

# The Mudflap

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## TRAACA Tour of Abacus Racing Saturday, March 18, 2017

Okay, all you race car fans—or just car fans—mark your calendars for the long-awaited tour of Abacus Racing in Virginia Beach. Fellow TRAACA member and owner of Abacus Machine & Automotive Services Bill Thumel has graciously offered to host the TRAACA on Saturday, March 18, 2017, for a tour of his machine shop and vintage automobile collection.

We'll start the morning at 9:00 AM at the Abacus Machine Shop (located at 1372 Baker Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455) with coffee and donuts generously supplied by Bill Thumel. The tour of the facility will last about one hour. From the machine shop we'll travel down the road to Abacus Hampton Roads (located at 410 18th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23455) to leisurely view Bill's car collection from about 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, followed by lunch at the facility. Lunch will consist of catered sub sandwiches, chips, cookies, soft drinks, and water. The club is subsidizing the lunch, so the cost to club members is only \$5.00.

A little history from the Abacus website: Abacus, established over twenty years ago, began building motors for British sports

cars participating in Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and Sportscar Vintage Racing Association events. That experience carried over to the development of 4- & 6-cylinder Nissan engines for SCCA GT-2 and GT-3 events, culminating in numerous national championships. The machine shop and repair facility services and repairs exotic and foreign automobiles such as Rolls-Royce, Jaguar, Porsche, Ferrari, and even Honda. They can tune and test the vehicles on their Dynojet chassis dynamometer. Check the Abacus website for more details on their engine shop, repair facility, and chassis Dynojet.

Please plan to tour Bill Thumel's Abacus Machine Shop and car collection on Saturday, March 18, 2017. This event will be a great way to learn more about racing and exotic vehicles, visit a wonderful collection of cars, show support for fellow TRAACA member Bill Thumel, and enjoy a free breakfast and discounted lunch. If you plan to attend, please e-mail Marion McAlpine at [mmmc Alpine05@msn.com](mailto:mmmc Alpine05@msn.com) or call (757) 967-0074 by Tuesday, March 14, with your number of people attending.



Chris Hunt and Charlie Daniels dribble out of Chris's 1973 Scamp last August in New Bern, NC. Read Chris's Hard Luck Story on Page 12.



### TRAACA CALENDAR

Check [local.aaca.org/tidewater](http://local.aaca.org/tidewater) for the latest info on upcoming events!

#### MARCH 2017

- 3 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA  
— *Note change in date* —
- 11 TRAACA Swap Meet  
Military Aviation Museum  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 16 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 18 Tour of Abacus Racing  
Virginia Beach, VA

#### APRIL 2017

- 5 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Wednesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 15 TRAACA Tour of the  
Museum of the Albemarle  
Elizabeth City, NC
- 20 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 21- 64th Annual ODMA Meet
- 22 Virginia Beach, VA

#### MAY 2017

- 2 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Tuesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 6 TRAACA Square Car Tour  
(route to be determined)
- 18 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 20 TRAACA Dinner & Theater  
"Grease"  
Smithfield, VA  
*Joint TRAACA & HVPR activity*

#### JUNE 2017

- 7 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Wednesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 10 TRAACA Norfolk Harbor  
Lunch Cruise

# From the Driver's Seat

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What a delight it was to attend this year's AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. I know for many it's difficult and expensive to attend, but, if you haven't attended one before, you really need to go at least once. This year's Annual Meeting was particularly special because of our very own Bob Parrish handing over the AACA Presidency to Tom Cox (another TRAACA member—the first time a region has had consecutive AACA National Presidents), and Dot Parrish handing over the AACA First Lady's tiara to Tammy Cox. (Just kidding—there's no tiara, although Dot deserves some compensation for all the work she does on behalf of the national club and our region.) Then there were the great seminars, especially those presented by fellow TRAACA members Terry Bond, Linda Pellerin, Tony Scarpelli, and Bob Stein. Best of all was applauding loudly as Holly Forrester, Tim Hund, Bob Parrish, and Bob Stein received National Awards. (Marion & I also were fortunate to be recognized with Master Editor Awards, but we didn't applaud for ourselves.)

The TRAACA is definitely recognized as one of the more active regions in the AACA, involved in every aspect of the national club including its leadership with Tom Cox serving as the 2017 President, Bob Parrish as VP of National Awards, Jim Elliott as VP of Finance & Budget, and a number of members serving on national committees (including past AACA President Terry Bond), as CJE instructors, judging team captains, judges, and on the judging administration teams. Our region's reputation is because of you and the members that preceded us. You're also what makes our club so much fun.

Our Activities Committee has a number of fun things planned for this year. On the immediate horizon is the tour on Saturday, 18 March, of Bill Thumel's Abacus

Racing and his personal collection of vintage cars. We appreciate Bill graciously offering to host us, especially knowing how busy he and the shop are as racing season kicks off. You don't want to miss this.

I also want to beat the drum for the upcoming ODMA Annual Meet that we're hosting at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach on Friday-Saturday, 21-22 April. Members from AACA regions across Virginia and northern North Carolina will be traveling to Virginia Beach to participate in the meet. For those that have participated in ODMA meets before, you know how much fun they are and you proudly display your ODMA Award Badge(s) on your vehicle alongside your AACA Award Badge(s). For those that haven't entered a vehicle in an ODMA before, it doesn't get any easier than this—it's right in our backyard and at a great facility that is being very cooperative and accommodating to help ensure this is one of the best ODMA meets ever.

I want to echo Bob Parrish's challenge when we hosted the 2015 AACA Eastern Spring Meet at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach: **I challenge the Tidewater Region to display at least 100 vehicles at this year's ODMA Meet.** We have over 300 fine antique vehicles in our region, so this should be an easy goal to exceed. This is our opportunity to showcase our classic vehicles not only to the members from the other AACA & ODMA regions, but also to the local public. Having the meet right off I-64 and Indian River Road should attract lots of spectators driving by and from the hotel. Please register for the ODMA Meet—we can't have a car show without you.

We're also going to have a meet program like we did at the national meet. For only \$20 you can capture the memories of the ODMA Meet by having a photo of your vehicle printed in the program. (See Page 7 for the details.) Proudly highlight your antique car and support the club at the same time.

I look forward to seeing you at Abacus Racing and the ODMA Meet on 21-22 April. And remember—you can never have too much horsepower.

*Mark Mc*

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**We have changed how we contact members to obtain their RSVPs for the monthly dinner meeting. To cut down on the work load, you will now be contacted via e-mail.** (Members without e-mail will continue to be contacted by phone.) Please respond to Skip Patnode's monthly e-mail by the requested date and let him know whether or not you will be attending (yes or no) and how many will be attending. **It is critical that you respond to these e-mails** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. Thank you for your cooperation!

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## From the Running Board

**Feb 1, 2017 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes**  
(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

**Officers present:** Mark McAlpine (President) participated via phone, Matt Doscher (Vice President), Vickie Doscher (Secretary), and Charlie Dawson (Treasurer). Board members present: Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, and Bill Treadwell. Members present: Jim Villers (President Emeritus), Marion McAlpine, Bob & Dot Parrish, and Skip Patnode.

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

**President:** Mark thanked all the outgoing & incoming Board members for their service & dedication to the club.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Marion provided the Treasurer's report. Charlie Dawson looking forward to taking on his new role.

**Secretary's Report:** NSTR.

### Activities Committee:

- Sat, Feb 18: ODMA Final Planning Meeting at Jim & Donna Elliott's garage in Yorktown. Skip reported 10 members already signed up for the activity.
- Sat, Mar 18: Tour of Bill Thumel's Abacus Racing and car collection in Virginia Beach.

**Call Tree:** NSTR.

### Restaurants:

- Thurs, Feb 18: February Dinner Meeting guest speaker is Ms. Heather Moore, Executive Director of Ferry Plantation House in Pungo. Details in the February *Mudflap*.

**Membership (Jim Villers):** As of Jan 30, 2017, 150 of 170 members have renewed (88%); 4 members are not renewing. Mark recommended reaching out to members that haven't renewed to find out why they aren't renewing.

### Unfinished Business:

- **2017 ODMA Meet:** Marion reported front of flyer is developed and passed it around for viewing. Will post to TRAACA and ODMA websites once back is finalized. Mark recognized Marion's work to negotiate with Founders Inn to reduce the price for the Ice Cream Social, Box Lunches, and Awards Banquet.
- **2017 Swap Meet:** Jim Villers reported flyers have been printed and distributed. Marion will ask Terry Bond if AACA form has been submitted for insurance coverage.

### New Business:

- Establishing a Publicity Committee: Marion recommended soliciting the club members for volunteers.
- Soliciting and organizing volunteers for ODMA Meet: Mark indicated volunteers are needed. Marion asked Jerry to help set up a chart to show needs during show set up.
- Club activities to be subsidized in 2017: Mark asked Board members to decide which events/meals we want to subsidize and bring recommendations to next Board Meeting with general idea of cost. Bill made motion for

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\$500 Activities Committee budget for calendar year 2017; motion seconded by Wayne, and approved unanimously.

- Review & revise club By-Laws: Matt agreed to head this committee and Wayne offered to assist with review.
- Establishing an incentive program for club volunteers: Wayne agreed to head this committee.
- Consider establishing recognition program for club's long-term members: Jim will form a proposal on how best to proceed in recognizing members.
- Identify committees & leads to assist TRAACA Annual Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli: Charlie agreed to assist with helping obtain Sponsors for the meet. Mark will ask Tony to attend next Board Meeting to update Board on show's progress and let Board know where help is needed.
- Consider applying to host AACA Division Tour in 2018 or 2019: Mark asked the Board to consider hosting a Divisional Tour. Jim stressed we need a strong Chairman in place prior to moving forward. Mark will reach out to "Touring type" club members for volunteers.
- Consider applying to host AACA Grand National Meet in 2020 or 2022: Mark asked Board to consider hosting a Grand National Meet. Jim supports the club doing this if strong leader is able to take the lead. Jerry recommended not to do it back-to-back with Divisional Tour.
- Donation to AACA Library & Research Center: Motion made by Bill for TRAACA to donate \$500 to AACA Library and \$500 to AACA Capital Improvement Campaign. Charlie seconded motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Several lower priority items tabled until next meeting.

### Other Business: NSTR.

Having no other business, motion made by Matt to adjourn and seconded by Wayne. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tues, 7 March, 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary





# AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA February 9-11, 2017



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

At least 35 TRAACA members came from throughout the East Coast to attend this year's AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, on Thursday-Saturday, 9-11 February 2017. Most traveled from the Tidewater area, but some of our distant members such as Bob Bond & Pamela Hamilton-Bond came from nearby Langhorne, PA (the shortest distance award?). Outgoing AACA President & First Lady Bob & Dot Parrish, incoming AACA President & First Lady Tom & Tammy Cox, and AACA VP of Judging Admin Jim Elliott & his wife Donna arrived a day early to attend the national Board of Directors meetings.

Thursday, 9 February, was a travel day for most, with many meeting at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and caravanning up the Eastern Shore to Philadelphia. Of course, there was the traditional stop for lunch at Jimmy's Grille in Bridgeville, DE. The threatened blizzard on the East Coast spared the Eastern Shore, so the drive was more pleasant than expected. However, those that flew experienced some travel delays because of the thousands of flights cancelled across the country because of the storm.

At least 20 TRAACA members enjoyed Dot Parrish's First Lady's Breakfast on Friday morning. The breakfast was held in the Rooftop Banquet Hall on the top floor of the Sheraton. The theme for the breakfast was teddy bears. Dot has a large

collection of teddy bears, some of which she made. She had teddy bears displayed around the room, and during her presentation she pointed out some of her favorites, explaining their sentimental value. The group was entertained further when a life-sized teddy bear wearing a tuxedo entered the room accompanied by TRAACA member Tyler Gimbert, who was also in a tuxedo. The two posed for photos with breakfast participants. At the end of the meal, Dot had people take the musical bears used as table centerpieces and press their buttons to play their tunes, ending with everyone standing and singing to the tune "God Bless America." Dot ended her legacy as First Lady by presenting each breakfast attendee a cookbook she had made of her favorite recipes.

As at every AACA Annual Meeting, there were a number of interesting seminars scheduled on Friday and Saturday. Some of the best-attended seminars were those presented by TRAACA members. On Friday morning, Tony Scarpelli presented a seminar on "History of Auto Emission Controls," and Bob Stein presented a seminar on "Buying and Selling on eBay and Craig's List." That afternoon, Linda Pellerin presented an especially fun session—"For the Ladies: AACA Old Car Bingo"—and Terry Bond presented his always popular "Brass is Beautiful" seminar. CJE instructors could knock out their annual CJE credit by attending the CJE



*The TRAACA contingent preparing to go to Mace's Crossing*



*Historic Mace's Crossing restaurant in downtown Philadelphia*



*The Halls & McChesneys enjoying dinner at Mace's Crossing*



*(L-R) Bill Wilcox, Bill Coburn, Marion McAlpine, Marty & Neil Sugermeyer, Wayne Milligan, and Robin Burnham*

Instructor Seminar. On Saturday, besides more great seminars, members could also attend National Judging School or Judging Team Captains School.

The final session on Saturday afternoon was the General Membership Meeting, hosted by AACA President Bob Parrish, supported by incoming President Tom Cox and most of the rest of the national Board of Directors. (Some did not make the meeting because of the weather.) Bob recognized and thanked the outgoing Board, and the new 2017 Board was introduced. The meeting included an update and spirited discussion of the current situation with the AACA Museum.

Mark & Marion McAlpine attended the AACA Region Presidents Dinner on Friday night, where Mark was proud to present a check for \$500 on behalf of the TRAACA to the AACA Library. At the Members Meeting on Saturday he presented another check for \$500 to the AACA Capital Improvement Fund toward the building of a new AACA Headquarters and Library & Research Center.

The grand finale of the Annual Meeting was the 2016 Awards Banquet on Saturday night. Besides enjoying a great meal, we enjoyed watching some of our fellow TRAACA members receive national awards. Holly Forrester received the George R. Norton, Jr., Membership Award for her efforts running the AACA Military Sponsorship Program. Tim Hund received the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Award for his 1932 Auburn 8-100A Phaeton. Marion & Mark McAlpine received a Master Editor Award for the region's newsletter, *The Mudflap*. Bob Stein received a Master Webmaster Award for the region's website. (If you look at other regions' websites, you'll probably agree that the TRAACA has the best one in the AACA.) At first we thought they overlooked Bob because they presented the Webmaster

Awards in alphabetical order by region name and skipped over the TRAACA. However, they presented Bob's award last because he is the only person to receive the award 17 times in a row—every year it has been offered. And the AACA National Awards Committee surprised Bob Parrish by presenting him with the Founders Award for his outstanding leadership and contributions to the national club. (The list of all the 2016 National Award winners can be found at the AACA website—[www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org).)

TRAACA members who attended this year's AACA Annual Meeting included Bob Bond & Pamela Hamilton-Bond, Terry & Susan Bond, Dick Chipchak, Bill Coburn, Tom & Tammy Cox, Scott Davies & Holly Forrester, Tyler Gimbert, Richard & Sandy Hall, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Mickey & Toni McChesney, Dick McIninch, Wayne Milligan, Reggie & Cindi Nash, Bob & Dot Parrish, Bob & Linda Pellerin, Tony Scarpelli, Bob Stein, Neil & Marty Sugermeyer, Bill & Linda Treadwell, and Bill Wilcox with his friend Robin. Former members Peter & Claire Catanese and Dan Ciccone also attended. (Tommy & Debbie Nolen from the Richmond Region also attended, and made AACA history when each received a National Award for their vehicles—Tommy's 1961 Pontiac & Debbie's 1966 Vespa.)

It was a fun weekend—good friends, delicious food, good weather (except for a bitterly cold & windy Thursday night) for Philadelphia in February, and the joy of seeing friends win awards. Unfortunately, there was a somber overcast over the weekend because of the death of former AACA President and VP of Judging Herb Oakes on Tuesday, February 7th, as he was preparing to go to Philadelphia. His absence was noted, and AACA meets won't seem the same without him there. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Fran.



(L-R) Marty Sugermeyer and Sandy Hall posing at Dot Parrish's AACA First Lady's Breakfast. (Who is that dancing bear?)



(L-R) Donna Elliott, Holly Forrester, Scott Davies, Robin Burnham



(L-R) AACA First Ladies Tammy Cox and Dot Parrish



AACA President Bob Parrish passing the leadership gavel to incoming President Tom Cox at the General Membership Meeting.





*(L-R) TRAACA members Wayne Milligan, Tony Scarpelli, Mark & Marion McAlpine, and Cindi & Reggie Nash at the Trade Show*



*1937 Railton Fairmile II Drophead Coupe at the Trade Show*



*(L-R) Bill Coburn, Richard Hall, Peter Catanese, Dan Ciccone, Bob Stein, Mickey McChesney, and Terry Bond*



*Linda Pellerin & TRAACA helpers present "Old Car Bingo"*



*Susan & Terry Bond at the AACA Annual Awards Banquet*



*(L-R) Marion McAlpine, Neil Sugermeyer, Mickey McChesney, Marty Sugermeyer, Bob Pellerin, and Bill Coburn at the banquet*



*Bob Parrish presents ACD Award to Tim Hund & his brother Pat*



*Holly Forrester receives her Norton Award from Bob Parrish*





# TRAACA Classical Guitar Concert Norfolk, VA

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

**Story by Matt Doscher. Photos by Vickie Doscher and Mark McAlpine.**

On Friday, January 27th, a small group of TRAACA members attended the Tidewater Classical Guitar Society concert held at the Robin Hixon Theater in Norfolk. Members in attendance were Matt & Vickie Doscher, Mark & Marion McAlpine, and Bill Wilcox. We were treated to a 2-hour performance of classical guitar performed by Iliana Matos and enjoyed numerous songs in different styles to include Spanish, Brazilian, Chilean, and Argentinian. [Editor Note: Ms. Matos filled in when the scheduled performer—Croatian guitarist Zoran Dukic—was unable to get a visa in time. Apparently, classical guitarists are considered high risk threats.] The songs she played were from her “Celebrating 30 years Anniversary as a Performer” tour. During her performance, she provided the history to each song and the reason the song has meaning to her. Ms. Matos was soft spoken as she described the music; however, once she played, her guitar came to life and filled the room. Everyone was amazed at her skill and talent.

The TRAACA thanks the Tidewater Classical Guitar Society for inviting our club to this wonderful event. If you are interested in attending another of the Tidewater Classical Guitar Society’s concerts on your own, visit their website at [www.tidewaterclassicalguitar.org](http://www.tidewaterclassicalguitar.org). They have additional concerts by talented guitarists scheduled in March and April in both Norfolk and Williamsburg, and are finalizing other concerts for later in the year.



*(L-R) Marion McAlpine, Matt & Vickie Doscher, and Bill Wilcox*



*Renowned classical guitarist Iliana Matos mesmerizing the crowd*

## Calling All TRAACA Members!

### Have Your Car’s Photo in the 2017 ODMA Meet Program

Place a photo (or several) of your vehicle(s) in the 2017 ODMA Meet Program and share your pride and joy with everyone coming to the 2017 ODMA Meet, which the TRAACA is hosting at the Founders Inn & Spa in Virginia Beach on 21–22 April. The program is a great way to support our club, and will be a great keepsake of the occasion. The cost is only \$20.00 per photo for business card-sized photos, or \$50.00 for half a page. The hard deadline for submission is 24 March! E-mail high quality JPEG photographs to Terry Bond at [terryaaca@cox.net](mailto:terryaaca@cox.net). Please remember to provide your name(s) and car year, make, and model as you want them to appear in the program. If you have any questions, call Terry at (757) 482-5222 and leave a message.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT HAPPEN! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS TODAY. THANK YOU!**





# ODMA Meet Final Planning Meeting And Tour of Jim & Donna Elliott's Garage Saturday, February 18, 2017

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

The Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) 2017 Meet is being hosted by the TRAACA on Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017 at the Founders Inn & Spa in Virginia Beach, VA. The final planning meeting was held on February 18, 2017, at TRAACA members Jim & Donna Elliott's garage in Yorktown, VA. Twenty-three ODMA representatives from the 14 ODMA regions throughout Virginia and 39 TRAACA members attended the meeting. These planning meetings give the other ODMA regions the opportunity to obtain information about the upcoming meet and local area, and then take that information back to their respective members.

The weather for the meeting was terrific—partly cloudy and temperatures in the upper 60s—especially nice for mid-February. (Jim Elliott said they had requested the nice weather just for us.) Taking advantage of the nice weather, several TRAACA members brought their classic cars.

The Elliots were perfect hosts: the front of their shop was set up with decorated tables, a large electric cooler filled with sodas & water, a table with the individual boxed lunches, and a table full of desserts brought by fellow TRAACA members. Lunch started at 12:00 PM. After everyone enjoyed their Arby's box lunches (pre-ordered thanks to Donna arranging all the details), there was a brief ODMA meeting. ODMA President Budd Lacy quickly covered club business, then

Marion McAlpine (the ODMA Meet Co-Chair) discussed the progress made on the 2017 ODMA Meet and the areas where help was still needed. Fellow TRAACA member & AACA President Emeritus Bob Parrish then presented the AACA Spark Plug Award to Bob Ridle (Waynesboro-Staunton Region), who was unable to receive his award at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.) Bob Parrish then addressed questions concerning the recent issues between the AACA & the AACA Museum. The ODMA representatives appreciated the information Bob supplied.

Once the ODMA Planning Meeting and lunch concluded, everyone had an opportunity to peruse the Elliots' beautiful collection of cars and automobilia. A big thank you to Donna & Jim Elliott for hosting the event—everyone truly enjoyed it! TRAACA members present included: Jere Avenson, Travis & Kim Berry, Al Becker, Riley Best, Terry & Susan Bond, Fred Cole, Matt & Vickie Doscher, Jim & Donna Elliott, C.E. & Annette Gardner, Richard & Sandy Hall, Bob Hanbury, Chris Harris-Evans, Daniel & Cheryl Hawk, John & Lynn Heimerl, Melanie Kordis, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Mickey & Toni McChesney, Wayne & Carol Milligan, Bob & Dot Parrish, Skip Patnode, Tony & Leslie Scarpelli, Bob Stein, Neil & Marty Sugermeyer, and Bill & Linda Treadwell.



*ODMA representatives & TRAACA members enjoying lunch*



*(Back L-R) Budd Lacy, Marion McAlpine, and Mickey McChesney  
Front L-R) Sandy Hall, Marty Sugermeyer, and John Heimerl*



*Al Becker's 1929 Packard 640 Phaeton 8*



*Tony & Leslie Scarpelli's 1956 Chrysler New Yorker*





*Wayne & Carol Milligan by former U.S. First Lady Nixon's limo*



*Bill & Linda Treadwell checking out the Elliotts' collection*



*Jere & Carol Avenson's 1987 Porsche 944S and  
Bob & Dot Parrish's 2003 Chevrolet Corvette convertible*



*Jim & Donna Elliott's 1928 Buick Master Model 51*



*(L-R) Travis & Kim Berry, Skip Patnode, and Dot Parrish*



*(L-R) New mbrs Cheryl & Daniel Hawk with Mickey McChesney*



*Jim & Donna Elliott's 1928 Auburn convertible sedan*



*(L-R) Fred Cole, Susan Bond, Richard Hall, Terry Bond, Jim Elliott, Neil Sugermeyer, and Riley Best behind Jim's 1903 Caddy*





## Still Collecting Stuff — *Letter Openers* By Terry Bond

Before the advent of e-mail, we used to lick postage stamps and envelope flaps. Opening the mail was best done with a letter opener, which was a perfect medium for advertising. Over the years, a lot of automobile dealers, garages, parts stores, and every imaginable automobile-related business used letter openers to advertise. Letter openers are great things to collect, and they naturally fall into several categories.

First, I'll talk about specific vehicle advertising. The prolific manufacturer of all things advertising-related was Whitehead & Hoag. In business from 1892 to 1953, the company was a partnership between Benjamin Whitehead, a well-known printer, and Chester Hoag, a paper and twine distributor. Together they became the world's most prolific manufacturer of advertising and political buttons, pins, fobs, and advertising novelties of all types. However, this article focuses on letter openers, and Whitehead & Hoag was one of a large number of companies in that business. They were among the first to produce a flat-stamped, knife-like letter opener with engraving on it, and, eventually, one with an enameled representation of the automobile emblem itself.



*Letter opener advertising the Briscoe auto*

You can find letter openers advertising almost every car made. I recently acquired a nice one for the Briscoe auto. Buick, Cadillac, Chalmers, Pierce Arrow, Overland, and so many more

letter openers are out there waiting to be collected. Shown below is a selection of a few including an interesting one advertising Marmon automobiles. It must be Marmon-specific as I know of no other car manufacturer names displayed on a similar style of letter opener.



*A few nice advertising letter openers for specific automobile brands*

The next category I'll call automobile product and service-related advertising letter openers. In addition to automobile manufacturers, you'll find letter openers advertising motor oils, gasoline, piston rings, spark plugs, tires, and just about anything related to an automobile.



*Two nice motor oil advertising letter openers*

An especially rare piece is this opener advertising the *Automobile Trade Directory*, a popular automobile-related publication that was produced as a very thick catalog filled with news of automobiles, products, and parts. The advertising in these publications is tremendous. Yes, there will be a future article or two on motoring publications!



*A rare "Automobile Trade Directory" letter opener*

The next category, and one of my favorites, I'll call automobile images. These are letter openers that actually depict an automobile. There are general automobile-themed items, then there are automobile brand- or model-specific items. A letter opener with an image of a specific car will command a rather hefty price, especially a high-end car like a Pierce-Arrow. These products are quite scarce as auto manufacturers tended to produce items with only their emblems. Those never went out of date when the next year's vehicle model was introduced.

The more allegorical type of automobile image is often found on celluloid letter openers. Early motoring scenes on the handle or even the complete handle shaped like an automobile are quite difficult to find. Celluloid itself was very fragile, and finding these letter openers in good condition is extremely difficult.





*A selection of three very delicate and rare celluloid letter openers*

The heavy bronze letter opener shown below is a part of a desk set that includes a book rack, letter rack, thermometer, and calendar. We'll talk more about "desk-top" items in another article sometime in the coming year (or two).



*Desk set including a nice cast bronze race car letter opener*

Collectible letter openers run from quite inexpensive to ridiculous. Here are some guidelines:

Stamped flat brass openers advertising products or garages can be found from a few dollars to \$50-\$75 depending on the theme. Those with simple engraving on them are least expensive. Those advertising specific gasoline or oil products are also sought by collectors of petromobilia. Any type of image aside from just writing or script increases the value tremendously. The plain, flat, brass openers with attached enameled logos can range from \$50 to several hundred depending on the car. The heavy classics like Packard, Pierce, etc., command the highest prices.

Openers with automobile images on them, either embossed into the handles or as an applied piece, can range from \$50 to several hundred dollars, depending on the image. Shown below are a couple of high-end letter openers in sterling silver.



*Two antique, sterling silver auto-themed letter openers*

There are modern versions of letter openers in plastic or even cast metal. Some are very good quality, but most modern pieces can be found for \$10 or less.

You'll find collectible letter openers in flea markets, antique shops, malls & galleries, yard sales, in box lots at auctions, and just about anywhere. It's fun to find them in a box among a lot of other letter openers advertising beer, insurance, or the local funeral parlor. It pays to go through the pile of them sticking up in a coffee mug at a yard sale. I have delighted in making some great discoveries that way.

Enjoy the photographs. You know, I think this is one collectible you could actually use!

*Terry Bond*



## TRAACA March Dinner Meeting Thursday, March 16, 2017



This month's dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23502. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 6:45 PM. (We're starting our dinners 15 minutes earlier in response to members' requests to finish our meetings earlier.) In honor of St. Patrick's Day, dinner will be corned beef & cabbage, Shepherd's Pie, Brunswick Stew, house salad, honey-glazed carrots, and caramel apple turnover. (Note: The club is subsidizing the cost of the meal to hold it at the regular price of \$25/person.) Our guest speaker is Ms. Kate Fischer, who will be giving a presentation on the U.S. Coast Guard Museum.

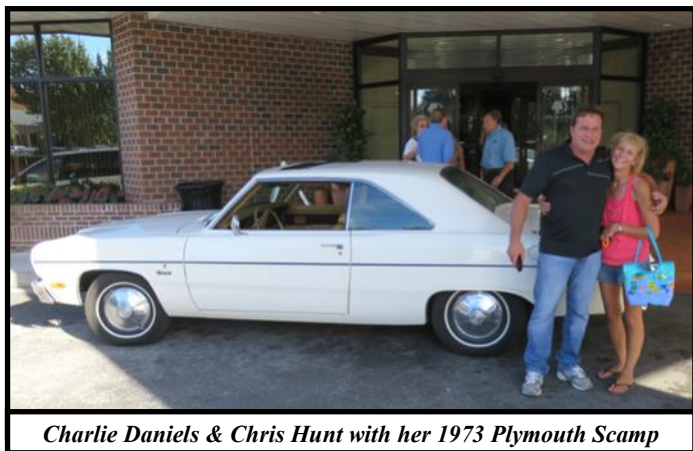
*Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.*



# Chris Hunt's Hard Luck Story The Long, Hot Road to New Bern

Friday, August 12, 2016

Story by Chris Hunt. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



Charlie Daniels & Chris Hunt with her 1973 Plymouth Scamp

My name is Chris Hunt and I have a Hard Luck Story to share.

On August 12, 2016, Charlie [Daniels] and I were heading out on our way to the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet in New Bern, NC. It was a beautiful, hot August day, and we left at 2:00 PM from Smithfield, VA. I'd say the temperature was at least 90 degrees that day and the heat index was 100. We were in my 1973 Plymouth Scamp with its big tower of power 225-ci, 6-cylinder engine, having entered it in its first AACA Meet. It looked like it was going to be a nice drive, since my Scamp has air conditioning. The operative phrase here is "did have."

We departed for North Carolina and turned on the A/C immediately so we'd have a comfortable ride. Well, we weren't even 30 minutes out of town when we noticed the temperature gauge going up. Not a good sign considering we had a 4 hour drive ahead of us in the heat of the day. We decided to turn off the A/C to help get the engine temperature down and wait a little while to try it again. Well, guess what—yep, you guessed it: when we turned the A/C back on, the engine temp started going up again.

Okay, no problem. We'll just leave the A/C off, roll down the windows, open the sunroof, and enjoy the nice hot August air blowing through the cabin. Well, that wouldn't have been so bad but . . . the engine temperature kept going up even with the A/C off. Charlie had the bright idea to turn on the heater to get the engine temperature down. Now remember I said the temperature outside was at least 90 degrees when we started; it was probably warmer by now. So on went the heater and off came the clothes. Ha, ha—got you—not really. I felt like doing it, though, because with that heater on and blowing out from under the dashboard it was downright miserable.

We decided to stop in Ahoskie, NC, at Advance Auto to get some Water Wetter (a type of coolant) and make sure there still was water in the radiator. We had a cup in the car, so I kept going back into Advance Auto to the water fountain to fill the cup so we could put it in the radiator. While Charlie was taking care of that issue, I went in and

asked one of the guys working there if he had any thick cardboard I could have. He gave me a confused look, so I told him I wanted to make some kind of heat barrier between us and the heat blowing out from under the dash so that it wasn't blowing right on us. He gave me some really nice thick cardboard, and I thanked him profusely.

I wasn't sure how this was going to work, but I was willing to try anything to make us at least a little more comfortable for the next three hours or so. If I do say so myself, it worked pretty darn good. I was able to put the cardboard all around the area where the heat was blowing out and it kept it from blowing on us. I had already decided that if that didn't work, I was getting in the back seat. It had to be cooler back there, but I didn't have to resort to that because the cardboard worked. And we also had that nice hot August air blowing through the car to help cool us off.

We stopped a couple of times after that to give my poor little Scamp a break—and us, too. When we finally got to the hotel in New Bern, NC, at about 7:00 PM there was Mark (who just happened to have his camera with him) and Marion McAlpine, and a couple of other folks, standing at the front of the hotel all relaxed, looking nice and fresh, and ready to go to dinner. And here we were just pulling up, after what should have been a wonderfully enjoyable ride down there, looking like we had just crossed the Sahara Desert. (Yeah, Mark got a picture of that and a photo of our arrival appeared in the September 2016 issue of *The Mudflap*.)

Charlie & I managed to peel ourselves out of the car and proceeded into the hotel to check in and get ready for dinner. I was never so glad to get out of a car as I was that day. Good thing everything we did that evening was within walking distance because I had no desire to get back in my Scamp or any other car for that matter.

Our worries were over for that day at least. Didn't have to think about it anymore until Sunday. Before we left for our journey back on Sunday, Mark lent us his tools in order to remove the thermostat to increase the water flow. However, the thermostat bolts were frozen and could not be removed in the parking lot.

We had another hot ride on our return home, but that is another story. ☺

Editor's Note: For their persistence, "can do" attitude, and determination to take Chris's Scamp to its first AACA Meet, at the club's Annual Awards Banquet in January, Chris and Charlie received an Honorable Mention for the reinstituted TRAACA Annual Hard Luck Award. (It's hard to believe someone had a worse experience en route to an AACA or TRAACA activity, isn't it? However, sometime ask Sam Kern about his trip to the 2016 ODMA Meet in Martinsville.) By the way, the Scamp received its Driver Participation Class certification in New Bern.





# How Can Youth Afford This Hobby?

By Jim Elliott

## AACA VP Finance & Budget

(Reprinted from the Fall 2016 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



I've never actually counted, but I know I've attended hundreds of car shows. One question that always bothers me is "How can I afford this hobby?" My answer is standard—there are many affordable collector cars available. No one has to start with a perfect Full Classic to enjoy our hobby.

I started with a 1966 Chevrolet Corvair convertible that my parents bought new as their first "second car." While being reliable, inexpensive transportation, Corvairs are regularly available for sale.

Chevrolet's "waterless wonder" came in multiple body styles including a two-door coupe, four-door sedan, convertible and station wagon, as well as the passenger van, ramp-side pickup and panel truck. Engines and transmissions can be swapped among all models.

Options included turbo-charged engines, power convertible tops, telescopic steering wheels, and automatic transmissions.

Most of the mechanical parts needed to restore a Corvair are being reproduced and can be purchased on the Internet and delivered to you within days. Even the most difficult to find trim parts can be located at the Hershey flea market.

Corvairs can be purchased in average condition for slightly more than the original 1960's list prices. They are an excellent entry-level car for a young person to actively participate in our hobby. The Corvair's large trunk provides ample storage room for touring.

The timeless Corvair styling is always noticed so the Corvair owner must be ready to enjoy discussing his car with others. It seems everyone used to own one or had a relative who did.

If there wasn't a Corvair in your past, maybe there will be one in your future.



# Paperwork for Judges Records

By Dollie Flechler

## Chairman of Judges Records

(Reprinted from the January 2017 AACA *The Judge* newsletter)

We all know that when a meet is over there is some paperwork that must be turned in to Judges Records. The Assistant Team Captain is responsible for verifying that he/she has all the paperwork prior to coming into Judges Records. This paperwork is very important for both the VP of Judging and Judges Records.

The following four (4) items are required when turning in paperwork:

- 1 – Team Captain's Reporting Form (will be in envelope)
- 2 – The team's evaluation of the Team Captain
- 3 – The worksheets that the team completed on the vehicles that were judged
- 4 – The participation cards of all the judges on the team (needed to get your credit for the meet)

Items 1-3 are used by the VP of Class Judging to answer member inquiries regarding judged vehicles that were not presented with awards. The VP of Class Judging will use the items to review the judged vehicle and provide the member with a response to their specific inquiry.



## AACA Calendar of Events

[http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca\\_calendar.html](http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca_calendar.html)

### MARCH 2017

23-26 AACA Western Spring Meet  
Palm Springs, CA

### APRIL 2017

6-8 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC

25-27 Western Division Tour  
Sonora, CA

### MAY 2017

11-13 AACA Special Spring Meet  
Auburn, IN

26-27 AACA Eastern Spring Meet  
Huntington, WV

### JUNE 2017

4-9 Founders Tour (1932-later)  
Gettysburg, PA

15-17 Annual Grand National Meet  
Independence, MO

### JULY 2017

17-21 Vintage Tour  
Wellsboro, PA

### AUGUST 2017

17-19 AACA Central Fall Meet  
Bettendorf, IA

### SEPTEMBER 2017

17-22 Glidden Tour (AACA-hosted)  
Hastings, NE

### OCTOBER 2017

4-7 AACA Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA

### FEBRUARY 2018

8-10 AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA

### APRIL 2018

5-7 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC

### MAY 2018

11-12 AACA Central Spring Meet  
Auburn, IN

18-20 AACA Eastern Spring Meet  
Cape Cod, MA

31- Annual Grand National Meet  
3 Jun Greensburg, PA

### JUNE 2018

3-8 Sentimental Tour  
Seward, NE

### OCTOBER 2018

3-6 AACA Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA



The Tidewater Region AACA invites you to our

# ANNUAL SWAP MEET

8 AM to 3 PM

**Saturday, March 11, 2017 (Rain or Shine)**

**Military Aviation Museum**

**1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23457**



## Antique and Collectible vehicle parts, accessories, and transportation-related memorabilia

**Indoor spaces:** 10' x 10' – \$30 each before March 3rd. \$35 after March 3rd.  
(ONE table and two chairs provided per space.)

**Outdoor spaces:** 10' x 30' – \$25 each before March 3rd. \$30 after March 3rd.  
(Bring your own tables and chairs.)

You must purchase enough spaces for **all** your stuff including **trailers and tow vehicles**.

**Collector vehicles** for sale must purchase an outdoor space.



**CAR Clubs** are invited to purchase a space to promote your club and special events.

**INSIDE VENDOR SET-UP** is available from 7 AM Saturday.

**NOTE:** Access to the swap meet is free. Individuals desiring access to the Military Aviation Museum will need to pay the normal Museum admission fee. If you wish to be co-located with other vendors, please send reservations in together in advance.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.TRAACA.COM](http://WWW.TRAACA.COM) OFTEN FOR ANY IMPORTANT UPDATES**

*This event is for the sale of antique and collector vehicle parts, equipment, supplies, accessories, or related memorabilia only. It is not a general "flea market" and we do not wish to have crafts, household items, unrelated toys, clothing, equipment, supplies or services displayed. If you have any questions, ask before you arrive. Event organizers reserve the right to refuse admittance to any vendor selling, displaying or offering any items not in keeping with the theme or family-oriented nature of this activity.*

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 3rd**

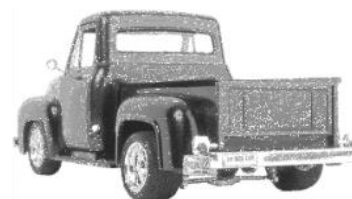
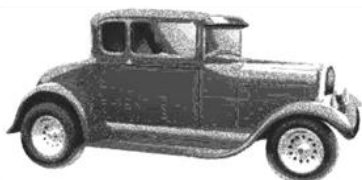
For information contact:

**Neil Sugermeyer**, Registration Chairman  
757-486-5456

**Terry Bond**, Swap Meet Chairman  
757-482-5222

Or visit our club website:

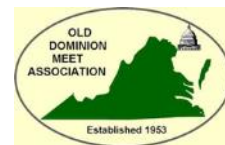
**[www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com)**







The Tidewater Region of the AACA  
Welcomes You to the



# 64th Old Dominion Meet

## Friday-Saturday, 21-22 April 2017

**Location: The Founders Inn, 5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach, VA**

\*\*\*\*\* Preregistration required. Registrations must be postmarked by 8 April. \*\*\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AACA Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ AACA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

*All displayed vehicles must have a visible, fully-charged, operable, UL-approved fire extinguisher.*

VEHICLE #1—Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

AACA Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle award sought: ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA DO NOT  
Junior Senior Preservation HPOF DPC JUDGE

VEHICLE #2—Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

AACA Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle award sought: ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA DO NOT  
Junior Senior Preservation HPOF DPC JUDGE

*Please add any additional vehicles you wish to enter on another form and staple it to this sheet.*

I would like to help judge at the ODMA Meet. PREFERRED CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ ANY CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that the Tidewater Region AACA, Old Dominion Meet Association, The Founders Inn, named sponsors, and directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents of the above will not be held liable for any injury or damage incurred by the listed vehicle(s) entered in the show before, during, or after the Old Dominion Meet on April 21-22, 2017. I agree to abide by all guidelines of this show as outlined on this form and provided at the show. I further certify that I carry the required Liability Damage Insurance on the listed show vehicle(s) and my trailer(s) and tow vehicle(s) for the state in which they're registered.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vehicles Registered: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer Parking (Trailer Length: \_\_\_\_\_): \_\_\_\_\_ @ Free = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Ice Cream Social tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Box Lunch (circle choices): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar Salad Ham Sandwich Roast Beef Sandwich Turkey Sandwich

(Each box lunch includes your choice of salad or sandwich, potato chips, cookie, apple, and choice of soft drink or bottled water.)

Saturday Night Awards Banquet Buffet tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to "TRAACA"*

Total enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

For more info, see the ODMA website ([www.odma.aaca.com](http://www.odma.aaca.com)) or call Meet Co-Chairs—Mark & Marion McAlpine—at (757) 967-0074 or Registration Co-Chairs Richard & Sandy Hall at (757) 482-2821

**Mail this form & check to: Richard & Sandy Hall, 500 Mustang Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23322**



# TRAACA Boy Scout Training Session

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Story by Sam Kern. Photos by Bob Stein.



Sam Kern & Jim Villers instructing Boy Scout Troop 36

Thanks to five TRAACA members, six members of Boy Scout Troop 36 recently received their Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge. The 2-hour training session took place on Saturday, February 4, at the Military Aviation Museum in Pungo. Troop 36, of Carrollton, VA, camped on the museum grounds Friday and Saturday nights (in 40-degree weather—burr!). The boys were accompanied by three Scout leaders.

In a nutshell, to be awarded the Automotive Maintenance

Merit Badge the boys are required to know how to properly and safely maintain a modern car, everything from checking the oil and tires to completing the many service requirements. The essence is to carefully follow the vehicle's owner's manual.

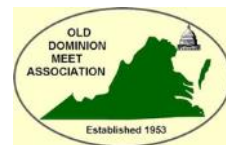
Sam Kern, Bob Parrish, Bob Stein, Bill Treadwell, and Jim Villers served as the instructors, each covering different topics. Bob Parrish used his 1958 Chevrolet Corvette as a backdrop for cooling systems; Bob Stein used his 1989 Buick Reatta for understanding dashboard instruments; Jim Villers jacked-up his 1967 Mercedes Benz 230SL to demonstrate how brakes work and how to safely change a tire; Bill Treadwell described engine, drive train, ignition and electrical systems with his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro; and Sam Kern covered general maintenance and safety, allowing the boys to actually do the checks on his 2010 Ford Fusion. Using vintage cars helped maintain the boys' attention, exposed them to the mechanical fundamentals, and gave them a sense of how much easier (but no less important) it is to maintain new cars than older ones. We followed an outline Jim Villers prepared to cover all of the required topics. The Boy Scouts were truly interested & engaged for the full 2-hours. We concluded by inviting Troop 36 to our 44th Annual Meet to be held at the museum on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

The TRAACA has been asked to provide another Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge training session at the museum on Saturday, March 18th. Please contact Sam Kern if you would like to be an instructor.



## 2017 ODMA Meet

Founders Inn & Spa, Virginia Beach, VA  
Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017



Every year the Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) hosts an antique automobile show somewhere in the state of Virginia. (Thus, the name "The Old Dominion Meet.") The 2017 ODMA Meet is being hosted by us—the TRAACA. We are holding the Meet at the Founders Inn & Spa located at 5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, on Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017. The hotel & grounds are located on the campus of Regent University and are beautiful.

This year's meet features a special AACA Judging School (taught by Dain King, the AACA Judging School Instructor) and AACA Continuing Judges Education (CJE) classes on Friday afternoon. You will receive AACA judging credits for attending these classes if you judge at an AACA national meet in 2017.

Check out the line-up of activities for the ODMA Meet:

### Friday, 21 April 2017 (Starting ~12:00 PM):

- Pick-up Registration Packets and "Goody Bags" in hotel lobby
- Trailer Parking open
- AACA National Judging School
- AACA National CJE Seminars
- Evening Ice Cream Social (great time to socialize & peruse the Silent Auction items)
- Silent Auction (there will be great items for you to bid on)

### Saturday, 22 April 2017 (Starting ~8:00 AM):

- Pick-up Registration Packets and "Goody Bags" on show field
- Trailer Parking open
- Silent Auction open
- Judges Meeting

- Owners Meeting
- Judging of Vehicles
- Preordered Box Lunches available (in tent on show field)
- Dinner Buffet Awards Banquet in ballroom of hotel

### Special Features:

- Free trailer parking and the show field are both on the grounds of the Founders Inn
- The Founders Inn is a pet-friendly hotel with its own fenced dog park
- The hotel is offering great room rates of \$104.00/night for a queen bed or \$114.00/night for two double beds. And these rates are available from Thursday-Monday, April 20-24, 2017. (When you make your reservation, remember to tell them that you are attending the ODMA Meet.)
- The hotel has a restaurant, pub, spa, indoor pool and fitness facility
- The surrounding area has shopping, restaurants and of course the beach is not far away
- Box lunches can be preordered for Saturday (see registration form) or you can enjoy the hotel's lunch buffet

Please plan to bring your antique vehicles to the ODMA 2017 Meet, and hopefully volunteer a little of your time to help out. What a great opportunity to show off the Tidewater area and the great people in our region. Come out and help our friends (old and new) feel welcome. Remember, it won't be a car show without you! [The registration form is on the club website—[www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com) —and Page 15 of this issue of *The Mudflap*.]





# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



## Members celebrating birthdays in March



Liz Coburn	Cindy Overton
David Curl	Jack Pavlidis
Nancy Eberle	Karl Schlenkermann
Scott Hancox	Bobby Sellers
Sally Hartman	Margie Tillett
Lynn Heimerl	Linda Treadwell
Melanie Kordis	Larry Wickham
Earl McLaughlin	



## Members celebrating anniversaries in March



Mike & Darlene Brown  
Johnny & Carol Miles  
Jon & Barbara Sieck

## Sunshine Report

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

- **Joan Capps**, Briant Capps' wife, passed away on 16 July, 2016. She was 78. (We apologize for the delayed notification—we just received the information recently.)
- **Ashley Via, Harold Via, Jr.'s granddaughter**, passed away on 10 February in Virginia Beach. She was 31.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Betty Banbury** had an MRI and other tests done on 24 February for recent fainting spells.
- **Tom Poe** had emergency heart bypass surgery on 17 February, and is recovering well.
- **Barbara Talley** had knee replacement surgery on 13 February, is doing her therapy, and recovering well.
- **Viator Trudeau** was injured in a fall at home, is undergoing physical therapy, and recovering at home.
- **Janice Weaver** suffered a heart attack on 20 January in Burlington, NC, but is doing well recovering at home.
- **Bill Wilcox** had serious oral surgery on 19 February. Full recovery is estimated to take six months.

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to Vickie Doscher at 672-3755 or vlv78@hotmail.com.



## Recent Award Winners



### AACA National Awards:

- **Holly Forrester** received the George R. Norton, Jr., Membership Award for her efforts as the Program Coordinator for the AACA Military Sponsorship Program.
- **Tim Hund** received the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Award for his 1932 Auburn 8-100A Phaeton.
- **Marion & Mark McAlpine** received an AACA Master Editor Award for our region's *The Mudflap* newsletter.
- **Bob Parrish** received the Founders Award for his outstanding leadership and contributions to the AACA.
- **Bob Stein** received an AACA Master Webmaster Award (his 17th in a row!) for our region's website.



TRAACA members gather with outgoing AACA First Lady Dot Parrish (far left) after her First Lady's Breakfast on Friday, February 11th, at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. (Incoming AACA First Lady, Tammy Cox, is third from right in the front row.)



# TRAACA



## Annual Swap Meet Saturday, March 11, 2017

Military Aviation Museum  
1341 Princess Anne Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23457

*Free Swap Meet admission & parking for spectators.  
(Admission to museum not included.)*

*Indoor and outdoor vendor spaces available.*

*Registration forms and more information at club website: [www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com).*



### Virginia Chevy Lovers



13th Annual

## Spring Dust Off Car Show

Saturday, April 1, 2017

(Rain date is Saturday, April 8, 2017)

Registration: 8:30-11:30 AM / Awards at 3:00 PM

Landstown Commons Shopping Center  
Virginia Beach, VA

Preregistration: \$20 / Day of Show: \$25  
Open to all makes and models

See VCL website for registration form: [www.virginiachevylovers.org](http://www.virginiachevylovers.org)

*Proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation*

For more info contact John Herbert at (757) 421-0749 or [blkpwrdrfrm@cox.net](mailto:blkpwrdrfrm@cox.net)



18th Annual  
**Williamsburg**



## British & European Car Show

Saturday, April 22, 2017

(rain or shine)

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Chickahominy Riverfront Park  
1350 John Tyler Hwy (Rt 5), Williamsburg, VA

Pre-Registration: \$20 (must be received by April 8)

Late Registration & Day of Show: \$25

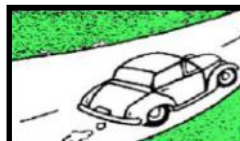
**This year's featured marque: MGC and MGC-GT**

Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and food vendors

*Portion of proceeds to benefit local Hospice*

See Williamsburg British Car Club website for information & registration form:  
<http://www.wmbgbrit.com>

For more info contact Roy Gavilan at (757) 637-5902



### DOWN THE ROAD

### Other Regional and Local Events

#### MARCH 2017

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

#### APRIL 2017

1 13th Annual Virginia Chevy  
Lovers Spring Dust Off  
Virginia Beach, VA

6-9 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte Auto Fair  
Charlotte, NC

22 18th Annual British and  
European Car Show  
Williamsburg, VA

19-23 Spring Carlisle  
Carlisle, PA

21-22 64th Annual ODMA Meet  
Founders Inn & Spa  
Virginia Beach, VA

28-30 Goodguys Rod & Custom  
3rd North Carolina Nationals  
Raleigh, NC

30 Piedmont Region AACA  
43rd Annual Carfest  
Charlottesville, VA

#### MAY 2017

7 7th Annual LCpl Cody  
Childers All Wheels Show  
Virginia Beach, VA

27 Twin County Region AACA  
24th Annual "Memories on  
Main Street" Car Show  
Galax, VA

#### JUNE 2017

2-4 Carlisle Ford Nationals  
Carlisle, PA

23-25 Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals  
Carlisle, PA

#### JULY 2017

14-16 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals  
Carlisle, PA

14 Collector Car Appreciation  
Day Car Show  
Daniels Performance Group  
Smithfield, VA

15 Collector Car Appreciation  
Day Car Show  
Gloucester, VA

*Car season is almost upon us.  
Finish your projects & get your  
vehicles ready for the upcoming  
2017 AACA & ODMA Meets!*





## EDITOR'S DESK

**Marion & Mark McAlpine**

mmmcalpine05@msn.com / (757) 967-0074

Wow, where did the month of February go? It seems like only yesterday that we were in the ballroom at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, PA, with Bob Stein asking all TRAACA members to stand and put on our Harry Potter-style "nerd" glasses to welcome (embarrass) fellow TRAACA member Tom Cox as he took over as the AACA National President from Bob Parrish, also a fellow TRAACA member. For those who were unable to attend the AACA Annual Meeting this year, there were some great seminars, including several presented by TRAACA members (Terry Bond, Linda Pellerin, Tony Scarpelli, and Bob Stein). And several TRAACA members received National Awards. (See the complete list of the awards on the Members' Page—Pg. 17—of this issue).

We are gearing up for the 2017 car season, and looks like it will be an exciting and busy year. There is buzz in the air about many events in the Tidewater area, two of which are approaching quickly and are being hosted by us—the TRAACA! These two events are the TRAACA's Annual Swap Meet being held at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach on Saturday, 11 March, and the 2017 ODMA Meet being held at the Founders Inn & Spa in Virginia Beach on Friday-Saturday, 21-22, April.

Personally, I have only a small part in the Swap Meet—I'm helping to round up people and items for our Bake Sale table. So, I hope you will bring items for the bake

sale and, if you can spare some time, come sit with us at the table and help us sell our treats. The conversation is always fun.

Alternately, you can reserve a vendor space and sell some of extra spare parts, tools, books, and automobilia. And remember, if you are unable to come to the Swap Meet, but are willing to donate items to sell, let me know and I can try to hook you up with a TRAACA member near you to hand off your goods.

After you swing tour the Swap Meet and visit the Bake Sale to buy some goodies, come by our personal table. (Mark & I will have a table at the Swap Meet for the first time this year.) I hope we will have something you can take home and help us clean out our garage a little.

As for the 2017 ODMA Meet, I have a much bigger role. Mark & I are the Co-Chairs for the meet. I've been busy coordinating with the Founders Inn & Spa, whose staff have been great about helping us work out the details of the event. Huge thanks to Sandy Hall for all her work coordinating with the other 12 ODMA regions. And thank you to those of you who have already offered to volunteer your time. As with all events we do as a club, the more people helping, the easier it is on all those involved. We can still use help in many areas, so please give us a call or drop us an e-mail if you can volunteer some time. And, most importantly, please bring out your car(s) to the meet. The TRAACA has a great reputation among the antique car world as being a very active and fun club. Let's demonstrate this to the other ODMA regions by showing up in force for the meet!

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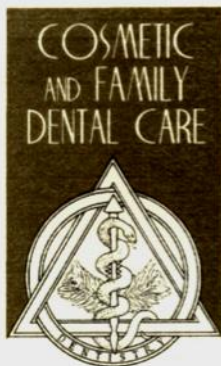
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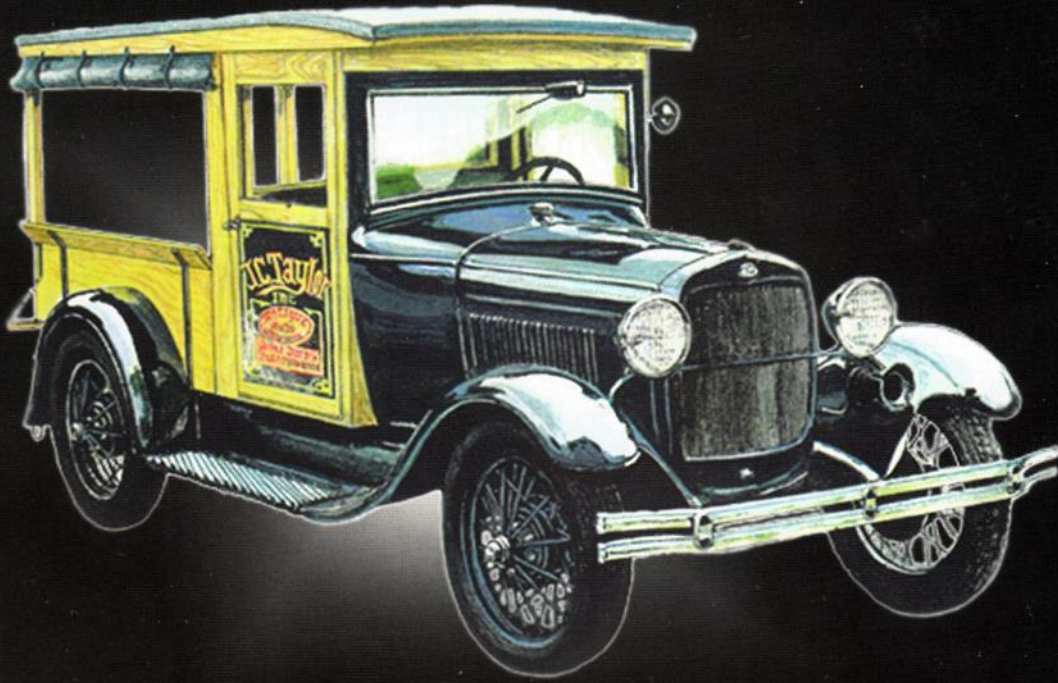


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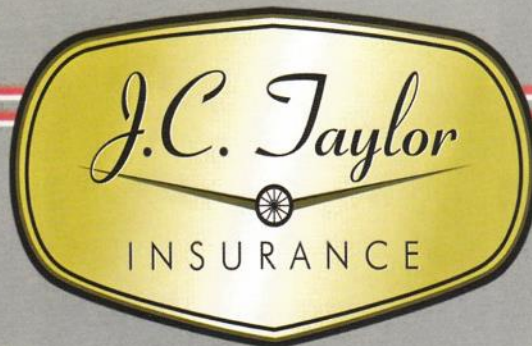
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