



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 over 300 cars, great weather, great sponsors, great people and of course, great cars and trucks. Photos of the 2026 Car Show are now posted on our website. Check them out! 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, even with a rained out show, 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 September Cruise night is scheduled for September 11. 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 **194 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



6 Critical Post-road Trip Tasks

[Kyle Smith](#)

27 June 2024

The final part of any road trip is the sweetest: Arriving at your destination. The final turn of the key is followed by the soft plinking of the engine as it gives off heat to the atmosphere. It's easy to think that having just finished The Big Drive your car is now ready to go anywhere. And you're probably right, but if your vintage ride is used like most vintage cars even a short road trip is more use than it typically sees. Taking the time to do a few quick post-road-trip tasks can save you a little time, possibly some money, and definitely some frustration.

Inspect your tires

The only real connection between your car and the road is the round rubber rings at each corner. A quick visual

inspection is wise as most vintage vehicles spend more time sitting than driving. A road trip likely put a few months worth of use on those tires in just a few days, so if problems are going to bubble up—literally—it would be at the end of a trip after seeing what could be considered abnormal use. Feel around the tire by hand with a focus on irregularities. Uneven wear is also going to pop up now and get hidden by future short drives, as alignment or similar problems can show up in tire wear after driving longer distances quickly compared to a lot of short trips.

Get the bugs off ASAP

As tempting as it may be to wear those bugs around for a couple of cars and coffee trips to establish dominance over the parking lot princesses, you won't be doing yourself or your paint any favors. Letting those bug guts bake for any longer than necessary will only make them more work to remove, and aggressive tactics for removal can be very rough on aging paint. Getting things off while still fairly soft and fresh makes for less hassle and impact on your car.

Inspect brakes

Short drives can often hide growing problems and anyone who has experienced sticky calipers knows that a long drive will be when weak points appear. Since you gave the car a good once-over look before your trip—and you did that, right?—you have a good perspective of what things were like before and now will be able to easily spot anything out of the ordinary. Or at least different than when you left. Brakes should last thousands of miles, so any noticeable wear should be easy to spot. Excess brake dust is a simple tell, as is an excess of heat right when the car is parked. Use the back of your hand to take the temperature of the wheel and if it's enough to be more than warm there is probably something worth investigating before your next drive.

A good chassis lubin'

Did you do a good greasing before you left? Of course you did, because you are a good vintage car owner. Maybe just look for signs of excess grease that spilled out from getting too hot or attracted excess dirt and debris. A glob of grease left on a zerk fitting or pushed out from a ball joint boot collects road debris and before long transforms from a lubricant to a grinding paste that can ruin a lot of good parts if we aren't careful. Keep things tidy and if you didn't grease up before you left, be sure to do it when you get back.

Oil level and condition

Most vintage car road trips are not long enough to need a full oil change at the end, but don't think that mileage is the only metric when considering your oil. Extended runs at higher engine RPM will often lead to aging engines consuming more oil than shorter, low-rpm trips. Extended running might also put more blow-by and other combustion byproducts into the oil which can create corrosion and premature wear if left unchecked. The proper level of clean oil should be the norm. If, at the end of your trip, your oil is lower or dirtier than you expect, it might be time to look a

Shifting Gears Cont.

little deeper or at least keep an eye on things.

Take care of your air cleaner

Just like your oil, your air filter is likely something that doesn't get checked much since most vintage cars don't get driven much, and even more often are only driven during ideal weather. A road trip often puts cars into conditions the owner may or may not have expected. I'm as guilty as any for forgetting about that Kansas dust storm I drove through and under-appreciating how hard that air filter is working to keep my engine happy and healthy. A quick look to ensure the air filter is in good shape is cheap and a good excuse to poke around the intake and make sure everything still looks proper post-trip.

Hagerty Newsletters

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

October 3

Philadelphia Modifiers Car Show & Swap Meet

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Automotive Training Center
900 Johnsville Blvd.
Warminster, PA

November 7

New Britain Borough Car Show

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Lenape Valley Church
321 West Butler Ave., New Britain, PA

SAVE THE DATE!

J U L Y 11, 2027

"Road Angels Car Show"

Location...

Dublin Vol. Fire Company,
Dublin PA

194 N. Main St., Dublin, 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 altursi@gmail.com or 267-893-9796

"We will be looking forward to meeting you!"



**Road Angels Member's
Joe Bernstein's
1968 Camaro**

**Road Angels Member
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1948 Ford Pick-up**



Celebrations



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

Annette Bickley – September 9
Chris Spuler – September 9
Jim Serafine – September 12
Dawn Frank – September 14
Jennifer Power – September 16
Leslie Rickenbach – September 23
Bob Frank – September 28



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

Bill & Cindy Robinson – September 7
Jim & Crystal Koch – September 16
Chris & Annette Spuler – September 26

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 – 78 Cars

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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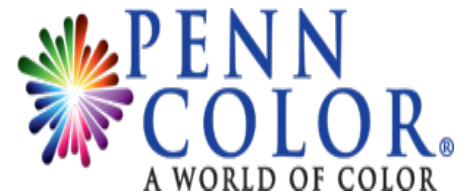


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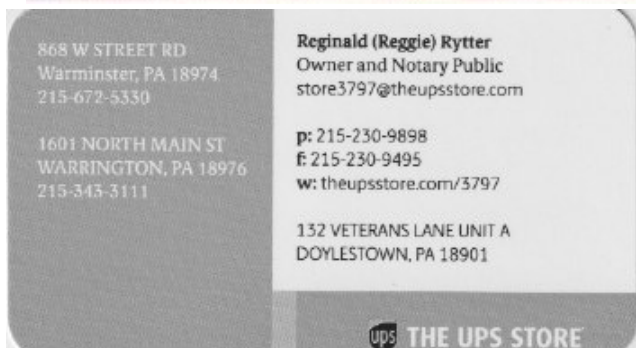
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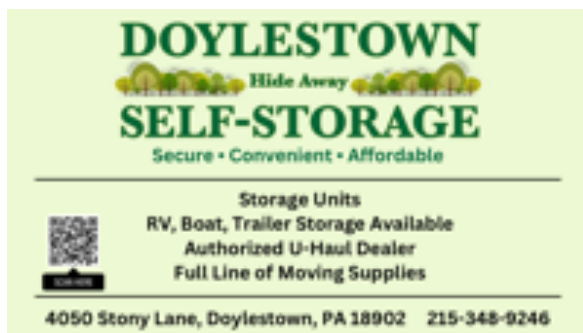
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