

# The Mudflap



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## TRAACA Tour of Hermitage Museum and Hunter House Saturday, September 8, 2018

Join us on Saturday, September 8th, for a tour of two historic Norfolk homes. Our first stop is the Hermitage Museum and Gardens (7637 North Shore Rd, Norfolk, VA), a Smithsonian-affiliated museum. Our tour starts promptly at 10:00 AM.

The Hermitage, constructed in 1908 as a 5-room summer house for William & Florence Sloane, was by 1936 a 42-room mansion in the American Arts & Crafts style. It sits on 12 acres of gardens, forest, and wetlands, surrounded on three sides by the Lafayette River. The Hermitage is also home to the Sloane Collection, an assortment of over 5,000 pieces of art. (The Sloanes were instrumental in the founding of what is now the Chrysler Museum. William Sloane was an early advocate of the automobile. In fact, his 1909 Packard was shown at the AACA National Meet we held in 2015.) After the museum tour we will head outside where club members will have the opportunity to tour the gardens and grounds at their own leisure. We will depart the Hermitage around 11:30 AM.

Our next stop is the Hunter House Victorian Museum (240 W. Freemason Street, Norfolk, VA). This tour starts at

12:00 PM. Hunter House was built in 1894 as a home for James & Lizzie Hunter. The historic house museum has a mission to educate the public in late nineteenth-century decorative arts, Victorian Era culture, and the structure's significance in Norfolk's history. Parking is limited at Hunter House, but on street parking is available. Nearby Freemason Abbey restaurant is allowing us to park there. Please note that Hunter House museum is not handicap accessible.

After touring the Hunter House, at 1:00 PM we'll have lunch at Freemason Abbey (209 W. Freemason Street, Norfolk, VA) conveniently located less than a block away. The restaurant serves a variety of American food at reasonable prices and has free parking on site. They have a menu planned for us similar to what we had after our Chrysler Museum tour last January.

So, plan to spend a fun and memorable Saturday with your fellow TRAACA members! Cost for the Hermitage Museum tour is \$8.00 per person. The Hunter House tour is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, \$1.00 for children under 12. Contact Travis Berry by September 5th at (757) 536-1214 or [travis.berry.mail@gmail.com](mailto:travis.berry.mail@gmail.com).



**Caught in the Headlights: Bill & Doug Grosz with Bill's 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper 7-passenger sedan. Read the story on Page 14.**



### TRAACA CALENDAR

Check [traaca.com/calendar.htm](http://traaca.com/calendar.htm) for the latest info on upcoming events!

#### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 8 TRAACA Tour of Hermitage Museum & Hunter House Norfolk, VA
- 14 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Friday)  
— Location to be announced —
- 20 TRAACA Dinner Meeting Quality Suites Lake Wright  
— Note change in location —
- 22 TRAACA Annual Meet Military Aviation Museum Virginia Beach, VA

#### OCTOBER 2018

- 5 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 18 TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 20 TRAACA Chili Cook-Off Dewey & Maxine Milligan's Chesapeake, VA

#### NOVEMBER 2018

- 3 TRAACA Movie Night Virginia Special Events Ctr Portsmouth, VA
- 9 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 15 TRAACA Dinner Meeting and Annual Silent Auction Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

#### DECEMBER 2018

- 7 TRAACA Holiday Lights Newport News City Park Newport News, VA
- 9 TRAACA Holiday Brunch Princess Anne Country Club Virginia Beach, VA
- 14 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

# From the Driver's Seat



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The club's new trailer arrived on Saturday, 25 August. As you can see from the photo, it's nice and exactly what we need. Come check it out at our Annual Meet in Virginia Beach on Saturday, 22 September (less than three weeks off by the time you read this note).

Speaking of the Annual Meet, let me beat the drum one more time: we need your help to pull this off. Please contact Meet Co-Chairs Barry Basnight or Marion McAlpine and volunteer a few hours on either Thursday or Friday, 20 or 21 September (helping to set up the show field and swap meet) or on the day of the meet. (We especially need help on Saturday helping to direct the cars onto the show field and cleaning up at the end of the day.) Thank you in advance for your support of our club—we can't do it without you!

We also need you to bring your antique vehicles to the meet. We have over 300 members and 450 vehicles in our club, but as of 25 August we have less than 70 vehicles pre-registered for the meet. In order to have a good show and educate spectators about old cars and the AACA, we need your antique vehicles. Please remember that you must preregister to have your vehicle AACA judged. Pre-registrations must be postmarked no later than 8 September. Registrations postmarked after 8 September will be entered into "Day of Show" judging ("Top 3") and will not be AACA judged. So, please, Please, *PLEASE* stop procrastinating and send in your registration today. (It's on Page 16 of this newsletter or you can print it from the club's website.)

I'd also like to promote two other upcoming events:

- October will be here sooner than we expect, and with October comes Hershey. The AACA's annual Hershey Meet (formally known as the AACA Eastern Fall Meet) is on Wednesday-Saturday, 10-13 October. Whether it's the 1,200 plus cars, trucks and motorcycles on the show field, 10,000

flea market vendor spaces, the 1,000 plus vehicles in the car corral, or Chocolate World, the Hershey Meet is something every antique car lover needs to experience at least once.

- If you enjoy touring, join us on the Second Annual Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA—an AACA non-geographic region comprised of 14 of the 17 AACA regions in Virginia) Fall Tour in Roanoke on Friday-Saturday, 9-10 November. The Roanoke Valley Region has planned a great and very reasonably priced tour. You can find the details and registration form on the ODMA website ([odma.aaca.com](http://odma.aaca.com)). Drive antique or modern, but come have a good time and make some new friends from other regions.

Finally, we lost two long-time members of the TRAACA this summer: Jeff Locke and Jerry Olson. Please keep Pat Locke and Mary Lou Olson in your thoughts and prayers.

Marion & I hope to see you at the region's 45th Annual Meet on 22 September. It won't be as much fun without you (and your car)!

*Mark Mc*



*The TRAACA's new 18-ft V-nose trailer—see it at the Annual Meet*

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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 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 [skippatnode@cox.net](mailto:skippatnode@cox.net) or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

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**From the Running Board**  
**Aug 10, 2018, TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes**  
 (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

**Officers Present:** Mark McAlpine (President), Matt Doscher (Vice President), Vickie Doscher (Secretary), and Charlie Dawson (Treasurer). **Board Members Present:** Travis Berry and Scott Davies. **Members present:** Frank Lagana and Marion McAlpine.

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 6:28 PM.

**President:** Thanked all for attending. Good to see Frank Lagana tonight. Memorial service for Jeff Locke is Sunday, August 12th, at Hickory United Methodist Church in Chesapeake. Please keep Pat Locke in your thoughts and prayers.

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

**Secretary's Report:** July Board Meeting minutes sent and approved via email and published in the August *Mudflap*.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- July monthly reports reviewed.
- Status of AACA Donation Fund: \$500 donation received bringing the total to \$1,386 thus far.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Sat, August 11: Joint TRAACA/HVPR Tour of Virginia War Museum. Self-guided tour 10:30-11:30 AM followed by lunch at the Crab Shack. 28 confirmations for lunch and 23 confirmations for the museum.
- Sat, August 25: TRAACA Ice Cream Social, 2-4 PM, at Doumar's Barbecue in Norfolk.
- Sat, September 8: TRAACA Tour of Hermitage Museum and Hunter House. We're all set for these tours. Normally, there would be a tour of the Hermitage grounds but due to a separate outdoor activity this day the grounds tour will be unavailable. Limited parking at Hunter House; parking is available at our lunch destination: Freemason Abbey.

**Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):**

- Thurs, August 16: August Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Guest Speaker: Mr. John Paul Lindberg, from the Norfolk Historical Society, discussing Fort Norfolk.
- Thurs, September 20: September Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.
- Need to start thinking of Dinner Meeting locations for 2019. Our current contract expires at the end of January 2019.

**Membership (Jerry Adams):**

- Status as of July 31: 174 memberships / 300 members.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 2018 Annual Meet (Sat, September 22, at the Military Aviation Museum). Trophy sponsors coming in. Hope to have 30 sponsors like last year. Chairpersons have been identified and a meeting is scheduled for Tues, August 14. The AACA Bookmobile will be present in conjunction with the 100 years of Chevy trucks display. Dot Parrish working on Meet program. Terry Bond to conduct a presentation in the museum's mezzanine. Dash plaques are available. Hagerty sending a second youth judging kit for the two separate show fields.

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- Status of Club's New Trailer: Check has been sent to USA Cargo. Once they receive it we will be provided a build date. Trailer will be delivered to the Doscher residence (current trailer caretakers). Mark recommended and introduced for discussion that Matt be authorized up to \$150 to purchase the needed safety/emergency equipment for the trailer. Travis made a motion to authorize up to \$150 for the purchase of needed safety/emergency equipment. Motion seconded by Charlie; motion passed.
- Hosting the 2022 AACA Annual Grand National Meet. Marion has spoken to the Founders Inn and it sounds promising. Marion & Mark meeting with the Founders Inn soon. Founders Inn is confident they can handle the numbers for rooms, trailers, and cars.
- 2019 Swap Meet: Mark, Marion, John Heimerl, and Bill Treadwell to meet with Nansemond Suffolk Academy (NSA) soon. In an e-mail NSA asked if a donation was do-able and they were told yes pending there are no additional costs we have not been informed of. The Club has not committed to anything yet—only exploring options.

**New Business:**

- Region Judging School for Annual Meet: Wayne confirmed that his parents are good with hosting us in late August or early September for an unofficial Judging School for the membership prior to our Annual Meet. Working on identifying a specific date.
- Charging for Hardcopy Newsletters: Not looking for a decision tonight, keeping it on the back burner for now. 30 members still receive hardcopy (which costs club \$53/year for each member). Board considering if we should charge for a hardcopy newsletter. Probably will have to decide on something next month because if we are going to do this it will be associated with annual membership renewals.
- Status of Candidates for 2019 Board of Directors: Linda Pellerin (Committee Chairperson) has a slate of candidates, but is still waiting on responses from a few.

**Other Business:**

- VPCCC: Currently experiencing website problems. Work continues on this year's Virginia Fall Classic car show.
- CCCHR: Our Annual Meet is listed on their website.

**Adjourned:** Having no other business, motion to adjourn made by Matt; seconded by Charlie. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM. The next Board Meeting is 6:30 PM on Friday, September 14, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary



# TRAACA Tour to Charlottesville

## Friday-Sunday, July 27-29, 2018

Story by Matt Doscher. Photos by Vickie Doscher and Mark McAlpine.

This year's TRAACA weekend tour took us to Charlottesville, VA, which is a short 3-hour drive up Route 460 and Interstate 64. Vickie & I began our tour by meeting fellow club members David & Jean Belton, Wayne & Carol Milligan, and Bob & Linda Pellerin at the Hardee's on Route 460 in Waverly, VA. We all agreed on staying off the interstate as much as possible and to enjoy the scenic views from the back roads as we made our trek towards Charlottesville. Our first stop was lunch at Chuy's in Midlothian where we all enjoyed a hearty Mexican lunch! From there we made our way to Cunningham Creek Winery in Palmyra for a scheduled tour and wine tasting. We met up there with fellow club members Dick & Linda Cooper, who drove in from their home in West Virginia, and Mark & Marion McAlpine.

Cunningham Creek Winery is situated on a 400-acre farm of which 50 acres are used for growing the grapes used for their wine production. (Fun fact: the red tint in red wine comes from the seeds and stems of the grapes used in production!) After our tour we had some time to spare, so some members took advantage of it by visiting Jefferson Vineyards just outside Charlottesville. We didn't have a scheduled tour there, so we enjoyed the picturesque setting of the rolling hills & green grass, and browsed the gift shop and gardens. Leaving the Vineyards, we made our way to our hotel in Charlottesville and checked into our rooms. The last

contingent of our group, Travis & Kim Berry, met us there.

We all met for dinner at Travinia Italian Kitchen just across the street from our hotel. We had our own separate dining room, and we all enjoyed our meal. Our last stop of the day took us to the Leander McCormick Observatory at the University of Virginia. The observatory is manned by amateur astronomers and offers free tours on the first and third Fridays of each month year-round. Our guide, Larry Saunders, introduced us to the history and role of the observatory with a short presentation in the museum. Afterwards, we enjoyed our time viewing Jupiter and Saturn through the 26-inch McCormick refractor lens telescope which dates to the 1880s! It was amazing to see Saturn & her rings and Jupiter & several of her moons! The TRAACA donated \$100 to the observatory upon conclusion of our tour.

Saturday morning, we enjoyed our guided "Behind the Scenes" tour of Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, the third U.S. President. Construction of Monticello began in 1769 and was completed in 1809. All the bricks, nails, and lumber used in constructing Monticello were all sourced and manufactured on site. Our tour guide, Karen Quillen, provided an excellent tour of the entire home including the second and third floors. (Fun fact: the mountaintop location for Monticello had to be cleared and leveled prior to construction!) After our tour we headed to historic Michie Tavern for lunch. Michie Tavern dates from the 18th century



*The TRAACA tour group in front of the wine vats at Cunningham Creek Winery in Palmyra, VA, with Doodles, the winery's guard dog*



when it was a popular tavern and stopover for travelers on horseback and wagon. In the 20th century the Tavern was relocated to its current location only a half-mile from Monticello and more easily accessed by tourists.

After lunch we motored over to Castle Hill Cider in beautiful Keswick to learn a little bit about the cider manufacturing process and to taste some of their ciders. (Fun fact: some of the cider they produce is stored underground in large terra-cotta urns to allow for proper fermentation and provides a unique taste.) After our cider tour it was time for dinner at Burton's Grill just steps from our hotel.

After dinner we enjoyed a guided ghost walk around the historic section of Charlottesville. We met our guide at dusk outside the historic downtown mall. We traced the fatal footsteps of Sam McCue, a Charlottesville mayor and prominent lawyer, and his wife, Fannie. Fannie was

mysteriously killed in their home. We heard some of the witness testimonies of this famous 1904 murder and saw where it all happened.

Sunday morning, we met at President James Monroe's Highland for our scheduled guided tour. Our guide, Sharon Hiner, described Highland in detail. Monroe's original home was lost to a fire in the early 19th century, but his guest house remains. The Massey family constructed a home partially atop the original foundation of Monroe's home. This home dates from the late 19th century and is adjacent to the guest house. Original Monroe family furniture & pictures abound in the guest house. (Fun fact: James Monroe's Highland is part of The College of William and Mary, Monroe's alma mater!) After touring Highland, we enjoyed an entertaining lunch at Moose's by the Creek restaurant and had our picture taken next to their famous moose rack!



*TRAACA members waiting to view Saturn at the observatory*



*The East Front of Monticello which faces the gardens and valley*



*TRAACA members lounging at Castle Hill Cider*



*(L-R) Bob Pellerin, David Belton, Dick Cooper at Castle Hill Cider*



*Matt Doscher presents the club's donation to our guide & amateur astronomer, Larry Saunders, at the McCormick Observatory*



*The TRAACA contingent on the Charlottesville ghost tour*





# TRAACA Tour of the Virginia War Museum Saturday, August 11, 2018

Story by Matt Doscher. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

This month's TRAACA activity was a joint venture with our friends from the Historic Virginia Peninsula Region AACA (HVPR) up on the peninsula. Eleven TRAACA members and eight HVPR members enjoyed a nice air-conditioned and self-guided tour of the Virginia War Museum. A docent was not available as the museum was short-staffed and busy with summer camp activities. It was commented, and I agree, that a docent would have made our tour more informative as the museum has a huge collection.

The Virginia War Museum was founded in 1923 by American Legion Post #25 as the American Legion Memorial Museum of Virginia. Many of the artifacts in its early collection came from WWI veterans. This early collection would eventually expand to include artifacts from WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam War. The museum's artifact collection from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Spanish-American War all came from private donations.

The museum has a nice collection of military officer's swords dating back to the Civil War as well as a collection of armor-piercing anti-tank rifles. These specific rifles must have been 5-foot long and were designed specifically to pierce the 1- to 2-inch thick tank armor during WWI. It

was said that due to the extreme recoil after firing these weapons, soldiers were often injured.

The museum has on display a 1919 Pierce-Arrow U.S. Army troop transport truck. I can't imagine riding in it back then with its hard rubber tires! They also had a neat German anti-aircraft cannon on display and a mangled propeller from a Japanese aircraft shot down at Pearl Harbor.

After our tour we took a short drive over to the Crab Shack Seafood Restaurant for lunch. The restaurant is situated adjacent to the James River Bridge and offers scenic views of the James River and Huntington Park. The crab cakes, fresh oysters, shrimp, and she crab soup were especially popular with our group.

TRAACA members in attendance included Jere Avenson and his friend Walt Hooks, Al Becker, Matt & Vickie Doscher, Jim & Donna Elliott, Joe & Charline Geib, Doug Grosz, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Skip Patnode, Tony & Leslie Scarpelli, and Ken & Barbara Talley. Al, Jim & Donna, Mark & Marion, and Tony & Leslie also belong to the HVPR. (Tony is president of the HVPR and Donna is its Activities Coordinator.) Other HVPR members on the tour included Jim Cross, Jonathan Smith, and Tom Murphy.



*The Virginia War Museum in Newport News, VA*



*An M55 8-inch self-propelled howitzer and an anti-aircraft gun displayed in front of the Virginia War Museum*



*Jere Avenson examining U.S. Cavalry weapons used in the 1870s*



*1919 Pierce-Arrow Model R9 5-ton U.S. Army truck*





*Ken Talley checking out part of the WWII display*



*Joe & Charline Geib in front of a 1943 Stuart light tank believed to be one of the first to enter Paris when it was liberated in 1944*



*Historic posters in the museum's "Women at War" exhibit*



*Marion McAlpine and Doug Grosz discussing the displays in a railroad car used to transport Allied soldiers & supplies in WWII*



*Tony & Leslie Scarpelli and their 1956 Chrysler New Yorker*



*Marion McAlpine & Skip Patnode in Skip's 1967 Alfa Romeo*



*TRACA & HVPR members enjoying lunch at the Crab Shack*



*TRACA & HVPR members waiting for lunch at the Crab Shack*





# Khediye Auto Shriners 27th Annual Car “Fun-n-Shine” Car Show

## Saturday, August 18, 2018

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine



The annual Chesapeake Khediye Autos Shriners car show held every August is always a local favorite because of the diverse selection of vehicles on the show field, the associated craft show and automotive swap meet, and the good cause it supports: Shriners Hospitals for Children around the country. The Shriners’ 27th Annual “Fun-n-Shine” Car Show this year was no different. A number of TRAACA members attended the show—some brought their antique cars; some had vendor spaces in the swap meet; some came to enjoy looking at the cars and hunt for treasures in the swap meet or craft show; and some, like Skip Patnode, are Shriners and helped plan and hold the show. Whatever the attraction, it was a beautiful day and everyone seemed to have a good time (especially those who won awards).

TRAACA members at the show this year included Jerry Adams and Barry Basnight who both helped distribute flyers for our upcoming Annual Meet; Fred Cole with his 1989 Buick Reatta; Charlie & Sandy Dawson with their 1968 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28; Paul Fuqua with his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28; John & Marie Gancel with their 1968 Chevrolet Biscayne; Tyler Gimbert; Bill Grosz and Doug Grosz with Bill’s 1947 Packard Custom Super

Clipper 7-passenger sedan; Bob Hanbury with his 1948 Ford street rod and 1950 Willys Jeepster; Floyd Jolley and his grandson (Floyd drove Bob Hanbury’s Jeepster); Sam Kern manned the TRAACA membership tent (actually it was a truck—it was too windy to set up the tent); Frank Lagana; Mark & Marion McAlpine helping to man the membership tent and distributing flyers for our upcoming Annual Meet (they’d registered their Chevelle but it’s new battery hadn’t arrived yet); Mickey & Toni McChesney with Mickey manning a swap meet table and selling some of his prized automobilia; Tom Norris selling vintage license plates in the swap meet; Ron Pack; Bob & Dot Parrish with Bob helping out with membership; Skip Patnode helped park cars and judge, and had his 1967 Alfa Romeo Duetto on the show field; Andrew & Brittany Sitar; Dennis Sobota and his 2005 Chevrolet SSR; Boyd Swartz with his 1964 Volvo 122S; Ken & Barbara Talley parting with some of their treasures in the swap meet; Bill Treadwell with his 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass; and Bob Ward with his 1963 Chevrolet Impala SS.

Paul Fuqua’s Camaro & the Gancels’ Biscayne won First Place in their respective classes, and Boyd Swartz’s Volvo & Bill Treadwell’s Cutlass took Second in theirs.



(L-R) TRAACA members Bob Parrish, Tom Norris, and Ron Pack



TRAACA members Barbara & Ken Talley relaxing between sales



Bill & Doug Grosz with Bill’s 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper



Marion McAlpine tries out a 1951 Hudson Pacemaker convertible





*Boyd Swartz with his 1964 Volvo 122S*



*Examples of the first two generations of the Plymouth Barracuda: (L-R) 1969 and 1964—note the difference in the fastback roofs*



*Charlie Dawson and his 1968 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28*



*Paul Fuqua and his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28*



*Mickey McChesney packing up his swap meet table*



*Fred Young & his brother-in-law with Fred's 1989 Buick Reatta*



*TRAACA mbrs Bill Treadwell, Sam Kern, and Marion McAlpine*



*There were lots of tempting things for sale in the swap meet*





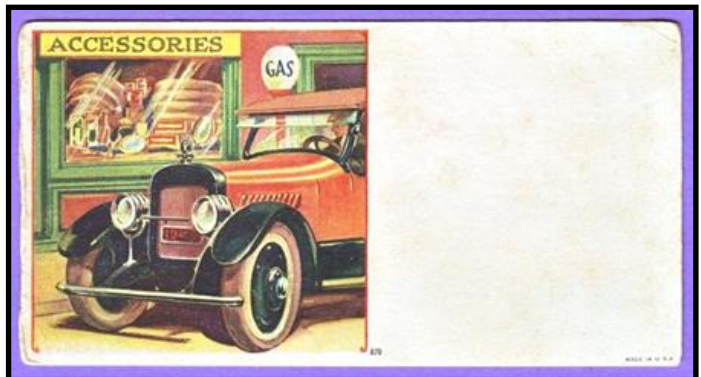
# Still Collecting Stuff— *Blotters* By Terry Bond



There was a time when people actually wrote letters and transacted business with pen and ink. Until even recently, a signature was required on almost everything. Now, the electronic signature has replaced ink, and what we once proudly wrote in long-hand is now just something scribbled on a computer screen with your fingertip.

Back in the “good old days” an ink blotter was used to quickly soak up ink that had not dried yet, to keep the signature clean and crisp and to prevent contaminating the rest of the document with blobs of smeared ink.

The ink blotter was born of necessity and quickly became an advertiser’s dream. The side that soaked up the ink was plain while the front was available for all kinds of promotional stuff. Whether it was special announcements, big sales, or something seasonally related, the blotter became an instant success.



*A generic auto accessory blotter with blank space for advertising by a local garage*

Blotters were produced in mass quantity, and although many were distributed only in small local areas, they are still easy to find. Often, major suppliers of things like tires and motor oil would print blotters by the thousands, with a blank area for a local garage to print its own information.

I’ve collected blotters for years. It’s not an item that I seriously chase, but they are often encountered at yard sales, in box lots of paper stuff at auctions, at flea markets, and even in antique shops and malls. I always find one or two at Hershey each year.



*A great early Edison Mazda headlamps advertising blotter with a blank area for stamping with the name of the local distributor*

Among the bazillions of things advertised on blotters, automobiles, gasoline, repairs, tires, spark plugs, and a whole host of related items were to be found. Country garages and even restaurants used an automobile or a related image on ink blotters. They were popular giveaways. Many of them have calendars printed on them, so it’s possible to actually date them.



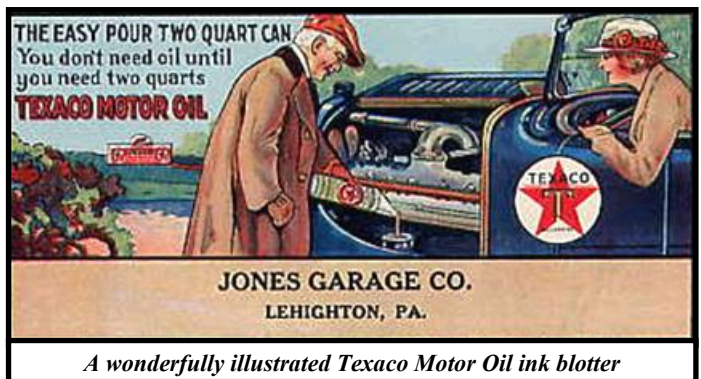
*An early 1900's blotter advertising Columbia Dry Batteries, used in automobile ignition systems, with advertising blank area filled in*

Many of these blotters are very common, so it’s possible to begin a collection quite reasonably. Either framed or displayed in special-sized plastic sleeves in a binder, they make a fine collectible, and you can collect to a theme—tires, gas, oil, cars, even things like Disney characters driving autos can be found.

Years ago, I made the choice to collect only the earliest examples with striking images. It makes collecting a bit



*A nicely illustrated ink blotter advertising Buckeye Tires (built by Kelly-Springfield) and the local distributor*



*A wonderfully illustrated Texaco Motor Oil ink blotter*



more difficult but oh-so satisfying when something special turns up.

Blotters are inexpensive. Most can be acquired for just a few dollars. Some of the automobile-specific examples, especially brass era, will command more, but seldom will you see one priced in excess of \$35.

As always, I'll bang the *CONDITION* drum once again. If the blotters are used and the ink does not bleed through, you're OK. Any creasing, damage from bleed-through ink, clipped corners, tears or holes will greatly decrease their value.

Blotters were printed in both horizontal and vertical format, and some were printed with calendars attached. These were especially handy to keep on your desk. They are slightly larger than standard postcards and vary in size.

So, get busy and see what you can find. Batteries, oil, different brands of gas, gas stations themselves, different makes of automobile, small country garages, insurance companies, historic sights, etc. The list is endless and the possibilities are unlimited for you to start your collection



*A nice blotter with advertising for the Franklin Automobile*

today. Remember, three of anything is a collection. Enjoy the photographs and, as always, enjoy collecting.

*Terry Bond*



*An early blotter without advertising on it. Possibly made for over-printing. Could it have been used to advertise men's clothing?*



*A great blotter advertising Federal Tires with blank area for reprinting by the local distributor*



# Our Trip to the Mecum Auction in Harrisburg, PA Thursday-Saturday, August 2-4, 2018

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

Like many of you, Marion & I enjoy watching the Barrett-Jackson and Mecum car auctions on TV. Each auction has its strengths: I like that Barrett-Jackson shows the undercarriage of the better cars, but Mecum has fewer ads and, in my opinion, the announcers tend to describe the cars better. (I especially like that they point out vehicles with AACA badges.) Marion & I have been to five Barrett-Jackson auctions, but until now we'd never been to a Mecum auction. We decided to change that, and the perfect opportunity came when two factors converged. First, Mecum began holding an auction in Harrisburg, PA, in 2014—considerably closer than their other auction locations and an easy drive. Second, back in November Mecum offered an online deal: you could buy regular bidder registration for one auction or Gold Bidder registration for the entire year for half off. We were not sure which auctions we'd be able to make, so we opted for Gold Bidder registration which also gives you free beverages & snacks and seating closer to the stage. Sold!

The Mecum auction in Harrisburg was held on Thursday-Saturday, 2-4 August. We drove up on Thursday, checked into our hotel, and headed to the auction at the sprawling Pennsylvania Farm Complex in Harrisburg, arriving about 2 PM. Upon arriving we immediately noticed a difference between the Mecum and B-J auctions: we had to pay for parking. (You don't at B-J, but their registration fees are also considerably higher.) No big deal—it was only \$10.

As we walked through the entrance doors of the Farm Complex, I glanced to my left and couldn't believe my eyes, so I asked Marion: was that Franklin Gage? (Any TRAACA member who's been to an AACA, VCCA, or BCA meet or tour knows Franklin—he's omnipresent.) Yes, it was. He was manning a table hawking VCCA and Cadillac-LaSalle Club memberships. (Note to self: talk to the AACA Board about having an AACA membership booth at future Mecum auctions.) After speaking with Franklin for a few minutes, we promised to catch up with him later and headed into the auction where it was just like you see on TV—loud, packed with people, and loaded with excitement.

As we tried to find seats in the Gold Bidder section we noticed another difference between Mecum and B-J auctions: we couldn't find a seat. This irked me a bit, but okay, it's not a big deal. Marion stood at a high-top table, and I went to get us a couple free beverages and encountered difference #3. When I went up to the bar for Gold Bidders and asked for two bottles of water, the young women told me it was \$7. I showed her my Gold Bidder badge and said I thought beverages were free. She responded by handing me an 8-ounce plastic cup and pointing to the water cooler. I grumbled under my breath and took two water glasses and a small bowl of popcorn back to Marion.

We watched the auction for an hour or so, then went to check out the cars. The Pennsylvania Farm Complex is a



*The auction floor at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex*



*Some of the pedal cars at the automobilia auction on Saturday*



*1936 GMC pickup (sold for \$32,000 plus commission)*



*1970 Chrysler 300 Hurst Edition (bid to \$62,500 but did not sell)*



sprawling facility, and it needed to be to hold over 1,000 cars up for auction. There also were over 200 pieces of automobilia: neon signs, pedal cars, gas pumps, wall art (including four original and signed “Big Daddy” Roth “Rat Fink” drawings), and Model A front end wall hangings (complete with working lights). After examining the cars, we returned to the auction. When it was winding down we decided to call it a day and go to dinner. We talked with Franklin Gage on the way out, agreed to meet for dinner on Saturday, then spoke with a Mecum representative to ask why there weren’t enough seats for bidders and what they meant by “free beverages.” The young lady apologized and explained that Harrisburg is very different from their other auctions. She said—and Franklin confirmed—that people line up two hours before the doors open and then run to get seats. She apologized again, offered us a couple bottles of water, and said they rearrange the bidding sections a bit on Friday to expand the Gold Bidder area and hoped we’d get a seat.

We weren’t in the market to buy a car—we just wanted to experience a Mecum auction—so we went antiquing on Friday and returned to the auction on Saturday. We began the day by arriving early for the Road Art auction (which began an hour before the car auction). We were in the market for some of the automobilia (in particular, Wolf’s Head Oil signs), but what interested us blew quickly past what we were willing to pay. After watching most of the Road Art auction we walked over to the car auction. Maybe it was a coincidence, but there were seats in both the regular and Gold Bidder sections and there were no price signs in the Gold Bidder bar—water, soft drinks, and draft beer were free. I got us a couple soft drinks and some snacks, and we settled in three rows from the auction block to watch the

action. We took a couple breaks to check out the cars we hadn’t seen and to get lunch. (Tip if you go to the Mecum Harrisburg auction next year: get the beef brisket tacos or barbacoa tacos—they were delicious!) At some point we saw the Mecum rep we’d spoken with on Thursday, told her we’d found seats this time, thanked her for the changes, and told her we hoped to attend several Mecum auctions next year. When the auction was almost over, we headed out and stopped to speak with Franklin Gage and help him pack up. Afterward, the three of us went to dinner nearby at the Appalachian Brewing Company. (Another tip: try the pierogies & bratwurst and Outta Focus Double IPA at APC!)

There were some very nice cars at the Harrisburg auction. (They were a couple Corvettes and GTOs, and Lee Iacocca’s personal 1955 MG TF, that were particularly appealing, but Marion restrained me.) For AACA purists this auction was a little different from other Mecum auctions in another way: while on TV there seems to be an even split between original or restored to original and modified cars at Mecum auctions, most of the cars in Harrisburg were modified and less than 50 were pre-war. It also was interesting to see 15 George Barris cars there, including Grandpa Munster’s “Dragula” hot rod from the TV show “The Munsters,” Batmobile #3 (of 5) from the 1960’s TV show, and a reproduction of the “Back to the Future” Delorean DMC-12.

It was a fun weekend and we’ll definitely return to a Mecum auction in 2019. If you’ve never been to a large car auction like Mecum or Barrett-Jackson, we recommend going to one. It’s an experience that should be on every car enthusiast’s bucket list. One last tip: bring either a large check or someone to hold your arms down during the auction—it will be tough to leave without a “new” old car.



*George Barris “Dragula” from the TV show “The Munsters”*



*Lee Iacocca’s 1955 MG TF (sold for \$70,000 plus commission)*



*1970 Chevrolet Corvette LT-1 (did not hit reserve—bid to \$36,500)*



*1970 Pontiac GTO convertible (did not hit reserve—bid to \$53,000)*



# Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars

## *Bill & Doug Grosz and Bill's 1947 Packard*

Story by Doug Grosz. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



*Bill Grosz's 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper*

Firstly, Bill owns the Packard, and I am just the driver. Being the older brother, I developed an interest in cars as a young boy. Bill, the youngest, would develop his interest from both Dad and I. We have been attending the TRAACA's "Wings & Wheels" car shows since they started holding them at the Military Aviation Museum. We had talked of having an antique car for a while, then we became serious about a car after spending time talking with Dewey Milligan at "Wings & Wheels" in 2016. We looked at Dewey's car, but both my brother and I were interested in a luxury car, mainly a Buick or a Cadillac, so we started following *Hemmings Motor News* online looking for a car.

We initially searched the local area, and had some interest in a 1937 Buick Roadmaster. We considered it, but didn't buy it. We kept looking but weren't seeing much in the area, so Bill expanded his search to the Winchester, Virginia area where our sister lives. In February 2017, while looking at the *Hemmings* online around Winchester, VA, we saw a 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper 7-passenger sedan listed at a consignment dealer in Winchester. We talked about it for a few weeks, then decided to drive up and look at the car during my spring break at the beginning of April.

Bill and I both liked Packards, but were not sure if we could afford one. Bill decided to see if he could get preapproved for a loan before we looked at the car. He was preapproved, so we decided to look at the Packard. The consigner in Winchester was very nice about letting us look over the car and showed us a folder of paperwork. We looked for two hours then took it for a drive. After the test drive, Bill made an offer. Later that week, the consigner called back with a counter offer, which Bill agreed with. On April 25, 2017, Bill signed the paperwork and became the owner of the Packard. We had it shipped to Virginia Beach and it arrived the Friday before Mother's Day. Bill had to meet the delivery driver near the Home Depot on Lynnhaven Road because he could not get the tractor trailer into the neighborhood. Bill had his first experience driving a "three-on-the-tree" car home that day in the rain. Mother's Day Sunday was beautiful, so we chauffeured mom and dad to church in the car. We have since had fun driving in around the area, showing it at the 2017 "Wings & Wheels" car show and winning First in Class. We also show it at Landstown

Commons Car cruise-ins, and get together with our friend Frank Cubillo of "Frank Sings Frank" at his Virginia Beach Town Center shows, showing off the car, and chauffeuring him through Town Center during his singing breaks.

The folder of the paperwork about the car listed its complete history. It has descriptions of much of the work done on the car and many copies of receipts and owner's cards for each previous owner. It was purchased on December 12, 1947, by W.C. Lasswell & Company, a funeral home in Daly City, CA. The funeral home was owned by two female morticians. They used the car until November 18, 1954, when they sold it to Mr. Arthur Peterson of Daly City, CA. He drove it for a while, then parked it in his garage. In 1985, he started discussing the car with Mr. Beau Hickory of Arizona. Beau discussed buying it, and Arthur wrote to him about the NOS parts he had for the car. In August of 1995, Beau Hickory bought the car and took it to Arizona. He did some valve work on the car and sold it in 1998 to Mr. Frank Wilder in NC. It would sell again in October 2002 to Mr. Basil Hudson of Front Royal, VA. When we bought the Packard, it was from Mrs. Hudson as her husband had passed away in 2014. The car had 31,087 miles when we purchased it.

So now both Bill and I say: "Ask the man who owns one."



*The Packard's luxurious interior*



*The Packard's 356-cubic inch, 165-hp, straight 8-cylinder engine*





## Join the Fun— Become an AACA Judge

By Mark McAlpine

### AACA VP Region Development Support—Central Division

(Reprinted from the Spring 2018 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



There are two certainties at every AACA national meet: 1) We can't hold an AACA national meet (or regional meet) without antique vehicles; and 2) We can't hold AACA meets without judges.

I want to thank every AACA member who already serves as an AACA judge or is in the AACA Judges Honor Society. Your efforts as judges allow our club to fairly evaluate all the vehicles present on our show fields and to recognize and appropriately reward the owner's efforts to preserve, restore, and maintain his/her antique vehicle.

To those AACA members who aren't judges, I strongly encourage you to give it a try. Serving as a judge not only ensures we have enough judges at every meet to keep the workload for each judging team at a reasonable level, it also helps you better assess your own vehicle before entering it into an AACA meet (or any other car show). You can read the *AACA Official Judging Guidelines* and get a good understanding of the club's judging criteria, but the best way to understand them more completely is to attend an AACA Judging School and then serving on an Apprentice Judging Team. Even if you decide you don't enjoy judging—but I think you will—you'll have a better understanding of what those judges are doing when they circle your car for five-to-ten minutes and gain an appreciation of the attention, fairness, and reasonability they're applying when they judge a vehicle.

Becoming an AACA judge is easy: register online to judge (on the AACA website) or by mail before the deadline for a national meet, attend an AACA National Judging School (offered at every AACA national meet, typically on Friday afternoon before the show on Saturday), attend the Judges Breakfast on Saturday morning at the meet and find out the team you've been assigned to, then go out and have some fun judging. The first time you judge at an AACA meet, you will be assigned to the Apprentice Judging Team, which ensures your first experience judging will be stress-free. Depending on the number of judges and cars on the show field, judging usually takes less than two hours.

After serving as an Apprentice Judge the first time you judge, at future meets you'll be assigned to a judging team based on the competition judged ("points judging") or certification class preferences you submit when you register to judge. (The earlier you register, the better chance you have of getting the team you want.) Your judging team will consist of a team captain and four judges. The team captain will be an experienced Senior Master Judge and usually very familiar with the vehicles in the classes you're judging. Your fellow judges will have varying levels of judging credits—some more than you, some less than you (after you've judged a few times)—but all bring different experience and knowledge. If your experience is similar to mine, you'll meet some interesting and nice people and learn something new from them each time you judge.

So, if you're an AACA judge—thank you very much for sharing your knowledge, experience, and time with us! If you're not a judge yet—why not? Join the fun—share your knowledge with us and learn something new in the process. (And you can impress people when you tell them you're an AACA judge!) I look forward to serving with you on the show field at a future AACA meet.

[NOTE: The deadline to register to judge at the Hershey Meet is September 14th.]



## AACA Calendar of Events

[http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca\\_calendar.html](http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca_calendar.html)

### SEPTEMBER 2018

12-15 AACA Central Division Tour  
Texas Panhandle, TX

16-21 AAA Glidden Tour  
Twin Falls, ID

### OCTOBER 2018

10-13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA

21-26 AACA Founders Tour  
Metropolis, IL

### NOVEMBER 2018

5-9 AACA Sentimental Tour  
Natchez, MS

### FEBRUARY 2019

7-9 AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA

21-23 AACA Winter Meet  
Ocala, FL

### APRIL 2019

4-7 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC

29- AACA SE Divisional Tour  
1 May Wilmington, NC

### MAY 2019

TBD Western Spring Meet  
Fallbrook, CA

30- AACA Grand National Meet  
1 Jun Auburn, IN

### JUNE 2019

2-7 AACA Founders Tour  
Seward, NE

26-29 Eastern Spring Meet  
Parsippany, NJ

### AUGUST 2019

4-9 AACA Vintage Tour  
Hershey, PA

### SEPTEMBER 2019

19-21 AACA SE Fall Meet  
Cleveland, TN

22-27 AAA Glidden Tour  
Charlotte, NC

### OCTOBER 2019

9-12 AACA Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA

### FEBRUARY 2020

TBD AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA

28-29 AACA Winter Meet  
Miami, FL

### APRIL 2020

2-5 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC







# 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

Mail completed form along with  
Payment made out to TRAACA to:

Jerry Adams  
3400 Commerce St  
Portsmouth, VA 23707  
**Phone:** (757) 673-3240  
**Email:** TRAACAMeet@gmail.com

**Forms Must Be Postmarked by September 8, 2018 for Early Registration and to be considered for Judging.** All registrations postmarked after September 8, 2018 will be considered **Late Registration** and will **NOT** be considered for judging.

**Preserving the Past**  
1993 & Older 'As-Built' Stock  
Vehicles (AACA Qualified)

**Mods & Rods**  
1993 & Older Custom or  
Modified Vehicles

**Flea Market**  
 **Car Corral**

**Personal Info:** (Information will only be used for TRAACA Meet & contact; information will **NOT** be used for anything else)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Info:** (List each Vehicle, List AACA Class if known; if NOT leave blank, AACA Info NOT Applicable for Mods & Rods)

**!! ALL Displayed vehicles must have a fully charged, operational, UL-approved fire extinguisher visible AT ALL TIMES !!**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

AACA Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Has this vehicle won a National AACA Award: Yes / No (Circle One) *Award **MUST** be from an AACA National Meet*

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AACA Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Has this vehicle won a National AACA Award: Yes / No (Circle One) *Award **MUST** be from an AACA National Meet*

First Vehicle - EARLY REGISTRATION (On or Before Sep 08, 2018)..... 1 \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First Vehicle - LATE REGISTRATION/DAY OF SHOW (after Sep 08, 2018)..... 1 \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Vehicles (Price Per Vehicle)..... \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Flea Market Space (Approximately 10' x 30')..... \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Car Corral (Single Space for Selling a Vehicle)..... \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Owner must be present during Awards Ceremony in order to collect any Trophy/Award they may receive.*

I would like to help judge Preserving The Past (AACA Style Classes): Yes / No (Circle One) Class: \_\_\_\_\_ (Preferred Class if known or Any)

*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.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

## Welcome to our New Members!

- James & Lynda Briggs**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
- 1940 Chevrolet pickup
- Steve & Donna Davis**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
- 1989 Ford Bronco II
- Chuck & Millie Handle**  
Hampton, VA  
- 1957 Ford Thunderbird
- Floyd & Sondra Jolley**  
Chesapeake, VA  
- 1965 Ford Mustang  
- 1973 VW Beetle
- Ken & Jessica Packard**  
Norfolk, VA  
- 1937 Packard 120 Touring Sedan
- Wes & Marcia Thomas**  
Suffolk, VA
- Stanley Wilkerson**  
Virginia Beach, VA

## Sunshine Report

Our deepest sympathies & prayers go out to the families of the following members who recently lost loved ones:

- **Jerry Olson** passed away on 5 August. He was 87 years old & had been a TRAACA member for 42 years.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **John T. Blair** had heart surgery earlier this summer and is completing cardiac rehabilitation.
- **Jimmy Flanders** continues to undergo dialysis at Portsmouth Health & Rehabilitation in Portsmouth, VA.
- **Frank Lagana** is having heart surgery on September 12th.
- **Marie Lawrence**, from the Martinsville-Danville Region, recently underwent critical surgery for multiple myeloma.

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



## Recent TRAACA Award Winners



### Khedive Auto Shriners Car Show—18 August 2018

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Paul Fuqua          | 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28<br>1st Place in Class Award |
| John & Marie Gancel | 1968 Chevrolet Biscayne<br>1st Place in Class Award    |
| Boyd Swartz         | 1964 Volvo 122S<br>2nd Place in Class Award            |
| Bill Treadwell      | 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass<br>2nd Place in Class Award    |



## Members celebrating birthdays in September



- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Ellen Adams      | Patrizia Ludovici |
| Dawn Bottoni     | Joyce McIninch    |
| Kelly Dayton     | Wes Neal          |
| Scott Dayton     | Bobby Perkins, II |
| Donna Elliott    | Tom Poe           |
| Marie Gancel     | Jon Sieck         |
| Joe Gentile      | Andrew Sitar      |
| Bob Hanbury      | Barbara Talley    |
| Mollie Hunger    | Bob Ward          |
| Carlease Jackson | Michael Ware      |
| Ivan Joslin      | Bill Wilcox       |
| Betsy Keen       | Bob Woolfitt      |
| Kathy Kellam     | Byron Work        |



## Members celebrating anniversaries in September



- John & Mary Ann Blair  
Thomas & Dawn Bottoni  
Harold & Evy Eacker  
Joe & Genny Formato  
Mickey & Toni McChesney  
Dick & Joyce McIninch  
Andrew & Brittany Sitar  
Jason & Lisa Sturniolo  
Larry & Stella Wickham

# TRAACA September Dinner Meeting at the Lake Wright Quality Suites

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

Our September Dinner Meeting is on Thursday, September 20th, at the Lake Wright Quality Suites. Dinner is Broiled Salmon, French County Chicken, rice pilaf, seasoned green beans, house salad, and chef's choice of 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 Jim Cross, who will be talking about his experiences as a Forward Air Controller in Vietnam.

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.





# 43rd Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial



**Saturday, September 15, 2018  
10:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**Manassas Museum  
9101 Prince William St, Manassas, VA 20110**

**All 1993 and older vehicles welcome!**

**Pre-Registration: \$15 [Must be received by September 8, 2018]**

**Day of Show Registration (8:00—11:00 AM): \$20**

**Dash plaques for first 175 registered vehicles**

**Door prizes + 50/50 raffle + silent auction + car corral + flea market**

**For more info & registration forms: [www.bullrunaaca.org](http://www.bullrunaaca.org)**

**or contact: Registration—Jim & Sally Batchelder at (703) 339-2064**

**Show Chairman—Bill Sessler at (703) 368-2367**



## Other Regional and Local Events

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 6-9 Charlotte Auto Fair  
Charlotte, NC
- 8 Cadillac & LaSalle Club  
22nd Annual GM Car Show  
Newport News, VA
- 8 Autumn Harvest Car Show  
Chesapeake Region AACA  
Manchester, MD
- 9 Newport News Sheriff's  
Project Lifesaver Car Show  
Newport News, VA
- 15 43rd Edgar Rohr Car Show  
Bull Run Region AACA  
Manassas, VA
- 15 8th Annual AOH Car Show  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 15 16th Annual "Shine & Show  
Before the Snow" Car Show  
Norfolk, VA
- 16 Isle of Wight County Fair  
Car Show  
Isle of Wight, VA
- 23 Wheels at Waterside  
Norfolk, VA
- 29-30 MOPAR Madness  
Virginia Motorsports Park  
North Dinwiddie, VA

### OCTOBER 2018

- 3-7 Fall Carlisle Swap Meet  
Carlisle, PA
- 6 Rotary Club of Hampton  
Roads Annual Road Rallye  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 6 36th Annual Franklin Fall  
Festival Car Show  
Franklin, VA
- 19-21 Goodguys 25th SE Nationals  
Concord, NC
- 20 Driver Days Fall Festival  
22nd Annual Car Show  
Suffolk, VA
- 27 16th Annual Virginia Fall  
Classic Car Show  
Newport News, VA
- 27 27th Annual Beachcombers  
Corvette Car Club Car Show  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 27 6th Annual Restoration  
Reunion and Legends at  
the Park Car Show  
Virginia Motorsports Park  
North Dinwiddie, VA



# 16th Annual VIRGINIA FALL CLASSIC

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

*(Rain date is Sunday, October 28th. Decision made by 7:00 AM Saturday.)*

**Open car, truck, and bike show at Newport News Park.**

**All makes and models welcome. Three day event—cruise-in and dinner on Friday, car show on Saturday, car cruise on Sunday.**

*All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters*

**WHERE: Newport News Park  
13560 Jefferson Ave, Newport News, VA**

**Registration: \$20 for first vehicle. \$10 for each additional vehicle registered by the same owner.**

*Day of Show Registration: 9:00—11:30 AM.*

*Judging: 11:30 AM—1 PM. Awards: 3 PM*

**For registration form and more info see: [www.vafallclassic.com](http://www.vafallclassic.com)**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**The TRAACA's Annual Meet is approaching quickly (Saturday, September 22nd). We need volunteers to help with all aspects of the show both before the show and the day of the show. If you can help, even if only for a few hours, please contact Meet Co-Chairpersons Barry Basnight (635-1994) or Marion McAlpine (967-0074). Please help out your club. Thank you very much!**





## EDITOR'S DESK

**Marion McAlpine**

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Well, it is almost September and you know what that means: it is time to really start putting all of our efforts toward the TRAACA's Annual Meet. This will be the 45th year for the TRAACA to be hosting the show. Mark & I have not been at all 45 shows, but a few long-term TRAACA members have. I know that the show has been at a number of locations, and we have been at the current location at the Military Aviation Museum (MAM) in Pungo, VA, for 11 years now. It is a great location for an old car show. Participants and spectators have the opportunity to see terrific antique vehicles that still drive and vintage WWI and WWII aircraft that still fly!

This year the TRAACA Show will have several special things for those attending. We will have the AACA National Library & Research Center's Bookmobile (a 1955 Chevrolet truck) coming down from Hershey, PA. The Bookmobile will be part of the Special Display commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Chevrolet Truck. Come see what your AACA National Library has to offer members. Also, a 2018 Limited Edition 100th Anniversary Chevrolet truck (brought in by RK Chevrolet of Virginia Beach) will be part of the display. Barry Basnight (my Co-Chair for the show) has arranged for RK Chevrolet to be a substantial sponsor for us. Great work, Barry! Some friends from the Virginia Chevy Lovers (VCL) Club will be helping with the Mods/Rods judging

and their companies will be sponsoring several of the Mods/Rods trophies that will be awarded.

There will be things for the youth at the show as well. We will have 30 young "judges" on the show fields, with hats, lanyards, t-shirts, and judging sheets supplied by the Hagerty Insurance Youth Judging Program, learning how to become car show judges. If you didn't know, it is the 50th Anniversary of Hot Wheels. There will be plenty of Hot Wheels toys available for any young attendee at the show. Ellen Adams placed the cars in cute little bags, so the kids will be surprised when they open them up.

Of course, you don't want to miss TRAACA member Terry Bond's seminar at approximately 1:45 PM on the second floor mezzanine inside the Military Aviation Museum. Terry will be talking about "Collecting Automobilia," covering "the history of early motoring through relics and artwork." Terry's seminars are always a delight. The other program not to miss is the flying demonstration of the Me-262 WWII German jet that will take place just before Terry's seminar. This will be a rare opportunity to see a Me-262 German jet, let alone one flying.

A great deal of work is going on behind the scenes for the TRAACA's upcoming show. If you have not yet done so, please sign up to volunteer for the show and register your vehicle/vehicles. You have heard it several times, but we can't have a car show without vehicles or people to help run it. Please come out and help make the TRAACA's 45th Annual Meet a great success!

*Marion McAlpine*

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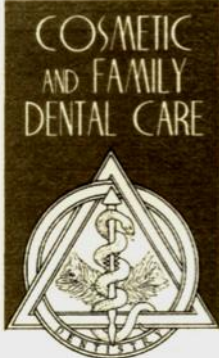
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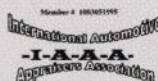
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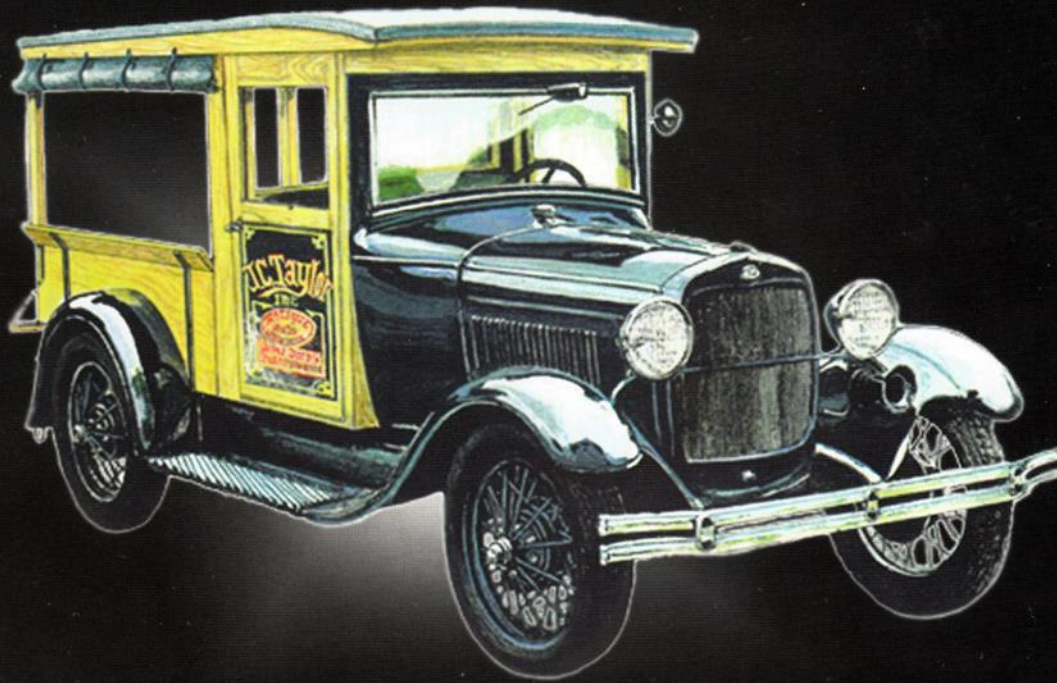
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