

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

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TRAACA 43rd Annual Meet "Wings & Wheels" Saturday, September 24, 2016

On Saturday, September 24th, the TRAACA will hold its 43rd Annual Meet. The Meet will be held again this year at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach.

To allow members to rest after setting up the show field on Friday, and to provide them time to prepare their vehicles for the meet, there will be no Friday Night Social this year. Instead, we will have our monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, September 15, at the Holiday Inn— Norfolk Airport, when we will discuss & resolve the final preparations we need to take before the Meet.

Our Meet begins bright and early on Saturday at the museum (1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23457) at 8:00 AM and runs to 3:00 PM. Vehicles must be on the show field no later than 11:00 AM (when judging starts). Antique vehicles at least 25 years old are eligible for AACA judging, but must be preregistered. Modified cars and hot rods ("Mods & Rods") will be participant judged. Please remember: all displayed vehicles must have fullycharged fire extinguishers or they will not be judged.

Preregistration is \$20 for the first vehicle and must be postmarked BY September 10th. Day of show registration is from 8:00-11:00 AM and is \$25. Additional vehicles registered by the same owner are only \$15. Antique vehicles registered late or day-of-show will not be eligible for AACA judging, but will be judged for "Top #" awards. If you haven't already registered for the meet, you can find the registration form on Page or download it at 16 http:// www.traaca.com.

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CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS—Sandy & Charlie Dawson with their 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible. Read the story on Page 12.

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SEPTEMBER 2016

- 6 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Tuesday) Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 10 TRAACA visit to Bill Thumel's car collection Postponed—being rescheduled
- 15 TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 17 TRAACA Ice Cream Run Doumar's BBQ, Norfolk, VA
- 24 TRAACA 43rd Annual Meet Military Aviation Museum Virginia Beach, VA No Friday Night Social this year

OCTOBER 2016

- 5 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Wednesday) Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 14- TRAACA Fall Tour
- 15 Solomons Island, MD
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- 22 TRAACA Drive-In Movie Nite Portsmouth, VA

NOVEMBER 2016

- 1 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Tuesday) Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 5 TRAACA Chili Cook-Off Chesapeake, VA
- 17 TRAACA Dinner Meeting and Annual Silent Auction Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

DECEMBER 2016

- 7 TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Wednesday) Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 11 TRAACA Holiday Party Princess Anne Country Club Virginia Beach, VA



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Last month I commented on the warm and humid weather and how it discouraged me from doing my outside chores. Well, the heat and the humidity did not dampen the energetic attendance at the AACA National Meet in New Bern a few weeks ago. The TRAACA had about seventeen cars on the show field and brought home numerous awards. What a wonderful meet, with the cars arranged along the downtown streets of this restored historic town. It is not often that you can sit next to your car and then take a break, walk across the street to a craft brew pub with artistic sandwiches and great beer.

Showing a vehicle in a national meet is a culmination of many things and I would like to comment on one person's journey. Wes Neal showed his 1966 Mustang last year at our National Meet and was discouraged upon receiving a Second Junior Award. But that experience encouraged him to study the details of his car, learn how the judging process works, and to reach out to club members for advice and assistance. Wes had his Mustang in New Bern and received a First Junior Award for his Mustang; he also received a Senior Award for his 1991 Jeep Grand Wagoneer. I mention this not only to celebrate the awards, but to comment on the process. Studying and discovering everything about a particular vehicle is very satisfying; sharing the information with other members is enjoyable; and displaying and representing a vehicle in a National Meet is rewarding. This is what we do, and it is the heart and soul of our club-personally enjoying our cars and sharing that joy with others. New Bern was such a day.

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THE MUDFLAP is the newsletter for the Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, and is published monthly. Editors: Mark & Marion McAlpine 3117 Summerhouse Dr, Suffolk, VA 23435 (757) 967-0074 / E-mail: mmmcalpine05@msn.com Last month, we had a garage tour of a few special places in Suffolk and over sixty members attended. While the garages and cars that we visited were spectacular, the member vehicles traveling between the venues were a show in itself. Our hosts that day—TRAACA members Dwight & Jane Schaubach, Lynn & John Heimerl, and Ron & Tina Pack, and local collector Lewis Little very generously opened their garages and collections for all of us to enjoy. It was a very special outing, and we owe them a very special "Thank You."

I mentioned at the August Dinner Meeting that your Board has been working on establishing a new club award. It will be called the "Duryea Award," and it will be presented annually to the Tidewater Region member who has contributed significantly to our National Club. Tidewater Region members are very active in our National Club, including serving in elective, appointed, and volunteer positions. It takes many people to make our club work, from judges at meets, tour and meet chairmen, national committee members, library workers, elected board members and officers. This award is intended to recognize our members who keep our national organization working well for the benefit of all of us. A member will only be eligible to receive this award once.

Our local annual meet—our "Wing & Wheels" Show at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach—is later this month [Saturday, 24 September] and will require the effort of every member for it to be a complete success. Tony Scarpelli, our Meet Chairman, has organized teams for the major tasks and has been seeking volunteers for every team. If you have participated before, it is time to sign up again. If you have not participated in our annual meet before, volunteer and you will enjoy the meet so much more from "the inside."

So much to do, so little time; let's have fun; it's an old car kind of day!

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

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From the Running Board August 3, 2016 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

Officers present: Jim Villers (President), Mark McAlpine (Vice President), Marion McAlpine (Treasurer), and Matt Doscher (Secretary). Board members present: Wayne Milligan, Skip Patnode, and Bill Treadwell. Members present: Wes Neal and Linda Treadwell. Bob Stein made a brief appearance in order to drop off some items to Jim and Marion, but did not stay for the entire meeting.

Guests Present: Skip Patnode's son Norman Patnode.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. Jim recognized Julia Hobbs' e-mail stating her intent to resign as Secretary. Per TRAACA By-Laws, Jim has the authority to appoint an interim Secretary. Jim appointed Matt Doscher as interim Secretary and he will fulfill the Secretary's term.

Secretary's Report: The July Board Meeting Minutes were approved by e-mail. Jim noted that for future approval of the minutes, we need to be more responsive in our e-mail responses to the first draft. If subsequent draft minutes are submitted for approval, Board members should ensure they reply with their approve/not approve response, and shouldn't assume that their initial e-mail response to the first draft minutes was good. July's approved minutes were also delayed due to the July Board Meeting being held a week later than normal. This ultimately affects the timeliness in getting the approved minutes to Mark and Marion for inclusion in the next *Mudflap* newsletter. Aside from the above, nothing significant to report from the new Secretary, Matt.

Vice President: Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

Treasurer's Report: The second \$1,000 deposit was made to the Founders Inn in preparation for next year's Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) meet. Bill Wilcox submitted a reimbursement request for approx. \$800 for costs associated with this year's *Spring Fling*.

Activity Committee:

- Saturday, Aug 6: Garage tour and lunch at Charlie & Sandy Dawsons' house beginning at 11:30 AM. Details are in the Aug *Mudflap* and August 1st *Mud Speck*.
- Saturday, Aug 20: Suffolk area garage tours; details in the August *Mudflap*.
- Saturday, Aug 27: Doumar's Ice Cream Social 7:00 PM.
- Wes Neal asked about details regarding a caravan to the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet in New Bern, NC. Marion will send an e-mail the evening of 3 August asking if there is interest. Possibly meeting at the Hardee's on Rt 58 on Friday morning and having dinner Friday evening at a local restaurant in New Bern.

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Restaurants:

- Thurs, Aug 18: monthly dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.
- Thurs, Sep 15: monthly dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. (No Friday Night Social on 23 Sep before the annual meet.) The dinner meeting will be Tony Scarpelli's time to get the names of all the volunteers for our annual meet. This also gives Tony a week in advance to make any last minute pleas for assistance. Tony asked Skip who the Shriner was that bought a Wings & Wheels sponsorship a few years ago. Believe Sam Kern made a reciprocal deal when the TRAACA bought a table at the Khedive Shriner's show. Don't believe there was any money exchanged, just a handshake.

Membership: Plus 1—169 as of July 30, 2016, with John Morris paying for a 2-yr membership. Bob Stein responded to an e-mail from Carol Norton who joined AACA and wanted to join TRAACA. Bob sent her a TRAACA application and reminded her that it was half-price because we have passed mid-year.

Wings & Wheels: NSTR from Tony. He will be at the next dinner meeting looking for more volunteers. Tony mentioned that Wes Neal volunteered to look after show field parking. Tony is doing an excellent job coordinating sponsorships. "Wings & Wheels" Show date: Saturday, 24 September.

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TRAACA September Dinner Meeting Thursday, September 15, 2016

This month's dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23502. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be Chicken Marsala, thin-sliced Roast Beef with gravy, house salad, roasted baby red potatoes, vegetable medley, and chef's choice of dessert. Tony Scarpelli will speak briefly about the remaining actions needed to prepare for the TRAACA's Annual Meet being held on Saturday, Sept 24. Our guest speakers are Mark & Marion McAlpine who'll give a presentation on the Ford Piquette Ave Plant.

Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.



TRAACA Tour of Charlie & Sandy Dawsons' Garage Saturday, August 6, 2016 Story by Bob Stein. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

In July, when TRAACA Treasurer & Newsletter Editor Marion McAlpine asked Charlie Dawson for a look at his cars and shop, she was just planning on just herself and Mark visiting. (Marion was planning on writing a story about Charlie and one of his cars for *The Mudflap*.) Charlie thought she meant the entire Tidewater Region, and extended an invitation to all of the TRAACA's members as well! And since he already had the TRAACA coming, he also invited the Virginia Chevy Lover's club.

This "bonus" activity took place at Charlie & Sandy Dawson's beautiful home, near the Military Aviation





Charlie's 1957 Chevrolet Nomad



Charlie discussing latest project: 1957 Ford Fairlane Sunliner

Museum in Virginia Beach, and included a great lunch and open bar. Between the two clubs, more than 50 auto enthusiasts showed up to enjoy the Dawsons' hospitality and admire Charlie's impressive collection of mostly 1957 vehicles. His ace restorer, Kyle Goldstein, was on hand to explain the work he & Charlie are doing on Charlie's latest project—a 1957 Ford Fairlane Sunliner convertible—in a separate facility a few lots down from Charlie & Sandy's home. The food, company, and tour were all firstrate. Many thanks to Charlie & Sandy for inviting all of us to participate!



It wouldn't be a TRAACA event without food



Sandy & Richard Hall and their MGA



TRAACA Garage Tours Saturday, August 20, 2016 Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

The Activities Committee chose well when they asked John Heimerl to organize a day of garage tours for TRAACA and HVPR members in Suffolk and Smithfield, Virginia. John arranged for the clubs to participate in four garage tours and have lunch at Smithfield Station restaurant.

On August 20, 2016, 65 members from the two clubs started their day at the home of Dwight & Jane Schaubach. The Schaubachs' awesome collection of vehicles includes two Duesenbergs, a 1931 Franklin, 1953 & 1954 Buick Skylark convertibles, and a rare 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz. There was a great collection of memorabilia and several vintage pedal cars. We were treated with O'Doodle Doos donuts (a local Suffolk donut shop) and coffee while enjoying the garage, carriage house, and for some of us their lovely home, which Jane graciously guided us through.

Our next stop was John & Lynn Heimerls' home with a collection of original, restored, and modified vehicles. Their prize possession is a 1935 Chrysler C-2 Imperial Airflow an AACA Senior Grand National Award winner in 2016. Their collection also contains a 1909 Franklin Model G Roadster and 1937 Diamond T pickup truck. John has been working on their 1970 AMC AMX and 1964 Ford Falcon Sprint. While viewing vehicles and memorabilia in the air-conditioned garage, the group was treated to cookies and drinks. After our cookie snack we moved onto Smithfield forwhat else—lunch at Smithfield Station, owned by fellow TRAACA members Ron & Tina Pack. The restaurant staff did a terrific job taking care of our large group in a timely manner, and the food was great.

Once we finished lunch, we traveled to Ron and Tina's home. The Packs' collection of vehicles range from classic to modified, foreign to domestic brands, including a 1971 MGB convertible, a 1989 Porsche 911 Carrera convertible, and a 1947 Chevrolet Woodie. It was great when the Packs' neighbor, seeing several of the club members' antique vehicles parked out front, brought out three hot rods out of his garage, parked them in his driveway, and came over to chat about old cars with the group.

Our last stop was to view local car enthusiast Lewis Little's collection of antique vehicles, memorabilia, outboard motors, vintage boats, and an old-fashioned soda fountain & ice cream parlor. Lewis's car collection includes a 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle, four Chevrolet Corvettes, a 1960 Willy Maverick, and a 1961 21-window VW microbus.

I think the highlight of the day for Bill Coburn, Mark McAlpine, and Bob Parrish was getting to ride with the Schaubachs in their 1930 Duesenberg. Dwight & Jane's generosity left the guys smiling ear to ear.



Dwight & Jane Schaubach with their 1923 Packard



Jane Schaubach (far right) giving some TRAACA members a tour



Dwight Schaubach's 1931 Franklin



TRAACA members enjoying the day



(L-R) Travis Berry, Mickey McChesney, and Kim Berry



John Heimerl with his 1934 Dodge KC 1/2 ton pickup truck



Some of John Heimerl's pedal cars



(L-R) 1964 Ford Falcon Sprint, 1937 Ford street rod, 1970 AMX



(L-R) Jere Avenson, Wayne Milligan, and Viator Trudeau



(L-R) The Heimerls' two 1956 DeSoto Adventurers, 1957 Studebaker Hawk Custom, and 1947 Dodge pickup truck



Lynn Heimerl (center) with fellow TRAACA members



Decisions-decisions—what to order at Smithfield Station?

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(L-R) 1948 and 1947 Chrysler convertibles



1967 Chevrolet Corvette convertible basking in the sun



(L-R) Lewis Little's 1961, 1963, 1967, and 1969 Corvettes



(L-R) Lewis Little discussing cars with Dewey and Wayne Milligan



Wayne Milligan & Richard Hall checking out Ron Pack's MGB



Tina & Ron Pack at Lewis Little's garage



Some of the classics in Lewis Little's collection



Some of the gang in Lewis Little's retro soda fountain

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AACA Southeastern Fall Meet New Bern, NC August 11-13, 2016 Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

The months of July and August were hot here in the Mid-Atlantic States, much like the old saying "The dog days of summer." Despite the heat, (heat indices of 100-105 degrees), more than 235 antique vehicles traveled to New Bern, NC, for the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet held August 11-13. The meet was hosted by the First Capital Chapter of the AACA (FCAACA).

New Bern is a quaint little town nestled at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent Rivers near the Atlantic Coast. Founded in 1710, New Bern is the second oldest municipality in North Carolina. New Bern was North Carolina's first capital and the birthplace of Pepsi Cola, founded in 1898. The town has preserved many of its historic buildings, keeping the small town atmosphere charming and historically educational.

For all of us automobile lovers (which is certainly the entire TRAACA), New Bern (like Portsmouth, VA) was one of the stops for the Great Race in 2014. That year the Great Race ran from Maine to Florida.

The City of New Bern was named by settlers after Bern the capital of Switzerland. Bern, Switzerland, apparently was founded by hunters who named the town after the first animal they saw on a hunting expedition—a bear. The bear symbol became New Bern's mascot. For New Bern's 300th Anniversary in 2010, the "Bear Town Bears" were born. Fifty bear statues constructed of fiberglass and ceramic, were sponsored and adopted by the local businesses and situated around town and affectionately named the Bear Town Bears. When walking or driving around New Bern, you can't help but notice the bears. Originally 50 bears were erected; 8 more have been added since then. There are plans for a new bear to be unveiled in late 2016. (Look for pictures of several of the Bear Town Bears in a future issue of *The Mudflap*.)

Several TRAACA members caravanned to New Bern on Friday, August 12th. The weather was warm, but the drive was pleasant and thankfully uneventful. Upon arrival at our hotel, Mark & I found that our room was not quite ready, so Heidi—our 12 & 1/2-year-old German Shepherd—accompanied us to the AACA Judging School held in the New Bern Convention Center next to the host hotel. Heidi enjoyed the attention everyone gave her and looked forward to being an apprentice judge the next day, but she had not signed up for breakfast.

Twenty TRAACA members and friends went to dinner Friday evening at a local restaurant in town. Our table had great service and food, but unfortunately the other table did not have stellar service, so we will probably try a different venue on our next trip.

The Meet on Saturday was very nice. Vehicles were situated along tree-lined streets and in various parking lots around town that were closed for the event. The heat did not keep people from walking around to view the show vehicles and visit local shops & restaurants. The First Capital Chapter did a terrific job delivering water to the judges. Before we loaded our car into the trailer, Mark & I enjoyed a refreshing ice cream cone at a local shop.



1958 Edsel Pacer convertible



(L-R) Wes Neal's 1991 Jeep Grand Cherokee received its Senior Award & Jim Viller's 1950 Willys Jeep received its First Junior



Chris Hunt & Charlie Daniels drag in to the host hotel after Chris 1973 Plymouth Scamp overheated en route to New Bern

The New Bern Convention Center did a great job with the banquet Saturday evening. The food was delicious and the wait staff did a wonderful job getting the food to everyone in a timely manner.

With four trailers in caravan, we had a nice drive back to Virginia on Sunday. What a shame that all AACA Meets aren't only a three-to-four hour drive from home.

The TRAACA was well represented at the New Bern Meet with 47 members attending (plus a few friends and family members), 20 vehicles receiving awards, and Neil Sugermeyer being recognized for achieving 125 judging credits. [See Pg. 17 for the full list of awards.] TRAACA attendees included Ellen & Jerry Adams (and their three children), Travis & Kim Berry, Susan & Terry Bond, Bill Coburn, Tammy & Tom Cox, Charlie Daniels & Chris Hunt, Vickie & Matt Doscher, Donna & Jim Elliott, Tyler Gimbert, Lynn & John Heimerl, Tim Hund (and his brother), Gale & Bob Hyatt, Pat & Jeff Locke, Marion & Mark McAlpine, Toni & Mickey McChesney, Dick & Joyce McIninch, Nancy Soscia & Wes Neal, Cindy Overton, Dot & Bob Parrish, Hilary Pavlidis, Jack Pavlidis, Rose & Bob Perkins, Bob Stein, Marty & Neil Sugermeyer, Linda & Bill Treadwell, and Jim Villers (and his son).

The First Capital Chapter held another outstanding meet. We'll definitely be at the next one they host!



TRAACA members at the awards ceremony for the AACA 2016 Southeastern Fall Meet in New Bern, NC, on August 13, 2016



Still Collecting Stuff — **Back to Hershey By Terry Bond**

Hershey is always a collector's paradise for me. I mark time by the beginning and end of the giant Hershey Fall Meet flea market. Since 1970 it's been one of the most important things on my calendar. This month I outline the plans that I typically try to stick with for that grand occasion. Hopefully there will be a few tips and tricks here for fellow collectors.

My Hershey week, as always, will begin a week early. The plan is to load up everything, then head out of Tidewater on Friday prior to Hershey week. The objective is to get to the big paper & ephemera show in Allentown PA. This great event is well established and features dozens of dealers from all over the country selling rare books, postcards, advertising material, and anything related thereto. I've found sheet music, postcards, advertising trinkets, photos, pins, buttons, fobs, calendars, auto products in their original containers, prints, signs, and, yes, even spark plugs there over the years.



The line for the Allentown Paper Show

It helps to get there about a half hour before the gates open to get the coveted first in line spot. The event is at the fairgrounds at 17th St and Chew St, and runs on both Saturday & Sunday the weekend before Hershey. Saturday is the best day.

Once inside there is a method to my madness. First, it's a stop at a couple of the well-known sheet music dealers. Then it's a quick visit to the one or two vendors who always seem to have great automobilia.



A well-stocked vendor at the Allentown Paper Show

There is a nice lady from Cape Cod who always holds back superb early postcards for me. It pays to make friends and to be a good, regular customer. I've nurtured this one for quite a while, and the key has been to stop & visit, and try also to share the enthusiasm of collecting and some of the experience I've gained over the years. Often I've found some dealers who get to know you will hold a selection of new acquisitions for you. I've even had the chance to help vendors price items they knew little about. Of course the return is the chance to pick first!

I do the entire market twice, going different directions each time. It's amazing what you see by reversing course! The first trip through is quick, and the second is a bit more methodical with concentration on looking through piles and boxes of postcards, etc.

Here is another tip that I practice constantly. I collect such a variety of things that sometimes I get too focused. I mentally prepare myself by clearing my mind and working hard to keep it that way. If I am searching for something particular I might miss something else! So, when I approach a booth piled high, I keep my eyes wide open, moving constantly, even watching as others leaf through the items on display. When I spot somegreat that thing



A nice early motoring print discovered at the Allentown Paper Show

someone else is obviously passing over, I'll pause and simply ask them if I can see that postcard or picture, or whatever they just passed over. On more than one occasion I've had that person offer that there are three or four more just like it in the booth next door or maybe in a box they have just looked through. I've found many of the customers are just as friendly and I see many of them each year. It pays over time to cultivate these relationships. So, the next time you are shopping in the swap meet, it pays to watch & listen to everyone. You'll never know what you'll find. One of the absolute best spark plugs in my collection came into my possession that way. It was the result of a casual conversation with another buyer who had a few plugs at home.



Outdoor dealers at Renninger's Antique Market

After a half day hard at it, my back aches a bit from bending over the tables, so a quick hot dog and ice tea restores my soul for the next adventure. Then it's on toward Adamstown, PA, for an afternoon of antique hunting. I choose to do this as there is just so much there it overwhelms. If I can get through a few of the shops and malls before closing time, there will be a full day available on Sunday for the outdoor markets and Renninger's Antique Market. These venues are only on Sunday and they start at sun-up (or earlier).

If you've never been to Adamstown, it's an antique lover's mecca. There are more dealers, shops, and malls than anywhere else in the country. The only place I've seen more is in London.

Renninger's has a large outdoor section on Sunday. (Their indoor market is also only open on Sundays.) The early bird gets the worm here! It's literally where dealers shop, and most of the merchandise is fresh. It's a perfect chance to pick from the pickers!

Following a swing through the outdoor market the choice might be to drive a little ways to catch the outdoor section at the Black Angus Antiques Mall. Both markets are very weather dependent. Still, regardless of how wet or cold, there are plenty of dealers there to visit. They just tend to pack up early.

You can get lost in there! It's a labyrinth of narrow aisles snaking around antique dealers selling everything from Tiffany lamps to beer cans. There are old records, antique clothing, stamps, coins, comic books, signs, furniture, even antique motorcycles and, of course, great automobilia. Again, there are regular dealers, and we often see fellow auto enthusiasts there including friends from Wisconsin, Oregon, and even Australia.



Every year we run into old friends on their way to Hershey. Meet Arthur & Candy Spanjar from Wisconsin—real collectors!

Being one step ahead of the competition is key, but unfortunately it's not always possible. Again—keep your mind clear, your eyes & ears open, and you'll do well. I once acquired a beautiful Schrader tire gauge countertop display that way. Another antique dealer had just bought it to resell and I spotted him moving through the aisle carrying it proudly. We stopped in the aisle, I complimented him on his discovery, and quickly learned he was going to resell it. We dickered a while and I quite willingly gave him a profit. I considered it merely a finder's fee. In essence, it came right up to me in the middle of the market. It doesn't get much easier than that!

There are enough shops left in Adamstown to fill the day, and some are open until 7 PM. Tired and hungry, it's off to a nice restaurant for a cold beer and a hearty steak.

Monday I get to sleep in a bit as most antique shops don't open until 9 or 10 AM, but there are pockets of them through the area. I vary the itinerary. Some years, it's Strausburg, others it's the river-side town of Columbia.

Columbia itself is something of an antique mecca with several larger malls and many smaller shops. Good stuff abounds, especially high end advertising. We never come away empty handed from Columbia!



Tom & Tammy Cox (front) seen roaming the aisles in a Hershey antique shop, along with fellow collectors Steve & Pamela Heald

Naturally the big antique barn in Hershey itself gets picked clean pretty early, but at the start of the week, it's open season there and I've found some great stuff. In anticipation of the Hershey Meet, many antique dealers save their best automotive stuff for that week. Over in nearby Carlisle there are several great malls including Northgate and Bedford Street. Both are large and I've always found great stuff there, even after the earlier Carlisle swap meet and Hershey!

If you are afflicted with the antiquer's disease, I'd recommend subscribing to a few things. First, *Antique Week* is a great weekly newspaper-style publication with a lot of great info on general antiques. It's the auction ads and flea market announcements that are most important. You can find them at <u>www.antiqueweek.com</u>. A staple of the antique industry has long been *Antique Trader*, found at <u>www.antiquetrader.com</u>.

I strongly recommend subscribing to both of them. *Antique Week* publishes an annual "Guide to Antique Shops, Malls, Flea Markets and Auctions." Versions for each major sector of the country are available. Not all shops are listed, but if you find one, you'll be able to find more by just asking. I find that most major communities publish a guide to antique shops in their area, and if you visit one shop and pick up a copy of the brochure, it'll lead you to many more.

Hershey week itself is consumed with walking, shopping, visiting, selling a few things (hopefully) and enjoying. It's all very weather dependent of course. Hopefully, there will be time to visit the car corral, work the AACA membership booth across

from us, and stop in to visit with so many friends we see only that time of year. Stop and say hello and show me the treasure you've found and I'll be glad to show you my latest discoveries too. We're right across from the Crab Cake vendor in front of the Giant Center, in spaces GCC 5-6. The best time to



Here's Neil Sugermeyer ahead of me at one of the many antique malls in Adamstown

catch us in is later in the afternoon. It's a good place to let your heavy stuff sit while you continue to shop, or a place you can rest your weary feet and get a cool drink.

If you are coming up early to follow me around the antique malls and flea markets, let me know and we'll grab a quick lunch or dinner and compare discoveries.

Enjoy the pics—don't they make your heart beat faster as the date gets closer? Happy collecting!

Terry Bond

Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars Charlie & Sandy Dawson and their 1957 Chevy Bel Air Story as told to Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



Charlie and Sandy Dawson are true antique automobile lovers. They own a number of classic and modified vehicles, with at least one in stages of restoration at any given time. One of Charlie's favorite cars is their 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible.

The 1957 Chevy had three different trim levels: the base model 150 series, the mid-range 210 series, and the up-scale Bel Air series. There were 702,040 Chevrolet Bel Airs produced in 1957, of which only 47,562 were convertibles. The Bel Air trim package had more chrome than the other two series and a golden grille with a large chrome bar and parking lights. The rear fenders had tail fins capped with chrome moldings and anodized aluminum side trim panels. An interesting feature in the fuel-filler door, which is concealed behind the left rear chrome fin trim.

Charlie does not know who the original owner of his 1957 Bel Air was, but he purchased the Bel Air in March 2011 from a gentleman (Mr. Pearson) who had owned the vehicle since 1962. Mr. Pearson purchased the 1957 Bel Air for his wife's fifth High School reunion. (Mrs. Pearson graduated in 1957.)

The Bel Air underwent a complete "body on" restoration in 2002. The body was stripped and painted its original Onyx Black. The upholstery and carpet were replaced with original red and silver color. Floor pans, rocker panels, and the brake system were professionally replaced. Exterior stainless steel trim was either replaced or repaired. Original fender skirts with gravel guards and chrome rocker panels were installed. The convertible top, frame and hardware, lift cylinders, top motor, hydraulic lines, bushings, and rear curtain were replaced.

When Charlie purchased the 1957 Bel Air in March 2011, the purchase included the car's original 283-cubic inch "Power Pack," 220-hp, V-8 engine on a pellet. Charlie had the numbers-matching engine rebuilt in October 2011. The engine was balanced and a mild cam was installed. Also in October 2011, after detailing the

engine compartment back to factory specs, the original engine was installed, replacing the incorrect engine. After the engine transplant, Charlie installed many other items on the Bel Air, including new original stock (NOS) factory power steering, wide whitewall radial tires, and spinner hubcaps.

When Charlie was asked why he chose to purchase this particular 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible, he stated he had owned a similar 1957 Bel Air in high school. Charlie added that he has wonderful memories of (and in) that first Bel Air. Charlie went on to say he also had use of a 1957 Ford Thunderbird in high school, which provided him with other great memories. (Look for that story in a future issue of *The Mudflap*.)

It is understandable why Charlie and Sandy Dawson are so proud of their stunning Bel Air convertible and have no plans of parting with their beauty any time soon. Of course, with the Bel Air restored, Charlie has started work on another vehicle new to their collection: a 1957 Ford Fairlane Sunliner convertible.



The Bel Air's restored interior



The Bel Air's rebuilt 283-ci, 220-hp, V-8 engine

"Wings & Wheels Show"

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Besides the expected turnout of hundreds of beautiful classic vehicles and "mods & rods," there will also be vendors, a car corral (for selling vehicles), and several local charity displays. Spectator admission is free; however, parking at the museum is \$15, but includes admission to the museum for everyone in the vehicle. (Museum admission normally is \$12 per adult, \$10 for seniors & active duty military, \$6 for children 6-18 vears old.) As traditional with our "Wings & Wheels" Show, rides in classic airplanes (such as a 1940 NA SNJ-2 Navy trainer, a 1941 Stearman biplane, and a PT-19 Fairchild trainer) will be available for a fee.

TRAACA members know that it takes a lot of effort to put on this event. If you haven't already signed up to assist with some aspect of the meet, please do so. The more volunteers we have the less work it is for everyone (and everyone involved will be able to see the vehicles,

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Judging Seminar: Saturday, 27 Aug, commencing at 9:30 AM and lasting about 2 hrs. Location: Dewey & Maxine Milligan's home in Chesapeake. Details in the August Mudflap. Informal judging seminar to inform members what to be aware of at meets and to promote becoming a judge. Coordinating instructors for various classes. Neil Sugermeyer has volunteered to teach HPOF. Jim suggested possibly asking members to bring their vehicles to the seminar to be used as subject vehicles. Appreciate the coordination efforts of Marion, Mark, and Wayne to get this seminar going.

FantomWorks: Producers are meeting on 13 Aug at the Military Aviation Museum to seriously consider filming during our annual meet. Dan Short looking to organize a Rt 66 tour-Chicago to Santa Monica-of about 10 cars that would be filmed. Still being looked at & developed.

ODMA: Marion to meet with Natalie at Founders Inn on 4 Aug to discuss planning meeting dates in November



Pat & Jeff Locke at the AACA New Bern Meet awards banquet

explore the museum, and enjoy the meet). Volunteers are needed on Friday to help lay out the show field and on Saturday to help with parking cars on the show field, running the Car Corral & Vendor areas, registration, awards, etc. And, of course, we need judges for the AACA show field. (AACA judging experience is preferred, but not required-this is a good opportunity to become introduced to AACA judging.) To volunteer to help with the Meet, please contact Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli (scarpp02@aol.com, 810-1600). To volunteer to judge, please contact the Meet Chief Judge, Jim Elliott (jimscars@cox.net, 898-9868).

So register your vehicle, clean & polish it for this year's "Wings & Wheels" Show on Saturday, September 24th. What's more fun than spending a Saturday with your friends and fellow car enthusiasts viewing classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and airplanes? Even if you can't bring your vehicle, come out and enjoy the day. TRAACA President Jim Villers promises great weather this year. See you there!

& February. Second deposit submitted. On track and progressing. After our annual meet we will begin soliciting for volunteers. ODMA Meet is April 21-22, 2017.

Unfinished Business: Awards Manual. Work continues to get it to a point that can be presented to the Board for review.

New Business: Duryea Award proposal. Jim provided a point paper, and the award's purpose is to recognize a TRAACA member who has actively contributed to the success of our National club. Believe TRAACA would be the only Region having this award once adopted. The criteria is there; hardest thing is what will the trophy/ award look like. This is just an introduction right now still seeking input. Desire to motion to approve at next month's board meeting. Mark suggested presenting it to the membership at the next dinner meeting.

Other Business: None.

Having no other business, motion made to adjourn the meeting by Mark and seconded by Skip. Board meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at the Holiday Inn-Norfolk Airport. Respectfully submitted by Matt Doscher, Secretary.



Alfonso & Patrizia Ludovici at Charlie Dawson's garage tour. Alfonso is an Italian AF officer & recently returned to Norfolk.



The MGA in the Barn Story and photos by Bob Stein



The 1958 MGA after being pulled out of hibernation

The term "barn find" is so overused these days it makes me cringe when I see it. For some reason, a lot of folks seem to think that there is extra value to a vehicle that has been neglected for decades, quite often buried under trash in a garage or even partially exposed to the elements in a makeshift lean-to. However, when MGs are involved, it is always worth a look. So when Richard Hall called last month to let me know he'd been alerted to some "barn find" MGs in Chesapeake, I had to take a look.

A good-sized group of TRAACA members showed up for the excavation. There were four vehicles parked in three different buildings: a 1952 MG TD, a one-owner 1956 Ford Club Sedan, a 1958 MGA, and a 1974 Chevy Suburban with 51K original miles. Both MGs were partially disassembled, with parts scattered not only through the storage buildings, but also in the house. Unfortunately, the owner had passed away more than a year earlier, and his daughter had no idea what parts were there or where they might be.

I can't drive a left-hand-drive TD—only one 14EEE shoe will fit in the foot well at a time. However, the MGA looked pretty decent under the grime and boxes. The hood was off, but present, and the engine bay looked complete. We could not get the engine to turn by hand, no surprise since it had been parked in 1985. However, one major discovery was a completely restored 1800cc engine set up to go in the MGA and part of the package. New bumpers were also unearthed, as well as patch panels for the body and even a spare frame! The top frame and side curtains were in the 1956 Ford.

An errand took me away from the scene for about an hour, and when I returned the rest of the crew had finished their search and departed. I was surprised to find out no one had made an offer on any of the vehicles yet, and I gave the MGA a second look. The body was solid and straight except for a rotten left rear fender, and I found a repaired fender hiding behind the Suburban. Searching the house turned up a new top and seat covers, which was enough to spur an offer. I ended up getting the car and all related parts for \$3,800!

I came back a week later for a second excavation, this time to pull the car out of the barn & gather up all the parts. Jack Pavlidis showed up to help, and we filled his F150 and my small pickup to the max. We used my truck to pull the MGA out of the barn, which was a lot easier than expected thanks to its tires holding air. Many more parts turned up, including a new carpet kit & steering wheel, three transmissions, rear axle, and a spare gas tank. Another friend from the club arranged to have the MGA flat-bedded to my driveway, where it was waiting when we got home with the parts.

It took two weeks to sort and store the parts so I could actually get to the MGA. My initial impressions looked to be correct—the body is straight & the frame looks to be solid even the battery boxes are good. I was going to try a wrench on the main engine pulley, but gave it one more try by hand with better leverage—it turned! A new battery got the engine spinning well and 20+ pounds of oil pressure on the gauge.

The plan was to do a compression test and maybe pull the head to see what shape the block was in. However, a very knowledgeable MG buddy pointed out that the carbs were new replacements – currently running more than \$1,500 a set. It seemed unlikely anyone would put that kind of money into a bad engine. So I rigged up an external pump pulling from a gas can and tried to start the car. Nothing. There was power to the coil and the points, but no spark at the points, which had understandably corroded a bit. A few swipes of emery paper resulted in a healthy spark, and three pulls of the starter knob later the MGA sputtered to life! No smoke, no drama—and within a minute the car was running smooth and strong with 60 pounds of oil pressure.

That happy surprise was followed by another one: the hydraulics—both brakes and clutch—appear to be rebuilt and fully functional. It seems the MGA was not as ignored the past three decades as we had thought. I found receipts and bags for some brake and clutch parts, and the drums look to be cleaned and painted. As might be expected, my timetable for getting the MGA on the road has undergone a major jump forward. I got a set of five new tires last week and have scheduled someone to come look it over for a paint estimate.

Granted, there are still many potential issues since I have not dug really deep. However, there is unlikely to be any problem I cannot deal with. The MGA came with every major mechanical and suspension component not only in duplicate, but in many cases already rebuilt and ready to install. And, as a bonus, most new parts for the MGA are actually less expensive than those for my MGB-GT!

Oh, the TD eventually ended up in the hands of TRAACA member Matt Gresalfi, the '56 Ford is currently in possession of Dan Ciccone and TRAACA member Tyler Gimbert, and the '74 Suburban is in my backyard. I also have it running, though that is a story for another issue of the *Mudflap*. One thing is for sure—I won't flinch the next time I hear the words "barn find!"



Bob's MGA resting in its new home. Where's that engine go?

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It's Time to Register for Hershey

Stan Kulikowski, Chief Judge, AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA (Reprinted from the July 2016 AACA *The Judge* newsletter)



Here it is July and time to start talking about Fall Hershey. I still have my car up on jack stands in the garage getting it ready for the show season. It seems like only a few weeks ago that Ron and I were working at the Hershey meet.

Plans are in full swing for the 2016 meet. I am looking forward to serving as the Chief Judge for the 2016 and 2017 meets. I have entered my request for fabulous weather for the next two years. The weather committee did a great job last year and I am counting on their continued support!

It is never to early to start planning for Hershey. If you are planning to judge, I would encourage you to send your registration in as early as possible. If you send me a self-addressed envelope, I will send a parking pass for breakfast on Saturday morning. There will also be parking passes available for Judging School on Friday.

We have listened to some of the suggestions made from last year's meet as well, and there will be a couple of changes. The most notable will be improved signage at the administration tent to assist the team Captains and Assistant Team Captains with having the correct paperwork. The changes in the process for turning in the paperwork will also be outlined in the Team Captain's Packet.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Hershey!

Registration Deadline for Hershey Judges: *September 16th!*



<u>Marque, Mark,</u> <u>Marquee, or Marquis?</u>

By Lars Andersen, VP Membership (Reprinted from the Summer 2016 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



I recently used the word marque in a survey questionnaire. I had a person experienced in the Ford hobby review the survey. He asked me what the word "marque" meant. It was used in the question "how many marque clubs do you belong to?" It reminded me of the experiences I've had with this word. It's pronounced "mark" and when I first encountered it, it was verbal. At that time in history there was a Lincoln Mark II automobile and the owner, knowing I was interested in cars, asked me what marque club I belonged to. It was made even more perplexing because I was driving a Mercury Marquis. Did

that have something to do with the term? How do the dots connect between all these spellings and pronunciations?

There are new comers and old timers who may not know that the word spelled marque is pronounced "mark," not "mar-key." It means brand, such as Chevrolet, Harley Davidson, Chris Craft. At times marque is confused with other word spellings such as "marquis," which is an important French society term and sometimes used as an actual title; "marquee," which is the bill board sign advertising an event such as a movie; and "marquise," which is a woman of rank.

It would be remiss to not also report that the word "marque" is used in the U.S. Constitution Article 1, Section 8, wherein the Congress is empowered to "declare war, grant letters of Marque and Reprisal." As such it was "a license granted to a private party to fit out an armed ship to plunder the enemy."



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 Register YOUR vehicle for the Tidewater Region AACA Forty-Third Annual Meet Military Aviation Museum - 1341 Princess Anne Rd - Virginia Beach VA 23457 8 AM to 3 PM Saturday, September 24, 2016 Show Information: Meet Chairman: Tony Scarpelli Phone: (757) 810-1600 email: scarpp02@aol.com TRAACA President: Jim Villers Phone: (757) 481-6398 email: 190sljim@cox.net 					
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VEHICLE 1 Make	Model	Year			
AACA CLASS (If Known): AACA National Award Winner					
VEHICLE 2 Make	Model	Year			
AACA CLASS (If Known): AACA National Award Winner					
First vehicle EARLY REGISTRATION (Postmarked BY September 10, 2016)1 @ \$20.00First vehicle LATE REGISTRATION/DAY OF SHOW (NOTE: Not eligible for AACA Judging)1 @ \$25.00Additional Vehicles (\$15 each)@ \$15.00Flea Market (Approximately 10' x 30')@ \$20.00Car Corral (Single parking space for selling a car: Vehicles with For Sale signs will not be judged.)@ \$15.00					
Total (includes admission to the Military Aviation Museum) \$ I would like to help judge Preserving The Past (AACA Classes): PREFERRED CLASSANY ANY					

All vehicles must have current liability insurance coverage. My vehicle has state required liability insurance.



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

Scott & Kelly Dayton Seaford, VA - 1986 Chevrolet Corvette convertible

> **Carol Norton** Virginia Beach, VA

Sunshine Report

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

• Lewis Kidd passed away on August 20th. Although he wasn't a member of the TRAACA, he was a familiar and welcome addition to all of our Swap Meets and other car shows and activities in the area.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

• Leslie Scarpelli continues to recover at home from her injuries from her recent automobile accident.

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to Vickie Doscher at 672-3755 or vlw78@hotmail.com.

Members celebrating <u>anniversaries in September</u>

John T. and Mary Ann Blair Thomas & Dawn Bottoni Harold & Evy Eacker Wyann & Connie Kaiser Mickey & Toni McChesney Earl & Judy McLaughlin Dick & Joyce McIninch Jason & Lisa Sturniolo Larry & Stella Wickham

HAPPY BIRTHDAY :

Members celebrating birthdays in September

Ellen Adams Dawn Bottoni Kelly Dayton Scott Dayton Donna Elliott Marie Gancel C.E. Gardner Adam Graham Bob Hanbury Mollie Hunger Alan Ives Ivan Joslin Kathy Kellam Jeff Locke

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Joyce McIninch Johnny Miles Wes Neal Bobby Perkins Tom Poe Jon Sieck Andrew Sitar Barbara Talley Janet Trudeau Bill Wilcox Bob Woolfitt John Wyatt

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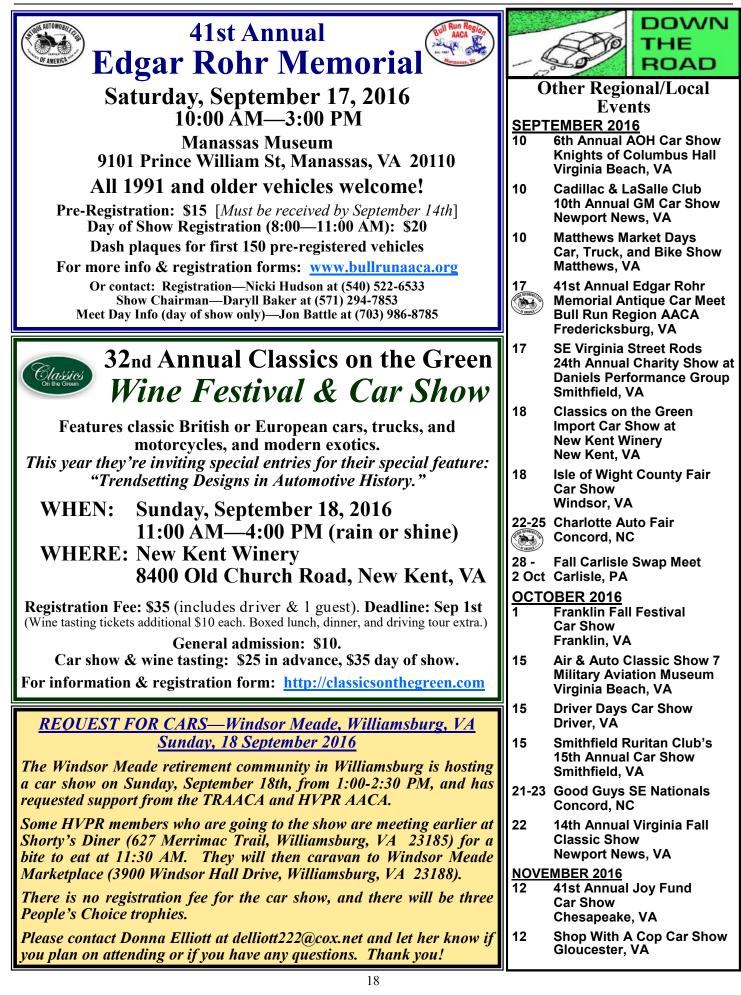
Recent Award Winners



A <u>Accent Award Winners</u>					
Buick Club of America Nationals—Allentown, PAKen Talley1929 Buick Master 4-dr					
Ken Talley	Spirit of Buick Award—				
	Pre-War Sedan				
AACA Southeastern Fall Meet—New Bern, NC Susan Bond 1974 MGB-GT					
	Repeat Preservation				
Bill Coburn	1985 Chevrolet Camaro Repeat HPOF Preservation				
Matt Doscher	1965 Ford Mustang Senior Award				
Jim Elliott	1978 Chevrolet Corvette Repeat Preservation				
John Heimerl	1964 Ford Falcon Sprint First Junior Award				
Tim Hund	1932 Auburn 8-100A First Junior Award				
Chris Hunt	1973 Plymouth Scamp DPC				
Bob Hyatt	1970 Mercedes-Benz 280SL Repeat Preservation				
Jeff Locke	1991 Cadillac Allante First Junior Award				
Mark & Marion McAlpine	1970 Chevrolet Chevelle Repeat Preservation				
Mickey McChesney	1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Repeat Original HPOF				
Wes Neal	1966 Ford Mustang				
	First Junior Award 1991 Jeep Grand Wagoneer Senior Award				
Bob Parrish	1978 Chevrolet Corvette Original HPOF				
Hilary Pavlidis	1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7 DPC				
Bob Perkins	1964 Ford Galaxie 500 DPC				
Bob Stein	1963 Centaur scooter Repeat Original HPOF 1985 Ford Crown Victoria DPC				
Bill Treadwell	1969 Chevrolet Camaro Repeat Preservation				
Jim Villers	1950 Willys Jeep First Junior Award				
Judging Award Presented AACA New Bern Meet					
Neil Sugermeyer	125 Judging Credits				

Antique Automobile Club

ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE, CLUB





It's that time of year. Believe or not, summer has blown past us, and the two major antique automobile events of the year for the TRAACA are rapidly approaching. Shortly after we celebrate "baseball, apple pie, and Chevrolet" on Labor Day weekend (okay, maybe all of us won't necessarily be celebrating Chevrolet—we're a large club and some of you will be celebrating Chrysler, Ford, Franklin, Porsche, and other marques), our 43rd Annual Meet will be upon us, followed just two weeks later by the AACA Hershey Meet.

Our annual meet—nicknamed the "Wings & Wheels" Show ever since we moved it to the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach—is on Saturday, 24 September. The museum is an almost perfect venue for our meet: there's ample room for the show field, vendors, and spectator parking; Jerry Yagen the museum's owner—and his staff are very supportive, and the vintage aircraft combined with our antique vehicles make for a great show for both participants and spectators.

However, we still need two things for our meet to be a success: nice weather and you. I can't promise great weather, but considering our location, the odds are in our favor. Plus, I'll perform some anti-rain dances that week to ward off the rain (which if you've ever seen me dance, you know that my lack of coordination and rhythm scares off—or at least amuses—most people, so I'm hoping it has the same effect on rain).

The main thing we need for our meet to be a success is you. We need all TRAACA members to step forward and contribute in some form. The easiest way, for those of you that own an antique vehicle, is to register and bring your classic car, truck, or motorcycle to the meet. With over 165 memberships and 300+ vehicles in the TRAACA, our members should easily be able to bring at least 100 vehicles and provide spectators a great display of automotive history spanning from early "Brass Era" cars to more modern classics from the late 1980s and early 1990s and a good selection from every decade in between. And some of our members own hot rods and can participate in our "Rods & Mods" class and add to our display of cool cars modified or customized to individual taste (and, in many cases, high performance). Between our members' vehicles and other participants', we hope to have at least 350 vehicles total on display from the "Preserving the Past" and "Rods & Mods" classes combined.

We also need your help. While 43 years of practice has given us a lot of experience, pulling off a show this size takes a lot of work. We need help laying out the show field on Friday, 23 Sep. On Saturday, we need volunteers to help with registration, greeting participants and directing vehicles onto the show fields, parking the vendors and car corral, judges for the AACA-style judging of the antique vehicles, helping with admin and awards, cleaning up afterward, etc. (Please don't dash after the meet ask what you can do to help clean up as the show is winding down around 3:00 PM.) You get the point—we need your help.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli at <u>scarpp02@aol.com</u> or (757) 810-1600. To sign up to judge, please contact the Meet Chief Judge Jim Elliott at <u>jimscars@cox.net</u> or (757) 898-9868.

Most importantly, we need you to come have fun with your fellow members. Bring your classic vehicle for not only your fellow TRAACA members to enjoy seeing it, but also the 1,500-2,000 spectators that come to our meet every year. Remember: you must register for our meet by 10 September! See you there!



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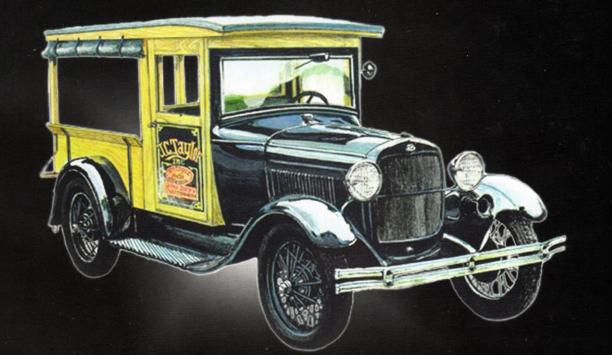






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