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

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# TRAACA Tour of Dwight Schaubach's Shop

**Details on Page 4!** 



Dwight Schaubach's 1963 Mercedes 190 SL Convertible

## TRAACA Swap Meet

The 2020 TRAACA annual swap meet was a great success! The event saw more pre-registered and day-of vendors than previous events! The weather wasn't super warm, but very cooperative, and there was a significant amount of traffic throughout the event!

TRAACA members and nonmembers alike enjoyed browsing, hearing stories, eating snacks, and lunching on the provided hot dogs. Many a new collector made a few additions! More picture on pg 7!







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

#### **APRIL 2020**

- 09 TRAACA Board Meeting **Dawson's Accounting** Virginia Beach, VA cancelled
- 16 Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn **Convention Center Virginia** Beach/Norfolk) cancelled
- 18 Cape Henry Lighthouse Tour and lunch cancelled

#### **MAY 2020**

- 14 TRAACA Board Meeting **Dawson's Accounting** Virginia Beach, VA
- 16 Day Trip to Murfreesboro
- 21 Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn **Convention Center Virginia** Beach/Norfolk)

#### **JUNE 2020**

- **Square Car Tour**
- 18 Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn **Convention Center Virginia** Beach/Norfolk)
- 27 Doumar's

#### **JULY 2020**

- 09 TRAACA Board Meeting **Dawson's Accounting** Virginia Beach, VA
- 11 Nauticus/USS WISCONSIN tour and lunch
- 16 Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn **Convention Center Virginia** Beach/Norfolk)
- 25 Doumar's

#### **AUGUST 2020**

- **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard** Museum Tour and lunch
- 13 TRAACA Board Meeting **Dawson's Accounting** Virginia Beach, VA
- 29 Doumar's

# From the President

Wayne Milligan TRAACA President <u>traacacontact@gmail.com</u> (757) 416-8993



Hello fellow Tidewater Region AACA members. Congratulations on a very successful Swap Meet! Bill Treadwell again did a fantastic job as Chairman (aka Number One Swap Meet Volunteer)! In addition, Jerry Adams and the entire crew of volunteers stepped forward to ensure the Club, the vendors, the patrons, and the spectators had a great activity to enjoy. The number of pre-registered and day-of event vendors far exceeded previous Swap Meets and everyone seemed to be happy with the results - including the Club Treasurer! A lot of planning and effort went into the annual Swap Meet and those who volunteered their time and energy are very much appreciated!

In addition, the Club has enjoyed two other recent activities. For anyone not already aware, this is an active Club! In late February, Kim and Travis Berry volunteered to coordinate a very enjoyable tour of the MacArthur Memorial and the Moses Myers House in downtown Norfolk followed by a fantastic lunch at nearby Freemason Abbey.

The week following our Swap Meet, Dwight and Jane Schaubach volunteered to host the Club in Carrollton, VA at Dwight's combination 'restoration garage/ showroom/office' building. Of course, everything including the garage area, the technicians who maintain and restore Dwight's cars, the automobiles on display, and the facility itself were first class! After the tour, the Clubs (HVPR joined Tidewater for this activity) spent approximately two hours touring Dwight's facility, most drove the short distance to member Ron Pack's fabulous Smithfield Station restaurant. The food, and everything else about that restaurant, is also first class! After lunch, the members left with full stomachs and images of Duesenbergs and V16 Cadillacs to accompany them as they returned home.

As mentioned earlier, the Tidewater Region is an active Club. As a result, the Tidewater Region is often represented in the National magazine. The January/February 2020 edition includes feature articles about Harry and Tammy Park's 1970 Chevelle SS as well as Tony and Leslie Scarpelli's 1956 Chrysler New Yorker Newport. In addition, a photo of Dana and

Debbie Meadows' 1949 Packard Standard as well as an article about our 2019 46th Annual Meet written by Marion McAlpine appear in the magazine. I haven't read the March/April edition cover-to-cover yet, but a quick glance includes Scott Davies and his 1958 Corvette, Reggie Nash and his 1909 Rambler Model 44, multiple photos of National Award winners from the Tidewater Region, photos of Tidewater Region members who serve on the National Board, and of course an article introducing our new National President and First Lady Jim and Donna Elliott. With approximately 335 Clubs across the AACA, that's a lot of well deserved 'ink' for the Tidewater Region!

Currently, with the COVID-19 challenge the world is facing, we are doing our part for 'social distancing'. The March dinner meeting was canceled and the upcoming April activities - the Board meeting, the dinner meeting, and the tour of the Cape Henry Lighthouse with lunch to follow – have all been canceled. My sincere hope is late April will bring some semblance of normalcy and we can resume our activities.

Looking ahead to September, we will host our 47th Annual Meet. Paul Fuqua has volunteered to serve as Chairman. Terry Bond and Travis Berry will serve as co-Chief Judges and Jerry Adams will lead registration activities. Other volunteers have stepped forward to help with organizing the special display, the Meet program, and various other tasks. However, our Annual Meet requires volunteers and a lot of them! There remain many volunteer positions to be filled to ensure a successful Meet. Please contribute to the Club's success with your involvement!

Warmest Regards,

Wayne Milligan, '20 Tidewater Region AACA President

# **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 <a href="mailto:skippatnode@cox.net">skippatnode@cox.net</a> or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

# From the Running Board

Mar 12, 2020 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

**Officer's Present:** Wayne Milligan, Tim Hund, Ellen Adams, Bill Treadwell. Board Members present: Fred Cole, Charlie Dawson, Doug Grosz. Club members present: none.

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 6:57PM.

**President:** Thanked everyone for taking time to be here. Thanked everyone for their contribution to a successful Swap Meet. Thanked Bill for managing the Swap Meet.

**Vice President:** Thanked everyone for coming out. Seconded what Wayne said.

**Secretary's Report:** Region Officer and Roster information submitted to National AACA successfully.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Reports were provided by Bill Treadwell
- Preliminary Swap Meet Report provided.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Activities:**

• Saturday, April 18th – Cape Henry Lighthouse Tour and lunch; meet at 10:30am, walking tour of about an hour followed by lunch at Dockside approximately 1:00pm [Editor's note—this activity has been cancelled.]

#### **Restaurants:**

• Fortunately, the deposit from the canceled February dinner meeting was to be applied to the March dinner meeting; however, as of an update 3/16/20, the deposit will now be applied to the April dinner meeting in light of the March dinner meeting being canceled as well.

#### Membership:

• As of February 25th, 170 memberships and 297 members

#### **New Business:**

- Club trailer was moved from Charlie Dawson's garage to Dewey & Maxine Milligan's home.
- Electronic 2020 Member Rosters were emailed and a limited number were printed to be distributed at the next dinner meeting

#### **Other Business:**

• VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned at 7:47pm. Next board meeting is 7:00pm Thursday, April 9th at Dawson's Accounting. [Editor's note—the April board meeting is canceled]



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## **Upcoming Event!**

Mark your calendar on May 16th for a one-day trip to the Murfreesboro, NC Pork Festival and a visit to the Jefcoat Museum of Early American History. This will be a good time to take the old cars out for a nice ride and enjoy the good food.

We took an overnight trip back in November of 2005. We had a really good time and the museum is wonderful. You have never seen so many Victrolas and washing machines! You could spend all day there and not see it all. I think there are 3 floors housed in an old school. There are probably over 17,000 items displayed.

More information will be forthcoming. The price of the Pork Festival is \$8.00 apiece. ~Dot Parrish

## 2020 TRAACA Officers & Board

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traacacontact@gmail.com Secretary - Ellen Adams

Treasurer - Bill Treadwell

**Board - Fred Cole** 

**Board - Charlie Dawson** 

**Board - Dot Parrish** 

Board - Doug Grosz President Emeritus - Matt Doscher

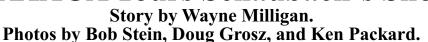
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# TRAACA Tours Schaubach's Shop





On a beautiful mid-March Saturday morning, members of the Tidewater Region AACA, along with members from our brother region, Historic Virginia Peninsula Region, gathered at Dwight Schaubach's facility in Carrollton, Virginia to tour his restoration area, meet with his talented restoration staff, and enjoy seeing part of his amazing collection of automobiles. In total, approximately 55 members attended the tour.

Both Regions provided donuts and there was plenty of coffee to go around. Dwight welcomed the visitors, provided some background on how he acquired the building and how it is currently used, and then allowed the guests to explore. Copies of Dwight's book were also available and he graciously autographed several. Within the book, in addition to pictures of the Schaubachs, members will likely recognize pictures of other fellow Club members taken during an event at the Schaubach's home. In addition, Dwight's restoration team was on hand to answer questions and talk about the cars.

Club members spent approximately two hours viewing (and listening to) Dwight's automobiles as well as learning from his restoration team about the work underway on the 1930 Cadillac V16, the Stutz,

and many other of the cars housed in the building. The visitors also had the rare opportunity to see a Cadillac V16 on an engine stand!

Any trip to the Carrollton/Smithfield area is not complete without visiting Smithfield Station! With that in mind, the group drove to Smithfield Station for lunch following the tour. Ron Pack and his team always do a great job hosting the Club. As usual, the wait staff was great, the food was excellent and served quickly, and the ambiance and view were ideal!

In spite of any current concerns that may be occupying the news – an event involving Dwight Schaubach and Ron Pack is always going to be well attended and very enjoyable. The tour was very popular and came about because of the generosity of Dwight who originally suggested the activity. Again, on behalf of the Clubs, thank you Dwight for your hospitality.

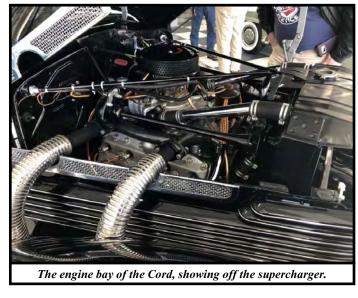






























# **TRAACA Swap Meet Photos**



# **Photos by Marty Sugermeyer**















# **Still Collecting** - Automobile Clocks

By Terry Bond

We just went through the annual ritual of resetting our clocks for daylight savings time. I'm not sure how they can call it that, since we lost an hour, and did it in the middle of the night!

Each of our clocks, inside, outside, and in our vehicles uses a different method of resetting. Can never figure out those digital things! Wouldn't it be so simple just to turn a little knob? Well, before the digital (or even battery) age, it was easy to make necessary adjustments. Your wrist watch, pocket watch, alarm clock, or even the clock in your car was set and wound by just pulling out the winding stem and turning it. For some of the earliest, a special key was needed.



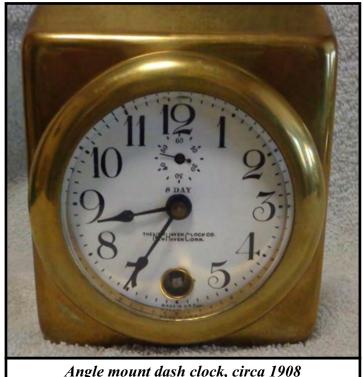
A typical brass angle mount dash clock circa 1910.

Clocks in automobiles were luxury items that first appeared in the back seats of fancy town-cars in the early 1900s. High end car manufacturers supplied them, but they were often made by prestigious clock makers of the day. Most cars, however, did not come with clocks, and if you wanted to keep track of time, you bought one from an accessory parts store or from a catalog.



Catalog page showing early auto clocks.

The earliest clocks were mounted onto flat dashboards at an angle so they could easily be seen. These are commonly referred to as "angle mount" clocks.



Some were included as a part of your speedometer set, mounted on top of a large speedometer, or beside it. An added feature was a battery operated light for nighttime use.



High-end Warner speedometer and clock combination, circa 1909. Value \$1500+

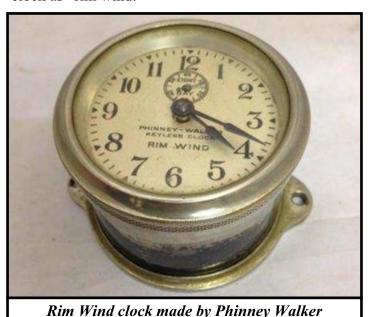
Chelsea was one particularly well made clock that was often seen used on more expensive cars and often included in such combination units.

Many early clocks were key-wound using attached keys, or were wound from the back, necessitating the clock be removed from its housing, or swung out on a hinge to gain access to the backside.

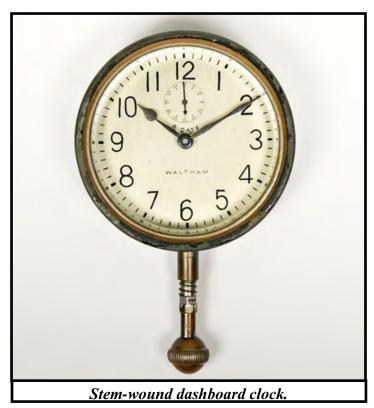


A selection of brass angle mounted dashboard clocks.

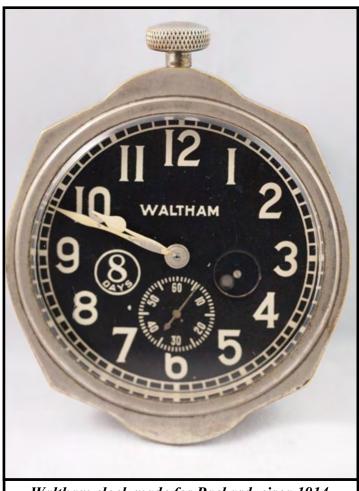
Phinney Walker introduced a "Keyless" clock in the teens that could be wound by twisting the external bezel. By pulling out on that bezel, the clock could also be easily set to the correct time. This patented mechanism was clearly marked on the front of the clock as "rim wind."



Later, as more cars were enclosed and that flat dashboard was done away with, clocks were mounted into holes in the metal dashboard. Most of these clocks were wound using a long stem, sticking down below the clock to the edge of the bottom of the dashboard.



Unique shapes were introduced for use on particular automobiles. For example, Packard had a bezel on their clocks that mimicked the shape of their radiator shell.



Waltham clock made for Packard, circa 1914.

Often, the names of the cars were printed on the face — Cadillac, Packard, Oldsmobile, Hudson, Pierce, Studebaker, even Ford clocks were available, although most were not supplied directly by car dealers or from the manufacturer. The most commonly found clocks with car makers names are Oldsmobile and Hudson. When someone sold, scrapped, or traded their automobile, it was common to retain souvenirs — hood ornaments, flower vases, and the dashboard clock that the owner probably purchased separately and installed. Those clocks could be used in the next vehicle acquired. You should be cautious though and ensure that any automobile name on the face plate is not just a decal or sticker that has been applied later by an unscrupulous seller.

Header clocks were made with special brackets attached to them so they could be mounted on a "header" panel above the windshield frame. Those brackets were angled downward slightly so the clock could be more easily viewed while driving.



Cadillac script dashboard clock, circa 1914.



Pierce Arrow clock by Waltham, mounted in a back -seat vanity set.



Mirror clocks were also available. Once cars began installing windshield or header mounted rearview mirrors, small clocks were installed in them. Some of these clocks were actually would by pulling down on a string.



Advertisement for a rear-view mirror clock that would fit your Ford. – beware as these clocks have been reproduced using old original clocks with a newly applied Ford logo on them.

I really enjoy the early clocks, and my brass display has several varieties that I've accumulated over the years. I've not sought out specific examples rather have taken the opportunistic approach to collecting them. When I find a nice one at a good price, it comes home. Time takes its toll on these wonderful early accessories – no pun intended.

It's easy to find them in non-working condition, but they should be priced accordingly. It's becoming increasingly difficult to find someone who can (or will) work on these clocks, and of course parts are extremely difficult to find. It pays to spend a little more and buy one that still ticks. Perhaps all it needs is a little cleaning and some clock oil to lubricate the mechanism.

A word of caution – if you don't know what you are doing, don't start taking things apart. Remember the guide-line "do no harm!" And for goodness sakenever squirt WD-40 into it, or drop in some 3-in-one oil!!!

Early clocks had porcelain dials, and those are often chipped and cracked. Running or not, those damaged face plates will detract significantly from their value. Glass lens were sometimes nicely beveled, and chips, or scratches will also have an impact on values. Glass lenses can be very difficult to make as some were actually installed when the clock bezel was manufactured.

High quality angle mount clocks with brackets, fancy bezels, and in great condition can be found for all prices – from \$100 to \$1,000 depending on their quality. The top end Chelsea chocks can routinely sell in the \$400-500 range.



This clock is beyond my capabilities to repair!

The "keyless" or "rim-wind" clocks were good quality time-pieces and can still be found in great running condition. They were available in brass, nickel, or black painted finish.

When contemplating a potential purchase, examine it carefully for any damage, repairs, or modifications.

Make sure it's a real car clock. Yes, there are a lot of very similar clocks out there that are not made for automotive use. Small travelling clocks are often removed from their enclosures and sold as car clocks. They are easy to spot as the heavy-duty mounting hardware normally found for a car clock will be absent from those designed to fit into a simple folding case. Another clue is the stem used to wind and set them.

Good clocks from the 1920s and 30's can be found for less than \$100, while the earlier brass angle mount clocks can run up to several hundred dollars depending on condition.

If you come across a clock that apparently does not run, give it a little shake and hold it up to your ear. If it ticks awhile, then stops, chances are it may need only a little cleaning or lubrication. You can find tutorials on-line on how to properly do this.

If you find a nice clock that seems to be wound too tightly, you may be holding a bargain. Some-



An early brass automobile clock showing a badly damaged porcelain dial. Note the chips and crack surrounding the hole where the winding key has been carelessly inserted over the years.

times, all that's needed is to simply release tension on the winding mechanism or mainspring. Again, there are some simple on-line tutorials that can help you with these rudimentary repairs. But again- I emphasize - DO NO HARM. The clock that doesn't run may still make a great display piece in your display cabinet.



A selection of clocks from my collection.

A small collection of car clocks in various styles makes a nice display. They are a fun thing to collect without a big investment. And - the ticking is such a satisfying sound – just don't forget to reset them for daylight savings time.

Happy collecting!

Terry Bond



# AACA Winter Nationals Miami, FL



# February 27-29, 2020 Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

The AACA's first national car show of the year—the Winter Nationals—was held in Miami, FL, on February 27-29, 2020. Marion & I made the long trek to Miami (and it is a long drive—960 miles each way), stopping en route to spend the night at Dave & Deb Anspach's (Dave is a fellow AACA National Director) house in Palm Bay, FL. Considering the havoc being wreaked on our country and the AACA calendar by the ongoing coronavirus crisis, we're glad we made the trip because the next three AACA Nationals have already been canceled or postponed, so it might be a while before the next one is held.

The Co-Chairs for the show—Manny & Milly Garcia—and the host South Florida Region did an outstanding job planning fun activities for attendees to enjoy. On Thursday night, there was an informal dinner of Spanish delicacies at the Cava Flamenco restaurant, with live entertainment by a flamenco dancer accompanied by a talented Spanish singer and a Spanish guitarist. The food was delicious and the Spanish trio was fantastic. (My knees still hurt from watching the female dancer stomp around the stage.)

Friday began with a visit to the Dauer Museum of Classic Cars in nearby Sunrise, FL. Dr. Edward ("Eddie") Dauer and his wife Joanne (a registered nurse) have an amazing collection of vehicles ranging from a 1906 Cadillac Model M to a 2007 Cadillac XLR. Most are from the 1940s-1960s, and the Dauers seem to be particularly fond of Cadillacs. The museum includes theme displays of cars, including a 1930's Texaco service station, a 1950's beach party, the "Fabulous 50s," and "The Sixties—A Decade of Change." If

you're ever in southern Florida, visit the Dauer Museum.

On Friday night we enjoyed a special "Havana Nights" dinner at the Magic City Casino (a former dog track and site of the show field) in Miami. We devoured delicious Cuban food cooked on site and sampled Cuban espresso (and alcoholic beverages). Two professional Salsa dancers gave energetic performances and provided lessons to adventurous attendees, plus there was a cigar rolling demonstration with the finished products available for purchase. On display was a 1958 Mercedes-Benz 300D "Adenauer" limousine formerly owned by Cuban President (and later military dictator) Fulgencio Batista, which was then confiscated by Fidel Castro, sent to Canada to serve at the Cuban Embassy in Ottawa, before eventually making its way to Florida.

The show was held on Saturday, February 29, at the Magic City Casino, with the antique cars filling one of the parking lots and circling the former dog track. It was a small show with only 185 vehicles registered, but there was a great variety of beautiful cars. While walking around the show field after judging, Marion & I talked to many owners and made some new friends. Unfortunately, we couldn't stay for the awards banquet (we had to begin driving home for me to attend classes at 8 AM on Monday morning), but heard that the meal that night was outstanding, too.

I bet that if people knew this was going to be the only AACA Nationals for several months, it would've been better attended. Even without that foresight, AACA members who didn't attend the 2020 Winter Nationals in Miami, FL, missed a great event. The South Florida Region did an



outstanding job, and everyone who attended the show enjoyed it very much.

Considering the distance, the TRAACA was well represented at the Winter Nationals with at least 11 members

attending, including Mike & Darlene Brown, Tom & Tammy Cox, this year's AACA President & First Lady Jim & Donna Elliott (with their 1982 Honda Express), Mark & Marion McAlpine, Bob & Dot Parrish, and Tony Scarpelli.



1929 Cadillac Series 341-B 5-passenger sedan (in the Dauer Collection)



1949 Kaiser Vagabond (in the Dauer Collection)



(L-R) 1941 Cadillac formal limousine (1 of 75 produced) and a 1954 International Harvester R-140 4x4 station wagon (1 of 5 made)



(L-R) 1959 Chrysler New Yorker Town & Country Wagon and 1958 Oldsmobile 98 Holiday Coupe (in the Dauer Collection)



(L-R front) 1953 Cadillac Eldorado convertible & 1953 Oldsmobile Fiesta convertible on display in the "Dauer Used Cars" sales lot display



Dinner being cooked for Havana Nights at the Magic City Casino





Flamenco dance & music performance at Cava Flamenco



(L-R) Darlene Brown, Dot & Bob Parrish, and Mike Brown



1948 Allard Drophead Coupe



1950 Healey Silverstone



"DOT 1"—1929 Ford Model AA 1-ton truck restored by Florida Dept of Transportation employees & friends without public funds



1940 Ford—1 of the first 14 Florida Highway Patrol "Black & Tans"



















# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

## Welcome to Our New Members!

**None for March** 



## Sunshine Report

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

Long-time member Al McVicker passed away on March 10<sup>th</sup>

Long-time member **Bob Hanbury** passed away on March 26th.

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



## Members celebrating BIRTHDAY birthdays in April

Mike Brown Kenneth "Ken" Brumley Joe Burroughs **Charlie Daniels** David Ford **Preston Garner** Joe Geib William Hampton **Paula Hennessey Mickey McChesney Thomas Raddatz** Len Sandloop Vito Serrone **Marty Sugermeyer** Susan Woolfitt





### DOWN THE ROAD

### Other Regional and **Local Events**

#### **APRIL 2020**

- <del>2-5</del> Charlotte AutoFair Concord. NC
- Beers and Gears Car Show Alewerks, Williamsburg
- **Daffodil Festival Car Show** Gloucester, VA
- Williamsburg British Car Club's 20th Annual British & **European Car Show** Wlliamsburg, VA
- 22-26 Spring Carlisle Carlisle, PA
- 24-26 Goodguys Rod & Custom **6th North Carolina Nationals** Raleigh, NC
- 25 Historic Fredericksburg Region 63rd Annual Meet Fredericksburg, VA



- New Jersey Region AACA, 69th Annual Collectible Car Show, Morristown, NJ
- Winchester, VA—AACA Shenandoah Region 62nd Apple Blossom Meet
- 15-17 Carlisle Import & **Performance Nationals** Carlisle, PA
- 16 1st Annual Breakthrough Car Show—Petersburg, VA
- 15 **CCCC Memorial Day Car** Show—Yorktown, VA



## Members celebrating anniversaries in April

Larry & Jane Cutright Matt & Vickie Doscher Jody & Lisa Dudley **Gordon & Nancy Garnett** Alfonso & Patrizia Ludovici Wes Neal & Nancy Soscia Ken & Jessica Packard

#### 2020 TRAACA CAR SHOW

The date, time, and site for 2020 Meet are set: September 19 at the Military Aviation Museum from 8am to 3 pm. This year's theme is the Evolution of America's Corvette. We are working to assemble at least one example from each of the 67 model years of the Corvette, including the revolutionary 2020 mid-engined car. The Corvettes will form up and parade onto the show field at 11:00AM immediately after the National Anthem. Members of TRAACA who own Corvettes will be invited to be part of this exhibit before any others.

The Meet is also inviting Clubs centered on specific Marques to display their cars en masse under their Clubs' banners on the North Field at the Aviation Museum.

Our intent is to continue to educate the public on the importance of the antique and collectible cars to the development throughout the decades of private transportation. Every vehicle on the road today is the result of the design and construction of yesterday's cars and motor vehicles. One of our greatest freedoms is the freedom of unchallenged mobility which motorized vehicles provide. We celebrate that in conducting this Meet.



# AACA Calendar of Events

http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca\_calendar.html

#### **APRIL 2020**

2-4 AACA SE Spring Nationals Concord, NC (Rescheduled to June 12-13, 2020)

23-25 AACA Western Spring Nat'ls Show Low, AZ

26- AACA Founders Tour 1 May Show Low, AZ

#### **MAY 2020**

7-9 AACA Central Spring Nat'ls
Auburn, IN

13-16 AACA Eastern Div. Tour Eastern Shore, MD

#### **JUNE 2020**

7-12 AACA Sentimental Tour Davis, WV

12-13 AACA SE Spring Nationals Concord, NC

24-27 AACA Eastern Spring Nat'ls Beckley, WV

#### **JULY 2020**

19-24 AACA Reliability Tour Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

23-25 2020 AACA Grand Nationals Allentown, PA

#### **AUGUST 2020**

20-22 AACA SE Fall Nationals Elizabeth, IN

#### **SEPTEMBER 2020**

13-18 AAA Revival Glidden Tour Saratoga Springs, NY

#### OCTOBER 2020

7-10 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA

19-23 AACA Central Divisional Tour Broken Arrow, OK

#### **FEBRUARY 2021**

11-13 AACA Annual Convention Philadelphia, PA

#### **MARCH 2021**

17-20 AACA Special Dual Nationals San Juan, Puerto Rico

#### **APRIL 2021**

8-10 AACA SE Spring Nationals Concord, NC

# AACA COVID-19 UPDATES



The AACA and its affiliates continue to monitor issues related to the coronavirus, as well as abiding by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other governmental agency recommendations. Our members are our utmost concern, and we will work diligently to keep you informed of changes to scheduled events as they arise. The following actions have been taken. (Current as of March 31, 2020.)

The 2020 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals (originally scheduled for April 2-4 in Concord, NC) has been rescheduled to coincide with the new dates for the Charlotte AutoFair (now June 12-14). The AACA SE Spring Nationals are now on June 12-13.

The 2020 AACA Founders Tour and the 2020 AACA Western Spring Nationals have both been cancelled and are being rescheduled in 2021. The new 2021 dates will be announced as soon as they are determined by the Phoenix Region and approved by the AACA Board of Directors.

The 2020 AACA Central Spring Nationals (originally scheduled for May 7-9 in Auburn, IN) have been cancelled due to RM Sotheby's cancelling its Spring Auction. The 2021 AACA Central Spring Nationals are scheduled for May 6-8, 2021.

The ODMA Fall Tour is October 23-25 in the Shenandoah Valley.

The ODMA's Old Dominion Meet (originally scheduled for June 12-14 in Roanoke, VA) has been rescheduled for November 6-7.

The Governor of Pennsylvania declared a State of Emergency and ordered all "non-life-sustaining businesses" had to close by 8 PM on Thursday, March 19. Originally, this was interpreted as AACA HQ would have to close. Fortunately—at least at this time—the local police said it considers AACA as a civic organization and will allow the HQ and Library staff to continue working. Half of the AACA HQ staff will continue to work in the office and half will work from home. Please understand that our HQ and Library staff are doing everything they can to support our club and members, but that operations at AACA HQ will be strained. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Further changes to the AACA, TRAACA, and ODMA calendars may be coming. Check the AACA, TRAACA, and ODMA websites and weekly TRAACA Mud Speck e-mail for up-to-date information. Be safe and stay healthy!







# EDITOR'S DESK

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Spring has sprung on the Tidewater—it's bright and warm as I write this. Normally, this would be a great time to be the editor of a car club newsletter. Winter is over, car shows are happening, content is flooding in! Of course, this isn't a normal spring. The impact of COVID-19 is already wide-ranging, and the first global pandemic of the modern era is certainly making its impact felt on our hobby. A quick look at this issue of the Mudflap makes it obvious that the AACA, TRAACA, and all of our regional partners are all greatly affected.

I take my editorial role responsibly, and the role of co-editor of the Mudflap is not to parrot talking heads about current events, or add to people's already hectic lives. I bring up COVID-19 for a very selfish reason—the Mudflap! As many of you know, Doug and I compile the newsletter using inputs from numerous sources—we take some of the pictures, when we can attend an event, but we are not the authors of the majority of the content. So, many of you are probably still wondering what the link is to COVID-19, and what I'm talking about. Simply put, it is content! Please help with content. Much of the planned reporting for the May, June, and July Mudflaps was tied to national or regional AACA events that are now cancelled!

So, I'm asking for your help. Tell me a story! Don't worry about the layout, but if you send me a few hundred words, and 8-12 pictures with enough info for a caption, I can tell a story about your car. In the past, we've run "Caught in the Headlights" articles, and that is what I'm envisioning. Tell us about your car—where you got it from, what restoration work you've done (or plan to do), why it is special to



I also got some neat treasures at the TRAACA swap meet.



you, and what made you choose that particular marque! If we can't go to car shows, we can read about each others cars and look at pictures.

Or, maybe you have something else car related that you want people to know about—a new restoration technique you picked up recently, or a tech tip. I recently discovered the miracle worker that is Evaporust, and I may write a little article on that. This newsletter is all about bringing together people with a common interest in the old car hobby, and all of the camaraderie that goes with it—so, in this moment of social distancing and cancelled events, lets share our stories in print!

Please, don't limit yourself to my ideas—if you have something TRAACA related that you want to tell the group, please share! I hope we can soon put this moment behind us, but in the meantime, lets bring in some new content and share pictures of our cars until we can meet again in person!

I hope you enjoy this issue—March was a great month for TRAACA, and I was able to attend both the Swap Meet and the tour of Dwight Shaubach's incredible "shop," so it was a fun issue to write. As our president states, we are an active club, and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can come up with even in these challenging times! With that said, good luck in the next few weeks, stay safe, and send any inputs you might have to Doug and I at traaca.mudflap@gmail.com.

Thanks! Ken



Old 16—a 1908 Locomobile and winner of the 1908 Vanderbilt Cup—stay tuned for a future article







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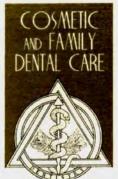






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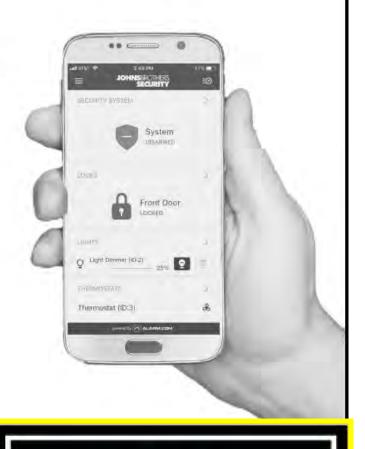
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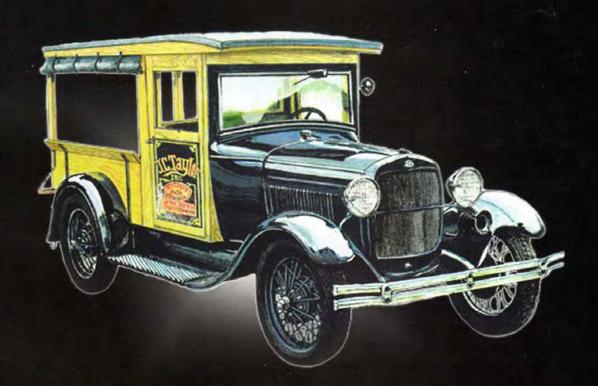
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