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TRAACA Road Trip to the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet Louisville, KY 15-18 July 2015



The 80th Anniversary of the AACA will be celebrated southern style at the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet on July 15-18 in Louisville, KY. The Meet is being hosted by the Kyana Region and will be held indoors at the Kentucky Expo Center, 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209.

A group of TRAACA members are planning to attend the Meet. Activities are planned for several days in Louisville. Members interested in joining the caravan should plan to depart from the Hardee's restaurant in Waverly, VA (off Route 460) at 9:00 AM. We will stop en route for lunch (and probably dinner) and arrive in Louisville Wednesday evening.

On Thursday we will travel to Bowling Green, KY (about 105 miles away) to visit the National Corvette Museum. After returning to Louisville that afternoon, people can check out the Louisville Slugger Museum, Louisville Glass Works,

Flame Run Glass, and other downtown sites. We will meet for dinner at Proof on Main restaurant with dessert afterwards at Comfy Cow, a local ice cream parlor.

Friday morning we will visit Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby Museum. Those taking antique vehicles to the Meet for judging will be able to enter the Expo Center Friday afternoon between 12-4 PM. Members can either attend the Meet Banquet that evening or join us at the Bistro Le Relais restaurant.

Saturday, of course, will have the Judges Breakfast, CJE classes, and the Meet and judging. Dinner Saturday evening is TBD.

So join your fellow TRAACA members in Louisville. You can caravan with a group or go on your own, then participate in whatever activities you want. Please contact Matt Doscher or Marion McAlpine if you intend to caravan on Wednesday or want to go to dinner or on any of the tours.



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

JULY 2015

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

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

OCTOBER 2015

- 7 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Wednesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 31 TRAACA Chili Cook-Off at
Dewey & Maxine Milligan's
home in Chesapeake, VA

NOVEMBER 2015

- 3 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Tuesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport



CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS—Bill and Linda Treadwell in their 1969 Chevrolet Camaro convertible. Read the story on Page 14.

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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As spring transitions to summer and the temperature approaches the perfect comfort zone, it is such a joy to hear the song of a vintage engine & to have fresh air from the wind wing bring the aroma of freshly mowed grass into the cabin. It makes me think about the residents of the capsule environment of modern vehicles. Tight sound-absorbing materials remove the chatter of birds while the modern mechanicals remove all the feeling of driving.

We enjoyed all of those sensations last month as our square cars traveled some of the paved roads in the agricultural areas south of our city. Such fun to view 100-year old Model Ts chugging down the road followed by a collection of 80-year old "modern" Model A Fords. An enjoyable aspect of our club is the variety of cars we own, and this was a wonderful celebration of the oldest ones.

During June, while Betty and I were off touring Pennsylvania, Joe Tennis, at the June Dinner Meeting, introduced us to the beauty of hiking and biking trails throughout the state and provided us one more excuse to

go exploring. Over the years, I have sought out the location of the canals that crossed the state and provided basic transportation for the hundred years before the railroads. Now I'll need to search out the network of abandoned rail beds that provided basic transportation before being supplanted by the car and truck.

With the Swap Meet and our National Meet behind us, it is time to look forward to our "Wings & Wheels" show. Each year we have worked to make this meet the highlight event for the car hobby of Hampton Roads. There are now discussions about evolving the show to the current National AACA and ODMA meet formats by adding HPOF, Original HPOF, and DPC classes. Introducing a "driver" vehicle class can expand the meet entry base by providing owners of driven cars, which lack the shine of a show car, a place to share their pride without major deductions for radial tires, halogen lights, worn paint or a well-utilized engine compartment. While this expansion may not happen this year because of the lead time needed for changes, it is an exciting opportunity for the future.

There also has been early talk about our fall tour. A proposed destination is Solomon's Island, MD, with a visit to St Mary's City, founded in 1637 and the state's first capital. If you have knowledge of this area or would like to assist in planning the Fall Tour, please contact Bill Wilcox or Dick Chipchak.

So much to do and so little time. Let's have fun: it is an old car type of day.

Jim

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From the Running Board

June 3, 2015 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting was called to order at 6:48 PM at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport on Military Hwy. Directors present were Jim Villers (President), Melanie Kordis (Secretary), Marion McAlpine (Treasurer), and Wes Neal (President Emeritus). Board members present were Matt Doscher, Tyler Gimbert, Skip Patnode and Tim Russell. Members present were Dick Chipchak, Vicki Doscher, John & Marie Gancel, Richard & Sandy Hall, John Heimerl, Frank Lagana, Mickey & Toni McChesney, Bob & Dot Parrish, Bob Stein, Neil & Marty Sugermeyer, and Bill Wilcox.

Secretary's Report: May Board Meeting Minutes were approved and published in the June issue of *The 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: Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

Youth Chapter: NSTR.

Communications:

- *The Mudflap* newsletter:
 - *The Mudflap* has recovered from its technical issues and is now being backed-up on multiple systems.
 - Neil Sugermeyer reported that *The Mudflap* won a Golden Quill Award for 2014 from *Old Cars Weekly*.
- *The Mud Speck* weekly e-mail: NSTR.
- Calling Tree: Used for dinner meeting confirmations.
- Club website: Used to post forms, history, past events.

Activities:

- June 13: Dolphin Watching Boat Cruise.
- June 17: Hermitage Elementary School car show.
- June 20: Bay Lake Retirement Community Car Show.
- July 18: Jefcoat Museum Tour, Murfreesboro, NC
- Discussion of additional activities for 2015.

ODMA:

- Discussion of this year's ODMA Meet held May 22-23 in Staunton, VA. Info shared on awards received by TRAACA members, including the club winning the Old Dominion Trophy again.
- The 2016 ODMA Meet will be in Martinsville, VA.
- The 2017 ODMA Meet will be hosted by the TRAACA.

Restaurants/Dinner Meetings:

- June 11: Monthly dinner meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Guest speaker: Joe Tennis. (It was noted that the June dinner meeting is a week earlier than usual to accommodate our guest speaker.)

Society:

- Current membership status (as of April 30): 169 (singles/couples).

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- Sunshine Report: Read by Vickie Doscher. Additional information from club members was recorded.

AACA Eastern Spring Meet After Action Report

- Meet Chairman Linda Pellerin reported that the Meet was a huge success, and she shared “thank you” notes from participants.
- Final accounting tallies will be provided in the next few weeks.
- Discussed lessons learned and ways to improve future meets/shows.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Matt Doscher and Marion McAlpine are the points of contact for the club trip to the AACA Southeast Fall Meet in Louisville, KY, on 15-18 July.
- Melanie Kordis will follow up with the Virginia Beach Technical Center to find out its interest in having TRAACA guest speakers.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 7, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Kordis

TRAACA Dinner Meeting

Remember: There is no dinner meeting in July

Because of the 4th of July holiday, AACA Southeastern Fall Meet & 80th Anniversary Celebration in Louisville, KY, and Lincoln Highway Tour this month, the TRAACA is not holding a dinner meeting this month. However, you can still have fun by participating in the club's road trip to the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet in Louisville, KY, on 15-18 July. See the front cover of *The Mudflap* for more info about the trip. We hope to see you there!



TRAACA 13th Annual Square Car Tour

Saturday, May 30, 2015

Story by Matt Doscher. Photos by Matt Doscher, Mark McAlpine, and Bob Stein.

It doesn't get much better than spending a Saturday with your friends and loved ones and driving a scenic tour on a beautiful late spring day through the country backroads of southeast Virginia. This was exactly the case as 55 TRAACA members got together and pulled out their favorite square cars and classic cars from their garages and conducted our club's 13th annual Square Car Tour. For those unfamiliar with Square Car Tours, it is a driving tour of a predetermined route led by square-shaped, less aerodynamic cars (compared to more modern cars) of the 1910s, 20s, and 30s. The oldest vehicle is stationed at the head of the line and sets the driving pace, followed in line by the next oldest vehicle.

This year's tour was a 71-mile tour through southern Chesapeake and western Virginia Beach. We gathered at the Mt. Pleasant Marketplace at 10:30 AM and 26 vehicles departed promptly at 11 AM. Turning off of Mt. Pleasant Road and onto Centerville Turnpike, the tour was led by two Ford Model Ts: Terry Bond's 1914 Model T and Mark Williams' 1924 Model T. Just after one mile we turned off of busy Centerville Turnpike onto the less congested backroads and followed our planned route through the Hickory section of Chesapeake towards Blackwater Road and Princess Anne Road, stopping at Munden Point Park, our halfway resting point in Virginia Beach.

The park is a 100-acre public park located along the North Landing River, complete with fresh water access, shelters, and an 18-hole disc golf course. Disc golf is played much like traditional golf; however, instead of a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc or "Frisbee." The sport was formalized in the 1970s and shares with "ball golf" the object of completing each hole in the fewest strokes (or, in the case of disc golf, the fewest throws).

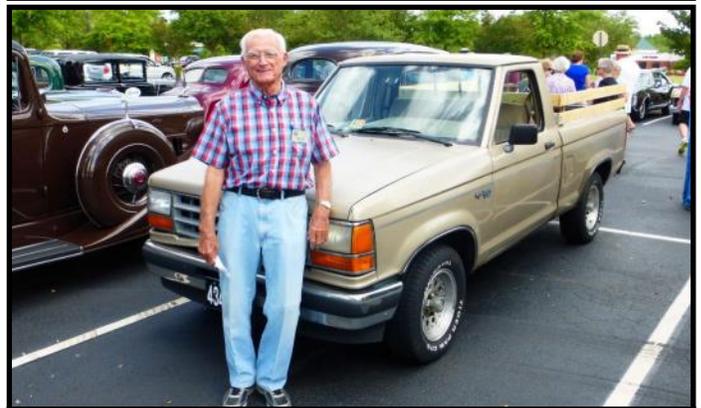
After a much appreciated restroom break and chance to stretch our legs, we set off through the Back Bay area of Virginia Beach and made our way north and west through Chesapeake towards *Angie's Family Restaurant*, which was our final stop of the tour and our lunch destination. TRAACA members enjoyed the speed and efficiency of Angie's staff as our drinks, soups and salads quickly found their way to our tables along with our delicious meals.

During the tour it was nice seeing residents of the local communities we toured through coming out of their homes and gathering on their front lawns to catch a glimpse of us driving by in our "old cars." I know from their waves and smiles that they appreciated seeing a parade of shiny antique and classic cars driving by on a beautiful Saturday afternoon!

Thanks to Richard Hall and Kit Lawrence, and the club's Activities Committee, for organizing this year's Square Car Tour! Let the planning begin for next year's.



Members socializing in the parking lot before the tour begins



Frank Lagana relaxing before the tour



Richard Hall giving pre-tour briefing to the participants



And... we're off!



Traveling the scenic backroads



Enjoying the water view



Richard Hall giving mid-tour driving instructions



The Square Car Tour traveling through rural Virginia Beach



It wouldn't be a TRAACA activity without food



TRAACA members enjoying lunch at Angie's Family Restaurant



TRAACA Square Car Tour participants taking a mid-tour rest break at Munden Point Park in Virginia Beach



AACA Central Spring Meet Independence, MO June 4-6, 2015



Story by Bob Parrish. Photos by Jon Cooper & Carolyn Young of the Kansas City Region.

Dot and I enjoyed participating in the seventh AACA National Meet of the year, which was held on May 4-6, 2015, in Independence, MO, a suburb of Kansas City. The hosting Kansas City Region began about three years ago with 15 members and since then it has grown to over 225 members. Their enthusiasm and hospitality is only exceeded by our own Tidewater Region. The Spring AACA Board Meeting was also held at the same time.

The Kansas City Region had a number of activities for Meet participants. On Thursday morning there was a tour of the Armacost Auto Museum in nearby Grandview, MO. In the afternoon there was a tour of the Kansas City Chiefs' Arrowhead Football Stadium including the opportunity to meet the Chiefs Cheerleaders. On Friday there were special seminars, a tour of the Bingham Waggoner Home, Judges School and AACA Members Round Table, and a great barbeque Friday evening at the host hotel.

The Meet was held on Saturday at the Independence Events Center with 159 vehicles registered, a small meet by Eastern Division standards. After a thunderstorm and heavy rain on Friday night, it was still raining Saturday morning. However, by 11:00 AM the sun came out in time for judging and the rest of the day proved to be picture perfect. When you attend an AACA Meet outside of the Eastern Division you always see some unusual vehicles that you haven't seen before.

While in the area I found time to visit the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, which was very enjoyable. (Anytime you visit history that you have lived, it is far more meaningful.) I was invited to visit a local member's collection in downtown Kansas City, which had a wonderful sign collection and cars from the 1920s, including a 1904 Cadillac and other rare vehicles. On Saturday evening, across from the host hotel, there was a cruise-in with several hundred vehicles, which is a regular activity and sometimes has as many as 700 cars.

On our return home we stopped in St. Louis, where I went up in the Gateway Arch, a very interesting experience. [Editor's Note: The Gateway Arch is 630-ft high. To reach the observation deck on top of the arch, you ride up inside of a leg of the arch for four minutes in a small, enclosed tram.] Dot had been up once before and did not want to go back--she said once was enough for her.

Other TRAACA members attending the meet were Sharon & Al Mercer and Tom Cox. The 2017 annual AACA Grand National Meet will be held at the same location and if it is anything like this meet, it will be well planned and attended. Mark your 2017 calendar to attend the Grand National Meet in Kansas City—you won't regret it.



The show field at the Independence (Missouri) Events Center



An overview of the show field



AACA members and spectators viewing the show cars





Meet activities included a tour of the Armacost Auto Museum in nearby Grandview, MO



Another activity was a tour of the Kansas City Chiefs' Arrowhead Stadium, including meeting with the Chiefs' Cheerleaders



Hugerty's Insurance sponsored "Kids Judging" at the Meet



A popular youth activity at the Meet—valve cover racing



Kansas City Region AACA President Bonnie Johnson's 1940 Plymouth coupe outside the host hotel—the Hilton Garden Inn



KCRAACA President Bonnie Johnson and AACA President Don Barlup welcoming entrants and handing out Meet dash plaques



1958 Buick Limited owned by Bill Gerrard won its Senior Award



(L-R) Sharon Cygan, Niel Johnson as Harry S. Truman, Bonnie Johnson (no relation) as Bess Truman, and Jerry Cygan



TRAACA Dolphin Watch Boat Cruise

June 13, 2015

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

TRAACA Dolphin Watch 2015 was a great success! On June 13th, 45 TRAACA members and friends (plus four stowaway tourists) set sail (well, rode in a motorized boat) “on a 3-hour tour” out of Lynnhaven Inlet in search of dolphins. We were not disappointed; in fact, we were thrilled at the number of dolphins we saw swimming and jumping in the warm waters off Virginia Beach.

During the cruise our group was given a special treat. Pods of dolphins swam in large circles, apparently driving fish toward the center of the circle. This technique increased the number of fish available within reach for the dolphins to feed on. Our boat captain helped the dolphins out by using the same technique with the boat, circling the dolphins and helping to increase the fish available for them to eat.

Prior to our boat’s departure, a number of members dined at the Dockside Restaurant. The food at the Dockside was delicious and reasonably priced. However, TRAACA participants saved room for the bounty of desserts available on the cruise. (TRAACA members brought a large selection of desserts to share with one another.)

As the sun was setting over the horizon, we bid the dolphins farewell and our captain returned us safely to the dock, each of us returning with great photographs and memories to share. We also breathed a sigh of relief that unlike Gilligan, the skipper, the millionaire and his wife on that other more famous 3-hour tour, we returned home safely and on-time. Many thanks to Linda Pellerin for organizing the cruise!

TRAACA members who participated in the cruise included: Terry & Susan Bond, Dick Chipchak, Matt & Vickie Doscher, John & Marie Gancel, Richard & Sandy Hall, Melanie Kordis, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Mickey & Toni McChesney, Dana & Debbie Meadows, Hilary Pavlidis, Jack Pavlidis, Bob & Linda Pellerin, Tony & Leslie Scarpelli, Bob Stein, Neil & Marty Sugermeyer, Bill & Linda Treadwell and their daughter Michelle, and Bob & Susan Woolfitt.



Richard Hall, Jack Pavlidis, and Terry Bond trading car tales



(L-R) Marie Gancel, Toni McChesney, Bob Pellerin, Mickey McChesney, and Linda Pellerin. Matt Doscher in the background.



Tranquil seas & great weather made for great dolphin watching



The Virginia Beach shoreline as we depart Lynnhaven Inlet



Our first sighting of a pod of dolphins apparently feeding



Pelicans and cormorants taking a break from fishing



Dolphins circling, apparently to corral fish to feed upon



A 3-ship of dolphins diving in formation



The pod entertaining us with their antics



Dolphins surfacing for air before diving down again to feed



Mark McAlpine, Sue Bond, and Sandy Hall enjoying the view



The sun setting on the Atlantic Ocean



Still Collecting Stuff — *Cool Things:* *Fans*

By Terry Bond

As the temps rise in the summer, we turn up the air conditioning. But back in the “good old days” there was no air conditioning, so to help survive, a little air movement was necessary. Whether it was a hot, lengthy sermon in church or an afternoon on the veranda at a fancy hotel, the handheld fan was a necessity.

Until the advent of electric fans, handheld fans were very commonly given away at events from weddings to funerals. They were illustrated with beautiful artwork and the back side was a perfect place for advertising. Car dealerships, restaurants, hotels, and even funeral homes, all had their ads on fans. So, there is a crossover: those who collect advertising and are often unconcerned about what’s illustrated on them, and those who collect fans and are looking for great artwork or fancy decoration sometimes affixed to them. Collectors of automobilia seek fans for the relationship to the automobile.

The heyday of handheld fans depicting automobiles was in the later 1910s through the 1930s. After that it became difficult to keep up with the changes in the automobile, so more generic scenes of picnics, city streets, etc., which depicted the automobile as a secondary theme, were more common and are of less collector interest to pure automobilia nuts like myself.

Handheld fans from the dawn of the automobile’s development are the most sought after. They were illustrated by well-known artists like Ernest Montaut and show pretty ladies in fancy race cars, peaceful roadside picnic scenes, or even passengers being delivered in fancy limos to big Parisian hotels.

There are two well-known examples of these fans advertising such establishments where they were available to

guests: Café Martin (with locations in New York, Paris, and London) and the Hotel Knickerbocker in New York. There were other lesser known hotels and restaurants that also used fans for advertising.

With these fans, you’ll have to dig through flea markets, in antique shops and at one of my favorite haunts—well known advertising & paper (ephemera) shows. Of course eBay can be a resource and can help you decide what is common and what isn’t. Over the years I’ve also been able to network with a few other collectors and antique dealers in Europe who have shared their knowledge and occasionally a good find that I could acquire. There are a couple of organizations for collectors that can be found on the web: www.fancircleinternational.org is a site that contains a lot of historic information and links to other similar clubs worldwide.

When you do see fans at flea markets, they probably will not be displayed in their folded-out condition so you’ll need to spend some time looking carefully, but it’s



One of Terry’s favorites: a 1910 advertising fan for a drugstore in Chicago



An early Café Martin advertising fan with a lady driving a race car. Illustrated by Montaut, circa 1904.



A beautifully illustrated folding fan, artist unknown, with a scene of a car breakdown, circa 1907.

worth the effort when you unfold one of a dozen on a dealer's stall and find one of those beautiful Montaut-illustrated race scenes!

Condition is so important on fans. They are very delicate and often the paper webbing is split. Sometimes the wooden slats are broken. Sometimes the images are stained from water.

They can be restored, but it is not easy or cheap. It's best to hold out for the best examples you can find. Oddly though, unlike a lot of other collectibles, restoration is not frowned on if it is properly done. Tape, however, is not an option because of the sticky residue that soon soaks into the paper and seems to spread.

So, what about prices? Well naturally, the earliest fans are the most valuable. The early Montaut-illustrated fans in pristine condition can fetch hundreds of dollars. Later flat cardboard fans with simple wooden handles can be found for anywhere from \$10-\$100 depending on the illustration, the nature of the advertising, and the condition. Auto brand-specific fans that are well-illustrated would be at the top of that scale. More generic scenes are worth much less and you can build a small collection of them for under \$35 per item. Automobile product advertising (e.g., tire companies, oil and gas companies) may command a little more because of the big interest these days in any-

thing related to gas, gas stations or garages. Fans illustrated with old cars gassing-up with a particular brand of gas advertised are rare and are climbing in value.

There are only a few known examples of the early folding fans that were illustrated with automobiles and they can be very difficult to find. Still, the chance find is exciting, especially the 1909 fan shown below left advertising the Knickerbocker Hotel in NY. It's in fantastic condition, and I found it for \$15.00 laying right out in plain sight at a vendor's booth in a Pennsylvania antique market.

If you have some of the early folded fans, don't be tempted to keep them unfolded and displayed in picture frames. The tension on the paper of folded fans will eventually begin to split them at the seams. There are special devices available to hold them for display & special shadow boxes that can protect them from harmful UV light, but generally it's recommended to keep them folded when stored. Of course the later flat cardboard fans look quite nice when professionally matted, framed and hung on the wall to enjoy. Oh, I only wish I had more wall space!

So keep cool, enjoy the pictures, and, as always, enjoy collecting.

Terry Bond



Beautifully illustrated folding fan advertising the Knickerbocker Hotel in New York, circa 1909



A recent acquisition of Terry's: a folding fan commemorating the 1909 100th anniversary of the Hotel Westminster in Paris, France



An advertising fan for a hardware store in Pennsylvania circa 1910



1912 advertising fan for a grocery store in St. Louis, MO



Advertising fan for a Buick Dealership in Pennsylvania circa 1919



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



1918 Detroit Electric car on the show field



Matt Gresalfi in his 1930 Austin Sixteen pickup truck



Matt Gresalfi in his 1952 Morris



Robert Lawrence (Martinsville, VA) in his 1960 King Midget



Mopar muscle on the field—a 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner with a 440-cid, six-pack engine



GM muscle on the field—a 1970 Oldsmobile 442, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS-396, and 1970 Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS-454

We still have photographs available of vehicles that were entered in the AACA Eastern Spring Meet. If you would like to purchase a copy of your vehicle's photo, they are available from the club for \$10. Please make checks payable to the TRAACA and send them to Richard Hall at 500 Mustang Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322. If you have questions, contact Richard at (757) 482-2821 or mgtb48173@cox.net.



Bill Wilcox's grandson Cameron climbing in for an airplane ride



Bob Pellerin taking official photos of Meet entrant vehicles



Alan Swenson in his 1962 International Scout 80 4x4 pickup truck



Pete Koch in his 1965 Pontiac Grand Prix



Ron Pack in his 1971 Mercedes-Benz 280SL



Debbie Nolen (Richmond Region) in her 1978 Datsun 280Z



Jeff Locke in his 1985 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham



Pat Locke in her 1987 Cadillac Allante

Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars

Bill & Linda Treadwell's 1969 Chevrolet Camaro

Story and photos by Bill Treadwell



Bill & Linda's 1969 Chevy Camaro atop Mt. Washington in 2014

I purchased my 1969 Chevrolet Camaro convertible on February 5, 1971, from Anchor Buick Company in Portsmouth, NH. I've always been a Chevy guy. As I grew up my family's cars included a 1962 Chevy II, a 1967 Chevelle, and a 1965 Corvair, before I bought my first car, a 1965 Corvair. During semester break of my senior year in college, an intoxicated driver took away the Corvair, leading to my purchase of the 1969 Camaro.

I met my Camaro six months before I met Linda. Due to the Camaro's distinctive factory DX-1 nose striping, Linda nicknamed it "Moustache."

When I was a young man in the U.S. Navy, the Camaro was my daily driver for years, except whenever the Navy provided me slightly larger transportation at sea. While I was stationed in New Orleans, Moustache muscled up briefly and sported a mild cam, four-barrel carb, and air shocks. He then napped for a few years while Linda and I were stationed in Scotland.

In 1980 I was transferred to Yorktown, VA. Reunited with Moustache, we restored him to his original running gear. In 1982 we moved back to Virginia Beach, and Moustache stopped being a daily driver and became a pampered fun ride. Influenced by our neighbors, friends for many years who enjoyed street rodding, Linda and I joined the Southeast Virginia Street Rod Association. Enjoying car shows, picnics, and cruises, I added chrome engine accessories to the car, but it remained a classic at heart.

When I showed an interest in owning a street rod, Linda and I agreed that the Camaro should be restored first, including a paint job in its original factory color, Azure Turquoise. Its visit to Fischer Body & Paint in Norfolk lasted from January to May 2008, allowing Linda to cheerfully garage her car on bad weather days.

We joined the Camaro Legends club in Virginia Beach and continued to be members of the East Coast Camaro Club based in New Hampshire before joining the TRAACA and Virginia Chevy Lovers club. Since then, with a true interest in restoring the Camaro to AACA standards and the help of many friends in the TRAACA, our Camaro garnered its AACA & ODMA Junior Awards

in 2013, its AACA & ODMA Senior Awards in 2014, and AACA & ODMA Preservation Awards in May 2015.

Through the generosity of Sam Kern, Moustache has enjoyed the sweet life of being trailered to AACA meets in Charlotte and vacations in Maine the last two years, which leads to my "bucket list" story. My trips to Maine have been scheduled to include car shows and cruise-ins, but my bucket list idea was the auto climb of Mount Washington in New Hampshire. Weather & family events overtook 2013, but the trip was back on the burner for 2014.

After enjoying a week in Maine, Linda returned to Virginia to care for her mother, but my older sister agreed to the adventure. We drove the two plus hours to Conway, NH, with the Camaro's top up, but upon arriving at the entrance to the Mount Washington Auto Road the top was lowered while we waited in line. The gentleman who sold us our tickets for the climb commented that he was not referring to the two of us, but that antiques went free—saving us the \$36.00 fee for car, driver, and one passenger.

The 8-mile climb, 7 of which are paved, went without incident. We enjoyed the views & gift shop at the 6,288-ft peak, before subjecting Moustache to the downhill drive in first gear. Once we left the Auto Road, we put the car's top back up for the return trip to my father's home in York, Maine, where we arrived in time for another family dinner including local seafood.



The interior of Bill & Linda's 1969 Chevrolet Camaro



Bill's 1969 Camaro has a 307-cid, 200-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.

(This undated Virginian Pilot article is from the club's archives and is believed to have been printed sometime in May-July of 1956.) Current Virginia law defines an antique vehicle as one "more than 25 years old before January 1 of the current calendar year." Antique license plates may be purchased from the state for \$50, but the antique vehicle may only be used to participate in antique car club activities, exhibits, parades, and similar events. Original/vintage plates may only be used on passenger vehicles & trailers manufactured in or after 1973 because the Virginia DMV began issuing yearly decals for passenger vehicles & trailers in 1973.

25 AND ABLE TO GO

Brill's Restored Autos Get 'Tags'

Frank Z. Brill's 1902 deDion will be sporting a Virginia registration plate close to its vintage after this week. Brill, a Peninsula exhibitor of antique cars, will be among the first antique car collectors in the State to display the "new" 1906 number plate.

It all started some time ago when Brill headed a committee to get a special bill passed to allow collectors to register their antiques with the original plates. Delegate Lewis A. McMurrin drew up the bill which will go into effect Thursday.

Any Virginia collector who has a motor vehicle 25 years old or better can register his car for \$5. The plates will be good for the life of the vehicle, just as they were when the first Virginia plates were issued in 1906.

The special distinction doesn't permit operation of the collector's item for general transportation purposes but only for antique club activities, exhibit parades and similar uses.

In addition to authorizing the issuance of the special

plate, legislators at the last General Assembly empowered the commissioner of motor vehicles to designate as an "antique motor vehicle" one which is over 25 years old and owned solely as a collector's item.

Brill says the special plates are ten inches by five inches, designed after the first plates issued by the Commonwealth 48 years ago. They have white numerals and letters on a black enameled background and bear the wording "Antique Vehicle" with the license number to the left. The special series will begin with the number "1906" and will run through "2206" as 300 sets have been ordered.

The plates will be valid until the car is sold. Then they must be returned to the registry.

Although the deDion will be the first in Brill's collection to attain the "new distinction," Brill has four more sets ordered for his other "eligible" cars.

Widely known in the State for his collection, Brill last month copped first prize for having the "most popular" car in the Peninsula Safety Road Knights Auto Show. His son, Brill Jr., won third prize in the public contest with his 1928 Franklin.

(Editor Note: The photograph below accompanied the article.)



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(Suggested by Mark McAlpine)



Gatewood, left, Brill, center, and L. M. von Schilling inspect progress of restoring Brill's 1906 one-cylinder Cadillac, with double tulip body.



AACA Library & RC— One in a Million!

By **Bernie Golias, VP—Library & Research Center**

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

How many of our members are aware that the AACA Library has nearly *one million* pieces of sales literature on hand? In addition to our own collection, how many of you were also aware that the Library houses some special marque club collections?

To all that embrace the need for vehicle research, preservation, restoration or to have the mere enjoyment of attaining historical knowledge of automobiles, here's a brief listing of those collections housed without our library making it one of the best and leading automotive research centers in the world.

- ♦ **AACA Library Collection:** Since the initial acquisition of the Alfred S. Lewrenz literature collection in 1977, the AACA Library and Research Center has grown into one of the leading research centers referencing materials from 1888 to present. Consisting of nearly *one million* pieces of sales literature, manuals, photographs, reference books, and periodicals, the library is a valuable resource aiding hobbyists in their restoration and preservation efforts.
- ♦ **Buick Heritage Alliance:** The BHA has been housing its collection of manuals, photographs, bulletins and literature with us since 2007.
- ♦ **Dodge Brothers Club:** Founded in 1983 to preserve and research Dodge and Graham Brothers vehicles. Its literature collection was brought to the Library & RC in 2010. The collection contains a large range of materials.
- ♦ **Gerrard Classic Auto Literature Collection:** This collection includes many rare items from 1950s-60s, e.g., dealer binders, color & fabric samples, filmstrips, slides and much more. The collection came to the Library in 2013 and is now digitized and easily accessible.
- ♦ **Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Historical Society:** The HETHS archive was brought to the Library in 2013. The archive contains dealer promotional materials, photographs, drawings and various sales literature. Descriptions of the holdings can be found online and accessed on site in Hershey as can be many of the other collections.
- ♦ **Lincoln Motor Car Foundation:** The foundation was founded to preserve and disseminate information pertaining to the Lincoln Motor Car. In support of its mission the Foundation established a Library and has been housed at the AACA Research Center since 2005. The collection specializes in dealer binders and other literature.
- ♦ **Museum of Bus Transportation:** The museum's archives and photo collection are housed here at the Library & RC.
- ♦ **National Corvette Restorers Society:** The NCRS was formed in 1974 and its archives are comprised but limited to Corvettes from 1953 to 1996. This is the mother lode of documents, service bulletins, manuals, tech sheets, books, drawings and much more that has been securely stored at the AACA Library & RC since 2005.
- ♦ **National Woodie Club:** The National Woodie Club archives have been part of the AACA Library since 2011 and include a vast array of manuals, periodicals, photographs and sales literature.
- ♦ **Pierce-Arrow Society:** This collection is a library within itself, consisting of a multitude of blueprints, photographs, manuals, showroom brochures, parts catalogs and personal files of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company's leaders and management. The PAS collection has been housed within our Library since 2008.
- ♦ **SAH-Dunwoodie Archives:** The Society of Automotive Historians-Dunwoodie Collection acts as a master index to our library's 60,000 periodicals. Ralph Dunwoodie was the lead researcher for the Harrah Automobile Collection. The SAH was founded in Hershey in 1969.
- ♦ **SPAAMFAA—Society for the Preservation & Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America:** Organized in Syracuse, NY, its literature archives have been housed at the AACA Library & RC since 1985. The SPAAMFAA collection consists of magazines, directories, manuals, photographs, drawings, and a diverse assortment of sales literature.



AACA Calendar of Events

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

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

10-12 The Elegance at Hershey
Grand Ascent & Concours
Hershey, PA

12-17 The Sentimental Tour
Salisbury, NC



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Sunshine Report

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

- **Toni McChesney's brother, James Pettincki**, passed away in New Jersey on June 23rd. He was 71-years old.
- **Carol Milligan's mother, Loraine McCartney**, passed away on June 24th. She was 91-years old.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Nancy Garnett** had ankle/foot surgery on May 28th.
- **Ivan Joslin** had knee replacement surgery on June 25th and is recovering at home.
- **Dick Pensyl's** condition has worsened and he is now bedridden. Visitors are welcome, but please call ahead.

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



Members celebrating anniversaries in July



Jim & Donna Elliott
 Adam & Sandy Graham
 George & Sheila Gurnee
 Robert & Gale Hyatt
 Dana & Debbie Meadows
 Tony & Leslie Scarpelli
 Alvin & Virginia Schexnider
 William & Frances Sykes
 Gary & Gayle Terwilliger
 Jim & Betty Villers



Members celebrating birthdays in July



Bob Bond	Marion McAlpine
Joan Capps	Robert Perkins
Kevin Carr	Sylvia Roughton
Nancy Garnett	Leslie Scarpelli
Jon Hunger	Tony Scarpelli
Margie Ives	Darlene Stevenson
Connie Kaiser	Betty Villers
Bob Kinker	Brenda Wedeking
Frank Lagana	

Recent Award Winners

AACA Central Spring Meet—Independence, MO

Al Mercer 1968 Ford XL convertible
 Repeat DPC

Hershey Elegance—Hershey, PA

Jim Elliott 1903 Cadillac Rear Entrance
 Tonneau
 Invited Participant

Note: Bill Alley's 1909 Packard 18 Runabout, highlighted at the AACA Eastern Spring Meet we hosted in May and formerly owned by TRAACA founding member Tommy Moody, won the "Motoring Pioneer's Award" for Best Early Brass Car.



Hermitage Elementary School Field Day 2015

On Wednesday, June 17th, 2015, Hermitage Elementary School in Virginia Beach, VA, held its annual Hermitage Field Day. This year's event focused on "things that move." TRAACA members Melanie Kordis, Mark & Marion McAlpine and Bill Treadwell supported the event by bringing their antique cars, answering questions, and letting kids sit in their vehicles for "selfies." Other participants included a unicyclist, Shriners with their parade mini-cars, and the VAB Police.



Bill Treadwell's 1969 Camaro, Mark & Marion McAlpine's 1970 Chevelle SS-396, and Melanie Kordis' 1930 Model A at Hermitage



One of Hermitage Elementary School's classes. Older students were interested in the cars, younger students in honking the cars' horns.

Dinner & Drive-In Movie
 Part of First Weekend Events of Olde Towne Portsmouth
Friday July 3rd
 *Classic Car Cruisin' on High Street 5 to 9
 *Parking on High Street available for the Classics while the drivers dine
Movie starts at 9:30 PM
Portside Park by Tidewater Yacht & Crawford Parkway
 *Gates at the Drive-In Open at 8:45
 *Bring Lawn chairs and Blankets
 *Limited Classic Car Parking on the Lawn
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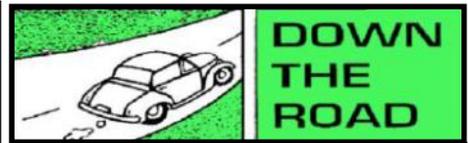
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Other Regional/ Local Events

JULY 2015

- 3 Dinner & Drive-In Movie Portsmouth, VA
- 4 Classic Cruisers Car Club Annual July 4th Car Show Williamsburg, VA
- 4 Hampton Village Festival — Pre-WWII Theme — Hampton, VA
- 10 National Collector Car Appreciation Day Cruise-in Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield, VA
- 10-12 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals Carlisle, PA
- 18 Navy Cyber Ops Command FCPOA Annual Car Show to Benefit the Wounded Warrior Project Virginia Beach, VA
- 18 Shenandoah Region AACA and Museum of the Shenandoah Valley 6th Annual Car Show Winchester, VA

AUGUST 2015

- 1 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday Car Show Portsmouth, VA
- 8 Scouts & Cars in the Park Newport News Park Newport News, VA
- 14 Friday Night Cruise-In at Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield, VA
- 15 Khedive 24th Annual "Fun-n-Shine" Car Show Chesapeake, VA
- 28-30 Corvettes at Carlisle Carlisle, PA

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 19 40th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet Bull Run Region AACA Manassas, VA
- 19 SE Virginia Street Rods 23rd Annual Car Show at Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield, VA

2015 4th of July Car Show

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 CCC is a member of the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council www.vpecc.org

National Collector Car Appreciation Day Cruise-In
Friday, July 10, 2015
6:00—9:00 PM
Daniels Performance Group
20128 IWIP Road, Smithfield, VA 23430

The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Action Network established the "National Collector Car Appreciation Day" to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society. This marks the sixth year of this now annual event.

Come celebrate at fellow TRAACA member Charlie Daniels' shop in Smithfield!



EDITOR'S DESK

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In the July issue of *Hemmings Motor News*, Executive Editor Richard Lentinello has a really good commentary on the advantages of belonging to car clubs. All of his observations ring true for membership in the AACA and TRAACA, beginning with his opening comment that “While not everyone has the time [or desire] to take part in the social side of such organizations, the information that you can obtain from joining a club . . . is priceless.”

Your fellow club members possess a wealth of automotive knowledge and experience (and tools!). They can help you troubleshoot a mechanical issue, recommend places to obtain parts or services, suggest great car-related places to tour, loan you tools or workspace (even trailers!), and sometimes even help you with your project. And my experience always has been that anytime you ask for help, club members are always willing to help you however they can.

Lentinello specifically mentions the AACA and says that when he meets car owners and asks if they belong to the AACA, they sometimes answer, “They have car shows and tours in areas of the country that I can’t get to, so why join?” He points out to these owners that the AACA has local regions & chapters they can join, and then participate

in local car shows, tours, and other activities, and also gain a network of like-minded automotive enthusiasts.

But you already know all of this—you already belong to the AACA and TRAACA, and many of you also belong to other local and national car clubs. TRAACA members are especially fortunate because we have a large and vibrant club with great members and a variety of club activities from monthly dinner meetings, car shows, short driving tours, weekend tours, boat cruises, museum and garage tours, ice cream socials, etc. And if you have a suggestion for an activity, we’re always willing to try it.

So the next time you meet someone interested in “old cars or motorcycles” but they don’t belong to the AACA or TRAACA, explain to them what they’re missing and invite them to the next club activity.

Speaking of club activities, this year has been particularly busy and it’s still ramping up. In June we had our monthly dinner meeting where Joe Tennis gave us a great presentation on the old railroad beds in Virginia that have been converted to scenic hiking and biking trails. Then we had our Dolphin Watch Boat Cruise. A number of members are out on the Lincoln Highway Tour. Others are preparing to head to the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet in Louisville, KY, on 15-18 July, to celebrate the AACA’s 80th Anniversary. I’m especially looking forward to the local brewery tour in August. And before you know it, our annual fall meet—our “Wings & Wheels” show—will be here.

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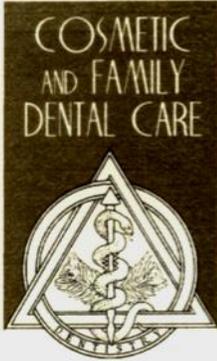
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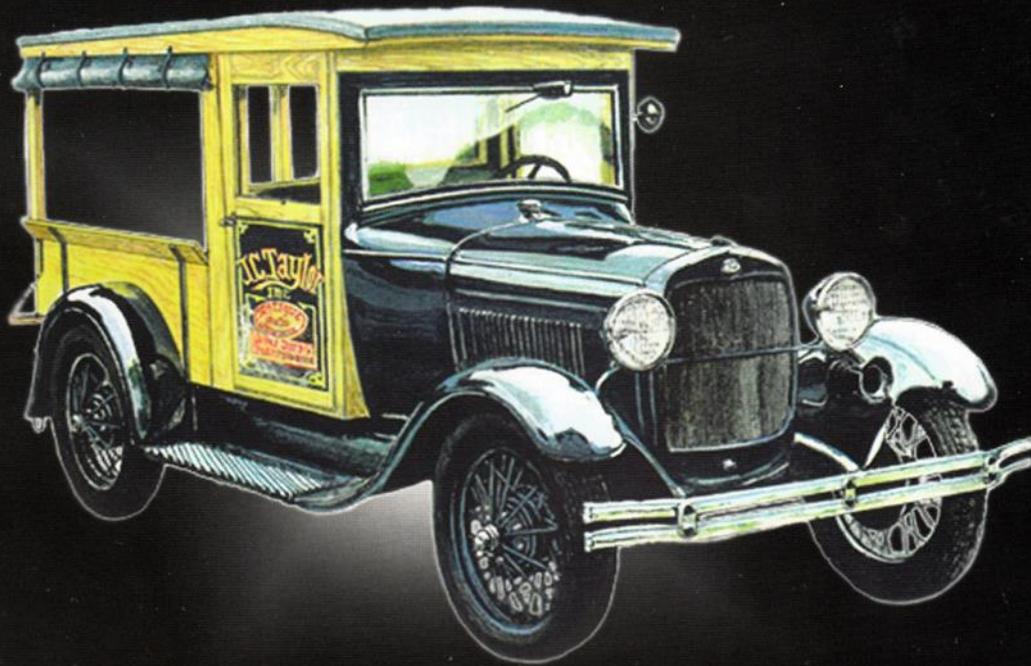
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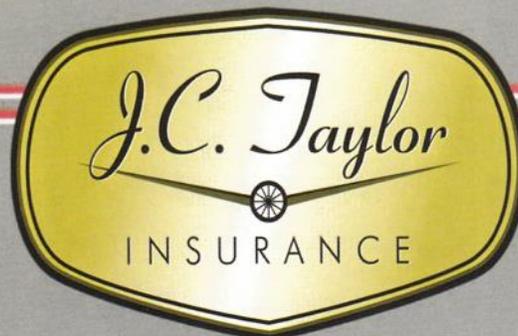
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