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Bob wins 1st Place in Vintage MG Class at Classics on the James

President Bob's October Message

In the decade or so that I have been active in the Tidewater Region, one of the most common issues that get muttered about is the perception that our club is run by an elite few who make all the decisions and guide the club along the ways that they want us to go. And I have to admit that this is absolutely TRUE! Oh, I don't mean some evil marque-specific cluster bent on club domination. This small group exerts its influence through a far more insidious and frightening method - THEY ARE WILLING TO DO THE WORK!

Tidewater Region is one of the most active and respected regions in AACA because of the incredible job our band of volunteers has done coming up with events and activities that all of us enjoy. Take note of that word - volunteers. As in unpaid. They do the work because they believe in the TRAACA and want to keep it special.

Most of the functions performed by our core group don't take a lot of time. Most take only an hour or two a month. Others get a little more demanding - planning and running activities, tours, and special events might take a few days. Again, not a huge effort. But the majority of our volunteers have been plugging away for years, and it is time to let them relax and just enjoy the benefits of the club for a while.

We have a lot of positions to be filled - you will find a detailed article elsewhere in this issue. Please look over the needs and volunteer for something. Take an hour a month and be a Call Tree Caller. Join the Activities Committee or help plan a tour or event. The more members who take an active role, the less work and more enjoyment there will be for everyone .



Announcements

**TRAACA 38th Annual Meet
rescheduled for October 15, 2011
at the Virginia Beach Air Museum**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**James and Dawn Tait
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THE 1929 BUICK

By Ken Talley

In 1996 I set my sights on purchasing a 1929 Buick. One might ask why a 1929 Buick? WELL, since I am an “engine nut” the overhead valve Buick engines have always been my favorites, (Buick has never made engines with other than overhead valve). Few cars of this era had engines as advanced as the Buick. In the late 20s and early 30s, Buick engines were used in the big GMC trucks and for many years powered Yellow Coach and later GM buses up through the 1950s.

There were three series built in 1929 which are identified by wheelbase. The 116 inch was called the “Standard” while the 121 and 129 inch were referred to as “Master”. My car is the 121 inch “Master” model 47 and is an early production with date codes on most of the engine castings of October and November 1928. The early models were equipped with two speed electric windshield wipers and “Buick” in script on the hubcaps.

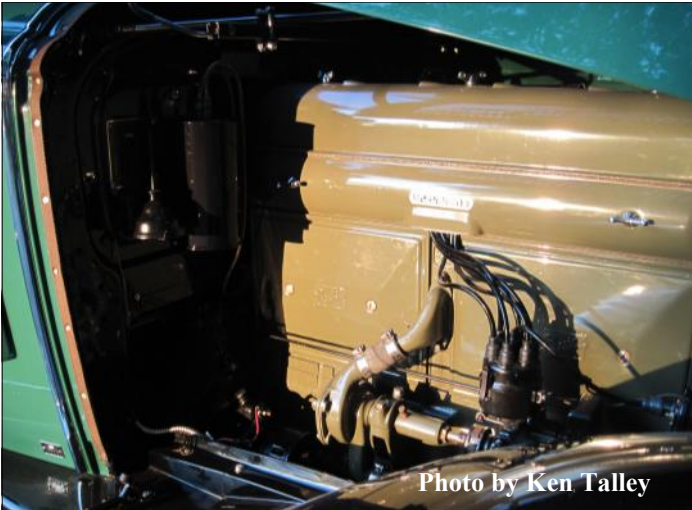


Photo by Ken Talley



Photo by Ken Talley

Wooden wheel with Buick script hubcap.

As far as styling, I like the way the lower body rolls out at the belt line. This roll in the body was not well received; in 29 Walter Chrysler is reported to have said the car looks “pregnant” and the name stuck! Sales suffered in 1929 with Buick selling 187,861, down from 235,009 in 1928, and they slid to fourth place while Hudson – Essex slipped in behind Chevrolet and Ford. In 1930 Buick moved back in third place, but sales were lower than 1929 at 181,746 due to the Depression. By 1930, the designers had undone the bulge in the design of the sides that the buying public found objectionable; the sides were once again straight from the beltline down.

I purchased this car from an ad in Hemmings, sight unseen and had it shipped from Iron Mountain Michigan. It had a rather sloppy paint job some time back and some of the chrome had been re done. I immediately started the five-year “frame off” restoration and was pleased to find no rust and little wood rot. I did the majority of the work on the car, I had some of the metal work done and of course I did not attempt the upholstery, which I left to Paul Cho.

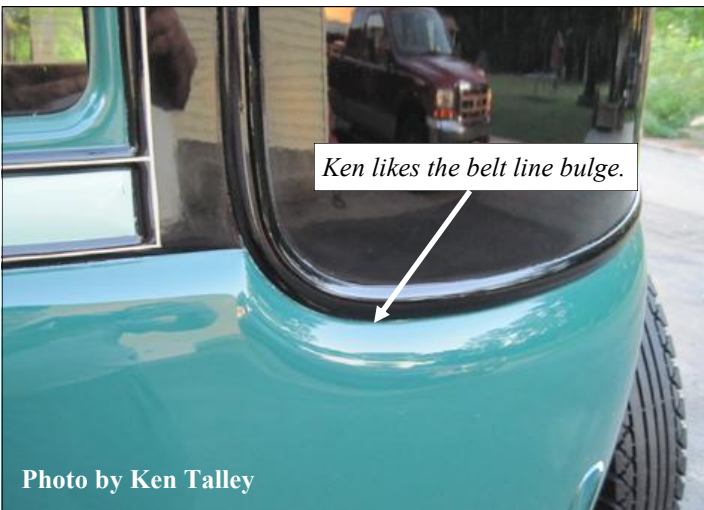


Photo by Ken Talley



Photo by Ken Talley

Note the recessed door pocket on the suicide door.

Sometime in the cars' past something had fallen on the top and several of the top bows were broken which I had duplicated along with the wood over the windshield. The wood spoke wheels were in fair shape but I could not get the paint out of the small cracks that had developed in the wood over the years. The wood wheels are one of the things I liked about this era of cars, so I had the wheels re-spoked by Calimer wheel shop in Waynesboro, Pa. In 1929 you could get four different wheels, the standard wood spoke type that my car has or the demountable wood wheels commonly referred to as "Artillery" wheels. Wire spoke and disc wheels were also offered.



Photo by Ken Talley

The Buick script on the grille is surrounded by a lovely art deco trim.



Since I plan to tour with the car, I installed "high speed" gears in the differential which I found out will allow the car to run much faster than it should be driven with its mechanical external band brakes. The late Merritt Horne came over to the house to see my new purchase after it arrived from Michigan, and in his humorous way he made the statement (and I quote) "If you hang a wet dish rag over the bumper you will not be able to stop this car!"



The Buick script and art deco trim are in the glass of the taillight.

THE END

Photo by Ken Talley



EDITORIAL

By Neil Sugermeier

After some pretty hot months this summer, an earthquake and a hurricane, a welcome respite from these events is overdue, and with only a few days left before Hershey, time has come to make preparations for the annual pilgrimage to what every attendee hopes will be calm sunny fall weather.

Also at this time are requirements to establish and continue the club leadership for the next year, and to renew our membership for 2012. As members, we need to think about who can well represent us on the board of directors to replace those who have served their tour of duty. The club also needs folks willing to step up to the plate and serve on various committees that are essential to continue the smooth sailing we have all enjoyed. Don't be afraid to get your feet wet – you will find that it really is a lot more fun to get involved, and your ideas and help are what we need to continue in the outstanding fashion for which TRAACA is known.

In this issue is the dues renewal form for 2012. Please take care of it as soon as it reaches you, and be sure to update information that is published in the roster. To keep the roster accurate requires considerable time and effort, and the end result is only as good as the information you provide. Once it goes to print, it's too late to make changes, so review your listing and indicate any changes on the dues renewal form. Remember also, that you must maintain your AACA national membership for 2012 as well, so it is a good thing to renew both at the same time while the thought is fresh on your mind.

We still have a lot on our plate in the coming months – Hershey, the Neptune Parade, the revised date for our Annual Show at the Military Aviation Museum, the Fall Tour, the road trip to Virginia International Raceway, and it's not even too early to be thinking about the Christmas Party. Check "Down the Road" for these dates and for other activities that might get your car out of the garage before cold weather finally catches up with us. And last but not least, volunteer to get involved in the activities of your club. You'll have a ball – guaranteed, and you will work with members who you may not have had a chance to get to know.

For those of us who have been members for a long time, it is very important to make sure that our newer members aren't left on the sidelines. Be sure to bring them into conversations and the mainstream of the club. Find out about their cars, their talents, the ideas they can share with the membership. Talk to them at the meetings and other activities. Encourage them to get involved, and we all will be the richer for their friendship and participation. Your experiences will add to the conversation. Together, we are a part of one of the greatest hobbies on the planet. The cars are the catalyst, but it is the people who make the hobby the way it is.



August 9, 2011 – TRAACA Board Meeting

By Scott Davies, TRAACA Secretary

The board meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Members present were Bob Stein, President; Wes Neal, Vice-President; Jim Villers, Treasurer; Scott Davies, Secretary; Linda Pelerin, Past President; Board members Tony Scarpelli, Bob Roughton, and Toni McChesney. Also present were Bill Wilcox, Bob and Dot Parrish, Micky McChesney, Sam Kern and Jere Avenson.

Jim Villers gave the Treasurer's report and it was submitted for audit. The July minutes were approved as read. Toni McChesney gave the "Sunshine" report. One new member was reported by Bob Parrish but was not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Activities:
 - *Friday Night Social – church needs setup volunteers.
 - *September 10, Northwest River Park "Manifold" Picnic, \$60 for shelter.
 - *December 3, Holiday Party – Bob Stein presented several options for location. Activities committee continuing work to find a suitable facility at reasonable cost.
 - *October 7-10, WWI event at Virginia Beach Airport and Museum.
 - *ODMA Vintage Race Day at VIR scheduled for Nov 5. More info will be in the Mud Flap.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Update on Annual Meet preparations presented by Sam Kern and committee chairs.
- Jere Avenson reports registrations are 72 at this time.
- Scott Davies reported that the Food Vendor Pungo Caterers cancelled so an alternate caterer, Zook's BBQ has been selected to take their place for the Wings and Wheels Annual Meet.
- Additional forms required by the Virginia Beach Special Activities Office have been submitted.

Tony Scarpelli reported on the status of the Sponsors.

NEW BUSINESS

- Purchase of a laser printer for use with registrations was discussed. A suitable printer has been made available for the event to preclude having a printer sit in storage for prolonged periods.

The Friday Night Social cover charge was set at \$16 to cover facility, drinks and cake expenses. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.



OPTIMA PICNIC AUTO DISPLAY

By Dot Parrish (Photos from Dot Parrish)

On Friday September 9th, several members with the older cars were at the Optima / Sentara employee appreciation days display. It was a fun day with good food, games, music, and Riptide from the Norfolk Tides. Most dressed up in their vintage clothing (even the employees) those present were Neil Sugermeyer with his 1932 Franklin, Claire & Peter Catanese with their 1931 Model A, Barbara & Ken Talley with their 1929 Buick, Linda & Bob Pellerin with their 1937 Volvo, Dot & Bob Parrish with their 1931 Chevrolet, Sue & Terry Bond with their 1912 triumph motorcycle, and George Gurnee with his 1932 Oldsmobile

Dot Parrish with a new friend



Bob Parrish and Bob Pellerin

*Right: Linda Pellerin
Below: Barb Talley and Peter Catanese*



Right: Sue & Terry Bond with George Gurnee



First Annual Manifold Picnic

September 10, 2011

By Bob Stein

Yogi Bear would have burned his paws on these 'pic-a-nic' baskets - TRAACA's first annual manifold picnic had food cooking under hoods (and bonnets) instead of easily-nabbed straw containers. Our picnickers met at the Greenbrier Sears parking lot and rolled out following the impeccable printed directions of Prez Bob to wind their way around the back way to the Farm Fresh shopping center at Centerville Turnpike and Mount Pleasant Road. There was some grumbling that the directions were in fact, QUITE peccable, but the group made it that far without issue. More TRAACA picnickers were waiting to join the party there, and after stocking up on drinks, ice, and Subway sandwiches, the group rolled on. Directions continued to get more and more peccable, until Richard and Sandy Hall took pity on a tour leader befuddled by a vandal-twisted street sign and assumed leadership in their 1952 MG TD. The picnickers drove the rest of the way to Northwest River Park with no further ado (or confusion), ending up at Shelter 4. This area has a special place in the hearts of old-time TRAACA members, as it is the site of the all-male 'wedding' of Bob Pellerin and Ken Talley many years ago.

After unpacking and setting up, the manifold cooking contest began. Not all of the picnickers tried manifold cooking - as noted before, more than a few opted to bring fast food. New member James Tait chose not to cook anything in his 1981 DeLorean (the timer was broken) and waited for wife Dawn and 'best dog' Layla to arrive with charcoal for on-site cooking. Prez Bob tried to get sneaky by wrapping his Subway sandwich in silver foil and keeping it hot in the engine bay of his 1976 Aspen wagon, but the wrapper gave it away. However, there were plenty of folks who went the extra step to cook their meals with car power. Winners received certificates and their choice of prizes. Best Overall Award went to Linda and Bob Pellerin, who not only cooked an entire meal of shrimp, scallops, and potatoes in the engine bay of their 1986 Buick wagon, but also had full regalia for elegant eating. Best Entree was awarded to Sue and Terry Bond, who's 1974 MGB-GT cooked up shrimp. Most Original honors went to Barbara and Ken Talley, who cooked up a casserole via 1940 Buick power and had a toolbox picnic basket and tool-based cutlery. Marty and Neil Sugermeyer nabbed Best Dessert with cookies baked up on their 'sweet' 1965 Rambler. Perhaps a bit unfairly, Dick and Holly Chipchak ended up with Most Unidentifiable for their 1972 Olds Cutlass-cooked grilled cheese sandwich. Other TRAACA folks who came out for the event included Dan Ciccone in his newly-acquired red 1986 Alfa Romeo and Tim and Rhonda Russell in their 1969 Chevelle, with non-members Chip, Linda, and Ben Woolford as Bob Stein's guests. All-in-all it was a great day and a fun time. Northwest River Park is a beautiful location with excellent facilities, and we could not have asked for better weather. Many thanks to those who took part!



Dan Ciccone and Bob Stein check out the motor of James Tait's 1981 DeLorean model DMC12.



James Tait in his "Back to the Future" car



Group shot at the Manifold Picnic
Neil Sugermeyer watches Bob and Linda Pellerin as they bring their gourmet manifold picnic to the pavilion. James Tait

September Dinner Meeting

By Marty Sugermeyer

We had a great turnout for our dinner meeting at the Aberdeen Barn Restaurant on September 15. After the social hour and a great meal, Bob Parrish did a presentation on the trip he and Dot took west in search of fun and great museums (mostly auto). Their first stop was the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum in Ohio. Then they spent a day at Frankenmuth, MI (A Bavarian - German town) which has the world's largest Christmas shop. On Tuesday they enjoyed the Sloan Museum in Flint, MI, then on to Lansing to see the RE Olds museum and then to Hickory Corners, MI to see the Gilmore Museum. (Bob said that is one of the best car museums he has seen) Wednesday they did the Henry Ford Museum and Village, Thursday they did the MoTown Museum (which was fabulous, but I don't think he talked about it) and the Detroit Art Museum that had some old cars in there. Friday they did the Chrysler Museum. Saturday they went to the GM Heritage Chevrolet Collection. Sunday they visited family in Wisconsin and then Monday they went to the Mall of America. Not included in Bob's talk was more fun in Dakotas, Canada, and Seattle, WA where they turned around and headed home.



TRAACA POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2012

Greetings!
We are at the point where we need to look for club members willing to take an active role in TRAACA - there are three Board positions coming open in January, as well as critical committee memberships and coordinators. Please look over the needs and see if you can find time to help out. Email me (posti@aol.com) if you are willing to volunteer, and note any specific position you would be interested in.

TRAACA BOARD

The Tidewater Region Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss and decide on business matters critical to club operation. This ranges from policy and procedures to money management. Meetings tend to be brief, usually 30-45 minutes. Many decisions can be made using email when time is of the essence.

Board members are expected to attend all meetings barring serious conflict. Board members serve one two-year term, though incumbents are asked each year rather than automatically carried over. We have three Board positions coming open for 2012:

Secretary - Obviously an important function, the Secretary records the major points of each board meeting and writes minutes for publication in the Mud Flap. The format and typical content can be seen in any of the past issues - Scott Davies has done a tremendous job and makes a perfect role model. The Secretary should have basic typing abilities and email.

Board Member (2) - Both Toni McChesney and Tony Scarpelli complete their terms this year, leaving two Board Member positions open. Board members have full voting power but no other direct responsibilities. It is a great way to get involved in the club and make a real difference. Board members should have email.

TRAACA ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (6-8 people)

There is probably no more important aspect of our club than the activities we offer to our membership. However, the same people have had to take on this responsibility for far too long. We are looking for a new group of individuals to take the lead on finding activities in 2012. The Activities Committee typically meets in early December to plan out activities for the next year, and then meets a few more times at their convenience to finalize the Events Calendar by the end of January. The most effective way of handling events has been for different committee members to assume responsibility for a single event and see it through. That way no one person gets overworked.

TRAACA MONTHLY DINNER MEETING COORDINATOR

We need someone to coordinate with the site of our monthly dinner meeting (currently Aberdeen Barn). This is typically a once per month responsibility, getting the expected dinner totals for that month from the Call Tree Coordinator, and then working with the Treasurer during the dinner meeting to check off folks as they pay and pass out/collect meal choice markers. Bill Wilcox has done a fantastic job for the past few years, and will be happy to explain what is involved.

TRAACA CALL TREE COORDINATOR

The Call Tree Coordinator is critical to our monthly dinner meetings - this person collects and combines the reports from individual Call Tree members into a single report that is passed on to the Dinner Meeting Coordinator to order dinners. This is usually a once-per-month responsibility. The current Call Tree Coordinator, Marie Gancel, has been amazing - she can provide all the information needed.

TRAACA CALL TREE CALLERS (Varies)

The Call Tree Callers contact individual members to notify them of the monthly meeting menu and program, and take the menu choices. The results are then reported to the Call Tree Coordinator. Each Caller has a specific list of members to call, and we try to make sure there are enough so that none of them are overworked. This is typically a once per month activity.

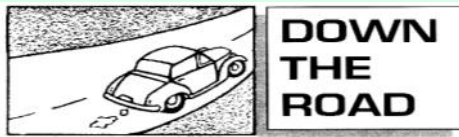
MONTHLY DINNER PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Dinner Program Coordinator seeks out and arranges speakers, presentations and/or displays for the 30-minute program segment of our dinner meetings. This is only for 8 meetings a year, as the Installation Banquet, Friday Night Social, Silent Auction, and Holiday Party take care of the other four. We have computer projection capabilities for any presenter who needs them. Programs are not limited to auto-related speakers. In the past we have had everything from Opera Costumers to Local History, to Member Hobby nights. Use your imagination to come up with something fun for all.

Please strongly consider becoming an active part of TRAACA - it's the only way to make a real difference!

Thanks!

Bob Stein President/Webmaster



LOCAL

- Oct. 1.....Neptune Festival Parade, Virginia Beach
- Oct. 1.....CBN 50th Anniversary Festival, Virginia Beach
- Oct. 2.....Currituck County Heritate Day, Whalehead Club, Currituck, NC
- Oct. 7.....Virginia Wesleyan 50th Anniversary Parade
- Oct. 7-9.....Military Aviation Museum's Biplanes and Triplanes Airshow
- Oct. 14**Friday Night Social,**
Oaklette Methodist Church (BOW TIE PARTY)
- Oct. 15**TRAACA Annual Meet (Virginia Beach**
Military Aviation Museum Airport)
- Oct. 22Military Family Festival Car Display
- Oct. 29-30 TRAACA Fall Tour to Petersburg, VA
- Nov. 12TRAACA Garage Picnic & Weenie Roast
- Nov. 17**TRAACA Monthly Dinner Meeting &**
Silent Auction (Aberdeen Barn)
- Dec. 3TRAACA Holiday Party (TBD)

REGIONAL

- Oct. 15 Memory Lane Car Club Show on
The Kilmarnock Town Green on N. MAIN ST.
- Nov. 5.....Virginia International Raceway ODMA Auto Show,
By ODMA and North Carolina Region AACA
(Alton, VA)

NATIONAL

- Oct. 5 - 8 Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA,
hosted by AACA Hershey Region
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ACTIVITY OVERLOAD!

After a relatively quiet summer, we are suddenly going into Activity Overload! October is going to be a busy month, kicking off with the Neptune Parade and the CBN Auto Display on the 1st, and the Corolla Beach Heritage Days display in the 2nd. Then a choice of Hershey or the Aviation Museum WWI Days on the following weekend, and our 38th Annual Meet on the 14th and 15th. One weekend off to take a breather, and then Fall Tour on the 29th and 30th. And the first weekend in November features the Gold Cup historic sports car races and auto display at Virginia International Raceway on November 4th and 5th. Look for specific articles in this issue covering the region and national AACA events. Here is information on upcoming activities.

CBN 50th Anniversary Festival

The CBN 50th Anniversary Festival is being celebrated on Oct. 1 at the CBN campus, and they have asked us to bring our cars out from 10 am until about 3 pm for a vehicle display that will include cars, motorcycles, and trucks from clubs all around Tidewater. The display will be in the large paved lot at the intersection of Indian River Road and Centerville Turnpike. CBN will be providing food and activities all day long, and are expecting a very large turnout. This will be a good opportunity to share our vehicles and help promote our own 38th Annual Meet October 15th. Information is available online at: www.cbn.com/fifty.

Currituck County Heritage Day

Have an early car ready for a day trip to North Carolina? The Whalehead Club is looking for cars from the 1900-1929 time period to participate in this year's Currituck County Heritage Day on Sunday October 2, 2011. The event will be from Noon until 4pm. Members interested in attending should contact Jenn Sweigart at (252) 453-9040 ext. 3 or (252) 457-0129 fax.

Military Aviation Museum's Biplanes and Triplanes Airshow

If you aren't tromping the fields of Hershey on Oct. 7-9 and have a WWI-appropriate vehicle, consider taking part in the **Military Aviation Museum's Biplanes and Triplanes Airshow**. They will have their oldest planes not only out on display, but in the air! Early cars up to Model A Fords are welcome. Please contact Mark Gresalfi at 757-438-2415 or email mig1@digidoor.com to sign up.

Check the oil, polish the chrome, and pick your events! There's no excuse not to get out and enjoy yourself over the next month!

Virginia Wesleyan 50th Anniversary Homecoming Parade

Yet another event to choose from for those of you not going to Pennsylvania for the Hershey weekend. Virginia Wesleyan College is having their annual Homecoming Parade on Oct. 7th, and is also celebrating their 50th anniversary (Must have been a busy October in 1961!) Homecoming. This year's parade is themed 'Into the Decades.' They are trying to work with car clubs in the area to have cars participate in the parade that can go through the decades.

They are hoping to total 9 cars, probably open preferred. This would allow transport of the entire Homecoming Court, Grand Marshall and a variety of other students and administration. The parade kick-off is at 4:30 pm, with staging at 3:30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Devin Cowhey, the coordinator, directly by emailing dncowhey@wvc.edu.

TRAACA Annual Meet (Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum Airport)



October 14th & 15th

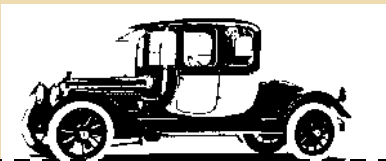
38th Annual Meet Moved to October 15th

Given the impact of Hurricane Irene, TRAACA wisely chose to reschedule our 38th Annual Meet for October 15th. The Friday Night Social was also rescheduled for Oct. 14th, and will replace the October 20th dinner meeting at Aberdeen Barn.

Some of you may have other commitments on these dates, and we apologize for the inconvenience. Our options were September 17th and October 15th, and too many of the key players were not available on the September date. For those who have pre-registered and cannot make the October show, registration fees will be refunded on request.

We were extremely fortunate - the airport not only worked with us to switch dates, but is also advertising the new date. Oaklette Church and Reginella's both agreed to reschedule for the Oct. 14th Friday Night Social. Our food vendors for the show have also agreed to reschedule.

We hope you will understand the need for moving our show date, and look forward to seeing you all on October 15th!



Last Call for 2011 Fall Tour Oct 29-30th to Petersburg, VA

By Jeff Locke, Tour Chairman

Get ready for the Fall Tour. We will leave at 8am on Saturday, Oct. 29th from Sears at Greenbrier Mall and travel to Petersburg via Military Hwy and Route 460 at moderate speed. After an introduction to Petersburg's role in the War Against Yankee Aggression, we will visit the Siege Museum, Centre Hill Mansion, Blanford Church, Petersburg National Battlefield, the Crater, Pamplin Historical Park, and ... SHOP. I have a few other surprise visits depending on our available time.

We begin our tour at the Petersburg Siege Museum followed by a stop at Blanford to see some fabulous Tiffany windows. Petersburg National Battlefield will document the strategic efforts of both forces and their outcome. At Pamplin Historical Park you will listen to the oral history of the soldier you choose from either side and learn what their life was like in battle and in camp. The Historic Area of Petersburg and its history will enchant you. Be sure to join us; you will not regret it. Register today; don't wait.

Lodging:

First Choice: Country Inns & Suites: 1-804-861-4355 *Be sure to reserve with Serena under "Tidewater region AACA* 130 Wagner Rd, Petersburg

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Second Choice: La Villa Romaine B&B: 1-804-861-2285 – Francois Roy 29 South Market St, Petersburg – four (4) rooms Check website at: www.lavilla.tierranet.com Lovely rooms with shared bath. Off street parking

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Fourth Choice: The Ragland Mansion B&B: 1-800-861-8898 – Ernest Chapman 205 South Sycamore St, Petersburg x (6) rooms Check website at: www.ragland-mansion.com.

Lodging Reservations Deadline is Sept 29th

Please let me know which location you have made your reservation at.

Jeff Locke 421-9028 or jllocke@l-van.org





VIR - Heacock Classic Gold Cup Race & Antique Car Show

by Sandy Hall

WHERE: Virginia International Raceway, Alton, VA

WHEN: November 5, 2011

Please join us for an antique car show hosted by Virginia Old Dominion Meet Association and North Carolina Region at Virginia International Raceway for the Heacock Classic Gold Cup Historic Races & Antique Car Show. Registration will include entry to the Gold Cup Vintage race event, trackside parking, entry to the pits and optional parade laps around the race track. We hope to have an AACA Judging School. Trailer parking will also be available at the track.

Registration is \$5.00 per person in advance only. They cannot offer discounts the day of the event at the gate and I am not sure of the cost if you wish to pay at the gate. Children 15 and younger are admitted free. There will be plaques for the first 150 registrations.

To register, please call 434-822-7700 ext. 117 and use the promo code GCAACA11 for the discount. The promo code will be active through October 15. I just called and made our reservations and it went smoothly. If you want them to mail the tickets to you, it is \$6.00. If you wait and pick them up at the gate, there is no extra charge.

Bring out your antique car and sit back and relax while watching Gold Cup drivers race their restored race cars. This will be a nonjudged "fun" antique car show where everyone is able to socialize with their friends without the stress of a judged event.

There will be food vendors at the track or you can bring a picnic lunch, but NO glass bottles are allowed at the track. Also, please remember to bring your folding chairs.

If you are also a member of another car club, please feel free to forward this information to other clubs and invite friends or members. The only requirement is that the car be 25 years or older.



The hotels that I can find on Hotels.com are as follows:

Danville

Super8 - \$49/night

Holiday Inn Express - Danville - \$85/night

Hampton Inn - Danville - \$104/night

South Boston:

Fairfield Inn & Suites - \$89/night

Super 8 - \$65/night

Holiday Inn Express - \$81/night

VIR is within about fifteen to twenty minutes of either South Boston or Danville. Please plan to attend the first of what we hope will be an annual event at Virginia International Raceway. Additional information will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 757-482-2821 (Sandy Hall - home number). We look forward to seeing you on November 5.

TRAACA GARAGE PICNIC

By Terry & Sue Bond

Come on over - and enjoy an afternoon at the home of Susan and Terry Bond. It's an "Open Garage!" Saturday November 12th.



Be there at 11:00 AM for a hot dog and soda, and then spend a leisurely afternoon talking old cars and looking through the museum. Drive your old car so the neighbors can enjoy. Stay as long as you like, bring a folding chair, and if the leaves are falling, leave your top down and help us get them out-here! We look forward to seeing you, but please RSVP so we know how many hot dogs to buy. 757-482-5222. A few volunteers to bring some deserts would be great!

Direction to 541 Forest Rd, Chesapeake:

Take the 168 bypass south

Take the second Hanbury Rd exit (East)

Pass Hanbury (Harris Teeter) shopping center on your right

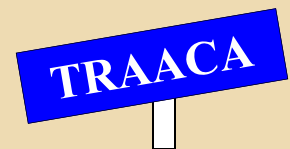
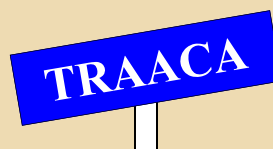
Turn right at the traffic light onto Hillwell Road

Watch for Forest Road on your left (dead end street)

541 is on the right about half way down the road.

Note-Forest Rd is a dead end street so if you miss us you can simply turn around at the end.

Watch for the TRAACA signs at Forest Road and in front of our house.



>>>>> PARADES <<<<<

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE.

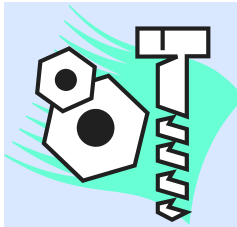
Jere Avenson – TRAACA Parade Chair.

Veterans Day on Friday 11 November 2011 will be our next parade opportunity. The cool weather will be great for the older cars. The Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade Chair has asked me if TRAACA would provide some convertibles to carry dignitaries for the parade.

I'd appreciate if members will let me know on two counts:

1. If you're willing to provide your convertible for dignitaries to ride in.
2. If you plan to drive your old car in the Veterans Day Parade.

Your cooperation is appreciated. This is another opportunity to advertise our club. If you know a member who doesn't have a computer on the internet, please pass this word to them. As always, details to follow when available. This is my last year as the TRAACA Parade Chair. If you are willing to step up and take my place please let Bob Stein know you are available.



TECHNICAL CORNER

Yet Another Ethanol Problem Phase Separation

By Vic Donnell, Doctor of Technical Things

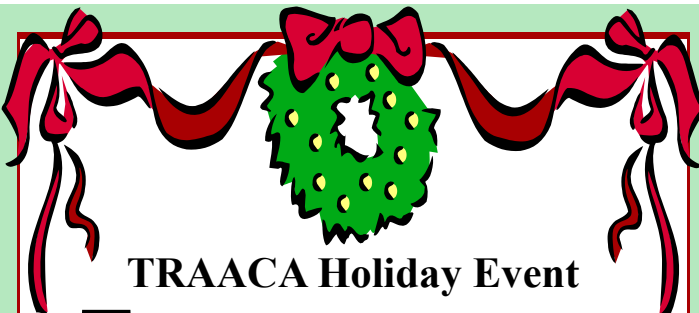
Ethanol is the basic form of alcohol derived primarily from corn. Ethanol exhaust emissions are supposed to be less harmful to the environment than fossil fuel. Ethanol also raises octane levels, it's from a renewable source, it's cheaper (at least that's what we've been told), and it's more readily available (or at least that's what we've been told). With 100 percent gasoline no longer available, except in expensive racing fuel, the proliferation of E-10, which can contain up to 10 percent ethanol, makes it look as though "Big Corn" is going to have its way.

You have already read words in this column about some of the commonly known negative effects of ethanol such as rubber and plastic degradation, ethanol dissolving long undisturbed deposits, corrosion problems as well as lowered fuel mileage. In this article, I will discuss an issue you probably never dreamed of.

One particular ethanol fuel problem we face, especially during off season storage of our cars when big temperature swings and high humidity exist in our storage areas, is called Phase Separation. Once phase separation occurs, the ethanol cannot be re-mixed with the gasoline, leaving a layer of lower octane gasoline, a layer of ethanol and, below that, a layer of water sitting in the gas tank. Now there's a happy thought.

Why does this occur? Ethanol is hydroscopic which means that the ethanol and water have an affinity for one another. When condensation occurs, water is drawn into the ethanol portion of the fuel. When it becomes saturated and cannot hold any more water, the ethanol and water separate from the fuel mixture, causing trouble. The percentage of ethanol in the fuel blend determines how much water can be absorbed before separation occurs. It takes as little as 18 gallons of water in a 6000 gallon tank of 10 percent ethanol blend to cause phase separation. Do you know how big the gasoline tankers and gas station underground tanks are?

The water that is absorbed by the ethanol can come from water in the tank or water in the gasoline from the pump, but primarily from moisture in the air. Warm air will hold more moisture. As the air cools, water can precipitate out (think morning dew on the grass or on the car). Gasoline tanks in older cars are vented, that is, they are open to the atmosphere. As the gasoline in the tank warms, it expands and forces air out of the tank. Then, as it cools in the evening, the gasoline contracts and sucks fresh moisture laden air into the tank. Once phase separation occurs, it cannot be reversed. The only real solution is to drain the gas tank to remove all the water.



TRAACA Holiday Event

The Tidewater Region's Annual Holiday Event will be held December 3rd at the Cypress Point Country Club in Virginia Beach. We'll have an excellent buffet that includes a standing roast beef station, fruit and cheese appetizer tables, and a cash bar. The banquet room overlooks the golf course, and has plenty of parking with easy access. Exact costs will be worked out after finances from the Annual Meet are settled, but we expect it to be about the same as our standard dinner meeting. Stay tuned for details!



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20th Annual Shriners Car Club Show in Chesapeake, August 20

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| Fran Manno | 1947 Nuffield Oxford (London Taxi) | | Potatoes Choice Award |
| Sorry, we missed Fran Manno last time. | | | |

Phase separation is a totally different problem from the one normally experienced with gasoline that sits for long periods of time. That problem is gum and varnish formation. It is the result of unsaturates in gasoline known as Olefins, which are much less stable and react with oxygen to produce gummy deposits. Leave the gum long enough and it will harden into a varnish. Neither the gum nor varnish is soluble in most solvents that should be run through an engine.

Gum formation can be delayed by the use of gasoline stabilizers. There are several available on the market. Two such gasoline stabilizers have also been enhanced to treat phase separation as well. You should be able to find Sta-Bil with Ethanol Treatment at your favorite auto parts store. Eastwood offers a two bottle treatment, one for ethanol treatment and one for long term storage. You can purchase these products on line or from the Eastwood catalog.

It isn't easy anymore is it?

Thanks to Vic Donnell for this article from Fender Talk, newsletter of Road Relics Region, AACA

THE HUMOR SECTION



CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double doors at the side entrance.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Com early and listen to our choir practice.

(Reprinted from the Members Parade)

Where is Cahoots?

I've been to a lot of places but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone.

You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've never been in Cognito either.

I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I've made several trips

(Thanks to Cousin Anne for this gem.)

THE LAWS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

Law of Gravity

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

& Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

& Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

& Law of the Alibi

If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

& Variation Law

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).



Car for Sale

For Sale - **1976 Dodge Aspen SE Station Wagon** - All original car with 80K miles, 318 ci V8, Torqueflight automatic. 'Woody' wagon in excellent condition with all options - power windows, seat, steering, disc brakes, locks. Air Conditioning, AM/FM radio, cruise, roof rack, sport wheels, trim rings, deluxe interior. New VA inspection, recent carburetor, master cylinder, shocks, hoses, belts, alternator, exhaust, Dunlop tires, much other work. NOS clock, rechromed front bumper, all factory manuals, books and papers, including Dealer sales book. Great tour car and HPOF show car. \$4,000. Contact Bob Stein at posti@aol.com or call 757-588-6200.

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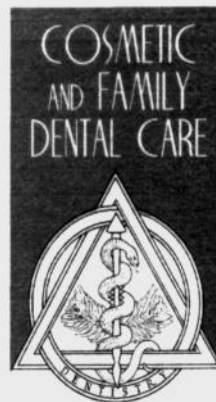
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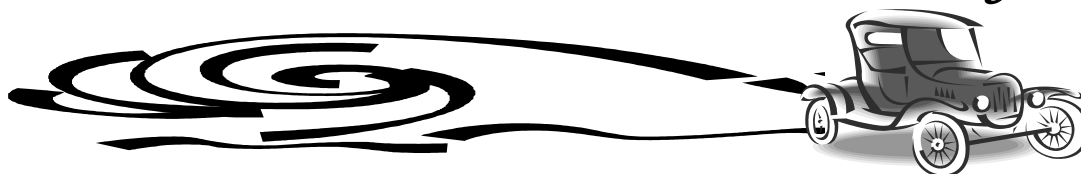
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>>>>> 2012 Membership Renewal Form <<<<<

Dear Tidewater Region Club Members;

It's time to renew your regional membership, update your roster information, and we would like for you to take this opportunity to offer any suggestions or comments regarding the Club. On the bottom of this insert you will find a place for those comments. Please be sure to fill out the renewal form and mail it with your check TODAY to the Treasurer at the address listed below. Remember that you MUST be a 2012 AACA National member to belong to the Region: so be sure you have paid your national dues. Also, your dues need to be received by the treasurer by Jan. 1 2012 to make sure that you are included in the 2012 Roster.

Dues are \$20.00 from January 1 to December 31, 2012

Please fill out completely:

Name _____

Spouse _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone # _____ Cell phone _____

His work phone _____ His email _____

Her work phone _____ Her email _____

National AACA Number _____ My 2012 AACA membership is paid. _____

Update cars in the roster. [Be sure to include omits as well as additions.]

With additions to the cars in the roster please note the type of car and condition:

Restored (R), Original (O),, Partly Restored (PR), Under Restoration (UR)

GET ACTIVE: *What activity would you like to participate in next year?*

Suggestions and comments (What did you particularly enjoy this year and would like us to continue or bring back from a previous year? What do you think we can do without?)

**Please complete the form, enclose your check for \$20.00 (Payable to TRAACA), and mail to:
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