

The Mudflap

News and Activities from the Tidewater Region—Antique Automobile Club of America

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TRAACA/HVPR Plan B One-Day Joint Tour to Matthews VA March 25th



TRAACA CALENDAR

MARCH

11 - Tidewater Region AACA Swap Meet (8 AM to 1 PM at the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, Suffolk VA)

16 - TRAACA March Dinner Meeting - (Speaker: Terry Bond 'Looking Back at the Tidewater Region History' - Founders Inn, Virginia Beach)

18 - Deadline for registering for the ODMA Meet April 1 (Fredericksburg)

25/26 - TRAACA/HVPR Joint Spring Tour (Mathews, VA)

MAY

13- Monthly Meeting is a catered lunch at the Milligan's.



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In case you wanted to join the TRAACA/HVPR Tour March 25/26 and couldn't get a hotel room, we have a Plan B! This is a separate one-day tour that will try to connect with the overnight group in Matthews, VA.

The Plan B Tour will meet at 9:15 AM at the Dunkin' Donuts located at 6605 George Washington Highway Yorktown (the intersections of Route 17 and Denbigh Boulevard). Leaving about 9:45 AM, the group will go to the Gloucester Antique Mall. Bring your EZ Pass for the Gloucester Bridge. There will be a photo op set up by a restored garage in Gloucester.

Then the group will travel to Matthews VA and lunch at the Hole In The Wall restaurant on Gwynns Island. You have the option afterwards of visiting the Deltaville Maritime Museum. The B Tour will be connecting with parts of the overnight TRAACA/HVPR Tour. The B Tour will end about 3 PM, with the group heading home on their own. Please let Donna Elliott know if you want to participate in this one-day tour by contacting her at: 757-871-6701 or email delliott222@cox.net.



1970 Plymouth Superbird on display at the 2022 EyesOn Design Car Show in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, on June 19, 2022. Read the story on Pages 4-7.

President's Podium

Tim Hund
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As I write this letter in late February, the weatherman is predicting 80 degrees today, what happened to winter? We had a great time at the Milligans for soup and barbecue, of course winter came back that day. Despite the cooler temps many chose to drive their vintage cars. I cannot say it was rag top weather but our older machines like the cooler temps. We got to meet new members Jim and Barbara Stansbury. They live in Waverly. Dewey and Maxine are so nice to host our club three times a year!!! We should also thank Wayne and Carol for helping set up and prepare for these great events.

Well that is all for today until March 16.

Tim Hund TRAACA President



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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!

2023 TRAACA Officers & Board

- President - Tim Hund:**
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- Board - Paul Fuqua**
- Board - Herbert Mumford**
- Board - Fred Cole**
- President Emeritus - Wayne Milligan**

From the Running Board

TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

TRAACA Board Meeting Thursday, February 2, 2023

Officer's Present: Tim Hund, Bill Treadwell, Harry Park, Douglas Grosz. Board Members present: Fred Cole; Paul Fuqua; Nick Smith; Herbert Mumford. President Emeritus: Wayne Milligan Club members present: Barry Basnight, Jerry Adams, Bill Grosz.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

President: Welcomed new members to the board. Reminded Board Members to respond to email with Board agenda as to receipt of the information.

Vice President: Thanked new board members.

Secretary's Report: Report distributed electronically.

Treasurer's Report: Reports in person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities:

Next dinner meeting is the lunch at Milligan's

Bill Wilcox planning a joint event with HVPR to Kilmarnock area in late March and maybe another event in October.

Milligan's for Chili cookoff in October

Hershey Show in October

ODMA Tour?

ODMA Annual Car Show in Fredericksburg on April 1

Dinners:

Shall we continue only to have dinners or should we have some lunch/breakfast meetings in place of dinner meetings

Tim is requesting a member chair a committee on dinners to discuss that question.

Possible other venues: Golden Corral; CPO Club at Little Creek Naval Base; Greenbrier Country Club

Founder's Inn and Chesapeake Convention Center only offered a maximum contract of 3 months, unlike previous contracts in the past for a year at venues. Other room we used at Founder's Inn included an extra cost of \$1000.

Membership:

No new report.

Ongoing Business:

Further discussion of the Yearly Awards for TRAACA having an awards chairperson to track all information about earning awards. This led to a discussion about how to earn points to receive certain years awards. Discussed that the points are stacked toward participation in AACA

shows and events that are often out of town. Tim brought forward for consideration that we have an award for participation in local car shows in our Annual Awards. Further discussion on such an award was about how the person could prove participation in these shows. Our current format disincentivizes members from participating in local shows. Also discussed that if members are going to local shows, that the members coordinate and park together to represent TRAACA and our desire to share the hobby with non-members while encouraging new recruits to join us. Discussed reimbursement procedures for the club. Money spent for the club must be approved by the board in advance. Receipts would be then provided to the Treasurer with an invoice for the reimbursement.

Discussed when the club should have an annual budget. Further discussion on a celebration for the volunteers at the Grand National last May. Should it be a separate and special event? How many people? Budget for the event? One suggestion the May event at the Milligan's be 100% covered by the club in celebration of the work of the club in the Grand National. No decision made yet. Swap Meet email to be sent for volunteers to help at the meet.

New Business:

TRAACA Annual Show 2023

Barry Basnight recognized to discuss budget for the annual car show in September at Chesapeake City Park.

Show committee so far – Jerry, Fred, Barry

Need fundraising committee members.

Has group for setting up the show.

Prediction based on past shows that show will generate more revenue than the cost of the show

Will have live entertainment at the show and a blood drive.

Will have two show fields – one for AACA judging and one for CPAC cars (Contemporary, Personalized, and Clubs)

Would like to see a high show quality, like a Chesapeake Concours d Elegance.

Proper to being flyer distribution of the annual show by the Swap Meet in March.

Barry is requesting another person join him in the next 6 weeks to begin planning for 2024 using the contacts developed this year

Terry Bond will be head judge.

Tim wondered whether the AACA insurance for car shows would cover the other events at the show

Motion to approve a requested budget for the show of \$15,575 dollars.

Vote approved budget with 6 votes and 2 abstentions.

Harry wondered about the tax implications for selling items at the show as proposed.

Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR (Nothing Significant to report)

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned at 7:20pm. Next board meeting is 6:00pm

Thursday March 9th at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk.

EyesOn Design Car Show—Part 3 Grosse Pointe Shores, MI

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine (Editor's Note: I forgot to run this article in sequence.)

This is Part 3 of the series of articles about the 2022 EyesOn Design charity car show held on 19 June 2022 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, to benefit the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

As stated in my first two articles about the 2022 EyesOn Design car show in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, the theme of this year's show was "Designed for Speed." Part 1 highlighted some of the classic vehicles displayed in the Indy car, Golden Era of Road Racing, and speed record car categories. Part 2 showcased some of the vintage motorcycles displayed at the show. This article features some of the drag race cars, 1960s and 1970s "muscle cars," and pace cars displayed at the show. (They were many more cool cars in each of the 23 judged categories and special displays, but there aren't enough pages in the newsletter to show them all. Maybe we can share them in a slide show presentation at one of the region's future dinner meetings.)

There were several categories of drag racing cars—from Super Stock drag racers and "funny cars" to famous "street racers" (famous in the Detroit area). One cool drag car was the Dick Harrell/Fred Gibbs 1970 Chevrolet Camaro nitro funny car displayed on a restored hauler truck. Dick Harrell was a famous drag racing champion—nicknamed "Mr. Chevrolet"—in the 1960s and early 1970s. He raced factory-sponsored Chevrolets and, after Chevrolet stopped its racing programs in the mid-1960s, he continued racing on his own. According to the website dedicated to his memory (www.dickharrell.com), in 1967 Harrell teamed with Nickey Chevrolet in Chicago and is believed to be the first to take advantage of Chevrolet's COPO (Central Office Production Order) and install a 427-cu in engine in a Camaro intended for sale to the general public not a race car team. He also started his own performance shop in St. Louis, MO, and engineered

cars for Yenko Chevrolet in Canonsburg, PA, helped Chevrolet develop its famous ZL-1 aluminum 427 engine, and worked with Fred Gibbs Chevrolet in LaHarpe, IL (midway between Kansas City, MO, and Chicago) to build race cars for the street and strip. Sadly, Dick Harrell died in a crash on the drag strip during a race in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on 12 September 1971.

The muscle car display was both impressive and eclectic. Some were well-known specimens from the 1960s and 1970s like a 1967 Plymouth GTX, a 1967 Oldsmobile 442 W-30, a 1968 Chevrolet COPO Camaro, and a 1970 Plymouth Challenger. Others were less-seen muscle cars like a 1968 Oldsmobile Hurst Olds, a 1969 Yenko Chevrolet Chevelle, and a 1970 Mercury Cyclone.

Pace cars ranged from a 1967 Chevrolet Camaro Indianapolis 500 Pace Car to a 2003 Chevrolet SSR Indianapolis 500 Pace Car (*Truck?*). Pace cars on display in the years in between those two examples included a 1968 Plymouth GTX, a 1970 Oldsmobile 442 W-30, and a 1991 Plymouth Viper. The strangest pace car for me—although a beautiful car—was the 1973 Cadillac Eldorado Indianapolis 500 pace car. Cadillacs are great, and in the last two decades Cadillacs has made some outstanding cars that fit the definition of modern "muscle cars" with its V-series cars, but to me a 1973 Cadillac Eldorado seems to be better suited as a parade car than as a pace car.

As mentioned in my previous articles about the EyesOn Design Car Show, this year's theme has not been announced yet. However, the date of the show has been: Sunday, June 18. Whatever the theme, it will be an outstanding show (and weekend of events), and Marion & I will be going. You should take a road trip & go to the show, too. You'll enjoy it.



1970 Chevrolet Camaro Dick Harrell/Fred Gibbs nitro "Funny Car" on a restored hauler truck



1963 Pontiac Catalina Super Duty 421 (with an SD-421 engine)



1965 Pontiac GTO (with "Tripower" 389-ci engine)



"Silver Bullet"—1967 Plymouth GTX (with 426-ci Hemi engine)



1968 Chevrolet "COPO" Camaro (with 427-ci engine)



1967 Oldsmobile 442 W-30 (with 400-ci engine)



1968 Oldsmobile Hurst Olds (with 455-ci engine)



1969 Ford Torino Talladega (with 428 Cobra Jet engine)



1970 Mercury Cyclone (with 429-ci Super Cobra Jet engine)



1968 Dodge Dart (with 426-ci Hemi engine) and 1969 AMC AMX (with 390-ci engine) Super Stock drag race cars



Sox & Martin 1967 Plymouth GTX drag racer—"The Boss"



"Black Ghost"—1970 Plymouth Challenger (with 426-ci Hemi)



1967 Chevrolet Camaro RS SS Indy 500 Pace Car #6



1968 Plymouth GTX Riverside Can Am Pace Car



1970 Oldsmobile 442 W-30 Indy 500 Pace Car #1



1973 Cadillac Eldorado Indy 500 Pace Car #22



1991 Dodge Viper Indy 500 Pace Car (Stellantis Historical Collection)



2000 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Brickyard 400 Pace Car #2



2003 Chevrolet SSR Indy Pace Car (#1 of 5 provided for pace car duty—note the unusual, hot rod-like “ghost flames” graphics)



Information

Meet at BP/Huddle House on Route 460 at 8:30 a.m. on April 29th. departing at 9:00 a.m.

Museum is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. in a private room at the museum

- Lunch buffet menu:**
- Barbeque**
 - baked and fried chicken**
 - mashed potatoes and gravy**
 - mac and cheese**
 - baked beans**
 - green beans**
 - corn**
 - coleslaw**
 - rolls**
 - cookie tray**
 - Sweet and unsweet tea, lemonade, bottled water**

April 29th day tour to Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum

located at: 880 W Roslyn Rd, Colonial Heights, VA 23834 -3547.

Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum is located off of I-95 at exit 53 in Colonial Heights, Virginia.

Tidewater Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Cost:

\$30.00 includes admission to the museum and lunch buffet

*RSVP and pay by April 21st to:
Tammy Park
tammy_1_park@yahoo.com
(757) 450-7672*



STILL COLLECTING –

Let's Go To The Automobile Show!

By Terry Bond



Just recently we attended the Hampton Roads Automobile Show in VA Beach where we saw the newest automobiles.

The very first automobile trade shows were in Europe just before the turn-of-the-century. .

In August 1896 the newly formed Motor Club opened an exposition at the Crystal Palace in London. Ten different vehicles were displayed, but perhaps the biggest hit was shown by the Arnold Motor Company. That car was based on the German Benz and is well known for a rather unique device that took several more years to catch on – an electric starter! Included with the Arnold was an electric dynamo designed to assist the car to climb hills, it could also be used to start the engine! Another feature also “sparked” a lot of discussion - it was powered by “Benzoline” (as gasoline was known at that time. The “Autocar Magazine” reported that “soon there will need to be decisions made on whether oil or electricity will power future road transport.” Two Arnolds survive today



1896 Arnold Automobile



Souvenir Catalog from the first London Automobile Exposition, 1896.

Although an “Automobile Exposition” had been held in Paris in 1894, it was more of a “demonstration” than it was a representation of manufacturers. There were other automobile shows held in the late 1890s in Belgium, three one year in Paris, and even one in Russia, but the first automobile in this country was held in New York in 1900.

While there were other gatherings and demonstrations preceding that 1900 event, it was the first “modern” automobile show. It was organized by the Automobile Club of America and hosted cars from 66 different manufacturers. The weeklong event included lavish display areas as well as a special section for accessories.



View of the 1900 Madison Square Garden automobile show.



Poster advertising the 1901 Madison Square Garden Automobile Show

So, now that you've aced automobile show history 101, let's move on and look at some of the things that can be collected as mementos of the occasion.

These events were well publicized and notices were mailed on postcards to prospective clients, exhibitors, and anyone who might be interested. Souvenir postcards of the event were available at the auto shows themselves, and manufacturers often followed

up with clients using postcards showing their exhibits. The cards are not impossible to find, but depending on the age, they can be quite expensive.

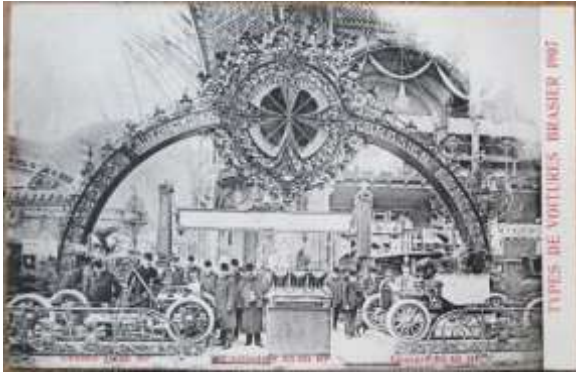


1901 Crystal Place Automobile Show postcard (London).

If you recall from my previous articles or presentation to the club on automotive postcards, prior to 1907, postcards were known as "undivided back." The back was reserved for addressing only. Any messages were written on the front. On those that have been actually posted, the stamps and cancellations will also be on the front of the card.



1910 Boston Automobile Show postcard.



1907 Paris Automobile show postcard showing the Brasier automobile stand.

Many postcards were designed from larger poster. The earliest are very difficult to find. They are quite large and can command prices into the thousands of dollars. Surprisingly, a number have survived stored in old print shops. Specialty dealers throughout the world specialize in such posters and there are several major auctions held both here and in Europe.

These early posters were cheaply printed on newsprint type paper with high acid content, so for preservation, they should be professionally treated and mounted on acid-free linen backing. Due to their usually massive size they are hard to display.

Shown here also a 1908 Des Moines Iowa poster from my own collection, and a 1911 poster from the collection of a friend.



1908 Des Moines Iowa poster.



Poster advertising the 1911 International Automobile Show in New York. Reproductions of this poster are currently available.

Early automobile show pins and fobs are great to collect. They are often sold on eBay but be careful-many have been reproduced. Look for the maker's name stamped on the back to be sure what you are buying is real.



1905 Importers Automobile Show



1911 Madison Square Garden show.

Pins like these were worn by workers and exhibitors at major automobile shows. The examples shown here include a few from the well-known Chicago Automobile Show. Dated pins are more desirable. Many automobile shows used the same basic image for several years with minor changes and different dates on them.



Early automobile show pins.



This 1907 Minneapolis Auto Show button is a favorite in my collection.

The first automobile show held in Norfolk was in 1920. This pin advertises an early Norfolk Ford dealer exhibiting at the 1922 show.



Selection of early automobile show pins.



1922 Norfolk Auto Show pin.

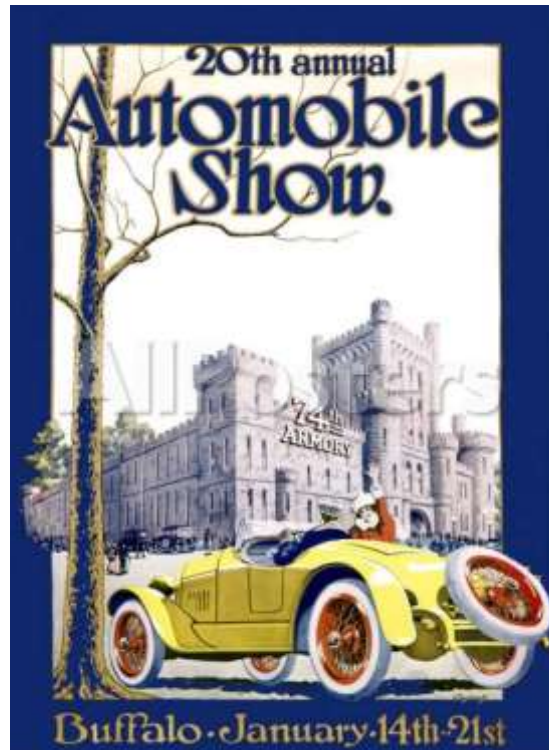
If anyone knows of any Norfolk Automobile Show items that I can add to my collection, please let me know. I'm especially interested in anything associated with the 1920 show.

One of Susan's favorite pieces is this Motor Show Exhibitor badge for the MG company staff. I think these were produced in quantity for employees to wear at a number of different shows, thus the lack of a specific date or location.



MG Staff Motor Exhibitor badge.

Programs can be found in the most unlikely places. Second-hand and "antiquarian" book stores are a favorite place to find these. They can range in price from a few dollars to ridiculous! Condition means everything (as always). Many early automobile show programs were printed as supplements in popular automobile periodicals of the time like Motor Age and Horseless Carriage Gazette.



Cover of the 1922 Buffalo New York Annual Automobile Show.



Motor Age Magazine containing Automobile Show program..

Many photographs exist for automobile shows. Most are available as reprints. Shows of automobile stands were also mounted and framed as advertising

pieces for display in dealerships or in offices of the company headquarters.

Choose your favorite brand of automobile and you can probably find photos of the newest models on display at automobile shows for about any year imaginable – even of course up in the modern times.

The earlier shows however featured very elaborate stands, often with cut-away engines and body-less chassis showing off the latest technology.



An early automobile show display stand.



Paris Automobile Show, 1905



Paris Automobile Show, 1905



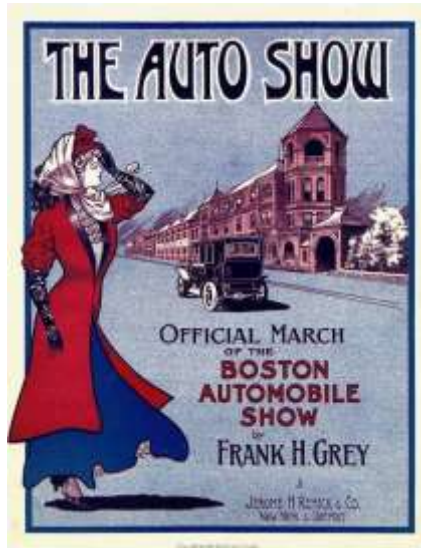
From the Accessory portion of the 1905 Paris Automobile show is this display of the latest motoring attire for ladies.

Among the many pieces of automobile related sheet music in my collection are several promoting automobile shows.

Many regularly occurring events in large cities had their own bands, choirs, and even their own “official” song for the event. Not to be outdone, some exhibitors also entertained the crowds of spectators with their own dedicated songs and performers. Early automobile shows were a big deal!



1909 Los Angeles California automobile show sheet music



1908 Boston Automobile Show sheet music.

Another favorite of mine are the small “poster stamps” used to promote automobile shows.

Automobile manufacturers, dealers, and accessory producers would mail product brochures and letters to prospective customers. These stamps were used to seal the envelopes and told the recipient to “see them at the Automobile Show.”

These stamps are miniature posters, and are also called “Cinderella Stamps” among collectors. They are plentiful and relatively inexpensive and are often found in unused condition.

I did a more extensive article on these stamps a while back.



Small poster stamp promoting the First Spring Atlantic City Automobile Show



1912 Electrical Exposition and Automobile Show, 1912 Poster Stamp.

I could go on...but I think you get the idea that a lot of promotional material and souvenirs items was available for early automobile shows, and it can be very collectible!

So, next year when you visit the Hampton Roads International Automobile Show, pause and think for a moment about the great history such events have had in the history of the automobile.

Enjoy collecting – whatever it might be.

Terry



TRAACA Annual Swap Meet

March 11, 2023

Nansemond Suffolk Academy
Story and photos by Bob Stein



This year's Swap Meet made a triumphant return to March, once again becoming the kick-off event for Tidewater auto enthusiasts. Though occasionally gusty, threats of rain never materialized and the day was sunny and dry. And boy, did participants show up! Outside spaces were sold out and most of the inside spaces were reserved as well, making this the biggest Swap Meet so far. There were twelve vendors already on the field when Jerry Adams showed up to start registration, and the pace didn't let up all morning. The inside bake sale was a big success, worked by Tammy Park, Sandy Hall, Toni McChesney, Marion McAlpine, and Dot Parrish, and Carol Milligan took care of the club store table. Outside, Fred Cole, Mark McAlpine, and Skip Patnode assisted co-chairs Jerry Adams and Bill Treadwell in keeping the madness to a minimum. The large turnout included lots of spectators and potential customers, plus a wide variety of auto parts, memorabilia, and related items. Many thanks to all of the TRAACA folks who volunteered, set up, or showed up, with special gratitude to Jerry Adams and Bill Treadwell who made the event happen!







TRAACA Special Sandwich Meeting

February 18, 2023
At the Milligan's
Story and photos by Bob Stein



Our February meeting was a special Saturday Sandwich meeting hosted by the ever-generous Dewey and Maxine Milligan. The event took the place of our usual monthly dinner meeting, and was catered by Southland Restaurant. As usual with any of the special events held at the Milligan's, we had a huge turnout of members and lots of old cars to look at. Tim Hund started off with a short business meeting, then turned things over for two special announcements. Ken Talley and Bill Wilcox have put together an overnight tour to the Gloucester area March 25-26 that includes a visit to member Sam Kern's new home/shop facility and a tour of a 1600s church. Then Barry Basnight announced the 49th Annual TRAACA Fall Meet, which will be held September 16th. This year's event returns to the Chesapeake City Park after a decade of shows at the Pungo Airport, and features a salute and display for the 70th Anniversary of Corvette, as well as a CPC section - Custom, Personalized, and Contemporary, that will be open to all vehicles. More information will be provided on these activities as it becomes available. After business, we all settled into pork and chicken bar-b-que sandwiches, slaw, Brunswick Stew, and Beef Vegetable Soup. Antique vehicles present included Tony Miller's 1925 Model T, Dave and Faye Curl's 1930 Model A Ford Tudor, Bob Stein's 1951 Studebaker Land Cruiser, Ken and Barbara Talley's 1955 Buick Century, Bob and Dot Parrish's 1958 Chevrolet Impala, Wayne and Carol Milligan's 1968 Ford LTD, Scott Davies in Holley Forester's 1969 MGB-GT, Tim Hund's 1970 Mustang Boss, Scott and Michelle Parker's 1971 MGB-GT, Fred Cole's 1972 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, Terry and Sue Bond's 1974 MGB-GT, Nick Smith's 1987 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, and Barry Basnight's 1994 Suzuki Sidekick.





Think Before You Restore

By Myron Smith VP - Regions Development & Support Western Division



(From the 2023 Winter Rummage Box used with permission from the AACA)
 “The car is only original once.” This has become the mantra of those of us who have a strong attraction to ‘original cars’. But what about older restorations or semi originals? Many a car has been subject to an overly enthusiastic owner who starts to do a total restoration and then lacks the where with all or finances to finish it. I suggest before you throw yourself into a full-blown project to sit down and do some serious pondering. What do you wish to accomplish? Are you really wanting to put the time and money into a full restoration? You can climb the ladder of trophy seeking. AACA has 4 advancing show rungs followed by maintenance awards in AACA and probably similar awards in the marque clubs. Do you want a car you can put the kids or grandkids in and run down to the local malt shop on Saturday nights, or a car to take to Cars and Coffee? Are you wanting a ‘road car’ that you can do tours and trips over long distances? After being in the hobby most of my life, I’ve done the show route and have several ‘trailer queens’. Once they are restored, gotten their trophies they do one thing for sure; they deteriorate. So, if you’re committed to the show circuit, unless you sell which I seldom do, you’re going to have a vehicle subject to the perils of time, just like when the car was new. Maybe not as fast but it happens. My 1959 El Camino has been restored since 1975. It needed some work after being a daily driver in Nebraska with salty winter roads and an encounter with another car that ran a stop sign. However, with today’s technology and masterful body men, much of it’s originality could have been saved. But at the time I wanted the trophies. Do I regret the restoration? Yes, I guess I do, but we’ve had fun showing it and that is not to be discounted. I am the second-generation custodian of it being purchased new by my family and there is hope the 3rd and 4th generation will appreciate it too. On the other hand, I have another 1959 which was not ‘restored’ although I collected new old stock pieces for it for years, then decided that with a little touch up it could still be an ‘original’ car. Personally, I like that much better. It’s gone the HPOF route and still we are able to drive it occasionally. So, this brings me back to my original thought, “what do you really want to accomplish with your car?” If it is having a vehicle that is a work of art, restore it, just realizing that you’re probably never going to be completely done with it as shortly it’ll need freshening. If your idea of fun is to get the thing out in public, realize it’ll deteriorate also, but you can have fun playing with the thing. If you have enough originality to be able to keep it that way; it won’t get scratches, it will just get additional patina. It’s a big hobby, find your niche.

AACA Calendar of Events

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

April 13-15, 2023
Southeastern Spring Nationals
Charlotte, NC

May 1-3, 2023
Southeastern Divisional Tour
Oak Ridge, TN

May 18-20, 2023
Eastern Spring Nationals
Gettysburg, PA

June 25-28, 2023
Eastern Divisional Tour
Denver, PA

July 16-22, 2023
Founders Tour
Ontario, Canada

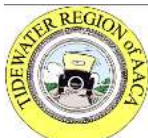
July 26-29, 2023
Eastern Summer Nationals
Norwich, NY

August 10-12, 2023
Grand Nationals
Bettendorf, IA

October 3-6, 2023
Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, PA

October 22-27, 2023
Revival AAA Glidden Tour (VMCCA)
Thomasville, GA





TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Members celebrating anniversaries in March 2023

Barlen and Jill Guess

'Rick' and Karen Overbaugh

Jon and Barbara Sieck

"Mike" and Darlene Brown

James and Barbara Stansbury

Sunshine Report

TRAACA member Pete Thompson passed away February 18th at the age of 77. Joining in 2021, Pete participated in club events with his 1972 Ford M151A2 Military 'MUTT'. He was a retired Brigadier General with Army Special Forces and collected military vehicles after his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Rivers, son Scott, and stepdaughters Beth, Catherine, and Laura. A memorial service and celebration of life reception will be held March 6, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Christ and Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, VA. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

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 2023

Liz Coburn

David Curl

Charles Ewing

Jan Garner

Barlen L. Guess

Sally Hartman

Lynn Heimerl

Anthony "Tony" Miller

Jack Pavlidis

Melinda Spence

Linda Treadwell

Margie Tillett

Welcome to Our New Members!

Scott & Michelle Parker



Other Regional and Local Events

MARCH 2023

18 Muscle Car Madness
Doumar's Barbecue
Norfolk, VA

APRIL 2023

1 5th Annual George E. Smith
Memorial Car Show
Landstown Commons
Virginia Beach, VA

8 MPCC Daffodil Car Show
Gloucester, VA

13-16 Charlotte Auto Fair
Concord, NC

19-23 Spring Carlisle
Carlisle, PA

21-23 Goodguys 8th Annual
North Carolina Nationals
Raleigh, NC

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

22 1st Annual Country Cruise
N' Car, Truck and Bike Show
Surry, VA

29 Virginia Chevy Lovers
Spring Dust Off Car Show
Virginia Beach, VA

30 3rd Annual Division 13
Kiwanis Car Show
Langley Speedway
Hampton, VA

MAY 2023

12-13 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap
Meet
Luray, VA

12-13 Carlisle Import &
Performance Nationals
Carlisle, PA

18-21 Cruisin' Ocean City
Ocean City, MD

27 Virginia Beach Strong
Memorial Car/Truck Show
Landstown Commons
Virginia Beach, VA

27 1st Annual Fort Story Classic
(for active duty & retired
military members)
Ft. Story, Virginia Beach, VA

JUNE 2023



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March and spring are coming. In fact we have been having spring like temperatures and the trees are starting to bloom. I don't remember when I have seen the dogwood trees blooming before the middle of March as this year.

Well we have already had our Swap Meet and it went well. And events are becoming more frequent. The Weekend trip to Matthews, Virginia on March 25 and 26 quickly filled the host hotel. And HVPR has organized a day trip to following part of the tour on March 25. We have also organized a tour to the Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum in Colonial Heights, Virginia on April 29.

Although I could not go on the weekend tour, I am looking forward to the trip to Colonial Heights. I have seen the museum from I95

and it has been one of the places I wanted to see.

The ODMA Meet is in Fredericksburg on April 1 this year. I hoped to attend this event, but it will not happen this year either. I hope those that are going enjoy the weekend.

If you are on any event, take some pictures to share in the Mudflap. You can tell me a little about what you did, and I will write the article for you. Sharing your experiences with other club members in person and through writing is part of how we share our passion about our cars.

Enjoy spring and see you on the road soon.

Doug







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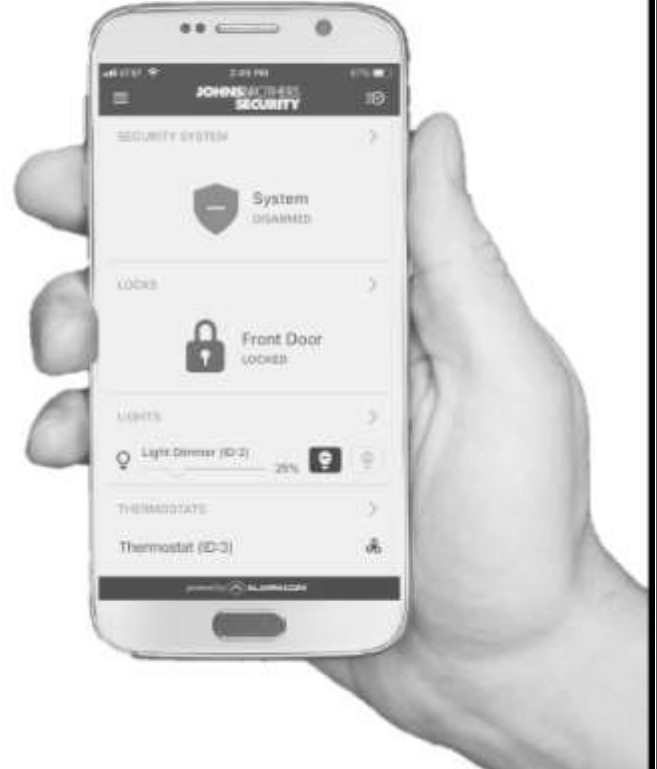
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