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**President Linda's May Message**

Like turning the ignition on your car, spring has sprung. It is beautiful to see all the flowers and trees in bloom. The most exciting thing is Spring seems to kick off the fun car season. There are car shows most weekends and lots of car related activities. This month we've already had the Square Car Tour and the Judging School. It would be great to have a large turnout for the Old Dominion Meet in May! The Activities Committee has been hard at work planning a fun calendar of events. Check out the calendar to see what's coming up!

I encourage everyone to attend a National Show. We are lucky this year as there are two shows close by. Charlotte was a great time, and the weather was perfect. Congratulations go to Bob Stein with his 1948 MGTC and Tony Scarpelli with his 1956 Chrysler New Yorker. They both received their First Juniors! They already have their bags packed for Gettysburg, to go for that Senior Award. It would be great if you could join them for the celebration.

My dad always told me, "If you learn to drive a stick shift you can drive anything!" The stick shift class has been rescheduled to August 29<sup>th</sup>. I'm anxious to see all of you prove my Dad right. The Model A Club is joining in on this fun day!

The dinner meeting this month was fantastic. We had 95 people attend, and John Blair won the free dinner meeting this month. It would love to see more of you next month!

The board is working hard to represent you, the members. I appreciate all the ideas and recommendations. There have been many changes due to your input. I look forward to seeing all of you on the road.

*"The pessimist may be right in the long run, but the optimist has a better time during the trip."*

# Announcements

## CAR SHOW AWARDS

Let Bob and Dot Parrish know about the awards you receive at all types of car shows. They will keep records for our local awards at the Installation and Awards Banquet held in January and pass the information on to Marty and Neil Sugermeyer for the Mud Flap. You can send your information by email (bowtiebob@aol.com or teddybeardot@aol.com) or you can give them a call at 757-547-5034. See Bob's article in this issue about the local awards.

**NEED A KITTEN?  
SEE RILEY'S OFFER, PAGE 10**

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## 1951 Packup

By Bruce Sedel

Your friendly neighborhood TRAACA club member has another Packard story for you. This one begins with a trip to Speedwell Garage in Parkton, Maryland where I take Packards for repairs.

One Saturday in fall of 2005, I headed up to Speedwell and when I arrived, I was greeted by proprietor, Ross Miller, who offered up fresh French pressed coffee and homemade wheat bread. While discussing Packard repairs as we enjoyed a beautiful, cool, northeastern Maryland morning, Ross asked if I recalled the fifty-one Clipper that he was "cutting up." As that thought was lingering in my head, we exited to one of several garages scattered about the historic flour mill property that now comprises Speedwell Garage and an old, creaky wooden door opened revealing the contents within. After staring in amazement at the vehicle, all I could think of was that I wanted one. Ross called it the "Packup" truck, a bright red 1951 Packard Clipper that appeared to be Packard's version of an "El Camino" except that we (Packard people) know that Packard never built one. But it sure did look like something that Packard could have built. Nevertheless, I decided that I had to have one and was told having one would be possible as long as I could find a donor car. The search was on.

To help refresh your Packard history, the entire line of Packard motorcars had been completely redesigned for 1951 by clever young stylist, John Rhinehart. Packard's first complete redesign for the post WWII period debuted with quite a bit of fanfare in August of 1950 and they were well received. It was no surprise to the public that the new Clippers were well built in accordance with Packard's tradition of quality and precision craftsmanship dating back to the company's beginnings. It would take Packard a number of years to amortize the cost of tooling up for the new model, making them become a four year body style covering the model years of 1951 through 1954. The good news today for collectors of Packard automobiles from these model years is that because of the relatively large numbers of vehicles produced coupled with their extremely high build quality, many have survived. Prices for most of the models with the exception of convertibles and other senior cars are actually ridiculously low. I began looking for one right away.

A number of months later, in May of 2006, an ebay listing appeared that offered for auction a vehicle described as a 1953 Clipper Deluxe four door touring sedan originating from Louisville, Kentucky. It was typical of many fifties era Packards that one might find for sale in that it appeared from the pictures and description to need pretty much everything which was exactly what I was looking for. The best part of this particular Ebay listing was that it described a nice, solid basic body shell, frame and engine that all looked to be in very good condition and that it also appeared to have minimal rust issues. Anyone that has ever restored an automobile and has started from scratch certainly

knows that rust is usually one of the greatest enemies of any restoration project. Anyway, I was the high bidder when the listing ended and won the auction with a final bid price of just \$845.00. I immediately made arrangements to facilitate payment and to have the car shipped to Parkton, Maryland. The two-toned green Clipper would sit under a Pep-Boys tarp in the corner of a field next to a parts shed at Speedwell Garage for the rest of 2006.



*Bruce with his "new" find*

In spring of 2007, the nasty looking Clipper sedan was towed from its winter hovel and brought along broadside next to the main shop at Speedwell where the process of converting a four-door sedan into a pickup truck began. First, the "pickup truck" templates were applied and the cut lines were marked. The entire rear section starting from the roof line just beyond the rear of the front seat was cut all the way through back to the trunk and the trunk lid was removed revealing a huge cavernous tub of metal. Next came the "pickup truck" side panels, front-facing bed panel and bed sub-structure supports. A custom tailgate was fabricated and fitted along with the installation of a heavy-duty latching mechanism. A rear "pick-up truck" style window panel was fabricated, cut and welded into place and, finally the bed rails were fabricated, fitted, welded and seam-sealed. All metal used in the fabrication process was constructed using both high-grade automobile gauge sheet metal and rigid support steel.



By the close of the 2007, the conversion had been completed and the entire car was sprayed with a base-coat primer. The following month, I trailered the vehicle to its next stop, Jesse's Rod Shop, in Chesapeake, VA for body work and painting. Over the next five months as the two-toned body color in the 1953 Packard correct shade of Meridian



The valve train was completely reconditioned with three-angle valves, new valve springs and seals. Cylinder head was planed for a perfect seal surface. The Borg-Warner R-11 over-drive transmission was rebuilt to factory specifications. Every piece, part, nut, bolt, wiring and fastener in the engine compartment was repaired, restored, replaced or refurbished in the process of re-assembling the components to the condition and appearance as if the car had actually rolled off of the assembly line back in 1953. In just thirty days, re-assembly of the "Packup" drive train had been completed. All that remained was the interior. That job would be entrusted to Paul Cho Interiors of Virginia Beach.



In September, project "Packup" was delivered to Paul Cho's shop where the process of a full custom interior began. To start with, an interior color combination of two-toned gray was chosen in order



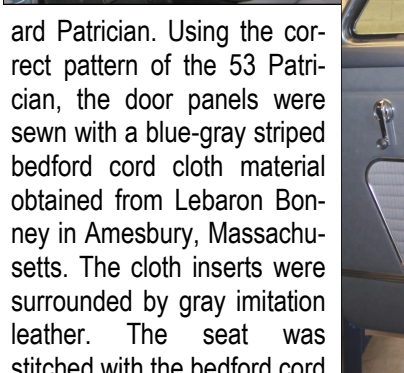
Blue over Yosemite Blue was applied, the car really began to take shape. Construction of a very carefully designed and built oak bed was handled by one of our own, master woodcrafter Alan Ives, of Chesapeake. Only when you see it, will you be able to appreciate the stunning level of craftsmanship that Alan put into the woodwork of the bed.



to keep the cabin area subtle and to more closely replicate Packard's early 1950's interior styling theme of restrained elegance. The pattern I chose to follow was that of a 1953 Pack-



By the end of June of 2008, the freshly painted body was ready and the vehicle was once again loaded onto a trailer for the return trip to Speedwell Garage



ard Patrician. Using the correct pattern of the 53 Patrician, the door panels were sewn with a blue-gray striped bedford cord cloth material obtained from Lebaron Bonney in Amesbury, Massachusetts. The cloth inserts were surrounded by gray imitation leather. The seat was stitched with the bedford cord insert surrounded by a gray mohair blend. The rest of the cabin and headliner was covered in the gray mohair blend material. The flooring selected was a ribbed rubber matting reminiscent of that found in early fifties pickup trucks. It seemed as though Paul and I labored through hours and hours of planning, preparing and ordering of materials before the first stitch could be applied. But at that point, I wanted to make sure that the interior had been well thought out before we got started. All in all, it took three months to get the interior completed and the result was fantastic. By the end of November, project "Packup" was complete from start to finish and with no detail being overlooked it was unique in every way, shape and form, a true one of none.

for final assembly. Back at Speedwell, bolted to an engine stand and waiting patiently for re-installation was the completely rebuilt 327 Packard Thunderbolt engine which had been bored to 340 cubic inches during the rebuild process and was fitted with the original polished and balanced crankshaft, new crank bearings, cam bearings, re-bushed rods, TRW flat top pistons, chrome molly rings, high lift custom ground Crane cam, ported exhaust manifold and ported intake manifold topped with a re-worked Carter WCFB four barrel carburetor.



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## Editorial

By Neil Sugermeyer

Here we are on 1 May, and the latest calendar is filled with activities that involve our club. Check the "Down the Road" section elsewhere in this issue, and you can find plenty to do as the month progresses. The Old

Dominion meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the National meet in Gettysburg on the 30<sup>th</sup> are two of the outstanding events taking place this month that really give us an opportunity to see folks from all over and enjoy their cars. It's a great way to renew friendships and acquaintances with people you don't get a chance to see very often. You also might try the Shenandoah Region's meet in Winchester on the 9<sup>th</sup>. I haven't been to that one in a while, but I recall lots of friendly faces and a great mix of cars.

Don't forget parades – there are two almost back to back. One in Pungo, and one in Portsmouth two days later. Check the calendar and the Parade report for details.

Our reconstruction and addition to the kitchen in our house has us living like hermits, with little aisles through much of the living area of the house while things are moved out of the way for the contractor. While we aren't doing the nearly total makeover that Terry and Sue Bond are just finishing up, the same contractor is doing our work, and it is coming along nicely, but we have had to live with misplaced items on a daily basis, as we moved things temporarily to who knows where. In the Bond's case, it's amazing they can even find the cars! We had an empty garage space for a couple of weeks while the Rambler was having a torque converter and transmission rebuilt. It now shifts like it ought to, and will be a lot smoother going to the more distant meets.

Let me congratulate Bob Roughton for a "job well done" for the judging school held April 25<sup>th</sup>. There was a good turnout of both members and cars, and Bob presented a thorough review of the judging process as well as how to become involved in judging at the National level. Our Region already has a pretty good cadre of Nationally qualified judges, and it was good to see other members getting interested in the judging process. If you missed the local school, there is always a school offered before each National Meet that can start you judging at the National level. Even if you don't want to be an active judge, the schools give an idea of what judges look for, and usually identify simple mistakes that are frequently made in the restoration process.

Well, spring has sprung, the grass has riz, and May is where the action is. See you on the road.

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD

March 10, 2009 – TRAACA Board Meeting

The board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Members present were Bob Stein, Vice-President; Craig Casper, Treasurer; Linda Pavlidis, Secretary; Board members Scott Davies, Teresa Horton, Bill Wilcox, Don Hobbs and Riley Best. Also present were Frank Lagana, Peter Catanese and Bob Hampton.

Riley Best had the Thank You plaque to be given to Brad at Priority Chevrolet, however Brad had already left for the day. Riley will come back during the day to present the plaque.

The minutes were approved as e-mailed to the board members. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Craig also provided a report of discussions of setting up online banking and e-checks with Towne Bank.

Don Hobbs presented a list of the paid up TRAACA members. A list of paid up TRAACA members who have not paid their national AACA dues was divided up among the board for contact. Don said he will have a new member to process shortly. The information received from the Nuts & Bolts chapter is incomplete / incorrect. The board decided not to recognize the group until complete/correct information is provided.

A suggestion to reward all workers at the fall meet with a lunch voucher was discussed. Bill Wilcox will head a 3 person committee to discuss a reward for workers that would be viable.

Bill Wilcox told the board that they had made a first run the day before to the eastern shore in Maryland for the proposed fall tour and were still working on it.

Bill Wilcox advised that they have changed the catering menu for the monthly dinner meeting a bit to include a vegetable medley.

The Azalea Festival wants \$50 for our club to participate in the parade. A motion was made and carried that a minimum of five are needed to participate in the parade before we pay \$50.

The club's trailer is now licensed to TRAACA.

Riley provided a report on the Boat & Car Show being set up by the City of Norfolk.

Peter Catanese presented a brief advertising report and advised that Tony Scarpelli will be the new advertising chairman

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.





# SQUARE CAR TOUR

By Sandy Hall



Richard Hall greeting Bob Stein at tour line up

Each day I would look at the Weather Channel, [Weather.com](http://Weather.com) and the local news, just hoping someone would change the forecast from dreary and downright miserable to at least partly cloudy with a chance of rain but nope, it just wasn't going to happen (Terry, where are you when I need you??). Saturday morning as we were driving to get the donuts, the clouds parted and the sun was out. It was like "Yes, TRAACA is having the square car tour and I just can't disappoint them!" I was asking no questions, just happy to see the sun.

As most of you know, Barbara Talley had knee surgery Friday before the tour (Barbara being a nurse figured a little surgery wasn't going to spoil her weekend fun), so I had planned on getting to Ken's early to help set up tables, coffee and "stuff". When Becky Woodall and I got to Ken's, everything was pretty much under control (even Barbara who was on mega drugs, but was standing upright on crutches). After lots of "networking" (a new term I have learned at work) and eating of donuts (we all know how much we love to eat and these came from a real bakery - Bennett's Bakery - and not the bakery department at a grocery store), the cars formed up and headed out.

As in the past, the Model A Club supported us in full force. There were lots of great sights, twists and turns and as usual, Ken and Richard didn't disappoint us. There was a rest stop at Munden's Point just to kind of catch up and take a few



Square cars led the way

minutes to regroup before heading to our final destination for food (actually, the Tour Director was running a little early and needed to waste some time but you didn't hear that from me). After a few minutes of socializing (that's what happens after "networking"), we headed to the Sea Crest Restaurant in downtown Pungo. The Square Car Tour ended at this same destination a few years ago, but the restaurant is now owned by a new family, so Ken and Richard thought we should give it a try. In reviewing some records, this might have been the largest tour we have ever had (and some people thought TRAACA was growing tired of this outing). This tour always brings out the members of both TRAACA and the Model A Club and because of the numbers (72 people), I am not going to list the cars - just trust me - there were some really nice older cars there (but not Sophie because Mr. Wilcox thought it was going to rain). In case you missed this one, guess you will just have to wait for next year's tour to join the fun. Hope to see you there! Those attending were: Ken & Barbara Talley; James & Becky Woodall; Bob & Jane Ward; David Dowdy; Dale & Barbara Craig; Jay & Betty Ann Byrd; Viator & Janet Trudeau; Betty Stevens & Cary Stevens (Betty's daughter); Howard & Suzanne Horton; Lewis & Nancy Bridges; Jim & Sarah Milligan; Dewey & Maxine Milligan; Peter & Claire Catanese; Mickey & Toni McChesney; Bill & Carol Wilcox (yes, Bill is married to Karen - this is his sister); Jack & Linda Pavlidis; Doug Campbell; Ed Lail with Bill Reynolds as his guest; Walter Lawler; Don & Julie Hobbs with guest, Carolyn Warren; Neil & Marty Sugermeyer; Frank Lagana; Dave & Carole Farnham; Bob & Dot Parrish; Tony Scarpelli & Leslie McGinn; Dick & Ginger Riley; David & Faye Curl; John & Marie Gancel; Dick & Nancy Eberle; Larry & Jane Cutright; Bob Stein; Merritt Horne; Whit Moore; Robert Andor (and his dog Blackstone who loves to play ball); Riley Best; Richard & Sandy Hall; Kenny & Charlene Roach; Bob & Linda Pellerin; George & Sheila Gurnee and Dana & Debbie Meadows (with their dog Daisy).

*We enjoyed the charm of back country roads and dining with friends like Bob Stein, Doug Campbell, Merritt Horne, and Frank Lagana.*



*Left: the Seacrest Restaurant fed this crowd quickly and well. Photo by Sharon Hampton*

# TRAACA APRIL DINNER MEETING

By Marty Sugermeyer

On April 16<sup>th</sup> we had the largest dinner meeting turn out ever at the Aberdeen Barn on North Hampton Blvd. Was it the food, the social enjoyment, or the great program? It was probably a combination of all three.



Left: Merritt Horne seems a bit overwhelmed by his greeting from official greeter Sheila Gurnee and unofficial greeter Claire Catanese

Right: Our dinner speaker Charles O'Brien (Photo by John Peters)



Charles O'Brien, with the help of his daughter on computer, gave us a wonderful presentation of the airplanes he flies at the Virginia Beach Airport and Museum. The next time we are at the museum, we might see Charles flying some of the beautifully restored airplanes.

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## Bob Roughton's Judging School

By Dot Parrish

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, twenty seven members showed up for a judging school conducted by Bob Roughton. Bob is a Senior Master Judge and has many national credits. He does an outstanding job with the school. He has done several for us before. Everyone had to go away with some piece of knowledge that they did not know before about how the judging process works for AACA.

We met about 9:00 AM and had coffee and doughnuts, and before you knew it, it was time to eat again so we had pizza. Thanks to the activities committee for setting this up and certainly, to Bob & Sylvia Roughton for having us.



Right: Bob Stein and Ted Knight may have caused some rust on Bob Roughton's lift from all their drooling.



Left: Ladies participating in the judging school included Marty Sugermeyer, Claire Catanese, Marie Gancel, Becky Woodall, Sandy Hall, Toni McChesney, Barbara Talley, and (not pictured) Jan Pensyl and Sylvia Roughton.

Activities Committee helping out: Dot Parrish, Toni McChesney, Marie Gancel, Sandy Hall, Becky Woodall, Bob Stein, and husbands (For toting).

Attending the school were: Bob & Sylvia Roughton, Many Cars, Mickey & Toni McChesney, 1968 Oldsmobile, Ken & Barbara Talley, 1955 Buick, John & Marie Gancel, 1968 Chevrolet, Ted Knight, 1942 Lincoln, Wes Neal, 1949 Jeepster, Viator Trudeau, 1968 Cadillac Eldorado, Bob Stein, 1951 Studebaker, Bob & Dot Parrish, 1972 Chevy Cheyenne Truck. These folks came in modern iron: David Curl, Dick & Jan Pensyl, Richard & Sandy Hall, Tony Scarpelli, Sam Kern, James & Becky Woodall, Peter & Claire Catanese, Neil & Marty Sugermeyer

After this, everyone needs to sign up for our show in September and come out to help judge. Bob Parrish needs all the help he can get. We are expecting a big show.

Left: Sylvia and Bob Roughton hosted the judging school at their shop. This is their latest acquisition.

Right: Wes Neal and Neil Sugermeyer enjoy coffee and donuts next to the original 1909 International.





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### AACA SE National Winter Meet

By Neil Sugermeyer

On April 4, 2009 quite a few TRAACA members showed cars and judged at the show that is becoming "Hershey in the Spring". Jeff Howie received a Repeat Preservation for his 1966 Solex, Linda and Bob Pellerin got their National First Senior award for their 1937 Volvo. First Junior awards went to Tony Scarpelli for his 1956 Chrysler New Yorker and Bob Stein for his 1948 MG TC. Terry and Sue Bond's 1973 MGB-GT got a Repeat Preservation. Second Junior awards were for Bob Roughton's 1909 Oakland, and Gordon Garnett's 1972 Mercury. In Driver Participation Class, Ken and Charlene Roach showed their 1931 Pontiac, Dick McIninch displayed his 1915 Buick, and Clay Drnec exhibited his 1963 Chevrolet. Also participating in the show and flea market were Neil Sugermeyer, Jeff and Pat Locke, Tom and Tammy Cox, Dan Ciccone, Frank Lagana, Reed Matson, and Bob and Dot Parrish. These intrepid travelers braved wet and windy weather on their trip down but enjoyed fair skies and sunshine for the flea market and show.



Neil Sugermeyer (center) listens to AACA VP Dave Berg (right) instruct the Team Captain CJE school before judging began at Charlotte.

Jim Elliott's 1966 Corvair Monza



Linda and Bob Pellerin with their 1937 Volvo



## Tidewater Region Awards Program

By Bob Parrish

There has been a long standing tradition to recognize TRAACA members that participate in local and National Meets. The first of these awards is the BARTLETT BOWL, donated to the club in 1987 by Diane Bartlett & Jeff Locke in memory of Harry Bartlett for presentation to the member(s) scoring the most points for awards won in antique car shows during the year. The purpose of the award is to encourage the restoration, preservation and maintenance of fine automobiles, trucks and motorcycles, and to encourage antique car show participation.

The next award is the BEAULIEU CUP AWARD, donated by Robert & Linda Pellerin in 2002 for presentation to a member who has accumulated the most show points in the calendar year with a single vehicle. The Beaulieu Cup celebrates the National Motor Museum of England, one of the world's finest and historically significant automobile museums.

Another show participation award will be added this year, THE IVIE LISTER AWARD, donated by Dan & Angie Ciccone in memory of Ivie Lister. The award will recognize a member who has accumulated the most show points in a calendar year with a British vehicle. Since Ivie loved British cars, and was a regular participant at local car shows, it seems only fitting to honor Ivie in this way.

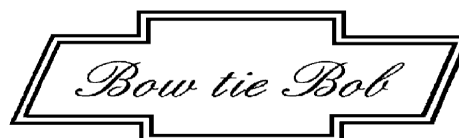
The TRAACA Board of Directors have asked me to be the repository, and to tabulate the show results and scores of our members during the year so award winners can be determined.

There have been some minor revisions to the point system by adding several worthwhile achievements to the program. The awards are intended to recognize our members that have achieved honors at meets, tours and displays, but also they promote the Tidewater Region and AACA in general.

For this program to be effective, show results need to be reported in a timely manner. Please let me know when you attend a car show or AACA tour and the award that was achieved.

I will submit the awards to Marty and Neil Sugermeyer so they may be listed in the Mud Flap.

**Send your car show participation information and award achieved to me via E-mail at [Bowtiebobp@aol.com](mailto:Bowtiebobp@aol.com) or call me at 757-547-5034.**





# Is Your Title Good? The Virginia DMV 'A' List

By Bob Stein

One of the most frustrating parts of buying an old vehicle can be obtaining legal title. Too many times that long sought-after 'classic' comes with just a Bill of Sale, and many states don't even have titles for antique vehicles. It may take a while, but once you have your valid Virginia title, all is well, right? Not necessarily. I just spent three weeks working to straighten out a VIN number change that Virginia DMV intentionally made to the title when I registered the car in 1999.

When I recently bought a 1948 MG TC, it was time to sell the white BCW TD replica that has been my fun convertible for the past decade. Though I only advertised the car on our local AACA site, the buyer ended up coming all the way from Florida to get the car. Very nice man who came up on a Friday, spent the night, and rolled home with the TD the next morning. I had cash, he had the car – I figured it was all done.

A week later, I got an email from the buyer. Florida had refused to register the car because the title had '59A' as the VIN, while the ID plate said it was '059'. Only then did I remember that the Replica's unusually small VIN had already been on record as belonging to a homebuilt trailer in Virginia. The DMV clerk added the 'A' so that the title would go through. I didn't think anything of it at the time.

OK. Annoying, but not a big deal. I downloaded a 'Change of Existing Vehicle Record' form, and took the title he mailed back to me, photos of the car VIN plate, and a signed Vehicle ID Validation report from the Florida DMV to the DMV express. No good – it had to be done at a main office. So I went to the main DMV near work. An hour and a half later, I was told that they couldn't access records for a title that old, and that they would request a FAX of the title history.

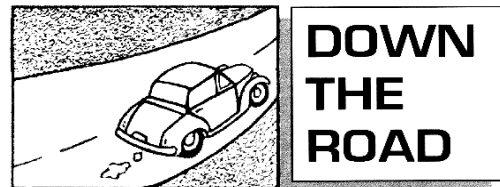
That was a Monday. I checked back Wednesday but they didn't have any information. On Friday, still having heard nothing, I went back to DMV and spent another two hours waiting. They told me this time that they couldn't do anything there, and I would have to contact the Richmond title office directly. I called the number given and spent 30 minutes on hold, only to be told that while, yes, Virginia DMV used to have a policy to add letters for convenience, they would have to inspect the vehicle before they could do anything. Remember, I had already provided a Florida ID validation report.

So I called again and this time got a very helpful DMV agent who read the notes and promised to call back, which she did. First on Monday, to tell me that the Title office said they didn't do letters, then Wednesday to say she had gotten bounced back and forth and was still working, and then yesterday – to say she'd finally given up trying to work with the Title office in Richmond and had contacted the manager of the local DMV. The manager researched the problem, and elected to write a letter

herself and mail it to me directly.

I was very lucky in a couple of ways – first, the buyer has been wonderfully patient in all this. Then I ended up with two very helpful and dedicated DMV employees (maybe the only two in the state!) who went out of their way to help me resolve the issue. I would not count on such luck again.

States are tightening registration requirements at the same time they are archiving older records. If you have a vehicle title that does not exactly match the title, you need to get it fixed as soon as possible. I would strongly recommend that you inspect your titles and compare them to your vehicle VIN plate. Don't wait until you need the paperwork to fix it. A DMV error took me three weeks and a lot of help to fix. You may not be so lucky.



## LOCAL

- May 16..... ODMA Meet, Woodbridge, VA
- May 21..... TRAACA Monthly Dinner Meeting
- May 23..... Pungo Strawberry Festival Parade
- May 25..... Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade
- June 13..... TRAACA Annual Picnic at Schaubach's
- July 11..... TRAACA Garage Tour
- July 16..... TRAACA Monthly Dinner Meeting
- Aug.8..... Poker Run
- Sept.25..... TRAACA Friday Night Social
- Sept .26..... TRAACA Annual Meet – Virginia Beach Airport

## REGIONAL

- May 8-9.....Apple Blossom Meet and Flea Market, Shenandoah Region, Winchester, VA, [www.huskyclub.com/abmeet.htm](http://www.huskyclub.com/abmeet.htm)  
Meet Chairman Duane Catlett (540)533-7376
- May 16.....ODMA Meet, Woodbridge, VA
- July 18.....Que & Cruz Car Show - This antique and classic car and truck show will be held in Louisa, Va to benefit the Zion Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department and the Small Country Children's Fund 540/223-6329

## NATIONAL

- May 28-30 ...AACA Eastern Spring Meet - Gettysburg Region, Gettysburg, PA
- June 11-13..AACA SE Special Spring Meet Middle Tennessee Region, Lebanon, TN
- Aug. 22-28 ...AAA Glidden Tour (Cars 42 & earlier) – Rocky Mt. Region, Golden CO
- Sept. 18.....AACA Annual Grand National AMeet – Topeka Region, Topeka, KS
- Sept.19.....AACA Central Fall Meet – Topeka Region, Topeka, KS

## From the Rummage Box



### Looking Ahead to 2010

By Joe Gagliano, AACA Vice President

Mark your calendar and start planning. 2010 will be an important year for AACA, your region or chapter and you personally; it will be AACA's 75th Anniversary! That's right our **Diamond Jubilee**.

Plans are now underway at a National level and at our Host club, the Kyana Region. The event will be based out of Louisville, KY, from June 27th to July 3rd, 2010, so it will be easily accessible to most of our members. We're planning an unusual event with some different activities that should please all members of your family, and be affordable for everyone. Louisville is a central location with a lot of fun things to do and see. Planning is still in process, so we can't provide too much detail at this point, but we wanted to let everyone know about the event and to get you and your club to start planning as well. We want this to be an old car event and want to encourage everyone to drive and bring their old cars.

Activities will include antique car tours, a casual "cruise-in" type event for everyone, a very special "Opus" car display to cap off the week long event, plus much, much more. In addition to setting aside the date and time, we'd like your club to begin thinking about creating tours to the event. Take your maps out, figure out a route and maybe you can plan a trip to the event. Your club or group may even be able to hook up with other clubs traveling the same route! Look for additional information in future articles and in our AACA publications.



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**THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD**

## ----- PARADE REPORT -----

The **26th Annual Pungo Strawberry Festival Parade** will be held on Saturday May 23rd, 2009. The parade steps off at 10 AM sharp. If you plan to participate, you will need to be in the assembly area at the Coast Guard Station on Indian River Rd. between 8 and 9 AM. Our unit number has not yet been assigned. Watch your e-mail or call for more information as we near the date.

The **125th Annual Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade** will be held on Monday May 25th, 2009. The parade steps off at 11 AM sharp. Participants will need to be in the staging area at I.C. Norcom High School no later than 10 AM. Our unit number has not yet been assigned for this parade; more information will be available as we near the parade date. Come out and be a part of the oldest continuous parade in the nation!

**Jere Avenson, Parades co-chair Call me for more info.**

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## Activities Information For May

### TRAACA DINNER MEETING

Make sure you have your reservations for the May 21st Dinner Meeting at Aberdeen Barn. Our program will be by Igor Acord on Custom Painting of Cars.

### May 15 and 16 ODMA Show

#### **DON'T MISS THIS SHOW!**

By Ken Talley

This years ODMA meet registration closes April 29th. However, you can register day of the show but your car will not be judged. I plan to caravan up route 17 on Friday and stop in Tappahannock for lunch. If you want to join us, we will meet at the Comfort Inn & Suites (the old Lake Wright Hotel) parking lot on North Hampton Blvd. at 10:00. I called the Comfort Inn and they still have rooms available (703) 445-8070. If you decide to register late, give me a call and I will see if banquet tickets are still available (Ken Talley 421-7534). The Bull Run Region has done a superb job in planning this meet, so DON'T LET THIS ONE PASS YOU BY!

Sandy Hall has blocked some rooms at the Comfort Inn which is a new hotel. They offer a "Hot Breakfast", indoor pool and space for two or three trailers. The rate is \$89.99, and when you call, ask for the "ODMA" block, group number 100448.

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### *TRAACA Picnic At Schaubachs*

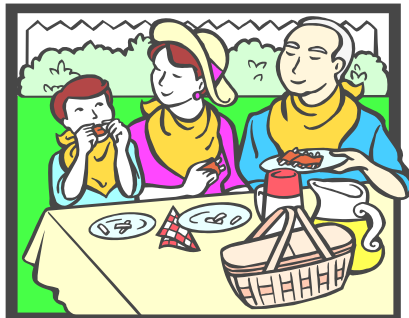
By Dot Parrish

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, June 13th for our picnic at Dwight & Jane Schaubach's home. The address is 8354 Crittenden Rd. in Suffolk, VA.

We will arrive between 3 and 4 and eat between 5 and 5:30 PM. Even though the Schaubachs will provide the food, we will be collecting \$5.00 per person to get an accurate headcount, and the funds will be used to make a donation to Dwight's favorite charity. Some of the members will bring desserts. If you would like to sign up to bring a dessert, please call Dot Parrish at 547-5034 or one of the activities committee members.

Your call person will contact you before the picnic. Thanks to the Schaubachs for inviting us again. Don't miss this.

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Plan on July 11<sup>th</sup> for our Garage Tour to the Meadows and the Pellerins.

## TRAACA FALL MEET

Saturday, September 26, 2009



By Dick Pensyl

If you don't already have a way to participate in the Fall Meet to be held at the Military Aviation Museum (same place as last year), you can give Dick Pensyl a call at 549-0935 or send him an email at [jandpen@yahoo.com](mailto:jandpen@yahoo.com). The list of committee chairpersons was in last month's Mud Flap. The first MEET MEETING will be held in May. Our 2008 annual meet was the best ever for Tidewater. This year could be even better.

## TOUR TO LOUISVILLE IN JUNE 2010

By Ken Talley

We have an opportunity to plan an enjoyable and memorable trip to the 75th anniversary National show in Louisville Ky. in June-July of 2010. What I would like to do is get a committee together to plan a driving tour to Louisville with stops along the way. I have already planned in my mind a nice route to the Virginia border. We have plenty of time to plan an enjoyable tour to Louisville and back. For those members that have participated in AACA tours in the past, you know what fun can be had on tours.



I can't do this by myself, but I am willing to get a committee together for planning purposes. We can use regions in West Virginia and Kentucky, Travel agencies, Chamber of Commerce etc.etc. to help us.



We can select routes to accommodate "Square Cars" as well as tow vehicles with trailers. We can invite regions throughout the state to join us en route. I mentioned this at the last ODMA planning meeting, and had people from Richmond and Piedmont interested in helping out.

Also we have plenty of time to get our cars ready for the trip! Please call me and volunteer to serve. We can make this a memorable and fun event and it won't work anyone too hard.



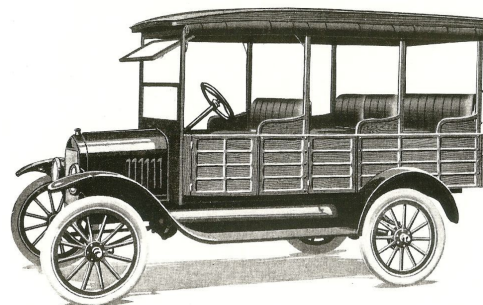
## FOR SALE:

It's time to downsize a little bit. I've decided that I really don't need FOUR Model T Ford projects, so the 1925 Suburban project needs to move into someone else's garage.

I've been collecting parts and pieces for about fifteen years for this neat car. The idea was to build a duplicate of the original York #803 Suburban that is in the Owl's Head Museum in Maine. I picked 1925 because it has all the features of the mid-twenties "Ts," but none of the "corruptions" of the '26-'27 years. Also, original parts and after-market support are both plentiful.

This package deal includes a nearly complete chassis with rebuilt & sandblasted frame, and unrebuilt but very good engine, transmission, front and rear axles, etc. The body is not here, but I have the Hudson Wagon Works plans (which are based on the Owl's Head car), and have several original huckster "finds" including a pair of the original windshield hinges, a pair of original huckster rear fenders, an original running board spare tire holder for two spare tires and several other nice items. The vehicle is not titled yet.

The accompanying illustration is what it will look like. I will include a bunch of photographs I took of the Owl's Head car several years ago and the Hudson plan package. Also would include lifetime support and digging rights into the extras of my 20-year accumulation of Model T stuff.



I am asking \$2000, but would reduce the price \$100 for every year that a bona-fide buyer is between 16 and 25 years old. If anyone is interested, I'll start collecting everything together.

Andy Ott, [andrewott@aol.com](mailto:andrewott@aol.com) (my travel and work schedule makes calling difficult).

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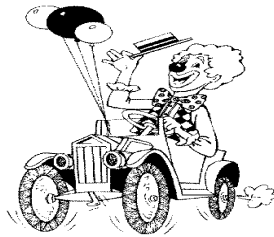
1947 Lincoln Continental Club Coupe; V12 with overdrive; all mechanics have been done; needs cosmetics; \$21,000 OBO; Contact Bob Powell (804) 389-2555.

# Celebrity Spotlight

## ACA SE National Winter Meet, 4/ 4/ 09 Charlotte, NC

Winner	Vehicle	Class	Award
Jeff Howie	1966 Solex	05D	Rep.Pres
Bob Roughton	1909 Oakland	13A	2nd Jr.
Bob Pellerin	1937 Volvo	20D	Senior
Bob Stein	1948 MG TC	25A	1st Jr.
Sue Bond	1974 MGB GT	25E	Rep.Pres
Toni Scarpelli	1956 Chrysler	27B	1st Jr.
Jim Elliot	1966 Corvair Monza	27G	Rep.Pres
Gordon Garnett	1972 Mercury	27J	2nd Jr.
Dick McIninch	1915 Buick		DPC
Ken Roach	1931 Pontiac		DPC
Clay Drnec	1963 Chevy Nova		DPC

## THE HUMOR SECTION



An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; He then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks..... Curious, I pinned a note to his collar. " I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful, sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap with a different note pinned to his collar. " He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 – he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

### Little Boys In Trouble

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, are excessively mischievous. They are always getting into trouble and their parents know all about it. If any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved. The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town has been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. So the mother sent the 8 year old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon.

The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly,

"Do you know where God is, son?" The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide eyed and his mouth hanging open.

So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boys face and bellowed, "Where is God?"

The boy screamed & bolted from the room, ran directly home & dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in "Big" trouble this time. GOD is missing, and they think we did it!"

### G - RATED JOKES

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A grandfather was telling her little granddaughter what his own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and always she was correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"

### QUOTES

**"A true friend is someone who knows you're a good egg even if you're a little cracked**

### Kittens from Riley

On April 15 (my mothers birthday) I had 4 kittens arrive at my house. This was not something I planned. However, my mother did love cats - and I kinda like 'em too. In honor of my mother, I offer 3 of these kittens to good homes. Their mother is a blue-eyed siamese with a nice temperament, and God only knows about the father. Because they share my mothers birthday, I offer the following: First trip to the vet, all shots, and neutering will be at my expense. I ask only that you provide love & care for the kitten after that. Riley Best, 471 4071 C, 471 2167 H, or [cad03max@hotmail.com](mailto:cad03max@hotmail.com).