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GEORGE E. STALEY

September 3, 1918 - April 8, 2011

We at the Northeast Classic Car Museum were deeply saddened to learn of the death of our friend and benefactor, Mr. George E. Staley on Friday April 8, 2011.

Our heartfelt condolences and sympathies are sent to the Staley family upon their enormous loss. George was a wonderful and generous man who touched the lives of many. If not for George and his family, the Northeast Classic Car Museum would not exist.

In an interview several years ago, George said, "I'd like to have them remember me as a collector of nice automobiles and that I helped the people of the community."

As anyone who has been to the Museum can attest, George certainly was a "collector of nice automobiles." From his unparalleled collection of air-cooled Franklins to the splendor of his Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg collection to his impressive gathering of one-of-a-kind and unique vehicles, the Staley Collection is a rich slice of American history.

George's commitment to community is equally valuable. Because of George, the Museum is able to attract nearly 10,000 visitors to the Chenango County area - visitors who help revitalize the local economy. Most recently, in his hometown of DeRuyter, he and his sons renovated and expanded the library, food pantry and Town Hall to better serve the people of that community.



Those who knew George will remember him as so much more than a collector or benefactor. His wisdom, dignity, and gentle nature made him mentor, historian, hero, friend and more.

"He was born with a love of cars in his blood, the gifted fingers of a mechanic, the business acumen of a Wharton graduate, and the charm of a Cary Grant. All combined in a neat package with a generous heart for an engine and a gentle sense of humor as the spark plug." - Kathy O'Hara, The Evening Sun May 22, 1997



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

For more than a dozen years, the Northeast Classic Car Museum has displayed hundreds of classic cars. NECCM is home to the largest collection of Franklin automobiles – anywhere. These air cooled cars were manufactured in downtown Syracuse, just a short distance from Norwich. We have become a premier destination in Central New York for car clubs, organizations and, of course, individual car enthusiasts.

We know it is important to maintain your interest, so year after year we offer an annual themed exhibit to keep visitors coming back. This year we are pleased to offer “Wild Things”, an exhibit of automobiles named after animals, birds, reptiles, etc. This new exhibit, along with a vintage motorcycle exhibit, will begin mid-May. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that several ‘new’ old cars will be added to our Post War Cars exhibit. The Post War Collection is our most popular exhibit, featuring the land yachts of the 50s and muscle cars of the 60s.

We enjoy our old friends coming back to see what’s new and love it when we meet new visitors to the Museum. Hope to see you all soon.

-Joe Angelino

GIFT SHOP GOODIES

As we gear up for our new exhibit, we have taken the opportunity to stock up our gift shop with more old favorites and some exciting new items.

Joining our apparel line are ‘hoodie’ sweatshirts, newly-designed kid’s tees, and a ski cap. Our selection of ball caps has expanded to include a black high-profile cap, and new colors and designs of low-profile hats. Coming soon will be a limited-edition tee commemorating the “Wild Things” special exhibit.



Collectors will love our new shot glass, a beautiful addition to our exclusive logo line, which includes pins, patches, key-chains, coffee mugs, and more. An expanded selection of tin signs, model cars and toys will delight any shopper.

Many of our items are available online at www.classiccarmuseum.org, or by calling 607-334-2886. Our Gift Shop is open daily from 9am-5pm - stop by to find the perfect gift for yourself or your favorite car lover.



MUSTANG RAFFLE

This year's raffle car is this beautiful 1964 1/2 (or early 1965, if you prefer) Mustang convertible in Caspian Blue. With a 260 V-8 engine, automatic transmission, power steering and brakes, and a Rally Pac, this car is hot!

The winning ticket will be drawn at 4pm on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Colorscape Chenango. Tickets are available by mail with the form below, in the Museum lobby, by calling 607-334-2886, or on our website at www.classiccarmuseum.org. Look for us at car shows and events in the area all summer as well.



**Tickets: \$5 per ticket
5 for \$20, 15 for \$50
or 35 for \$100**



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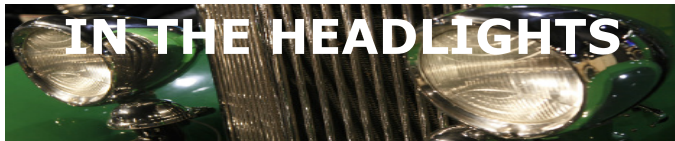
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NECCM, Department HR, 24 Rexford Street, Norwich, NY 13815

Winner responsible for taxes, license & delivery. Requests for tickets must be received by noon on 9/10/11. Need not be present to win.



A favorite of Museum visitors (and volunteers) is our 1959 DeSoto Fire-Flite Sportsman. With a V-8 engine and TorqueFlite transmission, this model sported a factory price of \$3,831. The FireFlight was DeSoto's top-of-the-line offering. Standard equipment on this model included: front and rear bumper guards, electric clock, color sweep molding, and windshield washer. The swivel driver's seat is modern and always evokes comment.



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