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AACA 2022 GRAND NATIONALS UPDATE

MAY 19 – 21, 2022

By Marion McAlpine, Show Chair



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

Awaiting activities from the Activities Committee. To help create activities, please contact a board member to join the activities committee or submit a planned activity to the board. From our President:

“To maintain the number of varied activities we are accustomed to, please volunteer to be a part of the Activities Committee. Without an Activities Committee, we do not have activities!”

Remember, TRAACA will host the AACA 2022 Grand Nationals on Thursday – Saturday, May 19 – 21, 2022. The Founders Inn & Spa at 5641 Indian River Rd. in Virginia Beach will be the host hotel. The Delta Hotel off Greenbrier Parkway in Chesapeake will be the alternate hotel.

Many events are being planned for the 2022 Grand Nationals participants. There are tours planned for Thursday and Friday. There will be an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, a BBQ dinner on Friday, Judges Breakfast on Saturday, a lunch food tent on Saturday, and an Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. The Zenith-nominated vehicles will be judged and the Zenith Awards presented on Friday. Saturday is of course the 2022 Grand Nationals show. There will be a Hospitality Room complete with snacks and beverages, and a Silent Auction.

If previous recent Grand Nationals shows are indications of numbers of participants and vehicles, the 2022 Grand Nationals could be a large show. People will be arriving from all across the country. 600+ vehicles and 400+ vehicle trailers, are not out of the question.

How can you help, you say? We are glad you asked. The show needs volunteers to be successful. All jobs are important. Some jobs only require a few hours. As a thank you for your time and effort, volunteers will be rewarded. Incentives include a special Grand National T-shirt, a Volunteers Only lounge at the host hotel and of course the pride of helping the TRAACA show to be a great success.

The other way the club can use your help is to supply items for the Silent Auction. Consider putting together a basket of cool items, asking your favorite restaurant or business for a gift certificate or discount voucher. Car-related items (pictures, books, parts) are always big hits at auctions. **Please contact Tammy Park the Silent Auction Chair, at 757-450-7672 about getting your items to her.**

PLEASE PLAN TO BE A VOLUNTEER FOR THE AACA 2022 Grand Nationals. Whether you can give a little or a lot of time, any and all help will be welcome and appreciated. We will be talking about the show and have sign-up sheets available at upcoming TRAACA events. There will also be updates in future Mudflap and Mud Speck. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help with the show. You will be getting contacted by the individual Show Chairs in the near future.

Thank you in advance for your help. Call me with any questions on my cell at 618-363-6730.



President's Podium

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The President's Podium

Hello fellow Tidewater Region AACA members. I hope all are well. Thank you to Travis and Kim Berry for coordinating the driving tour of the Christmas Lights at the Oceanfront preceded by dinner at Plaza Azteca! Also, thank you to Jim Villers for coordinating our December Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club! The Christmas Brunch continues to be one of the Club's most well attended events. We exceeded 80 attendees this year!

As I indicated last month, the Board voted to make a change to the Annual Awards. They will continue to be presented and individual winners will continue to receive an award to keep. However, the 'traveling trophies', the large trophies presented to the winners in addition to the individual awards, will be retired. A number of reasons went into this decision including feedback from many recent recipients that the time had come to retire the traveling trophies. The past recipient names from each will be added to the Club website and maintained there for any member to view. Each traveling trophy will either be returned to those who donated the Award or placed in storage.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU! Please join the Activities Committee! Whether you would enjoy helping to coordinate a single event or several events, the Club is always looking for new ideas of fun things to do to add to our tra-

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!



ditional events. The Tidewater Region is known as an active Club and we all enjoy the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. To maintain the number of varied activities we are accustomed to, please volunteer to be a part of the Activities Committee. Without an Activities Committee, we do not have activities!

As we steer into 2022, I would like to thank Marion McAlpine and her team of volunteers for their tremendous efforts in preparation for the Annual Grand Nationals this coming May. They have dedicated a great deal of time and energy to ensure the 2022 Grand Nationals will make both the National Club and the Tidewater Region very proud. Thus far, most of their efforts have been 'behind the scenes' but, with the event now only five months away, you will begin to see a lot more information about the Annual Grand Nationals in both AACA and Tidewater communications. There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer so please allocate some time to help your Club with this wonderful event.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Awards and Installation Banquet on January 22nd at 5:00 pm. We will recognize member achievements over the past two years and welcome and install our new President, Tim Hund, along with the 2022 Tidewater Region Board.

To paraphrase my dad's closing comments in his 1984 President's farewell message, I am grateful to the membership for allowing me to serve as your President for 2020 and 2021. It has been a pleasure to work with the many talented and dedicated members of our Club.

Warmest Regards,
 Wayne Milligan, Tidewater Region AACA President

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From the Running Board

December 9, 2021 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes *(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)*

TRAACA Board Meeting

Officers Present: Wayne Milligan (President), Tim Hund (Vice President), Fred Cole (Secretary), Tammy Park (Treasurer). **Board Members present:** Jerry Adams, Dick Chipchak.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

President: Thanked everyone for coming

Vice President: Same as President

Secretary's Report:

- November minutes reviewed and approved electronically.

Treasurer's Report:

- November reports distributed electronically
- \$188.00 for Club merchandise sold at Silent Auction delivered to Treasurer by President

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities:

- Square Car Tour – thanks to Richard Hall and Tim Hund for a great event!
- Saturday, December 4 – Travis and Kim Berry coordinated a driving tour of the Christmas Lights at the Oceanfront and a very nice dinner at Plaza Azteca.
- Sunday, December 12 – Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club (this is the December Dinner Meeting)

• **Activities Committee** (Bill Wilcox and Harry Park have offered to coordinate specific events) still looking for volunteers

Restaurants:

- Subsidizing Dec, Jan
- December Holiday Brunch – \$25.00 each, Club subsidizing \$10.00
- January Awards and Installation banquet – date is the 22nd at 5:00; pending dinner cost
- 2022 – comparable menu still under development but cost will increase

Membership:

- Membership information through November 27th – 165 memberships, 286 members

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Unfinished Business:

- December was the last mailed (USPS) newsletter
- 'Seed' funds for the Grand National bank account \$2500.00 transferred to Grand National account
- Retiring the 'traveling trophies' – all previous award winner names have been transcribed for inclusion on the TRAACA web site

New Business:

- Mailed (USPS) membership renewals
- Member submission for Board consideration - eliminating some Annual Awards. Board discussed the member submission, has taken the ideas presented under advisement.

Other Business:

- VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR
- CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM. The next Board meeting is 7:00 pm Thursday, **January 13th** at Unos



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34th Annual MOPAR Madness Car Show

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

On Saturday, November 6, 2021, the Hall MileOne Autogroup hosted dueling car shows at its Chevrolet and Chrysler dealerships located on Western Branch Blvd in Chesapeake. At the Hall Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM dealership, the Tidewater MOPAR Club (TMC) held its 34th Annual “MOPAR Madness” car show. Across the street, 757 Auto Events and Clearshine Virginia held a car show open to all makes, models, and years. (The car show at Hall Chevrolet was covered in the December 2021 issue of *The Mudflap*.) This was great for participants and spectators because you only had to cross the street to enjoy two car shows and see a diverse selection of nice cars and trucks. (When a car show is held at a dealership, I also like looking at the new cars and trucks for sale. Unfortunately, this year the dealerships’ inventories were low because of the shortage of computer chips.)

The TMC’s MOPAR Madness Car Show is always a great event (especially if you’re a MOPAR fan). It usually has a nice selection of classic and modern vehicles from the Chrysler products lines (Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge, Imperial, Jeep, Plymouth, RAM, etc.) especially muscle cars old and new. This year was no different—vehicles on display ranged from a 1951 Hudson Pacemaker convertible to modern Dodge Challengers and Chargers, Jeeps, and RAM pickup trucks.

Despite it being a brisk fall day (the high temperature that day was about a maximum of 58°F), turnout was good with

over 60 cars, Jeeps, and trucks on display. Participants and spectators were entertained throughout the day by popular local DJ Angela Brown, who played a variety of music popular across generations and happily accepted and played requests. Chick-fil-A was there in the morning offering breakfast sandwiches. Lunch was burgers and barbecue offered by J&K Style Grill’s food truck. Gourmet cupcakes were available for dessert. (Ask Chris H for the name.)

The TRAACA was well represented at the car show. TRAACA members with cars on display included Riley Best with his 1964 Plymouth Valiant station wagon, Chris Hunt with her 1973 Plymouth Scamp, and Tony Scarpelli with his 1956 Chrysler New Yorker.

A large “Thank You!” to the Hall MileOne Group for supporting local car clubs and car enthusiasts by hosting car shows at their dealerships. (Hall Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM in Virginia Beach has been a sponsor of the TRAACA’s Annual Meet for years and had a new high-performance car on display at our show every year at the Military Aviation Museum.) Block out the first Saturday of next November on your calendar now so you don’t miss these two great car shows. Whether you enter your car in one of the shows (the preferred option) or just come to view the cars on display (both in the show and for sale by the dealerships) and enjoy the camaraderie and food, you’ll have a fun time.



(L-R) Marion McAlpine and Chris Hunt with Chris’s 1973 Plymouth Scamp at the Hall Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Car Show in Chesapeake



1951 Hudson Pacemaker convertible



Tony Scarpelli's 1956 Chrysler New Yorker



1964 Dodge Dart convertible



1964 Plymouth Barracuda



Riley Best's 1964 Plymouth Valiant station wagon



1964 Plymouth Valiant convertible



1965 Plymouth Belvedere station wagon



1966 Dodge Charger



1966 Plymouth Belvedere



1967 Imperial Crown convertible



1967 Plymouth Satellite



1969 Dodge Dart GT



1969 Plymouth Road Runner



1971 Dodge Charger



1971 Dodge Demon



1971 Plymouth Challenger



1974 Dodge Charger



(L-R) Two generations on MOPAR high-performance cars: a 2017 Dodge Challenger and 1971 Plymouth Road Runner



Still Collecting – The Chauffeur

By Terry Bond

In the earliest days of the automobile, the machinery was far more complex than many could handle. A lot of the wealthy owners of these playthings hired someone to help maintain, care for, and even operate them. Many mechanics in large agencies and garages hired out part-time to help earn some money of the side by helping others to enjoy the new “sport” of motoring. Often, it was a job that had no specific description other than to keep the darned thing going and looking good.



An early automobile and a chauffeur.

Like the stable-hand that preceded in the age of the horse, the “chauffeur” was someone who had to be a “jack-of-all-trades.” They were responsible for keeping brass polished, paintwork shining, upholstery clean, and of course keeping the automobile mechanically sound. That involved everything from changing tires (often a routine necessity) to repairing engines and anything connected to them.

Don’t let those fancy chauffeur’s uniforms deceive – there was plenty of grease under those finger-nails.

They were originally known as “motormen” but the name “chauffeur” quickly caught on. The term itself is derived from the French term meaning “stoker.” For early steam powered vehicles, the stoker kept the boiler going and was generally responsible for maintaining the vehicle’s operating system.

Many of the earliest chauffeurs were amateurs who could barely drive and had little experience other than some mechanical skills. The good ones quickly gained a reputation. The best of them had actual experience repairing early automobiles.

A 1906 article in the New York Times reported “The chauffeur problem to-day is one of the most serious that the automobilist has to deal with. Young men of no particular ability, who have been earning from \$10-12 a week, are

suddenly elevated to salaried positions paying from \$25-50 with great responsibility for expensive machines and the lives of their owners. Serious training is called for before becoming any kind of coach driver.”



Early chauffeurs were not always highly regarded professionals!

Chauffeurs began to join special “clubs” and associations – early versions of unions. Some of those organizations grew rapidly in larger cities and eventually expanded their reach to the state-wide level. They fought successfully for rules and regulations and were successful in gaining recognition for the better trained members of their organizations. To wear their badge often meant better pay and working conditions.

Eventually special training academies would spring up. Even mail-order courses could be purchased to better train chauffeurs. Cities and states began licensing chauffeurs. Some enterprising business-minded individuals formed companies to hire out drivers and mechanics.



An early Chauffeur's organizational watch fob for members in Cincinnati, Ohio.



1904 issue of "le Chauffeur" Paris,



An assortment of chauffeur organizational pins and a wonderful key-chain fob depicting a Chauffeur. Note the diamonds used as eyes.



A great early chauffeur's identification fob with membership number displayed resembling a license plate.



Early Philadelphia PA Chauffeurs union pin.

The name “Chauffeur” has stuck and even today, chauffeur-driven limousines are commonplace, although a chauffeur employed as a hired-hand in an individual household is rare in modern times.

Ladies could be chauffeurs too! They were known as “chauffeuses.” Eventually though, those terms became synonymous with a variety of different names for those who drove automobiles. Automobilst, Motorist, and many other names were used to describe early motor vehicle operators or mechanics.

The first female “chauffeusesse” was Madame Decourcelle of Paris. She was licensed to operate a taxi in the city of Paris in 1904. Others preceded her in owning and driving automobiles, but she was the first licensed to transport others.



The first lady “chauffeusesse” Madame Decourcelle, Paris France, 1904.

In a short time, being a paid chauffeur became an honored profession and a respected position in wealthy households. Much memorabilia survives today.



An early 1900s portrait of a handsome chauffeur.

Old family photographs showing proud chauffeurs are a favorite of mine. Especially when a vehicle is included.



A chauffeur and a large town-car, circa 1907

These images are often found on real photo type postcards in addition to family photo albums. It can be a challenge to identify the date, location and make of automobile though.



A chauffeur awaits further instructions.



An elegant automobile, a professionally attired chauffeur and well-dressed passengers made a striking impression with motoring into town.



A great image on a real-photo postcard showing a chauffeur pausing along a trip through the country.



A chauffeur posing with an early automobile. This is a European automobile of unknown manufacture – circa 1908.

Many other images appear in prints and early lithographs. There is perhaps no more striking image than the Morgan and Wright advertising poster shown here.



Morgan and Wight “little chauffeur.”

This print introduced their well-known advertising slogan “Wouldn’t you rather ride on “good” tires?” The print dates from 1904 and the son of the company owner was used as the model for this “portrait” that was also known as “the little chauffeur.” A similar image was used in many of their early advertisements. It’s one of the prizes in my collection of motoring artwork.



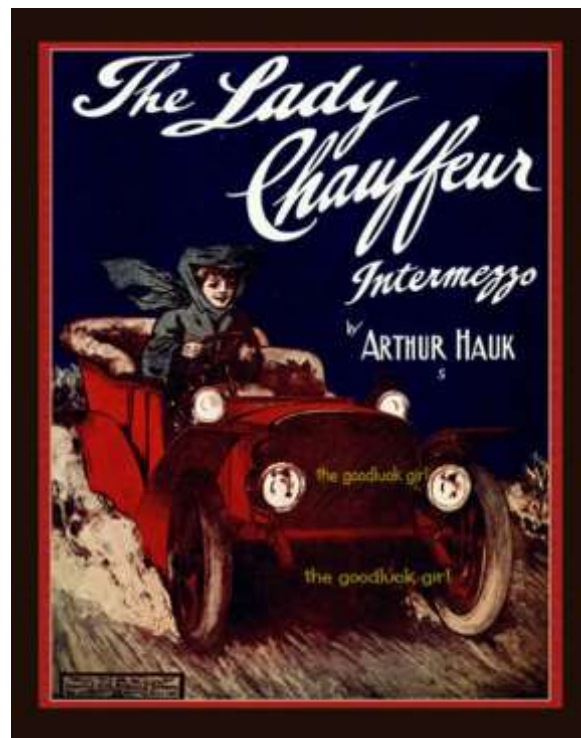
The fair chauffeur print by Howard Christy, 1903.

A lot of prints depicting lady chauffeurs (at least ladies driving automobiles) exist, and they are among my favorite motoring related illustrations. Many of the artists were prolific illustrators, working for magazines. Their prints were often available by special order from the publisher, or appeared in volumes of their work. Unfortunately many of them have been cut from those bound volumes. Such prints are not rare and range in value from \$30-\$100 depending on size, condition, and whether it was an individual print, or cut from a book (dis-bounded). Prints cut from magazines are least valuable as they are often overprinted with magazine titles and other information. There is also usually other advertising printed on the back-side that can sometimes be seen bleeding through to the cover image. These detract greatly from the image quality and impact value.



Another great image of a “chauffeusesse.”

As you know, I am an enthusiastic collector of automobile related sheet music. The images on them are fabulous. I have far too many to frame and display, but they are all carefully archived in clear sleeves, alphabetically arranged in special cases. There are many early music sheets that depict ladies and automobiles, but not many that actually describe “the Lady Chauffeur.” This has always been among my favorites, even though it is not a particularly rare item.

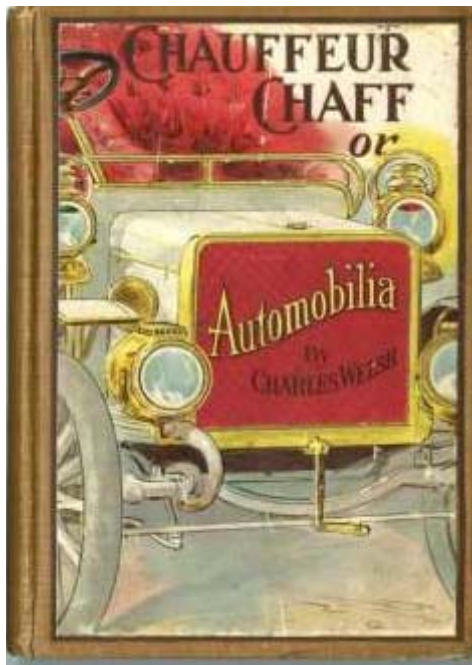


Sheet music cover – The Lady Chauffeur-1907

In my collection of automobile postcards, there are many images depicting chauffeurs. My favorites fall into the “humor” category.



Also in the “motoring humor” category is this great hard-bound book called “Chauffeur Chaff.” Note the term “automobilia” is also used! This little book is a compendium of humorous stories about chauffeur’s operating automobiles. It is profusely illustrated with cartoons throughout. It was printed in 1905.



Chauffeur Chaff –motoring humor book.

Here are a few other items that are chauffeur-related from my collection(s).



Early 1900s pin with chauffeur driving.



Chauffeur's head stickpin using diamonds for eyes.



Ceramic candy jar with removable lid (top of car).

This large chauffeur driven town-car is not a particularly rare item, even though they were produced in the early 1900s. They also came as a bank and are sometimes used as a tobacco humidor. They came in two different sizes and coloring on them often varies. They were produced in Austria.



Car mascot – "The Little Chauffeur."

This great automobile mascot was originally produced in the late 1900s in France. It is bronze and is sometimes found silver or nickel plated. Be cautious however – cheap reproductions have recently been imported from overseas. They are in bronze finish and have been artificially aged. They are sold by an ebay vendor who advertises them as "...a style of..." in their description. To the untrained collector, it is difficult to tell they were made yesterday. Once they get into the secondary market, they are often

promoted as genuine old mascots. Look carefully at any potential acquisitions. The mounting stud is a good indication. Originals had a substantial mounting stud. There should be some indication that it has been held in place on an old radiator cap for a long time. Unused examples are simply not available at any price, so checking the base and mounting hardware should offer clues to age and actual usage.

Under the umbrella of “chauffeur” related automobilia, collectors have a wealth of objects to choose from. Chauffeur related artifacts are true cross-over collectibles that can fall into many different categories.

As they say on Tv – “But wait! There’s more.”

As I began to write it became obvious the topic was so broad that perhaps the article should be broken into at least two parts. So- next time we will continue looking at more chauffeur related items, including the popular collectible – Chauffeur’s Badges.

We’ll also take a look at some of the interesting clothing and uniforms worn by early chauffeurs. It’s a big and fascinating topic.

I hope you have fun collecting in the coming year. The series continues as long as I have things to write about and an audience willing to learn more about the amazing world of automobilia.

Happy New Year, and happy collecting.

Terry



Where are the NEW AACA Members?

By Mel Carson VP - Strategic Planning

[Reprinted with permission from the AACA 2021 Fall Rummage Box]

The Antique Automobile Club of America needs more members – your help is required! A little scenario happens almost every day in my part of the country when I am out and about – I see riding down the road an antique car or truck that is new to me! The driver is often going to the grocery store, the gas station, or just out for a ride. Does this give you an idea to talk with the driver? Sometimes we can catch up with the driver and admire their vehicle and strike up a conversation about the car. Your personal conversation can lead to inviting them to visit a Region or Chapter meeting and let them know about the benefits of joining AACA. Of course, this worked better before Covid-19 came along, but we are now coming back to being able to make some contact and conversation. Also, my local Region is working diligently to keep the Region alive and active. The key part of this little discussion is - the Antique Automobile Club of America needs more members – now more than ever! We believe there are a large number of folks, now, who are interested in the automotive hobby but don’t belong to AACA. The general thinking today is that it is more difficult than ever to bring folks into hobby organizations because folks don’t join organizations like AACA. My thinking is that a personal conversation is the best way to bring new members into AACA. Folks like to know others with collector vehicles and be able to get together to kick tires and talk about repairs and restoration. Find those prospective AACA members and tell them what you know and they will want to join you with the fun of AACA?



Smithfield Toys for Tots Car Show

Smithfield, VA

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



Every year, the first Saturday of December is the day for the annual “Toys for Tots” charity car show and toy drive in Smithfield, VA. This marks the 20th year that Elizabeth Moose has organized the show. (It should’ve been the 21st annual show, but the show was cancelled last year for circumstances outside Elizabeth’s control. Perhaps you have heard about the COVID pandemic?) This was the fifth time the show has been held at the Smithfield Auto and Truck Center (the old Pomoco Ford dealership) on Church Street in Smithfield. The former dealership has a large showroom which is perfect for the many toys that companies and people generously donate to the cause. Also, the location on Church Street, which is one of the main streets entering Smithfield, gives the charity car show good exposure to the drive-by traffic.

The Smithfield Toys for Tots Car Show truly reflects small-town America. Santa, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, arrived by helicopter. The Smithfield Police blocked traffic while Santa was driven across the street in a wheeled wooden sleigh pulled by a small John Deere tractor. He and Mrs. Claus were welcomed to the event by a cheering crowd lining the street and led into the auto center by a local dance team and a reformed Grinch.

Over 155 cars, trucks, and motorcycles participated in the show. TRAACA participants included Chris Hunt with her 1973 Plymouth Scamp (Chris seems to make it to every car show and cruise-in within a 50-mile radius), Mark & I with our 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS-396, Charlie O’Dea with his 1955 Oldsmobile Super 88, Ron Pack with his 1971 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL, and Claude Reeson with his recently acquired 1954 Mercury Monterey. Our sister region, the Historic Virginia Peninsula Region, was represented by Tom Murphy with his 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1.

It was amazing to see the number of toys in the Smithfield Auto & Truck Center at the end of the Toys for Tots show. Show participants and spectators generously dropped off more toys than I could count—enough to fill the showroom—destined to be distributed to needy local children in Smithfield, Carrollton, and Isle of Wight. The leadership and dedication of Elizabeth Moose & her team of volunteers, the generosity of the show participants & spectators, local residents, and businesses like Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield Auto & Truck, Knox Automotive, and Pacific Energy Network helped ensure that no child was overlooked by Santa on Christmas.



Santa & Mrs. Claus have a busy schedule in December, and the reindeer were resting for their big night, so the Clauses arrived via helicopter



1954 Pontiac Star Chief



1956 Chevrolet Nomad



1957 Ford Thunderbird



1962 Cadillac Deville convertible



Smithfield Fire Department's 1938(?) Oren Ladder Truck (manufactured by the Oren Welding & Equipment Company, Roanoke, VA)



Charlie O'Dea and his 1956 Oldsmobile Super 88



1964 Ford Fairlane 500 Thunderbolt



1968 Ford Mustang "Cardinal Special"



Tom Murphy and his 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1



1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS-396



Marion & Mark McAlpine's 1970 Chevelle SS-396



Ron Pack's 1971 Mercedes-Benz 280SL



1973 Plymouth Road Runner



Chris Hunt's 1973 Plymouth Scamp



Claude Reeson's "new" 1954 Mercury Monterey



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Members celebrating anniversaries in January

Jerry & Ellen Adams
 Richard & Sandy Hall
 Dennis & Paula Hennessey
 Jon & Mollie Hunger
 Bob & Josie Kinker
 Bob & Linda Pellerin
 Gordon & Melinda Spence

Sunshine Report

Michael McChesney, son of long-time members Mickey and Toni McChesney, passed away December 4, 2021.

Mickey asked to pass along the following note to the club:

Toni and I would like to thank all of our friends in TRAACA that attended our son's Celebration of Life on Friday. We appreciate all of the cards calls, food, and hugs also. This has been a trying time for us and the outpouring of love from our friends helps to make things much easier. Those that attended the Celebration saw the love Mike had for his family and we will miss him every day.

Thanks; Mickey and Toni McChesney

Please provide Member Care/Sunshine Report information on TRAACA members to Bob Stein at posti@aol.com or 588-6200.

Members celebrating birthdays in January

Jerry Adams
 Jim Arrowood
 Tom Bottoni
 Holly Chipchak
 Jane Cutright
 Charlie Dawson
 Tyler Gimbert
 Richard Hall
 Pamela Hamilton-Bond
 Phyllis Hund
 Dana Meadows
 Scott Miller
 Hilary Pavlidis
 Carol Peters
 Susan "Sue" Strang
 Boyd Swartz

Welcome to Our New Members!

None this month

AACA Calendar of Events

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

FEBRUARY 2022

10-12 AACA Annual Convention
 Philadelphia, PA

24-26 AACA Winter Nationals
 Melbourne, FL

MARCH 2022

March 10-12 - Western Spring
 Nationals - Las Vegas, NV

March 20-26 - Founders Tour -
 Mobile, AL/Biloxi, MS

APRIL 2022

April 7-9 - Southeastern Spring
 Nationals - Charlotte, NC

April 21-23 - Special Winter
 Nationals - San Juan, Puerto
 Rico

April 23 - Special Grand Nationals -
 San Juan, Puerto Rico

MAY 2022

May 19-21 - Annual Grand Nationals
 - Virginia Beach, VA

May 22-25 - Eastern Divisional Tour
 - Johnstown, PA

JUNE 2022

June 16-18 - Eastern Spring
 Nationals - Beckley, WV

AUGUST 2022

August 11-13 - Central Fall
 Nationals - East Moline, IL

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 10-16 - Sentimental Tour
 - Gettysburg, PA

September 18-23 - Reliability Tour -
 Shepherdsville, KY

September 25-30 - Revival AAA
 Glidden Tour - Central New Jersey

OCTOBER 2022

October 4-7 - Eastern Fall Nationals
 - Hershey, PA



EDITOR'S DESK

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A New Year is here and our hope is toward continued activities and fellowship with each other. But as you saw in the President's Message, we need a committee to create and plan activities. I hope that some of you have activities and would step up to plan one activity or if you are more ambitious multiple activities or even join the activities committee. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas Brunch and get to hear Terry give his Letter to Santa. As you can see there are two announcements about the Grand National that TRAACA will host this year. One is on page 1 and the other is directly below this editorial. Please see if you can be involved and support TRAACA in this venture. I am looking forward to

seeing a Grand National since I have never attended one. Of course the Packard is not at that level and it will probably always remain a driver for Bill to enjoy. The next major event on the calendar is the AACA Annual Member meeting which is back in Philadelphia again this year. I am sure some of you have already reversed rooms to attend. I hope you will enjoy it this year. Stay well, and I hope to see you soon.

Doug



1934 Packard 1108 Twelve in the Bob Bahre Collection in South Paris, Maine

Place Your Car's Photo in the AACA Grand Nationals Program!

Are you proud of your AACA-eligible car? (Well, justifiably so!) Do you want to help support the Tidewater Region as it holds the 2022 AACA Grand Nationals this coming May? You can do both by putting a photograph of your car in the souvenir program for the Grand Nationals. Business card-size photos (1/8-page size photos) are \$40 and half-page photos are \$150. E-mail a high-resolution color photo of your car (JPEG format only, please) to Susan and Terry Bond at terryaaca@cox.net, and mail your check (made out to "TRAACA Grand Nationals") to Jim Villers at 3133 Inlet Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Don't delay sending in your photo—space is limited. Thank you for your



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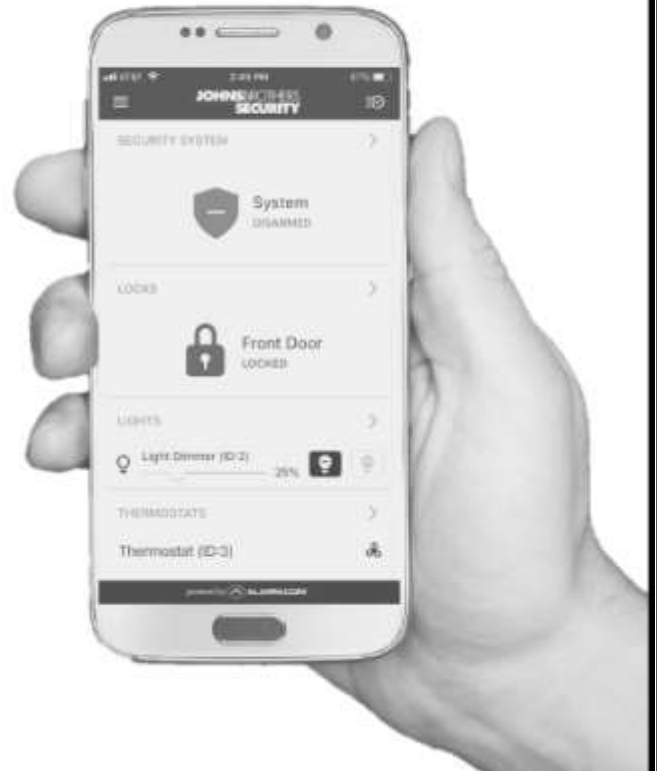

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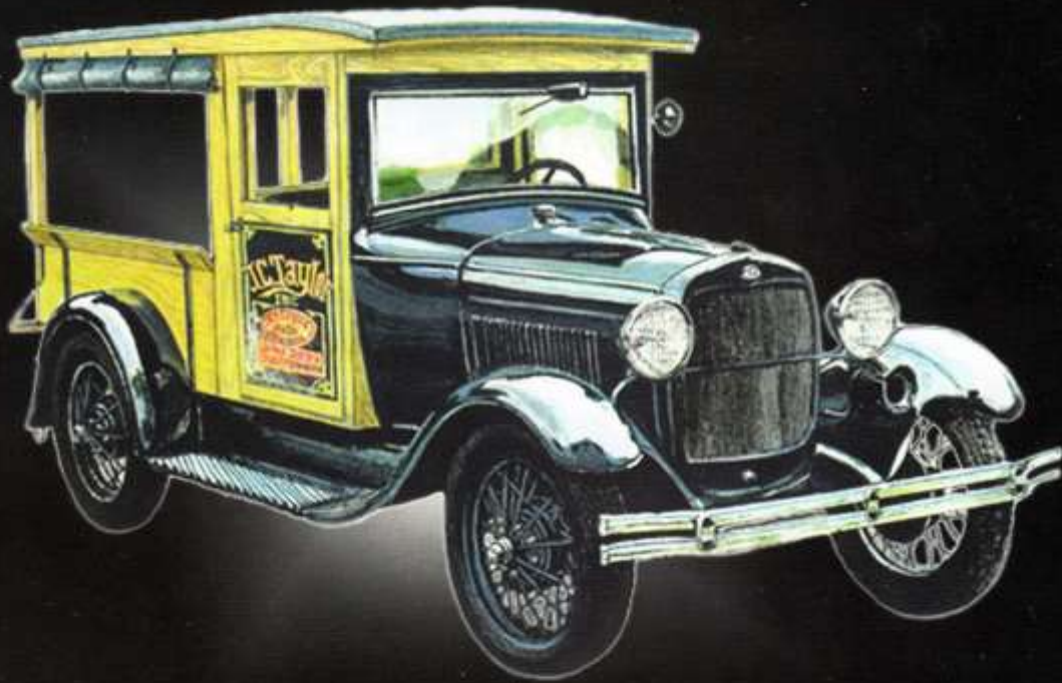
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