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

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# **July and August 2023**



## TRAACA MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Thursday August 17th DIFFERENT DAY!!

No RSVP—Just show up and enjoy.

Where: LOCATION:

Golden Corral, 101 Volvo Pkwy, Chesapeake

Times: 6:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Menu: Buffet

Cost: Pay at the door

Program: Bill Treadwell will be our guest speaker.



1– TRAACA Doumar Day 2 to 4 PM Norfolk

13—Board Meeting Mom and Pop's Diner Norfolk

**AUGUST** 

5—Doumar's Gathering Norfolk, Va.

17 - TRAACA Monthly Meeting for August - (6:30 PM at the Golden Corral, Chesapeake) Speaker - Bill Treadwell

#### **SEPTEMBER**

2 - TRAACA Doumar's Day (First Saturday) - 2-4 PM (Doumar's Drive-In, Norfolk)

16 - TRAACA 49th Annual Meet (Chesapeake City Park)



(L-R) 1939 Lincoln Zephyr on display at the 2023 EyesOn Design Car Show in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI. See more of the collection in the article on Pages 5—8.



# President's Podium

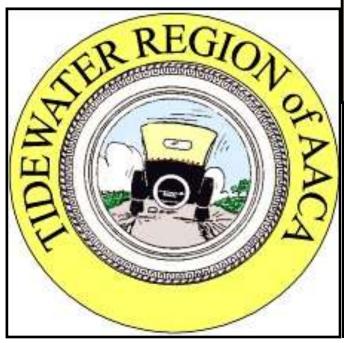
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The Dog Days of summer were named this by the Greeks and Romans because in mid July and early August the star Sirius rose on the horizon near the sun. They believed the combination of this star created the extra heat on earth. Sounded reasonable 2-3 thousand years ago, maybe more so than what some politicians are saying today. I am not going to say who I think is right but I have never had a dog that liked these days. Some folks may like heat but not me or any of my old cars. These days will be long gone by September 16 th when our club celebrates its 49 th meet. The event will be spectacular!!! Barry Basnight and his committee have an event that will draw the best cars of Tidewater to a great location at the Chesapeake park. Please volunteer to help.

We will have signups at our next dinner meeting. Until Doumars!!!

# **Tim Hund TRACA President**



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# **Dinner Meeting Corner**

**Chief Contact: Skip Patnode** 

Members will be contacted via e-mail to obtain their RSVPs for the club's monthly dinner meeting. (Members without e-mail will be contacted by phone.) If you will be attending, please respond to Skip Patnode's e-mail by the requested date and let him know how many people will be coming. (There is no need to respond if you are not coming.) Skip will reply to you once he adds you to his attendance list. It is critical that you respond so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. If you are not receiving Skip's e-mails or want to be taken off the list, please contact him at <a href="mailto:skippatnode@cox.net">skippatnode@cox.net</a> or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

# 2023 TRAACA Officers & Board

President - Tim Hund: <u>traacacontact@gmail.com</u> Vice President - Bill Treadwell: <u>traacacontact@gmail.com</u>

Secretary - Doug Grosz
Treasurer - Harry Park
Board - Nick Smith
Board - Paul Fuqua
Board - Herbert Mumford
Board - Fred Cole
President Emeritus - Wayne Milligan

# From the Running Board

TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

TRAACA Board Meeting Thursday, June 8, 2023 Officer's Present: Tim Hund, Bill Treadwell, Harry Park, Douglas Grosz. Board Members present: Nick Smith; Paul Fuqua, Herbert Mumford Club members present: Skip Patnode

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:11 PM.

President: Thanked all for being at the meeting. Vice President: Ongoing discussion about the Golden Corral.

Secretary's Report: Report distributed and approved electronically.

Treasurer's Report: Reports distributed and approved electronically.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### Activities:

Activity committee meeting at Tim's house with other board members participating.

Paul commented that in other groups, the Vice President is by default the head of the activities committee. Bill said he would be fine with that if the committee has more members. Nick volunteered to join the activities committee. Tim wants the committee to meet twice a year to plan activities.

The current committee will be Harry Park, Tim Hund, Nick Smith, and Bob Stein meeting on June 21 at 7pm location Tim Hund's residence.

Bruce S would like to have a gathering at his home and discussion will continue for a date this fall. Tim said we need someone to volunteer to plan the square car tour for this fall.

#### Dinners:

June 28 speaker at the Golden Corral with be a relative of the American participant from the original Great Race.

Linda Pellerin is organizing the guest speakers for the dinner meeting for the rest of the year. Current plan for the event will be at the Golden Corral. The problem is that Golden Corral has no microphones for the speaker nor screens for presentations. The club is rumored to have had a sound system in the past, but the current location is unknown. The board discussed and approved a budget of \$250 to spend on a portable sound system. Tim will discuss with Barry Basnight the approach to a sound system for dinners.

Barry arrived later at the meeting and stated that we could borrow a sound system from him for the June dinner meeting. There was continued discussion of items that had been in the club trailer that are no longer accounted for with unknown whereabouts. Also, while discussing the club trailer, it came up that Harry had to do a lot of work to find the information on the registration of the club trailer to pay the City of Virginia Beach property tax on the trailer. He discovered that the trailer is still registered using the address for Charlie Dawson's accounting firm from when board meetings were held at that location. Harry could not locate the registration car for the trailer, and he did not have a password to access the account about the trailer on the VA DMV website because he did not know the email that was used to create and access the information. More investigation is necessary to find these answers.

Bill Treadwell said he could speak at a dinner meeting on the Secret City Tour of Oak Ridge Tennessee that he has just completed as on of the National Activities this year.

## Membership:

No new report.

## Ongoing Business:

Committee for new board members will be chaired by Bob Stein.

#### **Annual Show**

Terry Bond will be the chief judge for the AACA field only at the show.

Preregistered cars will be placed by class. Day of show registrations for AACA field in day of show area and not judged.

Discussion about whether our show is a chance to prepare for events like Hershey or for local enjoyment only.

Annual Show meeting on July 12 at Chesapeake City Park in the evening

**New Business:** 

#### Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR (Nothing Significant to report)

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned at 7:20 pm. Next board meeting is 6:00pm Thursday July 13th at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk.

# From the Running Board

TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

TRAACA Board Meeting Thursday, July 13, 2023

Officer's Present: Tim Hund, Bill Treadwell, Harry Park, Douglas Grosz. Board Members present: Nick Smith; Herbert Mumford President Emeritus: Wayne Milligan

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM.

President: Thanked all for being at the meeting.

Vice President: Thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Report distributed and approved electronically.

Treasurer's Report: Reports distributed and approved electronically.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### Activities:

placed activities on the calendar.
Doumar's on August 5. \$10 voucher per member.
Chili Cookoff is being replaced by an event at Bruce
Siedel's with catered food. \$10 per person.
Richmond AACA show had the cars placed by the
decades. They also had some drive around activities
and a fashion show of outfits for the older cars.
September 16th TRAACA Annual Meet at Chesapeake City Park.

Activity committee met at Tim's house and has

## Dinners:

Not going to purchase speaker system for the time being.

No speaker for the July dinner meeting, board voted to cancel the July dinner meeting because it had not been planned.

August dinner meeting on August 17th with possibly Bill Treadwell speaking about the National Tour at Oak Ridge, Tennessee (Secret City Tour). September dinner meeting on September 14th. Discussed the Golden Corral can be cramped for space.

# Membership:

No new report.

#### Ongoing Business:

Nominating committee for the Board is currently meeting.

#### **New Business:**

Discussed applying for March 9, 2024 for our Swap Meet at Nansemond Suffolk Academy. Approved application for that date. Bill would like to have a flier for the swap meet created by October.

Wayne would like to move the storage for the Club Store. Discussion came up about storing in the trailer; Tim is worried about the items becoming mildewed. Sam has registered for the space for a tent at the Shriner's Show on August 19. He can't be there for the show, so we will need people to man the tent to recruit new members to TRAACA and give us a place to gather and meet.

Planning and location for the silent auction must occur soon.

#### Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR (Nothing

Significant to report)

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned at 7:20 pm. Next board meeting is 6:00pm Thursday September 7th at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk.

# EyesOn Design Car Show—2023—Part 1 "Design Revolutions" Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, to benefit the Chief Design Officer for Stellantis. the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

It was Father's Day, so it was time for the annual EyesOn Design Car Show held at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI. EyesOn Design is an annual event originally "founded in 1987 with the support of the design heads of GM, Ford, and Chrysler as an automobile exhibition judged exclusively by automobile designers." According to Wikipedia, EyesOn Design originally focused on cars from the "Big 3" American automobile manufacturers—Chrysler, Ford, and GM. The show expanded to include foreign manufacturers and moved to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in nearby Grosse Pointe Shores beginning with the third show in 1989. In 2002, the show was held at the then-Chrysler (now Stellantis) Headquarters & Technical Center in Auburn Hills, MI, and in 2003 at the GM Technical Center in Warren, MI. The show returned to the Ford House in 2004 and has been held there every year since (except in 2020 when it was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic).

The theme for this year's show was "Design Revolutions." There were 22 judged categories ranging from early electric, gas, and steam cars—"Power Struggle"—to classic 12- and 16-cylinder cars, "The Airflow Experiment," "Show Cars You Can Drive," "Jet Age Concepts," "The Sports Car Revolution," "Cutting Edge Hypercars (modern "super cars"), and three motorcycle categories. The special displays included "The Electric Revolution" (modern electric vehicles

This is Part 1 of the series of articles about the 2023 EyesOn and concept cars) and a display showcasing designs of this Design Car Show held on 18 June 2023 at the Edsel & vear's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Ralph Gilles,

> Although Marion & I are both from the Detroit area, last year was the first time we attended the EyesOn Design Car Show. Besides not realizing how special a car show it is, my military career bounced us around the country and globe, so we were rarely home around Father's Day. Last year's show changed that. We enjoyed it so much that we volunteered to help with this year's show. The experience was fantastic, beginning with hearing and then watching a Hennessey Venom F5 hypercar being unloaded from a car hauler as we were signing in to serving as field marshals providing overwatch of the "Revolutionary Sports Cars." Both the show and our experience working with a truly first-class team of organizers and volunteers reinforced our commitment to volunteer again next year.

> We strongly encourage you to add the EyesOn Design Car Show to your bucket list. Very few car shows offer the same quality and diversity of vehicles on the show field and such a beautiful and historic venue. And add a few extra days to your trip and visit some of the other many great automobilerelated attractions in the Detroit area. Let's see, there's Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford museum, the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum, Stahl's Automotive Foundation collection, the Roush Automotive Collection, GM Heritage Collection, the Automotive Hall of Fame, Detroit Historical Museum.



1925 Detroit Electric Car Company Model 95-B Brougham in the "Power Struggle" display at the 2023 EyesOn Design Car Show













1911 Regal Underslung Model 20 in the "Power Struggle" display



1917 Detroit Electric Brougham



1918 Anderson Electric Car Co. Detroit Electric Model 75 Brougham



1930 Cadillac 16-452 roadster in the 12- & 16-cylinder car display



1912 Cadillac Model 30 Torpedo in the "Power Struggle" display at the 2023 EyesOn Design Car Show



1930 Ruxton Model C Roadster in the "Lower and Longer" display at the 2023 EyesOn Design Car Show



1934 DeSoto Airflow coupe



1934 Hupmobile Aerodynamic



1936 Packard 1407 Coupe Roadster 12



# Here come da Judge!

By Terry Bond, Chief Judge, September Annual Show.

As we prepare for our 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, a little info on judging seems appropriate to help you prepare and better understand the process. For our event, we are judging only cars entered in the AACA category. All AACA classes are open for entries. Official AACA Judging Guidelines can be found on-line at www.aaca.org.

From the tab across the top of the page labeled "Publications" select "Vehicle vou can first Classifications." There you will find all the information you need to select the appropriate classification for your vehicle. There is also some good general information to guide you in properly exhibiting your vehicle. As a reminder – every vehicle must display a fully charged, UL approved fire extinguisher. Trunks and hoods must be open for judging. In addition, convertible tops and windows must be up for judging. The next "Publication" you if I am unable to answer your call. can review is the 2023 Official Judges Guidelines.

This booklet is all on-line and contains detailed

information on what kinds of deductions are usually taken during judging. Useful information on which types of fasteners, hose clamps, tires, paint finishes, type of battery, etc. are acceptable can also be found in those guidelines. You will also find information on such items as "first use of chrome plating" and "first use of Phillips-head screws." These seemingly minor items can often end up impacting the award level a car reaches.

For our event, there are a few differences from what you'll find at a National event. We do not judge previous AACA National Award winning vehicles. They will receive a special recognition momento. The AACA National point ranges for awards will be modified and minimum scores will follow ODMA guidelines.

Minimum to qualify for 1<sup>st</sup> place: 365 Minimum to qualify for 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 330 Minimum to qualify for 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 295

Remember though, this is not an Official AACA National event, so awards given are only local Tidewater Region awards, not AACA National Awards.

For our event, judging teams will be pre-selected. We will not be soliciting volunteers on the day of the show. Judges selected will be qualified, experienced AACA National Judges. This cadre of judges will be fewer in number than usual. Their experience will enable them to more quickly, accurately, and fairly judge vehicles. A simplified score sheet will be utilized and much judging will be done on a "visual" basis, rather than using a highly detailed complex scoring sheet. The judges already chosen have a combined total nearly 2000 National Judging credits so they should be able to swiftly move through the field of cars as they go about their work.

If you have AACA National Judging experience and are interest in joining this elite team, please contact me as soon as possible by email – Terryaaca@cox.net

Or by phone – 757-403-4614, Please leave a message

We hope you have a great day on the show-field displaying your pride and joy. We feel it is our responsibility to give all car enthusiasts a chance to see what AACA has to offer by displaying the kinds of vehicles that represent the history of the automobile. In the process we take great pride in rewarding the accomplishments of restoration and preservation that will be present on show-day.

Judging can be such a rewarding part of your car show experience!

Our judges are dedicated, highly regarded individuals who have tremendous judging background at our National events all across the country.

If you are interested in becoming an AACA Judge, please contact me to begin the process.

Terry

# June 28 Dinner Meeting—The Great Race with Jeff Mahl By Tim Hund

On June 28 we had the privilege to have Jeff Mahl speak at our monthly dinner meeting. Jeff is the great grandson of George Schuster, the winner of the Great Race in 1908. This race was from New York to Paris. Mr Schuster was very loosely portrayed in a comedy starring Tony Curtis (The Great Race). Jeff is an excellent speaker that kept us captivated. I cannot imagine the trials and tribulations that Schuster experienced in 1908 but Jeff did a great job recreating the event. Thank you Bob and Linda Pellerin for arranging this speaker.

Tim



# AUBURN 2023 - By Terry Bond





The AACA Nationals held in Auburn, Indiana have But what of the AACA Nationals? long been among our favorites. Nearby is the wonderful Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum and many other great attractions. Across the highway is the Ford V-8 museum.

Over the years, the "Auction Park" property has also been the site of a great antique mall and a military vehicle museum.

Some quick thumb-nail history – The entire complex was founded and built by legendary auto auctioneer Dean Krause. He and his family operated it for several years, competing with the likes of Barrett-Jackson to host the largest auctions of collector cars around.

Fast forward a few years when they ran into some financial and legal problems. Big changes resulted and much of the complex was sold off in 2011. The antique mall and the military vehicle museum eventually closed, and the auction facility faltered. R-M auctions subsequently moved in to host the auctions here and gave it a breath of fresh air.

RM soon became part of Sotheby's and they continued to hold the annual Auburn car auctions.

Rob Meyer (The RM in RM Auctions) has always had close ties to AACA and was instrumental in bringing the AACA Nationals to Auburn. They provided tremendous support, assisted by the small AACA Crossroads Region in that area.

After a couple of years, RM-Sotheby's scaled back to focus on their Phoenix AZ auctions and World-Wide Auctions stepped in to host the Auburn Auctions. The AACA Nationals part continued.

Early last year it was announced the Auction Park had been sold to a group of local investors who planned to open a sports complex. Nothing has been done yet and what was once a great venue for car shows is now a big parking lot for the storage of new trucks awaiting delivery. Thus ended the "classic-car" legacy of the Auburn Auction Park. Only the Ford V-8 Museum remains, and it thrives.

Well thank goodness the loyal, hardworking. enthusiastic members of the Crossroads Region stepped up to the plate and accepted the challenge to continue the AACA Auburn tradition!

The spacious Dekalb High School, just a few minutes north of Auburn was the new home of AACA and it proved outstanding. Once again, trailer parking and the show field were adjacent. All you needed to do was open the door to air-conditioned comfort for the Judges Breakfast, Judges training, Administration, and the Awards Banquet. Restrooms or just a place to sit and enjoy a cool drink were close at hand.

Susan and I were fresh from the AACA Library hosted Divisional Tour in PA and in just a couple of days did some laundry, loaded the van, and embarked yet again on another old car adventure.

We took some extra time to travel back roads through West Va. In Ohio, we stopped at the home of good friend Dick Taylor, former AACA National President and one of my true "mentors" on the Board of Directors. He had passed away a couple of years ago and I'd been asked to sort through his spark plug collection to assist with preparation for an auction later this year. It was a bittersweet occasion but a good chance to see the family once again.

I should also mention the roads through West Virginia - especially those that are no more than a squiggly line between "unincorporated" towns. We seldom encountered other vehicles. While the scenery is fabulous, there were not many stops convenient for travelers along the way. We saw only occasional gas stations and small cafes. Remnants of a once thriving coal-based economy were everywhere. Still, it was a wonderful trip with many places I'd enjoyed stopping at to explore. I wonder if American Pickers has ever been here?

We managed to find a few antique shops and malls along the way, but it seemed our travel schedule and their opening hours did not coincide. We were glad to finally arrive in Auburn and quickly met up with

AACA friends we'd not seen in at least five days!

No sooner did we enter the hotel lobby than we spotted Donna Elliott on the phone making plans for a visit to a nearby winery. Sign us up! A cool afternoon on the veranda sipping a flute of wines can't be beat after a long journey!

That evening, an Italian dinner completed the day.

On Friday, we ventured off to some nearby antique shops to explore.

My favorite stop is nearby Angola, Indiana. There were several nice antique malls there and, my favorite shop in an old Chevrolet dealership. I always find treasure there and this year, really knocked it out the park with a super rare piece that I'll write about later.

Friday evening there was a cruise-in at the town square in Auburn. It was a great evening with dinner in a downtown pub.

Saturday's weather forecast was ominous. It began raining early in the morning and the TV forecast looked miserable – 86% chance of rain!

By the time we had finished the Judges' breakfast though, the skies cleared, and we were left with a sunny, hot day.

The show field quickly filled up with amazing cars, including Jim Elliott's newly acquired 1930 Chevrolet Universal.

I'll let the pictures do the talking –



Friday cruise-in downtown Auburn



Friday cruise-in downtown Auburn



1903 Holley



1910 Reo



1935 Auburn



1929 Cadillac



1948 Chrysler New Yorker



1963 Ford Galaxy –pure muscle!



1963 Ford Galaxy under the hood



1948 Ford Woody



1966 Dodge Hemi Charger



1936 Divco ice truck



Jim Elliott's 1930 Chevrolet Universal



AACA judges hard at work



AACA Judges looking over a Model T



1931 Model A Convertible Sedan



1929 Model A Town Car



1911 Model T Ford Torpedo Roadster



1969 Ford Mustang –a recent AACA magazine feature car



1962 Oldsmobile Starfire



1904 Sandusky Courier



Sandusky Courier headlamp



1935 SS 1 predecessor of the Jaguar



Shown by AACA Editor West Peterson - 1955 Packard Caribbean

I'd mentioned our visit to the Ford V-8 club museum in Auburn and although just a couple of photos doesn't do it justice, this is just a sample of the quality on display there. The museum gives visitors an outstanding history of the development of the successor to the popular Model A Ford. The highlight was seeing the famed 1936 Ford Sedan with bodywork made entirely from Stainless Steel. It's a masterpiece and deserves its place on the rotating platform in the center of a recreated 1936 Ford dealership.



1932 Ford coupe – the car we first think of when the Ford V-8 is mentioned.



The 1936 Sedan made from Stainless Steel. One of a kind.

I hope that many of you reading this will venture out to some of the great AACA events held all across the country. Take some back roads with us and enjoy the, friendships, and of course the beautiful cars at the end of the trail.

Terry



# ON THE ROAD AGAIN - Touring

# with Terry and Susan Bond.



We always try to squeeze in an AACA tour each year and for 2023, we had our sights set on the AACA Library Tour based in Denver PA at the end of June. We had several reasons for being part of this event – first, we were familiar with the area but there were many things on the schedule we wanted to see. Secondly, this tour was being held in honor of Chris Ritter, our dedicated AACA Library Director who was sadly killed in a tragic accident last year just before Hershey. This tour was his dream and planning had already begun.

The AACA Library and Headquarters staff decided to carry on in his memory. Several AACA members pulled things together and with the help of headquarters staff, they pulled off a memorable event. We departed Tidewater on Thursday in the 1974 MGBGT, leaving after the usual rush-hour traffic subsided.

We'd spent a couple of weeks prior preparing the car and it was running fabulously. The week's weather forecast was the only thing that concerned us. Well above 50% chance of rain every day!

We opted for back roads all the way and Susan had a wonderful route laid out for us with seafood stops, antique shops and one night in a hotel at the north end of the trip,

We managed to skirt thunderstorms all the way and arrived Friday afternoon in Denver, PA.

If you've never been to that area, it is near Lancaster, in the heart of Amish country. The scenery is wonderful, the pace leisurely, and the weather was still holding as we explored a few of the area's antique shops. It's said there are more antique dealers in this area than anywhere in the country. It's always a favorite stop on the way to or from Hershey.



Our MGBGT at the host hotel. It was still clean after dodging heavy storms!

Tony and Leslie Scarpelli were also on the tour, so it was great to have more Tidewater Region representation.

The next morning, we visited the Seiverling antique car and pedal car museum. Nicely restored early pedal cars filled a building and were fascinating. Each was "driven" by an appropriately attired teddy bear!



A nicely restored pedal car, surrounded by dozens of others.



More great restored pedal cars.

That evening we enjoyed an opening banquet and returned early to the nearby Comfort Inn to visit the outdoor patio.

Sunday morning, we took back roads to the Boyertown Automobile Museum. The largest display of Duryea Automobiles existing is at Boyertown, along with many other PA built vehicles and great displays of artifacts, automobilia, and advertising.



One of several early Duryeas on display.

A complete early Sunoco gas station and an early diner are also on the main floor. Upstairs is a complete turn-of-the-century machine shop. The building itself was home to the Boyertown Auto Body Works manufacturing facility that produced early automobile and truck bodies.



Cars arriving in Boyertown. Notice the dark clouds that seemed to follow us all week – but never really did much.



A real 1921 Sunoco gas station displayed within the Boyertown Museum



1903 Duryea. Note the "joy-stick" style steering and control lever in the center of the seat.



1905 Autocar



This Pullman automobile was built in nearby York, PA.



Tony and Leslie waiting for service in the restored 1930s diner.



A complete early machine shop with belt-driven equipment.

From there we motored on to Eastwood Products for a visit to their retail store where many tourists stocked up on restoration tools and supplies (those with large trunks on their cars anyway).



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President Fred Trusty carefully keeping his hands in his pockets while looking around Eastwood Restoration Products warehouse.

The afternoon's visit was to the restored 1905 Pottstown Carousel were we were treated to a ride. The timing was amazing as the only rain we'd encountered yet occurred while we were indoors!

On Monday, we quenched our thirsts with a visit to the historic Yuengling Brewery, America's oldest family-owned brewery.



In the afternoon, the threat of severe thunderstorms kept convertible tops up while we toured the Pioneer Coal Mine that included a chilly ride deep into the mountain side to learn first-hand about how coal was mined. Although the skies remained threatening, we stayed dry!

Tuesday was "covered bridge day." We discovered more wonderful hack roads and crossed 10 different old, covered bridges with almost no traffic to spoil the many great photo ops. The occasional Amish buggy added considerably to the ambience.



Our MGBGT exits a covered bridge



Plenty of room for our little British car!

Several years ago, we learned the hard way that covered bridges (and tall speed bumps) can "eat" MG exhaust systems. There is such low ground clearance on these cars, the steep angle at the edges of these bridges can snag clamps and muffler edges leaving the car either "hung up" on the bridge flooring, or, you can leave the exhaust system still in the bridge as you exit.

We installed a completely new system last year and made some adjustments that seemed to have worked out well. Still, we were cautious and only "scraped bottom" one time. It was my job to jump out on approaching the bridges to not only take photos but to keep an eye on ground clearance as Susan piloted the car through. Thank goodness there was no traffic to contend with on these roads!



A great PA country road. The Corvette is faster in the straight-away but can't beat the MG in the turns!



A typical scene on Pennsylvania roads in Amish country. We got many admiring waves from drivers and passengers in those early buggies.

A stop along the way included a visit to the National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia. The museum is fantastic and well laid out, showing a timeline of the development of the clock and watch. A complete early 1900s watch and clock shop interior gave us a feeling of what it must have been like to shop for a new pocket watch at that time.

There are clock mechanisms on display from the tiniest to the largest imaginable, along with unusual clocks and many impressive grandfather clocks.



A clock shop from the early 1900s

Later that afternoon we were treated to a special pipe organ concert at the Highland Presbyterian Church. A massive pipe organ there had been installed by one of our AACA friends and Tour Chairman Chuck Gibson. Chuck is the owner of a company that has installed and maintains some of the finest large -pipe organs in the country. The concert itself was given by a worldrenowned professional organist. Once again, the rain held off until we were inside the church. It rained quite heavily but settled into a light drizzle by the time we departed. Along the way, we detoured to catch dinner at the historic Inn at Reinhold's Station where we met up with Jeff and Tracy Lesher. They have been good friends for many years. Tracy is the daughter of past AACA President Janet Ricketts and is current editor of the Horseless Carriage Gazette, the magazine of the National Horseless Carriage Club of America.



The next morning, we traveled to Hershey for a visit to the new AACA Headquarters and the Library and Research Center. Everyone had the chance to meet the new AACA Library Director Jen Wolfe and the staff. It was a special occasion – the dedication of a beautiful painting honoring Chris. The Ritter family was there and took part. It was a great event with brief remarks by several friends and family members.

artist who was a close friend of Chris.

If you've not yet toured our Headquarters and Library, you need to add it to your list of things to do while attending the Hershey fall meet in October. You will come away with an immense sense of pride for AACA.



The painting dedicated to Chris Ritter. It shows his passions for flying as well as antique automobiles. He will be missed.



A view into the lobby of our AACA Headquarters.

Our Region name is prominent throughout the building recognizing many individual contributions by our members as well as from the club itself. This

The painting itself was done by a noted automotive plaque, on the front of one of the meeting rooms there says it all.



Tidewater Region plaque on a meeting room at AACA Headquarters

We returned (without rain) to the hotel and the evening banquet to close a great week of touring some fantastic Pennsylvania back roads. The MG really enjoyed the trip of just over 1100 miles.

If you've never been on an AACA Tour, you're missing a big piece of what the club is all about. They are fun, relaxing, and you'll find more time for visiting with friends. You might even make a few new ones! Don't have a suitable car? Sign up anyway and catch a back-seat ride. There is always room.

Remember – touring is not a spectator sport.

Terry



# STILL COLLECTING - More Great Finds

By Terry Bond



Every so often, I like to report on interesting additions to the collection(s). It's time to get caught up again.

It's been a great year for spark plugs! Just when you think you'll never find anything fantastic, a tip from a good friend produced this amazing discovery.

It's a complete "set" of very rare Flynn spark plugs, in their own unique container, designed to hold a dose of kerosene to keep the tips of the plugs clean.



Ultra-rare Flynn spark plugs in special cleaning container

announcing their introduction. We've learned since that very few were ever produced, and probably none sold. Here's the back-story...

Flynn had a "better idea" and created this set of plugs and unique container. The plugs themselves may have been sourced from another manufacturer and branded with his name. He applied for a patent, and the case for my set is marked "Patent Applied For." Flynn then produced a number of "sets" and contracted with sales agents to make the rounds of auto repair shops, accessory dealers, and garages to take orders in advance.



The Flynn Spark Plug set

For unknown reasons, the patent was never granted and apparently the plugs were taken off the market rather quickly. There are no known examples of them in any other collections aside from this set.

The ad was from an early automobile trade journal It came from a California antique dealer who specializes in patent models, salesman's samples and other industrial/mechanical antiquities. He sells only via internet. He travels extensively to find items, and this was in a collection of other salesman's items he bought in New England on a recent buying trip. Although this piece was a bit "out of his element" he saw value in it as a salesman's sample, and the "mechanical" connection was appealing.

A good friend who collects patent models got a regular email from the dealer listing new items available and this was on the list. Knowing of my passion for spark plugs, he contacted me immediately. I did not hesitate to make the purchase. Believed to be the only survivor, it's priceless to not only a spark plug collector but someone collecting salesman's samples as well.



Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.

The Flynn Spark Plug is guaranteed to give good service under all conditions. The porcelain insulators are made to withstand extreme heat, cold and shock, and the heavy monei metal electrodes are said to maintain a constant spark gap and minimize carbon formation. Furnished free with each order of spark plugs, at \$3.60 per set, postpaid, in a metal protection case, which is made of brass and highly nickel-plated. It has an opening for four spark plugs, and is constructed so that each plug rests in a bath of carbon remover.

Advertisement for rare Flynn Spark Plugs.

Still in the spark plug department, just two weeks ago I was able to bring home the single most wanted plug on my list of "gotta get them."

This is an early French made plug – an Eyquem top primer. Opening the valve by turning the large knob enables gas to be dripped down through the cup on top. When the valve is in the open position, the long metal bar grounds against the plug body effectively shorting it out. That prevents accidental firing on a restart if you forget to close the valve. A rare plug, and finding one is this kind of condition is impossible It came from a very old collection that was being broken up.



Rare, unusual Eyquem brand priming spark plug (France) circa 1908.

I'm always looking for pins, watch fobs, buttons and small advertising trinkets for early automobiles, the earlier, the better.

They don't come much nicer than this wonderful pocket mirror advertising the White Steamer. White enthusiast Andy Ott identifies it as 1909. It's in amazing condition. A good friend who loves researching things like this dug into some records from Pittsburgh known as "Sandborn Maps." These are best described as "the Google Maps at the turn-of-the-century." Sure enough, the dealership is right where it is supposed to be. In fact, a modern map of the area shows streets named "Auto Way" and "Motor Square Garden." There is an entire history on-line for the building that stands at that site.



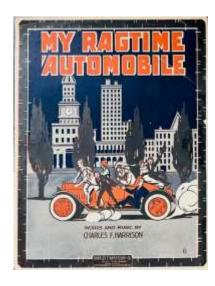
1909 White Steamer advertising pocket mirror.

This piece was purchased from an antique picker who does a fantastic job finding rare and unusual advertising items. I've purchased several great items over the past couple of years. It's always nice to have friends looking for items like this.

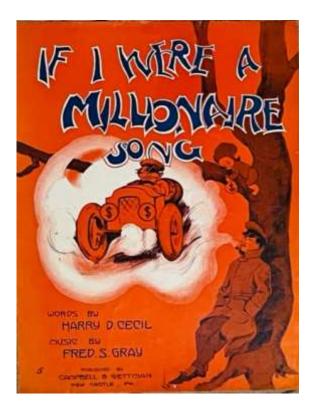
The sheet music collection continues to grow.

Several years ago, at the Allentown PA Paper Show (my traditional first stop on the way to Hershey), I met a sheet music dealer I'd bought from before via the internet. He introduced me to a friend who is a specialist in many different areas who has access to many old, large collections. He volunteered to keep an eye out for great automobile items for me.

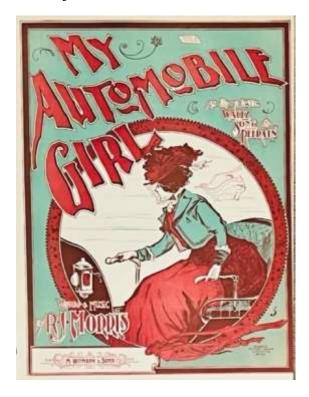
He really came through earlier this year. He was asked to broker sale of a very old and large collection and sorted out a couple of dozen items for my consideration. I ended up acquiring half of them, including several I had never seen before. Here are some photos of the earliest and best —



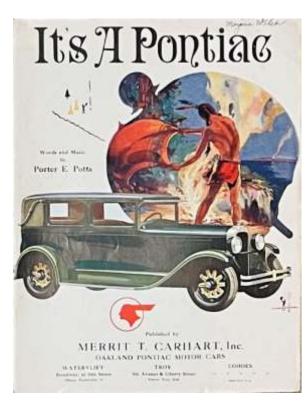
My Rag-Time Automobile – 1915



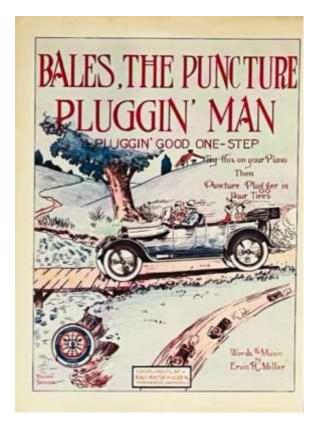
If I were a millionaire – 1909



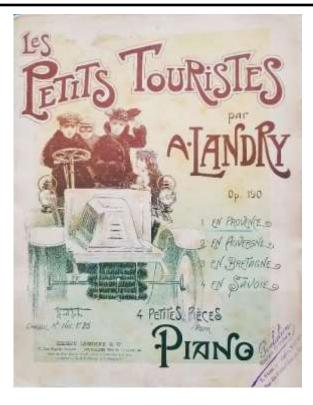
My Automobile Girl – 1900



It's A Pontiac – 1929



Bales, the Puncture Pluggin Man 1918. This is a product advertising song for the Bales tire repair kit.

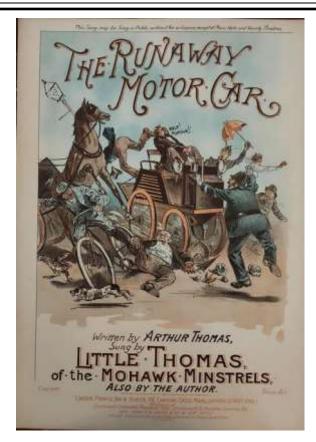


An early French song-"the Little Tourists" 1904

This last piece is one I have chased for more than 20 years. It is one of just three copies known to exist, and this is the finest example.

All three were discovered in a London antique shop by a well-known dealer. It just happened that a good friend met him there shortly after the discovery. Although efforts to buy one (with me in mind) were useless, a photo was snapped and shown to me later that fall at the Allentown paper show. By the time I learned of this great piece, two had been privately sold for large sums, but the best remained in that dealer's personal collection until he passed away recently. Yes, that "old large collection" that was being broken up was his! I have no idea where the other two copies ended up, but knowing this is the best of them is a bonus.

It was printed in 1899 and the cover illustration is a real work of art.



The Runaway motor Car – 1898.

It's a real piece of motoring history showing the fear the general public had for these new-fangled contraptions.

More in the button category. It's always amazed me that simple buttons could come in such varieties, especially those associated with early motoring. Among my favorites are the small glass buttons known as "Waistcoat (vest) Buttons." In the early 1900s, a button was a precious commodity and they were easily removed to change them from one garment to another they were treasured items. There are only a few known variations of them depicting early automobiles.

Recently while wandering around on an antiques for sale website, I encountered this one. It's a previously unknown variety. I was glad to add it to my collection at a good price. Now, the hunt is on for the rest of the set. Only five more to go!



Gentleman's waist-coat (vest) button with automobile image under glass.

In the watch fob category, I was pleased to add these to my collection. They both have wonderful images under celluloid and are quite rare.



French Auto Oil watch fob.

First is this great fob advertising French Automobile Oil, which was a brand of motor oil sold in the early teens. Advertising material is quite scarce, and the image of an early race car makes it appealing to a variety of collectors. It was a simple trade with another collector for a piece of early Buick advertising.



Reverse side of the French Auto Oil watch fob.

This wonderful celluloid image fob advertises the Moyer automobile. '

The H.A Moyer Carriage Company stared in 1876. In those grample 1911 they began manufacturing automobiles, but by 1915, they ceased production after making just 400 though. cars. The company was reincorporated in 1916 as a dealership for Stearns Knight automobiles.

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There are still a couple of Moyer automobiles surviving, including one that has been under restoration for many years. I supplied a pair of side lights for that car from my collection several years ago. Not getting my watch fob though!



Rare Moyer Automobile watch fob.



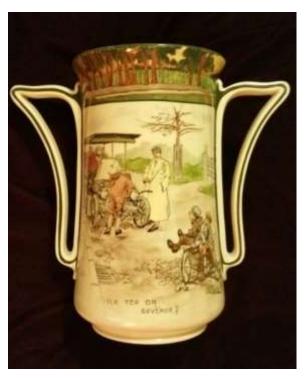
Reverse side of Moyer Automobile watch fob.

A couple of years ago I did a column on Roya Doulton Motorist series ware. Of course, there are several pieces missing in my collection. Some are not difficult to find, but to me, condition is important on these. I prefer to bypass mere opportunities to fill those gaps in the collection and wait for the nicest examples I can afford. It isn't easy with some pieces though.

One of the most difficult to find items is a large vase. It's desirable because it is one of the only objects in this series that has two different motoring scenes on it. Different images are found on both sides, and only two of the nine scenes total are commonly known to appear on these vases. One scene is titled "Blood Money" and depicts an early motorist paying up for having just run over a farmer's goose. The other scene is untitled, but commonly referred to "Yokel and motorist outside the Chequers Inn." The vase is nearly 10" tall and has two large graceful but thin handles on the sides. These large objects and their delicate handles were very vulnerable and easily broken. As a result, good examples command top dollar, when they are available. My vase, however, has two different images on it, perhaps making it even rarer.



Doulton Motorist Series vase with scene entitled "A Nerve Tonic."



Side 2 of my vase with scene entitled "Itch, yer on Guvener."

These scenes are related and tell a story, they are the only two scenes among the nine that do so. One

image shows a motorcar speeding past kids in a small cart, and the other scene shows a car broken down along the roadside. This time the kids in the cart speed past them obviously enjoying the turn of events.

This vase was listed on an internet antique dealer's website that I search regularly and have bought from before. The price was well above what I thought reasonable, despite the beautiful condition and rarity. After a dozen emails back and forth though, we came to an agreement. I managed to get a substantial discount on it. Being a repeat customer certainly helped. It was a thrill to add this to my collection.

This year so far, we've seen the auction of two major collections take place. Results were mixed in one and in the other, prices were extremely high. I believe that the high "buyers' premiums" we see today are suppressing bidding. The one sale that did poorly was poorly organized with most objects represented by a single photograph and an inadequate description. Whoever "organized" the sale obviously did not know anything about what they were selling. The buyer's premium for that auction was 27.5%! I'll report more on these sales later so you can get a feel who what kind of items are available these days (for the right price).

Despite this, however, auctions remain a good source for items for your collection, whether it be signs, advertising items, automobilia, or even toys. But before you raise your hand be sure to know what you are bidding on. Hopefully, my articles over the years will provide you with some basis to work on.

Happy collecting-

Terry



# TRAACA Special First Saturday at Doumar's August 5, 2023

Story and photos by Bob Stein



Our First Saturday gathering at Doumar's Drive Inn was a special affair this month with each member getting a \$10 voucher for food purchases. Arriving with perfect timing just as the lunch crowd started to thin, TRAACA members had in impromptu show outside with vehicles ranging from Tony Miller's 1925 Model T Ford roadster and Bob Stein's 1948 MG TC to Larry Goughan's 1970 Dodge Daytona and Fred and Sally Cole's 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Police Car. Other antique vehicles included Skip Patnode's 1967 Alfa Romeo Duetto Spyder, Bill and Linda Treadwell's 1969 Camaro convertible, Chip Woolford's 1971 MGB-GT, Riley Best's 1971 Plymouth Satellite, Tim Hund's 1980 Triumph TR-8, Nick Smith's 1987 Cadillac Sedan deVille, and Scott Davies' 1995 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Electraglide motorcycle.. Also participating in modern iron or as guests were Ron and Sally Hartman, Terry Bond, Ben Woolford, Cheri Munno, Tammy Park, and Phyllis Hund. The First Saturday gatherings at Doumar's are always fun, and fall in between the lunch and inner rush. Thanks to all who participated!























# How Can My Car Be More Original?



By Dave Bowman Vice President - Finance and

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AACA created the HPOF Class (Historical Preservation of Original Features) in 1988 and introduced the "survivor" car to the antique automobile hobby and suddenly having an original unrestored car adds value to it. One of the many reasons to preserve original cars is to document the actual factory construction of the car including paint, upholstery and mechanical parts as aides to restoration of the same or similar car. From these cars, we can document the size of the flake in a metallic paint or the stitching and seams used in the upholstery as well as the finish on the mechanical parts of the car. The evaluation process for receiving a HPOF Certification is much the same as in class judging. Parts that wear can be replaced with new or rebuilt parts if they have the same appearance as the original part. These areas are the most common deductions in evaluating a HPOF car. Correcting these items will improve the score of your car and many times makes the difference between receiving an Original Certification and a Repeat HPOF Certification. Common deductions which are easily corrected are: Incorrect hose clamps, Flex hoses instead of molded hoses, Incorrect battery (sealed battery rather than a battery with individual caps, carrying strap on the battery, a color other than that provided by the factory, etc.) Oil filter that is not a factory color. Replacement water pump left in raw cast metal rather than painted engine color, Aftermarket floor mats, Battery cables not in factory colors or with clamp on terminal ends or missing battery hold down, Incorrect radiator cap, Non-factory color distributor cap or wires, Non-matching head lights. Aftermarket sound equipment or speakers, Tires (size must be as supplied by the manufacturer) Any unrestored car or motorcycle that is 25 years old or older is eligible to be entered in the HPOF classification for evaluation. The first time the vehicle is shown it is evaluated for the HPOF Award. Vehicles that receive their HPOF Certification are automatically considered for the highest level HPOF Original Award the next time it is shown. If it does not receive the Original Award, a Repeat HPOF Award is given as long as it still meets the requirements of the HPOF level. Repeat HPOF Original Awards are also given after receiving the HPOF Original Award. At a higher level, there are three HPOF National Awards given at the Annual Meeting. These awards are for HPOF - Motorcycles, HPOF - Through 1929 and HPOF - Post 1929. These awards are selected from all vehicles shown in the HPOF Class during the year.

# AACA Calendar of Events

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

August 10-12, 2023 Grand Nationals Bettendorf, IA

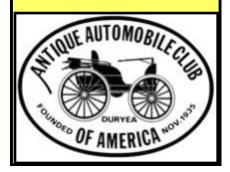
August 16 - 19, 2023 AACA Vintage Tour Location: Aroostook County, Maine

September 13 - 16, 2023 AACA Central Divisional Tour Sponsor: Southern Chapter of Ohio Region

September 25 - 29, 2023 AACA Western Divisional Tour Location: California Central Coast, Santa Ynez Valley

October 3-6, 2023 Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA

October 22-27, 2023 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (VMCCA) Thomasville, GA



# How the AACA is becoming "America's Car Club"

By Jeff Broadus VP - Marketing



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We don't need to be the authority of what we are not, but we do need to be the authority of who and what we are and represent. As VP of Marketing, it's my responsibility to address all our efforts in how, and where, we position the AACA in the marketplace. The AACA is fully committed to improving our engagement with members and we're bringing it to the digital platform. Our marketing effort is the direct result of member input. We recognize, listen, and appreciate that some of the best ideas and suggestions comes from sources outside our normal channels. If we do it right, the plans we implement on corporate outreach, will support all our regions and chapters on a local more personalized level. So what steps are we implementing to make this happen? Most recently, your Board of Directors took on the task of addressing the most important image the AACA has, our web presence. The website is the first introduction to the club, and its main purpose and function is to give visitors, as well as members a reason to be part of the club, engage and participate. The site is the result of months of hard work and collaboration of many. We encourage you to visit the website if you haven't done so at www.AACA.org. As of May 2023, we also started the redesign of our Library website and expect the new site to launch early July 2023. We'll keep you in the loop of our progress and how this supports the car community. Moving forward the AACA will be launching an aggressive membership growth campaign. This is a specific task with the single focus of building membership. We are currently looking to partner with several influential organizations and build a marketing campaign to include membership engagement, a digital marketing outreach, leverage social media outlets, special promotions, and email campaigns, just to name a few. In consideration of this new marketing effort, we've formulated a business model outlining our vision and marketing strategy to include a plan of execution and budget. Let's face it, most car guys and gals spent a considerable amount of time pursuing their love and passion of the automobile. We believe the best way to support these car owners and potential new members is to expose them to all the resources that make our club strong, significant and an authority in the automotive community. We're looking to incorporate the holistic approach to marketing and tie it in to our 90th Anniversary in 2024. Simply put, the key to growing AACA membership is to establish a membership model that aligns with our organization's beliefs, strategy, and the values. New and existing members will benefit online by easily accessing our experienced, knowledgeable, and resourceful collector car network. This model will also provide the valuable resources found in our automotive archives stored in the AACA Automotive library. This effort will reintroduce our organization on a grand scale as we build momentum with our online platform utilizing resources that positioned the AACA as the number one automotive car club in America. If you have a suggestion, recommendation, or idea that helps to support this effort on a local or national level, we encourage you to contact us. Thank you in advance. Together we will make the AACA, "America's Car Club,".



# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



Members celebrating <u>anniversaries</u>



July and August 2023

# **July**

Jim and Betty Villers
Anthony and Leslie Scarpelli
Jim and Donna Elliott
James and Becky Woodall
Dickie and Becky Clifton,
Craig and Cheryl Casper
Robert and Susan Woolfitt

# **August**

Scott and Kelly Dayton
Scott and Cathy Miller
Terry and Sue Bond,
Preston and Jan Garner
Tim and Phyllis Hund
Joe and Charline Geib
Kit and Bette Lawrence
Bob and Dot Parrish
Bill and Liz Coburn
Travis and Kimberly Berry

# Sunshine Report

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



Members celebrating birthdays in July and August 2023

## **July**

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Jon F. Hunger,
Danial Rast,
James Stansbury
Harold A. Via
Craig Casper
Douglas Grosz
Joe Amos
Robert Kinker
Anthony Scarpelli

# **August**

Wayne Milligan
Bob Parrish
Alfonso Ludovici
Matthew Gresalfi
Dwight Schaubach
Curtis Cook,
Dennis J Sobota
Robert Powell
Ed Monroe
Jim Elliott

# Welcome to Our New Members!

No new members



DOWN THE ROAD

# Other Regional and Local Events

August 2023

- 4 Das Awkscht Fescht 60th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show Macungie, PA
- 4-6 Carlisle Truck Nationals Carlisle, PA
- 9-12 2023 OCA National Meet Dayton, OH
- 12 VCCA Eastern National Meet Morgantown, PA
- 19 31st Khedive Autos Fun & Shine Car Show Chesapeake, VA
- 19 1st Annual Those Fabulous Fords Fall Meet Suffolk, VA
- 24-26 Corvettes at Carlisle Carlisle, PA
- 26 Reels & Wheels Movie Night Landstown Commons Virginia Beach, VA

**SEPTEMBER 2023** 

- 9 12th Annual AOH Car Show Virginia Beach, VA
- 10 Newport News Sheriff's Office Car & Bike Show Newport News, VA
- 10 15th Annual Williamsburg Car Show Williamsburg, VA
- 23 Suffolk Rods & Muscle Cars 10th Annual Charity Car Show Benefitting the Lions Club Suffolk, VA
- 23 Elizabeth Lodge #34 Car Show Norfolk, VA
- 27- Fall Carlisle, PA1 Oct Carlisle, PA
- 30 Reels & Wheels Movie Night Landstown Commons Virginia Beach, VA

**OCTOBER 2023** 

- 2 15th Annual Boulevard of Wheels Custom Car Show Norfolk, VA
- 7 Hagerty's Cars & Caffeine Car Show at VIR Alton, VA
- 21 21st Annual Virginia Fall



# **EDITOR'S DESK**

Doug Grosz <u>traaca.mudflap@gmail.com</u>

Well we are into the hot weather. I am glad I have an air conditioner in my Oldsmobile, although it probably needs a charge because it cools a bit, but not like my daily driver.

We have Doumar's in August, a dinner meeting, and soon our car show in September. Also in August is the Shriner's show in Chesapeake that many members participating.

Make sure you read the article about judging in the September by Terry. Terry also has three additional articles, one about the Auburn AACA show; the second about the AACA Library driving tour that Chris Ritter had begun planning before his untimely passing; and

the third is the Still Collecting article I did not including in the last issue of the Mudflap.

Mark McAlpine also has a wonderful article on EyesOn Design car show. This is part 1 of that article. I am thankful that I have writers that travel to car shows and share what they see with us in their stories.

Speaking of stories, Bill Treadwell is going to tell us about the Secret City Tour in Oak Ridge Tennessee that he did earlier this year with AACA at our dinner meeting on Thursday August 17th.

Get ready for the 49th Annual TRAACA show in September in Chesapeake. See you soon.

Doug











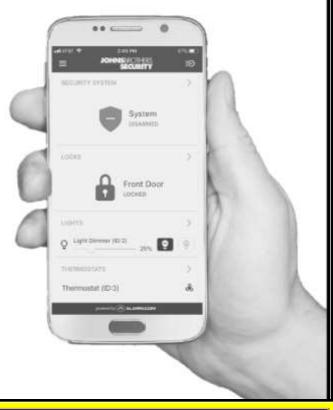
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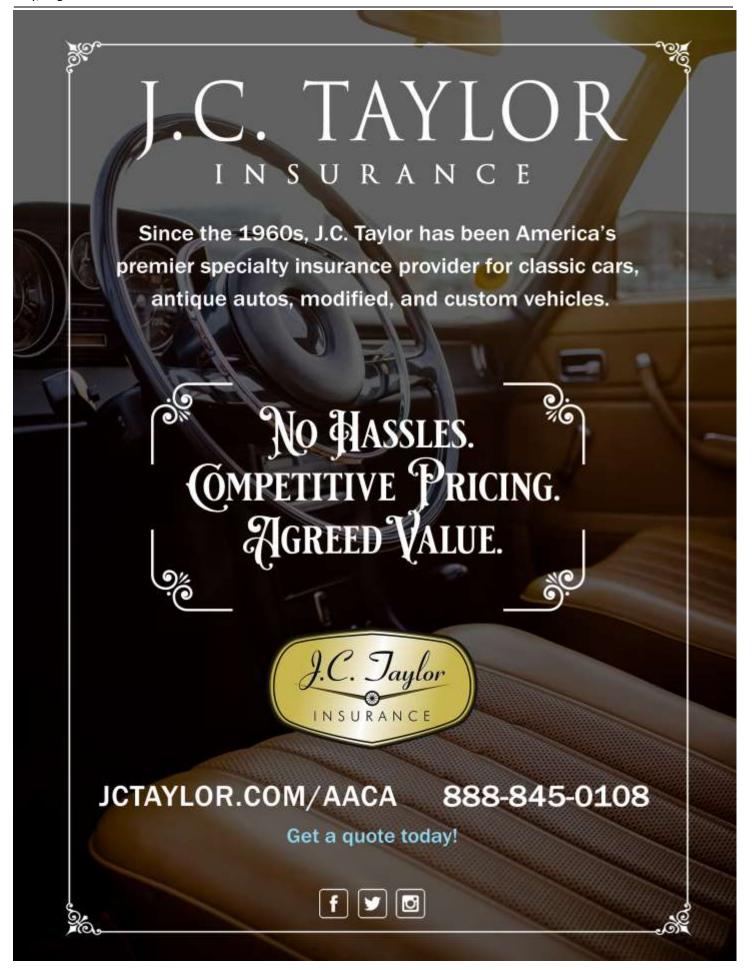
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