

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

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# TRAACA Movie Night American Graffiti Saturday, November 4, 2017

Remember the days when you would put on your pajamas, pile into the family station wagon, and head to the local drivein movie? Or maybe you went on a date to the drive-in theater with your honey to see a movie (nudge, nudge, wink, wink). Many of us have fond memories of going to a drive-in as a child, an adult, or both. It's time to rekindle those memories, and join your fellow TRAACA members for our November activity. TRAACA member Bob Hanbury has generously offered to host a night of free food and a movie shown on a big screen inside his Special Events Operation Center in Portsmouth, VA, on Saturday evening, November 4th.

Bob is inviting TRAACA members to bring family and friends, hoping to have the club's largest turnout for the year and to attract more people to our club. Kids and grandkids are welcome and encouraged, as there will be entertainment provided for them. There is plenty of parking available onsite. Folding chairs will be available, but please bring some lawn chairs to ensure we have enough seats for everyone.

This is going to be a fun activity. (Just ask anyone who attended last year.) With a movie about cars, a delicious BBQ meal, and good friends, what more can you ask for? (Oh, yeah—it's free!)

So, mark your calendars and come to the TRAACA movie in Portsmouth on November 4th. See you at the movies!

DATE: Saturday, November 4, 2017 (Rain or Shine—it is indoors)

TIME: 6:00 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Movie

**PLACE: Special Events Operation Ctr** 

2211 Elliott Ave. Portsmouth, VA 23702

**HOST:** Bob Hanbury

**MENU:** Nixon's BBQ, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, chips, corn on the cob, ice tea, lemonade, and, of course, popcorn during the movie.

MOVIE: AMERICAN GRAFFITI

This 1973 movie stars Ron Howard, and is about a group of recent high school grads on the last night of summer vacation.

\*\* PLEASE NOTE: No alcohol is allowed on the premises (strictly enforced). RSVP to the Special Events Operation Center at (757) 485-1212 by November 2.



Six TRAACA members admiring a 1959 MG at the club's Annual Chili Cook-Off at Dewey & Maxine Milligan's. Read the story on Pgs. 12-13.



# TRAACA CALENDAR

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

#### **NOVEMBER 2017**

- 3 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Friday) Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport Note change in date for meeting
- 4 TRAACA Movie Night
  Virginia Special Events Ctr
  Portsmouth, VA
- 16 TRAACA Dinner Meeting and Annual Silent Auction Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

#### **DECEMBER 2017**

- TRAACA Holiday Lights Norfolk Botanical Gardens Norfolk, VA
- 8 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Friday) Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 10 TRAACA Holiday Brunch Princess Anne Country Club Virginia Beach, VA

#### **JANUARY 2018**

- 12 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Friday) Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 20 TRAACA Annual Awards
  Banquet & Board Induction
  5:00 PM (Saturday)
  Location: To be determined

#### **FEBRUARY 2018**

- TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Friday) Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 15 TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

#### **MARCH 2018**

- 9 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Friday) Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 15 TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

# From the Driver's Seat

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The AACA's annual meet in Hershey, PA, is over and, as usual it was jam-packed, but great. Marion & I went a day earlier than usual and it still wasn't enough time. We arrived on Tuesday in time for me to make it to the AACA Library's Yard Sale. (Marion was supposed to go, too, but was invited to a ladies-only dinner.) There were some neat items at great prices. I saw a mini go-kart being loaded on a trailer as I arrived. People were filling bags with sales literature and advertising for 50¢ to \$2. There were tables full of manuals, books, and memorabilia for \$5-20. There were also prints, pedal cars, and some high-end items like original Duesenberg and Packard dealer sales brochures selling for hundreds of dollars. I demonstrated some rare self-restraint and only spent \$80 (but I'm better prepared now to buy an MG).

We also took in some local sights. (Apparently, there's more to do in the Hershey-Harrisburg area than just the AACA Meet, Flea Market, Library, and former AACA Museum. Who knew?) Marion & I visited the Pennsylvania National Fire Museum, then met Wayne & Carol Milligan at the National Civil War Museum. Both are outstanding and worth visiting. Terry & Susan Bond have recommended in the past that we tour the Harley-Davidson factory in nearby York, PA. Maybe next year.

Although it's almost the end of the year—I can almost smell the Thanksgiving turkey roasting, and Christmas is just over the horizon—it's a busy time for the TRAACA. First up is our Dinner & Movie Night being hosted by Bob Hanbury at his Virginia Special Events operations center on Saturday, November 4th. (Details on the front cover.) If you didn't go to last year's movie night, you missed a great time. Don't make the same mistake this year—I guarantee you'll have great time (and great food).

Next up is our annual Silent Auction at this month's Dinner Meeting on Thursday, November 16th. This is

always fun and members donate a variety of neat things. Last year's highlights were probably the professional Sun engine diagnostics machine that used to be in every dealership 30-50 years ago and the Dodge Challenger SRT hood signed by NASCAR legend Richard Petty. Our Silent Auction is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year—it helps us subsidize other activities throughout the year, so let go of some of your treasures, big or small, and donate them to the auction. Also, come prepared to bid on items donated by other members—you'll find something neat to take home (and support the club in the process).

For our December activity the club will be getting together on Tuesday, December 5th, for dinner in Norfolk followed by a drive through the Norfolk Botanical Gardens to see the "Garden of Lights" holiday display. (Look for details in a special e-mail to all members and our weekly *Mud Speck* e-mails.) Our monthly Dinner Meeting will again actually be a holiday brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach on Sunday, December 10th.

Finally, a few reminders:

- First, don't forget to mail in your ballot for the AACA's 2018 Board of Directors. Our very own Bob Parrish (current AACA Board Member & last year's AACA President) is up for reelection. Ballots must be filled out correctly (you must vote for 7 people—no more, no less—or the ballot will be disqualified) and must be postmarked by November 15th.

- Second, it's time to nominate people for our annual awards (which will be presented at our Annual Awards Banquet in January). Most of the awards are determined by participation points, but some are selected by the Board of Directors or past winners. Please contact me if you want to nominate someone for the Duryea Award, Lalique Award (which is selected by the previous winners), Merritt Horne Participation Award, Spark Plug Award, TRAACA President's Award, and TRAACA Restoration Award. (See the TRAACA Awards Manual on the club's website for information on all the awards and selection processes.)

Marion & I look forward to seeing you later this month at Movie Night and the Silent Auction. And remember—you can never have too much horsepower!

Mark Mc

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# **Call Captain's Corner**

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We have changed how we contact members to obtain their RSVPs for the monthly dinner meeting. To cut down on the work load, you will now be contacted via e-mail. (Members without e-mail will continue to be contacted by phone.) Please respond to Skip Patnode's monthly e-mail by the requested date and let him know whether or not you will be attending (yes or no) and how many will be attending. 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. Thank you for your cooperation!

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# From the Running Board

Oct 13, 2017 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: Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, and Bill Treadwell. Members present: Ellen Adams, Marion McAlpine, and Linda Treadwell.

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM.

**President:** Mark thanked all for coming to the meeting. Reminded Board Members of Bob Roughton's funeral service on Saturday, October 14th.

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

**Secretary's Report:** The September Board Meeting minutes were sent out by e-mail and approved by the Board, and printed in the October *Mudflap*.

### Treasurer's Report:

- September Monthly Reports reviewed. Mark thanked Charlie and Ellen for keeping excellent records.
- 2017 Annual Meet Finance Report reviewed. Some sponsors still need to pay. Mark will ask Tony [Meet Chairman] to clarify if invoices were sent to the sponsors. Past due notices will be sent to those that did receive an invoice and have not paid.
- Board wants to thank John Heimerl for donating the radios for the club to use during the Annual Meet. Will send letter acknowledging his donation.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Activities Committee:**

- Saturday, 28 October: TRAACA Chili Cook-Off at Dewey and Maxine Milligan's home.
- Saturday, 4 November: TRAACA Movie Night at Bob Hanbury's Special Events warehouse. Starts at 6 PM, then movie (*American Graffiti*) at 7:30 PM. Event open to friends/family and other local clubs. Must RSVP for event.
- Tuesday, 5 December: TRAAA Holiday Lights Display, Norfolk Botanical Gardens.
- Other possible future activities:
  - Tidewater Winds Concert: Monday, 4 December: 7:30
     PM at Sandler Center, Virginia Beach. Members must purchase tickets on their own if they want to attend.

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- Little Theater of Smithfield—Harvey (15 February— 4 March 2018).
- Mark thanked the members of the Activity Committee for their hard work this year. Noted activities were well attended, and hopes the Committee will volunteer to serve again.

**Membership (Jerry Adams):** Status as of 30 September: 180 memberships and 319 members. Three complimentary 2018 AACA national memberships remain. TRAACA renewal form will be in next *Mudflap*. Renewals must be in by January 15, 2018, to meet the cutoff for inclusion in the 2018 Membership Roster.

#### **Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):**

- Next Dinner Meeting is Thursday, 19 October. Guest speaker is Neil Sugermeyer.
- The November Dinner Meeting & Annual Silent Auction: Thursday, 16 November. Charlie, Ellen, and Marion to lead in organizing.
- December Holiday Brunch (instead of Dinner Meeting): Sunday, 10 December, at Princess Anne Country Club.

Unfinished Business: None.

#### **New Business:**

• Update on 2018 Board Nominations: Committee formed with Past Presidents Terry Bond, Mickey McChesney, Bob Parrish, and members Sandy Hall and Dana Meadows.

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# November Dinner Meeting and Silent Auction Thursday, November 16, 2017

This month's dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 6:45 PM. (*Note our new earlier start time for dinner*.) Dinner will be turkey, glazed ham, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, house salad, and chef's choice of dessert. (*Please let us know in advance if you have any dietary restrictions and require a special meal—we will try to arrange it with the hotel.*)

This is also our annual Silent Auction fund-raiser for the club, so there is no guest speaker this month. Instead, please bring some treasures to donate for the auction and come ready to find & bid on some new ones to take home. (See the *Mud Speck* weekly e-mail for more details.)

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!

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# **TRAACA Tour of Fort Monroe** Saturday, September 30, 2017

Story by Wayne Milligan. Photos by Matt Doscher.

TRAACA members met in Ocean View, Norfolk, before heading to the Peninsula for a tour of historic Fort Monroe. Those participating included Matt and Vickie Doscher in their 1965 Mercury Caliente, Al Becker in his 1929 Packard, Ron Huibers and his son Scott in Ron's 1968 Volvo 1800S, Dana and Debbie Meadows in their 1966 Triumph TR4A, Fred Cole in his 1984 Buick, Travis and Kim Berry, Jerry and Ellen Adams and their daughters, and Wayne and Carol Milligan all driving modern. At Fort Monroe, we were met by our guide, Park Ranger Vickie, who led us on a 45-minute walking tour of the fort's grounds, highlighting several of the original buildings, the moat, the lighthouse, the casemates, and the spectacular views including Fort Wool across the channel.

Per Wikipedia, Fort Monroe was constructed between 1819-1834; however, as early as 1608, Captain John Smith recognized the importance of building a fort at Point Comfort, as early English colonists called the area. The initial fort was a wooden stockade known as Fort Algernourne. The more substantial stone structure (known as Fort Monroe in honor of President James Monroe) and Fort Wool, on an artificial island across the channel, were completed in 1834. These forts guarded the navigation channel between the Chesapeake Bay and Hampton Roads. Surrounded by a moat, Fort Monroe is the largest



Wayne Milligan giving instructions to tour participants



Old Point Comfort Lighthouse—built in 1802—at Fort Monroe. It's the oldest operating lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay.

stone fort ever built in the United States. Throughout the Civil War it remained a Union installation, and became a symbolic site of early freedom for former slaves under the "contrabands of war" policies. After the war, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was imprisoned within the fort and its casemate for two years. The fort is now decommissioned as a military installation and is managed by the National Park Service and the City of Hampton.

Following our tour, the group entered the Casemate Museum and toured the facility at our own pace. The museum presents the fort through its many years as an active military installation. It also includes the cell used to house Jefferson Davis, depicted as it was throughout his Our Club Board previously approved incarceration. making a donation to the museum, and a check for \$100.00 was presented. After our tour of the Casemate Museum, the TRAACA group made its way to The Deadrise restaurant for an excellent lunch.

The tour of Fort Monroe was very informative, the weather was ideal, and the Museum was gracious and offered an interesting collection and representation of the history of the fort. Lunch was tasty, reasonably priced, and timely with a pleasant staff. We had 16 participants, with 5 antique automobiles, who enjoyed a pleasant Saturday morning tour and lunch.



The entrance to Jefferson Davis Memorial Park at Ft. Monroe



TRAACA members climbing the parapets at Fort Monroe

# Southeast Virginia Street Rods Charity Car Show Saturday, September 30, 2017

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

On September 30, 2017, the Southeast Virginia Street Rod (and muscle car) Association (SVSRA) hosted its 25th Annual Charity Car Show. For the past five years the SVSRA car show has been held at the Daniels Performance Group facility in Smithfield, VA, owned by fellow TRAACA member Charlie Daniels.

The SVSRA annual car show is different from other local car and charity shows in several respects. There are no trophies for the vehicles, but there are trophies for the children & adults participating in races involving tricycles. (We had Hot Wheels cars donated by one of the SVSRA members for the prizes.) Every participant who registered a vehicle went home with a door prize & dash plaque, and had the opportunity to win a raffle for a 4-camera wireless security system or a wheeled cart full of tools, and a 50/50 raffle. Fellow TRAACA member Toni McChesney won the 50/50 Raffle and donated some of her winnings back to the charity. Thank You for the donation, Toni!

The best part about this charity show is that the proceeds from the show benefit one-to-two local charities every year. Since 1993 the SVSRA club has donated almost \$80,000.00 to various charities in the Hampton Roads area. This year two charities will receive the proceeds from the show: the Horton Wreath Society, whose volunteers purchase & place wreaths on veterans'

graves at the Suffolk Veterans Memorial Cemetery every December, and the Honor Flight of Triangle Virginia, which is a group of volunteers that transport WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans to visit their appropriate war memorials in Washington, DC, at no cost to the veterans.

We had a beautiful day for the car show, without worries of rain. There were a few flea market vendors selling their goods, and our DJ—Angela Brown—played a great selection of music. And a big Thank You to Angela, who generously donated her DJ salary back to the charity!

A number of TRAACA members attended the show, either volunteering in some capacity as SVSRA members or helping raise money for the charities by registering their vehicles. TRAACA members present included: Charlie Daniels & Chris Hunt (who brought her 1973 Plymouth Scamp), Mark & Marion McAlpine (and their 1970 Chevelle SS), Mickey & Toni McChesney (and their 1984 Olds Delta 88), Tom & Roe Poe (and their 1963 Studebaker Lark), and Bill & Linda Treadwell (and their 1969 Camaro). Also, Doug & Sheila Brickner, Les & Linda Sorey, and Don & Rita Trammell are SVSRA members who are recent recipients of complementary AACA & TRAACA Military Sponsorship Program memberships for 2018 and were at the SVSRA show.



There were treasures to be found in the flea market at the show



The one-of-one "Weed-mobile" (purely a joke, officer-



Mickey & Toni McChesney behind their 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88



Tom & Roe Poe's 1963 Studebaker Lark

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# **AACA Eastern Fall Meet** Hershey, PA October 3-7, 2017



# Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine and Bob Stein.

It was another great year for Hershey, with about 1,265 vehicles registered for the meet. The AACA Eastern Fall Meet was held October 3-7, 2017, in Hershey, PA. The weather was actually not bad, it was dry and warm with highs in the low 80s. This was unusual weather for Hershey in October. It is more often like last year when we had to judge those beautiful cars while it was drizzling and chilly.

This year, Mark & I ventured up to Hershey on Tuesday hoping to see more of the swap meet. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending on how you look at it, we did not get over to the swap meet any more than in the past. We did get into the town of Harrisburg, PA, and visited two museums: the Pennsylvania National Fire Museum and the National Civil War Museum. Both are well worth checking out. Look for a future article on the National Fire Museum, which had some great fire trucks and historic information on the progression of fire equipment from hand-drawn apparatus to modern day equipment. The National Civil War Museum sits atop a large hill overlooking the city of Harrisburg, PA. It was well done with exhibits on one side of the different hallways showing Confederate artifacts and the other side with

Union artifacts. The museum was a good way to see the war from the prospective of both sides.

We enjoyed dinner in Harrisburg at the Lancaster Brewing Company with fellow TRAACA members Kim and Travis Berry and Carol and Wayne Milligan. Usually when we have eaten there during Hershey, the restaurant has a great Oktoberfest menu. Unfortunately, because it was early in the month, the menu was only available on the weekend and that night they were also out of their Oktoberfest beer. (We had wanted to purchase some Oktoberfest beer for ourselves and for our neighbor for cutting our grass while we were gone.) We purchased some of the Lancaster Brewing Company's other beer and, after some whining about the lack of the Oktoberfest menu, the manager gave Mark a couple of Lancaster Brewing Company Oktoberfest glasses. He left with a big smile!

We made it to the AACA Museum for the Cars and Coffee on Thursday morning, held in the garage down behind the museum. There are always some interesting and unusual vehicles in the garage. There was a special display in the museum celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the birth of the Chevrolet Camaro & the Pontiac Firebird.



Even with temporarily hobbled mobility, Terry Bond mans his stall



TRAACA members at the Race Car Condition Run on Thursday



Marshall Van Winkle's (New Bern, NC) 1924 Ford Model T, the AACA's most-awarded vehicle, on display at the AACA Museum



1930 Ford-Riley Sprint car at the AACA Race Car Condition Runs

Also on Thursday, Mark & I helped out at the AACA Library Tent in Chocolate Field. This year the AACA Library Bookmobile was on display. Although not quite finished, the Bookmobile looked terrific and attracted the attention of a great many of the people walking through the Hershey Swap Meet. It was fun to talk to people about the benefits the AACA Library has to offer AACA members and to let them know about how the Bookmobile will be used in future AACA National Meets.

After working the AACA Library Tent, Mark and I proceeded over to the car corral surrounding the swap meet. There were some very nice vehicles in the car corral. There were probably more cars earlier in the day, but by the afternoon rain was moving in and some vehicles had departed. In fact, because of the rain, many vendors and shoppers were trying to get off the field. We decided it would take a long time to get off the field, so we walked over to Chocolate World to buy some chocolate. We stayed there to eat dinner and then wandered over to the Hershey Music Box Theatre where they were showing some old black & white movies.

Friday was a busy day, starting with viewing the AACA Race Car Condition Runs over at the Hershey Stadium in Red Field with Kim & Travis Berry, Vickie & Matt Doscher, and Carol & Wayne Milligan. Although the cars being evaluated were loud, (they were race cars), it was really fun to observe the process the vehicles go through before letting them onto the show field for judging. We will certainly go back to see the evaluation again.

We had to hoof it from the Hershey Stadium to the



(L-R) 1910 Chalmers Detroit Model K and 1912 E-M-F

Green Field to volunteer at the AACA Membership Tent. We stayed very busy signing up new members or renewing current members. We always enjoy visiting with prospective and current members. We were able to sign up several military veterans for the AACA's free military sponsorship program, and hopefully they will all renew in 2019.

Next on our Friday agenda was the AACA National Judging School, followed by teaching our Continuing Judges Education (CJE) courses. Getting out of Hershey Park afterward was a bit challenging because the traffic leaving the swap meet gets channeled into one lane before leaving the park. Fortunately, meeting up with good friends for dinner made up for the traffic.

Saturday, of course, was the big show. Most of the 1,265 antique vehicles registered appeared to be there. As usual, there were many beautiful vehicles from every era on the show field. After we judged, Mark & I spent another couple of hours taking photos and talking to participants. We finished the day at a favorite familyowned restaurant near the hotel with several TRAACA and Richmond Region friends.

This year there was another great showing of TRAACA members at Hershey—by our count, at least 50 people attended. TRAACA members who brought vehicles to the meet included Scott Davies, Jim Elliott, Tim Hund, Dick McIninch, Reggie Nash, Wes Neal, and Bill Treadwell. (See Page 17 for the list of TRAACA award winners.)

The more we do at Hershey, the more we seem to enjoy it. We're looking forward to next year!



(L-R) Marion McAlpine and Dana & Debbie Meadows showing of their tech-savvy skills (or faking it) outside the Giant Center



1912 Lozier Model 51 Briarcliff

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1910 Ford Model T





1929 Cadillac 341 roadster





(L-R) 1910 Stanley Steamer and 1910 Stanley 60 Runabout



1928 Auburn "Boattail" Speedster



1929 DuPont Model G Roadster





Tim Hund's 1932 Auburn 8-100a Phaeton



1934 Brewster Town Car Cabriolet—1 of approximately 135 built



1954 Fiat Bertone Berlinetta—note the split rear window. Wonder if designers of the 1963 Corvette Sting Ray ever saw one of these?





1932 Nash 1092R coupe



AACA President (and TRAACA member) Tom Cox handing out a dash plaque to the owner of a 1938 Hudson Terraplane



1973 Buick Century GS



(L-R) Former AACA Presidents Terry Bond, Bob Parrish, and Mike Jones comparing notes on National Awards nominees

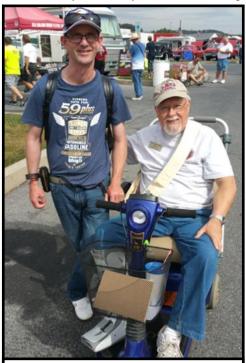
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# Still Collecting Stuff — Hershey 2017 By Terry Bond

In early August, when I had an unfortunate disagreement with a step ladder and broke my leg, I began worrying about a lot of things, including how I was going to write this article. Was I even going to make it to Hershey?

Thanks to Susan for helping me re-think the whole swap meet process and for being my special "nurse," to Steve Moskowitz for helping me line up a "scooter," and to Richard Hall for his encouragement and support getting me prepared for the event. Two friends from the Tidewater MG Club were also a tremendous help—Don & Rose Ladd had Hershey on their bucket list and after six years finally made it. Their help was A+++.



Terry with walking boot, scooter (modified for DPC class), and friend Murray from England

Of course, our usual Hershey 'preliminary' antique hunting wasn't possible this year. As it happened, the dates for one of our favorite pre-Hershey events the Allentown Paper show conflicted with the Hershey Meet, so could attend it anyway. Neil Sugermeyer decided to hold off from the paper show and venture up on Monday, also foregoing the "early bird" way of doing things.

Our trip north on Tuesday, with Richard & Sandy Hall, was good. A

nice day with good company and plenty of help getting around with my walker. We were loaded up with all my support equipment and four boxes of swap meet stuff that had carefully been preselected by Susan and I. It would be a small load this year since Susan would need to handle the setup and packing. We borrowed a simple Easy-Up canopy from Mark & Marion McAlpine that would give us 10x10 sunshade and shelter. Two tables and some folding chairs rounded out my abbreviated version of a Hershey swap meet space for 2017.

We arrived later Tuesday PM, and the Ladds were already at the hotel. My motorized scooter had already been delivered, so all we needed to do was figure out how to disassemble it (three easy components) and get it into the back of our van. Yes, we took the van this year as our truck needed some repairs and was in the shop. Heck, I could not have even got up into it anyway!

Tuesday evening, we had our traditional dinner with Mike & Murray Shears from England. They are serious collectors of radiator emblems and now possess one of the finest collections

in the world. Hershey is an annual event for them and we've enjoyed an early dinner together there for a long time now. I was able to present them with a very rare emblem that I acquired earlier in the year.

We got into the swap meet itself Wednesday morning and began setting things up. Our portable toilet was already on site, and our swap meet neighbors from Ohio were already in full operation in the next stall.

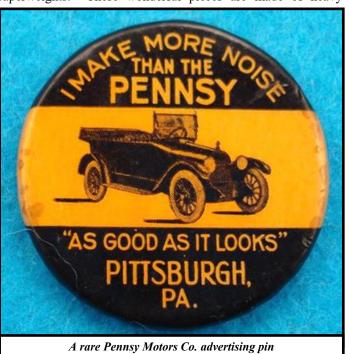
Setup went well and, as I made myself comfortable, Susan ventured out for her first foray into the market. Almost immediately she began sending photos of neat stuff. By noon she had returned with a bag full of stuff including some wonderful MG-related collectibles. There will be a separate future column on those items.



You'll find brass everywhere you go in the Hershey flea market

I ventured out on the scooter for a quick look and almost immediately encountered a table full of brass lamps. I had the chance to dig through some spark plugs and ogle some wonderful mascots, then I stumbled on a long-time Hershey vendor who had just purchased a pin and badge collection. I was literally the first person to go through three glass-topped trays to select the best items, all at a good price. I added some rare pieces to my own trays including this very rare pin advertising one of National's early race cars. It's one of the best. There is also a rare pin for a Pennsy Motors Company automobile made only a short time in Pennsylvania.

Within another few minutes I found two fabulous bronze paperweights. These wonderful pieces are made of heavy



bronze with nicely enameled names on them. I have seen the Dort paperweight before, but I never knew one was ever produced for the Paige automobile. I had a paperweight for the Chalmers, and know of one for Packard that unfortunately has been widely reproduced. Nice that my collection just doubled in size. (Watch for a future article on these, too.)



I finished the day at my spaces trying to recoup some of the

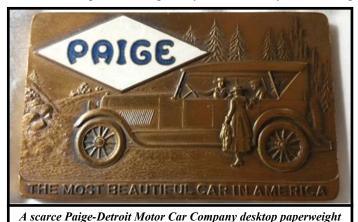
funds spent earlier while Susan continued to shop. She reports walking over 5 miles that first day per her Fitbit. It was a good day with perfect weather and we were anxious for another one on Thursday. It did not disappoint.

We decided to keep our stall closed on Thursday, giving us both the chance to shop. We ventured out together, along with Richard Hall and Bob Bond, and spent time at the New England MG T Register tent where one of the members was disposing of a large collection of MG memorabilia. Susan made a pile and in best "Pickers tradition" *BUNDLED!* Following that, we went separate ways into unknown territory in search of more treasure. I had the chance to purchase spark plugs and enjoyed visiting others while wandering. I added a few early auto accessories and some advertising letter openers to my collection.

Hidden in the rear of a tent full of signs and gas pumps, I discovered a wonderful early French bronze. It was too expensive, but is still under negotiation and may be a post-Hershey purchase. We'll see. It was a great day, and another 10 miles for Susan.

Weather continued to be fantastic. Friday, I spent the day at the booth and Susan added another 10 miles shopping. It doesn't get any better than a Hershey meet where you can wear shorts and t-shirts. The weather was perfect, the treasures were abundant, and the chance to visit with everyone was fantastic.

Saturday, of course the focus shifts to the show car field. Getting my 200th judging credit at Hershey was special, and, thanks to Susan and Bob Parrish, I was able to enjoy the breakfast with other judges and fulfill my responsibilities on the field. Susan reports walking nearly 30 miles this year including



Rare National Motor Vehicle Co. advertising pin—circa 1911

the car show Saturday. Love that Fitbit.

Things we learned at Hershey this year:

Swap meet stalls are not handicap accessible. Seeing everything from scooter level isn't easy, and transferring to the walker to squeeze into over-stuffed tents and between narrow rows of stuff isn't easy.

Taking photos from the scooter is just not easily done. For me, it has taken at least two extra hands to do most things and a long time to travel 10 yards on my own with the walker. So, Hershey wasn't easy. Still, it was the promise of goodies around the corner that kept me going.

Seeing friends and hearing their own stories and getting all their encouragement was fabulous medicine. Dinners out with friends, just sitting to talk and visit, was what made my Hershey great this year. I could not have done it without Susan, and she deserves every piece she found and added to her collection. The tremendous help provided by friends made life easy. For our first-time visitors Don & Rose Ladd, their experience at Hershey was great. They made their reservations for next year, and we will see if we can get them to join Tidewater Region as well.

Flea marketing is a lot of work and the chance to scale-down with a smaller load was welcome. It makes me wonder if indeed smaller isn't better?

One other important discovery this year is the handicapped-accessible portable toilet. It's *BIG* & served as a separate walkin closet in which we could store things overnight. For the extra money involved, I think we'll do that again next year. Otherwise our plan is to put the walker back in the attic, let someone else rent the scooter, and return to normal operation.

I hope your Hershey experience was great and that your collection continues to grow.

Terry Bond



Brass letter openers advertising Oakland & Overland automobiles

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# TRAACA Chili Cook-Off Saturday, October 28, 2017

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine and Bob Stein.

Great friends, great food, and great weather were the three things the TRAACA members were hoping for on Saturday, October 28th, and they were not disappointed. On October 28th, fifty-five TRAACA members and friends gathered at Dewey & Maxine Milligan's home in Chesapeake, VA, for the TRAACA's Annual Chili Cook-Off. For many years, the Milligans have graciously hosted the TRAACA Chili Cook-Off at their home, and it is the perfect setting for the event with plenty of room for the large crowd that always attends and their vehicles.

It was a beautiful fall day for a chili cook-off and the gathering of antique vehicles. Many TRAACA members who attended the event brought their antique vehicles. For this event, the "social hour" prior to tasting the chili was spent visiting with fellow TRAACA members outside near the antique cars or inside near the desserts.

TRAACA President Mark McAlpine led a short club meeting. Mark presented Dewey & Maxine Milligan with a couple of restaurant gift cards from the club, to thank them for hosting the Chili Cook-Off event at their home again. Terry Bond delivered the invocation before the meal, and the festivities began.

The challenge for the coveted "Best Chili" award was open to all TRAACA members. The competition was stiff with twelve chilies (maybe the most we have had) entered



William Grosz with his 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper Eight



(L-R) Marion McAlpine returning from her ride with Richard Hall

into the blind-taste contest. Along with the different chilies, club members enjoyed deviled eggs, chicken, cornbread, pasta salads, dips and many delicious desserts.

After enjoying the lunch and taste-testing the various chilies, members voted for their favorites. Jerry Adams created some great award certificates and purchased gag prizes for the winners. Carol Milligan won the "Best in Bowl" award for her chili. Jerry Adams won the "Almost There" award for Second Place. Vickie Doscher and William Grosz tied for the "Barely Made It" Third Place Honorable Mention awards went to Robyn Burnham, Lynn Heimerl, Bob Stein, and the Milligans' friend Doug Fahl.

Thanks to everyone who brought chili, side dishes, and desserts to the event. Thank you to Wayne & Carol Milligan for organizing the event; to Jerry & Ellen Adams for putting together the creative (and humorous) awards and prizes; and to everyone who helped with the set-up and take-down of the event. With everyone's help, the time to set-up and take-down the event went quickly. And, of course, a BIG THANK YOU to Dewey & Maxine for their generosity in hosting the event at their home again this year. Everyone had a wonderful time, ate well, and look forward to doing it again next year. (There are probably people working on special chili recipes already.)



Jane Ward, Scott Davies, and Bob Ward catching up on things



Bob Hanbury & his friend Andrew with Bob's 2005 Chevy SSR

Charline & Joe Geib with their 1966 Avanti II coupe



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Susan & Terry Bond in Susan's 1948 MG TC



Bob Stein and his 1988 Buick Reatta



Ken & Shirley Wecht with their 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle SS



Evy & Harold Eacker and their 1936 Ford Deluxe 3-window coupe



(L-R) Sandy Dawson, Robyn Burnham, Barbara Talley, and Betty Banbury relaxing after lunch



Jerry Adams presents Carol Milligan the "Best in Bowl" Award for her secret recipe entry in the 2017 TRAACA Chili Cook-Off



# You Are the Sales Team

# By Wayne Tuck AACA Vice President Membership

(Reprinted from the Spring 2017 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)

Being newly elected to your national board of directors and not knowing what my assignment would be, I was reluctant to accept the nomination for president of the New Jersey Region. After much persuasion I agreed to accept the position and was put on the ballot unopposed. The New Jersey Region is the tenth oldest region in the country, having been in existence since 1951. Membership, much like the national, has remained constant for many years. Providing regular monthly meetings, tours, annual car show, parades and attending numerous charity events, this region offers a lot of fun and friendship to members.

Upon learning my assignment [as an AACA Director] would be VP Membership, I became very aware that our region was missing out on some great opportunities to recruit new members. Putting the subject on the meeting agenda brought forth many great ideas from members who were very enthusiastic about getting involved with a recruiting initiative. As a result, a membership recruitment committee was formed. Recruitment literature, displays, banners and plans to attend more events where potential members would be present were put in place. The new "Red Mustang" cut-outs provided by national were included with our recruitment package. Our recruitment committee has been very encouraged by the early positive results of their efforts and are planning many more events to grow our region membership.

What does your region do to recruit new members? Does your region or chapter attend events that other old car enthusiasts participate in? Do these events afford the opportunity to set up a membership table to promote membership? Does your club have literature available for members to carry with them promoting the benefits of region membership? Do you have a committee to coordinate member recruitment? What activities does your club provide that would interest other old car enthusiasts? Do you have region members that belong to marque clubs such as Buick, Packard, Hudson, Model A, etc.? Do they promote the fact that belonging to an AACA Region enhances their hobby? Finally, what can national provide to help you with your efforts? I'm anxious to hear from you with any ideas you can share that work for your region. Our region members are our best salespeople. Your efforts can help us grow and remain strong!

# **2018 AACA Board of Directors Election**

The AACA Nominating Committee has nominated nine AACA members for positions on the AACA Board of Directors for 2018. You received your postage-paid official ballot with your September/October issue of the *Antique Automobile* magazine. You must vote for seven candidates (no more & no less or your ballot will be invalidated and not counted), and your ballot must be postmarked by November 15th. **Don't forget to vote!** 



# AACA 2018 Membership Renewal Reminder

AACA membership runs for a calendar year—January 1 through December 31. Your first opportunity to renew your membership for 2018 was in your September/October issue of the AACA's *Antique Automobile* magazine when a renewal form was included in the magazine. A renewal form should also be in the November/December issue. Simply fill out the form and mail it back to the AACA Headquarters with a check or your credit card information. 2018 dues are \$40—the first increase in 10 years (but still less than most other national car clubs).

Alternately, you can renew online or download, print, and mail the renewal form by going to the AACA website: <a href="www.aaca.org">www.aaca.org</a>. (Remember—you must renew your 2018 AACA membership in order to be a member of the TRAACA.)



# AACA Calendar of Events

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

### **FEBRUARY 2018**

8-10 AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA

#### **MARCH 2018**

#### **APRIL 2018**

5-7 AACA SE Spring Meet Charlotte, NC

20-21 AACA Western Spring Meet Tucson, AZ

#### MAY 2018

11-12 AACA Central Spring Meet Auburn, IN

31- AACA Grand National Meet 2 Jun Greensburg, PA

# JULY 2018

11-14 AACA Eastern Spring Meet Gettysburg, PA

#### **AUGUST 2018**

20-24 AACA Reliability Tour Canandaigua, NY

#### **SEPTEMBER 2018**

12-15 AACA Central Division Tour Texas Panhandle, TX

16-22 AAA Glidden Tour Twin Falls, ID

#### **OCTOBER 2018**

10-13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, PA

21-26 Founders Tour Metropolis, IL

### **NOVEMBER 2018**

5-9 Sentimental Tour Natchez, MS

#### **FEBRUARY 2019**

7-9 AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA

22-24 AACA Winter Meet Ocala, FL

#### **APRIL 2019**

4-7 AACA SE Spring Meet Charlotte, NC

#### **MAY 2019**

25 AACA Grand National Meet Auburn, IN

#### **JUNE 2019**

2-7 AACA Founders Tour Seward, NE



# TRAACA December Activity Dinner & Holiday Lights Display Norfolk Botanical Gardens



Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Okay, the weather is going to be cooler and the days will be shorter, but don't let that keep you from coming out and spending some time with your TRAACA friends in December. Join in on Tuesday, December 5th, as the club enjoys a nice dinner at a restaurant near the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, followed by a leisurely drive through the Botanical Gardens' "Garden of Lights" holiday lights display. This is early in December, and will be a great way to get in the holiday mood.

Since December tends to be a busy time for people, we decided to provide an early announcement for the club's December Activity. There will be more information in upcoming Mud Speck weekly e-mails and in the December Mudflap newsletter.

SO, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DECEMBER 5TH AND COME SEE THE LIGHTS!!

# **TRAACA Annual Awards**

It's time to nominate members for our annual awards (which will be presented at our Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 20, 2018). Most of the awards are determined by participation points, but some are selected by the Board of Directors or past winners. Please contact Club President if you want to nominate someone for the Duryea Award, Lalique Award (which is selected by the previous winners), Merritt Horne Participation Award, Spark Plug Award, TRAACA President's Award, or TRAACA Restoration Award. (See the *TRAACA Awards Manual* on the club's website—<u>www.traaca.com</u>—for information on all the awards and selection processes.)

# TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes October 13, 2017

(continued from Page 3)

Wayne and Bill will be stepping down after completing their two-year terms. Travis Berry & Tim Hund nominated to fill their spots. Hilary unable to complete full 2-yr term. Mark will appoint someone to fill this position per Bylaws.

- Ordering Participation Chips for Annual Meet: Cost to be clarified. Jerry to follow up and let Board know.
- Standard Operating Procedures/list of duties for Board Officers and other key club members. A check list that other members can utilize when current member cannot fulfill the role or steps down. It should list point of contact, necessary paperwork or permits. Due before the end of the year.
- Procuring more Annual Meet AACA class marker sign holders (metal spike holders). Matt to figure out number needed and will provide number to Board so can obtain quotes.
- Changing date for November Board Meeting (3 Nov) due to conflict with the ODMA Fall Tour. Matt made motion to move Board Meeting to Friday, 3 November, seconded by Charlie. Motion passed.

# **Swap Meet Chairman Needed!**

Every March, the TRAACA's annual Swap Meet kicksoff the beginning of car season in Hampton Roads. It's
time for the club to start planning this activity and making
some decisions. One of the first things we need to do is
designate a chairperson. As important as this position is,
it's not as daunting as it may seem. You'll have lots of
help and experience to draw upon in the club. The main
responsibility is organizing the team of volunteers who'll
help you. If you'd like to volunteer to be the 2018 Swap
Meet Chairman, or have questions, please contact Club
President Mark McAlpine (mmmcalpine05@msn.com)
or Vice President Matt Doscher (vlw78@hotmail.com).

- ODMA Fall Tour, 10-11 Nov. Members encouraged to attend.
- Search continues for possible new venue for Annual Swap Meet. Club looking for location that will be more central due to concerns from vendors. Once location is selected, we will start to advertise the event. Will mail location and information to prior vendors to let them know of the new location.

#### **Other Business:**

- VPCCC Monthly Meeting report: Virginia Fall Classic car show (Saturday, 21 Oct 2017) has registration form on website to sign up.
- CCCHR Monthly Meeting report: Coastal Virginia Auto Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center, Saturday, 18 Nov 2017.
- Annual Awards: Awards must be determined in time to order trophies for the Annual Awards Banquet in January. Skip Patnode will inform Board of winners determined by participation points. Board must decide on selectees for other awards.

**Adjourned**: Having no other business, motion made to adjourn by Bill, seconded by Charlie. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Next Board Meeting is Friday, 3 November 2017 (changed date), at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary.

# **Tidewater Region AACA Membership Form**



Please complete this form and mail it with your payment of \$25 to

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**TRAACA Membership** c/o Dawson's Accounting, Inc. 138 S. Rosemont Rd. Suite 200 Virginia Beach, VA 23452 18



Yearly dues of \$25 covers both Member and listed Spouse. Remember that you **MUST be a 2018 AACA National Member** in order to belong to the Tidewater Region. Your Tidewater Region Membership Form/Renewal must be received by Jan. 15, 2018, in order to be included in the 2018 Tidewater Region Roster.

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# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

# Welcome to our New Members!

Doug & Sheila Brickner Chesapeake, VA

# **Sunshine Report**

Condolences are extended to the following members who recently lost loved ones:

• Vito Serrone's brother Cosmo passed away in New York on September 21st. He was 73. Cosmo's wife Ellen subsequently passed away on October 27th. She

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to our new Sunshine Reporter, Carol Milligan, at (757) 548-1242 or carowaynmilligan@cox.net.



# **Recent Award Winners**



# AACA Eastern Fall Meet—Hershey, PA:

**Scott Davies** 1958 Chevrolet Corvette

Senior Award

Jim Elliott 1978 Cadillac Eldorado

Senior Award

Tim Hund 1928 Auburn 8-100A

Senior Award

Dick McIninch 1986 Mercedes-Benz 300E

Repeat Original HPOF

1957 Cadillac Eldorado Reggie Nash

Senior Award

Wes Neal 1966 Ford Mustang

Senior Award

1969 Chevrolet Camaro Bill Treadwell

Repeat Preservation

#### **Judges Awards Presented at AACA Hershey Meet**

Terry Bond 200 Judging Credits

# **2018 TRAACA Officers and Board of Directors**

PRESIDENT: MARK McALPINE **VICE PRESIDENT:** MATT DOSCHER **SECRETARY:** VICKIE DOSCHER TREASURER: CHARLIE DAWSON **BOARD MEMBERS: JERRY ADAMS TRAVIS BERRY \*** 

TIM HUND \*

TBD \*

# PRESIDENT EMERITUS: JIM VILLERS

\* Travis Berry and Tim Hund are replacing outgoing Board Members Wayne Milligan and Bill Treadwell, who have completed their 2-year terms. A replacement for Hilary Pavlidis (who is moving and is unable to serve her second year) will be named. The Board and all club members thank each of them for their dedicated & selfless service to our club.

# **Members celebrating** anniversaries in November

John & Mary Beth Clark **David & Fave Curl** Bennie & Joyce Howard Ivan & Marjorie Joslin Robert "Red" & Zelda Lang **Dewey & Maxine Milligan Normand & Sally Pellerin** Ken & Barbara Talley



# Members celebrating birthdays in November **Members celebrating**



**Paul Atkinson** Pat Locke Bill Blair **Scott Miller Terry Bond Carol Norton** Harry Boone **Bob Pellerin** 

**Scott Davies** Rosemarie "Roe" Poe

Lisa Dudley Sarah Saiva Murray Goodwin **Mark Strang** Sheila Gurnee **Jason Sturniolo** John Heimerl **Laurel Swenson** 

**Chris Hunt** 

# TRAACA Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your TRAACA membership for 2018. You can find the form on Page 16 of this issue of The Mudflap or on the club's website (www.traaca.com). Membership dues remain \$25 for the year, and must be paid no later than 15 January to be included in the 2018 Membership Roster. (You can pay after that date, but will not be in the roster because of our publication deadline.)

#### **Nomination and Election Process:**

Per our bylaws, TRAACA President Mark McAlpine appointed a nominating committee of three past TRAACA presidents—Terry Bond, Mickey McChesney, and Bob Parrish—and two members in good standing—Sandy Hall and Dana Meadows—who developed a recommended slate of Officers and Board Members for the 2018 Board of Directors, and presented their list of candidates to the club's membership at the October 19, 2017, Dinner Meeting. The list will be presented again at the Thursday, November 16, dinner meeting and members will have a final opportunity to nominate other candidates. (Prior to being nominated from the floor, candidates must agree to serve if elected.) Nominations shall then be closed. If there are additional nominations, the election will be conducted by ballot. If there are no additional nominations, the candidates will be approved by verbal acclimation and be considered elected. The 2018 Board of Directors will be inducted at the club's Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 20, 2018.

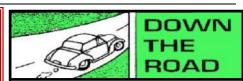


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# Other Regional and Local Events

## **NOVEMBER 2017**

10-11 ODMA Veteran's Day Tour Hosted by Richmond Region

Ashland, VA

- 11 42nd Annual Joy Fund Car Show Chesapeake, VA
- 11 Shop With a Cop Car Show Gloucester, VA
- 18 Coastal Virginia Car Show Virginia Beach Conv. Center Virginia Beach, VA

### **DECEMBER 2017**

Toys for Tots Car Show Smithfield, VA

#### **JANUARY 2018**

- 13-15 Hampton Roads International Auto Show Virginia Beach, VA
- 19-21 Auto Mania Indoor Swap Meet Allentown, PA
- 20-28 North American International Auto Show Detroit, MI

## **MARCH 2018**

24-25 Sugarloaf Mtn Region AACA Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet Westminster, MD

# **APRIL 2018**

5-8 Charlotte Auto Fair Charlotte, NC

Middle Peninsula Classic Cruisers

Present

# **Shop With a Cop Car Show**

Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

(Rain Date: Saturday, November 18th)

5630 George Washington Memorial Highway, Gloucester, VA

All makes & models welcome! \$15 Preregistration / \$20 day of show

Registration: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Awards: 3:00 PM

For more info: www.mpccofgloucester.org



# 17th Annual Toys for Tots Car Show

Car Show
Saturday, December 2, 2017

9:00 AM—3:00 PM (rain of shine)

SMITHFIELD TRUCK & AUTO CENTER 928 South Church Street, Smithfield, VA 23430

Preregistration: \$20 (by November 25th)
Day-of-Show Registration: \$25
(Registration includes meal ticket—\$10 value!)

Free admission for spectators. Registration: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Spectators encouraged to bring new toys to donate.



For more information contact Elizabeth Moose at 880-7191 or CallTheMooseTeam@gmail.com





# **EDITOR'S DESK**

Marion & Mark McAlpine mmmcalpine05@msn.com / (757) 967-0074

We are moving into November, and car season is wrapping up for the year. Most of the annual shows and cruise-ins are done. For AACA members, car season seems to be done after the AACA Hershey Eastern Fall Meet. This year in Hershey, Mark and I did some things outside of our usual norm. We spent some time away from the Hershey grounds to visit museums in Harrisburg, PA, and checked out a few other things that were part of the meet we had not tried before. (See the article on Pages 6-9 of this *Mudflap*.)

Before the end of the year, there are still a few more local car shows that are worth checking out. In November, the Joy Fund Car Show, the Shop With a Cop Car Show, and the Coastal Virginia Auto Show will all take place. The Toys for Tots Car Show will take place in December. Information on these shows can be found on Page 18 of this *Mudflap*.

In October TRAACA members enjoyed our Annual Chili Cook-off at the Milligans' home again this year. We had more chilies entered for the competition this year than I think we have ever had. This event is always well attended, and we give a big "Thank You!" to Dewey & Maxine for doing this every year. (See Pages 12-13 for photos and the article.)

November will bring a couple of big events for the TRAACA. First, on November 4th, fellow TRAACA member Bob Hanbury will be hosting another Dinner & Movie Night at his warehouse. Last year was a blast! This year is sure to be just as great when we will be entertained by a magician, get to eat some awesome BBQ, and enjoy

watching the movie *American Graffiti*. Bob is hoping for an even larger crowd than last year. I hope you can come out and enjoy Bob's hospitality.

Next is the annual Silent Auction at our November Dinner Meeting on Thursday, November 16th. This is always well attended and sure to be fun. You never know what treasure may be there waiting for you to take home. It is also a great way to dispense of things that you may no longer need. So, clean out the garage or attic or both. And we'll be enjoying an early Thanksgiving Dinner, so bring your appetite as well.

The club activity on Tuesday, December 5th, will be to meet up for dinner and then drive through the Norfolk Botanical Gardens for the holiday lights. Whether you go by classic or modern vehicle, it should be a fun evening. More information on this will be in upcoming *Mud Speck* weekly e-mails and the December *Mudflap*.

On Sunday, December 10th, we will be having the Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach. This will be in lieu of the monthly meeting. The club will be subsidizing the cost, so it is a great deal, and the food and view are wonderful. Come join your TRAACA friends and kick off the holiday season!

Then, before you know it, we are into January, which means it is time for the Annual TRAACA Awards Banquet & Board Induction. This is held on Saturday, January 20th, and is another event that is subsidized by the club. The yearly awards are presented here, and we induct the new TRAACA Officers & Board.

It looks like there is going to be a lot to do over the next few months after all. I hope you are able to enjoy some or all of the things I have listed above.

Marion McAlpine

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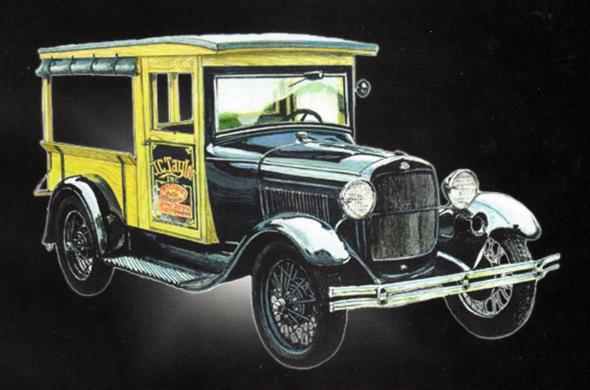
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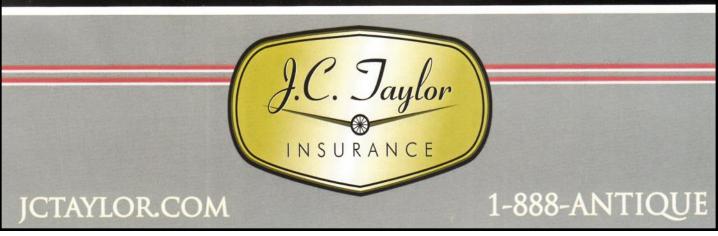
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# **FIRST CLASS**



(L-R) A 1906 Mitchell C-4 roadster & a 1914 Metz Model 22 roadster (donated respectively to the AACA Library by Henry & Barbara Malcom and Don & Mickey Bohne) in the lobby of the AACA Library & Research Center in Hershey, PA, during the AACA's Eastern Fall Meet