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TRAACA Square Car Tour Saturday, May 6, 2017

The TRAACA's 16th Annual Square Car Tour is on Saturday, May 6th. This event was started to honor our good old-fashioned "SQUARE CARS." There are many "square cars" in our region, but we don't get to see them on the roads very often. It is hard for them to keep up with the modern traffic, avoid large trucks, or try to contend with drivers who just don't understand the way things used to be!

So, come join us for a wonderful, leisurely drive over some back roads (while they still exist). Terry Bond and Richard Hall have prepared and tested a route fit for old cars. We will meet at the home of Ken & Barbara Talley (1535 Newland Road, Chesapeake, VA) between 9:30-10:00 AM on Saturday, May 6. We will enjoy coffee, donuts, and conversation with fellow TRAACA members, then depart around 11:00 AM. We will drive over some scenic roads of rural Chesapeake among farms and pastures. The pace will be leisurely, so you can enjoy the views, snap some photos,

and even smell the flowers!

The trek won't be too long, and we will finish, as usual, at Angie's Restaurant (335 Centerville Turnpike South) located at the corner of Mt. Pleasant Road & Centerville Turnpike in Chesapeake around 2:00 PM. We will enjoy a late lunch (or early dinner) of Angie's famous home-cooked food. **Please respond to Richard Hall via e-mail mgtb485173@cox.net by the end of the day Thursday, May 4th**, if you plan to come on the tour and if you plan to have lunch. Richard needs to let Angie's know how many seats to reserve for us.

Don't forget: if you don't have a suitable "square car," you may be able to "hitch" a ride with another club member. Or you are always welcome to drive something newer (yes, even modern), but you will need to "bring up the rear" and try as best you can to keep up with the old timers.

So come out on Saturday, May 6th, and enjoy vintage motoring the way it used to be!



TRAACA CALENDAR

Check local.aaca.org/tidewater for the latest info on upcoming events!

MAY 2017

- 6 TRAACA Square Car Tour
Chesapeake, VA
- 12 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 18 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 20 TRAACA Dinner & Theater
"Grease" (see Page 16)
Smithfield, VA
Joint TRAACA & HVPR activity

JUNE 2017

- 9 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 15 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 24- TRAACA Tour to Richmond
25 Richmond, VA

JULY 2017

- 8 TRAACA Tour of Brock
Environmental Center
Virginia Beach, VA
- 14 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 20 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 22 TRAACA Route 17 Antique
Store "Crawl" and Lunch
Gloucester, VA
Joint TRAACA & HVPR activity

AUGUST 2017

- 12 TRAACA Ice Cream Run
Doumar's Barbecue
Norfolk, VA
- 17 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 19 Norfolk Tides baseball game
Norfolk, VA

April 21-22, 2017
Founders Inn - Virginia Beach, VA

64th Annual Meet
Old Dominion Meet Association
ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

The Old Dominion Meet is over, but you can read about it on Pages 6-8.

From the Driver's Seat

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Wow, that was a lot of fun! After almost two years of planning and coordinating, the 2017 Old Dominion Meet is over. We didn't hit the 200 vehicles we'd hoped for, but with 147 vehicles registered (of which 133 showed up despite the threat of rain) from 12 of the 14 ODMA regions, North Carolina and a few non-affiliated AACA members, this year's ODMA Meet was one of the largest in recent years. Of those vehicles, 95 were from the TRAACA (from 85 owners), so great job Tidewater! Any other year we'd easily have won the ODMA Trophy (but we recused ourselves from it this year because we hosted the Meet).

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this meet, from those who laid out & set up trailer parking and the show field, helped park cars & trailers, worked registration, set up & worked the Silent Auction, delivered water to judges & volunteers, took tickets, handed out box lunches, entertained Heidi, judged, etc. We asked for your help, and you stepped up. Thank you all for your hard work and cheeriness—your efforts ensured that everyone who participated in the meet enjoyed themselves and made the region look good. We've received lots of compliments about the meet, and that's a reflection of your efforts. Thank you!

Thank you also to everyone who placed an ad in the Meet Program, put a photo of your car in the program, and donated items to the Silent Auction. (Special thanks to J.C. Taylor Insurance for sponsoring the Best-in-Show Trophy!) Your generosity helped defray the costs of the show and allowed us to hold down the costs for participants. We don't have the final tally yet, but I'm confident we're going to be one of the rare ODMA Meets not to lose money and we may even have turned a modest profit.

I can't list everyone who contributed because inevitably I'd forget someone, but I feel I'd be remiss if I didn't mention some key people: Jim Villers & Matt Doscher and their team who laid out the show field; Bill Treadwell & his

team who worked trailer parking; Wes Neal & his team who parked the vehicles on the show field; Donna Elliott & her team who ran the Silent Auction; Marie & John Gancel who took the tickets (and served as door guards) for the Ice Social and Awards Banquet and as the Silent Auction cashiers; Kim Berry & her team for handing out box lunches; Travis Berry for soliciting sponsors; our Registration Chairs Sandy & Richard Hall & their team on Saturday; Sandy Hall & Dot Parrish who ran Judges Administration; our Chief Judge Jim Elliott; Dain King for coming to teach our AACA Special Judging School; Susan & Terry Bond for producing the Meet Program; Jerry Adams for being everywhere and doing anything we asked; and Barry Basnight for similarly being everywhere (and fixing Charlie Dawson's golf cart); AACA President Tom Cox for coming to present the awards; and all those who provided advice, especially Sandy Hall. Most importantly, thank you to my loving wife Marion who bore the brunt of the Meet Chair's work, coordinating all the details of the meet, especially after I transferred to DC over two months ago. (I don't deserve her, and she definitely deserves better.)

And now for something completely different: a request. **Please attend the June Dinner Meeting on Thursday, June 15th, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.** The Board of Directors has spent the last few months reviewing and update the club's bylaws. **We will be voting on the proposed revised bylaws at the June Dinner Meeting and need at least 20% of our members present to have a quorum.** Dinner meetings in the summer usually have the lowest attendance, so I'm asking you to make a special effort to attend this one. (If you need more incentive to attend, the food will be delicious and Jeff Locke is going to give a presentation on the Seal Cove Museum in Maine.) The proposed bylaws are posted on the club website and were e-mailed to all members this past week. Please take the time to read them and come to the June Dinner Meeting prepared to vote. (You must be present to vote.) If you have any questions about the proposed updates, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other Board member.

Thank you very much! And remember—you can never have too much horsepower.

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

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From the Running Board
April 14, 2017 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes
 (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

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Officers present: Mark McAlpine (President), Matt Doscher (Vice President), Vickie Doscher (Secretary), and Charlie Dawson (Treasurer). Board members present: Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, and Bill Treadwell. Members present: Jim Villers (President Emeritus), Richard & Sandy Hall, Marion McAlpine, Wes Neal, and Linda Treadwell.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

President: Mark thanked all the Board members for meeting on a Friday.

Vice President: Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

Treasurer's Report: Charlie provided the March Treasurer's Report. Treasurer report was mailed to Board members prior to the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Board Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2017, were approved by e-mail. Summary was printed in April *Mudflap* newsletter.

Membership (Jim Villers): Status as of 31 March 2017: 162 memberships plus 3 new ones just added day of Board meeting.

Activities Committee:

- Sat, April 15: Tour of the Museum of the Albemarle (Elizabeth City, NC) w/lunch at Grouper's Restaurant. Wayne Milligan planning.
- Sat, May 6: TRAACA Square Car Tour. Terry Bond and Richard Hall planning.
- Sat, May 20: TRAACA Dinner & Theater ("Grease"). Dinner will be at Smithfield Station. Information in *The Mudflap* and *Mud Speck*. Marion McAlpine planning.
- Sat-Sun, June 24-25: TRAACA Tour to Richmond. Vickie & Matt Doscher planning.
- Sat, July 8: Tour of Brock Environmental Center, Virginia Beach.

Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):

- No Dinner Meeting in April due to ODMA Meet on Friday-Saturday, 21-22 April
- Motion made by Vickie and seconded by Bill to add a Dinner Meeting for June 15, 2017. Motion passed.
- Next Monthly Dinner Meeting is Thursday, May 18, 2017. Guest Speaker will be Bob Stein with a presentation on buying and selling on eBay and Craigslist.

Unfinished Business:

- **2017 ODMA Meet (April 21-22):** Marion reported 147 cars registered, 41 trailers, 87 Friday Ice Cream Social tickets, 57 box lunches, and 92 for Awards Banquet. Motion made by Wayne for TRAACA to recuse itself from ODMA Trophy, seconded by Bill. Motion passed. Jim will have signs made for ODMA. Charlie provided tax exemption forms for Founders Inn.
- **Bylaws Review Committee:** Current draft version of the proposed revised bylaws was reviewed and discussed at meeting. Bylaws were approved by the Board members and will be provided to the membership for final approval at the May Dinner Meeting.

New Business:

- **Name Tag Revision:** Four options were presented to the Board Members to vote on. Motion was made by Matt to change the logo from VA state design to TRAACA logo and to add "member since" under the name. Motion was seconded by Wayne. Motion passed. Jerry suggested Board discuss with the design company if the TRAACA logo can be applied and at what cost. Board decided to delay implementation until after discussion with the design company.
- **Date for May Board Meeting** was agreed to Friday, May 12, 2017, at 6:30 PM.
- **Renewal of CD:** Club has option to renew its CD with Towne Bank that matured on April 6, 2017. Motion made by Charlie to renew the CD with Towne Bank for another 22 months at 1.3% and seconded by Wayne. Motion passed.
- **Obtain new Registered Agent for the club:** Charlie made motion to have Sandy Hall's business member "Jeffrey Besser" become the club's new Registered Agent; seconded by Matt. Motion passed.

Other Business:

- **VPCCC Report:** Cruise-ins starting soon. Virginia Fall Classic show (Saturday, October 21, 2017) will have Dan Short (from Fantomworks) to pick the Best-in-Show. Information will be on VPCCC website.

Having no other business, motion made by Mark to adjourn and seconded by Vickie. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting is Friday, May 12, 2017, 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary

May Dinner Meeting
Thursday, May 18th

This month's dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be Chicken Marsala, grilled tilapia, mac & cheese, green beans, house salad, and chef's choice of dessert. Our guest speaker is Bob Stein, who will be talking about buying & selling on eBay and Craigslist.



TRAACA Tour to Museum of the Albemarle Saturday, April 15, 2017

Story by Wayne Milligan. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

TRAACA members awoke on Saturday morning, April 15, 2017, to overcast skies and light rain. However, the rain stopped and the sun made its appearance later in the morning, just in time for the group to gather at the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center in South Mills, NC. Members participating included Jere Avenson, Terry & Susan Bond, Matt & Vickie Doscher, Chris Harris-Evans & Candice Dettloff, John & Lynn Heimerl, Frank Lagana, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Mickey McChesney, Dewey & Maxine Milligan, Wayne & Carol Milligan, Rick Overbaugh & Karen Kern, Skip Patnode, Ken & Barbara Talley, Bill & Linda Treadwell, Bob & Ginger Watson, Bob Wilcox & Robyn Burnham, James & Becky Woodall, and Bob & Susan Woolfitt. From the Welcome Center, the group headed south to the Museum of the Albemarle on the Elizabeth City, NC, waterfront. At the Museum, we were greeted by Lori Meads, a Museum Educator who provided an overview of the Museum, which showcases the rich history of the Albemarle Region. The TRAACA Board of Directors had previously approved providing a donation to the Museum, and Wayne Milligan presented a check for \$100.00, on behalf of the

club, to the museum. Our group then toured the Museum at our own pace with the Educator nearby to add context to exhibits and answer any questions.

After a leisurely tour of the Museum, as is often the case, the TRAACA group began to focus on food and lunch quickly became the agenda. Small groups made their way across Water Street for lunch at Grouper's Waterfront Restaurant, a relatively small seafood restaurant that provided a quaint and intimate setting for the group to dine. After lunch, many in the group began heading north on their way home or went off to tackle their weekend chores while some remained in Elizabeth City to take in the local sites and historic architecture along the river.

Though the weather looked less than ideal early in the morning, our group did not encounter more than an occasional sprinkle with most of the day sunny with Carolina blue skies. The Museum of the Albemarle was gracious and offered an interesting collection of northeast North Carolina artefacts. Lunch was tasty, reasonably priced, and timely with pleasant staff. The result: 32 members with 15 antique automobiles enjoyed a pleasant Saturday morning road trip.



The TRAACA group in the atrium of The Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, NC



Jere Avenson with his 1941 Packard Deluxe 110 4-dr sedan



James & Becky Woodall with their 1967 Mercury Cyclone



Linda & Bill Treadwell and their 1969 Chevrolet Camaro



John & Lynn Heimerl and their 1970 AMC AMX



Frank Lagana with his 1990 Ford Ranger XLT pickup truck



Lori Meads provides TRAACA members the history of the museum



An authentic shad boat hangs above the museum's atrium



1888 fire-fighting steam pumper and other vintage fire equipment



Chris Harris-Evans & Candice Dettloff view a house from 1755



Susan & Terry Bond getting a souvenir stamped penny



2017 ODMA Meet

Founders Inn & Spa, Virginia Beach, VA

Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017



Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

Every year the Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) hosts an antique automobile show somewhere in Virginia. (Thus, the name “The Old Dominion Meet.”) This year the 2017 ODMA Meet was hosted by the TRAACA. We held the Meet at the Founders Inn & Spa located in Virginia Beach, VA, on Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017. The hotel grounds were beautiful and a great place to display antique vehicles.

The show field was laid out on Friday morning in anticipation of the show on Saturday. The 64th ODMA Meet started with the opening of the Registration Desk, Silent Auction, and Trailer Parking on Friday at 12:00 PM. The Founders Inn had a very nice set up for registration with a large area located in the hotel lobby. Trailer parking was located on the hotel grounds which was very convenient for the participants. The Silent Auction was beautifully set up in a room on the 2nd floor, containing some great items to bid on. (Among the donated items, just to name a few, were hotel rooms, great gift baskets, original art pieces, and a Dodge Challenger hood signed by NASCAR legend Richard Petty.) People started

trickling in on Friday afternoon to check-in and pick up their registration packets.

The Registration Table was busy in the later part of Friday afternoon. Construction on I-64 near Newport News slowed some people down, and many people were arriving after work. Heidi, the new club mascot (or old if you look at her years), lay behind the Registration Desk, enjoying the attention from the show attendees and the Founders Inn staff.

Dain King, AACA National Judging School instructor, taught a Special National Judging School on Friday afternoon, followed by an opportunity for participants to attend one of five Continuing Judges Education courses. Those that participated will receive National AACA credit for the courses if they judge at an AACA National Meet sometime in 2017.

Friday evening was the Ice Cream Social, held in the Founders Inn’s 2-story atrium area. About 100 people attended the event. The participants were pleasantly surprised when they were treated to not only delicious ice cream with numerous toppings, but also cheese, crackers



(L-R) Sandy Hall, Marion McAlpine, and Marie Lawrence checking in participants at the Meet Registration Desk



Dain King presenting the Special AACA Judging School on Friday



Terry Bond discussing his 1912 Triumph motorcycle in the lobby



(L-R) Matt & Vickie Doscher, Dot Parrish, Toni McChesney, Sandy Hall, and ODMA President Budd Lacy at Registration Tent

and fruit. The Silent Auction items were brought down from upstairs and beautifully displayed on tables outside the Atrium to give people more opportunity to bid.

It rained late Friday night and into early Saturday morning. Thankfully, the rain stopped by the time we started setting up for the show cars to arrive. Before entering the show field, participants drove by displays of a 1903 Cadillac, a pair of Duesenbergs (a 1929 & a 1930), and a 1935 Chrysler C2 Imperial Airflow, all owned by fellow TRAACA members. There were 147 vehicles registered for the meet, with 95 coming from TRAACA members. We were relieved when judging was over and the vehicles were able to get off the show field before the rain returned in the afternoon.

The Silent Auction opened up again Saturday morning. The items were displayed beautifully once again on the tables. To entice bidders, there was also a huge tray of delicious cookies and brownies for show participants to enjoy. Preordered box lunches were available in the lobby and delivered without a hitch. (Thanks Kim!)

The Saturday night Awards Banquet was well attended with 100 people signed up for the event. The Silent Auction items were brought down to the banquet room to give participants a final chance to bid on the items during the social hour prior to dinner. The buffet dinner and service were excellent. We were fortunate to have three current and past AACA Presidents at the meet: Terry Bond (2010), Tom Cox (2013 and 2017), and Bob Parrish (2016). Terry gave the invocation before dinner, Tom presented the awards to the participants, and Bob spoke

during dinner about the history of ODMA.

The 64th Old Dominion Meet is now complete. There were many people who volunteered to help with the meet, and without them there would not have been an ODMA Meet. The Meet Chairs included: Jerry Adams, Kim & Travis Berry, Terry & Susan Bond, Matt Doscher, Donna & Jim Elliott, Marie & John Gancel, Sandy & Richard Hall, Wes Neal, Dot Parrish, Bill Treadwell, and Jim Villers. As the Meet Co-Chairs, Mark & I were proud to serve with each and every person who helped, no matter how little or how large the job.

Next year's ODMA Meet is being hosted by the Tri-County Region located near Harrisonburg, VA. The dates and location haven't been locked in yet, but we're already looking forward to it.



1938 Walker D-500 hybrid gas-electric (really!) delivery truck



Bob & Sylvia Roughton's 1921 Packard 116 Touring Car



Ken Talley with his 1929 Buick Master Model 47 4-dr sedan



Bob Stein with his 1937 Pontiac Deluxe 6



Marie Lawrence with her & Bobby's 1942 Crosley convertible



Larry & Stella Wickham with their 1935 Ford pick-up truck



Bob & Linda Pellerin's 1937 Volvo PV51



Dwight Schaubach and his "new" 1958 Pontiac Chieftain



Laurel & Al Swenson with their 1958 Morris Minor



Franklin Gage checking his 1951 Chevrolet Styleline Deluxe before heading to Oklahoma for the VCCA Southern Spring Tour



A future AACA member with Doug Lawrence's 1960 King Midget



Kit Lawrence with his 1937 Dodge Westchester Station Wagon



Dick McIninch in his 1986 Mercedes-Benz 300E



AACA Western Spring Meet Palm Springs, CA March 24-25, 2017



Story and Photos by Bob Parrish

The 2017 AACA Western Spring Meet was held on March 24-25 in Palm Springs, CA. Like most Western activities, the show was modest in size, but larger by comparison at 225 vehicles. There were several social activities.

There is a wonderful aircraft museum consisting of World War II planes, ship models, and interesting wartime memorabilia. Had I been there a day earlier, I could have had a ride in a vintage C-47 airplane. The museum was located on the edge of an active airport, so there was a constant stream of aircraft coming and going.

The membership roundtable was well attended with good questions discussed. On Friday night there was a social at Meet Chairman Frank Wentzel's home. He is known as "Mr. Studebaker." I have never seen the likes of his collection. If it had Studebaker on it, Frank had it in his collection: cars, trucks, promos, advertising parts, lubricants, tools, etc.

A group of us went downtown for dinner and after a wait we were seated at the edge of the bandstand. Before the music began, the four-piece band leader talked with me and, lo and behold, the group's first number was "See the USA in your Chevrolet," much to my surprise. He also informed the audience of the AACA show being held the next day—free publicity. The next number was "Peggy Sue," a favorite Buddy Holly song of mine. The band continued with an array of my favorite 1950's songs.

The meet on Saturday was very nice, with perfect weather, and the show field was in a city park, with not often seen real grass for that part of the country. Aside from my new duties as AACA VP National Awards, I got to see most of the cars and spend time with the owners. As you often see at a National Meet, there were some very unusual cars: a 1930 Cadillac V16, a 1903 Thomas, and some Class 29 Specified Prestige Vehicles ["Post war vehicles built to appeal to the upscale buyer in style, material and quality"], such as a 1956 Lincoln Mark II and a 1960 Imperial Crown. There was a rare 1962 big brake Corvette with fuel injection and big fuel tank option, and a number of other beautiful Vettes.

I think the highlight of the meet for me was helping Tom Cox organize a group of high school students participating in the Hagerty Junior Judging Program. I selected a variety of five vehicles (with the owners' permission) for the students' education and a try at judging cars. There was the brass 1903 Thomas, 1930 Cadillac V16, 1947 Chevrolet Woody Wagon, 1954 Kaiser Darrin, and a 1970 Chevelle SS-396 muscle car, which received the First Place ribbon, to the owner's delight, from the kids. I really believe the car owners and I were the winners here, but everyone benefited in some way. What a great opportunity to introduce our youth to the hobby.

The Palm Springs Meet marks another successful meet on the 2017 AACA schedule.



A sliver of Frank Wentzel's "all things Studebaker" collection



HS students participating in the Hagerty Junior Judging Program



1962 Chevrolet Corvette



1930 Cadillac V-16



Still Collecting Stuff — Signs—Part 2

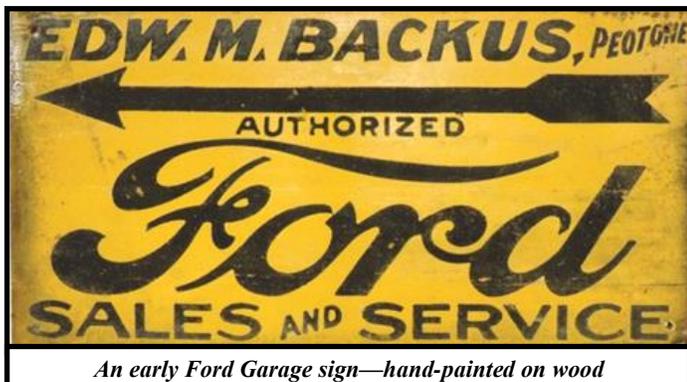
By Terry Bond

As promised, we continue our exploration of the wonderful world of collecting signs. As summer and the old car season warm up, more event reporting means shorter collecting articles, so perhaps a final “catch-up” article on this topic will enable you to see what I consider some of the best of the best!

Have you observed in the world of old cars that when something gets expensive, a less expensive alternative soon becomes collectible? People began collecting station wagons, four door family cars, and the like because muscle cars, convertibles, and two-door sport coupes began to get pricy. Much the same happened in sign collecting. As the price of porcelain signs began to sky rocket, collectors began turning to the less expensive alternatives—tin, paper and cardboard signs.

Tin signs actually preceded porcelain. Many of the earliest were hand-painted, but once color lithography began to appear in the 1800s, mass production of images and designs printed on tinsplate enabled decorative packaging and advertising signs to proliferate. So, tin signs have been around since the dawn of the automobile. Many beautiful images appeared on early signage, some of them considered artwork today. Alas, they did not last. When exposed to the elements, they weathered easily and began rusting. Colored images faded in the sun, and repeated efforts to clean them only hastened their demise.

As mentioned earlier in last month’s article, the hand-painted signs that appeared in the early 1900s up into the teens were done by a couple of companies, most notably, Ithaca Sign Works in New York. Examples of their work that managed to survive command steep prices today. In other cases, itinerant sign painters would travel to different jobs painting signs for country garages and auto dealerships.



An early Ford Garage sign—hand-painted on wood

Starting in the early 1900s, presses were sometimes used to emboss signs, making for a superb piece of dimensional advertising.

Many such signs were produced only in small numbers as they advertised local businesses or products distributed only within small geographic areas. Companies with larger distribution networks had signs mass produced. This is particularly the case with later examples from tire, gas and oil companies, and even automobile manufacturers.

Signs were printed in such a fashion that a generic sign could have the name and address of a local business added later. Some signs had the ability to indicate how many miles ahead the business was.

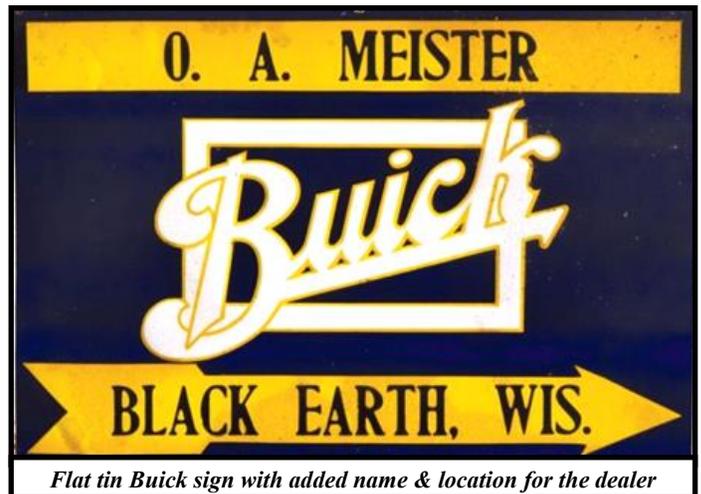
While porcelain signs eventually would take the lead in



Very early, embossed tin, Goodyear Tires sign. These are found only in small size—about 10” x 12”—and are circa 1904

popularity due to their more permanent nature, tin signs continued in production because they were a less expensive alternative.

It has only been in recent years that the value of tin signs has started to catch up with porcelain. Much the same can be said for cardboard and paper signs. They were generally made to hang indoors, but still suffered from fading in bright sunlight. Often cardboard and paper advertising signs were framed, which served to save many of them. It is not uncommon to find an old cardboard or paper advertising sign being used as a backing for some other piece of artwork. I have three great pieces in my own collection discovered by looking at the backside of framed junk art.



Flat tin Buick sign with added name & location for the dealer

In one case, a framed lighthouse picture cut from a 1950’s calendar was backed with a wonderful embossed cardboard sign advertising Pilot automobile horns. The embossing, although in reverse when seen from the backside, was obviously an automobile horn. I was astonished to find a pristine, little used, cardboard sign meant to hang behind a counter or in a window of an early auto parts store.

As with all collectibles, condition is everything. For tin signs, a good clean crisp image is vital. Those that are die-cut in particular shapes are the most sought after today.

Coating them with a clear-coat or varnish to enhance gloss detracts, and may cause unrepairable damage. Sometimes however, it might be necessary to preserve an image from further deterioration. My best advice is to always “do no harm” and find a good way to preserve and display. Sometimes framing them with proper matting and glass is preferred. Getting them into proper storage conditions will enhance survivability.

Rust, missing pieces, nail holes, and repainted signs should all



be considered as low-end items. Outstanding graphics, fancy lettering, gold leaf, multiple colors, embossing and great condition will be at the top of the heap.

Cardboard and paper signs are rapidly gaining in popularity, especially those with wonderful graphics. Paper and cardboard signs can be successfully restored to some extent without evidence of having been worked on. I have a great resource for restoration of paper including removing water stains, rust marks, even marks from acids in wood-backing that leaches through the paper. I've had several early prints restored that way, and signs are just as easy to do, although it's not cheap. I recently had a great paper sign removed from its cardboard backing for around \$35. It is advisable to do that as original cardboard backing for paper signs was very acidic and can hasten the eventual destruction of a wonderful piece of history.

There are many sources for paper signs: advertising shows, paper shows, auctions, antique shops, malls, old garages, country stores, and just about any place where such advertising was ever used. I have many pieces rescued from their original source and many surprise discoveries in old buildings.

As always, buyer beware. There are reproductions out there. I like a little honest wear (patina) on my signs. Modern reproductions are printed using a screen-printing process and the images will appear flat compared to originals. Oftentimes the artwork on a recreated sign is not as well done as the original. A



good example of the differences can be found when looking at an original Boyce Motometer sign and a modern reproduction.

Values can be all over the roadmap. (Pun intended.) The simplest of signs in the form of paper advertising banners with no illustration can be found from \$25 up to several hundred depending on what is advertised. Some embossed, die cut signs such as the wonderful early Ajax Tire sign can command price tags in the thousands at high end auctions.

As a spark plug collector, my interests are spark plug related, so a few nice signs have found their way into my collection. Other auto parts signs can be equally exciting such as the great Stromberg Carburetor sign showing the hood of an early car.

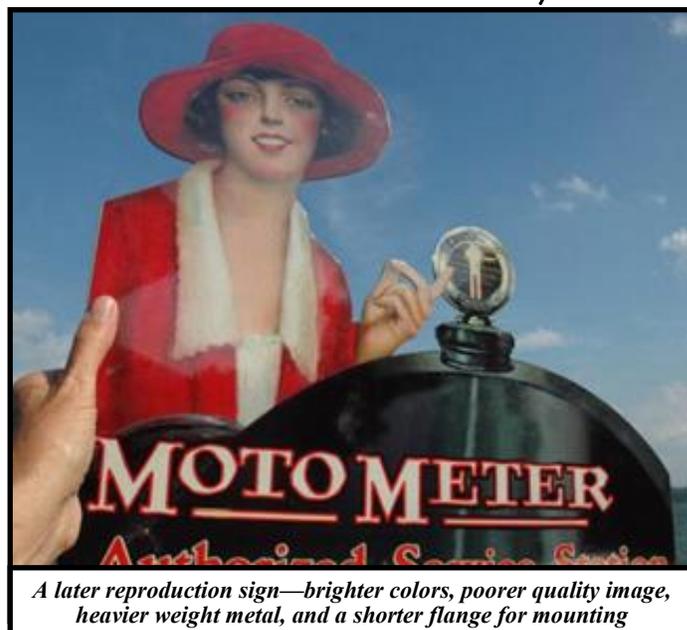
You will often find paper posters that are used as product advertising. They were intended for indoor use or hanging in store windows. Framed properly they make great artwork. Stuff like these great advertising posters have my permission to reside in the house.

A word of caution is appropriate at this point: you will find a lot of early magazine ads that have been framed and turned into advertising pieces. They should be priced as cut-out magazine ads rather than original advertising prints. A clue is the backside. The right stuff will not have printing on the back.

Another word of caution is needed for tin signs. I've seen many items that have been made into signs. I was nearly burned at the Charlotte swap meet this year on such an item. What began life as a 5-gallon can of Polarine Motor Oil had probably met its demise under the wheels of a tractor. However, one decent side panel of the old can remained, so someone carefully cut it out and put it into an old frame. It was advertised as a rare Polarine advertising sign. Indeed, it was rare—the only one known—as I was aware Polarine never made a sign with that image. Further examination disclosed some fine print: "Net Contents Five Gallons." That surely would not have appeared on a sign! Another couple of clues became evident after coaxing the vendor to let me take a look at the backside: we saw no holes with which to mount the "sign." And guess what? It didn't pass the sniff test either—it still smelled like old motor oil! The vendor claimed to have bought it at an auction and wasn't aware. He wasn't able to pass his "mistake" along to me.

On the next page are a few more signs with some added info for your enjoyment. I hope that you will find some treasures and realize you don't need to pay porcelain sign prices for great advertising items. As always, if you need any guidance, just call.

Terry Bond

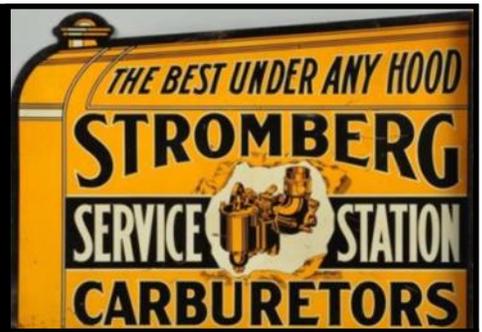




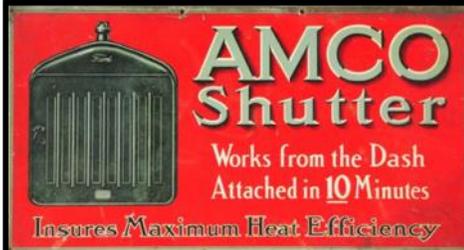
Embossed tin Champion Spark Plug sign



Mitchell Car sign hanging in AACA Library



Early Stromberg carburetor sign



Embossed AMCO sign—circa 1920



Cardboard P&H Spark Plug ad

Membership Vote at the June Dinner Meeting—Thursday, June 15th Proposed Update of TRAACA Bylaws

Our monthly dinner meetings are always fun and well-attended, but it's especially important that we have as many members as possible attend our June Dinner Meeting because we will be voting on a proposed revision of our club bylaws.

Our bylaws were last updated in 2009, so I asked for some of our Board of Directors to review the bylaws and present any recommendations they might have to the entire Board. Matt Doscher and Wayne Milligan volunteered to do this. Over the last few months the Board has discussed and tweaked Matt and Wayne's recommendations and approved some proposed changes and additions to the bylaws for presentation to the entire membership of the club for your consideration and approval.

The proposed updated bylaws were e-mailed to all members on April 27th and are posted on the club website. Please read them and come to the June Dinner Meeting prepared to vote on them. I don't think any of the proposed changes are controversial, and the Board has approved and recommends the changes, but we represent only eight people in a club of over 300 members (per our proposed new definition). We need your approval to implement these changes. To do that, we need at least 20% of the club present at the June Dinner Meeting in order to have a quorum and be able to vote.

Thank you very much! If you have any questions about the proposed changes to the bylaws, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of your other Board members.

Mark McAlpine

THANK YOU TO ALL THE TRAACA VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED AT THE 64th ANNUAL ODMA MEET AT THE FOUNDERS INN ON APRIL 21-22, 2017, TO OUR PROGRAM SPONSORS, AND TO ALL THOSE WHO BROUGHT SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!

WE WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE CHAIRS FOR THE EVENT:

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IN ADDITION, THANK YOU TO TERRY BOND, TOM COX, AND BOB PARRISH FOR BEING THE SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS AT THE AWARDS BANQUET, AND TO THE ADAMS FAMILY AND BARRY BASNIGHT FOR JUMPING IN WHENEVER NEEDED.

**MARION AND MARK McALPINE
2017 ODMA MEET CO-CHAIRS**



*A gathering of AACA Presidents:
(L-R) Terry Bond, Tom Cox, and Bob Parrish*



What Would Happen If You Showed Up at a New Car Dealership With an AACA Judging Sheet?

By Dain King

AACA Chairman Judges Training

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



I would like to welcome all the judges who have joined our professional ranks so far this year. You have been judges all of your life—you just didn't carry around a clip board with a judging sheet . . . until now.

I would especially like to thank the three wives who brought their husbands to Ocala for Judging School and persuaded them to stay around on Saturday to be on the Apprentice Team, but all the members at Ocala brought such high levels of expertise, and even I learned something that day. The questions posed were strong indicators of an

understanding of the *Judging Guidelines*, which were referred to numerous times during our practice judging. Hopefully, more wives will entice their husbands to drop a few rounds of golf and join us on the judging field. Oh yes, and you husbands might want to think about bringing your wives on board, too. The only restriction is that you cannot be on the same judging team after being on the Apprentice Team.

Now, there is nothing wrong with doing some practice judging between National Meets. In fact, it just might sharpen your perception. Take a look at your own daily driver and score it. Visit a used car lot, but leave your score sheet at home or the owner might think you're from the EPA, IRS, FBI or SAE.

What do you think would happen if you showed up at a new car dealership with a judging sheet and used it before you signed on the dotted line? First of all, the salesman would probably take a step back and be on the defensive, or maybe even up the cash back incentive. After you walked around the car once or twice, looking for deductions, you would take your ball point pen, which resembles a scimitar to the salesman, and mark your score. You noted that the door glass didn't exactly line up, and the seam between the hood and the left front fender looked more like the letter V than the letter I. A couple of paint nicks near the trunk lid gave you the impression that the trunk had actually been used to tote something. The orange peel in the paint makes you think it might be a special order for delivery in Florida.

From everything you have learned at AACA Judging School, it looks like quite a few deductions here. You prepare to mark your score sheet, remembering to treat all vehicles as if they were going for a Grand National Award. And you haven't even lifted the hood yet. Time to check the "MAX DED" column. Then you realize that this IS how the vehicle was delivered to the dealership from the factory, so you take no deductions and the salesman give you an extra \$6,500 in incentives.

Last summer, some relatives visited us and we took them to the local cruise night. They wanted to learn about all this "judging stuff." I gave them a short introduction, which emphasized, ". . . was delivered to the dealership from the factory, and authorized dealer options." We looked at a few mild customs and street rods, and then I saw a beautiful (and I mean knock-out gorgeous) '55 tan and red hardtop Chevrolet. I remember saying, "This is what we are looking for!" I could hardly contain myself! I went all around the car explaining to my relatives what we would be looking for, and everything I saw was positive. I cannot explain my feelings when I looked down from the open hood to the grille, and saw, to my pleasure and astonishment, an AACA Senior Award plaque.



AACA Calendar of Events

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

MAY 2017

- 11-13 AACA Special Spring Meet
Auburn, IN
- 26-27 AACA Eastern Spring Meet
Huntington, WV

JUNE 2017

- 4-9 Founders Tour (1932-later)
Gettysburg, PA
- 15-17 Annual Grand National Meet
Independence, MO

JULY 2017

- 17-21 Vintage Tour
Wellsboro, PA

AUGUST 2017

- 17-19 AACA Central Fall Meet
Bettendorf, IA

SEPTEMBER 2017

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

OCTOBER 2017

- 4-7 AACA Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA

FEBRUARY 2018

- 8-10 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

MARCH 2018

- 2-3 AACA Special Winter Meet/
Special Grand Nat'l Meet
San Juan, Puerto Rico

APRIL 2018

- 5-7 AACA SE Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC
- 20-21 AACA Western Spring Meet
Tucson, AZ

MAY 2018

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

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 12-15 AACA Central Division Tour
Texas Panhandle

OCTOBER 2018

- 3-6 AACA Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA
- 21-26 Founders Tour
Metropolis, IL

NOVEMBER 2018

- 5-9 Sentimental Tour
Natchez, MS



AACA Southeastern Spring Meet Charlotte, NC April 7-8, 2017



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

What a difference a year makes! Every April the AACA Southeastern Spring Meet is held in conjunction with the Charlotte Auto Fair in Charlotte, NC. This year the national meet was held on April 6-8, 2017. Last year the weather was terribly cold, the winds were gusting at 30-40 mph on the show field, and it rained. This year the weather on show day was almost perfect, partly cloudy with temperatures in the upper 60s. (What a difference a year makes.) As in years past, many TRAACA members made the trek to Charlotte for the auto fair/swap meet, to enter a vehicle in the AACA show, to judge or work administration at the AACA show, and some people did it all!

Mark & I drove down to Charlotte on Thursday, April 6th. We left later than usual because there was a terrible storm coming from North Carolina with winds, rain, and even hail in some areas. Once we got started the weather had pretty much cleared and the drive was pleasant, except for the areas of road construction. We arrived safely into Charlotte and checked into the Marriott Residence Inn we have been staying the past seven years. We enjoy the location, and this year was even more enjoyable with newly renovated rooms. We had dinner at our favorite Thai restaurant near the hotel, took Heidi for a short walk (she doesn't walk like she used to), and then settled in for the night.

Friday, April 7th, we headed to the auto fair/swap meet to help out at the AACA Membership Tent. Fellow TRAACA members and 2016 National AACA President & First Lady Bob and Dot Parrish were at the tent as well. As usual, our old friend Franklin Gage (from the Bull Run Region) was working hard to get new members. Somehow Mark beat Franklin to the punch and managed to get two new members first. After leaving the membership tent we went on a mission to find a base for the parking meter we had bought in Auburn, IN, at the AACA Special Spring Meet. We obtained a hot lead from TRAACA members Matt & Vickie Doscher, who had seen some on the Blue Field. (The lead was confirmed by TRAACA members Jim & Donna Elliott who had purchased one from the same vendor.)

Continuing what has become a tradition for the Charlotte Meet, 28 TRAACA members and friends from other AACA Regions enjoyed dinner Friday evening at the Charlotte

Motor Speedway's Speedway Club. The food and service were excellent, and the view of the speedway below was spectacular. Fellow TRAACA member Charlie Daniels needs to remain a member of the Speedway Club for many years to come so TRAACA members can look forward to a relaxing dinner after walking the auto fair/swap meet.

The show field for the AACA Meet and judges' parking was in the same location as last year, which was a great location for getting on and off the swap meet field. (It's also easy access to the parking lot for the Speedway Club.) The new show field location is ideal for getting exposure to spectators driving by. After judging, Mark & I walked around to photograph vehicles and visit with participants. Dinner that night was with Matt & Vickie Doscher at our favorite Italian restaurant near our hotels. The Doschers had reason to celebrate after receiving their Original HPOF award for their 1991 Mercury Grand Marquis, once owned by Matt's father.

TRAACA members present in Charlotte included Susan & Terry Bond, Tammy & Tom Cox, Chris Hunt & Charlie Daniels, Matt & Vickie Doscher, Donna & Jim Elliott, Tyler Gimbert, Jeff Locke, Marion & Mark McAlpine, Cindi & Reggie Nash, Dot & Bob Parrish, Bob Stein, Neil Sugermeier, Margie & Rad Tillett, and Jim Villers. (See Pg. 17 for TRAACA members receiving awards at the Charlotte Meet.)



(L-R) Marion McAlpine, Dot Parrish, Reggie & Cindi Nash



(L-R) Rad Tillett, Chris Hunt, Margie Tillett, and Charlie Daniels enjoy dinner Friday night at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club



(L-R) Marion McAlpine and Vickie & Matt Doscher after judging



1910 Cadillac Touring Car



1923 Marmon 34B



1926 Pierce-Arrow Runabout



1931 Cadillac convertible



Cindi & Reggie Nash with their 1957 Cadillac Eldorado



Jim Villers with his freshly restored 1958 Mercedes-Benz 190SL

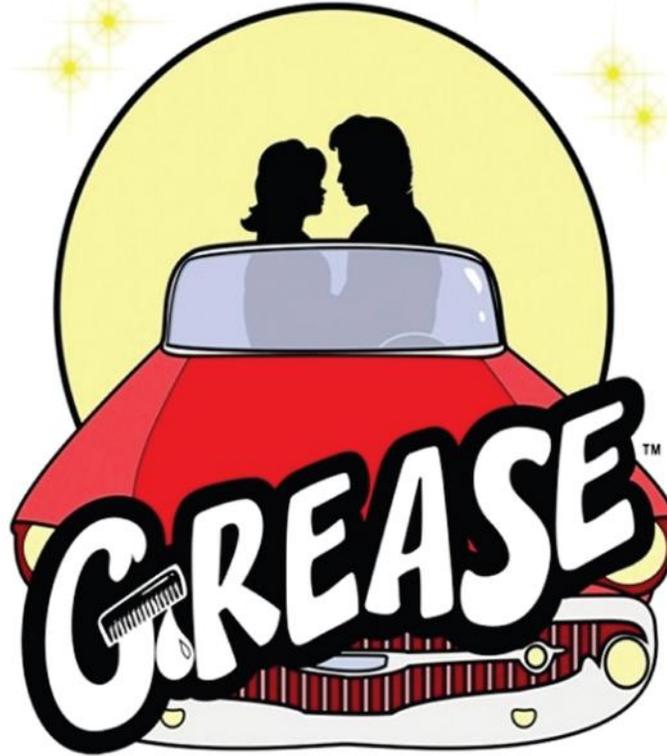


1965 Plymouth Satellite



Matt & Vickie Doscher's 1991 Mercury Grand Marquis

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Remember John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John dancing to all those fun songs in *Grease*? Well, ladies put on your poodle skirts or capris, and guys put on your straight jeans and white tee shirts (with the sleeves rolled up, of course), and slick back your hair; or just come as you are. The TRAACA is joining up with our sister region, the HVPRAACA, on Saturday, May 20, 2017, for a great night in Smithfield. We will start with dinner at 6:00 PM at fellow TRAACA member Ron Pack's restaurant—the Smithfield Station—followed by the play *GREASE*, being performed at the Smithfield Little Theatre at 8:00 PM. (Fellow TRAACA member Leslie Scarpelli choreographed the show.) The Smithfield Little Theatre provided us discounted group tickets for **\$15.00/person** with terrific seats.

To make it easier on the Smithfield Station staff and faster for us, there will be a limited dinner menu of five entrée choices for our group to choose from. *The restaurant menu will be provided to those that have RSVP'd for dinner.*

You need to act fast to get in on this activity! The show has sold out, but we have a few of our reserved seats remaining. If you want to go, please contact Marion McAlpine as soon as possible at mmmcalpine05@msn.com or call her at (757) 967-0074 with the number of tickets you want and if you are coming to dinner.



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

Roby & Nancy Blankenship
Virginia Beach, VA
- 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air
- Three 1955 Chevrolet Nomads

Howard & Susan Collins
Virginia Beach
- 1960 Austin-Healey Sprite
- 1968 Austin Mini

Mike & Anita Crafts
Virginia Beach, VA

Robert & Ann Gurnee
Virginia Beach, VA

Robert & Joan Helm
Virginia Beach, VA
- 1959 Morgan Plus 4 roadster



Members celebrating anniversaries in May



Joe & Jack Burroughs
Boyd & Debra Swartz
Alan & Laurel Swenson
Ken & Shirley Wecht
Byron & Chris Work



Members celebrating birthdays in May



Don Beale	Robert Lang
Ben Buchanan	Kit Lawrence
Larry Cutright	Cindi Nash
Vickie Doscher	Tina Pack
Jeanie Downing	Dot Parrish
Dick Eberle	John Peters
Annette Gardner	Rhonda Russell
Gordon Garnett	Sal Saiya
Charlene Geib	Debbie Schlenkermann
Michael Haag	Gordon Spence
Bennie Howard	Alan Swenson
Jeff Howie	William Sykes
Laura Jordan	Ken Wecht
Josie Kinker	Stella Wickham



Recent Award Winners



AACA SE Spring Meet—Charlotte, NC:

Matt & Vickie Doscher	1991 Mercury Grand Marquis Original HPOF Certification
Jim & Donna Elliott	1978 Chevrolet Corvette Repeat Preservation Award
Jeff Locke	1964 Solex Repeat Original HPOF Cert.
Reggie & Cindi Nash	1957 Cadillac Eldorado First Junior Award
Bob Stein	1989 Buick Reatta HPOF Certification
Jim Villers	1958 Mercedes-Benz 190SL First Junior Award

Judges Awards Presented at AACA Charlotte Meet

Tammy Cox	25 Judging Credits
Marion McAlpine	50 Judging Credits
Mark McAlpine	50 Judging Credits
Dot Parrish	50 Judging Credits

Sunshine Report

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

- **Bob Stein's father Tony Stein**, a long-time supporter of the TRAACA, passed away on April 15, 2017. He was 87 years old.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Sally Hartman** was hospitalized with a bleeding ulcer
- **Bob Roughton** is still dealing with a serious health situation and suffering issues with his leg.
- **Sue Strang** had a bad bicycle accident in Florida at the end of February, broke her hip, and had hip replacement surgery. She also broke her back, which is being evaluated at this time.

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

New TRAACA Ride Share Program

Sometimes TRAACA members would like to attend meetings or participate in activities, but for various reasons are unable to drive to the events. At Vickie Doscher's initiative, the TRAACA is creating a ride share program to assist these fellow members. Vickie is leading the program and would like at least one more volunteer to assist with the development and set-up of the program.

The plan is to create a list of members who are willing to offer rides and a list of members requesting assistance. The lists will not be static, and members can join or leave the program as needed. The ride share program will be only for TRAACA activities, dinner meetings, or Board of Director meetings. Members can arrange other ride share needs between themselves.

When a member submits a request for a ride, it will be forwarded by e-mail to the members on the volunteer driver list. Then a member offering a ride will e-mail both the member needing the ride and Vickie.

Please consider joining the Ride Share Program. Many of us live near fellow members who may need a ride. Our fellow members should not be stuck at home simply due to a concern about driving somewhere or other personal limitations. They still want to be active in our club and we want to see them at club events. If you'd like to volunteer to assist Vickie with setting up this great program or have any questions about it or suggestions for it, please e-mail Vickie Doscher at vlw78@hotmail.com.



Other Regional and Local Events

MAY 2017

- 6 Langley Officers' Spouses Club Bazaar & Car Show Hampton, VA
- 6-7 Tides Inn Classic Car Show Irvington, VA
- 7 7th Annual LCpl Cody Childers All Wheels Show Virginia Beach, VA
- 12-13  Shenandoah Region AACA 59th Apple Blossom Meet Winchester, VA
- 13 9th Annual Shake, Rattle & Roll Car Show Suffolk, VA
- 20  Northern Neck Region AACA 24th Annual Antique Auto Show and Swap Meet Montross, VA
- 27  Twin County Region AACA 24th Annual "Memories on Main Street" Car Show Galax, VA
- 29 Classic Cruisers Car Club Memorial Day Car Show Newport News, VA

JUNE 2017

- 2-4 Carlisle Ford Nationals Carlisle, PA
- 3  Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA Annual Show Fredericksburg, VA
- 9-11  The Elegance at Hershey Concours d'Elegance Hershey, PA

- 11  9th Annual Williamsburg Invitational Car Show Williamsburg, VA
- 23-25 Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals Carlisle, PA
- 24  Richmond Region AACA 48th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet Richmond, VA

JULY 2017

- 7 Collector Car Appreciation Day Car Show Daniels Performance Group Smithfield, VA
- 14-16 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals Carlisle, PA



Shenandoah Region AACA

59th Annual

59th Apple Blossom Meet Winchester, VA

Saturday, May 13, 2017
8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Preregistration: \$14
(Must be postmarked NLT May 6th to be judged)
Registration after May 13: \$17

First 175 vehicles registered and on the show field receive a dash plaque

For more info see SRAACA website: <http://www.sraaca.com/>
or contact Meet Chairman Duane Catlett at (540) 533-7376



Northern Neck Region AACA

24th Annual

Antique Automobile Show Montross, VA

Saturday, May 20, 2017
(Rain date: Saturday, June 3)
8:30 AM—3:00 PM

Preregistration: \$15 (must be postmarked NLT May 1)
Registration after May 1: \$20

Dash plaques for first 100 cars / Trophies & Special Awards
Door prizes and cash raffles

For more info see NNRAACA website: <http://www.nnkregionaaca.org/>
or contact Show Chair Gloria Burgess at (804) 313-7158



Twin-County Region AACA

24th Annual

Memories on Main Street Galax, VA

Saturday, May 27, 2017
8:00 AM—3:30 PM

Preregister by May 24: \$10 (entered into \$50 drawing)
Day of Show: \$15

Registration ends and judging begins at 12 PM

For more info see TCRAACA website: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/tcraaca/>
or contact Tom Littrell at (276) 236-6197 or e-mail luv2flv53p@centurylink.net





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Well, the 64th Annual ODMA Meet is over, and what a terrific job the TRAACA volunteers and volunteers from the other ODMA regions did in making the meet a great success! We have received e-mails and letters from people who attended the ODMA Meet, passing along accolades to the region for a job well done. I will echo that, and say *THANK YOU* to all those who gave of their time and expertise. Whether you gave a little of your time or a great deal of your time, your contributions were very much appreciated. I think the information from Dain King, our National Judging School instructor, sums it up well when he told Sandy & Richard Hall that he and his wife Jean were very impressed with the ODMA show. They were impressed with the judging and administration, and Jean was planning to put in her Continuing Judges Education class how professional we all were while also being friendly and kind. They mentioned being at other shows where people seemed to consider it a burden to be working the show as opposed to a privilege. The TRAACA spirit lives on!

We hope you enjoy the coverage in this month's *Mudflap* of the ODMA Meet, the AACA Charlotte Meet, the AACA Palm Springs Meet, and the TRAACA's trip to the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, NC. April was a busy month in the AACA and TRAACA car worlds. Which now brings us to May. There are a great

deal of things coming up for the TRAACA at the regional and national levels. On the regional level, we have three TRAACA activities in May. First up is the Square Car Tour on Saturday, May 6th, which will take us through the rural roads of Chesapeake. Next is the TRAACA Dinner Meeting on Thursday, May 18th, with our own Bob Stein talking about buying and selling on eBay and Craigslist. Finally, we have the joint activity with our sister region—the HVPRAACA—to Smithfield on Saturday, May 20th, for dinner at fellow TRAACA member Ron Pack's Smithfield Station restaurant and the play "*GREASE*" at the Little Theatre of Smithfield (choreographed by our own Leslie Scarpelli, dancing queen extraordinaire). (People need to act fast on this one—the show is sold out at the theater and the two clubs only have a few reserved seats left.)

On the national level, there are the AACA Special Spring Meet in Auburn, IN, on May 11-13, and the AACA Eastern Spring Meet in Huntington, WV, on May 26-27. This year's Auburn Meet will be even more special than usual because it is a combined meet with the Classic Car Club of America (plus all the festivities of the Auctions America experience and the nearby Auburn/Cord/Duesenberg Museum).

If all of the above activities aren't enough for you, there are many local car clubs planning cruise-ins and car shows in May. (You will find many of these shows listed on Pg. 18 of this *Mudflap*.) So, you don't have to look far to find several car related activities in May. And then there is June . . .

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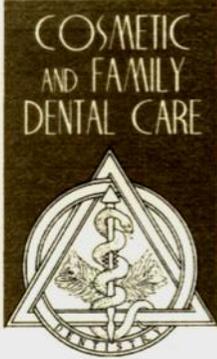
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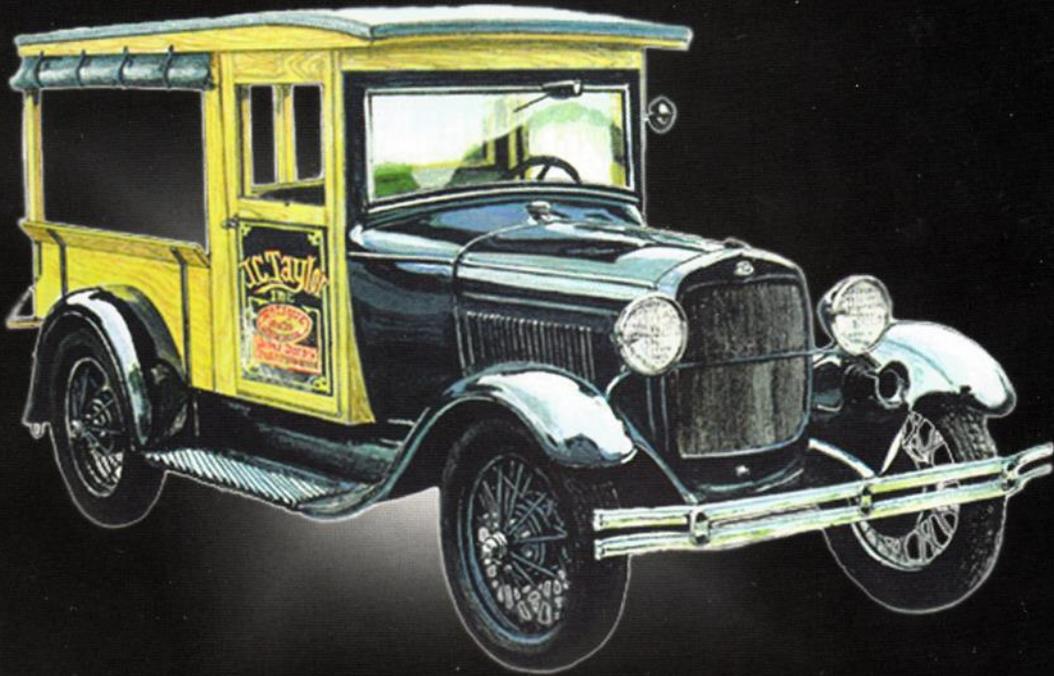
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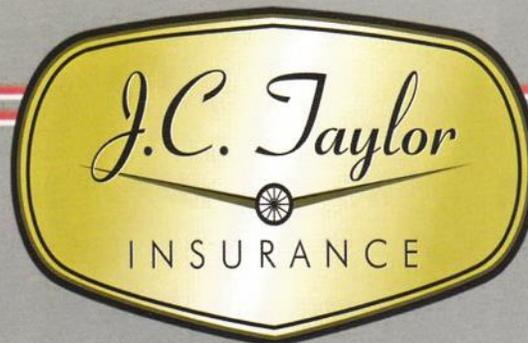
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