



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, we had to cancel our April Cruise night due to inclement weather. We hope to see you on May 9 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 are moderating and we will be out soon so get those cars ready. 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.

The Club Events Committee, with leadership provided by Eric Brand, organized a cruise of Bucks County covered bridges. We had 16 members join us for breakfast and 9 cars take the cruise. Great job Events Committee.

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 **273 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.



Leaded Lingo: 9 Essential Hot Rod Terms

[Chris Stark](#)

16 April 2025

It's often said that we car enthusiasts speak our own language, but the truth is that we speak *many* languages or at least wildly different dialects. The meanings of some words are immutable, but others change over time or depend on context and the sub-genre in question.

One of the oldest (and, therefore, most important) sources of jargon for American enthusiasts is customizing culture, which blossomed in the 1950s and took car design out of clubby coachbuilding shops and into garages all over the country.

Most of the progenitors of this genre are long gone, but their cars and unique lexicon are still with us.

A LINGO AS CUSTOM AS THE CAR



To illustrate these terms, we picked one of the most definitive customs of the 1950s, the [Hirohata Merc](#). Before the Barris name was synonymous with TV cars like the original [Batmobile](#), brothers George and Sam cut, filled, and grafted Bob Hirohata's slightly used 1951 Mercury, transforming it into a low-slung attention grabber. Finished in 1952, it racked up magazine features and show awards, inspiring many customs to come. In 2017, the Hirohata Merc was added to the [National Historic Vehicle Register](#), the only federally recognized program that records the history of America's most significant automobiles, preserving their information in perpetuity at the Library of Congress.

Frenched

Trim that has been incorporated into the body, usually referring to headlights or taillights. Sometimes referred to as "tunneled."

Sectioned

Removing a horizontal strip of the body to make the panels shorter in height. On the Hirohata Merc, the front bumper guards were sectioned so as to not get in the way of its custom grille.

Nosed

Removing trim from the hood.

Appletons

Early customizers were fond of these bullet-like spotlights that were pulled from decommissioned police cars and military vehicles. The key to cool: Keep them in the down position.

Sombreros

These Cadillac hubcaps from the 1947-52 models were an easy way to add a touch of class to a custom Chevy, Ford, or Mercury.

Shaved

When trim, door handles, emblems, or any other body adornment has been removed and filled for a smoother look. The Mercury utilizes electronic servos wired to a button hidden in the trim to pop the doors.

Chopped/Chopping

Lowering a car's roof by removing a horizontal section of sheetmetal from the window pillars. Sometimes involves either lengthening the roof or slanting the A-pillars rearward, the C-pillars forward, or both. On the Merc, the roof was chopped 4 inches in the front and 7 in the rear.

Decked

Trim has been removed from the trunk lid.

Lead Sled

A customized car with significant body modifications. In the old days, such work incorporated lots of lead filler to smooth the seams.

Upcoming Car Events

Saturday, May 10, 2025
Saturday, 12:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Modifiers Pennel Classic
300 Hulmeville Ave.
Pennel 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

SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 27, 2025,

"Road Angels Car Show"

Location...

Dublin Vol. Fire Company, Dublin PA

**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!"



**Road Angels Member
Butch Bickley's
1948 Ford PU**

**Road Angels Member
Eric Brand's
1966 Ford Mustang**



Celebrations



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

Rich Tatar – May 5
Rick Broughton – May 7
Bob Duke – May 9
Trisha Kimmey – May 30



Larry & Jaimie Flagler – April 12
Mitch & Katy Meyerson – April 14
Bob & Marguerite Duke – April 29

Rich & Trish Tatar – May 5
Rich & Cynthia Kaiser – May 20
John & Paula Hocker – May 30

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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

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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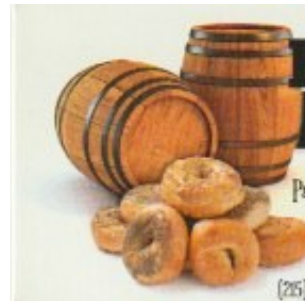
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Two business cards are shown side-by-side. The left card is for Kyle Carr Tire & Auto Service, featuring a blue background with a yellow banner that says "Where Your Trust Is Earned". The right card is for John Lenhart Automotive Design and Fabrication, featuring a dark background with a red and white logo and contact information for John Lenhart.

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., including phone, email, and address, is provided.

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
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2025 CAR SHOW - REGISTRATION FORM

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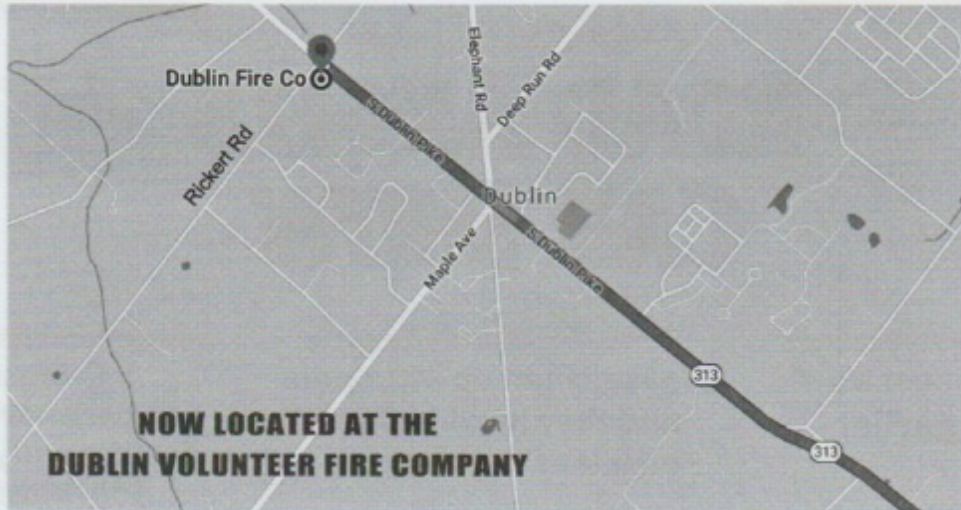
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Liability: Entrants and participants, by execution of this form, release and discharge the Road Angels of Doylestown, PA, Inc., their officers, directors, employees, volunteers and anyone else connected with the presentation of this car show from any 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
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A portion of the proceeds benefit local charities. For further information, contact club president at 267-893-9796.
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