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TRAACA Dolphin Watching Evening Boat Cruise Saturday, 13 June 2015

Ahoy, shipmates! Join us on Saturday, June 13th, as we set sail for an evening boat cruise aboard the *Bay Princess* fishing boat and enjoy some delicious desserts while watching dolphins swim. Our boat will depart from the dock located behind the Dockside Restaurant in Virginia Beach (3311 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451) at 6:30 PM to allow plenty of time for dolphin spotting and the opportunity to catch a beautiful sunset.

We are asking participants to bring different desserts to share with the other participants. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided by the

club, and the Dockside Restaurant has a wine shop for those who want a more “spirited” cruise. Those that choose, can arrive early to enjoy a drink or have dinner at the Dockside before departing on the cruise. Just be sure to be aboard the boat before 6:30 PM—we don’t want to leave anyone behind!

The cost of the cruise is \$22.00 each (which includes the tip for the boat crew). This is always one of the most popular TRAACA activities, so come on out and share the fun! If you plan to attend, please RSVP by telephone Linda Pellerin at (757) 481-3380 or e-mail her at lpellerin2@cox.net.



CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS—Adam & Sandra Graham and their 1977 Chevrolet Corvette. Read the story on Page 14.



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

JUNE 2015

- 3 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Wednesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 11 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
NOTE DIFFERENT DATE!
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 13 Dolphin Watching Boat Trip
Virginia Beach, VA
- 20 Bay Lake Retirement
Community Car Show
Virginia Beach, VA

JULY 2015

- 7 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Tuesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 18 Jefcoat Museum of
Americana Tour
Murfreesboro, NC

AUGUST 2015

- 5 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Wednesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 15 Local Brewery Tour
Location to be determined
- 20 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Tuesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 25 “Wings & Wheels” Meet
Friday Night Social
- 26 TRAACA 42nd Annual Meet
Military Aviation Museum
Virginia Beach, VA

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY, TRAACA!

This year the Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America celebrates its 60th anniversary while our parent organization, the AACA, celebrates its 80th anniversary. Each issue of *The Mudflap* this year will feature articles and/or photos from our club's history, celebrating and remembering our heritage. See Pg. 15.

From the Driver's Seat



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May was a "flash." Beginning with our National Meet and the week to recover and then a most unusual dinner presentation on the life of a German Luftwaffe pilot, followed by the Old Dominion Meet in Staunton, and finishing with the Square Car Tour through the unmapped portions of Chesapeake, it is hard to find a month filled with more enjoyment.

The Old Dominion Meet was by far the highlight. The fun of this hobby is the people you meet along the way and the happenstance that brings you together again. As the experienced AACA travelers can attest, it is the friends that spark the enjoyment. Look at the pictures of the Old Dominion Meet, especially the group photo of 28 TRAACA members. This was fun; plan on joining us next year at the ODMA Meet [being hosted by the Martinsville-Danville Region] or on one of our tours.

Before leaving Virginia Beach, I was told that if I was going near Waynesboro, I needed to stop and visit Weldon Scrogam at G&W Motorwerkes. So, thinking that I had

nothing else to do on Friday afternoon, I located Weldon's shop on Google and punched it into my GPS. This was the type of stop that car guys dream about: walking in the door with little expectation and finding the warmth of a long lost friend. Weldon is a Porsche guy from way back, his shop had the cars and parts from fifty years ago, and the stories of his unusual collection of automobiles reflected Porsche lore. It helped that I parked my early 911 out front as that provided my credibility in the Porsche brotherhood. Two hours later, I pried myself out of his shop and headed for Staunton. The world is full of characters like Weldon with knowledge and enthusiasm that never ends. Perhaps someday, we might become one of those characters.

June brings a more relaxed schedule for most. There will be our dinner meeting [Editor's note: on Thursday, June 11th—a week earlier than usual] with Joe Tennis discussing the conversion of railroad grade beds into hiking and biking trails, an evening on the water with the dolphins, and finally a casual display of cars at a retirement community. Betty and I will be touring Pennsylvania with the 190SL group, so I will ask Mark to fill in for me at the dinner meeting. Just too many wonderful experiences down the road and not enough time.

Let's have fun: it is an old car type of day.

Jim

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From the Running Board

May 5, 2015 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport on Military Hwy. Directors present were Jim Villers (President), Mark McAlpine (Vice President), Melanie Kordis (Secretary), Marion McAlpine (Treasurer), and Wes Neal (President Emeritus). Board members present were Matt Doscher, Skip Patnode and Tim Russell. Members present were Dick Chipchak, Vicki Doscher, Dot & Bob Parrish, and Bill Wilcox.

Secretary’s Report: The April Board Meeting Minutes were approved and published in the May *Mudflap*.

Treasurer’s Report: Read by Marion. The club remains in the black. No questions from the Board. Questions from members should be sent to Marion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marketing/PR: Marketing efforts for the club’s annual fall meet will not begin until after the National & ODMA Meets in May.

Youth Chapter: Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

Communications:

- *The Mudflap* newsletter: The May issue will be delayed due to technical issues. Mark & Marion are working to rebuild the template and May issue, and Bob Stein is rebuilding the computer and helping to resolve the technical issues. The June issue will be published on time.
- The *Mud Speck* weekly e-mail: Bob will send all members a special e-mail with info on the rescheduled Square Car Tour (now 30 May) and both the next *Mud Speck* (18 May) & May *Mudflap* will have the info, too.
- Calling Tree: Used for dinner meeting confirmations.
- Club website: Used to post forms, history, past events.

Activities:

- May 30: Square Car Tour (*rescheduled date*).
- June 13: Dolphin Watching Boat Cruise.
- June 20: Bay Lake Retirement Community Car Show.

ODMA:

- This year’s ODMA Meet is May 22-23 in Staunton, VA. 86 vehicles are registered, including approx. 17 from the TRAACA. Wes Neal will call ODMA regarding late registrations.
- The 2016 ODMA Meet will be in Martinsville, VA.
- The 2017 ODMA Meet will be hosted by the TRAACA.

Restaurants/Dinner Meetings:

- May 21: Monthly dinner meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Guest speaker: Hans Meyer
- June 11: Monthly dinner meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Guest speaker: Joe Tennis.

Society:

- Current membership status (as of April 30): 169

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(singles/couples). Printed rosters will be available at the May dinner meeting.

- Sunshine Report: Read by Vickie Doscher.

OLD BUSINESS: Cars are invited to the Virginia Beach Technical Center on Wed, May 6, at 6:30 PM for student/parent orientation. POC is Melanie Kordis.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Members interested in working with the Boy Scouts at the Military Aviation Museum for their mechanical/technical merit badges should contact Sam Kern.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Activity Committee to meet immediately following the Board Meeting.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting is Wednesday, June 3, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Kordis

Note from Margie Ives Calling Tree Chief Captain

I would like to welcome three new Call Captains to the group: Dan Ciccone along with the team of Wayne & Carol Milligan. Dan has taken over the call list for Frank Waldner, who is no longer a member of the club. For 13 years, Frank made calls almost every month to the people on his list. We appreciate his service and dedication. Wayne & Carol Milligan have taken over the call list that was handled by Alan Ives, who served as a Call Captain for over 3½ years. Thank you very much Alan, Dan, Wayne and Carol!

For our new members, Call Captains are responsible for taking monthly dinner meeting reservations for the people on their call list. These names get turned in to me and I report the count to our meeting facility people. So if you want to attend a meeting and eat dinner, please respond promptly to your Call Captain. Please remember that if you RSVP to attend dinner, the club is obligated to pay for your meal and you are committed to pay whether you attend or not.

AACA Special Spring Meet

Auburn, IN

May 7-9, 2015



Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine

A few days after unpacking, doing laundry, and recovering from the AACA Eastern Spring Meet hosted by our club (TRAACA) on 30 April-2 May, it was time to repack and head to Auburn, Indiana, for the AACA Special Spring Meet.

Once again the Auburn Meet was tied in with Auctions America's Auburn Spring Auction. Auctions America is very generous in supplying the AACA space for show cars, members' trailers, judges' parking, Judges School & breakfast, and the awards banquet and ceremony. The auction house also gives AACA members free spectator admission to the auction and free bidder registration. Tom and Tammy Cox signed up as bidders and took home a 1983 Dodge Shelby Charger IMSA race car. (Maybe Tammy is looking at a new career.)

There were several food vendors, a car corral, and a swap meet on the auction grounds. The swap meet has grown over the last three years. Neil Sugermeyer was able to find something small for one of his collections, we—thankfully—came home empty handed this year.

The highlight of the trip was visiting the Auburn Cord Duesenberg (ACD) Museum again (for the third year). We see and learn new things with each trip. We also visited the National Car and Truck Museum located behind the ACD Museum. Both museums are a must do if you are in the area. Allow plenty of time—there's lots to see at each. (The Kruse Automotive & Carriage Museum and National Military History Center are just across the highway from Auctions America.)

We rounded out Friday by having dinner at Ziano's Italian Eatery, a family-owned Italian restaurant, suggested by a hotel employee. Ziano's was reasonably priced with excellent food and service. We'll remember it for future trips to Auburn.

After a rainy Friday, Saturday started on the cool side, becoming a beautiful day during the show. There were approximately 200 vehicles, which all appreciated the nice weather. After judging was complete, participants had time to get their cars off the show field before the BBQ Banquet and Awards Ceremony. The rain returned Saturday evening, and was actually quite heavy for a short time.

The drive home Sunday was pleasant and gratefully uneventful. The small entourage from TRAACA included Tammy & Tom Cox, Marion & Mark McAlpine, Dot & Bob Parrish, and Neil Sugermeyer. Maybe more TRAACA members will venture to next year's Special Spring Meet in Auburn (5-7 May 2016). It's a great experience and well worth the trip. (And we can see what vehicle Tom & Tammy add to their collection.)



(L) 1904 Cadillac & (R) 1910 Maytag-Mason Model A Runabout



1913 Renault Roadster



1908 Sizaire et Naudin Race-a-bout



1910 Chalmers Detroit roadster



1929 Kissel Brougham sedan



1912 Thomas Flyer Roadster



1932 DeVaux convertible



1922 Haynes Tourister



1935 LaSalle roadster



1929 Essex sedan



Tammy Cox's latest acquisition—a 1983 Dodge Shelby Charger IMSA race car. Look for Tammy on the track at VIR soon!

62nd Annual ODMA Meet

Staunton, VA

May 22-23, 2015



Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Jim Villers, Marty Sugermeier, Mark McAlpine.

The weather and traffic were mostly cooperative during the drive to Staunton, VA, on Friday May 22, for the 2015 Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) Meet. (There was a 15-minute delay on Hwy 58 while a road crew repaired potholes, closing 2 of 3 lanes. Who schedules this on a holiday weekend?) Several TRAACA members met in Waverly, VA, for breakfast, and then we took mostly back roads to Staunton.

After checking into the hotel, we set our goals on dinner. At a suggestion from the Halls and Parrishes, we made a reservation for dinner and then, with a little time to kill, we drove to a small nearby car museum—Eavers' Classic Cars & Collectibles Museum. The building housed 20+ collectible cars, including the last car purchased by Elvis Presley—a 1975 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz. There was also a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air drag racer owned and raced by the museum's owner, Petie Eavers. Next to it was a 1965 Plymouth AFX drag racer previously owned by legendary racer Ronnie Sox, which was willed to Mr. Eavers because Petie was one of the few people to beat Ronnie Sox in a match race (on Easter Sunday 1965), edging Ronnie's 426-ci hemi-powered Plymouth with his small block (and "juiced") 327-ci-powered Chevy. The museum also has a period-correct Mercantile Store with all its amenities.

A total of 21 TRAACA members ate dinner at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant—a locally owned, family eatery. Of course during dinner the conversation turned to cars. It was discussed that Bruce Elder, a local car enthusiast, was opening his car restoration/museum/sales shop Friday evening in honor of the ODMA Meet, so many of us rounded out the evening by going to downtown Staunton to visit Bruce Elder's shop. Bruce and his assistant Brian shared some great stories behind some of the unique vehicles Bruce had on display.

Saturday was a beautiful day. Despite a few minor hiccups (like at every show), the show went on and participants and spectators enjoyed themselves. After judging was over, many TRAACA members visited a nearby large antiques mall. We went back to the show field for the awards ceremony and barbecue buffet dinner. For TRAACA members the awards ceremony ended especially well, when the club again took home the Old Dominion Trophy for club participation—the fourth year in a row and the 12th time in the last 16 years.

TRAACA members present at the ODMA meet included Bill Coburn, Tom & Tammy Cox, Richard & Sandy Hall, Sam Kern, Jeff & Pat Locke, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Dick & Joyce McIninch, Reggie & Cindi Nash, Bob

& Dot Parrish, Hilary Pavlidis, Jack Pavlidis, Bob & Sylvia Roughton, Mark Strang, Neil & Marty Sugermeier, Ken & Barbara Talley, Bill & Linda Treadwell, and Jim Villers.

We're looking forward to next year's ODMA Meet being hosted by the Martinsville-Dansville Region.



HPOF Class—3 of the 6 entrants were TRAACA members' cars—Tom & Tammy Cox's 1972 Ford LTD, Bob & Dot Parrish's 1978 Chevrolet Corvette, and Reggie & Cindi Nash's 1909 Rambler 44



Sylvia & Bob Roughton and their 1921 Packard 116 Phaeton



Sam Kern and his 1988 Chevrolet C-1500 pickup truck



TRAACA members enjoying dinner at Mrs. Rowe's restaurant



Ronnie Sox's 1965 Plymouth Drag Race Car at Eaver's Museum



Bruce Elder (second front left) talking with Franklin car fans



Marion McAlpine and Bill & Linda Treadwell antique shopping



Jack Pavlidis, Richard Hall, and Hilary Pavlidis enjoying the day



Bob Parrish helping Tom Cox demonstrate size of the LTD's trunk



Dot & Bob Parrish and their 1978 Chevrolet Corvette



Judges evaluating a 1980 Shay Roadster SGCV

The National Auto & Truck Museum

Auburn, Indiana

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

When visiting Auburn, IN, for the AACA Special Spring Meet in April, we visited the National Automobile and Truck Museum (NATMUS). The NATMUS is located behind the Auburn Cord Duesenberg (ACD) Museum in former factory buildings of the Auburn Automobile Company. There are about 190 vehicles currently on display in NATMUS's 104,500 square feet of display space.

There are two large buildings that house the majority of the NATMUS:

- The Service Building was built in 1923 and used for test-driving automobiles, automobile factory service, and parts distribution. Apparently, Cord 810s & 812s were tuned in the building and then test-driven, guaranteed to go over 100 MPH. (The tested cars came with an engraved dash plaque signed by race car driver Ab Jenkins, indicating the fastest obtained speed.)

- The L-29 Experimental Building was built in 1928-29. The lower level was used for experimental cars and constructing prototype vehicles. The upper level was used to prepare Cord L-29 cars for shipment after they were assembled on the line.

The NATMUS exhibits cars "that have been built in the tradition of the Auburn Automobile Company." There are many examples of pre- & postwar cars on display. Also on display are numerous trucks, from 1907 to modern concept trucks, from companies such as Acme, McIntyre, and International Harvester.

Inside the NATMUS is the National Automobile & Truck Model & Toy Museum (NATMATMUS). This "museum within a museum" features toy & model cars and trucks ranging from 1894 to present. Some of these "toys" were extremely detailed pedal cars in excellent condition. Toys and models are also exhibited in showcases throughout the museum. There is also a small library with numerous books and magazines devoted to the automotive and truck industry. A vintage 1948 diner, while not operational, is part of the permanent display.

The Eckhart Buggy Building is where Eckhart buggies and surreys were made. When buggies transitioned to cars, the early Auburn cars were painted in this building.

FYI: The 1940 General Motors Futurliner No. 10 (of 12 built) was restored by NATMUS volunteers and is owned by the museum. According to the NATMUS, in January 2015 the Historic Vehicle Association announced that Futurliner No. 10 will become the first truck to be recorded under the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Heritage Documentation.

If you visit Auburn, IN, the ACD Museum & NATMUS should definitely be on your list of things to do. [Most of the information in this article is taken from the NATMUS website. For more info, go to <http://natmus.org>.]



Entrance to the NATMUS—in former ACD production building



Original tourist cabins used before motels appeared in the 1950s



Gulf Gas Station as it would've appeared in the mid-1930s



Restored original pedal cars—note the roadsters in the back row



1911 International Harvester Corporation Auto Wagon Model A



1936 Nash Ambassador



1911 Kirsch—1 of only 10 built by the company between 1904-13



1937 Cord Supercharged Custom-series Beverly



1924 Meteor "School Hack"—the only one known to exist



1939 Kenworth emergency rescue car



1933 Indiana Model 85A Truck



1946 Dodge Airflow tanker



Still Collecting Stuff — More on Watch Fobs By Terry Bond

I thought I'd expand a little on what seems to be a fast growing area of collecting for me—watch fobs. These first got a mention in one of the articles I wrote for *The Mudflap* back in 2013.

In the early 1900s, a well-dressed gentleman carried a nice pocket watch. They were carried in a vest pocket and usually attached to a chain anchored to a buttonhole. A nice watch chain draped across a gentleman's waist was an attractive and high-class addition to the wardrobe. Sometimes a decorative attachment provided added "class" to one's attire. Thus, the chance to "show-off" your favorite sport or even the fact you owned a certain brand of car, attended a certain event, or merely enjoyed motoring. Watch fobs were a natural thing to collect, even way back then.



Front of Buick fob—note the crisp lines & good quality enameling



Back of early Buick advertising fob showing the maker's identity

Automobile-related watch fobs were given away and sold at dealerships, garages, repair shops, auto parts dealers, by product salesmen, and were available at trade stands at automobile shows. Fobs were nice souvenirs at sporting events and many showed race cars in action. Post-race, they were available to honor the victor. When a new car model came out, a watch fob was produced miniaturizing the auto's radiator emblem or company logo. They were literally made to collect, and people did just that. Chances are that Grandpa's dresser drawer had a few fobs in it.

I must begin with the usual caution—in fact, more so than usual. Watch fobs have been and continue to be reproduced. Flea markets and

the Internet are filled with them. Before you begin searching for fobs to add to (or begin) your collection, take some time and learn to know the "real deal."

There is a watch fob collector's organization—the International Watch Fob Association, Inc. (www.watchfob.com)—which is worth taking a look at. They publish regular information including details on fake and reproduction fobs. There are also collector's guides available that show known variations. These wonderful guides tell you which manufacturers were involved in producing fobs originally, as well as later reissues and reproductions.

As a rule of thumb, I look for a maker's name on the reverse of the fob. One of the most prolific makers was Grammes in Allentown, PA. Whitehead and Hoag was another prolific manufacturer. Other smaller companies also issued fobs in Boston, Detroit, and Philadelphia, but they always marked them on the reverse.

It can be difficult to tell original fobs from later restrikes using original dies. There are some fobs that are total fantasy items, and still others intentionally made to deceive. There are lots of novelty fobs around that use old logos, such as Oldsmobile. Some were produced by Olds dealerships in very modern times using the old logos. A Stanley Steamer fob is currently available from a company reproducing early steam car parts. Price differences can be astronomical. True original fobs produced during the era of the car they advertise are worth the most, some in the hundreds of dollars depending on rarity and condition. Modern restrikes or novelty pieces are worth but a few dollars.



(Left) Early enamel and gold-planted AAA membership fob (Right) Early Overland fob on the original ribbon

Although I prefer fobs mounted on their original straps, ribbons or chains, they are not easily found like that. When buying from other collectors I find that frayed or damaged original leather straps are sometimes replaced with modern reproductions. (They are readily available.) It's sometimes hard to determine if a strap is an old original or just an aged reproduction, so I leave them alone and just enjoy them as they are. As my good friend Andy Ott says about restoration and tinkering with things like these—"do no harm." So I seldom clean them and never swap straps or ribbons around. "As-is" is my motto.



Very early fob advertising Bowser gas pumps



Rare fob advertising the Pan automobile (1918-1921)



One of the most commonly found reproduction fobs, advertising the Tourist automobile. Its backside has no markings on it.

I find fobs in several ways. Ebay is a good source, but rare stuff brings top dollar—sometimes even beyond reasonable. Word of mouth, networking, antique shows and flea markets, and, of course, Hershey, are good sources. I always ask everyone if they have fobs. This year while antique hunting at Renninger's Antique Market in Pennsylvania, I asked a coin dealer if he had any fobs and he produced a box of unsorted "stuff" that contained three good ones—and they were cheap!

Here are a couple of things to watch for. Early fobs were very finely done with sharp engraving & beautifully colored porcelain on them. Chipped or scratched porcelain devalues the fob significantly. Many were done in silver, nickel (also known as "German silver") and, of course, bronze. Some were gold-plated. Chrome did not appear on anything until the late 1920s, so it should not be on an automobile watch fob for a vehicle made before then. Fobs will have some natural wear on them, particularly where they were attached to a leather strap,

ribbon, chain, etc.

Ebay provides a free education. You can see both original and fake fobs there. It's amazing how many unscrupulous dealers there are out there, peddling clearly fake fobs as "original." I once carried on a discussion with a vendor at Hershey who just knew what he had was old because it came out of an old estate—the man who collected these things was 97 years old when he died! Well, maybe he didn't start collecting until he was 88 years old, and it gave him great joy to receive all those nice gifts from his sons. He was certainly not an expert and there was no reason to think what he left behind was "guaranteed old and original." So, just because it was found in an old trunk in an old house doesn't mean it's genuine or even old!

My collection is not enormous, but, like a lot of things, I've tried to collect quality. When I find fobs on original ribbons or straps, they are worth a premium to me. I hope you enjoy the pictures and the learning experience they might provide. As always, enjoy collecting!

Terry Bond



A beautiful Cole 8 cylinder fob



A few additional fobs from Terry's collection



More photos from the AACA Eastern Spring Meet Virginia Beach, VA April 30—May 2, 2015



Photos by Bob Pellerin, Bob Stein, and Bob Woolfitt



Corrected caption from last month's issue: Jerry Adams, his daughter Kaylan, and Marion McAlpine at the dress rehearsal



Bruce Sedel (center) and his 1962 Ford Galaxie 500



Ken Talley in his 1929 Buick Master 4-dr sedan



Jeff Howie in his 1980 Checker Marathon 4-dr limousine



Keith Colonna in his 1956 Lincoln Continental MK II



Tyler Gimbert & Neil Sugermeyer in Tyler's 1924 Ford Model T



Class 25A—a row of classic British sports cars basking in the sun



Bob & Jo Ann Green in their 1961 AMC Metropolitan



Jere Avenson in his 1954 Packard Patrician 4-dr sedan



Pam Bond in Bob Stein's 1967 Mercury Cougar



Bob & Jane Ward in their 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air



Al & Laurel Swenson in their 1974 MG Midget



Dean Giacomassi in his 1958 Lotus Seven



Frank Lagana in his 1980 Oldsmobile 98

Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars

Adam & Sandy Graham's 1977 Chevrolet Corvette

Story and photos by Adam Graham



Adam & Sandy's Corvette with a few of the awards it has won

Adam Graham doesn't restore cars. He preserves a favorite—a 1977 Chevrolet Corvette—in an attached garage made over into a mini-museum.

As spotlessly clean as an art gallery and as quietly refined, the garage's gray carpet, white plaster walls and ceiling provide background to the central feature—Corvettes. The only clue that this is a garage is the broad doors that allow Adam to remove the dominating image here, his orange 1977 Corvette. With just over 9,500 miles on it, it's clear this car doesn't see the highway often.

The 1977 Corvette has a lot of awards: it's a six-time winner of the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) Top Flight Award and has been recognized with the NCRS McLellan Mark of Excellence Award (for the restoration and preservation of 1975-1992 Corvettes—per the NCRS website, only 115 Corvettes have received this award) and NCRS Bow Tie Award [which recognizes unrestored Corvettes at least 20 years old—per the NCRS website, only 287 Corvettes have received this award]. Adam's car received Bloomington Gold certification in 2007, an AACA First Junior Award in 2006 [at the national meet hosted by the TRAACA], and an ODMA Junior Award at the ODMA 50th Annual Meet in 2005 in Richmond & its Senior Award at the 2007 Meet in Portsmouth.

Adam and his wife Sandy created the Corvette sanctuary in their Virginia Beach home about 36 years ago to display a collection he began amassing nearly 50 years ago. "It's a hobby," says Adam. "I play with these cars instead of hunting or fishing."

There can't be much ever written about this car or ever inscribed with its name that Adam doesn't own. He has one of every Corvette sales brochure from 1953 on, postcards from every model year, complete sets of *Vette Views* and *Corvette News*, as well as an uncut sheet of Corvette collector cards. More than 290 Corvette models—including Franklin Mint and Danbury Mint reproductions,

promotional models made by Chevrolet, Matchbox cars, and a replica of the trailer that hauled the one millionth Corvette on tour—fill glass cases. His recent acquisitions include the promotional models and a numbered medallion from the grand opening of the National Corvette Museum [in September 1994] in Bowling Green, Kentucky, of which Adam is a founding member.

What's more, this is not the half of it. Adam probably has as much again Corvette collectibles stored in the attic. One of his prized possessions—a billboard advertising the Corvette—simply won't fit in the garage.

Adam is an early member (#72) of the NCRS, and was on hand at the Corvette factory in July 1992 to celebrate the one millionth Corvette coming off the assembly line. He has owned 9 Corvettes over the years: 2 C1s, 2 C2s, 2 C3s, 2 C4s, and 1 C5. His current daily driver is a 2004 C5 Corvette coupe, machine silver in color and with a black interior.



The interior of Adam's 1977 Chevrolet Corvette



Adam's 1977 Corvette has a 350-ci, L48 180-hp V-8 engine

Happy 60th Anniversary TRAACA!

(Information provided by TRAACA historian Richard Hall)

The Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA) was chartered on February 4, 1955, becoming one of just 34 regions in the country at the time. Since then, the club has grown from 10 members to over 165 families & the AACA has grown to 366 regions. Each issue of *The Mudflap* this year will highlight some of our history.

CLASS 6

1 Cmdr. James Keith 1911 Stanley Steamer

CLASS 9 A

3 G. Richard Minnick 1910 REO

CLASS 10 B

5 George W. Smith 1916 Ford

6 Jack Van Buskirk 1914 Ford

7 W. Justin Derieux 1915 Ford

CLASS 11

9 Walter M. Powell 1919 Ford Sedan

10 Matt Tepelmann, Jr. 1919 Ford Depot Wagon

11 W.T. Gimbert 1923 Ford Touring

12 Richard E. Lee 1926 Ford Coupe

CLASS 13 B

14 Jack Van Buskirk 1912 Overland

CLASS 15

16 F.M. Blanchard 1917 Buick Touring

17 T.E. Moody 1917 Dodge Touring

CLASS 16

19 W.H. Culler 1919 Chalmers

CLASS 17

21 Bill Tilghman 1919 Paige Detroit Touring

22 Raymond S. White 1927 Dodge Sedan

23 Polly Thornton Archer 1926 Essex Sedan

CLASS 18

25 Frank F. Lay 1929 Packard Convertible
Coupe

26 E.J. Barry 1927 Jordan

CLASS 19

28 Wilbur E. Black 1937 Cadillac

29 M. Anderson Maxey, Jr. 1937 Packard V-12

Convertible Sedan

30 Donroy J. Ober 1941 Packard Limousine

31 James R. Brannon 1933 Lincoln LeBaron
Roadster

32 John L. Glisson 1934 Pierce Arrow Enclosed
Drive Limousine

CLASS 20

34 Merritt Horne 1932 Graham Sedan

35 H.F. Christenbury 1935 Ford Phaeton

CLASS 21

37 M. Rudolph Smith 1931 Ford "A" Coupe

38 John E. Wilson 1929 Ford "A" Coupe

39 Harold A. Via, Jr. 1930 Ford "A" Tudor

40 Warren Malone 1930 Ford "A" Roadster

41 Harrell Forrest 1928 Ford "A" Sedan

42 George W. Smith 1929 Ford "A" Cabriolet

CLASS 22

44 Wilbur E. Black 1929 Ford Truck

SPECIAL INTEREST CLASS – NOT CLASSIFIED AS ANTIQUÉ AUTOMOBILES

46 H.F. Christenbury 1936 Ford Roadster
(modified Corvette engine)

47 R.S. Voight 1936 Studebaker Sedan

48 George W. Smith 1940 Ford

49 William R. Griffith 1937 Plymouth Coupe

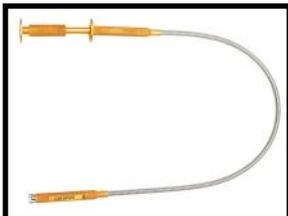
This is the registration list for the TRAACA's first Meet, held at the Alan B. Shepard Convention Center in Virginia Beach, VA, on Saturday, June 1, 1963. There are three names to note of individuals with current connections to the TRAACA: Harold "Sonny" Via is still an active member of the TRAACA and still owns the 1930 Ford Model A Tudor that he showed at our first Meet. Warren Malone and Donroy Ober, both current members of the Richmond Region, attended our recent National Meet—it's too bad they don't still own & didn't bring the cars they had at our first show—but it was still great to have participants from our first show sixty years ago attend our most recent show! Also, W.T. Gimbert, who entered a 1923 Ford Touring Car in the 1963 show, is a distant relative of TRAACA member, Tyler Gimbert, who owns a 1924 Model T.

The Complete Toolbox

Tools every mechanic should have in his/her toolbox.

The Catspaw lighted flex claw tool is handy in that it has a small LED light at the end with the four gripper wires. It costs about \$15 on Amazon.com.

(Suggested by Jim Villers)



Note from Abacus Racing

On behalf of Bill Thumel and Abacus Racing, I would like to thank the TRAACA for allowing us to participate in the 2015 AACA Eastern Spring Meet Driving Tour. It was an absolute pleasure to host the tour. I sincerely hope every member that visited our facilities had as much fun as we did! The crew at the shop is still talking about it. We couldn't have asked for a nicer group of folks to come to our shop.

From our perspective the 2015 AACA National Meet was an absolute success & we are very proud to have been a part of it.

Happy motoring,

Rob Doddman

Abacus Racing and Machine Services



Three Major Issues for the AACA

By Mel Carson, VP—Regions Development
and Support, Eastern Division

(Reprinted from the Winter 2015 AACA *Rummage Box*)



I enjoy reading the many newsletters received from AACA Regions and Chapters in the Eastern Division. They communicate a sense of the diverse views of the antique car hobby that we all enjoy—the media presented varies from hard-copy to email with a creative flair.

We are vitally interested in three major issues: AACA Membership Growth; Driving AACA Vehicles; and the influence of social media on our AACA future.

Membership growth is essential to our on-going existence as a major force in the preservation of vehicles twenty-five years old or older. We must continually seek folks for AACA membership who share our passion for original vehicles.

AACA vehicles are “allowed” for touring, shows and Meets as they attain the age of twenty-five years old and remain original. We must be tolerant of this aspect of our hobby. Some may view a twenty-five year old car as a “used car.” Some have told me that at one time only “brass cars” were considered AACA cars. If you were born in 1990—perhaps you perceive a 1990 car as an “old car” or a “collector car.”

Social Media. Many of us may struggle to embrace the idea of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Some may look back and remember a first introduction to the computer in our business world—it took a while to embrace that! Today the computer is indispensable to our everyday use. At some point in the near future, we may find that Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are more a part of our everyday activity—and they possibly already are for some of us!



Judges' Corner

By Marion McAlpine

There have been some clarifications to the AACA Judging Guidelines that you may not be aware of if you haven't judged at a national meet this year. Recent AACA Team Captains Schools emphasized notifying vehicle owners about any major deductions noted by the judging team on the field. (Per the AACA Official Judging Guidelines: “Items of major deduction on a vehicle will be discussed with an owner by the Team Captain.”) Judging Team Captains were told that “major deductions” now include all items which receive a maximum or mandatory deduction.

Maximum deduction can be defined as the maximum number of points each item can lose when being judged. This number can be found in the “MAX DED” column located on the individual judging Category Worksheet (Section 2 - Appendix) and individual Automobile Judging Form (Section 3 - Appendix 3-5). For example: on the Engine Judging Worksheet, hose clamps are worth 1 point each up to a maximum of 10 points (up to a maximum deduction of 10 points even if the vehicle has more than 10 incorrect clamps). On the Exterior or Interior Judging Worksheets, mirrors are a maximum of 3 points. (**Remember, a maximum deduction is taken only if the item is either 1) non-authentic, 2) missing or 3) no longer fit for the purpose it was intended.**)

Mandatory deduction is defined as the required deduction taken for certain non-authentic/incorrect items. Mandatory deductions are circled numbers found under the “MAX DED” column on the judging sheets. If assigning a mandatory deduction to an item, the deduction taken must match the circled number. For example: if the upholstery in a vehicle is incorrect, the mandatory 10 points are deducted (no more, no less).

Of course if an item is present, authentic, and fit for use, the maximum or mandatory deductions are not applicable. On authentic items, the points deducted, if any, will be determined by the condition (workmanship or maintenance) of the item.

So please note, items that receive a mandatory or maximum deduction—even if that number is small (e.g., 3 points for a mirror or 10 points for hose clamps)—should be discussed with the vehicle owner by the Team Captain.



AACA Calendar of Events

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

JUNE 2015

4-6 Central Spring Meet
Independence, MO

12-14 The Elegance at Hershey
Grand Ascent & Concours
Hershey, PA

JULY 2015

15-18 Southeastern Fall Meet
Louisville, KY

27-31 Vintage Tour
Lancaster, PA

AUGUST 2015

25-27 Western Divisional Tour
Northern California
Santa Rosa, CA

30- Revival AAA Glidden Tour
4 Sep Chickasha, OK

SEPTEMBER 2015

30 Aug Revival AAA Glidden Tour
4 Sep Chickasha, OK

14-18 Founders Tour
Northeast Ohio

OCTOBER 2015

7-10 Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA

NOVEMBER 2015

5-7 Central Fall Meet
Houma, LA

FEBRUARY 2016

11-13 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

MARCH 2016

17-19 Winter Meet
Naples, FL

APRIL 2016

7-10 SE Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC

MAY 2016

5-7 Special Spring Meet
Auburn, IN

19-21 Eastern Spring Meet
Vineland, NJ

JUNE 2016

2-4 Annual Grand National
Meet
Williamsport, PA



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Sunshine Report

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

- **Annette Fremeau**, former member along with her late husband Jack, passed away May 10th in Hopewell, VA.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Toni McChesney's brother, James**, 71 years old, who was hospitalized in New Jersey on Wednesday.
- **Dick Pensyl**, whose condition has declined considerably

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA member to Vickie Doscher at 672-3755 or vlvw78@hotmail.com.



Members celebrating anniversaries in June



Bob & Pam Bond
 Dick & Holly Chipchak
 Charlie & Sandy Dawson
 Albert & Georgiann McVicker
 Al & Sharon Mercer
 Ken & Sarah Saiya
 Sal & JoAnne Saiya
 Mark & Sue Strang
 Neil & Marty Sugermeier
 Rad & Margie Tillet

Recent Award Winners

ODMA Meet—Staunton, VA

Sandy Hall	1948 MG Senior Award
Sam Kern	1925 Franklin Preservation Award
	1988 Chevrolet Pick-Up DPC Certification
Dick McIninch	1915 Buick C-15 Touring DPC Certification
Reggie & Cindi Nash	1909 Rambler Model 44 HPOF Certification
Bob Parrish	1978 Chevrolet Corvette HPOF Certification
Jack Pavlidis	1978 Cadillac DeVille Senior Award
Robert Roughton	1921 Packard 116 Phaeton Senior Award
Mark Strang	1953 MG TD Preservation Award
Neil Sugermeier	1965 Rambler 770 convertible Preservation Award
Ken & Barbara Talley	1929 Buick Master Preservation Award
Bill & Linda Treadwell	1969 Camaro convertible Preservation Award
Jim Villers	1967 Porsche 911 Senior Award



Members celebrating birthdays in June



Travis Berry	Sam Kern
Briant Capps	Bette Lawrence
Tracy Carr	Mark McAlpine
Dick Chipchak	Toni McChesney
Dan Ciccone	Dick McIninch
Bill Coburn	Debbie Meadows
Sandy Dawson	Cathy Miller
Roland Downing	Bob Roughton
Harold Eacker	Virginia Schexnider
Chris Horton	Barbara Sieck
Marjorie Joslin	Bob Stein

TRAACA Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2015

Please note that this month's dinner meeting is a week earlier than usual to accommodate our guest speaker

This month's dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23502. Dinner will be Chicken Marsala, Lasagna, house salad, macaroni & cheese, vegetable medley, and chef's choice of dessert.

This month's guest speaker is Joe Tennis, who will talk about his recent book "Virginia Rail Trails," which looks at scenic rail lines which have been converted to hiking & biking trails and explores restored former train stations. Copies of Joe's book will be available for purchase.

Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Unless someone who hadn't signed up for the dinner comes and offsets your absence, the club must pay for your meal and loses money if you don't pay. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA



58th Annual

Antique Automobile Show Fredericksburg, VA

Saturday, June 6, 2015
8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Preregistration: \$15 (must be postmarked NLT May 30)
Registration after May 30: \$20

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

For more info go to HFRAACA website: <http://hfraaca.org/>
or contact Meet Chairman J. Gordon Brown at (703) 715-7948



Richmond Region AACA



46th Annual

Car Show & Swap Meet Richmond Int'l Raceway

Saturday, June 20, 2015
8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Car Show Preregistration: \$15 (if received by June 5)
Car Show Registration after June 5: \$20
Swap Meet Registration: \$25 (if received by June 5)
Swap Registration after June 5: \$30
Spectator Entry Fee: \$5 (children under 12 free)

To register or for more info go to RRAACA website: <http://richmondaaca.com/>
or contact Meet Chairman Joe Guckert at (804) 516-0440 or e-mail joeaaca@gmail.com



Smithfield Olden Days Festival

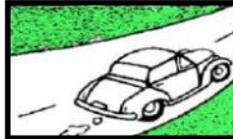


Friday-Saturday, June 26-27, 2015

Cruise-In: Friday, 26 June—6:00-9:00 PM
On Main Street, downtown Smithfield
Free concert by *The Rhondels*

Car Show: Saturday, 27 June—8:00 AM—2:30PM
Registration: 8:00-10:00 AM / \$20 donation to Toys for Tots

For more info go to *Genuine Smithfield Olden Days* website: <http://www.genuinesmithfieldva.com>
or contact Car Show Chairman Elizabeth Moose at (757) 880-7191 or Terry Reinier at (757) 357-2214



**DOWN
THE
ROAD**

Other Regional/ Local Events

JUNE 2015

- 5-7 Carlisle Ford Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 6 Veteran Benefit Car Show
(to benefit Honor Flight & Horton Wreath Society)
Chesapeake, VA
- 6 Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA Annual Show
Fredericksburg, VA
- 14 7th Annual Williamsburg Invitational Car Show
Williamsburg, VA
- 14 Beachcombers Car Show
Norfolk, VA
- 17 Hermitage Elementary School Field Day
Virginia Beach, VA
- 20 The Egg Bistro Car Show
Suffolk, VA
- 20 Richmond Region AACA Car Show & Swap Meet
Richmond, VA
- 26 Friday Night Cruise-In
Downtown Smithfield, VA
—Free Rhondels Concert—
Normally held at Daniels Performance Group, but being held in downtown Smithfield in association with Smithfield Olden Days
- 26-28 Carlisle GM Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 27 Smithfield Olden Days Festival, Smithfield, VA
- 27-8 Jul Lincoln Highway Tour
Detroit to San Francisco

July 2015

- 10 National Collector Car Appreciation Day Cruise-in
Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield, VA
- 10-12 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 24 Friday Night Cruise-In at
Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield, VA



EDITOR'S DESK

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I don't know about you, but May was incredibly busy. It started with the AACA Meet our region hosted here in Virginia Beach, then the next weekend we went to the AACA Special Spring Meet in Auburn, IN. We came home to spend almost every free moment crashing on the May issue of *The Mudflap*, then sadly on the third weekend we had to attend the funeral of a friend from another local car club. The fourth week we had the TRAACA's monthly dinner meeting, followed by the ODMA Meet in Staunton. The month concluded with the TRAACA Square Car Tour on the bonus fifth weekend of the month. Whew! All of it was incredibly fun, but exhausting.

For those that haven't made the pilgrimage to Auburn—go! The best time to go is on either side of the AACA Special Spring Meet. The Auctions America venue is a great location and the company goes all out supporting the Meet. Even though it's a small meet (200+ vehicles this year), it gets an incredible selection of rare and beautiful cars—it must be the historic automotive heritage of the area. Plus, you get to enjoy seeing the cars & automobilia at the Auctions America auction. (Auction America gives AACA members free admission to the auction and free bidding registration, which can be dangerous. Just ask

Tom & Tammy Cox.)

The ODMA Meet was more relaxed, but no less fun. I admit that we were registered to take our Chevelle and try for its ODMA Senior Award, but Marion and I were exhausted, so we decided to leave the car home & just enjoy the Meet. And enjoy it we did. We visited Eaver's Car Museum and Country Store, toured Bruce Elder's shop and collection (housed in a former Ford dealership & distribution center building dating to 1911), went antique shopping, and spent time with friends from the TRAACA and other regions.

May was capped off with the TRAACA Square Car Tour. Marion got her first ride in an MG TC, serving as navigator for Sue Bond. I got my first ride in a Model T, riding shotgun with Terry Bond. Our sincere thanks to Sue & Terry for giving us these memorable experiences.

Our next planned road trip is to the AACA Meet in Louisville, KY, on 15-18 July. Many of you have told us how much fun the AACA's 75th Anniversary celebration was in Louisville five years ago, so we couldn't miss the 80th Anniversary celebration this year. Matt Doscher and Marion are planning a caravan trip to Louisville and researching fun things to see & do in Kentucky and nearby southern Indiana. Let them know if you'd like to join the caravan or even just participate in some of the events.

Enjoy the summer! I hope to see you on Saturday, June 13th, at the TRAACA Dolphin Watching boat cruise that Linda Pellerin has organized.

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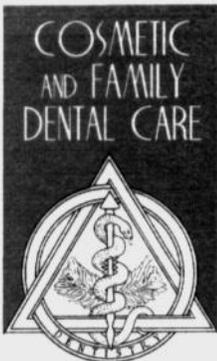
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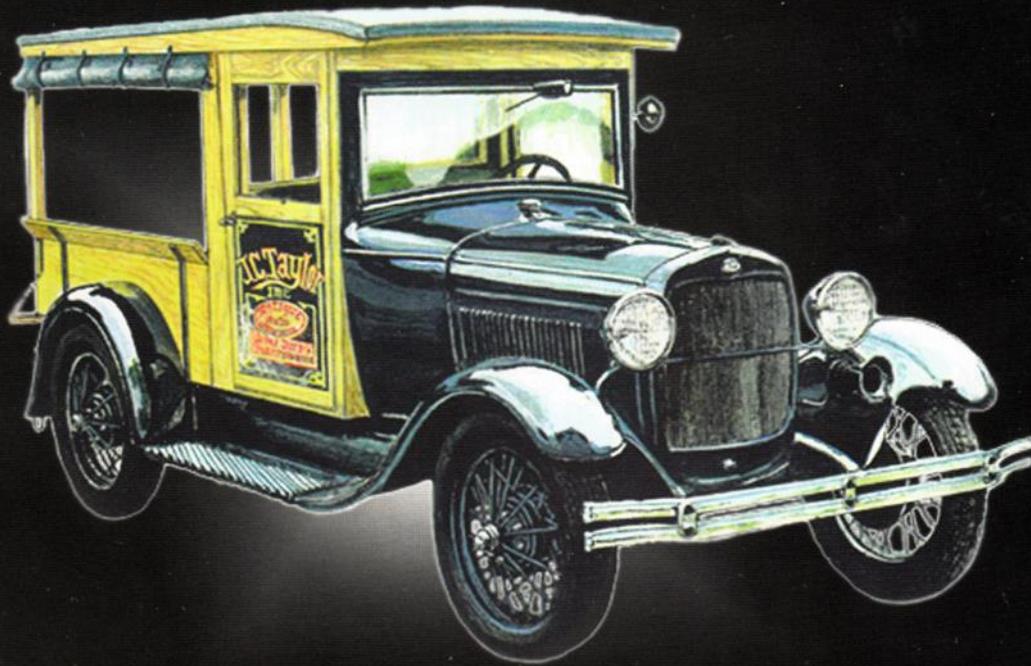
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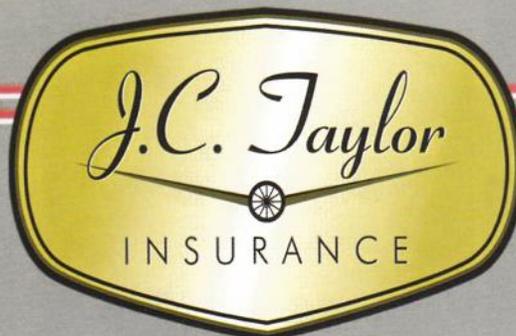
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TRAACA members posing with the 2015 Old Dominion Trophy the club received at the 2015 ODMA Meet in Verona, VA