



Road Angels Tailpipes

Monthly Newsletter of Who, What, Where & When

From the Prez

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

Finally, we were able to get our Car Show in for 2026. We had about 300 cars, great weather, great sponsors, great people and of course, great cars and trucks. If you attended, thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in 2027.

Thank you to all of our Car Show Sponsors in 2026. In October, once all the bills are paid, the Club will decide on donation recipients and amounts. As a result of our 2025 efforts and sponsorships, our Club was able to donate \$10,000 to local charities and organizations. Many of our 2025 and 2026 sponsors are shown at the end of the newsletter. Please consider supporting them.

Our August Cruise night is scheduled for August 14. We hope to see you there. 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 be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, steak sandwiches, etc. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 **84 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. Due to yours and our sponsors support, last year the Club was able to donate approximately \$10,000 to several local charities and organizations



American-Made Tools Are Worth It Every Time

Steven Kurutz
28 July 2026

Joel Camassar lies awake nights wracked with anxiety about screwdriver handles. It's an odd image for a night terror, sure, but consider their importance to Camassar's livelihood. As an owner of Chapman Manufacturing, which has been making the same small precision screwdriver and ratchet bits in Durham, Connecticut, since 1936, Camassar has a tradition—and a business—to uphold. Every Chapman product is made in America. Still, the company isn't large enough to vertically integrate its supply chain (à la Henry Ford's attempts to establish rubber plantations), and some materials are difficult to come by domestically.

"If you want it made in the U.S., the suppliers are much more limited," Camassar says, adding that for plastic [screwdriver handles](#), "there's one company to do that." So he has fitful dreams about extrusion molds.

To manufacture in America is to face innumerable obstacles, as I learned when I wrote a book about a group of scrappy, determined American-made apparel entrepreneurs. Sometimes, like Camassar, it's as if you're trying to keep a restaurant going with a thin pantry of ingredients. Almost always you're competing with cheap, foreign-made products and asking consumers to consider more than just their wallet. For these reasons and more, I buy made in the U.S. whenever I can.

And I am heartened to report that the tool industry, unlike clothing, toys, appliances, and countless others, hasn't been hollowed out by offshoring. Indeed, the mindful wrencher has enough options to fill out a tool bench.

True, there are some gaping holes. Generally speaking, you can't buy power tools made in the U.S.; if it has a power source, in almost every case it's going to have imported parts or be made overseas (beware of sneakily worded claims to be made in the U.S., "of imported materials," an attempt to win points without doing the hard work).

There have also been high-profile industry missteps in recent years, like the \$90 million automated factory that Stanley Black & Decker opened near Fort Worth, Texas, in 2022, to bring its Craftsman line back home. In the end, as *The Wall Street Journal* put it witheringly, the world's largest toolmaker "couldn't figure out how to make a wrench" in America.

But plenty of other companies, including Klein (wire strippers), Channellock (pliers), Estwing (hammers), Wright (ratchets), Snap-on (wrenches), and Bondhus (hex keys), have solved the riddle. They produce hand tools forged with American steel and made by American workers—and have been doing it for decades. Although U.S.-made tools hardly monopolize the market, neither are they a dying niche. Industry-wide figures are hard to come by, but Snap-on alone operates 15 manufacturing facilities in the United States, and its tools group posted revenues of \$2 billion in 2025. (The company also has global factories in South America, Europe, and Asia, which it says mostly serve local markets.) "There are a few reasons for their staying power," says Scott Paul, president of the Alliance for American Manufacturing. "Many of these American-made brands are synonymous with quality and customer service."

You won't find these hammers, wrenches, and ratchets in Home Depot or your local hardware store, however. They're often sold through select distributors or the brand's own channels. Snap-on, the Wisconsin-based company whose tools have become a kind of status symbol in automotive shops, regularly calls on nearly a million technicians—automotive, heavy-duty, collision—and approximately 250,000 repair shops. About 35 percent of its tools are sold from its mobile vans, direct to technicians. "I met a guy with a Bentley. He said, 'I feel like I have to throw myself in front of a Snap-on truck to get your tools,'" says Nick Pinchuk, the company's chairman and CEO. "He was right."

Shifting Gears Cont.

What might seem like bad business—why wouldn't you sell to everyone?—is in fact a survival strategy. For one thing, the hand-tools market is a bit like an iceberg in that the biggest chunk isn't visible above the surface. A 2023 study of the industry by the research and consulting firm Arizton found that "the industrial segment holds the most significant share" of the market. American-made tool companies have also learned that by making tools for specific, critical tasks where the penalty for failure is high—say, building a bridge or repairing a military vehicle in wartime—they can charge a premium. Camassar put it bluntly: "The guy using a screwdriver around the house to open paint cans is not what our tools are for." Rather, Chapman's precision-milled bits are used for work in robotics, stadium sound systems, and even pinball machines.

In automotive applications, American companies' niche is tools engineered for very tight spots. Snap-on, for instance, recently came up with a custom-profile socket that allows mechanics to reach into the heart of Ford's 6.7-liter engine. "Customize a tool for the task," Pinchuk says. "We're not trying to beat on scale. We're trying to beat on application and experience."

What you're getting for the extra money is a tool guaranteed not to fail and customer service that's a few states rather than an ocean away. "I answer the phone. I'm easy to do business with. Lifetime warranty," says Tom Futey, the president and co-owner of Wright, which makes a 400-piece hand-tool set for military Humvees, among thousands of other items, at its Barberton, Ohio, plant. "Buying a cheap tool is not saving you money," he adds. "It could be costing you money." Weekend mechanics, take heart—you can still get your hands on these American-made tools even if you're not a NASA engineer or Ferrari restorer. Chapman sells direct through its website. Wright works with a network of distributors that includes Amazon sellers, while Snap-on sells through its website. Will you pay more than the Chinese-made, \$20 socket set at a big-box store? Yes. Is it worth it in the long run to buy more durable tools and support American manufacturers? You already know the answer.

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Upcoming Car Events

September 12

Rich's Landscaping Car Show

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Stone Depot 820 Rt. 113, Souderton, PA

September 12

Gasket Goons Hot Rod Bash

8:00 AM

Silver Creek Athletic Association
2943 Rt. 212, Springtown, PA

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J U L Y 11, 2027

"Road Angels Car Show"

Location...

Dublin Vol. Fire Company,
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194 N. Main St., Dublin, PA

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Joe Bernstein – July 9
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Rose Marie Bell – July 30

Jaime Flagler – August 7
John Hocker – August 14
Dave Guttman – August 14
Mike Rumpf – August 30



Jim & Barb Serafine – July 7
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Rich & Grace Kelly – July 22

Ed & Lynne Towle – August 10
Al & Jann Tursi – August 17
Tom & Donna Spalter – August 20

Mark Your Calendars

~ 2026 Cruise Nights ~

The Road Angels had a very successful Cruise Night season for 2025 hosted by the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company. Thank you Dublin Volunteer Fire Company. The following are dates for the Cruise Nights in 2026 all located at the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company, 194 N. Main St., Dublin, PA:

April 10 – 4:00 – 7:00 PM - 85+ Cars

May 8 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM – 50 + Cars Threatening weather

June 12 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM – Cancelled due to threatening inclement weather

August 14 – 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.

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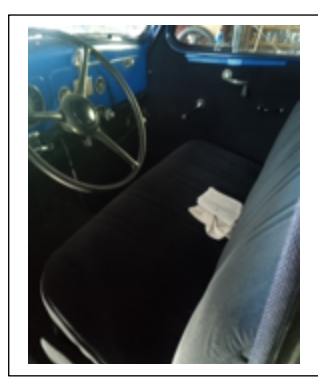
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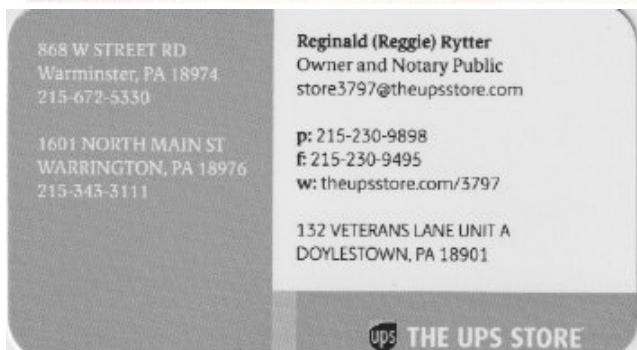
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