

The Mudflap



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Dinner & Lantern Asia Display Saturday, April 14, 2018

Join us Saturday evening, April 14th, for a stroll through the Norfolk Botanical Garden's *Lantern Asia* display. We will start the night off at 5:00 PM at the Azalea Inn restaurant, home to great Italian and Greek food. The restaurant is located two miles from the Botanical Garden.

After dinner we will head over to the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Unlike our drive-thru of the Garden's Holiday Lights display in December, *Lantern Asia* is a walking tour. According to the Visit Norfolk website, we will "Take a magical, mile-long walk and witness radiating works of art . . . highlighting traditional Asian themes that include nature, wildlife, architecture and ancient folklore. These structures—some as tall as four stories—replicate those found in China, Japan, India, Thailand, Korea, Burma and Singapore. During the day, guests will have the opportunity to see the detail and craftsmanship of these mystical works of art. By night, experience the art illuminated in enormous proportions. The highly detailed workmanship of these Chinese artisans is truly awe-inspiring."

For those of you who saw the display two years ago, there are new exhibits to see

this year. An article in *The Virginian Pilot* stated that "Many of the 35 new pieces were inspired by coastal Virginia, including sea creatures and plants. . . . Also new this year will be performances by Chinese dancers. While much of the exhibit is new, some crowd favorites from 2016 have returned. . . . Those include a massive dragon, panda bears and a white pagoda" made of more than one million porcelain plates, cups, and bowls.

The club is subsidizing the tickets for the Lantern Asia Exhibit, so the cost for tickets is only \$10 per person. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes—there will be no trams running on Saturday. Please plan to join your fellow TRAACA members for great food and a fun night out!

WHEN: 5:00 PM, Saturday, April 14th

WHERE: Azalea Inn restaurant
2344 E. Little Creek Rd.
Norfolk, VA 23518

FOLLOWED BY: *Lantern Asia* display

WHERE: Norfolk Botanical Garden
6700 Azalea Garden Rd.
Norfolk, VA 23518

SIGN UP: By Sunday, April 8, by contacting Travis Berry at (757) 536-1214 or travis.berry.mail@gmail.com.



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

APRIL 2018

- 13 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 14 Lantern Asia Display
Norfolk Botanical Garden
Norfolk, VA
- 19 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 28 ODMA Old Dominion Meet
Harrisonburg, VA

MAY 2018

- 4 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 5 TRAACA Square Car Tour
(Route to be determined)
- 19 TRAACA Barbecue
Dewey & Maxine Milligan's
(instead of May Dinner Meeting)
Chesapeake, VA

JUNE 2018

- 15 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 16 TRAACA Antique Crawl
"100-mile Yard Sale"—NC
- 21 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

JULY 2018

- 6 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 19 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 27- TRAACA Weekend Tour to
29 Charlottesville, VA

AUGUST 2018

- 10 TRAACA Board Meeting
- 11 TRAACA Tour of Virginia
War Museum
Newport News, VA

From the Driver's Seat

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Let me start this month's message by addressing a serious issue. (I know—a rare occasion for me.) Many of you—if not all of you—probably received a letter (dated March 16th) from the AACA Museum making some serious allegations about the national club. I hope you also received and read closely the AACA's response, which was e-mailed to all AACA members and posted on the AACA Forum (under "General Discussion"). If you have read the AACA's response, you saw that the Museum's letter was filled with self-serving half-truths and misrepresentations.

I think the TRAACA has been very fortunate in getting the true story about the ongoing conflict between the Club and the Museum as it has continued to develop because former AACA Presidents Tom Cox & Bob Parrish and AACA Board Member Jim Elliott are fellow members of our region and have kept us up to date and answered any questions we had. Unfortunately, not every AACA region has that direct connect to the National Board, so many AACA members are confused by the issue (and apparently have not read previous messages from the Club in the *Antique Automobile* magazine or seen the messages posted on the AACA Forum website).

The bottom line is the AACA has tried everything it can to resolve the issue satisfactorily for both organizations. While the Club would prefer the Museum stop using our name and acronym (which we've used since 1935), at this point the Club asks only one basic—and pretty simple—thing: for the Museum to add a disclaimer that it is not affiliated with the Antique Automobile Club of America. (In return, the AACA would add a disclaimer that it is not affiliated with the Museum.) If the Museum would agree to this, the friction would be over and both organizations could move forward without wasting further effort and resources. The AACA does not wish the Museum any harm. It's a great museum and we hope it does well. We just don't want it to mislead or

confuse AACA members and others. If you have questions about this issue, please read the AACA's response letter if you haven't already done so. You can also talk to me, Jim Elliott, or Bob Parrish—as AACA Board Members we're all up to speed on what's happened to date and what's going on now. (You can also talk to Tom Cox, but because he lives in Roanoke and only attends a few TRAACA activities a year, he's a little harder to reach.)

On a more pleasant note, AACA Headquarters hopes to release drawings by the end of April of what the new AACA Headquarters and Library & Research Center building will look like when we move into it. In case you missed the news, the building the Club purchased is adjacent to the show field where the AACA Eastern Division Fall Meet is held in Hershey, PA, and at 34,500 square feet it is considerably larger than the Club's current building (which was built in the 1930s, doesn't have an elevator—which makes it tough for some members with mobility challenges, let alone to move the large collections of literature the Library receives and stores), and has problems occasionally with flooding in the basement. This new (for the Club) building will allow the Library to expand its holdings and continue to live up to its reputation as "America's Automotive Library" for many decades to come. The Club will take possession of the building after the current owner—the Pennsylvania-American Water Company—moves out in the first quarter of 2019 (we hope), reconfigure the interior for the AACA Headquarters and AACA Library, and with a little bit of luck move into the building in time for the 2019 Hershey Meet.

The TRAACA Activities Committee has planned some fun things for us to do over the next couple months. On Saturday, 14 April, we're going to the Azalea Inn restaurant in Norfolk for dinner, then going to see the Lantern Asia display at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. If you didn't see it when it was here in 2016, it's fantastic—and they've added more! On Saturday, 19 May, we're holding the TRAACA's Final Annual BBQ, being graciously hosted by Dewey & Maxine Milligan at their home in Chesapeake. Did I mention that it's free for TRAACA members? Look for more info in the May *Mudflap*.

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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 to these e-mails** 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!

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From the Running Board
Mar 2, 2018 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes
 (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

Officers Present: Mark McAlpine (President), and Charlie Dawson (Treasurer). Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Travis Berry, Scott Davies, and Tim Hund. Members present: Ellen Adams, Marion McAlpine, Bill Treadwell, and Linda Treadwell.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:29 PM.

President: Thanked all for coming, especially with the windy weather. Reported Matt & Vickie unable to attend due to lack of power at home.

Vice President: No report—not present.

Secretary’s Report: Secretary not present. The February Board Meeting minutes were sent out by e-mail and approved by the Board, and a summary printed in the March *Mudflap*.

Treasurer’s Report:

- February monthly reports reviewed. Final renewal received for 2018 *Mudflap* advertising.
- Reported that members are sending donations for the AACA Donation Fund established in February for the new AACA Headquarters and Library & Research Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities Committee (Travis Berry, Matt Doscher, Marion McAlpine, and Wayne Milligan):

- Sunday, 4 Mar 2018: TRAACA Theater Night: “*The Hound of the Baskervilles*” at Wells Theater in Norfolk. Dinner after play at Grace O’Malley’s Irish Pub near the theater. Reservations are now closed.
- Saturday, 14 April 2018: TRAACA April Activity with dinner at Azalea Inn in Norfolk, followed by Lantern Asia Display at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Info in *Mudflap* and *Mud Speck*. Club will be subsidizing tickets at \$10/ member. Please notify Travis if interested in attending.

Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):

- Thursday, 15 Mar 2018: Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn— Norfolk Airport. Special St. Patrick’s Day-themed meal, club to subsidize meal \$5/member. Guest Speaker: U.S. Army veteran CSM Dennis John Woods talking about his 57 months of combat in Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Thursday, 19 Apr 2018: Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn— Norfolk Airport. Guest Speaker: Tane Casserly, NOAA, talking about U-Boats off the mid-Atlantic Coast during WWII.

Membership (Jerry Adams):

- Status as of 28 February 2018: 151 memberships & 256 members. This number reflects only those who have renewed both local and national. There are still a few members who have paid TRAACA, but not AACA. Mark working on contacting them to explain the need to do both.

2018 Swap Meet (Bill Treadwell):

- Progress report reviewed. Permits, Meet insurance, Porta-Potties arranged.
- To prevent bringing the club trailer to the Swap Meet, request people identify items they may need from club trailer and arrange in advance for them to be brought to the Swap Meet.

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- Bill to check on Museum admission wristbands for volunteers and vendors.

Unfinished Business:

- Annual Meet (22 Sep 2018): Need Chairperson. Plan to step up the recruiting after the Swap Meet. Hope to do special display for 100th anniversary of Chevy trucks. Plans underway to have 1955 Chevy Bookmobile from the AACA Library on display. Looking for cars and maybe a motorcycle along with a WWI plane for the dash plaque.

Unfinished Business:

- Sunshine Report: Board discussed the need for the position, and if there should be changes. Board agreed should continue the position, particularly for sending cards and possibly emails to members. Discussed the possibility of all the information from members being coordinated through Bob Stein, who in turn can run information in *Mud Speck* and pass information onto the Sunshine Reporter and *Mudflap* editors. Carol Milligan wishes to step down as Sunshine Reporter. Linda Treadwell offered to fill position. Mark will discuss with Bob and Linda about coordinating efforts mentioned above.
- Updating Awards Manual: Mark suggested changing the requirements on the Merritt Horne Participation Award. The award recipient(s) to be TRAACA member(s) in good standing and not an active Board Member(s). Board approved.
- Reducing Cost for Hardcopy Distribution of Newsletter and Membership Roster:
 - For newsletters, Mark suggested the following: Starting immediately: 1) New TRAACA members will only be offered newsletters digitally; 2) Current members getting mailed copies with an e-mail address will be asked to voluntarily opt out of mailed copies; 3) Current members without e-mail addresses will be “grandfathered in” to continue getting mailed copies; 4) Hardcopies directed/ required by AACA Headquarters will continue to be provided. In addition, starting 1 January 2019: 1) Current members with e-mail wishing to continue receiving hardcopies will be charged an additional fee with membership renewal, amount TBD by Board. This policy will be reiterated to those members affected beginning on or about 1 August 2018. The amount to charge for printed copies tabled at this time. The Board approved the suggestions.

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TRAACA Annual Swap Meet Saturday, March 10, 2018

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

Once again, the saying “March comes in like a lion” was an accurate description of the weather for the TRAACA’s Annual Swap Meet held on Saturday, March 10th. The day started out cloudy and windy with temperatures in the 20s. By 10:30 AM, the weather turned worse with gusty winds and heavy rain. A record number of vendors and spectators had descended upon the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach. Unfortunately, once the rain came everyone quickly packed up and left. The weather prediction had only been for a 20% chance of rain that morning!

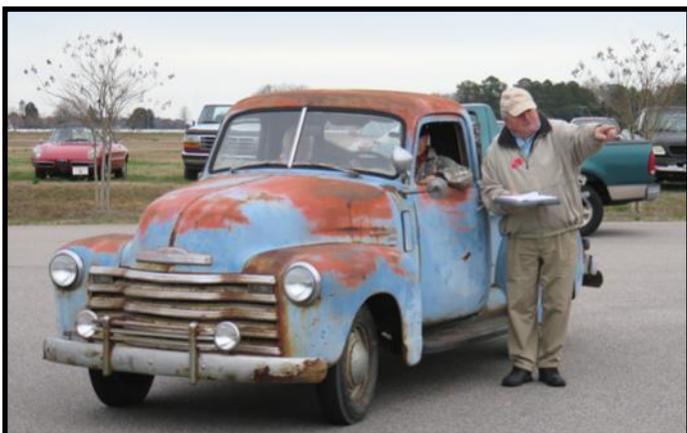
A brave crew of TRAACA volunteers were able to fight the fierce winds on Friday afternoon to mark the field, but we were unable to put out any signs as they would have blown into North Carolina! It was a bit of a scramble Saturday morning, but the museum’s crew of volunteers was hard at work by 6:00 AM moving the planes out of the hangar. The dedicated TRAACA members were able to get the signs out, and get the tables set up inside the Navy Hangar for the indoor vendors and the Bake Sale by 7:30 AM, allowing the early bird shoppers to peruse the indoor tables. The outside vendor spaces began filling up rapidly, and by 8 AM the flea market was in full swing. Apparently, most people were betting the weather would remain dry. We saw a lot of stuff change hands early in the day, and there were some great discoveries. Mark McAlpine was able to pick up an M&M plastic basketball figure for a great price for Jim & Donna

Elliott. John Heimerl and Tom Norris reported having a successful day, despite the rain.

You could find just about anything car-related at the Swap Meet. There were brass lamps, mag wheels, porcelain signs, vintage license plates, gas pumps, tools, a Chevrolet 350-c.i. engine, and parts for just about any vehicle ranging from the early 1900s to modern day. Automobilia collectors found a great selection of hood ornaments, spark plugs, models, early toys, automobile literature, all the things you never thought you really needed.

Thanks go out to Barry Basnight for picking up the coffee, hot chocolate, coffee percolators, tables, etc., from Bob Hanbury, and, with help from Jerry Adams, kept the hot drinks available all morning. Thank you to the ladies that helped at the Bake Sale table and those club members who supplied the delicious goodies for us to sell.

There are too many people to thank by name, and there would surely be someone whom I would forget to list. For those that helped with registration, field layout, concessions, vendor check-in, set-up and cleanup, your help was very much appreciated. A *BIG THANK YOU* to Terry Bond who decided after 20+ years as Swap Meet Co-Chairperson to step down, and to Bill Treadwell for taking over the position in 2018. (Hopefully, he will return again to be the Chairman in 2019.) Thank you also to Terry’s Co-Chair Neil Sugermeier for continuing as the Registration Chairperson.



Swap Meet Chairman, Bill Treadwell, checking in vendors



Ken Talley cruising the Swap Meet on his classic three-wheeler



(L-R) Wayne Milligan, Travis Berry, Jerry & Ellen Adams, Bill Treadwell, and Charlie Dawson worked Registration



(L-R) Dot Parrish, Toni McChesney, Marion McAlpine, Abigale Adams, and Kim Berry stocking the Bake Sale table



(L-R) Matt & Vickie Doscher and Bob Stein inside the hangar



Looking for a ready-to-install high-performance flathead engine?



Things were bustling in the outdoor vendor area



You can't have a Swap Meet without Kettle Corn



(L-R) Maxine Milligan and Margie Tillett stroll the Car Corral



No, it's not a toy—a Crosley convertible for sale at the Swap Meet



The TRAACA Swap Meet attracts both classic car owners and street rod owners, all looking for a good deal or that special find



(L-R) Gordon Garnett, Wayne Milligan, and Travis Berry with Gordon's 1977 Lincoln Town Car in the Car Corral



TRAACA Theater Day

“The Hound of the Baskervilles”

Norfolk, Virginia

Saturday, March 4, 2018

Story by Carol & Wayne Milligan. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

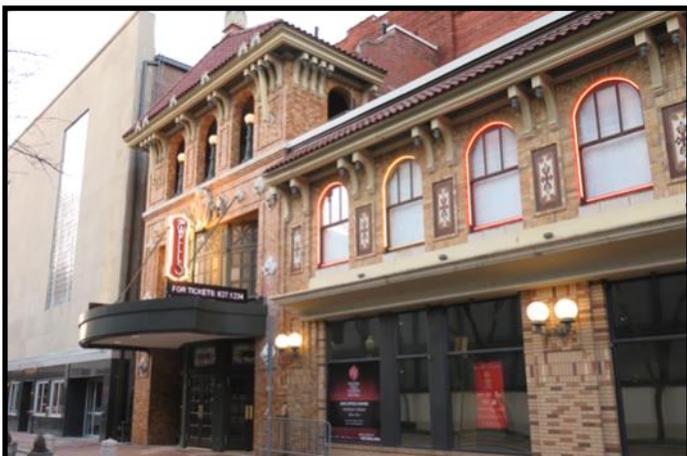
Sixteen TRAACA members and two guests met at the historic Wells Theatre in downtown Norfolk on Sunday, March 4th, to attend the play *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. The play was a comedic adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes classic. It told the story of an attempted murder inspired by the legend of a fearsome, diabolical hound of supernatural origin. The Wells Theatre version included three actors playing more than 20 characters in a very funny spoof of the classic. A fast-paced story followed the dynamic pair of Watson & Holmes as they debunked the family curse. The play lasted two hours and laughter was heard throughout the entire play.

The Hound of the Baskervilles was well presented by the Virginia Stage Company, and the Wells Theatre provided a fantastic venue. Per the theater's website, "The Wells was built in 1912 and once served as the opulent flagship for Wells Amusement Enterprises, a string of forty vaudeville theaters throughout the South." The Virginia Stage Company and the Wells Theatre truly are treasures within downtown Norfolk.

Following the play, the group walked a short distance to Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub & Restaurant for dinner. Since St. Patrick's Day is a March "holiday," we dined at this locally-owned and family-run restaurant. It offered an authentic Irish pub experience reflecting the heritage and experiences of the owners. Virtually everything in the bar and restaurant was hand crafted in Ireland, including the storefront. Their recipes come from the kitchens of friends and families in both Ireland and America and include a vast selection of Irish beverages.

TRAACA members included Margie & Mark Anthony, Kim & Travis Berry, Vickie & Matt Doscher, Marion & Mark McAlpine, Debbie & Dana Meadows, Carol & Wayne Milligan and daughter Jessica, Linda & Bill Treadwell and daughter Michelle, and Jim & Betty Villers.

The Board has voted to subsidize many of the Club's activities this year, including the play *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Please take advantage of this Club benefit and consider joining future Club events. We're sure you will enjoy both the activity and spending time with your TRAACA friends.



The historic Wells Theater in downtown Norfolk



Who knew "The Hound of the Baskervilles" could be hilarious?



Some TRAACA members gather in the lobby before the show



During intermission, some TRAACA members discussed which Sherlock Holmes story is their favorite

AACA Display at the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance Saturday-Sunday, February 24-25, 2018

Story and Photos by Jim Elliott

The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) provided a special display at the 12th Annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance held on February 25, 2018 in Boca Raton, Florida. Thirty AACA cars were invited for the display entitled "Cars through the Decades."

Donna and I were invited and attended with our 1903 Cadillac Rear Entrance Tonneau. The AACA display was centrally located on the show field and attracted enormous attention. An AACA membership tent adjoined the display and was hosted by Director Dave Anspach and former Directors Jack Armstrong and Michael Jones.

A Saturday seminar on the future of the hobby was conducted by Executive Director Steve Moskowitz and Head Librarian, Chris Ritter from the AACA Library and Research Center.

Sunday was show day, and the south Florida weather was perfect. Celebrity judges Jay Leno, Tim Allen and Wayne Carini looked over the 200 cars in attendance. An estimated 10,000 spectators were present.

Every AACA display car received a gorgeous hand-blown glass trophy. Two cars from the display received major awards: Richard Harding's 1928 Auburn (the 2017 AACA Zenith Award winner) received the award for Best Pre-War Open Car. Our 1903 Cadillac received the runner-up award in the Hagerty Youth Judging competition as well as the Sponsor's Choice Award.

The AACA plans to schedule future additional displays at many of the upcoming major concours events.



Jim & Donna Elliott arrive in style at the Boca Raton Concours



Trophy presented to AACA display cars



Donna Elliott with some famous guy from TV (Jay Leno)—note the matching shirts!



Part of the special AACA Display at the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance on February 24-25, 2018



AACA Winter Meet Mobile, AL March 22-24, 2018



Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

What a great job the Deep South Region (DSR) of the AACA did on the AACA Winter Meet, held on March 22-24, 2018, in Mobile, AL! For those who are unaware, the 2018 AACA Winter Meet was originally scheduled to take place in Puerto Rico. Unfortunately, Hurricane Maria devastated the island in September 2017. In fact, at the time of this writing, there are still areas of Puerto Rico without electricity. With only a number of months to prepare for the AACA Winter Meet, the DSRAACA agreed to take on the challenge.

Although rather breezy, the weather was wonderful in Mobile, AL. Prior to arriving in Mobile, participants traveling from the northeast and mid-Atlantic states had to face the remnants of the fourth snow storm in three weeks to hit the Atlantic Coast. Some AACA members couldn't depart when planned because of the snow and reported driving 20+ hours to get to the meet. Some participants were unable to attend the Winter Meet at all due to the weather.

On Thursday, the group was invited to the Henderson Collection in Mobile for a free Ice Cream Social and tour of the car collection. The group was surprised upon arrival with more than just ice cream. The DSRAACA had arranged for some great southern food including seafood gumbo, the "World Famous Dew Drop Inn Hot Dogs" (a hot dog with homemade chili, sauerkraut, mustard, ketchup, and a pickle)

slice), chicken salad sandwiches, chips & dips, and several desserts in addition to the ice cream—all for free! According to its website, the Dew Drop Inn is the oldest restaurant in Mobile and has been enjoyed by Jimmy Buffet, a native of Mobile. Carl Schneider, a friend of Jim Henderson, talked about his 1997 participation in the reenactment of the "1907 Peking to Paris Motor Challenge" with a 1954 Packard Straight Eight Convertible. (The reenactment has been held four more times since then and is next scheduled to occur in 2019.) The car collection was spectacular, the hospitality wonderful, and the food awesome. The Henderson family's generosity hosting the event was very much appreciated.

On Friday, AACA members could attend trolley tours in town, which many members attended and enjoyed. Some members explored the city museums, antique shops and checked out the local restaurants. The city of Mobile has some old buildings with very interesting architecture. Apparently, the first Mardi Gras parade was started in Mobile, AL. Mobile continues to have a Mardi Gras parade every year, and they are proud to say that theirs is a more family-friendly celebration than most.

Saturday was the AACA Winter Meet show. The show field was located next to the Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center, along the Mobile River. The host hotel—the Renaissance Riverview Plaza—was located across the street from the convention center, making it convenient to get to the show field. (There were great views from the hotel's windows of the sunrises, the gulf and the shipyards.) There were close to 110 cars registered for the show, many vying for their first AACA award.

The Awards Banquet Saturday evening was held in the Convention Center and was well attended. The DSRAACA held a Silent Auction in the lobby, with some very nice prizes. The food was excellent and the staff did a wonderful job getting the meals out in a timely manner. It appeared most of the participants received their desired awards.

Considering the distance to Mobile, the TRAACA was well represented at the Winter Meet. TRAACA members who attended included Susan & Terry Bond, Donna & Jim Elliott, Marion & Mark McAlpine, and Dot & Bob Parrish.



Marion McAlpine & Bob Parrish outside the Henderson Collection



1929 Lincoln with all-aluminum body at the Henderson Collection



(L-R) Dot Parrish with Peter & Claire Catanese



1938 American Bantam Model 60 roadster



1934 Ford station wagon—the “Mayor’s Choice” award winner



(L-R) 1947 Ford Super Deluxe and 1927 REO Speedwagon Junior



1936 Chrysler C-9 Airflow coupe



1941 Cadillac Series 62 convertible



1956 Dodge La Femme coupe



Jim & Donna Elliott’s 1993 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 Pace Car



1960 Lincoln Continental Mark V convertible



Still Collecting Stuff — *Tire Repair Kits* By Terry Bond

So, driving season is upon us. It's time to check out your car and inventory your spare parts and tool assortment for the miles ahead. In the early days of the automobile, one of the most common problems encountered along the road was the inevitable flat tire. You needed all the necessary tools and a "kit" containing patches (or plugs) so you could make a quick roadside repair.

At the turn of the century, though, it wasn't so simple. Early tires were smooth and the rubber compounds were not as good as we have today. It was common for road hazards to take chunks out of those early tire casings, leaving the tube vulnerable, if not already damaged. Rubber compound had to be "vulcanized" into the opening in addition to making a repair on the tube itself. That process involved chemicals and heat, often generated by flame. It was a dangerous proposition and the process could last an hour or more.

Later, as tires became more reliable, the road hazard problem became more like what we see today. Nails, screws, broken glass, etc., puncture the outer casing and poke a hole in the inner tube. A simple patch could more easily solve the problem once the tire was removed.

From the earliest vulcanizing equipment to the simple tin containing glue and patches, there were literally thousands of different "kits" produced over the years. Small town gas stations had them produced with their own branding and advertising on them. Tire manufacturers themselves had their own special kits available. Auto parts stores sold their own brand kits, and even car manufacturers themselves often had their names on repair kits.

From 1900 to the present day, there are collecting opportunities in every flea market and junk shop. Often, you'll find an unused repair kit thanks to the lucky or careful driver who never needed it. Most times however, you'll find a simple empty container, the contents having been used up long ago. Those tins, however, were not tossed out—they were useful to hold nuts, bolts, nails and screws in the home workshop. That's why so many older tins have survived.



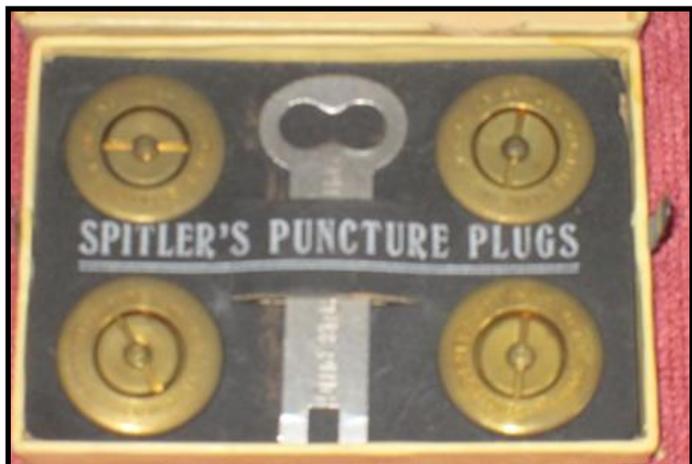
Selection of early tire repair kits displayed in Terry's recreated old auto parts store. Many early kits came in dove-tailed wooden boxes.

I've already educated you somewhat on early tins, and these are no different. Condition is everything. The best news for beginning collectors is they are not expensive! Even the earliest of them is quite affordable—with a couple of exceptions of course! Any tin picturing an early automobile will command a premium price. Michelin tyre (note the spelling) repair kits from the turn of the century were lavishly illustrated with early cars and their tires being repaired. Those kits will command several hundred dollars today.

There is a lot of collecting to go before you need one of those though. Most can be found in the \$20-\$50 price range, and the variety available is endless. I know of one long time dedicated collector who has over 400 of them displayed on shelves in the garage.



A selection of early tire repair kits—circa 1915



Brass "puncture plugs" designed to screw into a tire casing to plug a hole. Installation tool included. This NOS set was a gift to Terry from the late Merritt Horne, founding member of the TRAACA.



Early Harvey Frost vulcanizing device. A real “Rube Goldberg” contraption fueled with gasoline fire to produce steam heat.



Early Michelin tire repair kit. Each side of the box is illustrated with a different scene showing tire repair. Circa 1903.

The early vulcanizing kits are also sought after, but the more common varieties such as Schaler and Adams will cost you less than \$50 even if complete in their original box. Some of these vulcanizers came packaged in elaborately illustrated tins or boxes that can add to the value considerably.

My favorites are the early Harvey Frost vulcanizing kits. This is a whole tool kit with everything in it you'll ever need to repair even the worst disaster on the road. They are British made, but were sold widely in the USA and in Europe. It generated steam heat by soaking cotton wadding in gasoline and igniting it!

The more commonly found cardboard tube style of repair kit provides the greatest collecting opportunity if you are just getting started. The variety available is amazing, and you

can afford to be fussy regarding condition. I've often been asked if it's important that the kits have their original contents. Yes and no—depending on what it is. Those early kits are certainly more valuable if they are complete. Those later cardboard tube kits are often found incomplete—and that's ok because it's the container itself you'll want to display. Empty is just fine in that case.

I'll bet there are quite a few of you who have a couple of these sitting on a shelf somewhere. Next trip to a swap meet or even Hershey, you could easily add to your collection without investing a large sum of money.

I always warn of reproductions, but, in this case, most are not being copied today. The exception is the early Ford tire kits supplied with Model T and Model A Fords. It's long been popular for owners of these vehicles to display their tool kits along with the cars, and that provided a ready market for the parts suppliers to reproduce them. Be careful and be sure you know the difference.

Old original kits will have some wear on them. Metal caps and bases will be nicely crimped and you should see signs of use, especially on the bottom. Look carefully at tin kits. The early originals were lithographed rather than screen printed like today's reproductions. My best advice is to buy a good reproduction from one of the many parts suppliers and don't worry about trying to find an old original. Save that money for some other treasures down the road.

I hope I've inspired you to begin a new collection with these. Let me know what you find. Happy collecting!

Terry Bond



Schaler Vulcanizer in original box—circa 1915



Tire repair kit provided by Diamond-brand tires. This large kit contained patches and tools. Circa 1914.



The National Packard Museum Warren, OH



Story by Mark McAlpine. Photos by Marion & Mark McAlpine.



The National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio, in January 2018

Last Christmas, Marion & I returned home to Michigan to spend the holidays with family. On the return trip to Virginia we stopped at the National Packard Museum in Warren, OH. (Packard owners and fans know Warren as the “Birthplace of Packard.”) We’re glad we did. The museum holds a great collection, not only of cars but also of the history of Packard.

James and William Packard inherited a fortune from their father (who made his fortune beginning with a hardware store and then expanding into iron, lumber, machine shops, and stone quarry) and applied their education, hard work, and mechanical skills to build successful electric and automotive companies. The Packard Electric Company began by building light bulbs in the 1890s, is credited with transforming “Warren into the first

city in the nation with all electric street lights,” and was eventually bought (along with another light bulb company the Packard brothers had worked at) by Thomas Edison to help form General Electric. Lights bulbs continued to be manufactured in the former Packard Electric plant in Warren until 2014. (Check the spark plug wires on your antique vehicle—they might be Packard wires!)

Different sources say the Packard brothers started building cars when a new Winton automobile they bought in Cleveland, OH, 1898 broke down on the way home to Warren. When the brothers complained to the president of Winton, he reportedly told them “If you think you can build a better car, why don’t you try?”—they took the challenge and the rest is history. The Packards built their first car in 1899 and the Packard Motor Car Company (originally the Ohio Automobile Company) would go on to some of the most respected luxury cars in the world. The Packards sold their car company in 1915. The company did well until the Great Depression in the 1930s, struggled after World War II, bought Studebaker in 1953 in an effort to survive, but folded in 1958. (Studebaker continued on until 1966.)

The National Packard Museum houses a great collection of beautiful Packard automobiles, a few other cars (like a 1925 Sterling Knight) and motorcycles, and, of course, early Packard automobilia. If Marion & I won the lottery and could buy one of the cars in the museum, it would be a toss-up between the 1934 Packard coupe roadster or the 1936 convertible coupe.

If you’re ever near Warren, OH, visit the National Packard Museum—it’s definitely worth the trip!



1910 Packard Model B—the 10th Packard made in Warren, OH



(L-R) 1911 Packard Model 30 (Detroit Fire Dept. Squad Car) and 1903 Packard Model F Runabout—“Old Pacific”



1925 Sterling-Knight 5-passenger sedan



(L-R) 1926 Packard 326 Sedan and 1931 Packard Sport Phaeton



"Fairrest Scout of All"—one of the art pieces from the National Packard Museum's 2007 art project "The Spectacle of Speed"



"Packardia: Winged Elegance"—another of the art pieces from the Packard Museum's 2007 "Spectacle of Speed" art project



1934 Packard Standard 8 11017-719 Coupe-Roadster



1936 Packard 120B Convertible Coupe



1937 Packard Model 1507 Twelve Rumbleseat Roadster



1941 Packard Model 1908 Custom Super 8 One-Eighty Touring Limo by LeBaron purchased new by Mrs. Elizabeth G. Packard



1937 Packard Model 1507 Twelve Rumbleseat Roadster



1956 Packard Caribbean Convertible



Trailer to Shows

By Jim Elliott

AACA Vice President Judging

(Reprinted from the Fall 2017 AACA Rummage Box newsletter)



There are many advantages to trailering your precious beauty to a show. You don't need to worry about a breakdown from an exploding hose, broken belt, or brake issue. Your pride and joy arrives clean with no paint chips or windshield stars.

However, trailering is not to be undertaken lightly. Many trailer options exist, but the bottom line is you want to arrive safely. Your truck and trailer combination is always a bigger concern than simply driving your show car.

My preference is to pull the smallest and lightest trailer possible with the biggest and longest truck available. My crew cab, long-bed pickup with dual rear wheels has kept me safe for over 20 years with very few unintentional "exciting" moments.

There are some trailer basics that can make your trip uneventful. I have my trailer brakes, breakaway brake, and wheel bearings checked annually. Always check your lug nuts prior to leaving and again at your first gas stop. I carry a spare set in case one is lost.

Having a flat tire on the trailer is never fun. I hate to wait on AAA to change a tire, so I carry the correct size lug wrench (which will invariably be a different size than needed for your vehicle), as well as a battery-powered impact gun. Some friends carry an aluminum floor jack, but I have found the trailer ramp made by EZ Jack to be my preference.

I usually carry two trailer spare tires and wheels. If you need a second one on the road, Tractor Supply Company always carries most sizes premounted on a rim.

Always check your hitch. A receiver hitch and trailer ball with a 6,000-pound rating cannot be used if your loaded trailer exceeds 6,000 pounds. The hitch should have a weight rating equal to or larger than the ball.

Lastly, and probably most importantly, check your tires—the higher the load rating the better. A tire with a load capacity of 1,750 pounds on a dual-axle trailer results in a maximum weight of 7,000 pounds. That means your show car, trailer, and other supplies loaded in the trailer must not exceed a total of 7,000 pounds. Inflate your tires to the recommended pressure. Soft tires increase friction and therefore more heat.

Find the date code on your tires and replace them whenever they reach five years old. Storing your trailer with the tires on the ground can lead to belt separation and flat spots, so rotate the tires regularly.

If trailering seems too complicated, take the easy way out. Drive your antique and enjoy the waves and admiring looks you receive along the way.



(L-R front) 1951 Packard Pan American show car, 1936 Packard 120B convertible coupe, and another 1951 Packard Pan American show car in the main display room of the National Packard Museum in Warren, OH. In the background are two 1956 Packard Caribbeans.



AACA Calendar of Events

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

APRIL 2018

- 5-7 AACA SE Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC
- 19-21 AACA Western Spring Meet
Tucson, AZ

MAY 2018

- 11-12 AACA Central Spring Meet
Auburn, IN
- 31- AACA Grand National Meet
2 Jun Greensburg, PA

JUNE 2018

- 25-29 AACA Eastern Div. Tour
Lock Haven, PA

JULY 2018

- 11-14 AACA Eastern Spring Meet
Gettysburg, PA

AUGUST 2018

- 20-24 AACA Reliability Tour
Geneva, NY

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 12-15 AACA Central Division Tour
Texas Panhandle, TX
- 16-22 AAA Glidden Tour
Twin Falls, ID

OCTOBER 2018

- 10-13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA
- 21-26 AACA Founders Tour
Metropolis, IL

NOVEMBER 2018

- 5-9 AACA Sentimental Tour
Natchez, MS

FEBRUARY 2019

- 7-9 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA
- 21-23 AACA Winter Meet
Ocala, FL

APRIL 2019

- 4-7 AACA SE Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC

MAY 2019

- 9-11 AACA Grand National Meet
Auburn, IN

JUNE 2019

- 2-7 AACA Founders Tour
Seward, NE

AUGUST 2019

- 4-9 AACA Vintage Tour
Hershey, PA

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 19-21 AACA SE Fall Meet
Cleveland, TN



65th Old Dominion Meet



April 27-28, 2018

Lacey Spring Elementary School
8621 North Valley Pike
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802

Registration Form

Registration deadline: April 2, 2018 postmark, no exceptions

Please print or type

Name _____ Region _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ AACA # _____ (Required) Email _____
(Registration will be denied if AACA # is not on form)

CARS MUST BE ON SHOW FIELD BY 11:00 AM AND REMAIN UNTIL 3:00 PM

All vehicles must have a visible, fully-charged, operational, UL-approved fire extinguisher. No exceptions. Must be in a visible position—next to the left front tire is the preferred location.

All vehicles must be entered as ODMA Junior*, Senior**, Preservation*** or HPOF or Driver****

- * An ODMA Junior vehicle is one that has never previously won an ODMA 1st Junior Award, regardless of any other awards it may have won.
- ** An ODMA Senior vehicle is one that has previously won an ODMA 1st Junior Award.
- *** An ODMA Preservation vehicle is one that has previously won an ODMA Senior Award.
- **** HPOF vehicles must have been previously certified by AACA National. DPC vehicles do not have to be previously certified but must meet the certification criteria outlined under the AACA Official Judging Guidelines.

Vehicle 1: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ AACA Class _____

ODMA Junior _____ ODMA Senior _____ ODMA Preservation _____ HPOF _____ Driver _____

Has this vehicle ever won an ODMA award? Yes _____ No _____ Highest Award Won _____

Vehicle 2: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ AACA Class _____

ODMA Junior _____ ODMA Senior _____ ODMA Preservation _____ HPOF _____ Driver _____

Has this vehicle ever won an ODMA award? Yes _____ No _____ Highest Award Won _____

Judging School: Yes _____ Trailer/RV Parking: Yes _____

Number of vehicles registered:	_____	@ \$20.00	_____
Late registration after April 2, 2008 (Not judged)	_____	@ \$20.00	_____
Saturday Night Awards Banquet Tickets (non-refundable)	_____	@ \$21.00	_____
Friday evening social at the school	_____	@ \$5.00	_____

Total enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Tri-County Region AACA. Please enclose a SASE if you desire a confirmation.

Entries postmarked after April 2, 2008 will not be eligible for judging (no exceptions)

Judging Meeting at 10:00 AM in Lacey Spring Elementary Music Room

All vehicles must have current liability insurance coverage

My vehicle has state required liability insurance _____ Signature _____

Send this registration form and your personal check (made payable to Tri-County Region AACA) postmarked on or before April 2, 2018, to Mike Yankey, 236 Old Mill Lane, Broadway, VA 22815



NEW AACA HEADQUARTERS AND LIBRARY & RESEARCH BUILDING DONATION FUND



To: All Members of the TRAACA

From: Charlie Dawson, TRAACA Treasurer

Our local Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) has been blessed with three past National AACA Presidents (Terry Bond—2010, Bob Parrish—2016, and Tom Cox—2013 and 2017). Most recently, 2017 AACA President Tom Cox was very active in finding and purchasing a new building to house the new AACA Headquarters and Library & Research Center (“America’s Automotive Library”). (The current building is too small and falling apart.)

Your TRAACA Board members have recognized Tom’s efforts and approved the Treasurer to open an AACA Building Fund to combine any contributions received from our membership for this Fund. The TRAACA has been a leader in every major AACA endeavor and we want to be a “Plank Owner” in the new AACA building which will serve our club for generations to come.

Most of us have participated in Special Building Funds for our religious organizations and other clubs. This AACA Donation Fund is no different. It is established to help pay for the recently purchased national AACA Headquarters and Library & Research Center building and the necessary improvements to house our world-class library. Every contribution small or large will help.

Member contributions to this Fund are strictly voluntary and confidential. (We’re not going to track who contributed, only the money raised.) The TRAACA Treasurer will record the amounts contributed and report the total amount in the Fund monthly along with the Treasurer’s Report. The dollar amount accumulated in the Fund will in turn be contributed to the national AACA Headquarters and Library & Research Center Building Fund.

Please use the Contribution Form below to accompany your contribution. Make your check payable to the TRAACA (and, for your records, note in the “For” line at the bottom left corner of the check that it is for the AACA Building Fund).

**AACA Donation Fund
c/o Dawson’s Accounting
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Virginia Beach, Va. 23452**

Name(s): _____

Amount Contributed: _____



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



Members celebrating birthdays in April



Ernest Berry	Mickey McChesney
Mike Brown	Vito Serrone
Joe Burroughs	Leslie Sorey
Charlie Daniels	Linda Sorey
Joe Geib	Marty Sugermeier
Paula Hennessey	Susan Woolfitt



Members celebrating anniversaries in April



Larry & Jane Cutright
 Matt & Vickie Doscher
 Jody & Lisa Dudley
 Gordon & Nancy Garnett
 Alfonzo & Patrizia Ludovici
 Wes Neal & Nancy Soscia

Sunshine Report

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

- **Viator Trudeau** passed away on March 14th. He was 86 years old and is survived by his loving wife Janet.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Holly Forrester** had shoulder surgery at the end of February, is undergoing physical therapy, and doing well.
- **Sandy Hall** returned home and continues to recover from her surgery in late January.
- **Neil Sugermeier** had minor surgery on March 21st, is recovering at home, and is expecting to go to the AACA Meet in Charlotte next week.

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



Recent TRAACA Award Winners



AACA Winter Meet—Mobile, AL:

Jim & Donna Elliott	1993 Chevrolet Camaro First Junior Award
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TRAACA April Dinner Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Our April Dinner Meeting is on Thursday, April 19th, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Dinner is Seafood Newburg, thin-sliced Roast Beef, rice pilaf, house salad, and chef's choice of dessert.

Social hour is from 6:00-6:45 PM, with dinner at 6:45 PM, followed by a brief business meeting and then a presentation by Tane Casserly, a research coordinator and maritime archeologist at the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, who will be speaking about German U-Boats operating off the East Coast of the United States during World War II.

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!

TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2018

(continued from Page 3)

- For rosters, Jerry reported cost estimates from three printing companies. Tim Hund to contact one more company and report back to Mark. Plan is to have roster printed and available to members by March dinner meeting.
- Allowing Members to Pay Their Annual AACA National Dues to the TRAACA Region: Discussion about having members pay their annual and regional dues at the same time each year, and TRAACA to forward national dues to AACA. Many other AACA regions do this. Mark suggested Board members think about pros and cons and bring ideas to next Board Meeting.
- Sponsoring high school student(s) for Pennsylvania College of Technology's Automotive Restoration

Camp: Board discussed interest in sponsoring a club member's high school child or grandchild for this 3-day program in Pennsylvania. Cost to club would be \$350.00. Information to be advertised to club members now, with plans to send a student in 2019, if qualified student found. Requirements from applicants will be decided by Board as needed.

- **Other Business:** No reports from VPCCC or CCCHR.

Adjourned: Having no other business, motion made to adjourn by Charlie; seconded by Tim. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. Next Board Meeting is 6:30 PM on Friday, 13 April, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Marion McAlpine (filling in for Club Secretary, who was unable to attend the meeting).



**19th Annual
Williamsburg
British & European Car Show**

Saturday, April 14, 2018

(rain or shine)

9:30 AM—3:00 PM

**New Venue: The Shoppes at High Street
1430 High Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185**

Pre-Registration: \$20 (must be received by April 7th)

Late Registration & Day of Show: \$25

This year's featured marque: Daimler

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

For more info contact Roy Gavilan at (757) 637-5902 or rggavpbl@yahoo.com



Virginia Chevy Lovers



14th Annual

Spring Dust Off Car Show

Saturday, April 21, 2018

(Rain date is Saturday, April 28, 2018)

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

**Landstown Commons Shopping Center
Virginia Beach, VA**

Preregistration: \$20 (mail by 7 April) / Day of Show: \$25
Open to all makes & models cars, trucks and motorcycles 25-yrs old & older

See VCL website for registration form: www.virginiachevylovers.org

Proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

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



**First Annual
TRAACA BBQ**

at

**Dewey & Maxine Milligan's
Saturday, May 19, 2018**

The food will be catered by Southland Catering & Events

Tickets: Free for club members! (The club is paying!)

Deadline for reservations: Sunday, May 13. To reserve tickets, please contact Wayne Milligan at carowaynmilligan@cox.net or 548-1242.



**Other Regional and
Local Events**

APRIL 2018

- 5-8 Charlotte Auto Fair
Charlotte, NC
- 7 Daffodil Festival Car Show
Gloucester, VA
- 14 19th Annual Williamsburg
British & European Car Show
Williamsburg, VA
- 14 Spring Fling Car Show
Cavalier Ford Lincoln
Chesapeake, VA
- 18-22 Spring Carlisle
Carlisle, PA
- 21 Virginia Chevy Lovers
Spring Dust Off Car Show
Virginia Beach, VA
- 27-29 Goodguys Rod & Custom
4th North Carolina Nationals
Raleigh, NC
- 28 ODMA Meet hosted by
Tri-County Region AACA
Harrisonburg, VA
- 29 Piedmont Region AACA
44th Annual Carfest
Charlottesville, VA

MAY 2018

- 19 Accomack-Northampton
Region AACA Auto Show
Onley, VA
- 20 Beers & Gears Car Show
Alewerks Brewing Company
Williamsburg, VA
- 26 Twin County Region AACA
25th Annual "Memories on
Main Street" Car Show
Galax, VA
- 28 Classic Cruisers Car Club
Memorial Day Car Show
Yorktown, VA

JUNE 2018

- 1-3 Carlisle Ford Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 16 Rumble for Rescues Car Show
Daniels Performance Group
Smithfield, VA
- 22-24 Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals
Carlisle, PA

JULY 2018

- 13 National Collector Car
Appreciation Day Car Show
Daniels Performance Group
Smithfield, VA



EDITOR'S DESK

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Spring is in the air, which means car activities are springing up as well. TRAACA held its Annual Swap Meet in March. Our Swap Meet is a great way for people to start off the car season, looking for that part or tool they need or possibly selling something they no longer need. Thank you to Bill Treadwell for volunteering to replace Terry Bond as the 2018 Chairperson, to Neil Sugermeyer for continuing to serve as the Registration Chairperson this year, and to all those who volunteered to help at the Swap Meet. If only the weather had cooperated. Read more about the Swap Meet on Pages 4-5 of this issue of the *Mudflap*.

Mark and I were among the eight TRAACA members who traveled to Mobile, AL for the AACA Winter Meet held March 22-24. The Deep South Region of AACA did a terrific job on the meet. You would never guess they only had about six months to put the meet together. It takes a great deal of work to have a successful meet. (Most regions have 2-4 years to plan a meet.) We had a terrific time in Mobile and experienced some true southern hospitality. Read about the AACA Winter Meet on Pages 8-9 of this April *Mudflap*.

Well, if you are looking for something car related to do in April, there will be several opportunities available to you both locally and nationally. The AACA S.E. Spring Meet will take place in Charlotte, NC, on April 5-7. The

AACA Library & Research Center will be unveiling its newly restored AACA Library Bookmobile at the Charlotte Meet. Then on April 14th (the next weekend), the club activity will be dinner at the Azalea Inn in Norfolk, followed by a walking tour of Lantern Asia the current exhibit at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Mark & I went two years ago for the last Lantern Asia, and it was spectacular. Read about the TRAACA Lantern Asia activity and how to sign up on the cover of this April *Mudflap*. (Remember the TRAACA is subsidizing the tickets to the Norfolk Botanical Garden.) Then the following week (April 19-21) is the AACA Western Spring Meet, being held in Tucson, AZ. Mark and I are looking forward to going back to Tucson. We were stationed in Tucson in 2005-2007 at Davis-Monthan AFB for Mark's last active duty assignment. If you are not planning on going to Tucson, the Virginia Chevy Lovers (VCL) will be hosting their Spring Dust Off car show on April 21st in Virginia Beach. The VCL moved the show to later in the month this year hoping to avoid the snow that menaced the show the last two years. Finally, consider attending the 65th ODMA Meet taking place in Harrisonburg, VA on April 27-28. For more information, see the registration form on Page 15 of this April *Mudflap*.

I hope that you will be able to check out one or more of the April activities listed above. It looks like May will be a busy month for car activities, too.

Mark and I hope you and your families have a blessed and happy holiday (and that you find lots of chocolate eggs).

Marion McAlpine

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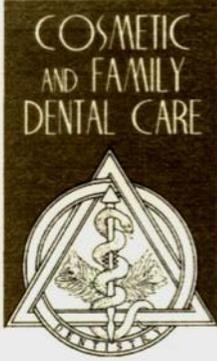
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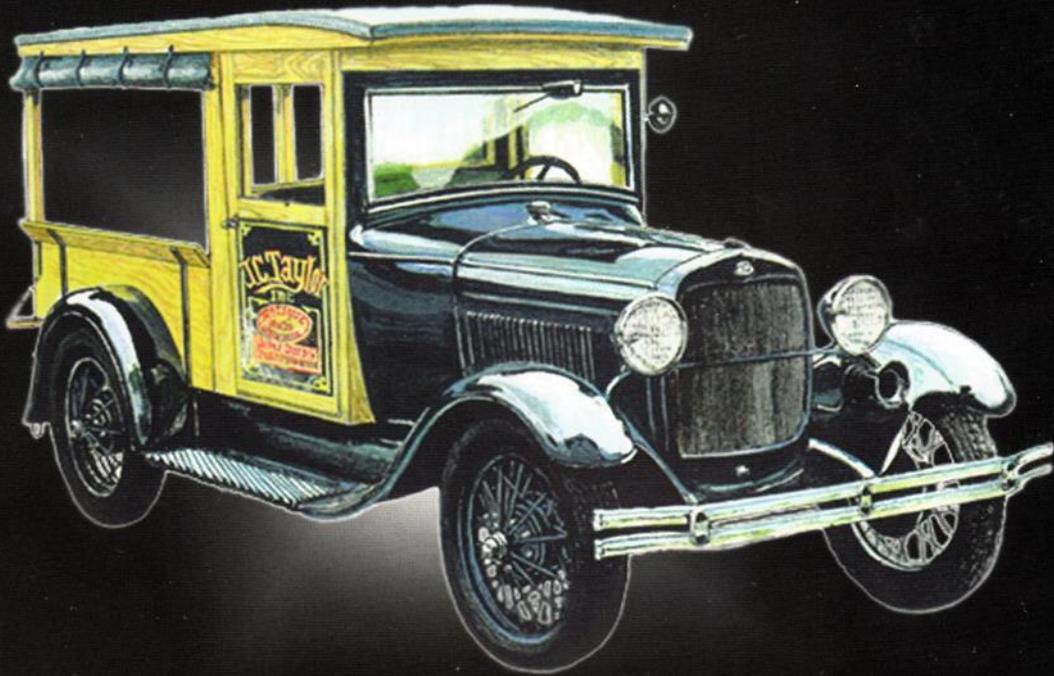
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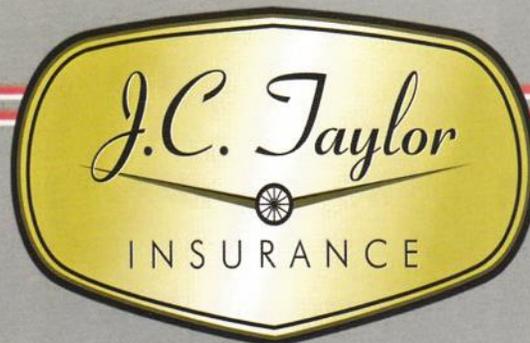
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*The TRAACA contingent visiting the Henderson Collection during the AACA's 2018 Winter Meet in Mobile, Alabama.
(L-R) Bob & Dot Parrish, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Susan & Terry Bond, and Donna & Jim Elliott.*