

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

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TRAACA Tour to Charlottesville Friday-Sunday, July 27-29, 2018

Plan to join your TRAACA family for the TRAACA's July activity, a tour to Charlottesville, VA, on Friday-Sunday, July 27-29. All activities planned for the tour are optional.

We will meet at the Hardee's on Route 460 in Waverly at 10:00 AM on Friday. Our first stop will be lunch and then we'll drive to Cunningham Creek Winery in Palmyra for a winery tour and private tasting with the winemaker. After our tour we will drive to Charlottesville and check into our hotels. After dinner we will visit the McCormick Observatory. Per its website, visitors can view celestial objects through the historic 26-inch McCormick Refractor and other smaller telescopes (weather permitting), tour the observatory, hear a presentation by an astronomer, and see the exhibits.

After breakfast on Saturday we will travel to Monticello for a "Behind the Scenes House Tour" at 10:00 AM. This exclusive pass takes you behind the scenes through the first floor of Monticello and up the narrow staircase to explore the private quarters on the second and third floors, including the iconic Dome Room. You will see unique architectural features and visit newly restored spaces that reveal the complexities of family life at Monticello.

After Monticello we'll have lunch followed by a drive to Keswick, VA, to tour Castle Hill Cider, which is nestled on 600 beautiful acres in the historic Virginia countryside just outside The cidery, which Charlottesville. opened in 2011, resides on the land that belonged to the Castle Hill estate, which was established in 1764 and hosted seven presidents and many U.S. other dignitaries. We will have dinner in Charlottesville, followed by a guided walking Ghost & History Tour.

On Sunday there will be a trip to Ash Lawn Highlands to tour the residence of President James Monroe and his wife, Elizabeth Kortright Monroe, from 1799 [continued on Page 3]



CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS: Chris Hunt and her well-guarded 1973 Plymouth Scamp. Read the article on Page 14.

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From the Driver's Seat Mark McAlpine TRAACA President mmmcalpine05@msn.com (757) 967-0074

On Saturday, September 22nd, the TRAACA will hold our largest event of the year—our 45th Annual Meet (or, as it has become known, our "Wings & Wheels" Car Show). As you read this message, September may seem a long way off, but the summer is going to fly by and September will be here before we know it. Our Meet Co-Chairpersons—Barry Basnight & Marion McAlpine)—and the Board of Directors have already begun planning and coordinating the many aspects of our annual meet, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done before September 22nd and on the day of the meet for it to be a success. We need your help to do it.

This year's meet will be held again at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach. Our annual meet continues to be basically two car shows in one: our "Preserving the Past" show for antique vehicles 25-years-old or older in original or restored "as-built" condition (so basically AACA-eligible vehicles), and our "Mods & Rods" show for modified and customized vehicles 25 years old or older. Jerry & Ellen Adams have taken over as Registration Co-Chairpersons for the entire show. Jim Elliott returns as our Chief Judge.

Barry and Marion are expanding on the success of last year's Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli and have a number of new, fun things planned for this year's show. Besides the two car shows side-by-side, we're also going to have a special display commemorating the 100th anniversary of Chevrolet trucks. All Chevrolet trucks are welcome—and we hope we get a number of classic Chevy trucks to participate—but the highlight of the display will be the AACA Library & Research Center's freshly restored 1955 Chevrolet 3600 Bookmobile, which is traveling all the way from Hershey, Pennsylvania, to be at our show.

We're also going to incorporate some youth activities in this year's meet. The highlight of this will be children

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Part of the attraction of our show-besides the wide variety of great vehicles—is the opportunity for participants, volunteers, and spectators to visit the Military Aviation Museum, which is truly a treasure in the area that many of us take for granted. In addition to being able to see the world's largest collection of flyable WWI and WWII military aircraft, as usual the museum will also be offering rides, for a reasonable fee, in vintage aircraft (weather permitting). A special treat this year will be a flight demo at 1 PM by the museum's Me-262 German jet aircraft. Between our annual meet and annual swap meet, and teaching at the Joint Forces Staff College, I've been going to the Military Aviation Museum at least six times a year for the last eight years and I've never even seen the museum's Me-262 because it's housed at the Suffolk Airport (because the FAA won't allow it to land on the museum's grass runway).

As I stated up front, we need everyone's help for our meet to be a success. Please volunteer to help however you can. The more people who volunteer, the less work it will be for everyone. Whether it's before the show or the day of the show, even if you can only help for an hour or two, every effort helps. Please contact Barry or Marion if you can volunteer some time. Thank you very much! I look forward to seeing each of your and your cars at this year's show.

Oh, yeah—Happy 4th of July!

Mark Mc

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 to these e-mails 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 <u>skippatnode@cox.net</u> or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

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From the Running Board

Because of multiple schedule conflicts, the June TRAACA Board Meeting for June was cancelled. The next TRAACA Board Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Friday, July 6, 2018 at the Holiday Inn— Norfolk Airport. Committee reports for June are provided below for members' information.

Secretary's Report: The May Board Meeting minutes were sent out by e-mail and approved by the Board, and a summary was printed in the June issue of The *Mudflap*.

Treasurer's Report:

- May 2018 Monthly Reports provided to Board members.
- Status of AACA Donation Fund: \$771. [President's Note: our goal is to have at least \$1,000 to donate to the AACA Library & Research Center and AACA Headquarters Building Fund when the AACA Library's Bookmobile comes to our Annual Meet in September.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities Committee (Travis Berry, Matt Doscher, Marion McAlpine, and Wayne Milligan):

- Friday-Sunday, July 27-29: TRAACA Charlottesville, VA, Tour.
- Saturday, August 11: TRAACA Tour of the Virginia War Museum in Newports News, VA.
- Saturday, August 25: TRAACA Ice Cream Social at Doumar's Barbecue in Norfolk, VA. Club is subsidizing this activity and paying for ice cream for all club members.

Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):

• Thursday, July 19, 2018: July Dinner Meeting at the Quality Suites Lake Wright. Guest Speaker: Terry Bond talking about the contemporary history of automotive post cards. Members that have an existing collection are encouraged to bring & display them at the Dinner Meeting.

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Membership (Jerry Adams):

• Status as of May 31, 2018: 172 memberships and 295 members. [President's Note: Beginning July 1st, TRAACA memberships for new members for the remainder of 2018 are half-price —so \$12.50.]

Annual Meet (Barry Basnight & Marion McAlpine):

- Contract signed with Military Aviation Museum. Museum reduced spectator parking this year to \$15 for car & driver, \$20 for cars with 2 or more occupants—includes museum admission (usually \$15/per adult).
- Museum planning to give us access to the property on Wed -Sat week of the show & to cut the grass day or two before.
- Registration flyers done and posted on club website, emailed to all TRAACA members & last year's participants.
- Youth activities planned including Hagerty Youth Judging.
- Trophy sponsor letters mailed to all of last year's sponsors.
- Museum planning flight demo of its Me-262 German WWII jet at 1:00 PM on the day of the meet.

TRAACA Tour to Charlottesville

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to 1823. After our tour we will break for lunch. The tour will conclude after lunch.

The Club is subsidizing \$30.00 per person to be used to discount any event. Hotel and food expenses are your own and not included in this cost. This activity is **limited to the first 20 people** due to size limitations with group tours.

**Please note, as listed in the May and June *Mudflap* newsletters and *Mud Speck* e-mails, the cut off to sign up was Monday, June 11, 2018. If you are still interested in attending this activity or have questions, please contact Vickie & Matt Doscher at (757) 448-7048 or email vlw78@hotmail.com.

TRAACA July Dinner Meeting at the Lake Wright Quality Suites Thursday, July 19, 2018

Please note that due to remodeling at the Holiday Inn-Norfolk Airport, our July Dinner Meeting on Thursday, July 19th, will be at the Lake Wright Quality Suites & Sleep Inn. (The relocation is only for the July Dinner Meeting.) Dinner is Herb-baked Chicken Breast drizzled with creamy white sauce, Roast Sirloin of Beef with demiglaze, Rice Pilaf, seasoned green beans, house salad, and chef's choice of assorted desserts.

Social hour is from 6:00-6:45 PM, with dinner at 6:45 PM, followed by a brief business meeting and then a presentation by our very own Terry Bond speaking about the contemporary history of automotive post cards.

Please RSVP—and RSVP on time—if you are going to attend. Having members show up without RSVPing risks us not having enough seats or food. Also, please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.



TRAACA Route 301 Endless Yard Sale June 15-16, 2018 Story by Mark McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine and Travis Berry.

On Friday and Saturday, June 15-16, 2018, a small cadre of TRAACA and Historic Virginia Peninsula Region (HVPR) members journeyed to North Carolina to participate in the Route 301 Endless Yard Sale, an annual event where private individuals and businesses set up yard sales or open their businesses along over 100 miles of Route 301 between Weldon and Dunn, NC. Thousands of people from the Mid-Atlantic region journey to North Carolina each year to search for special treasures.



River Falls Park in Weldon, NC. Each spring striped bass swim from the Atlantic Ocean to spawn here at the base of the falls.

Donna & Jim Elliott, Marion & Mark McAlpine, and Leslie & Tony Scarpelli got an early start on the great deals by driving to Rocky Mount, NC, on Friday, June 15th, then hitting the yard sales and antique shops on the 40-mile drive south to Selma, NC. They returned to Rocky Mount for dinner and spent the night reenergizing before hitting the Endless Yard Sale again on Saturday.

On Saturday morning, Kim & Travis Berry and Margie & Rad Tillett and their adult son Bren drove to Rocky Mount, NC, to begin their antiquing outing. All five teams worked their way north individually, making frequent stops at individual private yard sales, group yard sales at country fairgrounds and city parks, with the teams sometimes meeting up with each other at various spots. The teams congregated in Weldon, NC, to check out the yard sale vendors lining the street near Riverside Mill Antiques & Collectibles and then ravaged Riverside Mill.

After stalking hidden treasures all day, most of us were exhausted (and our wallets emptied), so the group went to Ralph's Barbecue in Weldon for some delicious Southern food. Everyone had a great time but agreed the best finds (for what each was looking for) seemed to be at antique stores and auto repair shops—the yard sales mostly had clothing—so look for next year's joint TRAACA and HVPR antique crawl to be along a more traditional route.



The TRAACA gang gather for a group photo after lunch at Ralph's Barbecue in Weldon on Saturday, June 16, 2018. (L-R) Bren Tillett, Rad Tillett, Donna Elliott, Margie Tillett, Leslie Scarpelli, Marion McAlpine, Kim Berry, Travis Berry, Jim Elliott, and Tony Scarpelli.



The lead party of the TRAACA enjoying dinner on Friday evening



(L-R) Marion McAlpine, Leslie & Tony Scarpelli, and Travis & Kim Berry discuss their finds at Riverside Mill in Weldon, NC



Some of the our shoppers discussing the great deals they found



The McAlpine's purchases were few but select—note the 1909 Hupmobile and 1905 Pierce-Arrow cast aluminum wall plaques



All original 1977 Batavus moped with 4,600 miles was only \$375



(L-R) Rad, Bren, and Margie Tillett listen as a vendor explains finding a human skeleton during a treasure hunting exploration



Donna & Jim Elliott taking some of their finds back to their truck



The Berry's finds—note the vintage GE Vortalex fan at the top, the General Tires Tray in the middle, and deviled egg platter at bottom

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The 2018 AACA Annual Grand National Meet (AGNM) was held in Greensburg, PA, hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Region AACA (WPRAACA), on May 31st to June 2nd. The site for the meet was the campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, and it was a beautiful setting for the meet. There were over 500 vehicles registered for the meet.

Some of the participants arrived in Greensburg on Thursday, May 31. For those who arrived early enough on Thursday, the WPRAACA had arranged for meet participants to view a couple of private car collections.

Although the weather was hot on Friday, many participants spent time doing last minute cleaning of their vehicles before the show on Saturday. Some people enjoyed a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater house and a visit to the small village of Ohiopyle, which sits on the Youghiogheny River and has some picturesque falls.

One of the highlights on Friday was viewing 16 of the 17 candidate vehicles for the 2nd Annual Zenith Award. (One vehicle was not present.) The Zenith Award is given to the vehicle considered the most magnificent "Restoration of the Year," and the finalists were selected from all the vehicles show at AACA Meets in 2017. One of the finalists this year was a 1958 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz owned by TRAACA members Reggie & Cindi Nash. The winning vehicle was a 1935 Packard 1204 Super 8 owned by Gregory & Cheri Haack of Freeport, IL.

Friday night, 21 TRAACA members & friends went to dinner



Donna & Jim Elliott and their Senior Grand National Awardwinning 1903 Cadillac Rear Entrance Tonneau



(L-R) Past Presidents Terry Bond (2010) & Richard Taylor (1981) of the National Judging Team

at a local restaurant called Rizzo's Italian Restaurant. John Kuhns, the 2018 AGNM Chairman, is well known by Rizzo's owners and staff and helped me set up the reservation. The chef and staff treated our group like royalty. They gave our group free platters of appetizers before the meal and desserts after the meal. The food was great, and our group had a wonderful time.

Shortly after we returned to the hotel Friday evening, it began to rain in Greensburg. Thankfully the rain stopped before Saturday morning and the roads were fairly dry when meet participants drove their vehicles to the show field. Getting to the field was fairly painless. The meet volunteers were wellorganized & friendly. Temperatures were warm, but there was a breeze and some clouds which made it bearable while judging.

The banquet on Saturday evening was held at the Ramada Inn, the host hotel. The food was very good and the staff was very quick serving our meals. However, because of the number of vehicles receiving awards, it ended up being a late night.

The TRAACA was well represented at the 2018 AACA Annual Grand National Meet with 23 members and 3 family members attending. Those attending included Terry Bond, Bill Coburn, Dick & Linda Cooper, Tom Cox, Scott Davies & Holly Forester, Jim & Donna Elliott, Tim Hund, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Reggie Nash with his daughter Susan and granddaughter Alexa, Wes Neal & Nancy Soscia, Bob & Dot Parrish, Bill & Linda Treadwell, Bob Stein, Neil & Marty Sugermeyer, and Jim Villers & his son Jim Jr.



1911 Locomobile M-48 Torpedo and 1915 Dodge Brothers sedan



(L-R) 1954 Kaiser Darrin and 1953 Nash-Healey roadsters

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Tim Hund & his First Grand National Award-winning 1932 Auburn 8-100A



1939 Plymouth P8 coupe



2017 AACA Zenith Award Winner—1935 Packard 1204 Super 8



1965 Pontiac Catalina



1932 Oldsmobile F-32 Sport Coupe



Jim Villers & his First Grand National Award-winning 1950 Willys Jeep CJ-3A



1960 Jaguar Mark IX



Wes Neal & his First Grand National Award-winning 1991 Jeep Grand Wagoneer

The Elegance at Hershey Hershey, PA June 8-10, 2018 Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

Mark & I had never been to a concours car show, so when AACA Executive Director Steve Moskowitz offered free tickets to *The Elegance at Hershey* to members of the AACA Library & Research Center committee, I jumped at the opportunity. Because AACA Headquarters was nice enough to give us tickets, Mark & I offered to volunteer at the show. We helped out at the AACA Merchandise trailer on Saturday.

We drove to Hershey on Friday and checked into our hotel. We were invited to attend the Kick-Off Cocktail Party at the Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory at the Hershey Gardens, Friday evening. We enjoyed the group of vehicles that were displayed around the gardens and outside the conservatory. There were several race cars and some beautiful classic cars nicely arranged on the walkways.

Saturday morning, we headed to the area behind the Hotel Hershey to work at the AACA Merchandise trailer during *The Grand Ascent—Hershey Hill Climb*. Pat Buckley from AACA HQ set us up with our volunteer shirts and lanyards to identify us as volunteers. We had a great time talking to participants of the Cars & Coffee and the Grand Ascent. The program started with free donuts and coffee, a special display of race cars, and the car display for the Cars & Coffee.

Mark & I went to observe The Grand Ascent after lunch. It was exciting to watch. Vintage race cars "climb" the hill



1903 Pierce Stanhope Motorette



1912 Knox Model R touring car

located behind the Hotel Hershey. After the timed events, you could purchase a ride up the hill in one of several of the race cars, with the proceeds going to charity. Wayne Carini, from the TV show *Chasing Classic Cars*, and Ralph Marano, a legendary race car driver, signed autographs and then faced off for *Grudge Match II* on the Hershey Hill. Wayne Carini was filming that day for an upcoming episode of his show.

Sunday morning Mark & I attended *The Elegance at Hershey*. All I can say is "Wow!" There were 75 absolutely beautiful vehicles displayed on the grounds at the Hotel Hershey. We arrived early and were able to view most of the vehicles arriving. TRAACA members Jim & Donna Elliott were there with their 1931 Cadillac 370A V-12. All the vehicles were impeccable, making it difficult from a judging stand point. The participant trophies were shaped like giant Hershey kisses. The weather started out cool and cloudy, and unfortunately it started raining about 10:00 AM. However, being able to see the great vehicles made getting wet worth it.

Mark & I headed home about 11:00 AM. We drove thru rain the entire trip, and even stopped a couple of times when the rain was exceptionally heavy. Talking about the fun we had that weekend helped us pass the time on the drive home. We are hoping there will be more concours car shows in our future & look forward to volunteering at the Elegance again.



1912 S.G.V. Model 72 roadster



1932 Chrysler Imperial CH coupe



Donna & Jim Elliott and their 1931 Cadillac 370A V-12



A 1938 Delahaye 135M roadster in front of a 1930 Duesenberg J Convertible Victoria with body by Rollston



Best-in-Show: 1937 Bugatti Type 57S Atalante coupe



1966 Bosley Interstate Mark II



1935 MG PA Airline coupe



(L-R) 1931 Franklin Model 131 Sportsman coupe and 1935 Lincoln K convertible sedan



1952 Chrysler D'Elegance coupe by Ghia



1969 AMC AMX/3 concept—1 of only 5 operational cars built



Still Collecting Stuff — *Recent Discoveries* By Terry Bond

Periodically, I'll interrupt the regular flow of collecting topics to include my recent important discoveries. This is such an opportunity.

People often ask if I have a "plan" to my collecting. The answer is of course—*NO*, I am completely open to anything interesting that falls off the shelf into my hands! There are, however, items that I'm aware of from my research and that exist in other collections that are high on my "want list." I've been searching for some for a long time.

I must admit that occasionally the opportunity to acquire a rare piece presents itself, but too often at a price that I just cannot justify. Sometimes an item appears at a high-end European auction and I'm just not a player because of the logistics and the potential for budget damage. Big buyer's premiums at auctions are also a turn-off that can quickly escalate the cost of collecting. Then there is always the guy who beats me to it at Hershey!

Occasionally, however, there is a second chance to acquire a prize. Just such an occasion presented itself earlier this year in a Fredericksburg, Virginia, antique shop.

The item is a wonderful bisque porcelain figurine of a lady driving a fancy allegorical automobile. It's a mantelpiece flower vase. It's one of a pair; the companion is a well-attired gentleman driving a similar automobile headed the opposite direction.

The pair is well known among advanced collectors and is pictured in a major reference work on early automobile artwork. They are German in origin, and were hand-decorated probably in France at the turn of the century when the motoring craze was in its infancy.

I found the figurine of the gentleman driving the car many years ago in an antique shop in Louisville, KY. It was in a high end shop dealing with European imports. It was not inexpensive, but, I considered myself quite fortunate to have been able to acquire it and gladly added it to my collection. Of



Hidden on a shelf in a Fredericksburg antique shop—just waiting for Terry—was the piece for which he'd been searching for years

course, now I had to think about someday finding the companion piece to complete the "set."

Years went by and the only other one I'd seen was sold in an auction in Germany and the price was beyond realistic. I never thought I'd own one.

This spring, while on a tour with the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club, we had some free time in Fredericksburg, and naturally we had to catch a few of the many antique shops there. The second shop we visited was filled with nice higher-caliber merchandise.

In the fourth booth on the first aisle, there it was: on a lower shelf, squeezed to the back by some antique glassware. My heart jumped! It was the long-missing mate to my figurine of the gentleman driving a car! I first snapped a photo of it resting in place so I could savor the moment long after purchase!

I gently moved things away and carefully lifted it out into the light. It was beautiful! Best of all, the price tag read "\$42."



Circa 1900s bisque figurine of a lady driving



The companion piece—the figurine of a gentleman driving

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The smaller-sized pair of Terry's similar bisque figurines

I gingerly carried it up front for safe-keeping while I continued to look. The clerk told me "this dealer is having a sale and the price on this will be \$10." What I had thought was \$42 was actually \$12—the figure 1 was written stylishly and looked like a 4!!!! So, for a mere \$10 I added an item to my collection that had eluded my grasp for nearly 20 years.

Years ago I had done the same thing in reverse order buying the smaller version of the same figurines. These figurines were available in two different sizes: large for the mantel and small for the knick-knack shelf.

The small lady figurine was acquired first in a Pennsylvania antique mall. The gentleman driving figurine was an Internet purchase, and both were acquired at only a fraction of their actual value. So, the "set" is now complete!

I do have some "techniques" I use to "find" things, and one of my favorites is ferreting out hidden gems on the Internet. In this case, I happened to be casually pursuing an interest in Scottish



Newly acquired Shell Motor Spirit advertising mirror in its original frame—circa 1913

grandfather

clocks. We have one and for many years I've looked trying to find another from the same maker.

spotted T а listing on the Internet for one that was freshly imported in а "container just arrived from the UK." The seller had a link to his antique shop in the listing, so I visited the shop (on-line) just to see what else he might have imported. Although I wasn't looking for anything specific, I knew that sometimes these container loads get filled with odd "filler" items like porcelain signs, prints, paintings, Doulton plates, and who knows what else.

It didn't take long to find a prize in my searching. It was a rare Edwardianera Shell Gasoline (Motor Spirit) advertising mirror. Still in its original frame, it was in superb condition.

Three versions of this mirror are known to exist. One I already have in my collection was acquired in London in a Portobello Road antique shop while we lived in Scotland. It is the earliest version and does not have a gas can depicted, only the



Advertising matchbook cover advertising the Flint Automobile manufactured by Durant 1923-1927

notation "By His Majesty the King of England"—I guess that's like the Good Housekeeping seal of approval.

This version, showing a red gasoline can is the second oldest variety and I have only ever seen one other—in a museum in England.

I immediately contacted the shop owner and made a nice offer on the mirror, and it was accepted. The mirror arrived carefully packaged for a nominal extra charge and it now resides on a wall in our house.

The third version, showing a green gasoline can is equally difficult to find—so I will keep looking and perhaps someday I'll complete that set as well.

Last up, I'll leave you with a photo of a recently acquired matchbook cover—another vesta! [Editor's Note: See Terry's article on vestas in the May issue of *The Mudflap*.] This one has a wonderful miniature enamel radiator emblem on the front for the Flint Automobile.

No sooner did I complete my last column on vestas when one turned up for sale in an Internet auction. I was watching it carefully and, before leaving for the AACA National Meet in Auburn, I placed a bid on it. I bid quite strongly, hopeful that I could add it to my collection. While in an Auburn, Indiana, antique mall walking around with Mark & Marion McAlpine, I glanced into a small display case filled with little pins and some chauffeurs badges. The price tag said "Your choice \$15 each." There it was—a Flint Automobile advertising matchbook cover! For \$15 I snagged it quickly, and just as fast cancelled my pending bid on the Internet auction item. The one in my hand was in better condition anyway.

As an interesting side note, I had been through that antique mall a day earlier and had either not noticed the vesta or it had been placed into that case after my earlier visit.

The lesson here is sometimes you find different stuff in a place you looked at yesterday. Susan often tells me that if you go back through an antique shop from the opposite direction, you'll see different things.

So, happy collecting. (And yes, the money I saved on my latest "discoveries" will most likely be rolled forward towards some much more extravagant purchase!) May the thrill of the hunt and the excitement of discovery fuel your collecting, too.

Terry Bond



Franklin Auto Museum Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

Franklin

TRAACA members who own Franklin automobiles (such as Marty & Neil Sugermeyer) have told us about the Franklin Auto Museum in Tucson, AZ, and encouraged us to visit. We finally had the opportunity to do so when we attended the AACA Western Spring Meet in Tucson last April. All those Franklin owners were correct—the Franklin Auto Museum is great.

The Franklin Auto Museum is located in a residential area of Tucson and the final stretch of the journey to get there requires driving on a dirt road. The museum was founded over 40 years ago by Thomas "Tom" Hill Hubbard. Tom bought his first Franklin in 1950 and went on to became one of—arguably the premier restorer of Franklin automobiles. He founded the H.H. Franklin Club in 1951, restored over 70 cars for the late Bill Harrah, wrote what's considered the definitive book on Franklin automobiles, and most of the cars and memorabilia in the museum are from Tom's personal collection and are housed in large garages on the property of his former home and restoration business. Tom passed away in 1993 but endowed a foundation to maintain the museum and preserve this impressive collection of automotive history.

Admission to the museum is a bargain at \$10 (\$8 for senior citizens) and includes a guided tour, which was outstanding. Our guide has been associated with the collection since he was a 12-years old (he's probably in his 70s now), grew up helping out and then working there, and told us of learning to drive (before he had a driver's license) in a Franklin and flying down the dirt roads around Tom's house (and being cautioned by Tom to slow down a bit). He also knew and shared with us the history behind every car in the display and pointed out some neat memorabilia.



1905 Franklin Model A Runabout with Rear Entrance Tonneau



(L-R) An unrestored, all-original 1910 Franklin Model G Touring Car with 6,300 miles and a 1918 Franklin Model 9B Touring Car

We really appreciated the guided tour—unless you're a Franklin expert—visiting the museum would not have been the same. (Even if you are an expert, you probably wouldn't know the history of each car and what went into its restoration.)

Each vehicle in the museum is unique and somewhat rare since only approximately 150,000 Franklins were produced between 1902-1934 and only 3,700 are estimated to remain. The highlights of the collection are an unrestored, original 1910 Franklin Model G Touring Car with only 6,300 miles, H.H. Franklin's personal car a 1931 Franklin Model 153 Deluxe Touring Car (which began as a 1929, but was refreshed in 1930 and 1931 with the newer features and new serial numbers), a one-off 1931 Franklin Model 153 Sport Phaeton (built for Stillman F. Kelley, II for his wedding trip), a 1932 Franklin Model 1600 V-12 Sport Phaeton (which was never produced, but was built from the original factory blueprints—the prototype is in the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, New York). The collection is not stagnant-the museum continues to add select vehicles. The most recent are a 1905 Franklin Model A runabout with rear entrance tonneau and a 1924 Packard 143 touring car owned formerly by the late Isabella Greenway King, founder of the historic Arizona Inn (which opened in 1930) and Arizona's first Congresswoman.

Tucson is a beautiful city, and the 2018 AACA Western Spring Meet was great, but if you love old cars the Franklin Auto Museum is worth the trip out west on its own. The museum is only open on Wednesdays to Saturdays from mid-October to Memorial Day (or by special appointment in advance), so plan your visit accordingly.



1908 Franklin Model J 1.5-ton capacity Stake-Bed Truck



1924 Franklin Model 10C sedan



1925 Franklin Series 11-A Sport Coupe



1930 Franklin Model 147 Pirate Phaeton



1931 Franklin Model 153 Deluxe Coupe



1933 Franklin Model 183 Olympic Convertible Coupe



1929 Franklin Model 135 Convertible Coupe



1931 Franklin Model 153 Sport Phaeton built for Stillman Kelley



1932 Franklin Model 1600 V-12 Sport Phaeton



1934 Franklin Model 173 V-12 Club Brougham

Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars *Chris Hunt and her 1973 Plymouth Scamp* Story as told to Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



Fellow TRAACA member Chris Hunt is very proud of her 1973 Plymouth Scamp. Chris has owned the car for a little over 3 years, having purchased the Scamp on April 29, 2015. Since then she has enjoyed driving it as much as possible.

Chris had been in the market for a classic car and was looking for a Dodge Dart or Plymouth Duster (because she liked the body style) when she was given a lead on the Scamp by a friend. Chris is the third owner of the Scamp. The first owner was a woman who bought the vehicle when she was in her fifties and lived in Florida. The automobile was in her possession for 20 years, until her death in 1993, when the car went to its second owner—her nephew—who brought the car to Virginia. The nephew kept the car garaged for the 22 years he owned it, only driving it once weekly around the back roads of Windsor to keep it in good running order.

Chris's 1973 Plymouth Scamp is a Chrysler A-Body vehicle and is part of the third-generation of the Plymouth Valiant, which was produced from 1967 to 1973. The Scamp models were only produced from 1971 to 1976. Chris's Scamp is a 2-door, hardtop coupe with a 225-ci, 105-HP, "Slant Six" engine with a Holley single-barrel carburetor (which is stock).

Chris has a large collection of documentation on the vehicle, including an original Chrysler Broadcast Sheet. The vehicle has its numbers-matching engine, original gold



Chris Hunt & Charlie Daniels dribble out of her Scamp after its radiator over-heated on the way to the 2016 AACA New Bern Meet

interior, original spare tire, power steering, power brakes, AM radio, and hand-crank sunroof. The exterior color is Alpine White and was repainted once in the original color in 1999.

Since owning the car, Chris has had its engine cleaned and repainted. She also had correct hoses and hose clamps installed. Chris appreciates the power brakes she had added, which were an option on the 1973 Scamp. On the appearance side, Chris added the black trunk stripe and rallye road wheels.

Chris enjoys driving her Scamp to car shows and cruiseins. She states she will drive it anywhere with roads. When Chris bought the Scamp in 2015, it had 35,000 original miles; it's now pushing 43,000 miles. Chris drove the Scamp to New Bern, NC, for the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet in 2016 and was awarded its Driver Participation Class (DPC) badge. Chris also has two chips (for 2,000 miles and 5,000 miles) on her AACA Mileage Award Program (MAP) Badge.

When you ask Chris what she likes best about her Scamp, she replies "It's a MOPAR." She states her dream car would be a 1970 Plymouth Hemi 'cuda in the color Plum Crazy. Chris likes that her Scamp is not a "trailer queen." She reports, "I like being able to drive it and not being afraid to drive it." It won't be long before Chris adds the next chip to the MAP Badge.



The interior of Chris's 1973 Plymouth Scamp—it's all original!



The Scamp's powerful 105-hp, 225-ci "Slant Six" engine



Judging Results By Jim Elliott AACA Vice President, Judging

(Reprinted from the Summer 2018 AACA Rummage Box newsletter)



I am often asked "How do I get a copy of my judging sheet?" A simple letter to the Vice President of Judging can get you the information you desire.

The letter is to be mailed to the current Vice President of Judging at the address provided in the *Antique Automobile* magazine or the club website [501 W Governor Rd, Hershey, PA 17033] and should include the following:

- 1. Your name and address;
- 2. The year, make and model of your show vehicle;
- 3. The judging class for your vehicle;
- 4. The meet you attended;

5. A self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of your results.

It is the policy of the AACA to provide a summary of the deductions received and not an exact score. As a result, you will receive a highlighted judging sheet disclosing the areas in which deductions were made.

You can use this information to inspect your vehicle and possibly improve it for the next meet or next level of competition. It is often helpful to have another judge or a member of your Region review the vehicle with you.

The AACA standard of judging is to present your car as it was delivered to the original owner from the dealer. Items that are not period correct receive deductions, as well as items that no longer appear new.

While the AACA promotes competition, remember that this is a hobby. Have fun at the meets and enjoy your historic vehicle.



Give 'Em a Ride By Fred Trusty AACA VP, Regions—Western Division

(Reprinted from the Summer 2018 AACA Rummage Box newsletter)



I want to share something that happened to me at a local church cruise event last year. It was the end of a hot summer day and I was ready to get home to some air conditioning. I was loading my chair and cooler into the bed of my 1929 Ford Model A truck when a woman and her son stopped to look at my truck. The boy looked to be about 8 years old. She asked me what year it was, so I told her a little bit about the truck. As they were walking around the truck she was telling her son that this is what trucks looked like in 1929.

The lady thanked me for bringing the truck and as they started to walk away I asked the boy if he wanted to ride in my truck. The look on his face was priceless! His eyes got big as he looked up at his mother shaking his head up and down. He climbed in and we took a short ride in the subdivision. He had never seen a truck that didn't have seat belts and one that you had to manually shift gears.

His mother took a picture of him and the truck, and I told him to tell all his friends that he rode in a 1929 Ford Model A truck. He thanked me for the ride as I shook his hand. It brought back memories of the first time I was invited to ride in a Corvette when I was 12 years old. It really doesn't take much effort to plant those old car hobby seeds. Just give 'em a ride.





Tidewater Region AACA						
Forty-Fifth Annual Meet Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 8 am to 3 pm Military Aviation Museum 1341 Princess Anne Rd - Virginia Beach, VA 23457						
2018 Registration Form – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY						
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I would like to help judge Preserving The Past (AACA Style Classes): Yes / No (Circle One) Class:

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I agree that the Tidewater Region AACA, Military Aviation Museum, named sponsors, directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents of the above will not be held liable for any injury or damage incurred by the listed vehicle(s) entered in the show before, during, or after the meet on September 22, 2018. I further certify that I have the required Liability Damage Insurance on the listed show vehicle(s) for the state in which they're registered.



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Sunshine Report

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:
Former TRAACA member Fonstill "Buddy" Meier passed away in Norfolk on June 9th. He was 90-yrs old.

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







AACA Annual Grand National Meet—Greensburg, PA Scott Davies & 1958 Chevrolet Corvette

Scott Davies & Holly Forester Jim & Donna Elliott

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Mark & Marion McAlpine

Reggie Nash

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Bill & Linda Treadwell

Jim Villers

1903 Cadillac Senior Grand National Award 1932 Auburn 8-100A First Grand National Award ne 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS Senior Grand National Award 1958 Cadillac Eldorado First Grand National Award 1991 Jeep Grand Wagoneer First Grand National Award 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Repeat Preservation Award 1950 Willys Jeep CJ-3A First Grand National Award

First Grand National Award

The Elegance at Hershey—Hershey, PAJim & Donna Elliott1931 Cadillac 370A V-12Invited Participants

AACA Judging Awards—Greensburg, PA: Bob Parrish 175 Judging Credits



Bob Parrish receives award for 175 judging credits from AACA VP of Judging Jim Elliott at the Grand National Meet in Greensburg, PA



Members celebrating <u>birthdays in July</u>

Mark Anthony Dody Berry Bob Bond Jack Burroughs Linda Cooper Thomas England Nancy Garnett James Gregg Douglas Grosz Jon Hunger Bob Kinker Frank Lagana Marion McAlpine Diane Monroe Sylvia Roughton Leslie Scarpelli Tony Scarpelli Nina Serrone Harold Via, Jr. Betty Villers

Members celebrating <u>anniversaries July</u>

Jim & Donna Elliott George & Sheila Gurnee Dana & Debbie Meadows Tony & Leslie Scarpelli Vito & Nina Serrone Jim & Betty Villers James & Becky Woodall Bob & Susan Woolfitt

TRAACA July Dinner Meeting *Thursday, July 19, 2018*

One more reminder: because of remodeling at the Holiday Inn, this month's dinner meeting is at the Quality Suites Lake Wright—Norfolk Airport by the new outlet mall off Northampton Blvd. Don't go to the wrong place!



Dick & Linda Cooper at the Judges Breakfast while attending the 2018 Grand National Meet in Greensburg, PA



National Collector Car Appreciation Day Cruise-In





Other Regional and Local Events

JULY 2018

- Classic Cruisers Annual 4th of July Car Show Gloucester, VA
- 7 Historic Hilton Village 100th Anniversary Grand Celebration Car Show Newport News, VA
- 13 National Collector Car Appreciation Day Car Show Daniels Performance Group Smithfield, VA
- 13-15 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals Hurst Nationals Carlisle, PA

14 National Collector Car Appreciation Day Car Show Gloucester, VA

21 Shenandoah Region AACA

- And the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley 9th Annual Car Show Winchester, VA
- 28 Revvin' Up for Mental Health Benefit Car Show Norfolk, VA

AUGUST 2018

- 3-5 Carlisle Truck Nationals Carlisle, PA
- 4 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday Car Show Portsmouth. VA
- 18 Khedive 27th Annual "Fun-N-Shine" Car Show Chesapeake, VA
- 23-26 Corvettes at Carlisle Carlisle, PA
- 25 10th Annual Thomas Nelson Comm. College Car Show Newport News, VA

SEPTEMBER 2018

- Newport News Sheriff's Ofc Project Lifesaver Car Show Newport News, VA
 - 43rd Edgar Rohr Car Show Bull Run Region AACA Manassas. VA
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- 16 Isle of Wight County Fair Car Show Isle of Wight, VA
- 29-30 MOPAR Madness Virginia Motorsports Park Dinwiddie, VA

Friday, July 13, 2018 5:00—8:00 PM Daniels Performance Group

20128 IWIP Road, Smithfield, VA 23430

At the request of the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Action Network, each year beginning in 2010, the U.S. Senate has passed a resolution marking the second Friday in July as "National Collector Car Appreciation Day" "recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States." Per SEMA's website: "This 'holiday' celebrates the preservation of historic, classic and specialty cars in the United States. Enthusiasts nationwide are encouraged to show their support by attending or hosting events such as car shows, cruises or simply driving their unique vehicles to work."

Although hundreds of National Collector Car Appreciation Day shows will be held throughout the country, the only one in Virginia listed on SEMA's website is being held at TRAACA member Charlie Daniels' Performance Group in Smithfield, VA. This year's event will have live music, a food vendor, and cool cars—especially if you bring yours! A \$3 donation is requested to benefit our local *Toys for Tots* drive.

This is our special "holiday", so let's show up in force as a club to celebrate National Collector Car Appreciation Day at fellow TRAACA member Charlie Daniels' shop in Smithfield on Friday, July 13th!

For more info on the show go to the Daniels Performance Group Facebook page or to the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council's webpage: <u>www.vpccc.org</u>.





Dash Plaques to all entries Trophy Presentations starts at 3:00 PM For information and registration form: www.khediveshrine.org

Car Show POC: Jack Smith—Cellphone: (757) 287-1801





It is almost July, and time to start cranking up our efforts for the TRAACA's 45th Annual Meet (aka the "Wings & Wheels" show). Barry Basnight and I are the Meet Co-Chairs and with the help of a small planning team have accomplished several key things, but there is a great deal of things we still need to do. Barry and I are currently putting together our team of chairpersons. We hope when we ask you to be a part of the team, you will not hesitate to say "YES."

The TRAACA Annual Meet takes a great deal of planning. Thankfully, we have a number of people who have stepped up to take on some key positions. Jerry & Ellen Adams have generously offered to be the Annual Meet Registration Chairpersons. They will be accepting registrations for the Classic Cars, Mods & Rods, Flea Market, and Car Corral. Jerry and Mark designed the show flyer, and Jerry e-mailed them to all TRAACA members and the people who registered last year. (Flyers will be mailed to members and last year's participants without e-mail.) Ellen has been helping us get the trophy sponsors signed up and helping in other areas. Bob Stein designed the dash plaques and the day of the show will photograph the show vehicles with the display planes. Jim Villers has agreed to design the field layout for us. Terry & Sue Bond have been great consultants. There are many more people working behind the scenes, and I won't try to

name them all at this time for fear I will forget someone.

A highlight of this year's show includes a special display for the 100th Anniversary of the Chevrolet Truck. All Chevrolet trucks will be invited to join the display. If you know of someone with a Chevrolet truck, please give them a flyer. There will be recognition certificates for the participants and maybe a few special trophies. The AACA Library & Research Center's 1955 Chevrolet Bookmobile truck (traveling from Hershey, PA) will be the center of the special truck display. RK Chevrolet from Virginia Beach will display some newer vehicles (including the new 2019 Chevrolet pickup) and be our special display trophy sponsor. We are hoping they will find a 2018 Chevrolet 100th Anniversary Special Edition truck in the area to bring to the show.

There are many other show events to look forward to. Our own Terry Bond will be giving one and maybe two seminars for participants and spectators to enjoy. There will be a fly-over demonstration by the museum's German Me-262 WWII jet. Hagerty Insurance has supplied us with the tools to hold a Youth Judging Program for our young show participants—15 kids (possibly 30) will receive hats, shirts, lanyards, and judging sheets to judge and vote for their favorite cars. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place ribbons will be awarded. Also, Mattel donated Hot Wheels 50th Anniversary posters and stickers.

THANK YOU to all those who have volunteered and to those who will be volunteering to help with the show. Whether you are able to do a little or a lot, *YOU ARE THE BEST*!!

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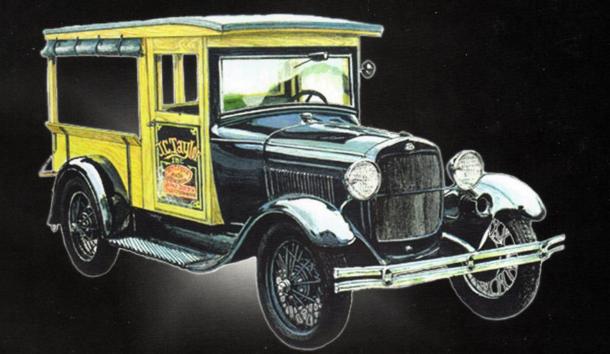




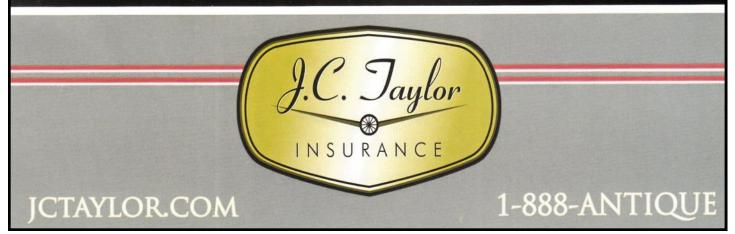


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