chevrolet Corvette



## Bringing your Car Out of Hibernation

Spring is springing, Daylight Savings Time has just begun and robins have arrived. Show season is on the horizon. Not so fast though as there may still be residual salt on the roads. Warming weather is on the way so, now is the time to prep your ride for a new show season. Here are the tasks to be performed.

- Inspect underside of car appropriately torquing bolts
- Check for fluid leaks such as transmission pan and tighten as needed
- Change the oil as necessary with new oil filter
- Lubricate the car
- Check all fluid levels
- Check battery for proper charge
- Check plugs for condition and gap as necessary
- Check timing etc.
- Torque wheels
- Put car on floor
- Inspect hoses and belts
- Wash and polish the car
- Clean the interior
- Check all lights for proper operation
- Check tires for proper inflation
- Take the car for a ride
- Enjoy your ride and upcoming shows!

## Some old tools almost nobody uses anymore (or do we?)

[Kyle Smith](#)

23 February 2023

The nuts and bolts that make up our beloved automobiles have not changed that much over the last 150 years. But the tools needed to maintain them? Those have changed a lot. Software has cemented itself as part of a service technician's day-to-day regimen, relegating a handful of tools to the history books. (Or, perhaps, to niche shops or private garages that keep many aging cars alive and on the road.) How many of these now-obsolete tools do you have in your garage? More to the point, which are you still regularly using?

### Spark-plug gap tool

Though [spark-plug gap tools](#) can still be found in the "impulse buy" section of your favorite parts store, these have been all but eliminated from regular use by the growing popularity of [iridium and platinum plugs](#). These rare-earth metals are extremely resistant to degradation but, when it comes time to set the proper gap between the ground strap and electrode, they are very delicate. That's why the factory sets the gap when the plug is produced.

These modern plugs often work well in older engines, meaning that gapping plugs is left for luddites—those who like doing things the old way just because. Nothing wrong with that; but don't be surprised if dedicated plug-gapping tools fade from common usage fairly quickly.

### Dwell meter

50 years ago, a tuneup of an engine centered on the ignition system. The breaker points are critical to a properly functioning ignition system, and timing how long those points are closed (the "dwell") determines how much charge is built up in the ignition coil and thus discharged through the spark plug. Poorly timed ignition discharge is wasted energy, but points-based ignition systems disappeared from factory floors decades ago, and drop-in electronic ignition setups have never been more reliable (or [polarizing](#)—but we'll leave that verdict up to you.)

Setting the point gap properly is usually enough to keep an engine running well, and modern multifunction timing lights can include a dwell meter for those who really need it. A dedicated dwell meter is an outdated tool for a modern mechanic, and thus most of the vintage ones are left to estate sales and [online auction sites](#).

### Distributor wrench

When mechanics did a lot of regular timing adjustments and tuning, a purposely bent distributor wrench made their lives much easier. However, much like ignition points, distributors have all but disappeared. Thanks to coil-on-plug ignition systems and computer-controlled timing, the distributor is little more than a messenger: It simply tells the computer where the engine is at in its rotation.

Timing adjustments have become so uncommon that a job-specific tool is likely a waste of space. If you've got room in your tool chest, keep yours around; but know that a standard box-end wrench can usually get the job done and is only fractionally less convenient than the specialized version.

### Most pneumatic tools (for home shops)

Air tools hold an odd place in the hearts of many gearheads. For many years the high-pitched zzzzz and chugging hammers of air-driven die grinders and impact drills were the marks of a pro. Or, at least, of someone who decided that plumbing high-pressure air lines around the shop was easier than installing outlets and maintaining corded tools. Air tools are fantastic for heavy use, as they are much easier to maintain and can be rebuilt and serviced.

Those tools can really suffer in lack of use, though, since pneumatic tools rely on seals and valves, neither of which deal well with dry storage. Battery tools have caught up to air tools for most DIY folk. No more air lines or compressors taking up space in the shop—and requiring additional maintenance—and, in return, a similarly sized yet more agile tool.

These tools might not make much sense in a dealership technician's work bay, but that doesn't mean they should disappear forever. Knowing how to service antiquated technology is as important as ever, whether using old tools or new ones. If you've got any of these items, consider it your responsibility to document what the tool does and how to safely use it. Keeping alive the knowledge of where our modern tools came from is powerful.

## ***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.  
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**Saturday, May 10, 2025**  
**Saturday, 12:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**Modifiers Penndel Classic**  
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**June 6 - 8, 2025**  
**51st 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**  
**8:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

**Sunday, June 15, 2025**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Silver Creek Father's Day Show**  
2943 Route 212, Springtown, PA

## ***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](mailto:altursi@gmail.com) or 267-893-9796***

***"We will be looking forward to meeting you!"***



Road Angels Member  
Jean Bernstein's 1962 Studebaker



Road Angels Member  
Joe Bernstein's 1968 Camaro

# Celebrations



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

Roslyn Rumpf – April 6  
Greg Palermo – April 16  
Larry Flagler – April 18



Joe & Jean Bernstein – March 27

Larry & Jaimie Flagler – April 12  
Bob & Marguerite Duke – April 29

## 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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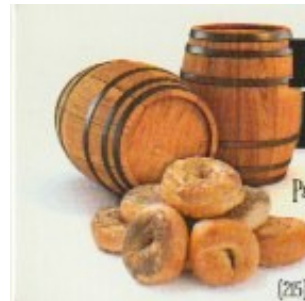
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A business card for RC Kelly Law Associates, LLC. It features a red square logo with a white classical building facade. The text "RC KELLY" is in a large, bold, serif font, with "LAW ASSOCIATES, LLC" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. Contact information for Richard C. Kelly, Esq. is provided, including phone and email. The address and fax number are listed at the bottom.

# SUNDAY, JULY 27TH

## 194 N. Main St., Dublin, PA 18917

[www.roadangelsdoylestown.com](http://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  
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Trophy selection  
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Only legally registered  
and street legal,  
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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.

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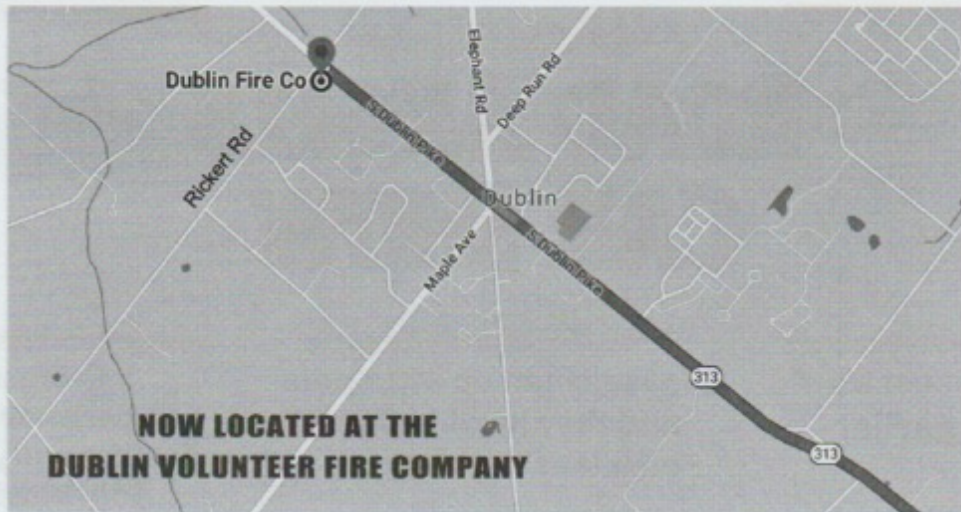
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