

The Mudflap

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TRAACA MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Thursday, November 17th
 Founder's Inn Virginia Beach



TRAACA CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

10 - TRAACA Monthly Board Meeting (6:30 PM - Mom and Pop's Family Restaurant - Norfolk VA) (Please contact the board ahead of time to arrange seating.)

17 - TRAACA Monthly Meeting and Silent Auction (Hunt Room, Founders Inn, Virginia Beach VA) (Starting at 6 PM)

18-20 - 7th Annual Coastal Virginia Auto Show - Virginia Beach Convention Center

DECEMBER

8 - TRAACA Monthly Board Meeting (6:30 PM - Mom and Pop's Family Restaurant - Norfolk VA) (Please contact the board ahead of time to arrange seating.)

11 - TRAACA Holiday Party (Princess Anne Country Club)



RSVP: RSVP DEADLINE: Sunday the 13th, BY 6:00 PM
 Dinner will be a buffet – timely RSVPs are required
 Skip will acknowledge receipt of your RSVP
 skippatnode@cox.net Or call/text 757 672 8495

LOCATION: Founder's Inn
 5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Times: 6:00 p.m. Social Hour starts. Cash bar.
 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Menu: Buffet (No Desert)

Cost: \$24.00 per member

Program: Silent Auction—Bring your no longer needed treasures.



(L-R) 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible & 1954 Kaiser Darrin roadster at the Deer Park Winery and Auto Museum in Escondido, CA. See more of the collection in the article on Pages 4–7.

President's Podium

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What can we say about great weather? In all my years I am not sure I can recall such great weather for so long. If I was from outside this area and experienced this perhaps I would consider moving to our lovely area. We know this is not the norm, so we plan our events around the norm. Speaking of planning, Harry Park and Dick Chipchak are having a planning committee meeting for 2023. They would love your input. Let us know if you would like to attend. One thing that has been a new concept is a flash event. Perhaps the committee could prepare flash events that could occur, weather permitting. Just saying.

The monthly dinner meeting will be the Founders. We will be in the Hunt Club room. This will also be our annual silent auction. This is a good time to clean out your closet with things you no longer use but others must have.

Well gang take care.



Tim Hund TRACA President

Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

Members will be contacted via e-mail to obtain their RSVPs for the club's monthly dinner meeting. (Members without e-mail will be contacted by phone.) If you will be attending, please respond to Skip Patnode's e-mail by the requested date and let him know how many people will be coming. (There is no need to respond if you are not coming.) Skip will reply to you once he adds you to his attendance list. **It is critical that you respond** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. If you are not receiving Skip's e-mails or want to be taken off the list, please contact him at skippatnode@cox.net or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!



It's Annual Convention Time

By Jim Elliot Vice President - National Awards



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The Bylaws of the AACA require that an annual meeting of the members be scheduled in the first quarter of the calendar year. The next annual meeting has been set for February 10, 2023 in conjunction with the Annual Convention to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, which will run from February 9 through February 11, 2023. This year's Annual Convention will include a welcome reception on Thursday evening; a vendor display and trade show on Friday and Saturday; a luncheon with "surprise" entertainment hosted by First Lady Denise Tuck on Friday; as well as a pinewood derby competition scheduled for Friday evening. In addition, numerous seminars are planned for Friday and Saturday involving many aspects of car maintenance, repair and history. Judging schools will be conducted on Saturday with classes for beginners and advanced classes along with the Team Captains' School. Saturday evening concludes the convention with a formal awards banquet to recognize the 2022 winners of National Awards for newsletters, websites, club service, judging, touring and car display. Williamsburg is a unique location offering many interesting venues including the Colonial Williamsburg restoration, the Yorktown Battlefield, the Jamestown Colony, Busch Gardens Amusement Park, the NASA Air and Space Museum and tours of colonial plantations. Additional information will be coming soon, so plan now to attend. You won't want to miss it!

2022 TRAACA Officers & Board

President - Tim Hund:
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Board - Jerry Adams
Board - Dick Chipchak
Board - Skip Patnode
Board - Fred Cole
President Emeritus - Wayne Milligan

From the Running Board

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

TRAACA Board Meeting Thursday, October 13, 2022

Officer's Present: Tim Hund, Bill Treadwell, Tammy Park, and Douglas Grosz. Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Fred Cole; Dick Chipchak. Club members present: Harry Park

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM.

President: Thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Vice President: Seconded President's remarks

Secretary's Report: Report distributed electronically.

Treasurer's Report: Reports were provided in an advance electronically by Tammy Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities:

- Needs to meet now.
- Co-chaired by Harry Park and Dick Chipchak

Dinners:

- November at Founder's Inn. Buffet with no dessert for \$24 per person. Meeting in the Hunt Room.
- Bar is in adjoining restaurant.

Membership:

161 membership, 281 members. Membership renewal begun on October 1.

Ongoing Business:

New

- Reminder members must renew separately with National AACA and TRAACA starting this year. We will not collect money to renew with National anymore.

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- Annual Car Show will give a \$500 donation to Eggleston Services for use of their facility.
- Grand National Update - Tim has met with the accountant on what is taxable from revenue from Grand National.
- Slate of Board Members for 2023 – President Tim Hund; Vice President Bill Treadwell; Treasurer – Harry Park; Secretary- Doug Grosz Board members – Fred Cole; Paul Fuqua; Herbert Mumford; Nick Smith
- Working on Square Car tour date
- Christmas Party Princess Anne Country Club – cost \$33 per person. Club will subsidize \$13 per member, making member cost \$20.

Other Business:

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

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned at 6:45pm. Next board meeting is 6:30pm Thursday, November 10th at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk.



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Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum

Escondido, CA

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine



Located about 30 miles north of San Diego, CA, is the Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum in Escondido, CA. The winery opened in 1972 and the associated car museum opened in 1979, housing the collection of the late Robert Knapp. The winery and museum are now run by his son Chris. The cars are primarily American convertibles/roadsters from the 1920s-1960s, but there are also a few pickup trucks and motorcycles. Throughout the museum are interesting displays of Americana including a room of Barbie dolls, a display of vintage Crosley radios and appliances, and a display of vintage Philco radios.

The car collection is housed in three buildings and includes an impressive collection of automobilia—metal signs, neon signs, artwork, photographs, taillights, etc.—displayed throughout the buildings. Some of the displays are crowded, so it's difficult to fully appreciate some of the cars, but it is an eclectic collection with many popular models and a number of unusual less frequently seen examples. The collection ranges from a 1903 Oldsmobile "Curved Dash" Model R to a 1966 Mercury Comet Cyclone GT Indianapolis 500 pace car and 1966 Parnelli Jones' Indy 500 race car. It includes a number of "orphan car" convertibles—Crosleys, DeSotos, Franklins, Frazers, Hudsons, Kaisers, Nash-Healeys, Packards, Pierce-Arrows, Ramblers, and Studebakers.

Each car in the collection is beautiful in its own way, but standouts to me included the 1908 Buick Model 10 roadster, a 1928 Franklin Boattail Airman Sport Runabout, a 1929 Pierce-Arrow convertible coupe, a 1948 Chrysler Town & Country convertible, a 1949 Kaiser Hotshot (arguably the first American sports car), a 1951 Kaiser Darrin, and a 1952 Muntz Jet convertible (1 of an estimated 198 built between 1949-1954). The 4-door Frazer, Kaiser, and Rambler convertibles were particularly neat—there weren't that many made to begin with and you don't see many today, especially not in good condition like the ones on display at the Deer Park Auto Museum. And I don't recall meeting anyone that doesn't like classic 1930's roadsters like the museum's 1931 Chrysler Deluxe 8 and 1935 Packard Model 120-A.

The collection included one car I had never seen or heard of before: a Crofton "Brawny" Bug. The display placard said the Crofton was the only automobile produced in San Diego, CA, and only 225 were built between 1959-1961. (The production year was not provided for the car on display.) It was a continuation of the Crosley Farm-O-Road, a mini, Jeep-like vehicle made between 1950-1952.

Marion & I didn't try the wine, so we can't offer an opinion about that, but it is definitely worth visiting the Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum to see the collection.



A Crofton "Brawny" Bug—1 of about 225 produced in San Diego from 1959-1961—flanked by vintage motorcycles



1903 Oldsmobile "Curved Dash" Model R



1908 Buick Model 10 roadster



1928 Ford Model A Sports Coupe



1931 Chrysler Deluxe 8 roadster



1935 Packard Model 120-A coupe roadster



1941 Buick Super convertible coupe



(L-R) 1946 Lincoln Continental V12 cabriolet and a 1948 Chrysler Town & Country convertible



1949 Crosley Hotshot—about 2,500 were made between 1949-1952



1928 Franklin "boattail" Airman Sport Runabout



1949 Kaiser Deluxe 4-door convertible



1950 Hudson Pacemaker convertible



(L-R) 1951 Nash-Healey roadster and



(L-R) 1960 Studebaker Lark Regal convertible and



1950 Studebaker Champion convertible



1952 Muntz Jet convertible



1953 Cadillac Eldorado convertible



1955 Mercury Montclair convertible



1953 Pontiac Chieftain Deluxe Eight convertible



STILL COLLECTING— HERSHEY 2022

By Terry Bond



The preliminaries – as usual, the weekend before Hershey provides some extra treasure hunting opportunities. So, I left home on Friday, heading north (in the rain). The weather was so bad there were wind restrictions on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Shortly after I crossed, it was actually closed for a while.

Several quick stops along the Eastern Shore produced only a few postcards. I noted a few new shops but there was nothing of interest. Several old standby haunts were closed, a few permanently.

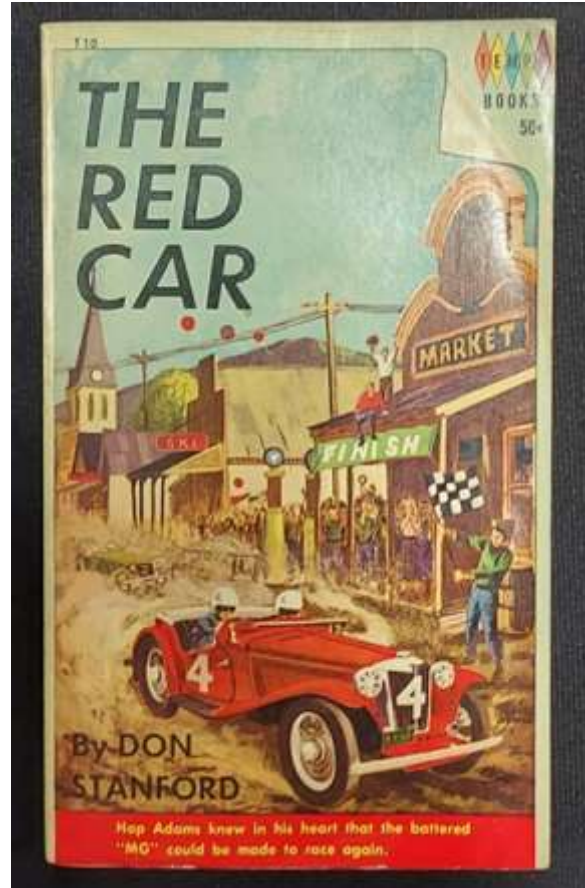
As the weather continued to deteriorate (passing hurricane remnants) I pressed on, hopeful of arriving at my destination (Allentown PA) before dark. A one hour traffic jam north of Philadelphia prevented that however.

Saturday morning it was still raining. I was not looking forward to standing in line waiting to get into the Allentown Paper Show at the fairgrounds! Thankfully, the lobby was open so at least I was warm and dry while waiting for the opening at 9AM.



Postcard shopping at the Allentown Paper Show.

Once inside, I quickly made the usual stops. Before long, my bag had treasure in it. Several nice catalogs and brochures, a couple of great early photos, a nice advertising bookmark and a handful of postcards were enough to make the trip worthwhile.



First Edition of “The Red Car,” a cute novel about racing an early MG. It was quite expensive, and reprints are currently available so this one stayed in its showcase in Allentown.

I always wonder about the over-priced items here. A little research shows this early Goodrich advertising calendar is sold often at auctions for less than \$300. This one was priced at over \$800 and had some damage. Are these dealers really that dumb? Do they think we are that stupid?



Goodrich advertising calendar - way Overpriced

Among my best finds this year was a partial set of 1905 Gordon Bennett race photograph style postcards. These rare souvenir cards were produced soon following that race. I now have 9 of the 12.



Gordon Bennett 1905 race postcard

Saturday afternoon I ventured out to a few local antique shops and made some great discoveries. Among the best discoveries of the week was a great early English biscuit (cookie) tin with motoring scenes on all sides.



Beautiful English biscuit tin with early motoring scenes on all sides.

Several early embossed, die-cut German valentines were discovered in a basket of miscellaneous paper. All were reasonably priced!



Early easel-backed standing valentine with a motoring theme.

Later on Saturday it was on to Renningers famed antique market in Adamstown, anticipating an end to the rain and another full day of antique hunting in my favorite spot.

Sunday morning, the rains lingered and all of the area outdoor markets were empty! This was a major disappointment as these markets are where the dealers shop! Hunting today would be restricted to indoor

dealers and showcases full of overpriced merchandise. I'd much rather be getting "first pick" (well, at least "second pick") among all of the goodies recently uncovered from Pennsylvania's farms, barns, basements and attics.

Although hunting was good as always, the cost of doing business continues to rise. I also noted several empty booths, and in some cases, dealers were gone-replaced with booths full of comic books, baseball cards, and plastic junk toys.

There were still some great things to look at, and I brought home a few including this great print of a lady driving a very early automobile. It was already beautifully matted and placed into a nice early arts-and-crafts style frame.



Nicely matted and framed 1903 print – "The lady motorist"



Exquisite fold-out German automobile valentine, circa 1903-05.

So, the sun sat on the Adamstown PA antique markets for 2020 (ha-what sun!) I motored on towards Hershey, in anticipation of what promised to be a great week with improved weather conditions forecast.

The "weather guessers" were wrong. Monday morning at Hershey was a repeat. I was unable to put up my awning or set out anything for sale.

Sue and I decided to shop! We put on rain gear and ventured out, walking miles between vendors, ducking in and out of tents. Only the brave and bold find things. That would be us! I was immediately rewarded with a small spark plug collection!



Mounted in this special Champion rack were a dozen great early plugs. Just what I came to Hershey for!



Inside another covered vendors booth were these two silver vestas (match safes) circa 1904. Two great additions to my collection.



The kind of things that attract my attention! Brass era bits and pieces, including lamps.

I take plenty of photos and always capture stuff laying on tables. Odd that in looking at these photos later, I'll often spot things I had not noticed at first and wish I'd taken a closer look at.



I always manage to find a few nice brass lamps for my collection too, including this great early headlamp and a pair of early sidelamps.



An emblem collection – fresh to market!

Although Tuesday morning seemed even worse for the weather, I managed to find some more great items. Yes, Susan and I both continued to wander, not being able to unpack anything because of the rain.

One vendor literally opened a trailer full of goodies – new to market, from an entire collection purchased in Ohio. A whole box of emblems was dumped on the table. It was a feeding frenzy among emblem collectors who stumbled onto this hoard. I managed to find a small box of spark plugs still in the trailer and a few great watch fobs in among the emblems.



Fobs found this year at Hershey included these.

I can't recall a Hershey when I've found as many great automotive watch fobs. In addition to these, I acquired this one from a collector of Buick advertising material. He had seen an item at my space last year and came back looking for it. When I told him I'd decided to keep it, he began talking about a possible trade. When he got around to showing me a

photo of this ultra-rare watch fob, long highest on my want list, the deal was done!



Advertising fob for French Auto Oil with celluloid insert showing early race car.



Fob on its original ribbon with gold chain advertising Paige automobiles.

I'm always on the hunt for early auto parts, products, accessories and advertising items in original

packaging for display in my recreated early auto parts store. This year a few real gems were added.

These NOS boxed Boyce Motometers were quite reasonably priced and already look great on a shelf.



Boxed K-D fender-mount parking lamps are late teens/early twenties.



These accessory spark intensifiers were sold to help prevent oil fouling your spark plugs. They are not only interesting little gadgets, they fit very well with my spark plug collection!

Sill in the fob category is this fabulous early Franklin fob. Originals are very difficult to find.



Franklin advertising watch fob.

As the sun peaked through Wednesday, I got my awning up, tables out, and a few boxes unpacked for the eager buyers who came out to condense a week of Hershey into the last couple of days. Still, there were good finds. From a nearby vendor, came this great Pierce Arrow tire gauge.



Pierce Arrow tire gauge.

These were produced by the U.S. Gauge Company. Generic versions could be purchased from auto parts stores, but those marked with specific car names were found in tool kits of higher-end cars. My collection has now grown to seven different.

I also found this tiny cufflink advertising the Crawford automobile produced in Hagerstown, Md.



Crawford advertising cufflink.

I know of only one other like it. Perhaps it was worn by a company executive?

As they say on TV – “But wait...There’s More!” I think you get the idea that Hershey was a great year for hunting for the incurable accumulator of early motoring relics.

Long near the top of my “most wanted” list was an example of the amazing Testophone horn. These multi-trumpet musical horns were popular accessories in the teens and twenties. They were expensive and were usually installed on high-end sporty automobiles. A changeable rotating cylinder is activated mechanically as air is forced through it via the usual large rubber bulb. Models with up to six trumpets were available. Today, they are very desirable collector’s items, usually priced well out of my reach. This year however, I managed to find a

very nice one at a fantastic price. When I spotted it, someone from France was trying to negotiate on it. I had the uneasy feeling I'd just missed out, but when the Frenchman gave up and walked away I grabbed it. I wasn't going to miss this chance. A replacement rubber bulb is already on order.



Testophone musical trumpet.

No Hershey would be complete without a nice "wall-hanger."

Signs have become "investment items" these days and are well out of reach for most collectors. My walls are covered anyway! So, real artwork to me is much more collectible.



Early motoring lithograph showing a chauffeur taking two ladies for a ride. Dated 1905. Artist is unknown.

These early lithographs were done when the automobile was in its infancy, making them true objects that represent the history of the automobile itself. They were found hanging in offices and homes where those who could afford an automobile wanted

to clearly show they were motorists – among the elite in society.

This was a great addition to my collection. It needs to be properly matted and placed in a suitable frame, but it's a great early piece that will eventually find wall space in the house. Next stop is a nearby thrift store that usually produces outstanding frames at bargain prices.

I've already used well beyond my allotted space here, and have not yet mentioned the fantastic Friday car show (in PERFECT weather). That's a story for another issue,

It is always great to see so many Tidewater Region members there, especially Pam and Bob Bond! Welcome back! Both Richard Hall and Susan did well in the rain hauling back their own treasures, and still other club members came by to rest, show off their discoveries, or just say hello. It was great to be back again, and - we're already counting the days until next time!

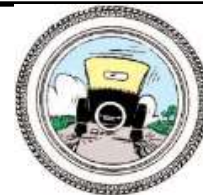
Happy Collecting as always-

Terry



Hershey History and 2022

by Marty and Neil Sugermeyer



The Hershey Car Show and Swap Meet began in 1955. A local car event in the fall of 1954 prompted Jim Ladd to invite a group of 19 friends to meet in his home in February of 1955 to discuss forming the Hershey AACA Region. They were soon approved and prepared the first Hershey meet by October. Cars and vendors were displayed in the old stadium. Even though rain cut the turnout of 400 registered cars to 300 participants, the enthusiasm sparked a repeat the following year and (except for 2020) has been repeated for over 50 years.

Neil first went to Hershey in 1960 because of last minute encouragement of his friend Al Nippert. The show was the Silver Jubilee Meet celebrating AACA's 25th anniversary. Almost 900 cars registered filling the old stadium and the increased number of "Parts Peddlers" - as the vendors were called then - lined the road leading to the stadium. College and the beginning of his Navy career kept Neil from returning to Hershey for two decades. A great history of the Hershey Meet can be found at hershey.aaca.com.

We went to Hershey with our kids for the first time in 1980. We were not prepared for the mud! Our first setup as vendors was 1981 in the Blue field. That is part of the amusement park area now. We rented a trailer and towed it with a truck loaded with stuff for sale plus took our kids, Andy and Liz, and our Cocker Spaniel Ralph. That lasted a couple of years before we were moved to the Chocolate Field Annex, then to the Green Field for more than a decade. Mud was the main feature of the Green field. One of our strongest memories of that location was sitting outside with our neighbors watching people slog through the muddy road. A couple of ladies laughed as they fell into the goo. That year (and other years) many vendors had to get towed out with large farm tractors.

In 1999 work began on the Giant center and we got moved to the notorious Yellow Field for two years. The first year was a disaster because Swatara Creek flooded making

the Yellow field many inches deep in mud guaranteeing that almost no buyers would show up. The second year was worse. They closed the Yellow field not letting any vendors into their assigned spaces. We had to put our travel trailer back in the campground and spend the days walking the other fields visiting with friends and looking for food and "accommodations". Even though it was not raining on us during Hershey, it was the worst year for us. Fortunately in 2001, one of our Franklin leaders, Dick McKnight, pulled the Franklin crowd together once again by reserving a lot of spaces and subletting them to the Franklin faithful in the Red Field North. Several years later we wanted a third space so we moved just across the road from the rest of the Franklin group to RN 12-14. It has not been the most lucrative location but we do have fun spending time with and making new friends. Seeing people from many foreign countries was neat. We have belonged to several car clubs over the years and we usually see some members at Hershey. We should have a "guest book" for friends to sign. Susan Roberts does a super job of collecting signatures of Franklin Club members on a poster to be displayed at the next Franklin Trek. We had a few TRAACA members stop by. Bob Stein, Chip Woolford, and Tim Hund saw our setup which was only a fraction of the treasures loaded in our truck. Hurricane Ian followed us up to Pennsylvania and kept pouring rain on us until Wednesday afternoon. We had to load back up Thursday afternoon so that Neil could head to the Giant Center early Friday morning for the Judges Breakfast and to participate in judging for the 150th time.

After missing out on Hershey in 2020, it was great to see it pick up more this year and hear some foreign languages again. Several fun things have happened every Hershey. One is seeing antique cars and trucks driving past at any time of the day. I managed to get pictures of a few. In 2017 Doug Hull gave me a ride in the replica antique car his father put together in the

replica antique car his father put together in the 1940s while I was holding a Happy 100th Birthday for my Dad. This year the Green brothers in their Model T were quite accommodating to slow down when they saw that I was trying to get a picture of them. They said that most folks wanted a picture of their dog Ruxtel. Close to our spaces was a mid 1920s Model T modified into a Snowmobile. A 1915 International high wheeler was driven past us several times.

Of course the show gives us the best opportunity to see wonderful cars and meet new people. This year during the car show, when we were looking for a place to sit to eat our lunch, we were invited joined a group of folks we had never seen before. We met folks from New York and Pennsylvania. One member of the group was Alfredo Mercado who has been Executive Assistant to Nicole Bulgari for 33 years. After we finished lunch he invited us to see the 1937 Nash Lafayette Mr. Bulgari had on display and to meet Mr. Bulgari who owns an extensive collection of antique cars – mostly American – in Allentown, PA and in Italy. Mr. Bulgari says, “Cars are sculpture that should be seen, be touched, and be driven.” (Quote taken from Wikipedia) You just never know who you might meet at Hershey.

Marty



Neil at Hershey



Ford Model T equipped for snow travel

Hershey 2022 Photos

Photos by Marty Sugermeier,



International High Wheeler



Green Brothers with Ruxtel (See below)



Susan Roberts and Neil



Ruxtel



Hurricane Ian's Farewell



Tim and his Morgan



Chip, Bob, Tim, and Neil



One of my favorite things to photograph is the hood ornaments. This one is some type of bird that looks like a pterodactyl.



Alfredo Mercado on left - Neil meets Nicola Bulgari



Bob Parrish and Jim Elliott take a close look at the 1937 Nash Lafayette



Doug Hull gave Marty a ride in his Replacar

10 Tips for Buying a Car at Auction

By Jeff Broadus Vice President - Marketing

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Sold! Sold! Sold! It's easy to get carried away when bidding at an auction and wind-up spending thousands more than you budgeted or possibly exceeding the cars value. An auction is a fast paced, busy, and an exciting room, and the most basic principle here is to "know your limits" and not get carried away in the moment. Sometimes this is easier said than done. It also helps to be flexible and pick out several cars that interest you. Don't pin all your hopes on one vehicle and most importantly, be ready to walk away if the bidding becomes too frantic. Take time to inspect your chosen vehicle as the auctions open well before bidding commences to allow for this, so make the most of it. Remember, do your homework, or invest in hiring an appraiser if you're not sure how to properly inspect the vehicle you wish to purchase. This may be the best money you ever spent. Don't be concerned about the one that got away, it's better than being upside down in a purchase or worse, winding up with a clunker. Are you ready? Here's 10 Tips to remember when bidding for a collector car: 1. Rule number one, take time to inspect your chosen car. Remember that all bids are Final. If you are the highest bid when the gavel drops, then there's no chance to change your mind later, "You Own It". 2. Take your time and watch the action closely on all the cars up for auction. Look for suspicious actions such as bidders who seem to be active on every lot; they may just be trying to pump up the prices. Go to a few auctions before participating in one yourself. Get to know the players. 3. If you're not sure about the providence of the car, I suggest you hire an appraiser, this could save you from making a very costly mistake. 4. Most importantly, stick to a budget. In the excitement of bidding, it's easy to get carried away. While you might pick up a bargain, you also could end up paying well over the market value of the vehicle. 5. Listen to what the auctioneer has to say when they introduce the car. It could be that you'll hear something that will make you change your mind or make the car even more attractive. Caution – "As Is" Means "As Is" 6. Attendance not mandatory to bid. Most classic car auction houses accept telephone bidding, online bids or by leaving a commission bid beforehand. 7. To bid you need to register prior to the event. Most auctions houses require a "Bank Letter of Guarantee" proving your ability to pay for your purchase. 8. Keep in mind, auctioneers are tasked with selling up to 30 vehicles an hour, so if you've chosen a Lot, come to the stage area an hour before your car is schedule to cross the block, follow the action and be ready or you might miss out! 9. Many auction houses charge a buyers' premium which is added on to the hammer price. Be sure to verify what percentage is charged so that you can add it to the total cost of the car. Ask if there are any other charges that might be added to the final settlement in order to complete the sale. 10. Successful bidders need to arrange Insurance, your new purchase is covered up to \$50K and for 15 days allowing you time to add the car to your policy during normal business hours. Know the Bidder rules and regulations. These differ from one auction house to another. Most auction houses post these rules online or present them to the bidder during the registration process. General Bidder Terms; the following terms are defined as standard terms throughout the industry: "Lot" means any item identified and made available for sale at an auction event "Bidder" means a person or entity bidding upon any Lot at any auction event "Consignor" means a person or entity consigning a Lot for auction presentation and sale. The terms "Bidder" and "Consignor" are understood as including his/her/its respective heirs, successors and assigns. "Reserve" means the car has a minimum dollar bid the consignor set on the lot prior to the car being auctioned. "No Reserve" means the car sells to the highest bidder regardless of price bid. Good Luck.

AACA Calendar of Events

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

January 26-28, 2023
Winter Nationals
Miami, FL

February 9-11, 2023
Annual Convention
Williamsburg, VA

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

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

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

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

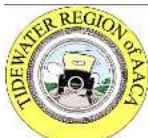
July 16-22, 2023
Founders Tour
Ontario, Canada

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

August 10-12, 2023
Grand Nationals
Bettendorf, IA

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





TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Members celebrating anniversaries in November

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

Members celebrating birthdays in November

Paul Atkinson
 Bill Blair
 Terry Bond
 Harry Boone
 Scott Davies
 Thomas "Thad" Doumar
 Lisa Dudley
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Other Regional and Local Events

NOVEMBER 2022

- 5 4th Annual Hall Chevrolet Car Show & Fall Festival
Suffolk, VA
- 18-20 7th Annual Coastal Virginia Auto Show
VAB Convention Center
Virginia Beach, VA

JANUARY 2023

- 13-15 Hampton Roads International Auto Show
VAB Convention Center
Virginia Beach, VA
- 18-20 7th Annual Coast Virginia Auto Show
Virginia Beach, VA

Sunshine Report

I am sorry to report the passing of former HVPR co-editor and co-webmaster. Richard Tarr. He and wife Elaine were very active in HVPR and TRAACA activities. A visitation was held Saturday, October 8th at Peninsula Funeral Home. Interment will be Thursday, October 20, 2:00p.m. in Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery.

Margie Tillett Recovering from Surgery
The surgery went well and she is recuperating at home. Cards and letters would be greatly appreciated.
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Please provide Member Care/Sunshine Report information on TRAACA members to Bob Stein at posti@aol.com or 588-6200.

Welcome to Our New Members!

No new members



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November, can't you feel the chill in the coming air? But we will still have time to get out in our cars and enjoy the falling leaves.

As you heard at the chili cookoff, the slate of new board members have been announced so be read to vote on this at a later meeting.

This month our dinner includes the silent auction, which is always an interesting event, so bring your items for the auction. And the dinner will be a buffet.

I did not see any of you at the chili cookoff because I was enjoying the ODMA tour the same day. I will be writing an article with pictures of that event, and the event the weekend before to see the live steam display in Suffolk.

As the events committee is getting together please join with ideas of events you would like to do, or even decide to plan the event and work it out with the committee for a date so it can be included on the calendar.

I love doing events with members of the club and it is time we do more events together whether drives or sightseeing tours or event antique crawls, so get your ideas flowing.

See you soon.

Doug







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