

# The Mudflap



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## *TRAACA Concert Evening* Tidewater Classical Guitar Concert Friday, January 27, 2017 Hixon Theater, Norfolk, VA

Our Activities Committee has laid out another schedule of interesting and fun activities for the year. (The full schedule will be published in the February issue of *The Mudflap*.) Our first activity of the year is a classical guitar concert featuring Zoran Dukic, one of the most prominent classical guitarists of our time. Mr. Dukic has performed around the world, including at Carnegie Hall here in the United States. He has won numerous awards for his playing, including being the only guitarist to win the prestigious Andreas Segovia Award twice. Zoran performs a variety of musical genres, but enjoys a special affinity for Spanish and South American music. (He also says his favorite musician is Bob Dylan.)

The performance is on Friday, January 27th. It begins at 8:00 PM, and is being hosted by the Tidewater Classical Guitar Society at the Robin Hixon Theater (across the street from Chrysler Hall) at 440 Bank Street in Norfolk. Regular price tickets are \$25. Military, senior citizen, teacher, and student ticket prices are only \$20. Please RSVP to Matt Doscher (VLW78@Hotmail.com/448-7048) by Friday, January 20th, if you plan to attend.

So please join us for the club's first activity of the year as we enjoy an evening of classical guitar. This is a rare opportunity to see a musician of this caliber in Tidewater, and should be an outstanding concert. (And no, he will not be performing "Free Bird.")



**CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS**—Richard & Sandy Hall and their 1959 MG MGA roadster. Read the story on Pg. 12.



### TRAACA CALENDAR

Check [local.aaca.org/tidewater](http://local.aaca.org/tidewater) for the latest info on upcoming events!

#### JANUARY 2017

- 3 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Tuesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 21 TRAACA Annual Awards  
Banquet & Board Induction  
5:00 PM (Saturday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 27 TRAACA Concert Evening  
Tidewater Classical Guitar  
Society Concert  
Norfolk, VA

#### FEBRUARY 2017

- 1 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Wednesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 16 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA

#### MARCH 2017

- 7 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Tuesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 11 TRAACA Swap Meet  
Military Aviation Museum  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 16 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA

#### APRIL 2017

- 5 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Wednesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 20 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA

#### MAY 2017

- 2 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Tuesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 18 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA

# From the Driver's Seat

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How quickly time flies by. It seems like such a short time ago that I drove my 1967 Mercedes-Benz 230SL onto the 2010 "Wing and Wheels" show field at the Military Aviation Museum, and that began my active participation in the TRAACA. What a fun time as I became involved in the management of the club as the Treasurer, Vice President, and finally President. But it was also the time when the enthusiasm of the club encouraged me to become more involved in the restoration of antique vehicles. After a 1965 Porsche, a 1947 Chevrolet fire truck, a 1967 Porsche, a 1950 Willys Jeep, and now a 1958 Mercedes-Benz 190SL, I can truthfully say "what a wonderful journey."

I have always said that it is not the destination but the journey that is so enjoyable, and Betty and I have enjoyed our travels with the TRAACA (not that the journey is over). I wanted to take this opportunity of my transition to President Emeritus to express my appreciation for all of the club members who contribute to the club with their participation. The joy of the club comes from the membership, and it bubbles up and makes the work of leadership enjoyable.

My view is that the state of our region is strong; our members are involved, active, and positive. We continue to attract younger new members with the capability of carrying the club forward for many years. As an organization, we have modernized and streamlined our operations to evolve with the times, from our website, electronic newsletter, and e-mail-based call tree. These are characteristics of a very successful club.

## 2016 TRAACA Officers & Board

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Our Awards Banquet is the time we come together to recognize our members who have excelled during the previous year. Your Board has been busy this year writing an Awards Manual and establishing two additional awards: the Duryea Award to recognize contributions to the national organization and the Hard Luck Award to recognize members who experience "issues" while going to or returning from an AACA local, regional, or national event. The banquet will return to the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport on Saturday, January 21, so mark your calendar and plan on attending and celebrating the accomplishments of your fellow members.

As I look forward to the New Year, it is already being filled with activities. After my son joined me at Hershey, where our 1950 Willys Jeep received its Senior Award, he is now focused on entering it in the Grand National meet in Independence, Missouri, in June. He has already been arranging his work schedule so that there will be time to drive to Missouri and return. The "car hobby" is universal and it is fun to see younger people become involved and watch their interest grow with their active involvement.

With your new year's resolutions, I hope you have included increased involvement with your club and that you will join us "on the road" for our events or one of the national events this year.

So much to do, so little time; let's have fun; it's an old car kind of day!

*Jim*

## TRAACA Membership Renewals

If you haven't paid your TRAACA membership dues for 2017 yet, stop procrastinating. You need to send your dues (\$25) to Jim Villers by 15 January in order to be included in the 2017 roster. Membership renewal forms can be found on the club's website ([www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com)) or in the December issue of *The Mudflap*. Please do it today—we miss you already!

## Call Captain's Corner

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We have changed how we contact members to obtain their RSVPs for the monthly dinner meeting. To cut down on the work load, you will now be contacted via e-mail. (Members without e-mail will continue to be contacted by phone.) Please respond to Skip Patnode's monthly e-mail by the requested date and let him know whether or not you will be attending (yes or no) and how many will be attending. **It is critical that you respond to these e-mails** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. Thank you for your cooperation!

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## From the Running Board

Dec 7, 2016 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes  
(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

**Officers present:** Jim Villers (President), Mark McAlpine (Vice President), Matt Doscher (Secretary), and Marion McAlpine (Treasurer). Board members present: Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, Skip Patnode, and Bill Treadwell. Members present: Bob & Dot Parrish, Wes Neal, and Bill Wilcox.

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM.

**Vice President:** Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

**Treasurer's Report:** Marion provided the Treasurer's report. 12 of 16 ads have renewed so far for 2017. The remaining 4 have until the end of the month to pay. Two of the 4 have their payments in the mail.

**Secretary's Report:** The November Board Meeting Minutes were approved via e-mail and published in the December issue of *The Mudflap*.

**Activities Committee:** The Activities Committee for 2017 will consist of Matt Doscher, Marion McAlpine, and Wayne Milligan. Terry Bond and Linda Pellerin will serve as consultants to the Committee. The goal is to have a calendar of activities by the end of January for publishing in the February *Mudflap*.

**Call Tree:** Everything seems to be going well. Members not receiving monthly dinner meeting e-mails should let Skip know so that he can update their e-mail address.

### Restaurants:

- Sunday, 11 Dec: Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club. Doors open at 10 AM, brunch at 11 AM. We are currently on their calendar for our 2017 Holiday Brunch scheduled tentatively for Sunday, 9 Dec 2017.
- Saturday, 21 Jan: Annual Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.
- A discussion was held regarding dinner meeting locations for 2017 and if there was an interest in pursuing a different location. The Holiday Inn has been very accommodating, ample room space, convenient location, the food quality has been good, and the price has been good. Skip motioned that we continue our 2017 dinner meetings at the Holiday Inn; motion was seconded by Wes, and approved.

**Membership:** As of 1 December, 87 members have renewed, which is about 51% and on par with renewal rates last year.

**Disposition of Club Trailer:** Matt & Vickie Doscher have the club trailer now. It has received an annual state safety inspection and is ready to go. Many thanks to Ken and Barbara Talley for keeping it all these years.

**ODMA:** 2017 ODMA Meet is being hosted by TRAACA and scheduled for 21-22 April 2017 at the Founders Inn. Initial Planning Meeting was held on Sat, 12 Nov, with many ODMA Region representatives present. Everyone seemed pleased with the location being the Founders Inn and are excited & looking forward to the meet in April. The second and final Planning Meeting will be at Jim & Donna Elliott's garage in Yorktown on Sat, 18 Feb. All TRAACA members are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be a national Special Judging School & CJs available during the ODMA Meet.

**2016 Awards Committee:** Skip is handling the Beaulieu, Bartlett, Lister, Century Participation, and

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Overland Awards. He is waiting on the Awards Manual to be finalized and approved before tallying the points. Members need to nominate themselves or another member for the other TRAACA awards. A final push for information will be sent via the *Mud Speck* e-mail and *Mudflap* newsletter.

**Swap Meet:** There has been some discussion on moving the location of the Swap Meet from the Military Aviation Museum to Landstown Commons. One of the reasons is concern that the Museum may be increasing its fee, another concern being that Landstown Commons is changing its monthly swap meet to just one in the spring and fall, and possible competition with our swap meet. It is too late to change the location for 2017. Terry Bond is the current Swap Meet Chairman and is waiting on a contract from the museum. Some questions were raised: 1) How much will it cost this year? 2) Who has the authority to sign the contract? The Board needs to be notified as to how much it will cost prior to a contract being signed. If the next Swap Meet Chairman wants to develop a proposal and change locations, then the Board will entertain it at that time.

### Unfinished Business:

- **Awards Manual:** Wayne sent out an updated version containing wording changes and minor formatting suggestions. The Manual in its present state is good to go. One item of clarification is the Spark Plug Award. One paragraph states that past presidents select the winner whereas another paragraph states that the Board selects the winner. Decision was made to remove the statement saying past presidents will select and replace with the Board selecting the winner. The plan is to make all of the above edits/corrections, then vote on the approval via e-mail.

### New Business:

- TRAACA Hard Luck Award: general consensus is that the Award will be presented to those members participating in either a National or a TRAACA tour, meet, or event and suffering a mishap. Jim will write the description/criteria so that it can be presented at the Awards Banquet in January. Inclusion into the Awards Manual will be delayed until next year in the interest of getting the Awards Manual published.

### Other Business: None.

Having no other business, motion made by Marion to adjourn and seconded by Wes. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting is scheduled for Tues, 3 January, 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.



# TRAACA Holiday Party Sunday, December 11, 2016

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine and Bob Stein.

This year's annual TRAACA Holiday Party took place on Sunday, December 11th, at the lovely Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach. This was the second year the Holiday Party was held as a Sunday brunch. The weather was chilly that day, but it didn't seem to bother TRAACA members. Nearly 90 members were present—one of the club's best-attended events of the year—to enjoy the great food and catch up with fellow members.

After a social hour and brief introductory remarks from club President Jim Villers, the group proceeded to enjoy two omelet stations, a beef carving station, steamed shrimp, French toast, sausage, salads, fruit, cheeses, pastries, desserts, and more. Following a brief club business meeting while members finished their meal, Terry Bond provided the afternoon's entertainment by reading his second annual "TRAACA Christmas Letter." This year Terry's letter covered the TRAACA's activities of the past year. As he read the letter, Terry was seated at a small table with a vintage desk lamp and a bottle of fine scotch whiskey (which, uncharacteristically, he did not share with everyone). The club members were delighted by Terry's presentation. [You can read a copy of Terry's "TRAACA Christmas Letter" on pages 13-15.]

The TRAACA Holiday Brunch was the club's final activity of the year and a great way for the club to finish

2016. Thank you to all the club members who worked so hard throughout the year and contributed so much to help make the TRAACA such a great club. Here's looking forward to 2017 and the exciting speakers Bob Pellerin is arranging for our dinner meetings, the fun activities our Activities Committee has planned for us, the delicious food we'll share, and—of course—sharing all of it with good friends.

[Look for the TRAACA 2017 Activities Calendar in the February issue of *The Mudflap*.]



*TRAACA President Jim Villers and Treasurer Marion McAlpine*



*A spry George Gurnee. What's your secret, George?*



*(L-R) Skip Patnode, Bill Wilcox, and Rhonda & Tim Russell*



*(L-R) Bob Parrish, Toni McChesney, Sandy Hall, John & Marie Gancel, Donna Elliott, and Dot Parrish*



*TRAACA members raiding the brunch buffet*



*A trio of classic MG MGB-GTs*



*(L-R) Hilary Pavlidis's 1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7 and Neil & Marty Sugermeyer's 1965 Rambler Classic 770 convertible*



*Riley Best's 1953 Pontiac Chieftain station wagon*



*Skip Patnode's 1967 Alfa Romeo Duetto, Jere & Carol Avenson's 1941 Packard Deluxe, and Fred & Sallyanne Cole's 1984 Riviera*



*Rick Overbaugh & Karen Kern's 1966 GTO, Dewey & Maxine Milligan's 1985 Ford Crown Vic, Bob Stein's 1989 Buick Reatta*



*Keith Colonna's 1956 Lincoln Continental MK II and Alfonso & Patrizia Ludovici's 1956 DeSoto Fireflight sedan*



*The Meadows' 1937 Chrysler Imperial, the Browns' 1972 Ford LTD Brougham, and the McChesneys' 1940 Olds Series 90 sedan*



*Tom & Roe Poe's 1963 Studebaker Lark*



# Toys for Tots Car Show Smithfield VA

## Saturday, December 3, 2016

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

It was December, which means holiday shopping, Santa Claus, good food, cold air and the annual Toys for Tots charity car show in Smithfield, VA. Elizabeth Moose has organized the yearly Toys for Tots show in Smithfield, VA for the last sixteen years. This year the show was moved to a new location in Smithfield. The show was located at the Smithfield Truck and Auto Center (the old Pomoco Ford dealership) on Church Street in Smithfield. This location turned out to be well suited for the numerous toys that were brought for donation. The large, former new car showroom was well stocked with bicycles, dolls, stuffed animals, games, and many other toys. It was amazing to see the generosity of people trying to give local children a merrier Christmas.

The participation for the car show was down this year with only about 65 vehicles registering. However, hundreds of people came to see the cars, Santa Claus, and to support the charity. Since Santa Claus's reindeer were resting up in preparation for Christmas Eve, Santa arrived across the street by Sentara Health Care's Nightingale Air Ambulance helicopter. The Smithfield Police blocked the road so Santa could be transported safely by his temporary sleigh (golf cart and open trailer) to the Toys for Tots

show area. Spectators lined the street to get a glimpse of Santa and welcome him.

Entertainment for the show was supplied by the Smithfield High School (SHS) Band. The SHS Band got the crowd in the holiday spirit by playing numerous Christmas carols and encouraging spectators to sing along. The SHS Band greeted Santa as he landed by helicopter and led the golf cart carrying Santa to his official chair for greeting the children and listening to their wishes.

Lunch was provided in the showroom to car show participants. There were tables and chairs available in the showroom for participants to enjoy their lunch and watch the toys getting stacked up around the Christmas tree. TRAACA members present at the show included Charlie Daniels & Chris Hunt, C.E. & Annette Gardner, Mark & Marion McAlpine, and Ron Pack.

Although this year's Toys for Tots was smaller than usual, it was a terrific success. The leadership and dedication of Elizabeth Moose & her team, the generosity of the show participants & spectators, local residents, and businesses like Daniels Performance Group, Snap-on Tools, and the Richard Petty Museum, helped ensure that local needy children would have presents on Christmas.



*Ron & Tina Pack's 1947 Chrysler New Yorker*



*Terry Ward & his 1922 Hupmobile Model R*



*Chris Hunt & her well-guarded 1973 Plymouth Scamp*



*C.E. & Annette Gardner's 1970 Dodge Coronet 500*



*Annette Gardner & Marion McAlpine*



*This is what the show is all about—collecting toys for needy kids*



*Toys for Tots organizer Elizabeth Moose & Marion McAlpine*



*(L-R) 1947 Ford pickup & 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1*



*The Smithfield High School Marching Band entertains the crowd*



*The highlight of the day—children getting to meet Santa*



*Richard Petty's 1967 Plymouth Belvedere*



*Some more contemporary sleighs from Santa's collection*

# Matchbox Road Museum

## Newfield, NJ

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



*The Matchbox Road Museum in Newfield, NJ*

If you happen to be traveling through Vineland, NJ, for vacation or maybe an AACA national meet (as we did in May 2016), you don't want to go home without stopping at the Matchbox Road Museum. The museum is located in Newfield, NJ, a small town just north of Vineland, NJ, and is an incredible collection.

As the name implies, the Matchbox Road Museum contains Matchbox toys and memorabilia. According to the museum's website, the building (a converted three-car garage) comprises fifty-thousand pieces of the well-known Matchbox miniature models, concept cars, one-offs used for special events, toy airplanes, and even board games.

The first Matchbox toy was created in 1952 by Jack Odell. Apparently, Jack's daughter needed a toy small enough to fit in a matchbox for school. Jack cast a miniature steamroller for his daughter. That steamroller became the first of the original seventy-five models that Odell & his partners went on to create. In 1953 Matchbox became a brand name of Lesney Products of Great Britain.

Over the years, Matchbox went through several changes. Matchbox filed for bankruptcy in 1980 and was bought by a Hong Kong-based toy manufacturer. In 1992 Tyco Toys purchased Matchbox and moved operations from England to Mt. Laurel, NJ. Hot Wheels producer Mattel acquired the Matchbox brand in 1997 and in 2005 moved Matchbox operations to El Segundo, CA, to join

Mattel's other brands.

Many of us collected Matchbox toys as a child; some people collect the toys as adults. One large collector of Matchbox is the owner and founder of the Matchbox Road Museum, Everett Marshall III, who started collecting Matchbox toys when he was a young boy. Everett would use his one dollar-a-week allowance to purchase two Matchbox vehicles. He continued to collect the toys through high school. Everett's interest in the small toys lagged while going to college, but was rekindled when his son was born (in 1977).

Everett continued to grow his collection and sought to obtain the original seventy-five models that Matchbox produced annually. While building his collection, Everett noticed there were variations between cars of the same model. Individual vehicles also showed variations. Everett started purchasing the variant of the different vehicles. In 1992 he started the Matchbox Road Museum to house his growing collection.

Everett had become quite an authority on the Matchbox toys by the time he opened the museum. In fact, in 1992 an employee of Matchbox approached Everett (who was working as a volunteer firefighter for Newfield Borough) and asked him to help create a Mack fire truck model. One of the fire trucks from Newfield Borough was used as a model and some of the original castings had *Newfield Borough Fire Co.* printed on the sides.

Everett also had his name and company logo (he owned a petroleum trucking company at one time called *Marshall Service*) printed on the hood of a Matchbox Buick race-car model. This model was sold all over the world, making Everett's kids proud when they found them in stores.

Matchbox Road Museum and Everett were honored by Matchbox during the 60th anniversary of Matchbox in 2013. Photographers from the company spent a couple of weeks taking pictures at the museum for a commemorative book Matchbox produced.

When speaking with Everett at the museum, he was very upbeat and excited about being able to share his passion of Matchbox toys with museum visitors. He says



*Everett Marshall—proud founder of the Matchbox Road Museum*



*Neil Sugermeyer & Marion McAlpine pointing out their favorites*



he has been fortunate to find some very rare Matchbox toys. He has a taxicab from the original line of 75 models that has different color tires than all the other toy taxicabs. This made the variant worth about \$6,000 a few years ago.

Everett pointed out that variations occurred in the toys because they were handmade. Since they were hand-painted, there could be different colors and details. Sometimes the wrong wheels would be placed on the wrong models. Apparently, Matchbox would mix colored plastics to save on materials, which would cause different shades on windows of the same types of vehicles. Everett reported he enjoyed the hunt of trying to find every variant he could. He also pointed out, it is much harder to find treasures. Apparently, the lack of toy shows and the emergence of eBay have made it harder to get collectible

items at reasonable prices.

Everett did share a story about a one-of-a-kind Matchbox item he owns. He was invited to the Matchbox headquarters before it moved from New Jersey. He spotted an item in the trash pile that interested him. It was a prototype toy automobile for a doll the size of Barbie. The display had been taken to a national toy show as a concept of a proposed Matchbox toy. No one wanted it, no orders were placed, and so Matchbox did not produce it. Everett was told he could have the one-of-a-kind Matchbox item and he proudly displays it in his museum.

There were so many Matchbox toys to see at the Matchbox Road Museum, you found yourself trying to see how many variants of a certain vehicle there might be. It was a great place to visit—we highly recommend it.



*Who remembers Matchbox making slot-car sets?*



*Matchbox steering wheel collector's case in front of store displays*



*Okay, MG fans—what model MGs are these Matchbox cars?*



*Two cool collectible cars—both the Matchbox toys & the originals*



*Display of Matchbox "Racing Super Stars" collectibles*



*Just a few of Everett's many variants of 1957 Chevrolet Bel Airs*



## Still Collecting Stuff — Occupational Shaving Mugs By Terry Bond

I've chosen to break this collectible out separately. (No pun intended—you want to be real careful with these items!) Occupational shaving mugs are serious cross-over collectibles.



*A 1900's barbershop showing racks filled with shaving mugs*

In the 1890s—early 1900s, gentlemen visited the local barber shop to be clean shaven at least once a week (unless they joined the popular bearded set). The barber shop was the place to be. All the news and gossip of the day was there to catch up on. Fellowship with your fellow man, jokes, smoking, etc., made it a gentleman's respite. If you were a regular, you had your own personalized shaving mug stored on a wall rack waiting for your next visit. It was common to have your name lettered on the mug of course, but it was also common to depict some representation of your career field. Whether it was farmer or fireman, doctor or lawyer, policeman or carpenter, different scenes were used so everyone knew where you went during the day. It was also quite common to depict your main interest or hobby. Billiards, hunting, fishing, and, of course, motoring were popular themes. Sometimes, if you owned a big luxurious car, you had that painted on your mug so everyone would know you were upper class and could afford to play with motorcars. Motorcycles, buses, trucks, trains, bicycles, and just about any form of transportation were to be found on the mugs.

The mugs themselves were heavy ceramic, often of foreign origin. The vast majority were imported from France or Germany and sold through barber shops. Still others were available mail order from Sears & Roebuck Company. They were sold as blanks and then custom

painted by distributors or individual artists employed on staff by vendors or barber shop owners. Limoges was a prolific manufacturer. R.S. Prussia mugs are also often found. The Koken Barber Supply Company in St. Louis was a larger supplier of not only shop equipment and chairs, but also shaving mugs and it is common to find their logo on the mug.

Unlike collectors of fine china, collectors of occupational shaving mugs do not consider the maker's identity when determining value. It is the image and condition that are the main focus.

Automobile-themed mugs are very collectible and will command strong prices in large auctions. It is not uncommon to see well-decorated mugs selling for \$2,000-\$3,000. Those depicting racing scenes are at the top of the list. Early brass age vehicles that are especially well illustrated will also command hefty prices.

Even a blind squirrel finds an occasional nut, so diligently searching antique shops, flea markets, and junk stores may turn up an occasional gem. There were thousands produced, and survival is quite strong on them as they were sturdy and often kept as family "hair-looms." (Pun intended.)

Auto-themed mugs appeal to not only auto enthusiasts but also anyone who collects shaving items or barber shop memorabilia. That only increases the level of competition at an auction or on the Internet.

Like always, condition is everything. Scratched or worn paint, cracks, crazing in the glaze, broken handles, or other damage will significantly reduce the value. Remember that one or two quality pieces on your shelf will be far more impressive than a number of broken or repaired items.

Beware—there are many mugs that have been reproduced. The originals will have the owner's name painted in gold leaf on them.

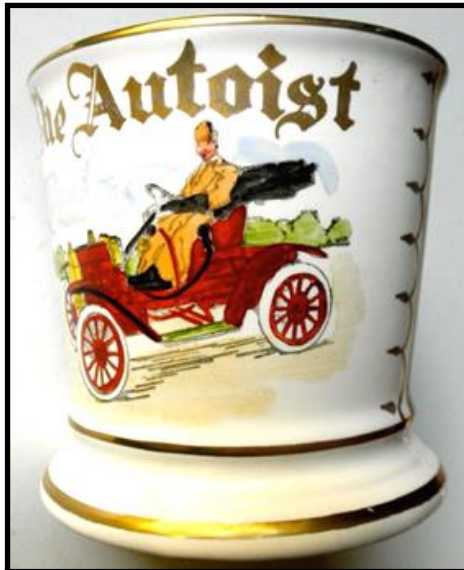


*A great occupational shaving mug—from a taxi driver—dated 1921*



*Beautiful brass-era touring car shaving mug*

Remember, these were personalized items, and each customer at the barber shop had his own special shaving mug.



*Modern reproduction "Autoist" shaving mug with a two-seat roadster*



*Version 2 of modern reproduction "Autoist" shaving mug showing a touring car*

Generic mugs labeled "autoist," "racing" or anything similar are modern reproductions.

In 1953 a series of occupational shaving mugs was produced called "The Sportsman" series. They were clearly marked on the bottom. Among the different occupations depicted, one was "The Autoist." It looks and feels old, but it isn't. The image is crudely painted and, of course, it's not individualized. There are two different versions of this mug to be found: one shows a sporty two-seat roadster and the other depicts a fine touring car. The photos clearly show a poorly illustrated vehicle and, rather than a personalized name on the mug, the general term "The Autoist" is used. Unfortunately, I

have seen these mugs advertised for hundreds of dollars on the Internet. \$25 is about the right price for one in great condition as a novelty auto-related collectible.

Sometimes old shaving mugs are repainted with scenes that will increase their value. Originals

were fired multiple times, and it is actually rare to find wear on the illustrations themselves. However, the gold leaf lettering that was used to personalize them often does see some wear, but it should be worn where you would expect it to be. The lettering was usually quite large. Between 1/3 and 1/5 of the mug was provided as space for the name. Those that have been "redone" will have the name crowded into a smaller area. Few shaving mugs were actually dated, but sometimes a date was applied later and it bears little relationship to the date the mug was produced or first illustrated. Most likely dated mugs were given as gifts and the date on them represents only the occasion for the gift.

I was once almost fooled by a nice looking old mug with a curved dash Oldsmobile painted on it. Upon closer examination, holding the mug the right way in sunlight, I could detect where an original image had been sandblasted off, the new one painted on, then a glaze applied over that and the mug was re-fired. That \$500 stayed right in my pocket and I alerted the antique mall owner to the problem. Perhaps the dealer bought it for resale at an auction and did not know it was a fake.

I hope you enjoy the photographs. Shaving mugs are one collectible that I may never actually have a collection of (three is a collection), but it's fun to look for them.

*Terry Bond*



*Base of modern reproduction shaving mug*



*More examples of early twentieth-century, automotive-related shaving mugs*

# Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars

## *Richard & Sandy Hall and their 1959 MG MGA*

Story as told to Marion McAlpine. Photos by Marion McAlpine.



*Richard & Sandy Hall's 1959 MG MGA roadster*

Richard and Sandy Hall are big MG fans, in fact they have several MG automobiles. Richard reports he has been a fan of MG autos since he was a teenager. His neighbor, who owned an MG, would have Richard drive him home when he had had a little too much to drink. Apparently, Richard drove his neighbor home quite often.

Richard and Sandy's most recent acquisition is a beautiful Old English White 1959 MGA Roadster 1500, which they purchased in June 2016. The MGA roadster is special to the Halls because this is the second time they have owned it. The story behind the MGA roadster is an interesting one.

In 1978 while driving their 1968 MGB GT (Richard's daily driver at the time), Richard was involved in an accident. Someone ran a stop sign, hitting and totaling the MGB GT. Richard purchased the GT back from the insurance company as a parts car. The Halls soon replaced the 1968 with a 1971 MGB GT, but that purchase was only short lived. About a month after purchasing the 1971 GT Richard spotted the 1959 MGA parked under a tree on 52nd Street in Virginia Beach. The MGA was originally purchased in California. The car had started out in Old English White, but was painted Iris Blue while in California. At some point the MGA had been bought and moved to Virginia.

The MGA had been parked under the tree for about a year. Richard reports it was a great looking car, but it did not run. Despite the MGA's issues, Richard traded the 1971 GT even for the 1959 MGA. After getting the MGA home, with help from a friend, Richard was able to get the car running. He & Sandy affectionately named the MGA the *Blue Nun* because they toasted its purchase with the then-popular wine.

Richard drove the car for about six years to and from work on dry days. (It did not have a top.) Then in 1985 Richard decided to restore the MGA. Unfortunately, the restoration was short lived. The MGA sat with little work done for two years. In 1987 the Halls purchased a 1922 Model T and *Blue Nun* was sold to someone in the DC area. The new owner also planned to restore the MGA, but, alas, the *Blue Nun* sat again without being restored, this time for ten years.

Fast forward to 1997 when a local member of the Tidewater MG Classics (TMGC) purchased the *Blue Nun* and moved the automobile to his home in Cape Charles, with

plans to restore it. Once again, the *Blue Nun* sat for ten years without being restored.

In 2007 Vince Groover, another member of the TMGC (and friend of Richard & Sandy) purchased the *Blue Nun*. *Blue Nun* was taken to Norfolk for restoration and completed within that same year. Finally, the *Blue Nun* was restored.

During the restoration, the *Blue Nun* was restored back to the original Old English White exterior and red interior colors. Also, the MGA was given a convertible top and a new name. Pam Groover (Vince's wife) renamed the MGA *Ginger* because of the red top and interior. Unfortunately, after the restoration, Vince Groover was only able to enjoy the MGA for a couple of years. Vince passed away in 2009.

Pam Groover held onto the 1959 MGA until June 2016 when she decided to sell the car. Pam offered to sell *Ginger (Blue Nun)* to Richard & Sandy since they had previously owned the car. The Halls are delighted to own the car again.

Richard reports he and Sandy have many fond memories in the MGA. Richard recalls taking the MGA for ice cream runs the first time they owned it. He & Sandy did not have air conditioning at the house and they would drive the MGA to cool off (remember the MGA did not have a top) and get ice cream. The Halls look back fondly on their old memories in *Blue Nun/Ginger* and can now look ahead to making new memories. And if it rains, no worries—they can put the top up now.



*The 1959 MGA's interior*



*The MGA's 1500-cc engine*



# TRAACA Christmas Letter

(Originally read at the TRAACA Holiday Brunch on December 11, 2016)

Letter by Terry Bond. Photos by Mark McAlpine and Bob Stein.



Terry Bond sharing his "TRAACA Christmas Letter" with the club

*Terry enters the room, takes off his jacket, sits down, turns on the desk light, and pours a glass of scotch. He takes out a pen and paper and begins writing, putting finishing touches on his letter. He pauses to read:*

Well, it's time once again for our annual Christmas Letter to let you know what we've been up to. It's sure been a busy year.

I fondly remember being here last year, and spending time with everyone looking at some history. We laughed, we cried, and we reminisced and spoke fondly of some of our older members who are no longer with us. It was a great time.

Of course we kicked off the year with another great awards banquet, and watched our members take home the gold for all their hard work showing and touring. Jim Elliott won a big award for his 1903 Cadillac. And he won another for his 1903 Cadillac. And he probably won a few more too, but gosh, what a great car and what a fun-loving pair he and Donna are. There were enough awards left over though to spread the wealth around recognizing some of the fun we had. Later that month we joined our Historic Virginia Peninsula Region (HVPR) friends for a visit to the Virginia Living Museum where we got to see some interesting creatures up close and personal.

With Willie Nelson singing softly in the background—"on the road again"—a large contingent ventured north for the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. Of course a highlight was witnessing the installation of 2016 AACA National President, our own Bob Parrish. The Tidewater Region and their bow-ties made a hit at the annual meeting as Bob assumed command. Another member, Jim Elliott, was also sworn in as a Board member, and Tom Cox was announced as Executive Vice President. Wow, we've already had three national presidents within a few years, and it looks like we have a possibility for a couple more—if we can count Tom twice and if Jim behaves himself. It was a great weekend with seminars, dinners, and a fancy awards banquet. Once again, the Tidewater Region received a lot of notoriety, taking home many major awards including repeats for our great newsletter and website.

Since most of us were getting a little cabin fever by later in the month, we decided to have a little fun and did a treasure hunt down to a BBQ place in North Carolina. The fun quiz and goofy prizes, along with a great meal, made for a fun Saturday in the middle of winter.

Mark thought he would start a new feature in *The Mudflap*—"Can you identify this car?"—and included a photograph of an early touring car that seemed familiar to a couple of folks, but we just couldn't pinpoint the brand. The flurry of e-mail began

as our super-sleuth historians began digging through Internet archives, old car show photos, books, periodicals, and literature to try and be the first with a positive ID. The problem was nobody really knew the right answer. Neil Sugermeyer provided enough research to convince himself it was a Haynes. I may have cheated though; I simply blew up the photograph on my computer and identified the distinctive radiator emblem as *MITCHELL*. I even pulled a Mitchell hubcap out of my collection to compare with the photo. We sure had fun, but it was hard work convincing Neil it wasn't a Haynes. I'm still not sure we've convinced him.

Our annual Swap Meet moved to the Military Aviation Museum this year and was an overwhelming success. The location is ideal and allows for future growth, and it sure eases congestion on the roadway. We'll do it there again and look forward to many more. Man, there was a lot of stuff there.

On an especially nice day we toured Craig Talley's Blackwater Engines facility in Virginia Beach to see up close how the production rebuilding of diesel engines is done. What an impressive facility filled with amazing equipment! We came away wishing our workshops were as well equipped and as clean and neat.

A trip to Bruton Parrish Church in Colonial Williamsburg, organized by our HVPR neighbors, provided yet another chance to share the fun of touring in our old cars. We even managed to get a special organ concert. I wasn't there, but I heard that some folks kept requesting car songs. However, we didn't get to hear "See the USA in Your Chevrolet"—it was all classical music.

A few of us ventured south for the AACA Winter Meet in Naples, FL. Shorts and t-shirts sure felt good. The sea food wasn't bad either. And you need to put the REVS Institute on your bucket list of car museums to visit. Have you ever been to a museum where the cars are displayed without any barriers? Wow, what a place.

Our own version of "American Pickers" was organized by Wayne Milligan, and a contingent of club members journeyed to a long-closed AMC dealership in North Carolina that had been featured in an episode of the popular TV series. Yes, it's true that Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz started long after I did, but they were first with a TV show about it.

With weather continuing to cooperate, we followed fearless tour champions Bill Wilcox and Ken Talley to the Outer Banks. Not sure where that cold wind came from, but there were stretches along the coastal road that felt like we were being sandblasted. Still, it was a great weekend together seeing things



The TRAACA begins arriving at the Virginia Living Museum

we've never seen before, without a bunch of tourists getting in the way. We managed to climb the 275 steps of the Cape Hatteras lighthouse, visit the Graveyard of the Atlantic museum, and tour some of the oldest surviving life-saving stations on the East Coast.

Well, we thought the weather was cooperating, and it certainly should have been warmer in Charlotte, NC, than it was. A cold blustery wind kept shorts and t-shirts packed away for this one. Ball caps, judging sheets, and tents were seen blowing all over the Charlotte Motor Speedway. But it was a great weekend scrounging through the flea market and enjoying what's become a traditional dinner at the Speedway Club. (Thanks, Charlie Daniels, for being a member!) Charlotte is always great, even if it is sometimes unseasonably cold, damp, rainy, muddy, or blistering hot. Variety is the spice of life.

About this time of year, we begin to lose track of time and the schedule gets a bit crazy. Our Square Car Tour was once again a big success with even more participants this year. For those who have never attended, you'd enjoy the slow, leisurely pace over country roads, led by the earliest cars in our club. I was proud to set the pace in the 1914 Ford Model T again this year. No, I didn't know I was speeding through that 35 MPH speed zone! Yes, you can take part in the tour in a newer, more roundy-shaped car, but you need to bring up the rear and keep up if you can!

The Old Dominion Meet was in Martinsville this year and, as always, the Martinsville-Danville Region did a great job putting the event together. A good contingent from Tidewater made the trek and brought home a lot of awards. A little moisture on show day was the only problem.

In May we learned what an LSO [Landing System Officer] is. That's the guy who waves at pilots as they attempt to land on an aircraft carrier. Everyone was amazed that they were so young and in charge of safely landing multi-million dollar aircraft on a moving runway. Impressive!

The AACA national Meets in Vineland, NJ, and Auburn, IN, kept us busy. No, it's just not possible to do everything—but we sure give it a good try. Of course the weather can be a factor, and it managed to drizzle on the meet in Vineland. In fact, the rain in Vineland was pretty bad. We had driven the MGB and it sits so close to the ground we were concerned we might float away on show day.

On the road again—to Williamsport, PA, for the Annual Grand National Meet. A new record was set—it was the largest Grand National Meet ever! There were a lot of cars to judge, and Tidewater put on one heck of a great show. The Browns, Elliotts, Heimerls, McAlpines, Dick McIninch, Mark Strang, and Treadwells all brought home what they went there for. Keeping up with tradition, show day ended with a little drizzle as the cars scampered from the show field. The meet was held



*Matt Doscher giving instructions before the Winter Warm-Up Run*

on the campus of the Pennsylvania College of Technology and they have a full automotive technology and restoration program. Wow, state-of-the-art equipment was everywhere! It sure wasn't like that when I went to school. The auto shop in 1965 consisted of an old beat up '58 Chevy station wagon and an old Craftsman toolbox that came from an auction somewhere.

I'm not sure why the summer kept getting hotter and hotter, but I did note that some of the few cars showing up for some events were equipped with air conditioning. But, keeping up with our plan to take at least three showers a day on weekends, a few of us tried to cool off by visiting Chippokes Plantation State Park in Surrey, VA. A small, sweaty group spent a lot of time in the air-conditioned gift shop that day!

We toured Kyle Yokum's Signature Hot Rods shop to see metal craftsmanship at its best. Andy Ott had several projects there including an unbelievable Model A pickup truck and a Stutz. Kyle does fantastic work. It was hotter than a torch and I don't understand how he can work with raw metal and not see rust spots from beads of sweat!

An absolute thrill was a neat tour of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. This was a behind-the-scenes tour that even took members down into the depths of the tube. Neil got an up-close and personal look at the traffic and reports he even saw the driver who steps on the brakes and goes uphill at 25 MPH, clogging everything up for the entire weekend.

There was a quick run up to Petersburg to visit Moss Motors to see what happens when you dial the 1-800 number to order parts for your little British car—impressive indeed. It was so hot you could hear the rubber on our tires snapping back as they became unstuck from the pavement as we motored along!

As a "warm up" (no pun intended), Charlie & Sandy Dawson invited us to visit their garage. Thanks Charlie & Sandy for the



*Frank Lagana thinning out his collection at the 2016 Swap Meet*



*The TRACA 2016 Square Car Tour taking a pit stop*

hospitality and the chance to see your collection and workshop. I believe one of our favorite things is getting inspired by other people's projects. Or maybe it's just an excuse to clean the garage when company comes to look.

Well, it didn't get much cooler for our big garage tour. That was one amazing event—we toured Dwight & Jane Schaubach's spacious garage and beautiful estate in Suffolk where we looked over two Duesenbergs and even a nicely restored Franklin. We then motored on to John & Lynn Heimerl's Airflow haven. After a great lunch at Smithfield Station, we got to visit Ron & Tina Pack's collection. Ron, I'm glad they didn't have you on schedule to do dishes at the restaurant that day. Almost a quick walk away was Lewis Little's impressive collection of cars and soda fountain memorabilia.

Planning was well under way for our 43rd Annual Meet, held again this year at the Military Aviation Museum in Pungo. We held a judging school the month before just as a warm-up. On show day the weather proved to be ideal, even a little warm. What a show it was. Tony Scarpelli and his team did a wonderful job organizing an impressive display of antique cars. A bustling flea market, great food, and, of course, the attraction of the antique aircraft made for a perfect old car kind of day. Softly playing in the background, well maybe not so softly, was the drone of piston-powered antique airplanes buzzing through the skies all day long. To say it was a big success is an understatement! I think we'll do it again next year.

Did somebody say there was a big car show in Pennsylvania? Once again, more than half the club made the journey north to chocolate-land—Hershey, PA—for a week over-dosing on everything antique automotive. Susan walked over 30 miles in the swap meet according to her Fitbit. We've discovered technology is a great tool as we were texting pictures of goodies back and forth all day, comparing notes and prices, and buying treasure. It was great to be able to just stay at the flea market stall while Susan was out looking and finding things. She would send a photo, and I'd quickly let her know to buy or pass. I could stay & sell and she could come back periodically to replenish the money supply. When it was my turn to wander we just reversed the process. So, in keeping with our weather theme this year, most of Hershey was unseasonably warm. Yes, there was a little drizzle on show day, but what a spectacular display of cars! Our members who brought cars to show, or even sell, all did well, and Jim Villers, as a first timer, was thrilled to get an award with his freshly restored Jeep. I believe he is hooked on the Hershey experience!

After that exhausting week we rested a bit by going to an indoor drive-in movie. Bob Hanbury treated us to a wonderful evening, drive-in movie style. There was popcorn, hotdogs, a balloon magician, a tour of his amazing warehouse and shop, and then an enjoyable evening watching the movie "Tucker:



*Part of the show field at the club's 2016 Annual Meet*

The Man and His Dream." The only things missing were being in the backseat with your love, and your buddies in the trunk that you tried to sneak in! It was simply a great Tidewater Region evening.

Another great Chili Cook-Off and our always-fun November silent auction rounded out the season—and here we are once again, wondering where the time went and how we managed to squeeze so much into a year. And, we didn't even talk about monthly dinner meetings, Doumar's ice cream, other car shows like Classics on the Green in New Kent, or the week-long MG club tour to Louisville, KY, for an 800-vehicle, waist-high car show on the waterfront, where Susan got a second place for her 1948 MGTC! I guess when you write the Christmas letter, you can squeeze in a little pride of your own.

We can't close out the year though without mentioning how proud we are of our own Bob & Dot Parrish, our AACA National President and First Lady. They've done us proud, attending every national meet and tour, carrying the Tidewater Region reputation with them. Gosh, we've already had three National Presidents, and I'm going out on a short limb and telling you that another of our National Directors, Jim Elliott, has a promising career in AACA leadership as well. Now I must tell you, I have been keeping score all year and if I had to give Bob a "report card" for his term I'd have to say he's tried hard, but I did hear him give the same speech twice. Still, a great job at the helm. Coming from someone whose been there and done that—it ain't easy!

Along the way, we've ventured off to places like Hilton Head for a concours, meets and tours out west, up north and down south, shows and rallies of all kinds, and visited museums and, as always, ate too much along the way. But we survived the trip and we're ready for the next one. It's all about the journey and who you travel with.

*Terry pauses and takes a sip of scotch . . .  
With a little melancholy and perhaps a tear in the eye...*

When I was a little kid, I used to write letters to Santa. It's been a long time. I guess either I got everything I wanted, or maybe I just stopped believing in the jolly fat man with the white beard. But you know, there is one thing that I never got. Probably because I never wished for it. It wasn't so important back then as it is now. As the years go slipping by.

If there is a Santa, I'd write and ask for a way to somehow bottle up all these memories. Then I could take a big swig whenever I felt a little bit alone, or melancholy, and began yearning for "the good old days." A sweet drink of that elixir would rest my soul, and instantly I'd be thankful again for all my friends and all the good times we've had. I want that to last forever.

Thanks, Santa.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.



*TRAACA members visiting Lewis Little's garage last August*



## Making Memories

By Charles Crane

### **AACA VP Regions Development & Support**

(Reprinted from the Fall 2016 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



I grew up in the 1950s in Michigan in an area west of Detroit, and was privileged to spend much time at the Henry Ford Museum where a strong interest in automotive history was forged. My father was a founding member of the Model A Restorer's Club in Michigan and I attended the first national meet of the MARC in 1955 at the Ford Rotunda in Dearborn. Looking back pleurably on a lifetime of old cars and the people associated with them, I recognize the great gift I've received. Unfortunately, the car world has changed tremendously and the bulk of our younger people have never been exposed to what turned all of our AACA members into gearheads. Several generations see newer cars as merely servants that are thrown away when they break because only trained technicians can expensively work on them. The car auctions show our antiques at prices only the wealthy can afford. Our hobby is shrinking and club membership is dropping. So what can we do?

This might sound trite and it has certainly been said before. Drive your old cars and be visible in your community with them. Even if we do own a show car, I bet we also have a nice DPC (Driver Participation Class) vehicle that we're not afraid to take out. If you're fortunate to belong to an AACA Region, get a few cars together for a regular breakfast meeting, attend a cruise night in your town as a group, start one if you don't have any, or invite an interested adult or teenager for a short ride. Help create a memory for those people who don't know what it means to be a gearhead. They may be future members of AACA. I hosted a first cruise night in our town and it brought out a recent high school graduate who got his grandfather's 1962 Thunderbird running for the event and received a lot of answers to many of his questions. A gearhead? You bet.

Grass roots efforts do bring results. If every one of us takes a bit of time to find potential new members by doing what we all love—driving our old cars—we can turn this situation around. Just remember, "IF IT IS TO BE, IT'S UP TO ME!" Please do your part to keep our hobby alive for future generations.



## Do You Need A New Judging Challenge?

By Jim Elliott

### **AACA VP Judging Administration**

(Reprinted from the Fall 2016 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



Are you ready for a new challenge? Do you feel that you have reached your peak in field judging?

To me, field judging is second only to exhibiting a show car in terms of reward. I always enjoy seeing different automobiles and marvel at the perfect restorations seen at our national meets. But, if you dread having to judge the chassis, judging administration may be an alternative worth considering. The "admin team" is a dedicated group that is responsible for the accurate transcription of the field judging results. This, in turn, provides the basis for properly presenting the correct earned

award for each of the show cars exhibited.

Qualifying for the admin team is similar to qualifying as a field judge. You must attend judging school, complete the apprentice program and attend the Judging Administration CJE class. Members of the admin team receive the same judging credits and judging incentives as a field judge.

Admin team members can alternate between field judging and the admin office at different meets. This allows you to experience both sides of judging.

The admin team is always accepting new members. If you would like to give it a try, simply indicate "admin" in place of a class choice when you register to judge. It's a choice that could lead you to a whole new judging experience.



## **AACA Calendar of Events**

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### **FEBRUARY 2017**

9-11 **AACA Annual Meeting**  
Philadelphia, PA

23-25 **AACA Winter Meet**  
Ocala, FL

### **MARCH 2017**

23-26 **Western Spring Meet**  
Palm Springs, CA

### **APRIL 2017**

6-9 **Southeastern Spring Meet**  
Charlotte, NC

25-28 **Western Division Tour**  
Sonora, CA

### **MAY 2017**

11-13 **Special Spring Meet**  
Auburn, IN

26-27 **AACA Eastern Spring Meet**  
Huntington, WV

### **JUNE 2017**

4-9 **Founders Tour (1932-later)**  
Gettysburg, PA

15-17 **Annual Grand National Meet**  
Independence, MO

### **AUGUST 2017**

17-19 **Central Fall Meet**  
Bettendorf, IA

### **SEPTEMBER 2017**

17-22 **Glidden Tour (AACA-hosted)**  
Hastings, NE

### **OCTOBER 2017**

4-7 **Eastern Fall Meet**  
Hershey, PA

### **FEBRUARY 2018**

8-10 **AACA Annual Meeting**  
Philadelphia, PA

### **APRIL 2018**

5-7 **Southeastern Spring Meet**  
Charlotte, NC

### **MAY 2018**

11-12 **Central Spring Meet**  
Auburn, IN

18-20 **Eastern Spring Meet**  
Cape Cod, MA

31- **Annual Grand National Meet**  
3 Jun Greensburg, PA

### **JUNE 2018**

3-8 **Sentimental Tour**  
Seward, NE





# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



## Members celebrating birthdays in January



Jerry Adams	Phyllis Hund
Thomas Bottoni	Dana Meadows
Holly Chipchak	Carol Miles
Jane Cutright	Hilary Pavlidis
Charlie Dawson	John Singletary
Lynette Dimitry	Sandra Singletary
Tyler Gimbert	Sue Strang
Jo Ann Green	Lisa Sturniolo
Diane Gresalfi	Boyd Swartz
Richard Hall	Thomas Wedeking
Pamela Hamilton-Bond	



## Members celebrating anniversaries in January



Jerry & Ellen Adams  
 Jimmy & Sarah Flanders  
 Richard & Sandy Hall  
 Dennis & Paula Hennessey  
 Jon & Mollie Hunger  
 Bob & Josie Kinker  
 Gerard & Mary Lou Olson  
 Bob & Linda Pellerin  
 Gordon & Melinda Spence

## Sunshine Report

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Melanie Kordis** fell recently, injured both hands and broke her left thumb, and is recovering well.
- **Betty Villers** is recovering well from her recent knee replacement surgery and continues her physical therapy.

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to Vickie Doscher at 672-3755 or vlv78@hotmail.com.



## Recent Award Winners



### Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance—Hilton Head Island, SC

Bob & Linda Pellerin 1937 Volvo PV51  
 Invited Participant

### Trump Concours d'Elegance—Charlotte, NC

Jim & Donna Elliott 1928 Auburn convertible sedan  
 Best in Show

## TRAACA Annual Awards Banquet & Board Induction Ceremony Saturday, January 21, 2017

Our January Dinner Meeting is our Annual Awards Banquet and Board of Directors Induction Ceremony. It is on Saturday, January 21st, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Dinner is a roast beef carving station, Chicken Marsala, citrus salmon with orange glaze, au gratin potatoes, green bean almondine, brown sugar-glazed carrots, house salad, and chef's selection of desserts. The cost of the banquet is being subsidized by the club and is only \$25 per member.

The banquet will begin with a social hour from 5:00-6:00 PM, followed by a brief business meeting, presentation of the annual awards, and induction of the 2017 Board: Mark McAlpine—President; Matt Doscher—Vice President; Vickie Doscher—Secretary; Charlie Dawson—Treasurer; and Board Members Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, Hilary Pavlidis, and Bill Treadwell.

*Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend.*

## TRAACA "Hard Luck Award"

While cleaning out the club trailer, Matt Doscher discovered the "Hard Luck Award" that was sponsored by Ken & Barbara Talley and Bill & Karen Wilcox. It is a creative trophy with a miniature wrecker, a gas gauge, and a wrench holding a classic telephone receiver. The trophy has been presented twice: to Tony Scarpelli & Leslie McGinn for a starter failure on the club's April 2010 Spring Tour and to Dana & Debbie Meadows for "numerous problems" with their 1949 Packard on the club's June 2010 tour. The trophy has lain dormant since then.

The Hard Luck Trophy is such an interesting trophy that the Board has decided to resurrect the award and to present it annually, when appropriate, along with the club's other awards.

The award will be presented to the club member experiencing a vehicle-related issue while driving to/from or participating in a TRAACA activity or an AACA event. Anyone who knows of a member (including themselves) eligible for this memorable recognition should provide the Awards Committee a description

of the incident, conditions, and recovery. The TRAACA Board will select the recipient based upon the seriousness of the incident and the creativity of the member in recovering from it.

The Hard Luck Trophy is intended to be a fun trophy that recognizes the good humor and creative response of members in response to difficulties on the road. Contributions from other members can be an important component in the award decision. Likewise, documenting the incident with an article for *The Mudflap* can be an effective method for being considered for this award.





**2017**

# Hampton Roads International Auto Show

Friday-Sunday, January 13-15, 2017  
Virginia Beach Convention Center

Admission: \$10 adults  
(\$3-off coupons available online)  
Children 12 & younger: Free  
Senior Citizens (65 & older) & Military: \$7



**DOWN THE ROAD**

## Other Regional and Local Events

### JANUARY 2017

- 13-15 Hampton Roads International Auto Show Virginia Beach, VA
- 14-22 North American International Auto Show Detroit, MI
- 20-22 Auto Mania Indoor Swap Meet Allentown, PA

### MARCH 2017

- 24-25 Sugarloaf Mtn Region AACA Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet Westminster, MD

### APRIL 2017

- 6-9 Southeastern Spring Meet Charlotte AutoFair Charlotte, NC
- 22 18th Annual British and European Car Show Williamsburg, VA
- 19-23 Spring Carlisle Carlisle, PA
- 21-22 64th ODMA Meet Founders Inn & Spa Virginia Beach, VA



**TRAACA**

# Annual Swap Meet

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Military Aviation Museum  
1341 Princess Anne Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23457

*Free Swap Meet admission & parking for spectators.  
(Admission to museum not included.)*

*Indoor and outdoor vendor spaces available. Registration forms and more information available by mid-January at club website: [www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com).*



TRAACA members listen to Terry Bond read his "TRAACA Christmas Letter" at the club's Holiday Brunch on Dec 11th. (Photo by Wes Neal.)



## EDITOR'S DESK

**Mark McAlpine**

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Happy New Year! Marion & I hope each of you had a great Christmas and got to spend time with family and friends.

I always find the start of a new year both a time of great expectations of things to come and a time of reflection. 2017 promises me a new job, a new house (with a bigger garage!), probable retirement, and, who knows, maybe that new "old" car or two that Marion & I have been wanting to buy for some time but didn't have the garage space to accommodate.

2017 also offers plenty of opportunities to participate in old car activities. On the AACA level the first big event of the year is the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on 9-11 February. This is the year to go. You already know about the great seminars, good food, fun with fellow club members from near and afar, and the presentation of the annual AACA national awards (which a number of TRAACA members are receiving!). But this year's meeting is even more special: after their stellar performances over the past year as the AACA President & First Lady, our own Bob & Dot Parrish pass the leadership baton to our own Tom & Tammy Cox. Add in Jim Elliott taking on new responsibilities in his second year on the national Board of Directors (and Terry & Susan Bond attending as former president & first lady), and you'll see that our region is very well represented at the national level. You need to attend. Having one TRAACA member hand off the national presidency to another TRAACA member is unlikely to ever happen again.

After the AACA Annual Meeting, the 2017 national meets & tours follow quickly. The meets start with the one in Ocala, FL, on 23-25 February, then one in Palm Springs, CA, on 23-26 March, Charlotte, NC, on 6-9 April, Auburn, IN, on 11-13 May,

and Huntington, WV, on 26-27 May. The first Divisional Tour may be too far away for many—it's on 25-28 April in Sonoma, CA—but the Founder's Tour is in Gettysburg, PA, on 4-9 June. Make a New Year resolution to attend a national event this year.

At the regional level, our Activities Committee has planned some fun things for us to do every month this year. Look for the calendar in the February *Mudflap*, but it kicks off with a trip to a classical guitar concert in Norfolk, VA, on Friday, 27 January.

Our annual Swap Meet is on Saturday, 11 March, at the Military Aviation Museum in Pungo. Bring those extra spare parts you have collecting dust, or some stuff you don't need anymore, and sell it to those of us who need or want it. Then, before you leave, buy some new "old" treasures. And we could really use your help with pulling off the Swap Meet. Please contact Terry Bond to volunteer a few hours helping plan, advertise, set up, or run the Swap Meet or to clean up afterward.

The Christmas & New Year's holiday period always causes me to be a bit melancholic, especially when I listen to old songs like Bob Seger's (another Detroit boy!) "Like a Rock":

*Twenty years now . . . where'd they go?  
Twenty years . . . I don't know.  
I sit and wonder sometimes . . . where they've gone.*

*And sometimes late at night . . .  
When I'm bathed in the firelight,  
The moon comes callin', a ghostly white.  
And I recall. I recall.*

Time flies . . . and it seems to fly faster the older I get. We've all lost family members and good friends too soon. It should make us realize that we don't know our expiration dates. Don't put off doing those fun or special things you've always wanted to do. Remember: as another old rock song (by Credence Clearwater Revival this time) says: *Someday never comes.*

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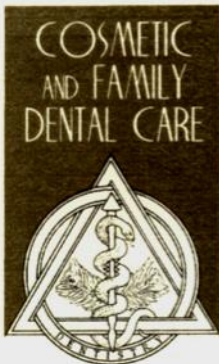
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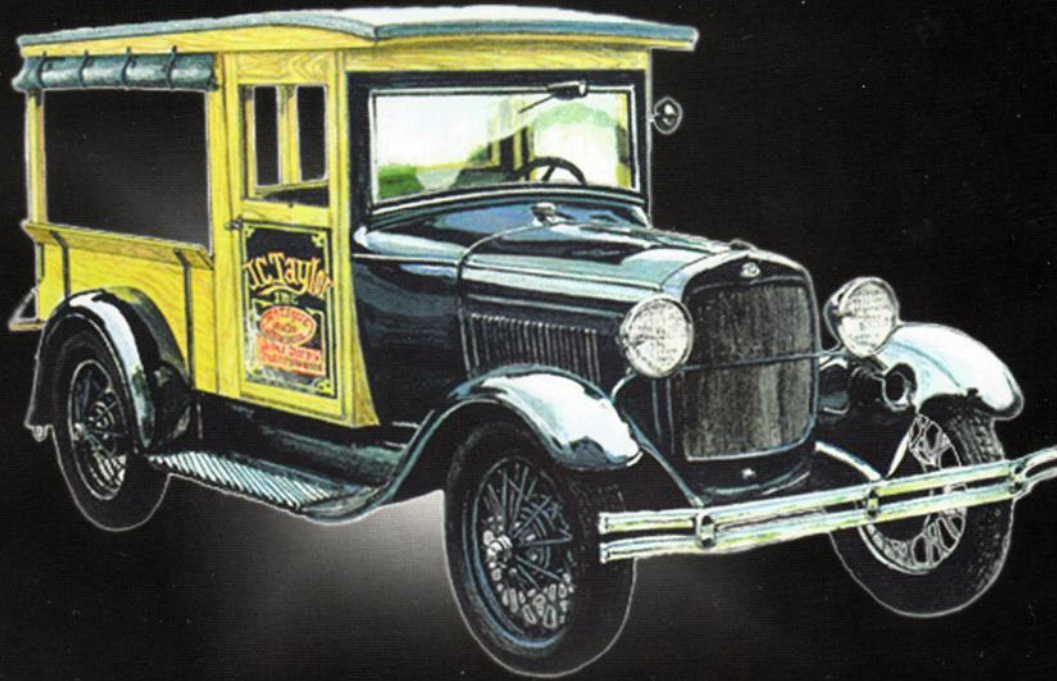
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