

The Mudflap

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TRAACA tour of Bay City Classics Restoration Shop March 19



TRAACA is going on tour. Join us for the tour of Bay City Classics Restoration Shop at 6970 N. Military Hwy. Norfolk from 9-11 am. A gathering for lunch to follow the tour. Need RSVP's by March 10. Please call Tammy Park at 757-450-7672. Donuts and coffee provided



Get Lost Again with Robyn, Bill, and Ken A TRAACA picnic outing with roasted oysters. March 26



Join us at the Hampton, Virginia Lowes Parking Lot 2002 Power Plant Pkwy, Hampton, VA 23666 near I-64 and Mercury Boulevard on Saturday March 26 at 9:30 AM. We will travel on routes 134 and 17 to Big Island Aquaculture at 2149 Big Island View Road in Hayes, Virginia. The location is on an inlet off of the bay with a 300 to 400 foot driveway of gravel to get to the oyster farm. We will learn about raising oysters from Bruce and Kathy Vogt. They will provide us with roasted oysters as snacks. Bring your own lunch and beverage of your choice. Also please bring your own lawn chair or two to recline in. We will have plenty of room to sit down and eat our lunch. After the tour, we will leave and drive to downtown Gloucester and tour the Gloucester Museum of History and Courthouse. After the tour you can depart on a route of your choice for home.



A 1960 Lincoln-Continental Mark V in the National Parts Depot (NPD) Collection in Ocala, FL (visited during the 2019 AACA Winter Nationals). See more of the collection on Pages 4 - 7.



TRAACA CALENDAR

March 2022

- 10 TRAACA Monthly Board Meeting
- 17 TRAACA Monthly Dinner Meeting—Chesapeake Convention Center
- 19—Bay City Classics Restoration Shop Tour
- 26—drive to Gloucester and trip to an oyster farm

April 2022

- 14—TRAACA Monthly Board Meeting
- 21—TRAACA Monthly Dinner Meeting

May 2022

- 12—TRAACA Monthly Board Meeting
- 19—21 AACA Grand Nationals Founders Inn Va. Bch hosted by TRAACA.

Check traaca.com/calendar.htm for the latest info on upcoming events!



President's Podium

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The President's Podium

The weather is starting to give us some signs that winter may be ending. Before we know it, spring will be here. Like our cars, we must prepare ourselves for getting out of our warm houses and on the road. This year we are going to get back to the new normal and with any luck like the old normal. The activities committee has been busy with a full schedule starting with a tour led by Bill Wilcox on March 26 to Gloucester and an oyster farm, more details to follow. April has many shows and May will have us hosting the Grand Nationals. This show will be a large event and your help is needed. Please don't hesitate in volunteering. I attended the national convention where I had the honor of representing our region at the President's Dinner. The board had voted on a \$2500 donation that I presented to national. I got to meet other regional presidents while there. At the main banquet, I saw many of our former regional presidents now as officers on the national level. We are a very fortunate regions indeed! I also got to see national awards given t out local members. Congratulations all!

Tim Hund TRACA President

Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

Members will be contacted via e-mail to obtain their RSVPs for the club's monthly dinner meeting. (Members without e-mail will be contacted by phone.) If you will be attending, please respond to Skip Patnode's e-mail by the requested date and let him know how many people will be coming. (There is no need to respond if you are not coming.) Skip will reply to you once he adds you to his attendance list. **It is critical that you respond** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. If you are not receiving Skip's e-mails or want to be taken off the list, please contact him at skippatnode@cox.net or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!



Have Your Car's Photo in the AACA Grand Nationals Program!

Place Your Car's Photo in the AACA Grand Nationals Program!

Help support the Tidewater Region as it holds the 2022 AACA Grand Nationals this coming May by placing a photograph of your car in the souvenir program for the Grand Nationals. The car does not have to be a Grand National Award-winner (but should be an AACA-eligible car). Funds raised will help offset the cost of the program and other non-reimbursable expenses for the show. Business card-size photos (1/8-page size photos) are only \$40 and half-page photos are \$150. E-mail a high-resolution color photograph of your car (JPEG format only, please) to Susan and Terry Bond at terryaaca@cox.net, and mail your check (made out to "TRAACA Grand Nationals") to Terry Bond at 541 Forest Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322. Thank you very much for your support!

Request for Silent Auction Items: The 2022 AACA Grand Nationals event is fast approaching! I am collecting items to be used for the Silent Auction during the 2002 AACA Grand Nationals event in May. Please consider donating to the Silent Auction. Anything and everything is welcomed! I will be collecting items at the dinner meetings during the months of February, March and April.

If you have any questions or would like to donate an item, please contact Tammy Park at 757-450-7672 or tammy_1_park@yahoo.com. (See page 12 for more info)

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From the Running Board

February 3, 2022 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes *(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)*

TRAACA Board Meeting

Officer's Present: Tim Hund, Bill Treadwell, Douglas Grosz, Tammy Park. Board Members present: Fred Cole, Skip Patnode, Dick Chipchak, Jerry Adams. President Emeritus: Wayne Milligan Club members present: Harry Park

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

President: Thanked everyone for taking time to be here.

Vice President: Thanked everyone for coming out.

Secretary's Report: Region Officer and Roster information submitted to National AACA successfully. January report submitted and approved electronically.

Treasurer's Report: Reports were provided in an advance electronically by Tammy Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities:

Calendar by activities committee was prepared and distributed on paper. Thank you, Bob Stein and committee.

July 23 will be the Swap Meet because of a date conflict with Nansemond Suffolk Academy.

Restaurants:

Dinner meetings still be chaired by Wayne and Carol Milligan. Since January's dinner was cancelled, the menu moved to February's dinner

Board Meeting will move to Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk starting in March with a 6 pm start.

Membership:

As of January 30, 152 memberships and 262 members.

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Discussion about the renewal process and current practice of offering to allow members to renew for both National and TRAACA on the same form. Some members feel we are requiring them to renew through us for National even though the form says it is a courtesy and that you can renew directly with National if you choose and if you want to make sure that National has your renewal processed before the end of December. Discussed that some have paid for both memberships through TRAACA and submitted for National membership directly, causing the requirement of a refund from TRAACA. Will be up for continued discussion in the next board meeting.

Ongoing Business:

Grand National Updates – already registering for trailer parking with some special requests on the trailer parking.

New Business:

Position to fill: Need a club ODMA representation, currently Richard and Sandy Hall and Mark and Marion McAlpine. Mark and Marion are finishing their time as representatives to ODMA and we need a replacement. Bill Treadwell agreed to go to the next ODMA meeting.

Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR
CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned at 7:57pm. Next board meeting is 6:00pm Thursday, March 10 at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk.



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NPD Car Collection—Pt 2 Ocala, FL



Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

This is the second of two articles about the National Parts Depot (NPD) Collection. This article highlights vehicles in the collection from model year 1960 and newer.

As I mentioned in last month's article, Marion & I were fortunate to be able to visit the NPD Collection when we attended the 2019 Winter Nationals in Ocala, FL. (For those unfamiliar with NPD, it is the largest restoration parts business in the country.) It is an amazing collection of beautiful cars and trucks. For reasons unknown to me, while there are a few long-extinct marques and some Dodge and Chrysler cars in the collection, most of the vehicles are Ford Motor Company (including Lincoln and Mercury) and General Motors models, with a particular emphasis on vehicles of the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. What is especially impressive is many of the vehicles are unrestored original vehicles and most of the vehicles have low mileage on them.

Last month's article featured vehicles in the collection from 1959 and older. This article highlights vehicles from 1960 and newer. There are too many incredible vehicles to include in this short article, but I want to highlight several that stood out. One is the 1960 Pontiac Bonneville shown below which has just over 43,000 miles on it. The display placard explains that "While the car was a bit 'barn worn,' requiring restoration, the original interior was perfect." The restoration was completed in 1998 and the car is gorgeous.

The 1961 Ford Galaxie "Hi-Po" on display is 100% original and unrestored with only 1,550 miles on it. It's display placard explains that the original owner was a young mechanic at a Ford dealership, and that within the first two weeks that he owned the car he got into so much trouble with the local police that his parents took the car away from him.

The 1961 Ford Galaxie 500 on display has less than 5 miles on it. Its display placard says the car's original owner was Mr. Bob Mercer, the owner of a small Ford dealership in Hickman, Nebraska, who "would 'set aside' one new vehicle every year to keep for posterity. In the 1990s Mr. Mercer's health declined, and he sold his collection of 9 brand-new Fords, 5 of which (including this '62 Galaxie) now reside in the 'NPD Collection' of Jim and Rick Schmidt."

The gold 1963 Chevrolet Impala SS Sport Coupe shown on the back cover was the 50-millionth Chevrolet built. "It received a show-quality special hue of 'Anniversary Gold,' a 340-horsepower 409 cubic-inch V8 and most available options." After the special ceremony when the car rolled off the production line, the car was displayed at Chevrolet dealers around the country. Despite having only have 92 miles on it, the car received a body-off restoration. (I guess even special cars show wear & tear after being moved around and stored for decades.) It received the AACA James Melton Memorial Cup for "Outstanding Senior Award Car" in 2003.

You may recognize the white 1974 Mercury Cougar XR7 from Mercury TV commercials of the time ("The Sign of the Cat") or may even have seen it on display at your local Lincoln-Mercury dealership. (Chauncey the cougar was usually draped across the hood.) The car is covered with autographs of celebrities and politicians who were photographed with Chauncey and the car. Each autograph is documented with a photo of the car being signed.)

The NPD Collection is not open to the public, but by special arrangement it is opened occasionally to car clubs and other organizations. If you ever have the opportunity to visit the collection, don't hesitate—it's phenomenal.



1960 Pontiac Bonneville Sports Coupe on display at the NPD Collection in Ocala, FL



1960 Buick Electra 225



1960 Chevrolet Impala convertible



1960 Lincoln Continental Mark V convertible



1960 Oldsmobile Super 88 sedan



1960 Chevrolet Impala SS



Unrestored 1961 Ford Galaxie "Hi-Po" hardtop



Unrestored 1962 Oldsmobile Starfire hardtop with 37,000 miles



Unrestored 1962 Ford Galaxie 500 with less than 5 miles on it



“Chauncey’s Cougar”—1974 Mercury Cougar XR7



Unrestored 1963 Cadillac Series 62 with less than 32,000 miles



1964 Chevrolet Impala SS coupe



1964 Lincoln Continental convertible



1964 Pontiac Bonneville sedan



1965 Oldsmobile Starfire coupe



1988 Chevrolet K-5 Blazer 4x4 with only 275 original miles



1990 Dodge Stealth R/T Turbo AWD (with another white one behind it)



1999 Mercury "My Mercury" concept car



1983 Hurst Oldsmobile



***Still Collecting –
More Pandemic Purchases***

By Terry Bond

Hershey last fall was certainly a breath of fresh air for collectors. It's always great to get together with old friends and share our discoveries.

Following that, there remained anticipation of a lull while the holiday season soon ramped up. Now, winter is in its waning moments and the virus seems to be diminishing.

But, until spring breaks and we can get out antique hunting again, spending time at home continues to open other possibilities for collecting. The internet of course is the go-to resource during times like this.

THE FAN

One of my usual resources produced yet another great version of the illustrated advertising folding fan. This great early version promoted perfume. Unfolding it produces a faint whiff of some ancient concoction that still remains somewhat pleasant to this day, after over 100 years!



Early 1900s advertising lady's fan illustrated by Montaut.

These fans were illustrated by noted French graphic artist Ernest Montaut. This one is in near mint condition and was in its original box. I am fortunate to have two other variations on this fan in my collection. Both of them advertise different luxury hotels, one in Paris and one in New York. The automobile illustrated on this version is slightly larger than the others. Remember-3 is a collection!

WORLD-WIDE EBAYING

Ebay has many different versions of its popular on-line flea market. There is one for nearly every country on the globe. I frequently watch both the Great Britain and French sites.

Not long ago, a very unusual early spark plug turned up in England. It is a French plug from the 1904-6 era. The first one I'd ever seen was in a major collection sold several years ago. It was purchased by one of

the world's top collectors who spent well for it. The competition was left in the dust as collectors around the world entered the fray.

The plug newly listed was oddly described as an "early ignition plug with window." Nothing about automobile or "spark" was in the listing, so I thought perhaps it might be overlooked by anyone searching for a "spark plug" or "antique automobile" item.

I watched for a week and using a sniping program to automatically place a last second bid, I held my breath (and wallet).

I was surprised to win the auction at less than half what I'd expected to pay! Shipping from the UK was fast and safe and when I announced my acquisition, indeed-many had not seen it listed.

Once the plug was safely in-hand, I let a few collecting friends know what I'd discovered. Word traveled surprisingly fast, especially among some of the under-bidders in Europe who had been watching (or bidding).



French made "Dumo" spark plug, circa 1904-06.

Congratulations came in from many parts of the world and I learned mine is the fourth one known to exist among collectors. It's an amazing plug in brass with two removable glass viewing ports in the sides of the base. A wonderful "Pandemic Purchase" for sure!

VALENTINE'S DAY

Since it was getting close to Valentine's Day, I had

decided to begin an internet search for “Automobile Valentines.” I’ve collected these for many years. The early European produced fold-out valentines are the most beautiful you can find. They however are very delicate. Die-cut, embossed and made with nothing more than stuff paper and tissue, survival is difficult without some damage. Finding pristine examples is not easy and prices rise to “stupid” for some of them. My collection includes some great examples picked up over the years and displayed in a nice antique showcase.



My valentine collection on display.

About 15 years ago, there was an absolutely fantastic valentine in an auction in London I’d never seen before.

I registered for the auction and was prepared to pay well for it, but all I could do was sit at the computer and watch the bidding go beyond my maximum in just a few seconds. It finally sold for three times what I thought. Add a 15% buyer’s premium, a currency exchange fee, shipping and handling....you can see it was just not to be.

Fast-forward to a few weeks ago. I was having an email conversation with a friend who also collects them. I concluded my email with - “well, with Valentine’s Day just around the corner, it’s time to start watching for them on ebay again.” After sending that email, I logged into ebay and typed in “Antique Automobile Valentine.” Bingo! There it was!!!! I couldn’t believe I was look at one of those same valentines. I’d not seen another one since that 15 year-ago

auction defeat. It had just been listed and had a buy-it-now price of just \$48.00. Compared to the last one I saw, the decimal point was either in the wrong place or it was the bargain of the century. I held my breath and BOUGHT IT NOW!



Rare “Love in a Motor” valentine by Raphael Tuck, London, 1903. Front of the car folds down and flowers and love-birds pop out.

It’s time to rearrange things in that display case!

THE TAPESTRY

This beautiful “tapestry” is just amazing. It came from an antique dealer in New England that I’d bought from before. She thought I might like it. I did not hesitate.



1902 printed tapestry

It is printed in beautiful, bold colored ink on linen. While it's just a piece of fabric to most, it's actually an item that could have multiple uses. Colorful prints like these were sold in turn-of-the-century dry-goods stores along with other sewing materials. They became decorative pillow covers and sometimes draft screens. Mounted in a wood framework, they would stand in front of a fireplace to shield chimney drafts when there was no fire. Some were actually just framed to become wall decorations. This one has never been used and was carefully folded with ancient tissue paper protecting the printed surface. The name of the printer and the date "1902" is in the bottom right corner.

TWO MORE LADIES DRIVING

I did not purposely collect to a theme this past month, but yet another two pretty ladies driving showed up recently.

This beautiful print came from an unexpected source. My "want list" is posted in many places, including several art and antique galleries across the country. In early December, as Sue and I were having a discussion about how difficult it is to buy gifts for each other, I received an email from an art/antiques gallery in Ohio. We'd stopped on the way home from the Auburn AACA meet last year and I'd left my business card with them. Here was a print they thought might interest me. They sent a small image without any indication of its size. But, it was a striking image I thought might solve the gift problem – so we decided to buy it. Our full intention was to wrap it and place it under the Christmas tree.

A few days later, the UPS truck backed into our driveway, and out came a gigantic box. I had no idea what was in it, but upon opening its many protective layers, out came this fabulous, fully framed lithograph. It was printed in Germany in 1911 and is signed by the artist Hamilton King.

Hamilton King was a prolific magazine and commercial illustrator who is best known for illustrating all those fantastic early Coca-Cola calendars and serving trays with pretty ladies. Most of his work is seen on magazine covers though. I do not know if this illustration ever graced the cover of a magazine, but I do have the same image on a postcard in my collection.

The framing is beautifully done and nicely complements it. Best of all, it was on sale. Framing alone would cost more than twice what I paid, including shipping. I rearranged some of my "wall-hangers" and it's now proudly on view in our family room. It measures 30" x 24".



LET'S HAVE A BEER!

Decorative beer steins have been popular collector's items for a long time. They originated in Germany. The lids on these tankards were designed to keep flies from swimming in your beer. Yes-that's true!

There are all kinds of steins that were decorated with whimsical humorous scenes. There are also more serious scenes depicting historical events. Organizational steins were issued to members. In the early days of the automobile, a few were illustrated with motoring scenes.

The best of them were made by the Villeroy and Boch potters in Mettlach, Germany during what is considered "the golden age of the stein" – 1885-1910.



Few with automobiles were produced and one in particular stands out. Among collectors it is considered the "holy grail" of automobile steins. A rare opportunity presented itself just recently.

Villeroy and Boch Mettlach automobile stein, 1909.

This is an organizational stein, produced for the German Automobile Club (*Kaiserlicher Automobil Club*) which was founded in 1899 as the *Atomobilclub von Deutschland*.

The initials used on the stein's lid help to identify and date it. When the club was founded originally in 1899, the name was abbreviated as "AvD." In 1904, Emperor Wilhelm II became honorary president and changed the name, using the initials "KAC."

Following WWI, the club reverted back to its original name and once again used the initials "AvD."

In 1910, a fire destroyed the factory where this particular stein was produced. The base of the stein carries the Villeroy and Boch markings along with an inscribed date 11/27/09.



Stein

lid showing automobile club initials "KAC."

These turn up at auction on rare occasions and usually command prices between \$1200-\$1500. Mine was a bargain from someone who had bought an entire collection and sought some advice about it. He made a handsome profit, but I've got the stein!

BUT WAIT – THERE'S MORE!

Pins, buttons, fobs have always managed to find me. From a wide range of sources, they continue to accumulate. I'm glad they don't take up much space. Small glass front "trays" known as "Riker Mounts" are perfect for them. Divided compartments keep them somewhat organized and present them nicely.

To close this article, I'll illustrate with a grouping of items recently acquired from a variety of sources, including antique shops, jewelry stores, and of course the internet. All were very inexpensive, except the fabulous early Pierce Arrow pin. Yes, somebody else has the money, but, I've got the pin!!!



Selection of pins, buttons and a gold locket. All circa 1904-1912.

FORD FOB

As a Model T enthusiast, it's only natural that Ford items would be a big part of my collection. Fobs like this have been reproduced and are actually quite common.

I knew there had to be an original out there somewhere. I was offered to me privately from another collector recently and I did not hesitate. It was reasonably priced and is in fine condition, displaying near perfect dark blue enamel and tarnished silver plating over brass. It also bears the proper markings on the back showing the name of the manufacturer that produced it – Greenduck, Chicago.

The known reproductions have no markings on the back and there is no blue enamel in the early style Ford winged logo beneath the touring car. Looking at the quality of production, the clear definition shown in the spoke wheels, and other tiny details verifies its originality. I'm pleased to add it to my collection after searching for many years.



Early Ford Model T era watch fob.

There is more out there so, as always, happy collecting—even when you can't go far.

Terry

Request for Raffle and Silent Auction Items

By Marion McAlpine, Chairperson 2022 Grand Nationals

There is just under 3 months until the TRAACA will be hosting the 2022 AACA Grand Nationals. Tammy Park, Chairperson for the Raffle and Silent Auctions, has been soliciting for items for the last several months. The items will be on display on Thursday, Friday and most of Saturday. It would be great to have some really nice items to attract people to come in and purchase tickets or place bids for their chance to win terrific items. Everyone loves to win!

If every family in the TRAACA region donated something worth at least \$20.00 in value, we would be well on our way to having an awesome and successful auction.

Items are usually put in a basket or container as a group with similar items. For example, local wines can be combined with wine glasses, placemats and opening tools; a spa basket with gift card and pampering items; baking items and select coffees; taste of Virginia goodies with local made in Virginia items; or a large wash bucket with car detailing items. There are endless ideas. Take a look at the photographs of some baskets from a previous AACA show.

Any and all items are welcome (but should be in good condition). Car cleaning supplies, baking items, candles, tools, wine, home décor items, just to name a few. You can even regift that Christmas item that did not quite work for you. If you don't feel you have the time to put together a basket, you can make a monetary donation and the Auction team will do the shopping.

Tammy has received some nice items, but she needs many more! If you need ideas or have questions on how the auction will be run, please contact Tammy Park at (757) 450-7672.



FIRST LADIES BREAKFAST 2022

By Marty Sugermeyer with Donna Elliott photos by Marty Sugermeyer

. Having gone to the First Ladies Breakfast (FLB) since the early 1990's, I have always enjoyed the programs, seeing old friends from all over the country, and making new friends. The FLB planned by Donna Elliott for the 86th Annual Convention in Gettysburg was amazing.

She hired the Murder Mystery Company out of Baltimore for a fun, challenging, and engaging event. The murder mystery was set in the late '20s or early '30s. The professional actors and many of the FLB attendees dressed in vintage or replica garments of that era, some in what could only be called "Hollywood Glam!"

Money was flowing. Each table had loads of "cash" that could be used to loosen the lips of folks at other tables about clues or tips that they had discovered. These were recorded on a tip and clue list page to be used when each table would reveal their prime murder suspect and be able to give evidence for their choice. The MMCo crew has these items on the table before the doors opened.

The MMCo team of actors played the following parts. Sir Warren Peace, a wealthy magnate, was the lead actor who began the inquiry into evidence of the murder of Miss Peacock, the actress hired for his upcoming production. Jarvis Deedit, his faithful butler, might be a suspect. Professor Purple was a quiet intellectual, but was he involved? Sir Warren Peace had hired a detective, Peter Ness. The basic plot was laid out for the First Ladies Breakfast attendees to ponder as they began enjoying the tasty meal.

The professional actors interviewed some of the folks at each table and offered parts to several of them who were given directions about what to say and do as their parts developed. At my table, Doretta Scott, First Lady of the South Jersey Region, was turned into Dr. Sarah Dippity who was involved with several other characters. As a matter of fact, when we came to the final moments, our table voted to name her to be the murderer. It felt a bit unfaithful to put such an accusation on someone we were getting to know. Luckily it turned out that she was innocent and she was awarded the BEST ACTRESS CERTIFICATE.

AACA First Lady, Donna Elliott, played Oola La, Sir Warren Peace's maid. Oola La knew that Sir

Warren Peace was having an affair with Miss Peacock. Was her infatuation with her boss strong enough for her to commit murder? Anne Reeves of the Susquehannock Region played Donna Badthing. In spite of her character name, she played an elegant actress who was hoping to get the newly available part in Sir Warren Peace's production. But she had not been around the deceased so was not a prime suspect. Kathryn Miner from Harrisville, NH played Mary-Katen Ashlee, another hungry actress on the lookout for a good part to play. Was she involved with Sir Warren Peace or Hugh Jago, the pictures financial backer? Cherry Bomb, played by Leslie Scarpelli from the HVPR and TRAACA Regions, played a seductive up and coming actress who snagged the new part after the death of her mentor Miss Peacock so she was a prime murder suspect. She maintained her innocence in spite of her affair with Sir Warren Peace.

The BEST ACTOR CERTIFICATE went to a fellow who played Mr Greenspan. Another guy who played Hugh Jago was linked to Cherry Bomb. He died suddenly at his table. Dr. Sarah Dippity pronounced him dead after he slumped over in his chair. He was quickly removed from the scene of the crime.

After many plot twists and clues were revealed, each table had time to discuss the clues they had verified and how they pointed to different suspects. Just like a jury in a real murder trial, the verdicts with supporting evidence from each table were handed over to Sir Warren Peace (now serving as the judge). The whole MMCo team studied each "juries" (tables) verdict and evidence. The table with the least plausible verdict got the DEAD LAST certificates. The table with the smallest number of "jurors" named the real culprit. Each got a DETECTIVE OF THE NIGHT certificate. The not-too-surprising verdict named Cherry Bomb / Leslie Scarpelli as guilty of the murders. Leslie also received the BEST DRESSED CERTIFICATE. With the crime solved and our tummies full we wandered off to enjoy the rest of the 86th AACA Annual Convention.



Donna and Jim Elliott in vintage attire



Leslie and Tony Scarpelli



Anne Reeves



Donna Badthing (Anne Reeves) with Sir Warren Peace



Dr Sarah Dippity with Detective Peter Ness



Sir WP with his butler Jarvis Deedit



Cherry Bomb with Sir WP



Sir WP calls Dr Sarah Dippity to examine Hugh Jego



Sir WP with Professor Purple



Sir Warren Peace



Sir WP with Hugh Jego



Detective Peter Ness



BEST DETECTIVES table



DEAD LAST PLACE table



Cherry Bomb(Leslie Scarpelli)



Sir WP with his maid Oola La (Donna Elliott)



Dr Sarah Dippity (Doretta Scott) with Jarvis



Group of actors and folks who dressed up for the event



TRAACA MONTHLY DINNER MEETING



THURSDAY, March 17th

**RSVP DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH
8TH BY 6:00 PM**

**Dinner will be served plated (not a buffet) –
timely RSVPs are required Skip will
acknowledge receipt of your RSVP**

**Since this is a plated dinner, the restaurant
WILL NOT have extra food. If you re-
spond after the deadline you will be placed
on a standby list in case there is a cancella-
tion. If you arrive unannounced, you will
not have a meal. Either way, you are wel-
come to attend the meeting but you won't
have a meal.**

**skippatnode@cox.net Or call/text 757 672
8495**

**LOCATION: Chesapeake Conference
Center**

**700 Conference Center Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320**

**Times: 6:00 p.m. Social Hour
starts. Cash bar.
6:30 p.m. Dinner**

Menu: Garden salad
Chicken Marsala with mush-
rooms and gravy in a Marsala
sauce and filet steak with mush-
rooms and gravy.
Country style green beans
Herb roasted potatoes
Caramel Granny Apple pie

Cost: \$32.00 per member
**Program: Game Night on Automotive
History**



New AACA Website

**By Steve Moskowitz AACA
Chief Executive Officer**

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Winter Rummage Box]*

AACA has a new website! The club has had a decade plus long website that was powered by an old version of Joomla which was no longer a supported software and did not work well with mobile devices. We have wanted to change it for years but costs and some technical issues held us back. It finally became intolerable and we went ahead with a program to change www.aaca.org. Our new website debuted the day before our Annual Convention but it is not a finished project. We have lots of features to add and a second phase of a special page for prospective new members only. However, we are now working with a WordPress site that is very compatible with most mobile devices and computer software. You might have to adjust the resolution to properly see the slide show of cars but we think you will find the site much easier to read. Our biggest hurdle is to change our “store” which also handles renewals. This feature of our site must integrate with our custom software for membership and therein lies a huge problem for us. Quotes to accomplish this have run into the tens of thousands of dollars and we simply have to find a more economical solution. We are pleased to have finally upgraded our website presence and promise you that as time goes by we will make many more improvements to make communication with you easier. If you have any thoughts or ideas of features you would like to see please contact us.





AACA 2022 GRAND NATIONALS UPDATE

MAY 19 – 21, 2022

By Marion McAlpine, Show Chair



Remember, the TRAACA will host the AACA 2022 Grand Nationals on Thursday – Saturday, May 19 – 21, 2022. The Founders Inn & Spa at 5641 Indian River Rd. in Virginia Beach will be the host hotel. The Delta Hotel off Greenbrier Parkway in Chesapeake will be the alternate hotel.

Many events are being planned for the 2022 Grand Nationals participants. There are tours planned for Thursday and Friday. There will be an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, a BBQ dinner on Friday, Judges Breakfast on Saturday, a lunch food tent on Saturday, and an Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. The Zenith-nominated vehicles will be judged and the Zenith Awards presented on Friday. Saturday is of course the 2022 Grand Nationals show. There will be a Hospitality Room complete with snacks and beverages, and a Silent Auction.

If previous recent Grand Nationals shows are indications of numbers of participants and vehicles, the 2022 Grand Nationals could be a large show. People will be arriving from all across the country. 600+ vehicles and 400+ vehicle trailers, are not out of the question.

How can you help, you say? We are glad you asked. The show needs volunteers to be successful. All jobs are important. Some jobs only require a few hours. As a thank you for your time and effort, volunteers will be rewarded. Incentives include a special Grand National T-shirt, a Volunteers Only lounge at the host hotel and of course the pride of helping the TRAACA show to be a great success.

The other way the club can use your help is to supply items for the Silent Auction. Consider putting together a basket of cool items, asking your favorite restaurant or business for a gift certificate or discount voucher. Car-related items (pictures, books, parts) are always big hits at auctions. **Please contact Tammy Park the Silent Auction Chair, at 757-450-7672 about getting your items to her.**

PLEASE PLAN TO BE A VOLUNTEER FOR THE AACA 2022 Grand Nationals. Whether you can give a little or a lot of time, any and all help will be welcome and appreciated. We will be talking about the show and have sign-up sheets available at upcoming TRAACA events. There will also be updates in future Mudflap and Mud Speck. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help with the show. You will be getting contacted by the individual Show Chairs in the near future.

Thank you in advance for your help. Call me with any questions on my cell at 618-363-6730.

AACA Calendar of Events

http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca_calendar.html

MARCH 2022

March 10-12 - Western Spring Nationals - Las Vegas, NV
March 20-26 - Founders Tour - Mobile, AL/Biloxi, MS

APRIL 2022

April 7-9 - Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte, NC
April 21-23 - Special Winter Nationals - San Juan, Puerto Rico
April 23 - Special Grand Nationals - San Juan, Puerto Rico

MAY 2022

May 19-21 - Annual Grand Nationals - Virginia Beach, VA
May 22-25 - Eastern Divisional Tour - Johnstown, PA

JUNE 2022

June 16-18 - Eastern Spring Nationals - Beckley, WV

AUGUST 2022

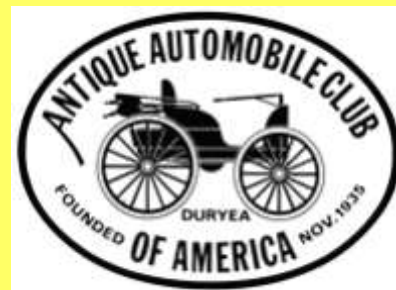
August 11-13 - Central Fall Nationals - East Moline, IL

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 10-16 - Sentimental Tour - Gettysburg, PA
September 18-23 - Reliability Tour - Shepherdsville, KY
September 25-30 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour - Central New Jersey

OCTOBER 2022

October 4-7 - Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA





TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Members celebrating anniversaries in March

Mike & Darlene Brown

Dan & Angie Ciccone

Jon & Barbara Sieck

Sunshine Report

No new member news

Please provide Member Care/ Sunshine Report information on TRAACA members to Bob Stein at posti@aol.com or 588-6200.

Members celebrating birthdays in March

Angie Ciccone

Liz Coburn

David Curl

Jan Garner

Sally Hartman

Lynn Heimerl

Jack Pavlidis

Melinda Spence

Margie Tillett

Linda Treadwell

Welcome to Our New Members!

No new members in February



Other Regional and Local Events

MARCH 2022

12 Chesapeake Region AACA 47th Annual Swap Meet West Friendship, MD

25-26 Sugarloaf Mtn Region AACA 52nd Annual Swap Meet Westminster, MD

26 Middle Peninsula Classic Cruisers Daffodil Car Show Gloucester, VA

APRIL 2022

2 4th Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show Virginia Beach VA

7-10 Charlotte AutoFair Hornets Nest Region AACA Concord, NC

16 2nd Annual Tidewater Mopar Club Spring Fling Cruise-In Suffolk, VA

20-24 Spring Carlisle Carlisle, PA

22-24 Goodguys 7th NC Nationals Raleigh, NC

23 Virginia Chevy Lovers Spring Dust-Off Car Show Virginia Beach, VA

23 22nd Annual Williamsburg British & European Car Show Williamsburg, VA

MAY 2022

13-14 Mid-Atlantic Swap Meet Luray, VA

13-14 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals Carlisle, PA

19-22 Cruisin' Ocean City Ocean City, MD

28 Virginia Beach Strong Car, Truck, and Bike Show Virginia Beach, VA

JUNE 2022

3-5 Carlisle Ford Nationals Carlisle, PA

11 Richmond Region AACA Car Show Richmond, VA



EDITOR'S DESK

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Spring is approaching. I have seen temperatures in the 70's and driving weather is coming. Bill and I have had the Packard out for a drive while he continues to buy parts and tools to work on the engine. Once he has the tools and parts he needs, then the work will start. We also bought some ethanol free gas on Route 460 near Windsor and saw the effects of inflation on the gas prices. It was \$3.99 9/10 a gallon and I am sure that price has continued to rise.

In the meantime, we have activities this month. Thank you to Harry park and Bill Wilcox to planning activities for you to enjoy this month. A visit to a Bay City Classics Restoration Shop will be interesting and the drive Bill has planned to visit an oyster farm sounds interesting. I have never eaten an oyster so I am not quite sure what to expect. And the drive up to Gloucester will be an enjoyable drive.

We also have our dinner this month with an appealing menu. Of course I was asking Skip about where the green was on the menu when I replied about the dinner, since our dinner is on Saint Patrick's Day. And I am intrigued about the idea of a game night on automotive history.

Marion is still looking for items for the silent auction at the Grand National in May and volunteers to help with the event. So look to see where you can help.

Marty and Donna wrote an interesting article about the First Lady's breakfast at the National AACA meeting in February at Gettysburg. It looks like they had an interesting and festive time solving a mystery. And the costumes were quite interesting also. Thanks for sharing with us.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Doug



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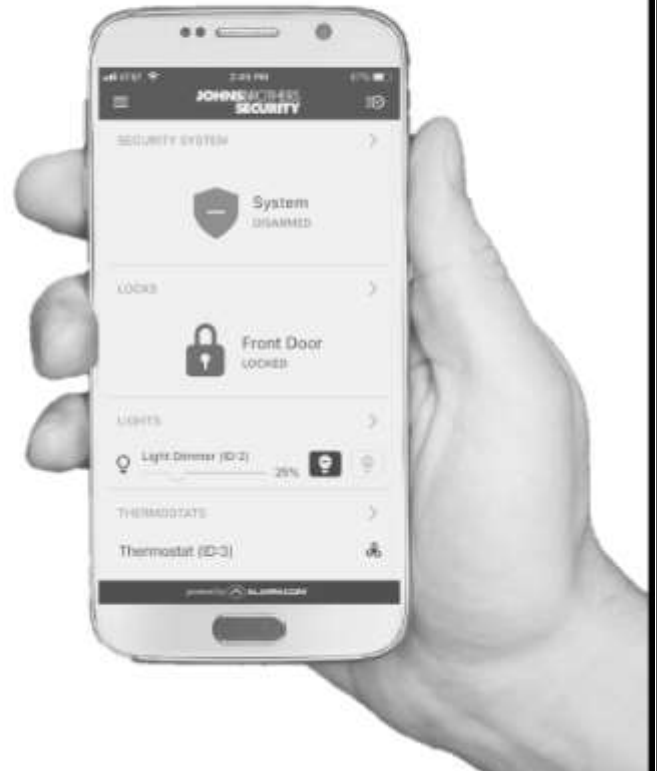

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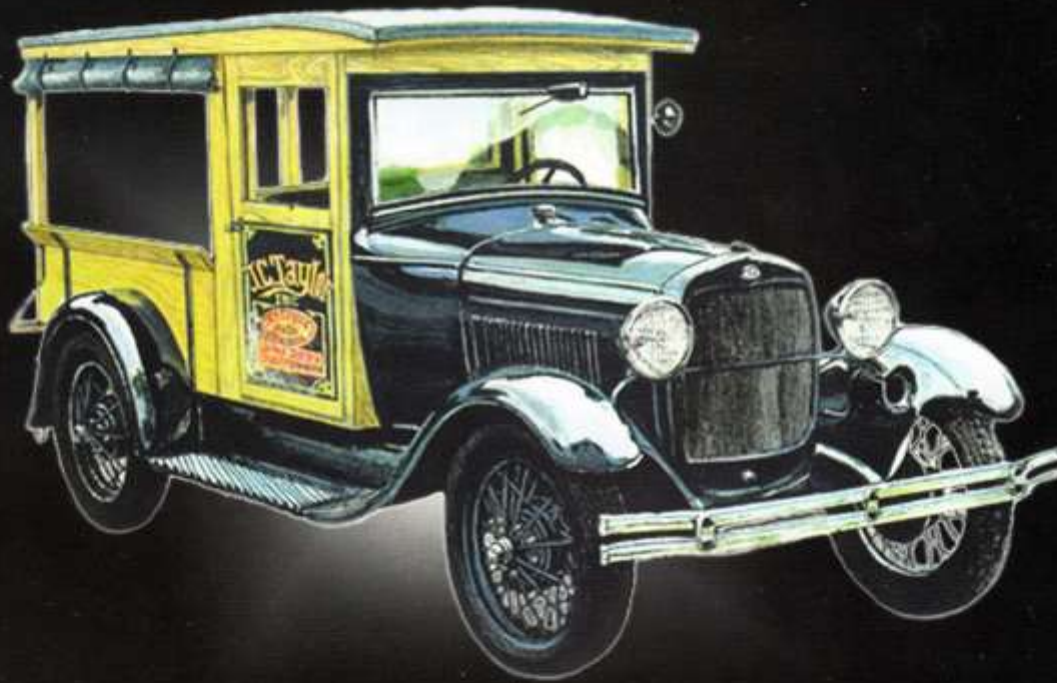
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