

News and Activities from the Tidewater Region—Antique Automobile Club of America

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Virginia International Tattoo Norfolk, VA Sunday, April 28, 2019

approximately 28 Tidewater Region will be available for sale. members will meet at the Scope Arena in Norfolk, VA, to see the world-famous couple blocks over to the Monastery Virginia International Tattoo show of Restaurant (443 Granby Street) for a nice military bands and drill teams. The dinner in our own private room. The Virginia International Tattoo has been Monastery has been in business for held since 1997, is the largest in the almost 30 years and is one of the oldest country, and is a wonderful entertaining restaurants in downtown Norfolk. The show. Military bands & drills teams from restaurant has a European atmosphere and around the world-this year including its menu features specialties from many Australia, Canada, France, Jordan, European countries. The menu includes Romania, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Hungarian Gypsy Pork Cutlet, Serbian and, of course, the United States- Goulash, Wiener Schnitzel, Chicken perform in their dress uniforms. It is a Gypsy, Stuffed Cabbage, Broiled Salmon, sight to behold and will give you goose Quiche Lorraine, Pasta Florentine, and bumps. This year's show features a many other delicious choices, so there's special tribute "Celebrating Women in something for everyone. Service to the Nation."

International Tattoo Hullabaloo where WHERE: Scope Arena, Norfolk, VA some of the bands and drill teams will be **FOLLOWED** BY: performing on the plaza outside the Scope Monastery, 443 Granby St, Norfolk, VA before the show. There will be photo ops **RSVP:** SOLD OUT

This month, on Sunday, April 28th, with the performers, and beer and food

After the Tattoo, our group will walk a

WHAT: Virginia International Tattoo If you arrive early (up to three hours **DATE:** Sunday, April 28, 2019 early), you can enjoy the free Virginia **WHEN:** 2:30 PM (arrive 30-mins early) Dinner at The



CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS: Bob Hanbury (and his racing ponies) and his 1950 Willys-Overland Jeepster. Read the article on Page 9.

TRAACA CALENDAR

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

APRIL 2019

- 11 TRAACA Board Meeting **Dawson's Accounting** Virginia Beach, VA
- 18 **TRAACA Dinner Meeting** Lake Wright Quality Suites Norfolk, VA
- 28 Virginia International Tattoo Norfolk, VA

MAY 2019

- **TRAACA Board Meeting** 9 **Dawson's Accounting** Virginia Beach, VA
- 11 **TRAACA Square Car Tour** Pungo, VA
- **TRAACA Spring Barbecue** 18 **Dewey & Maxine Milligan's** Chesapeake, VA

JUNE 2019

- TBD TRAACA Tour of Mount Pleasant Plantation and the Audrain Museum Collection Surry, VA
- **TRAACA Board Meeting** 13 **Dawson's Accounting** Virginia Beach, VA
- **TRAACA** Dinner Meeting 20 Lake Wright Quality Suites Norfolk, VA

JULY 2019

- 11 TRAACA Board Meeting Dawson's Accounting Virginia Beach, VA
- **TRAACA** Tour of Fort Wool 13 Hampton, VA
- **TRAACA Dinner Meeting** 18 **Cypress Point Country Club** Virginia Beach, VA

AUGUST 2019

3 **TRAACA** Tour of Cavalier **Hotel Distillery** Virginia Beach, VA

April 2019





In last month's article I talked about our February activity, which was a tour of the United States Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis. We showed our support of the Museum and appreciation of the guided tour by donating \$100 to the Army Transportation Museum Foundation. Little did I know that our donation would entitle us to membership within the Army Transportation Museum Foundation! In a letter dated March 4, 2019, and an official certificate to back it up, it certifies that TRAACA is the record holder of one voting membership and that we are entitled to one vote in electing the Board of Directors. I just wanted to share that with all of you as I thought it was pretty cool for us to be recognized like that!

We had a very successful swap meet this year! The move from the Military Aviation Museum to Nansemond-Suffolk Academy was the right choice. Vickie and I were not there all day long like a lot of you, but the few hours we were there we heard nothing but praise from both vendors and members. They all appreciated the ease and efficiency of checking in at the entrance and finding their respective spots whether that was inside or outside. Being adjacent to Route 460 meant easy highway access in any direction. The paved surface was a plus since patrons and vendors didn't have to worry about wet grass or mud. Bob Hanbury had his small Special Events trailer there and reported good sales. Marion McAlpine and her team of bake sale ladies reported earnings of \$353! Thanks, Marion, for continuing to spearhead this initiative each year! Because of reduced expenses & greater participation,

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Spring has finally arrived, and with it comes longer days and warmer weather! We are starting to drag our antique vehicles out from the winter hibernation, and I am sure some of us are finding some problems in doing so! This is exactly what happened to Vickie's 1965 Mercury Comet. Vickie and I were planning to drive it around to get some exercise. I backed it out of the garage and was letting it warm up in the driveway when I noticed coolant dripping on to the fan and splashing up on the underside of the hood. Lo and behold I had a small radiator leak on the top tank where it is soldered to the radiator. That solder joint had become weak and was starting to separate. I took the radiator to the fine folks at Beach Radiator who did an outstanding job as usual in repairing it and making it better than new. I re-installed the refurbished radiator and after driving the Comet around and checking for leaks I discovered the radiator was sound, but now one of the heater hoses had 3 pinhole leaks in it! I purchased and installed 8ft of new heater hose and now everything coolant related is dry again!

Matt

SAVE THE DATE! 2019 Old Dominion Meet June 7-8, 2019

This year's Old Dominion Meet is being hosted by the Historic Virginia Peninsula Region at the Holiday Inn in Newport News, VA. Information about the meet is posted on the ODMA website (<u>www.odma.aaca.com</u>) and the registration form is on Page 16 of this *Mudflap*.

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 <u>skippatnode@cox.net</u> or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

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From the Running Board

Mar 14, 2019, TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes (Minutes from the March 14, 2019 TRAACA Board Meeting were not available at the time of publication. A copy of the meeting's agenda is provided below. A final approved copy of the minutes can be obtained from the TRAACA Secretary and will be printed in the May issue of *The Mudflap*.)

Officers Present: Matt Doscher (President), Wayne Milligan (Vice President), Bill Treadwell (Treasurer), and Ellen Adams (Secretary). Board Members Present: Charlie Dawson, Tim Hund, and Dot Parrish, plus Mark McAlpine (President Emeritus). Members present: Vickie Doscher, Marion McAlpine, and Bob Parrish.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

President's Opening Remarks:

Vice President's Remarks:

Secretary's Report:

• The February Board Meeting minutes were sent & approved via e-mail and published in the March *Mudflap*.

Treasurer's Report:

• February monthly reports reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Activities:

Restaurants:

• Next dinner meeting is at Lake Wright Quality Suites on Thursday, March 21st.

Membership:

• Membership Status as of Feb 28: 178 memberships / 312 members.

Unfinished Business:

• Status of Bylaws review and update.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2019 OLD DOMINION MEET



Friday-Saturday, June 7-8, 2019

Newport News, VA

Our sister AACA region—the Historic Virginia Peninsula Region (HVPR)—is hosting this year's Old Dominion Meet on Friday-Saturday, June 7-8, at the Holiday Inn City Center in Newport News. While the HVPR is a very active region, it's also a very small region and could use the TRAACA's help.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Field Layout: Friday, June 7—late morning/early afternoon depending on the group & weather; Registration Table: Friday—12-6 PM and/or Saturday—8-11 AM; Trailer Parking: Friday—12-6 PM and Saturday—7-11 AM; Show Car Parking: Saturday—8-11 AM; Clean-Up: Saturday—3 PM or earlier.

To volunteer, please contact Donna Elliott at delliott222@cox.net or (757) 871-6701.

Of course, they also would like to see our antique vehicles at the show. Please support the HVPR, ODMA, and AACA by registering & bringing your antique car to the show. (The registration form is on Page 16.) More information & the form can also be found on the ODMA website: <u>odma.aaca.com</u>.

There will be an AACA Special Judging School and Continuing Judges Education lessons offered at the meet on Friday, June 7. You will receive judging credits if you judge at an AACA National this year.

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- TRAACA partnership with Healthy Suffolk. [Editor's Note: The club partnered with Healthy Suffolk for this year's Annual Swap Meet.]
- 2020 Swap Meet location.

Other Business:

- VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report:
- CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report:
- 2019 ODMA dues paid (\$25/year).
- 2019 Swap Meet lessons learned meeting.
- 2019 Wings & Wheels [Annual Meet] contract.
- U.S. Army Transportation Museum thanks for donation.

Adjourned: Adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next Board Meeting is Thursday, April 11, at Dawson's Accounting in Virginia Beach, VA.



TRAACA 24th Annual Swap Meet Saturday, March 9, 2019 Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Chris Hunt and Bob Stein.

This year there was a new location for the TRAACA Annual Swap Meet held on Saturday, March 9, 2019. The TRAACA Swap Meet was moved to the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy (NSA), on Pruden Blvd, in Suffolk, VA, in hopes of increasing the number of vendors and shoppers. The move proved to be a good one on both accounts.

The saying "March comes in like a lion" was an accurate description of the weather the day before the Annual Swap Meet. The day started out cloudy & windy with temperatures in the 30s with the wind chill. A brave crew of TRAACA volunteers was able to fight the cold 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! NSA staff set up long tables in the Cafetorium for the Swap Meet's indoor vendors, while TRAACA volunteers arranged chairs around the tables. Several indoor vendors were there to take advantage of the chance to set up on Friday.

On Saturday, dedicated TRAACA members got the signs out. 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 be dry, and they were right. The weather on Saturday was rather breezy, dry, and much warmer. We saw a lot of stuff change hands early and throughout the day, and there were some great discoveries!

You could find just about anything car-related at the Swap Meet. There were brass lamps, mag wheels, porcelain signs,



Terry Bond set up his tables the afternoon before the Swap Meet



Marty & Neil Sugermeyer setting up their tables on Friday afternoon

vintage license plates, gas pumps, tools, and parts for just about anything automotive ranging from the early 1900s to modern day. Automobilia collectors found hood ornaments, spark plugs, models, early toys, automobile literature, etc. all the things you never thought you really needed.

Thank you to the ladies that helped at the Bake Sale table and those club members who supplied goodies for us to sell. Once again, the Bake Sale was a success. TRAACA members also sold coffee and breakfast pastries outside, along side a food vendor set up for breakfast and lunch.

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 Bill Treadwell our TRAACA Swap Meet Chairperson and to our volunteers: Jerry & Ellen Adams, Barry Basnight, Fred Cole, Charlie Daniels, Sandy Hall, Bob Hanbury, Chris Hunt, Floyd Jolley & his grandson Brandon Moore, Sam Kern, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Mickey & Toni McChesney, Wayne Milligan, Bob & Dot Parrish, Skip Patnode, Bob Stein, and Jim Villers.

There were wonderful and positive praises from vendors, shoppers, and members. Everyone we asked commented that they definitely would be back next year. The 2019 TRAACA Swap Meet was the most successful swap meet the club has held in a long time. We look forward to returning to NSA in March 2020.



(L-R) Back row: Chris Hunt, Marion McAlpine, and Sandy Hall. Front row: Toni McChesney, Ellen Adams, and Dot Parrish.



(L-R) Bob Ward and Bob Parrish catch up on things between sales



Bob Hanbury manned the coffee trailer & refueled Barry Basnight



How did I miss buying that Model A hot rod go-kart body?



Sales (and the weather) were brisk at Tom Norris's vendor space



A great Ford Model A restoration project waiting for the right buyer



Mick McChesney manned his table & the club's merchandise table



Two of the antique vehicles for sale in the Car Corral

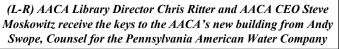


Jane & Larry Cutright didn't have much left to pack up at the end



Fred Cole considers taking on another retirement project





Congratulations—the AACA has a new home! On Tuesday, 19 March 2019, AACA Chief Executive Officer Steve Moskowitz signed the closing papers finalizing the club's purchase of the former Pennsylvania American Water Company data center adjacent to Hershey Amusement Park in Hershey, PA. After about 12 months of renovations, this new building will be the new home of the AACA Library & Research Center and AACA Headquarters. Our projected move-in date is April 15, 2020.

A new building was badly needed. Our current building is the former living quarters for the Milton Hershey School and is almost 100 years old. As you can imagine, it's a challenge to maintain, was never intended to be an office building-let alone a library-and it needs to be modernized. Probably most importantly, our Library & Research Center has outgrown the building. It made no sense to pour money into a structure that doesn't meet our current or future needs, so the club has searched for years to find a new home.

There's virtually no land open for sale in Hershey and no other suitable building could be found for sale in the area. When the American Water building became available, it was like solving a Rubik's cube and all the pieces aligned:

- It is the optimum size (35,000 square feet—about five times the size of our current building) to hold our Library's current collection of over 2 million items, literally truckloads of literature waiting to be donated pending available space, and some substantial collections the Library will be acquiring in the next twelve months or so. (Stand by for the announcements about these acquisitions-you'll be blown away!)

- It is the perfect location. It's on Hersheypark Road adjacent to the show field for the AACA Eastern Fall National held in Hershey every October.

- It is an almost perfect structure for a Library & Research Center. As a former computer data center, the inside of the building almost totally open/reconfigurable (non-loadbearing walls can be removed easily) and can be renovated to support a proper library with the necessary environmentally protected storage of the historical documents so they will be preserved for generations to come.

Every AACA member should be proud owners of this new building. Each and every member owns an equal share of it



The Pennsylvania American Water Company building in Hershey

regardless of how much they contributed to the building fund. (If you haven't contributed yet, please consider doing so-we still need to pay for the needed renovations. Whether your donation is large or small, every dollar matters and will go a long way toward securing our club's future.)

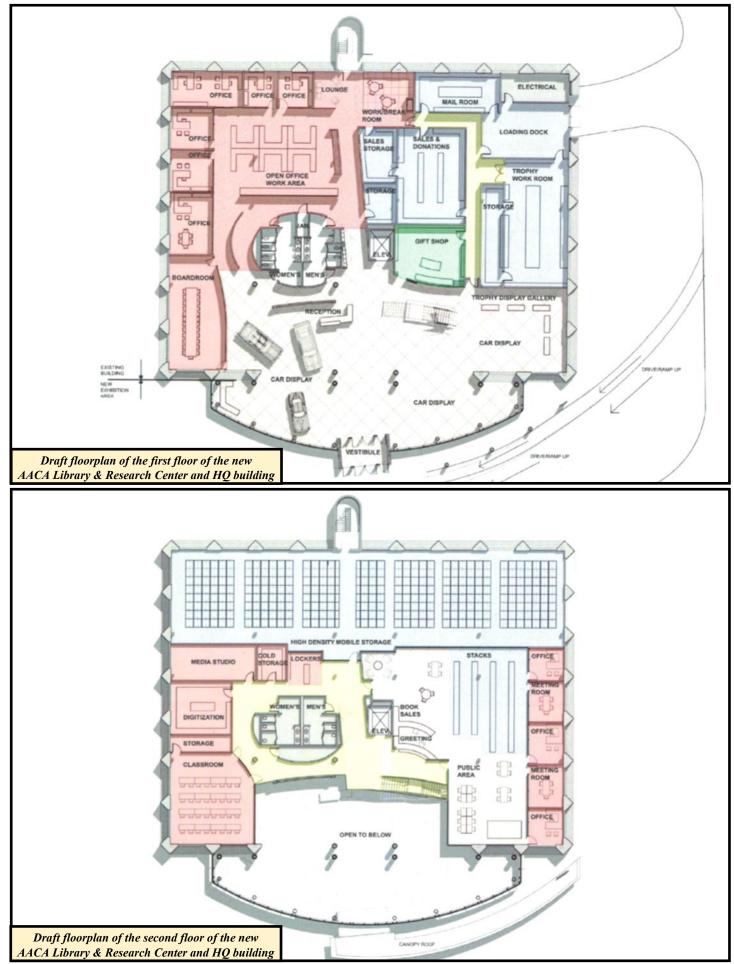
You can see from the accompanying sketches and draft floorplans how great and user friendly our new facility will be. It may be difficult to tell from the drawings, but the plans call for the Library's collection to be stored in sliding document storage shelving behind a floor-to-ceiling glass wall. The research carousels and tables will be in front of the glass so you can see the collection (and the librarians retrieving the material for you) without having to freeze inside the storage area (which will be kept at about 62 degrees).

Keep in mind that the AACA Library is free and open to the public. Additionally, besides the AACA's substantial collection, our Library also houses the literature collections of a number of national marque clubs including the Buick Heritage Alliance, the Dodge Brothers Club, the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Historical Society, Lincoln Motor Car Foundation, the National Corvette Restorers Society, the Pierce-Arrow Society, and the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. You can access this information personally by visiting Hershey, over the Internet (the staff is in the process of digitizing all the holdings), or by taking advantage of the 1.5 hours of free research you receive every year as an AACA member and have our three professional librarians find the answers for you.

So congratulations! We look forward to the grand opening of the new building next spring!



The proposed entrance to the new AACA Library & HQ building



Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance Boca Raton, FL February 24, 2019 Story by Jim Elliott. Photos by Jim & Donna Elliott.



The Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance has become one of my favorite shows. It is always nice to travel to a car show in Florida in February.

The timing was perfect as this year's Concours in Boca Raton was the day after the AACA Winter National in Ocala, Florida. As a result, Donna and I could combine two shows into one trip. So, we sent in the Concours application in September and hoped that our 1931 Cadillac cabriolet would be accepted. In December, we received confirmation that our car was invited to participate in the American Classics class.

I will always like AACA judging best as you know the rules of the game. The 400-point system will result in the best cars receiving the appropriate awards.

Concours judging, on the other hand, is never predictable. Almost every concours has its own set of judging criteria. For Boca Raton, a team of three judges evaluated the cars. The judging score was based on 65% exterior, 15% interior, 15% engine, and the final 10% was assigned to "overall presence." With sixteen Classics being judged, that final 10% becomes the tie-breaker.

Every entrant of Boca Raton is treated like royalty. A bulging goodie bag includes a commemorative license plate and a grille badge. In addition, a Boca Raton Concours folding chair is given to every owner.

The food provided at Boca is out of this world. The participants are given free access to the "Concours d'Gourmet." This is a huge tent housing a dozen restaurant booths with free food and drinks throughout the show. Spectator tickets to the show and food tent were priced at \$150.00 per person this year, so you can imagine that the food display was extraordinary.

In mid-afternoon, the judges returned with the award ribbons. Donna & I were ecstatic as our Cadillac received the "Excellence in Class" Award. The Best American Classic award was given to author Clive Cussler for his



(L-R) Jim & Donna Elliott with famous author Clive Cussler

1931 V-16 Cadillac, while the "Best in Class" award was given to David Landow's perfect 1931 Buick Roadster. All three winners were AACA members.

The winning cars are paraded to the awards gazebo, which is surrounded by bleachers for spectator viewing. A brief history of the car is announced before receiving its trophy.

Next year's Boca Raton Concours will be the day after the AACA Winter National in Miami, Florida. Donna and I hope to attend, and maybe we can coordinate a TRAACA caravan after the show.



The Cadillac's beautiful 368-cid, 135-hp, 12-cylinder engine



Caught in the Headlights Bob Hanbury and his 1950 Willys Jeepster Story as told to Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



Bob Hanbury's 1950 Jeepster at last year's TRAACA Movie Night

Bob Hanbury has several antique cars and he loves them all. However, when I asked Bob which one of his vehicles he would like to have featured this month, he smiled and said we should write about his 1950 Willys-Overland Model VJ Jeepster because the Jeepster has a good story. Bob reports he had a friend in high school that had a Jeepster. Bob has fond memories of learning to drink beer in his friend's Jeepster.

For many years, Bob had hopes of owning a Jeepster (maybe thinking he could rekindle some high school memories). While vacationing in Winter Haven, FL, about 8 or 9 years ago, Bob's dream came true. Bob spotted a 1950 Willys-Overland Jeepster on a used car lot being featured on a turntable. The Jeepster's previous owner had passed away and his widow was selling the car. The previous owner was a Shriner, and the Jeepster (along with about 20 other Jeepsters) had been used in Shriners' shows in Ohio. Lucky for Bob, the previous owner had shipped the Jeepster to Florida when he and his wife moved there after retirement.

Bob purchased the Jeepster and had it shipped to Virginia. Sometime after the Jeepster purchase, Bob was introduced to the TRAACA by a friend, Tyler Brown (a previous TRAACA member, who has since passed away), when he brought Bob to a TRAACA dinner meeting. We TRAACA club members are all happy that Bob enjoyed the club dinner and became a TRAACA member.

Willys-Overland only produced the Jeepster for 3 years, from 1948-1950, in Toledo, OH. Per various websites, less than 6,000 VJ Jeepster Models were produced in 1950 and only about 1,780 came with a 6-cylinder engine. Bob's Jeepster has an inline 161-cid, 6-cylinder engine with a Kaiser Supersonic head and a 3-speed manual transmission with overdrive. (Most Jeepsters with overdrive had 4-speed transmissions.)

In March 1950, new frontal styling, including rounded fenders with a peak on the forward edge, a V-shaped grill with five horizontal chrome bars, and a redesigned instrument panel were changes Willys-Overland made to the 1950 Jeepster. Despite these changes, sales for the Jeepster still lagged, and production of the Jeepster ceased.

Bob reports that since purchasing the Jeepster he has made some improvements including rebuilding the steering mechanism, adding a new exhaust, adding a new radio, and purchasing radial tires.

Bob enjoys driving his 1950 Jeepster. One time, when heading to the Outer Banks, Bob met a gentleman who had grown up with a Jeepster. This gentleman reported he was on his way to see his sick father at Duke University Medical Center and asked if he might take a few pictures of the Jeepster to show his father. Not only did Bob take pictures of the gentleman with the car, he also let him take it for a drive. Bob received a card from the gentleman thanking him for his hospitality and letting him know how excited his father was to see the pictures. Unfortunately, the father passed away six days after the visit. Bob states he was happy to "put 20 minutes of life and joy into someone's life".

If you ask Bob what he likes best about his 1950 Jeepster, he answers it is that friend and fellow TRAACA member Floyd Jolley works on it. Both Bob and Floyd agree the Jeepster is a fun car to drive. They both echo the words: "It's a chick magnet" and "Whenever you drive it, everyone waves."



The Jeepster's interior—note the abundant room in the back seat



The Jeepster's powerhouse 161-cid, 6-cylinder engine



Many of us collect things related to our cars. Things related to your favorite vehicle(s) fit well into nearly every category I've covered in my articles these past few years literature, advertising, accessories, pins, buttons, banners, even parts and special equipment are enthusiastically sought.

There is garage stuff and house stuff. There is some crossover of course, but there is a need to enjoy your hobby without going out to the garage. That's what display cases were made for!

Years ago, Susan caught the MG disease. It began when we lived in Scotland. Richard Hall helped spread things further when he helped her acquire her first MGB and later introduced her to the wonderful world of collecting.



Susan & Richard showing off a discovery at last year's Hershey Meet

As I began to survey these two collections for this article, I realized there is enough to write a book. Instead though, we'll break this into just two parts. First, this article will cover small collectibles, then next month in Part 2 we'll look at objects of art.

"Three is a collection." At that point you have graduated to mega-collector status. Then, a collection needs to be properly managed, maintained, researched, and it must grow appropriately. That's what trips to Hershey and the Internet are for—right?

Fortunately, a book about MG collectibles that already been published. It covers the full range of collectibles with great photos and info.

They made a lot of MGs over the years. The varied series covered every letter of the alphabet and number combination imaginable. For every single car produced, there must he half a dozen different things related to them you can collect.

Some of it is unobtainable. Some is priced beyond reasonable when it is obtainable. As with anything you collect, condition, quality, and rarity will impact prices. The earlier material is most sought after, but those who collect late-model MGB-related material into the later 1970s will find plenty to choose from in all price ranges.

I think that items representative of the history of the MG company itself would claim top-tier status in any collection. For example, I once got into a bidding war for a spark plug used in one of the early MG racers that achieved MG's first factory team win at the legendary Brooklands race track. Not only was the spark plug a piece of MG motoring history, it would fit nicely into my spark plug collection. We should share it! In my mind, we were also justified in spending twice what it was worth since it fit into two collections! It was fully documented & nicely mounted on a specially engraved base. I quit at over \$400 but now wish I'd have continued. Oh well, you can't have it all!

Other MG collectibles that are found at swap meets and auctions are dealer or sales related. For example, an early MG TC sales brochure recently sold for £200 [\$265 U.S.].



The MG spark plug which Terry wishes he had bid higher on

Dealership advertising can be expensive, but bargains exist. Richard Hall found a great MG sign in an old Virginia Beach MG dealership. Similarly, I had a lucky discovery at Hershey a couple of years ago. It's a dealer service sign the perfect size to form a background in Susan's display case!

Among the easier items to find are MG car models. They have been produced since the beginning. There were special

commemorative models issued to honor significant race victories in the 30s. There were models of the newest types and styles of MG they as were introduced. There were still others that were just MG-like toys. Today, there are souvenirs, instant collectibles, and bookshelf decorations for MG enthusiasts. That would be us!

Models were made of every imaginable material. Early plastic models are delicate and quite fragile. Metal cast models are durable but lack some of the detail



MG Golden Anniversary sign found by Richard Hall at an old Virginia Beach MG dealership



that was available in later improved materials. Lithographed tin, wood, even cardboard and paper were used to produce Today's die-cast models offer amazing levels of them. authentic detail.



Highest on our want list has to be the largescale, hand-built, cast metal MG TC which was produced in an edition of only 10. It was custom made in 1984 by company in а New Jersey. The company had a

short life span & was an extension of a well-known toy collector and restorer's hobby. Richard managed to stumble onto one in a Pennsylvania antique shop years ago. The car was originally an MG TD of the 1950s made as a kit by the Doepke toy company. The TC model was re-engineered and is quite rare.



ceramic A model of what is recognized as the first MG, affectionately known as "Old Number One," was produced by Carlton Ware, a British firm. The model is long out of production and

good examples are rare and expensive.

One very rare model is the early MG PA Airline Coupe. There were only 28 ever produced and just 15 remain today. It is rare that a model of a car produced in such small quantity would have ever been made.

In the immediate post-war era, European toy manufacturers moved quickly to begin turning their plants back to domestic products. Toys were one of the mass production items that quickly became easy sellers. It is obvious that the rare aluminum MG toy sports car model shown below was made



at the beginning of this industry restart. It is fairly crude. In fact, the box is "recycled"—it is a box for laundry powder that was turned inside-out and reprinted by

the toy manufacturer.

Even paper MGs were available. One probably originated as packaging for some product or perhaps was printed in a book or magazine. Cut-out and properly assembled, it makes a great and quite rare little MG.

Other model MGs abound. We acquired a hand-crafted model from the family of the person who made it. Exquisitely detailed, it happens to be Clipper Blue—the same color as Susan's MG TC!

Some interesting diorama-style models were produced in

the 1960s by the noted German model car firm Schuco. Ours remain in their original boxes and have never been taken out to play with them. Note the garage scene [on Pg 17] advertises some oil and gasoline



products that were strictly American. In this condition, such models are difficult to find and are quite desirable.

The proliferation of imported Japanese produced toys in the 1950s provides loads of collecting opportunity, although they have gone up significantly in price. Often crudely made, and only remotely related to the real thing style-wise, these cute clock-work mechanical cars are a great addition to MG collections, but are a challenge to find in such great condition as the ones from Richard's showcase. These are representative of the MG TD and TF of the 1950s.

MGs were used as police cars as far back as the 1930s. Models of them have been produced in a variety of styles and color combinations. This MGB roadster came complete with its own display stand.

Now very hard to find is this great 1:18 scale model of the 1975 MGB GT Golden Jubilee edition. The full-sized cars

were produced in a very limited number-just - 1 was allocated to each of the 750 dealerships which existed at that time. None were made for export to the United States. Well-done



models are difficult to find and can command prices well over £150 [\$198 U.S. on 25 March].

I'll conclude this first part of my series with a photo of one of Susan's prized possessions-an MG Golden Anniversary lamp from a Pennsylvania dealership, a gift to her in 2010

from Hershey Region Fall Meet Chairman Ken Gamble, who worked there years ago.

Whether you collect to a specific era or certain types of cars, or you restrict your collecting only to certain types of items, you'll be able to enjoy your hobby yearround by bringing some of these great items into your house. I personally would rather look at some of my treasures than watch some of the stuff on TV these days (except, of course, for American Pickers). Thanks to Richard and for allowing me Susan to photograph some of their great collections. I hope you enjoy the photos and, as always, collecting something related to your car.



MG Anniversary lamp



Canton Classic Car Museum Canton, Ohio Story and photos by Mark McAlpine



In our continuing quest to visit as many car museums as possible, Marion & I visited the Canton Classic Car Museum last September on our way back from Michigan. It's a small, but interesting museum with about 40 cars on display and an eclectic collection of automobilia, historic memorabilia from the local area, and nostalgic toys, advertising, and other flashbacks to earlier days. If I had one minor complaint, it's that it's sometimes difficult to see and appreciate the antique vehicles because of all the other things—not necessarily (and usually) not related to the car—surrounding them. (Museum Director Char Lautzenheiser told us that she can't refuse when local residents bring in items to donate to the museum and then struggles to find somewhere to display them.)

All forty-odd vehicles on display were interesting, but there were several in particular that stood out. One was a 1940 St. Louis Motor runabout owned by the Timken Bearing Company. The display placard notes that the St. Louis car is significant in Timken's history because in 1900 the company's founder—Henry Timken—sold the St. Louis Motor Carriage Company three sets of axles with Timken's newly patented tapered rolling bearings and by 1903 Timken axles and bearings were standard equipment on St. Louis vehicles. Timken became (and still is) the premier bearing supplier throughout the automotive industry.

Another interesting vehicle on display was a 1937 Studebaker President armored police car ordered by the



The Canton Classic Car Museum in Canton, OH



1914 Benham Six—believed to be the only surviving one

Canton Police Department (CPD). After 3,000-lbs of 10gauge armor plating and 1-1/8-inch-thick bullet-proof glass was added, the car's weight almost doubled to 6,635 pounds (apparently without any performance modifications made to the car's 250.4-cubic inch, 115-hp, inline 8-cylinder engine). The car remained in service with the CPD for over 50 years, and a history of the department described the car as being "driven through a hail of bullets" in 1957 to get close enough to fire tear gas into a home where "three desperate robbers" from Louisville had taken a family hostage in their home.

Also on display were an unrestored 1914 Benham Six (believed to be the only surviving example), a 1922 Holmes Series 4 4-passenger coupe, and a gorgeous one-of-a-kind, aluminum-bodied, 1932 Chrysler Custom Imperial Series CL Landau Sedan built for Walter P. Chrysler. The collection consists primarily of pre-War cars (including a number of Packards, a 1928 Stutz Model BB, and a 1931 Marmon Sixteen coupe), but also a 1940's era 1933 Ford cabriolet hot rod and midget racer, a 1957 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, 1959 Metropolitan, 1960 Pontiac Bonneville, and 1962 Amphicar.

The photos accompanying this article don't begin to show all the vehicles and interesting automobilia & memorabilia on display in the Canton Classic Car Museum. The museum may be small, but you could spend days looking at its diverse collection. If you're ever passing through Ohio, detour to Canton and visit the museum. You'll definitely enjoy it.



1904 St. Louis runabout owned by the Timken Bearing Company



1920 Hupmobile R-4 touring car



1922 Holmes Series 4 4-passenger coupe



1936 Lincoln Model K Series 300 convertible coupe



1937 Packard Twelve 1506 Miller "Art-Carved" hearse



1931 Marmon Sixteen 5-passenger coupe



1928 Stutz Model BB



1937 Studebaker President armored police car (from Canton PD)



(L-R) 1937 Packard Super Eight flower car & 1932 Stutz DV-2



1-of-a-kind 1932 Chrysler Custom Imperial Series CL aluminumbodied 4-door Landau Sedan custom built for Walter P. Chrysler



National Headquarters Report By Steve Moskowitz AACA CEO/Executive Director



(Reprinted from the Winter 2019 AACA Rummage Box newsletter)



2018 will be a year we will remember well here at AACA National Headquarters. It was a year of immense challenge for the staff as we had some turnover and a workload that was through the roof. Fortunately, we seem to have come out of it in pretty good shape with the addition of two new stellar employees that appear will be with us for some time. Lilley Greis

and Lori Shetter are working out super and hopefully you will get to interact with these ladies at some point. It is my goal to get staff out to more functions in the future.

One natural huge concern for us has been the fundraising for our new facility. This change is being mandated by the space needs for the library and future space needs for the club. I have written on this extensively in the past, but the issue is more pressing than ever. As I write this, we have come to an understanding to purchase a portion of a large library that contains significant material that we do not have in our archives at present. In the coming years, we expect our library to double in size! We do not like asking our members for money, but it is now very necessary. If every member had donated \$100, we would be in fabulous shape for the building and renovation. Some have been extremely generous and we are most grateful, but sadly many have not met the challenge. \$100 is only 27 cents a day for one year. We still need help as we are short of our goal. We have had members donate cars and special artwork for us to sell either immediately or after satisfying IRS requirements and that is very helpful as well.

Speaking of receiving cars . . . While we are not opening a museum, we will have a display of cars in our new building and at museums across the country. We are getting a few very worthy cars donated to us that we plan on keeping for these purposes. In January, we picked up 5 cars donated by a member who passed away. While we mourn his passing, it is nice to know that his last wishes included supporting the AACA. Please consider AACA in your estate planning and philanthropy. Just a reminder to those turning 70¹/₂ that you are now required to take IRA distributions and you may find it advantageous to use that money without being taxed as a donation to AACA.

The other issue keeping us busy is the sale of our current property. As this is being written, we have successfully concluded an agreement for the purchase of our current building upon the finishing of our new facility. We were able to come to a simple agreement at an excellent price. This is an important piece of business to have concluded this early. We are well on our way to supporting our events for next year. We are now calling our "meets" nationals as we feel the public better understands the words. Our office is once again running the event in Auburn, which this year will be our Grand National as well. This promises to be a very special meet with an outstanding show band Friday night, the Zenith competition, and the addition of the Rolls-Royce Owners Club having a minimeet with us. They are bringing the Grey Poupon! Just a joke folks, they are a great group and we are happy to host them. Seven Nationals and 4 tours will make for another busy schedule, so make sure you plan to attend one or more of these events.

There is a lot going on with our library, so stay tuned for several announcements. One you will notice soon is a massively upgraded online library catalog. We are moving from a Model T-type catalog to a Ferrari. This should make research into some of our holdings much easier. This is super important, as I have mentioned, due to a considerable growth in your library soon.

Later in the year, we hope to introduce you to some new events including a car show at the Mall in Washington, DC! That will be special. We have other inquiries into participation at non-AACA events and will try to do them as much as possible. AACA was once again represented at the Philadelphia Auto Show in February thanks to the efforts of former AACA National President Mike Jones.

We are entering our third year for the Zenith Award. This year's winner will be selected from 16 finalists from all the meets in 2018. The competition for "the restoration of the year" will be held at the Grand National in Auburn, Indiana [May 30-1 June].

The Annual Meeting next year will be called the Annual Convention; once again, there are important messages in a choice of words and "Convention" best represents what goes on in Philadelphia. In the meantime, it is our hope that everyone had a great time and was able to renew friendships, make new ones and learn from our seminars and tradeshow vendors. To those accepting awards at our version of the "Oscars"—the National Awards Dinner we salute you!

Finally, I am often asked "what do I get for being a member?" The list is long, BUT you know the old saying about "you get out of something what you put into it." Well, that is very much the way of life in the AACA. Be active and you will not have to ask that question. Make this the year that you support your local Region or Chapter, attend a national event, and read your *Antique Automobile* magazine and online newsletters. The more you know, the better the club experience.







The Historic Virginia Peninsula Region of the AACA Welcomes You to the



66th Old Dominion Meet Friday-Saturday, 7-8 June 2019

Location: The Holiday Inn City Center, 980 Omni Blvd, Newport News, VA

*** Preregistration required. Registrations must be postmarked May 25, 2019. ***

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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 Historic Virginia Peninsula Region AACA, Old Dominion Meet Association, Holiday 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 June 7-8, 2019. 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 are registered.

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Mail this form & check made payable to HVPR to Richard & Sandy Hall, 500 Mustang Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23322



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

George Galyo Chesapeake, VA - 1969 Dodge Charger - 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner

Richard & Cheryl Hart Chesapeake, VA - 1970 Dodge Super Bee

Emmett Hawks Suffolk, VA - 1965 Ford Mustang convertible - 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle SS - 1989 Ford Mustang GT convertible

Claude Reeson Spring Grove, VA - 1987 Chevrolet Corvette coupe

TRAACA April Dinner Meeting Thursday, April 18, 2019

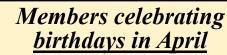
Our April Dinner Meeting is on Thursday, April 18, at the Lake Wright Quality Suites (1521 Premium Outlets Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23502). Dinner is Chicken Parmesan with linguini & marinara sauce, Italian sausage with red peppers & onions, Italian bread sticks, green beans, tomato bisque soup, and chef's choice of desserts. The cost is \$25 per member.

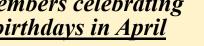
Social hour is from 6:00-6:45 PM, with dinner at 6:45 PM, followed by a brief business meeting. Our guest speaker is Jim Elliott's father James "Ed" Elliott, who will be giving a presentation on his experiences in World War II.

Please RSVP to Skip Patnode—and RSVP on time—if you are going to attend. Having members show up without **RSVPing risks us not having enough seats or food.** Also, 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 & cooperation.



More photos from Terry Bond's "Still Collecting—MG Collectibles" article. Photo 1: A load of toy MG roadsters en route to a dealership.





- **Mike Brown** Joe Burroughs **Charlie Daniels** David Ford Joe Geib William Hampton **Paula Hennessey**
- **Mickey McChesney Thomas Raddatz** Len Sandloop Vito Serrone Marty Sugermeyer **Susan Woolfitt**

Members celebrating anniversaries in April

Larry & Jane Cutright Matt & Vickie Doscher Jody & Lisa Dudley **Gordon & Nancy Garnett** Alfonso & Patrizia Ludovici Was Neal & Nancy Soscia



Sunshine Report



Our deepest sympathies & prayers go out to the following members who recently lost loved ones:

• **Bobby Lawrence**, longtime AACA member and charter member of the ODMA and Martinsville-Danville Regions, passed away on Sunday, March 10. He was three weeks shy of his 88th birthday.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- Holly Chipchak's surgery on her left leg, originally scheduled for March 6th, was delayed until the week of March 18th. Surgery went well and Holly is recovering.
- Rhonda Russell, had hip replacement surgery on March 7. She's home, doing well, and will undergo physical therapy at home for the next month or so.

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



Photo 2: An MG diorama by German model car company Schuco. Note the Flying A Tydol gasoline pumps and MGB behind them.







Spring is in the air, which means car activities are springing up as well. TRAACA held its Annual Swap Meet in March at our new location at the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy in Suffolk. 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 don't need. Thank you to Bill Treadwell for again chairing the event and to all those that volunteered to help at the Swap Meet. The weather was great on Saturday and there were many great praises from attendees. Read more about the Swap Meet on Pages 4-5.

The new AACA Library & Research Center and Headquarters Building is becoming a reality. The new building is in a great location for the annual AACA Eastern Fall National held in Hershey in conjunction with the Hershey fall swap meet. The new building is much larger than the current library and headquarters offices. If you would like to see a sneak preview of the plans for the new building, check out Pages 6-7 of this *Mudflap*.

There are other great articles to read in this month's *Mudflap*. Check out the article on Page 8 about the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance that took place in Boca Raton, FL, on February 24th. The Canton Classic Car Museum in Canton, OH, is featured on Pages 12-13. Of course, you can't miss the April installment of Terry Bond's "Still

Collecting" article on Pages 10-11.

Well, if you are looking for something car related to do in April, there will be several opportunities both local and national available to you. The AACA Southeastern Spring National will take place in Charlotte, NC, on April 4-7. They always have a large swap meet and very nice AACA show, so check it out. Locally, the 1st Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show will be held in Virginia Beach on April 6. Then on April 13th there are two local shows: the Daffodil Car & Truck Show in Gloucester, VA, and the Spring Fever & Mustang Birthday Charity Car Show in Chesapeake. The Virginia Chevy Lovers (VCL) will be hosting their Spring Dust Off car show on April 27th in Virginia Beach. The VCL moved the show to later in the month last year hoping to avoid the snow that menaced the show in the past. Then, on April 28th, the TRAACA monthly club activity will be the Virginia International Tattoo in Norfolk, followed by dinner at The Monastery restaurant in Norfolk. This will be the first time Mark & I have been to the Virginia International Tattoo; we are looking forward to it. Read about the TRAACA Virginia International Tattoo activity on the cover of this *Mudflap*. For information on other upcoming regional and local activities in April, see Page 18 of this 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 & I hope you and your families have a blessed and happy holiday.

Maríon McAlpíne

TRAACA Flashback: The TRAACA Contingent at the 1996 AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.



(L-R) Kneeling: Ivan Joslin, Bob Eddy, Bob Woolfitt, and Terry Bond. Standing: Sandy Montero, Marjorie Joslin, Ken Talley, Ivie Lister, Neil Sugermeyer, Dot Parrish, Jeff Locke, Bob Parrish, Bill Wilcox, and Maxine & Dewey Milligan.

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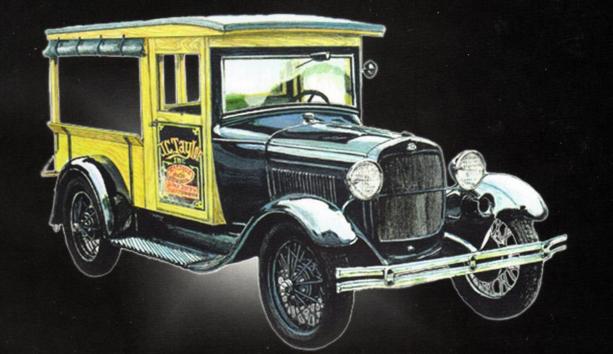
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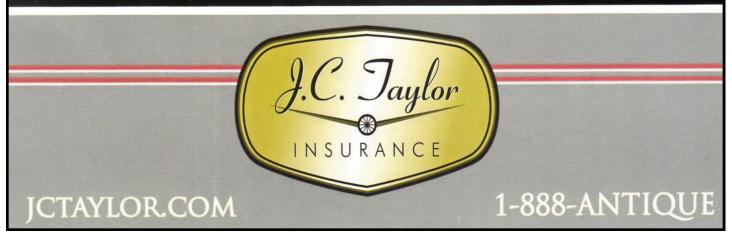
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1937 Cord 812 Supercharged Phaeton in the AACA display at the Philadelphia Auto Show in February 2019