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TRAACA Annual Chili Cook-Off Saturday, October 31, 2015



¡Ay, caramba!—it's here! Get ready for the TRAACA's annual Chili Cook-Off at Maxine & Dewey Milligans' home in Chesapeake, VA, on Saturday, October 31st. Everyone is welcome to arrive at 12:00 noon to socialize and we will begin eating at 1:00 PM.

If you did not sign up at the Friday

Night Social on September 25th to attend the cook-off, please call Dot Parrish at 547-5034 or Dick Chipchak at 495-0115 to let them know that you will be coming and what food, chili, side dish, or dessert you will bring.

So start the fall off right by joining your fellow TRAACA members and friends at the Milligan's on Saturday October 31st. Let's share stories, look at cars, and enjoy some delicious chili.

When: Noon, Saturday, Oct 31st

Where: Maxine & Dewey Milligan
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(757) 436-7496

Sign up: By Wednesday, October 28th, by calling Dot Parrish at (757) 547-5034 or Dick Chipchak at (757) 495-0115.



TRAACA President Jim Villers & VP Mark McAlpine enjoying the weather at the region's 2015 Annual Meet. Read the story on Pgs. 4-6.



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER 2015

7 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Wednesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

31 TRAACA Chili Cook-Off at
Dewey & Maxine Milligans'
home in Chesapeake, VA

NOVEMBER 2015

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

7-8 TRAACA Fall Tour
Williamsburg, VA

19 TRAACA Dinner Meeting &
Annual Silent Auction
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

DECEMBER 2015

2 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Wednesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

20 TRAACA Holiday Brunch
Princess Anne Country Club
Virginia Beach, VA

JANUARY 2016

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

23 TRAACA Annual Awards
Banquet & Board Induction
Location TBD

FEBRUARY 2016

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

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY, TRAACA!

This year the Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America celebrates its 60th anniversary while our parent organization, the AACA, celebrates its 80th anniversary. Each issue of *The Mudflap* this year will feature articles and/or photos from our club's history, celebrating and remembering our heritage. See Pg. 16.

From the Driver's Seat



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What a wet "Wing & Wheels" Meet, but it had its own charm. Sometimes the best memories are the ones with adversity and overcoming of difficulties. This meet will be fondly remembered for just those characteristics as we pulled together in the wind and rain to stage and judge the cars. With the food trucks being absent, everyone hung out in the Army Hangar and then enjoyed Pungo pizza. Those that chose to stay home missed one of our most memorable meets ever.

Tony Scarpelli was an excellent leader of the event as he brought together TRAACA volunteers and "hundreds" of Hampton Roads automotive enthusiasts. My thanks to Tony and to all of the volunteers whose contributions made this meet a special event. Despite the rain, it was a fun day.

October is the month to renew your TRAACA membership for 2016. Please take the time to fill out the membership form and mail it in with your membership dues. The form is important as it is the source of the

information used in next year's club roster. If you want your vehicles to be accurately included in the roster, please submit your 2016 membership form.

Yes, it is also time to renew your National AACA membership for next year. Renewing early helps everyone responsible for maintaining the membership information.

I am very excited looking forward to next year. Our Activity Committee is being invigorated by the addition of three "Activity Committee Coordinators"—Terry Bond, Matt Doscher, and Linda Pellerin—who have agreed to share the chairman's role next year. They bring a freshness and enthusiasm to the group that plans and leads our monthly events. I have asked them to recruit new members for the committee and to utilize additional members for specific events. In the past, we have sometimes just let the Activity Committee entertain us. It is now time for all of us to help the Activity Committee make next year a special year. Please do your part.

Later this month [Saturday, 31 October], Dewey & Maxine Milligan have invited us to their home for another "Chili Cook-Off." It's time to brush off the dust from that special chili recipe and share a bowl with your friends.

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

Jim

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From the Running Board

Sept 1, 2015 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport on Military Hwy. Directors present were Jim Villers (President), Mark McAlpine (Vice President), and Marion McAlpine (Treasurer). Board members present were Tyler Gimbert, Skip Patnode, and Tim Russell. Members present were Dick Chipchak, Frank Lagana, Wes Neal, Bob & Dot Parrish, and Bill Wilcox.

Secretary's Report: August Board Meeting Minutes were approved & published in the August issue of *The Mudflap*.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Marion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marketing/PR: Members continue to distribute flyers for the club's annual "Wings & Wheels" Show at local car shows & cruise-ins.

Youth Chapter: Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

Communications:

- *The Mudflap* newsletter:
—Mark thanked members for continuing to submit good articles. Asked for more "My First Car" articles.
—Mark will prepare 2016 renewal invoices for current advertisers; goal is to mail them no later than 1 November.
- *The Mud Speck* weekly e-mail: NSTR.

Activities:

- Friday, 25 September: Friday Night Social. The event is coming together. Reginella's providing the food again. This year's theme is "Let's Go to the Hop." Mark & Marion will bring a stereo system and Tim Russell will bring music CDs. Bob Parrish suggested TRAACA 60th Anniversary-themed cake. Marion will obtain it.
- Saturday, 31 October: TRAACA Chili Cook-Off at the Milligans'. (It's also Dewey Milligan's 86th birthday.)
- Friday-Sunday, 6-8 November: TRAACA Fall Tour. Location changed back to Williamsburg. Dick planning.
- Sunday, 20 December: TRAACA Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach, VA.

Restaurants/Dinner Meetings:

- No dinner meeting in September—club is holding its annual Friday Night Social (on Fri, 25 Sep) instead.
- No dinner meeting in October—club holding its annual Chili Cook-Off (Sat, 31 Oct, at the Milligans') instead.
- Jim Villers followed up on Dot Parrish's suggestion about adding a dinner meeting in October and contacted the Holiday Inn. Unfortunately, the hotel is booked the week of Thursday, 15 October (which would be our normal meeting night) and also on Thursday, 22 October. October dinner meeting will be added to 2016 calendar.

Society:

- Current membership status (as of 31 August): 170 (singles/couples). Dennis & Carla Anne Sobota rejoined.
- HQ AACA sent the region four free memberships for

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2016. As usual, TRAACA will match these with free regional memberships. Jim asked members to nominate good candidates for these free 2016 memberships.

- Sunshine Report: Vickie Doscher not present, but sent word that there are no updates beyond what was in *The Mudflap*.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jim believes he may have a volunteer to takeover as the Calling Tree Team Captain to replace Margie Ives.
- Bob Parrish suggested we do something to recognize Tyler Brown (who passed away on 25 Aug). Someone thought the club used to purchase memorial bricks at the AACA Museum to honor deceased members. Mark said he would research it and report back to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- "Wings & Wheels" Show:
—Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli did not attend the Board meeting. Jim will contact him to schedule a separate meeting to review preparations for the show and work out remaining details.
—53 AACA vehicles & 9 sponsors registered so far
—Food vendors: Bodacious Pizza, Chuck Thornton BBQ, and Heavenly Kettle Korn
- Ensure "Final Tour" page is updated on club website.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting is Wednesday, 7 October, 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Russell, Board Member

No October Dinner Meeting

Instead of a dinner meeting this month we are holding our annual Chili Cook-Off at Dewey & Maxine Milligans' home in Chesapeake on Saturday, 31 October. (Information about the Chili Cook-Off is on Page 1.)



TRAACA 42nd Annual Meet

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Story by Mark McAlpine. Photos by Bob Stein.

It was that time again—something every TRAACA member looks forward to each fall—time for our annual meet—our annual “Wings & Wheels” Show at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach. After months of planning, coordination, and preparation, months of securing sponsors and handing out flyers for the show, after club members, museum staff and volunteers laid out the show field and set up the facility, the day—Saturday, 26 September—was finally here. And then it rained.

As many cars shows and other events around the area were cancelled due to the rain, following AACA tradition our “Wings & Wheels” Show went on as scheduled. Unfortunately, the inclement weather took its toll: of 139 vehicles preregistered for AACA judging and 16 for “Rods & Mods,” only 44 vehicles came to the show (35 on the AACA show field, 5 “Rods & Mods” including one day of show registrant, and 4 “Best of the Rest” day of show AACA eligible vehicles), well under the 275 vehicles at last year’s meet. However, the rain did not dampen our spirits. During lulls in the rain participants & spectators walked the show field to view the show vehicles. During the periods of heavy rainfall, people explored the Military Aviation Museum and appreciate the largest collection in the world of flyable World War I & II military aircraft.

Because of the reduced number of vehicles entered on the show field, judging went quickly and the awards ceremony was moved up two hours to 1:00 PM. (It’s definitely challenging to try to record judging scores while the judging sheet is disintegrating in the rain as you try to write on it.) While the judging scores were tallied and awards determined, the Boy Scouts served 40 pizzas the club purchased from Pungo Pizza to feed the crowd after our food vendors cancelled because of the rain.

Shortly after 1:00 PM the owners who braved the rain and brought their vehicles to the show found their efforts rewarded. Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli thanked the participants for ignoring the weather & bringing their vehicles. He also thanked the TRAACA members and museum staff & volunteers for their efforts, enthusiasm, and adaptability. Jim Elliott, Chief Judge for the meet, presented the AACA judging awards and Mickey McChesney handed out the “Rods & Mods” awards. TRAACA member Larry Wickham’s 1935 Ford truck was recognized as the “Best in Show” vehicle for the meet. (See Pg. 17 for all the special award winners. See the TRAACA website for a complete list of all the award winners.)

Although the rain limited the number of participants and spectators at our annual meet, it did not limit the fun had by those who came to the show. Everyone I spoke with said they enjoyed the meet, commended the club’s organization and efforts (especially the free pizza!), and said they would be back next year.

Here’s to sunshine and moderate temperatures—and more cars—for our 2016 annual meet!



(L-R) Marie Gancel, Vickie Doscher, John Gancel, and Marion McAlpine at the “Mods & Rods” registration table



(L-R) Larry Wickham’s 1935 Ford pick-up truck and Richard & Sandy Halls’ 1935 Packard Club Sedan on special display in recognition of the AACA’s 80th Anniversary



The Coast Guard stands watch: Matt Doscher directing cars



(Foreground, L-R) Mickey McChesney, Dick Chipchak, and Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli at the awards presentation



Bob Roughton and his 1909 Oakland



Sam Kern and his 1925 Franklin 4-dr sedan



Rad & Margie Tillet and their 1932 Ford Model A Roadster



Bob Woolfitt and his 1934 Packard 12 Formal Sedan



Richard & Sandy Hall and their 1935 Packard Club Sedan 120



Matt Gresalfi and his 1952 Morris Oxford



Bob Ward and his 1964 Chevrolet Corvette



Neil Sugermeyer and his 1965 Rambler Classic 770 convertible



Bob Stein's 1967 Mercury Cougar



Ron Huibers and his 1968 Volvo 1800S



Susan Bond and her 1974 MGB GT



Al & Laurel Swenson and their 1975 MGB



Bob Parrish & his 1978 Ford Thunderbird



Jim Elliott and his 1982 Chevrolet Corvette



Frank Lagana and his 1990 Ford pick-up truck



Wes Neal and his 1990 Jeep Grand Wagoneer



TRAACA Friday Night Social

Friday, September 25, 2015

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

Elvis has not left the building. In fact, on Friday, September 25th, the night before the club's annual "Wings & Wheels" Show, 51 TRAACA members gathered at the Oaklette Methodist Church in Chesapeake, VA, to enjoy some of Elvis's (and other 1950's rock & roll) songs. The theme for the night was a 50's Sock Hop. Many members came dressed in 50's attire including poodle skirts and capri pants for the ladies, and rolled up jeans, white socks & loafers, and leather jackets for the guys.

Dot Parrish supplied the 50's music and put together a cute table vignette of Elvis memorabilia and other period correct items (e.g., candy, toys and phonograph records). The entertainment for the evening consisted of members who were brave [foolish?] enough to get up on the dance floor and sashay to songs such as the Stroll, the Hokey Pokey, the Chicken Dance, and "YMCA" by the Village People (not a 1950s song, but still fun to listen and watch).

Reginella's Italian Ristorante prepared the excellent meal. There was plenty of lasagna, spaghetti & meatballs,

Italian sausage, and salad for everyone. For dessert there were two delicious cakes—one chocolate, one yellow with raspberry filling. Needless to say, there wasn't much dessert left over for members to take home.

Knowing that Saturday was going to be busy because of our Annual Meet and require an early start, people quickly pitched in after the entertainment portion to help clean up the hall. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie with fellow TRAACA members, the music, decorations and, of course, the food.



The special "sock-hop" display assembled by Dot Parrish



TRAACA members performing "the Stroll"



TRAACA members performing the "Chicken Dance"



(L-R) AACA Editor West Peterson, past Pres Terry Bond, Exec VP Bob Parrish, past Pres Tom Cox, and TRAACA Pres Jim Villers



TRAACA members enjoying the post-dinner entertainment



AACA Western Division Fall Tour

Santa Rosa, CA

August 25-27, 2015



Story by Bob Parrish. Photos by Dot Parrish.

Dot and I had the opportunity to tour with the AACA Redwood Empire Region in Santa Rosa, California, when they organized and hosted the AACA Western Divisional Tour this past August, and we had a good time. Obviously, because we did not take a tour car that distance, we were offered rides in various members' cars during the week: an award-winning 1939 Studebaker one day, a beautiful 1955 Lincoln Capri and a 1955 Cadillac Coupe de Ville another day. The Redwood Empire Region members were some of the nicest people in the hobby.

During the tour we visited the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline for a clam chowder break rather than the traditional coffee stop. We saw giant redwood trees, California's Old Faithful geyser, several vineyards with complimentary wine tastings, a petrified forest, and many other attractions.

After the tour Dot and I traveled to Reno, NV, to meet with the National Automobile Museum's Public Relations Manager, and we spent several hours on Saturday, August 29th, visiting the museum. This museum is also known as the former Harrah's Automobile Collection, where there are over 200 great cars on display in four main galleries.

The first gallery has cars from the 1890s—1910s, including an 1892 Panhard & Levassor Voiturette, a 1900 Packard B Runabout, and a 1903 Franklin Light Roadster. The second gallery has vehicles from the teens to early 1930s. Brass era and very early cars are neatly segregated. Also in the room are two very rare Chevrolets: a 1917 "D-5" V-8 Touring Car and a 1923 copper-cooled "M" Utility Coupe, the only year for an air-cooled Chevrolet car and this car is one of only two known to still exist—all 729 manufactured were recalled. Somehow this one got away, and aren't we glad it did?

The third gallery contains cars from the 1930s—1940s, including several Duesenbergs, Cords, Wills St. Claires, Chrysler Air Flows, and a 1948 Tucker (#32 of the 51 produced). The fourth gallery contains 1950s—1960s cars, including John Wayne's 1953 Corvette and many other rare and unusual examples. The final room has famous race cars, including the 1907 Thomas Flyer 35 New York to Paris racer, Don "Big Daddy" Garlits' 1974 AHRA & NHRA champion rear-engine dragster, a 1972 McLaren Can-Am race car, and a 1975 McLaren Indianapolis racer.

The National Automobile Museum is ranked in the top five automotive museums in the country by *Autoweek* magazine. If you are ever in the Reno area, I would say a visit to this museum would be well worth your time. [For more information and photos of all the museum's cars, see the museum's website: <http://www.automuseum.org/>.]



The Robert Young Estate Winery in Geyserville, CA

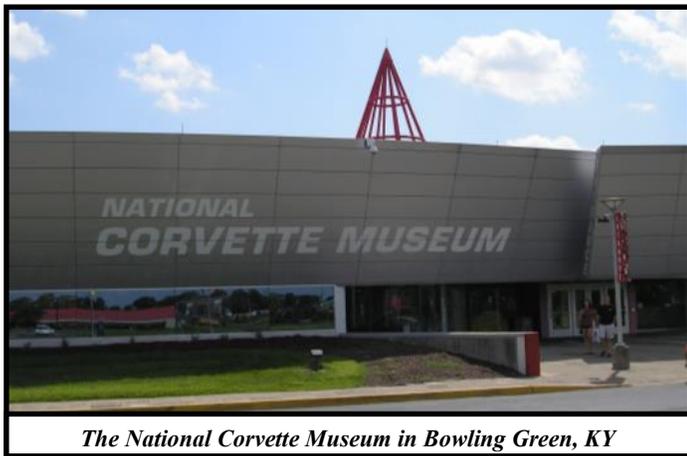


The Western Division Tour driving through the giant redwoods



Corvette Assembly Plant and National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, KY

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



The National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY

While in Louisville, KY, for the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet (July 15-18, 2015), we traveled to Bowling Green, KY (about a 1½-hour drive south of Louisville), to visit the Corvette Assembly Plant and National Corvette Museum. The guided, 1-mile walking tour of the plant lasts an hour and is reasonably priced (\$7.00/person, with special deals for active duty military, seniors, etc.).

Every Corvette produced since 1981 has been made at the Bowling Green Plant. The plant employs about 400 production workers and runs a daily 8- or 10-hour shift Monday-Friday. The day we visited (Thursday, 16 July) the production goal for the day was 170 vehicles.

In 2013 the plant underwent a \$131 million renovation to accommodate the changes in the newest generation Corvette—the C7 Stingray. During the plant tour you will see robotic parts carts following a painted line on the floor. If something or someone is in the robot's path, it will stop until the passage is clear. We were impressed when we witnessed a technician spot a boy in our tour group, stop what he was doing, grab a Corvette *Hot Wheels* toy car out of a large box, walk over to the young man and give him the toy car. The worker then returned to his workstation and resumed his job.

One of the tour highlights is seeing the car body and chassis “come together in marriage.” An even better highlight (at least in my opinion) is the “drive off” at the end of the assembly line: the vehicle is driven quickly over several raised metal strips and into a bay to have its instruments checked by a computer calibrated against the “golden” Corvette, which sits on the plant floor. (This car was 100 percent perfect when produced and is used as the benchmark for all other Corvettes produced.) Every Corvette produced goes through these quality checks before it is released to the purchaser, not just one of every several hundred vehicles like at most auto factories.

If you order a new Corvette, for an additional fee you can opt to watch the vehicle's production, help build its engine (if ordering the Z06 model with the LT4 650-hp engine), and/or take delivery of it at the “Nursery” located in the National Corvette Museum.

The National Corvette Museum opened in 1994 and is located across the street from the Corvette Assembly Plant. The museum has a great collection of vehicles, including special ones such as the one millionth Corvette and one of each Indianapolis 500 Pace Car Corvette. The museum offers VIP tours, which include the museum and assembly plant. It also houses the Corvette Café, which looks like an old diner and serves pretty good burgers.

The museum has five of the Corvettes on display that were damaged when a sinkhole swallowed eight of the historic vehicles on February 12, 2014. Chevrolet and the museum originally planned on restoring all eight, but some were too far gone to be salvaged, so only three are being restored. The sinkhole was repaired and is outlined with a painted line (resembling a police body outline).

If you have not taken a tour of the Corvette Assembly Plant and/or visited the National Corvette Museum, add them to your bucket list. They are fantastic places to visit.



The museum's "Nursery"—Corvettes awaiting their new owners

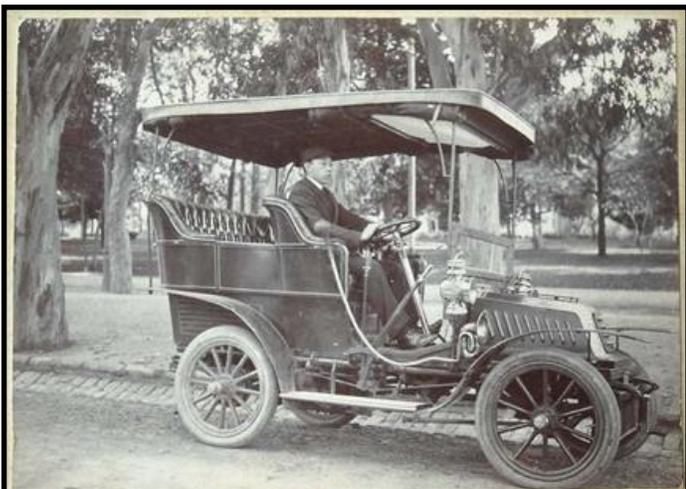


Casualties of the sinkhole on display at the repaired museum



Still Collecting Stuff — Photographs — *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words* By Terry Bond

Throughout my collections of collections, a common thread is the automotive image. The photograph itself is the most exciting of all automotive images. They represent slices of time that stand still. History recorded for the eye!



Photograph of a 1903 De Dion Bouton

I'm not technically astute in the art of photography itself, and couldn't remember an F-Stop from a U-turn, but I know a great photo when I see one. The advent of the automobile and developments in photography overlap. There were no clear-cut end dates for certain types of photography, so you will find automotive images in a variety of differing formats. The old tintypes, glass plate images, or even albumen silver nitrate prints can all be found with early automotive scenes on them. Remember, photography itself predates the Civil War!



A proud family in their 1905 Cadillac

I guess I could try and categorize them and logically they fall into three basic groups: cars, motoring scenes, and garage scenes. For me, the earlier the image, the more interesting it is.

There are some great websites that are there for your enjoyment if you like stepping back in time and looking at early cars in their natural habitat, early gas stations or garages, or even old junkyards filled with ancient car hulks. www.shorpy.com is a wonderful archive of early photos that includes a great transportation-related section. Of course www.oldmotor.com is another resource dedicated strictly to early motoring.

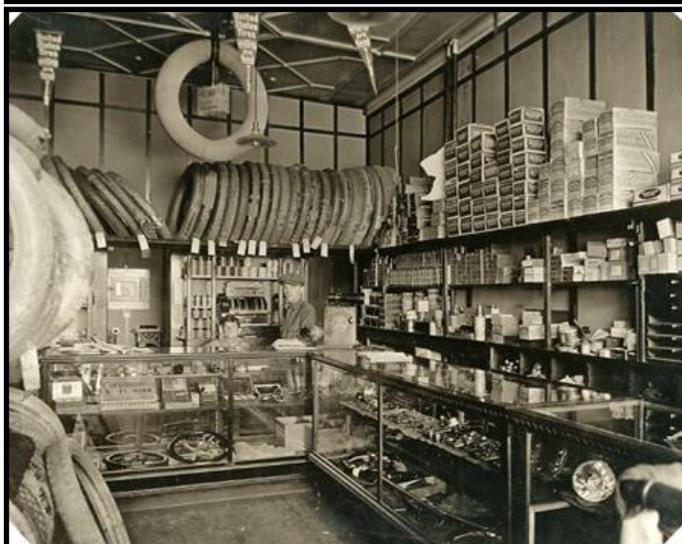
I find early photos everywhere—garage sales, antique shops, flea markets, on the Internet, and especially at the book, paper and ephemera shows I mentioned in last month's article.

Large-size, card-mounted photos can command the highest prices. Clear images with great detail and specifically identifiable cars can command prices in the hundred dollar range. Wonderful automobile scenes are equally as valuable as long as the car is the primary subject in the picture. Equally as pricey can be early garages and service stations with brand named gas pumps. Collectors of petromobilia will pay a lot for nice ones regardless of the car, so there is plenty of competition for that crossover type of collectible.

Smaller format photographs are going to be much less expensive, down to a few dollars for simple snapshots.



A wonderful photograph of an early gas station



A great interior view of an early auto parts store. These kinds of photographs are an inspiration for my own recreation of just such a place in my own garage.

Quite surprisingly those early tintypes are not that expensive. Most that I've seen are staged photos of families posed in mock-up studio cars. It was popular to see such photos done in resort areas where an early car would be set up on a beach somewhere, or in a studio, providing the perfect setting for a vacationing family and their souvenir photo together.

Pictures of early races or race cars command a premium, especially those from known events with recognizable drivers. I'm proud to own an original photo of "Old Number 16" actually being raced in the 1908 Vanderbilt Cup Race. The car still exists today.

Among my favorites are motoring scenes, images taken of people with their cars, pretty ladies driving, proud chauffeurs,



A great image of an early Ford Model T at speed on a dusty road



"Old Number 16," a 1906 Locomobile—the first American car to win an international auto race: the Vanderbilt Cup Race in 1908



An early tintype photo of a "mock-up" automobile in a studio with a painted canvas background

cars in action or scenes of cars actually being driven. Since I love Model T Fords, I've accumulated a number of great images of Model Ts with their proud new owners.

There are bargains out there, but it takes a lot of looking. Beware of reproductions. They are easy to detect as the photo paper they are printed on will be clean and new looking on the back. Flaws in the original photo or negative will be reprinted in them, so study them carefully. Beware of those commonly found sepia-toned, mass-produced poster-type photos. A quiet evening browsing the Internet, ebay in particular, will provide a good foundation of knowledge for you on what is commonly found and currently being reproduced.

As you read this, I probably will have managed to find a few more treasures up in Pennsylvania to add to my photograph collection, so watch for my annual "Hershey Discoveries" column to see what I've found. Until then, enjoy collecting, and enjoy the pictures!

Terry Bond



A pretty lady driving an early car



Another great early garage scene. It's fun trying to ID the cars!



An appropriately attired family ready to set off on a motoring adventure in their new White steam car



TRAACA Harbor's Edge Car Show

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

On Saturday, 12 September 2015, over 20 TRAACA members brought their antique vehicles to display at the Harbor's Edge retirement community, which is located on the scenic waterfront of the Elizabeth River in downtown Norfolk. Dot Payne, a resident of Harbor's Edge and a dear friend of TRAACA members Bob & Dot Parrish, contacted Dot Parrish and asked her if some TRAACA members would bring their classic cars to share with the residents of Harbor's Edge during their annual tent "yard" sale. Even though it was a busy weekend, the TRAACA showed up in force.

Jere Avenson brought his 1954 Packard Patrician; Bob & Ann Bohannon brought their 1986 Jaguar XJ6; Terry & Sue Bond brought their 1974 MGB GT and 1948 MG TC respectively; Dan Ciccone brought his 1937 Packard Super Eight; Keith Colonna brought his 1956 Lincoln Continental Mk II; Joe & Charline Geib brought their 1966 Avanti II; Sam Kern brought his 1925 Franklin (in a trailer towed by another classic—Sam's 1988 Chevrolet pick-up truck); Mark & Marion McAlpine brought their 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle Super Sport; Mickey & Toni

McChesney brought their 1968 Oldsmobile Delta 88; Bob & Dot Parrish brought their 1978 Chevrolet Corvette and 1978 Ford Thunderbird respectively; Tony Scarpelli brought his 1956 Chrysler New Yorker; Dwight Schaubach sent his 1929 Duesenberg Convertible Coupe J-112, Duesenberg LeGrand 1003 J-436, and 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz; Neil & Marty Sugermeyer brought their 1965 Rambler Classic 770; and Bill & Linda Treadwell brought their 1969 Chevrolet Camaro. Tyler Gimbert tried to bring Dan Ciccone's 1929 Willys-Knight but had mechanical problems en route, so he reverted to modern transportation and still came to oversee the club's display.

Harbor's Edge treated the TRAACA participants to a delicious free breakfast in their dining room, which had a beautiful view of the harbor and downtown Norfolk. And a number of members picked up some great deals at the tent sale (which was indoors this year because of the threat of rain). Our thanks to Dot Payne and Harvey Lindsey for inviting the club to Harbor's Edge and for their gracious hospitality. All participants agreed that it was a fun and relaxing event. We look forward to future visits.



Dwight Schaubach's 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz



Dwight Schaubach's 1930 Duesenberg LeGrand 1003 J-436



The TRAACA group—minus Bob & Ann Bohannon



(L-R) Dot Parrish, Marion McAlpine, Toni McChesney, Sue Bond and Marty Sugermeyer



Were You Ever a New Member?

By Don Barlup, AACA President

(Reprinted from the Summer 2015 AACA Rummage Box newsletter)



Of course you were! We all started somewhere! Be it our religious, social, service or hobby organization. We each took that first step into the unknown. The fact that you are reading this message tells me that your experience with AACA has been, for the most part, a positive one.

But where is that new member that joined us a while back? We haven't seen him or her recently. Was it something we said?

Was it something we didn't say? Something we didn't do? Something we did do? Did we welcome them? Did we engage in conversation with them? Did we share our excitement with them? Did we simply thank them for their interest and attendance?

If you haven't seen them recently maybe you need to call or email them! New members are hard to get and even harder to keep. Make that contact today! Don't wait for someone else to do it. It could be too late! Show that new member that you really do care!



ALERT ALERT ALERT

By Herb Oakes, AACA VP Judging

(Reprinted from the Summer 2015 AACA Rummage Box newsletter)



It is important that each AACA vehicle owner must do their level best to get their vehicle ready for an AACA meet. Owners take this task very seriously. In AACA, it is the owner's responsibility to restore the vehicle correctly. This is done by using factory documentation, owner's manuals and AACA's judging standards. AACA's statement is that we, as judges, are looking for a vehicle as it was delivered from the factory to the dealer.

The above is fairly simple, but where some of us are falling short is the issue of tires. I have asked our Tire Consultant, who also serves as a CJE Instructor on tires, to draft an article for the next issue of *Antique Automobile* that will give valuable information to our members who

do not understand the basic tire situation. Many of them have been led astray and have purchased the wrong tires because they have been told that these are the replacement tires for their vehicle. With the publishing of this article we can do justice to our members in preparing their vehicle to be judged at a National Meet.

Each of you please read and pay attention to the upcoming article in *Antique Automobile* magazine. The right tires are available for your vehicle. I am asking each editor to publish this article in their region or chapter newsletter, suggesting that every member read this tire article. Once this article is published, the plan is to reprint it in the Rummage Box so that it can be used in Regions' and Chapters' Newsletters. We've got to get the right message out!



2016 AACA Board of Directors Election

The AACA Nominating Committee has chosen nine AACA members for places on the AACA Board of Directors for 2016. You received your postage-paid official ballot with your September/October issue of the *Antique Automobile* magazine. You must vote for seven candidates (no more or less or your ballot will be invalidated and not counted), and your ballot must be post-marked by November 15th. Two of the seven nominees are TRAACA members—former AACA President Tom Cox, who is running for reelection, and Jim Elliott, who is running for the first time. Don't forget to vote!



The Complete Toolbox

Tools every mechanic should have in his/her toolbox.

I made this tool to lube the speedometer cable on my '66 Mustang. If you've ever had a cable pulsate or make noise, it needs to be lubricated. This tool is made from three pieces: a brass fitting to screw to the speedometer cable, a Zerk grease fitting, and a brass fitting to adapt the Zerk fitting to the cable fitting. Total cost \$7. No mess and no removing/replacing the cable.

(Suggested by Wes Neal)





TRAACA Fall Tour to Williamsburg, VA



Saturday-Sunday, November 7-8, 2015

This year's TRAACA Fall Tour is to Williamsburg, VA. We will depart at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning, November 7th, from the parking lot of the Cracker Barrel restaurant at 4700 Portsmouth Blvd in Chesapeake, VA 23321 (which is off I-664 Exit 11A—Portsmouth Blvd) and travel to Surry, VA, to take the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry to Williamsburg. We should arrive in Colonial Williamsburg about 11:30 AM. You are on your own to enjoy lunch at one of the many great local restaurants. (Parking details to be provided.)

After lunch, our first activity will be a visit to the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg (which are located at 326 West Francis Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185). We will meet at the museums' entrance at 1:15 PM for a 45-minute guided tour of the Dewitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum, then we will be on our own to tour the adjoining Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum and/or nearby Bassett Hall. Group price tickets are \$10.99 each and include admission to the Dewitt Wallace Museum, Rockefeller Museum, and Bassett Hall, an 18th-century home restored, furnished, and lived in seasonally by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and his wife Abby Aldrich Rockefeller during the 1930s & 1940s when they financed the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg.

Those who wish to go to dinner as a group on Saturday will meet at 4:45 PM across the street from the museum and walk to the nearby Seasons Restaurant and Bar (which is located at 110 South Henry Street) to enjoy dinner together in its private meeting room. Reservations are required, so please tell us if you intend to join the group for dinner. (Dinner is pay for your own.) Please only sign up for dinner if you intend to go.

After dinner we will go to either the Kimball Theatre (428 West Duke of Gloucester) or the Williamsburg Players community theater (200 Hubbard Lane) to enjoy a performance. (We are still coordinating this activity. We know that the Williamsburg Players are performing the play "Amadeus" that day, but the Kimball Theater's schedule is not posted yet; however, it features live music performances, plays, and classic movie screenings. Details & ticket prices will be provided in the club's weekly *Mud Speck* e-mail on 12 October.)

For those who choose to stay overnight in Williamsburg, our host hotel is the Quality Inn at 505 York Street. (We have a confirmed group rate of \$69.00/night including continental breakfast on Sunday morning. Phone them at (757) 220-3100 for reservations, and remember to tell them that you're with the TRAACA in order to get the group rate.)

Breakfast on Sunday is on your own. On Sunday afternoon the group will attend a matinee performance at either the Kimball Theatre or the Williamsburg Players. (Details and ticket prices will be provided in the 12 October *Mud Speck*.) Afterward members are free to explore Williamsburg on their own and return home at their leisure.

More details about the tour & ticket prices for the theater performances will be provided in the October 12th *Mud Speck*. To sign up for the Fall Tour, download the registration form from the TRAACA website (<http://local.aaca.org/tidewater/>), fill it out, and mail it and your check covering all the activities you signed up for to Dick Chipchak, 1536 Still Harbor Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. If you have any questions, please call Dick at (757) 495-0115. REMEMBER TO CALL THE HOTEL DIRECT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER, TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM.



AACA Calendar of Events

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

OCTOBER 2015

7-10 Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA

NOVEMBER 2015

5-7 Central Fall Meet
Houma, LA

FEBRUARY 2016

11-13 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

MARCH 2016

17-19 Winter Meet
Naples, FL

APRIL 2016

7-10 Southeastern Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC

MAY 2016

5-7 Special Spring Meet
Auburn, IN

19-21 Eastern Spring Meet
Vineland, NJ

JUNE 2016

2-4 Annual Grand National Meet
Williamsport, PA

10-12 The Elegance at Hershey
Hershey, PA

12-17 The Sentimental Tour
Salisbury, NC

JULY 2016

17-21 Founders Tour
Huntington, PA

AUGUST 2016

11-13 Southeastern Fall Meet
New Bern, NC

SEPTEMBER 2016

11-16 AAA Revival Glidden Tour
North Conway, NH

OCTOBER 2016

5-8 Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA

20-22 Central Fall Meet
Houston, TX

30-
Nov 6 Reliability Tour (Pre-1916)
Savannah, GA



2016 Tidewater Region AACA Membership Form



Please complete this form and mail it with your check for \$25 to:

TRAACA Membership – Jim Villers, 3133 Inlet Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Dues cover both Member and Spouse. Remember that you MUST be a 2016 AACA National Member to belong to the Region. Your renewal must be received by January 15, 2016, to be included in the 2016 Roster.

Please fill out completely:

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

His work phone: _____ His email: _____ (Primary __)

Her work phone: _____ Her email: _____ (Primary __)

National AACA Number: _____ My 2015 AACA membership is paid: ____ (Y/N)

Optional: Birthday/month ____/____ Spouse Birthday/month ____/____ Anniversary day/month ____/____

I have bought/sold vehicles since the 2015 Roster was printed. Changes are noted below.

Please note condition or SOLD using the following: SOLD (S), Restored (R), Original (O), Partly Restored (PR), or Under Restoration (UR). List the year, make and model of the vehicle in the description.

Vehicle change 1: () Description: _____

Vehicle change 2: () Description: _____

Vehicle change 3: () Description: _____

GET ACTIVE: What club event, activity, or function would you like to help with?

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:



Happy 60th Anniversary TRAACA!

(Information provided by TRAACA historian Richard Hall)

The Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA) was chartered on February 4, 1955, becoming one of just 34 regions in the country at the time. Since then, the club has grown from 10 members to over 170 families & the AACA has grown to 366 regions. Each issue of *The Mudflap* this year will highlight some of our history.

AACA NATIONAL SPRING MEET
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

Southeastern Division
 NATIONAL A.A.C.A.

NORFOLK · VIRGINIA
 JUNE 12
 1976
 1776 - 1976

Cape Henry Lighthouse
 Built 1791

Adam Thoroughgood House
 Oldest Brick Home
 Built 1636

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 1976

SOUVENIR PROGRAM - \$1.00

TIDEWATER REGION

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 ROBERT T. VANN

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WELCOME TO THE OLD DOMINION!

The entire membership of the Tidewater Region welcomes all of you to the 1976 Southeastern National Spring Meet. We have been actively involved in preparation for this Meet for approximately a year and a half; and, although sometimes disappointing and trying, it has been a labor of love.

We have attempted to put on a show that will be enjoyable to all of you in attendance. If any problems arise, please contact one of the members from the Host Region for assistance. There is a saying, "It is impossible to please everyone." This may be true, but we are going to try.

I trust your stay in Virginia will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Robert Vann

MEET COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

GENERAL CHAIRMAN	Robert T. Vann
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CHIEF JUDGE	L.M. "Winks" von Schilling
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TOUR	Margaret Welch
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CONCESSIONS	C. L. Petersen
FLEA MARKET	Robert Flora
PUBLICATION	James C. Kraft Karyl B. Kraft

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This is the program for the first AACA national meet ever hosted by the TRAACA. It was held on June 11-13, 1976, at the Barry-Robinson School in Norfolk. The TRAACA President at the time was Kurt Schleicher. The Meet Chairman was Robert Vann; the Chief Marshall was Al Mercer; the Chief Judge was L.M. "Winks" von Schilling.

2016 TRAACA Officers and Board of Directors Nominees

- PRESIDENT:** JIM VILLERS
VICE PRESIDENT: MARK McALPINE
SECRETARY: JULIE HOBBS *
TREASURER: MARION McALPINE
- BOARD MEMBERS:** MATT DOSCHER
 WAYNE MILLIGAN *
 SKIP PATNODE
 BILL TREADWELL *

* These nominated members are new to the Board of Directors and are nominated to replace outgoing members Melanie Kordis, Tyler Gimbert, and Tim Russell respectively. The Board & club members thank each of them for their dedicated and selfless service to our club.

Nomination and Election Process:

A nominating committee comprised of three past TRAACA Presidents recommended the candidates listed above. This candidate list will also be presented to the club at the club meeting on Saturday, October 31st (the Chili Cook-Off at Dewey & Maxine Milligans' house). At that time club members may propose other candidates. Any proposed nominees must be present and accept the nomination. If no additional candidates are proposed, the nominated candidates will be considered elected. If additional candidates are nominated, an election will be held at the club's November dinner meeting on Thursday, November 19th, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

The new board will be inducted at the club's Saturday, 23 January 2016, dinner meeting. (Location to be determined.)



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

Thomas & Rosemarie Poe
Chesapeake, VA
- 1963 Studebaker Lark

Sunshine Report

Condolences are extended to the family of:

- **Laurice Becker, wife of longtime TRAACA member Al Becker**, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 2nd. She was 64 years old.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Ellen Adams** underwent outpatient surgery on Wednesday, September 23. She is doing well & recovering at home.
- **Sue Bond** recently underwent outpatient surgery. She is doing well and is out & about.

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

TRAACA "Wings & Wheels" 2015 Meet Special Awards

Best in Show	Larry Wickham	1935 Ford Truck
Best British	David Bristow	1974 Triumph TR-6
Best Chevrolet	Gary Garris	1987 Corvette
Best Corvette	Jim Elliott	1982 Corvette
Best Classic	Bob Woolfitt	1934 Packard 12 Formal Sedan
Best Foreign	Don Huibers	1968 Volvo 1800S
Best German	Jim Villers	1965 Porsche 356C
Best GM	Bob Roughton	1909 Oakland
Best Jeep	Wes Neal	1991 Grand Wagoneer
Best Mopar	Tony Scarpelli	1956 Chrysler New Yorker
Best Orphan	Sam Kern	1925 Franklin 4-dr
Post-War Ford	Bob & Dot Parrish	1978 Thunderbird
Merritt Horne	Bob Roughton	1909 Oakland
Best Craftsmanship	Jim Villers	1965 Porsche 356S
Best Engine	Michael Benedict	1987 Buick Grand National
Best Grill	Rad Tillett	1932 Ford Model A Roadster
Best Interior	William Kinne	1972 Rolls-Royce
Best Paint	Richard & Sandy Hall	1935 Packard Club Sedan



Members celebrating anniversaries in October



Briant & Joan Capps
Kevin & Tracy Carr
Tony & Dawn Cerza
Mark & Diane Gresalfi
Ronald & Sally Hartman
Mark & Marion McAlpine
Wayne & Carol Milligan
Tim & Rhonda Russell
Bill & Linda Treadwell
Viator & Janet Trudeau



Members celebrating birthdays in October



Keith Colonna	Skip Patnode
Holly Forester	Tim Russell
Robert Green	JoAnne Saiya
Mark Gresalfi	Ken Saiya
Nancy Hassell-Sitar	Carla Anne Sobota
Gale Hyatt	Jason Sturniolo
Robert Hyatt	Lisa Sturniolo
Georgiann McVicker	Debra Swartz
Dewey Milligan	Radford Tillet
Keith Olson	Bill Treadwell
Ron Pack	Viator Trudeau
Lori Powell	Ginger Watson

Recent Award Winners

Classics on the Green—New Kent, VA

Sue Bond	1948 MG TC Best in Class
Reggie Nash	1940 Nash Ambassador Special Cabriolet Best of Special Display Vintage
	1951 Nash-Healey Best in Class
Mark Strang	1970 Morgan Plus 4 Best in Class
Jim Villers	1967 Porsche 911 Best in Class
Bob & Linda Pellerin	1937 Volvo PV51 4-dr Special Display Participant





6th Annual Air & Auto Classic

Saturday, October 17, 2015

11:00 AM—4:00 PM

(Rain date is Saturday, October 31st)

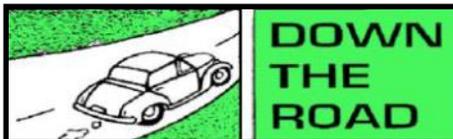
The show is open to Foreign & Domestic, Vintage, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Race Cars, Sports Cars, and Late Model Cars/Trucks of all makes & types. "If you're proud of it, bring it."

WHERE: Military Aviation Museum
1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 20110

Registration: \$25. "Rock Star" Registration: \$50.

Spectators: \$15 per car (includes entrance to the museum)

For more info see www.fsrpca.org and look for Air & Auto Classic logo



Other Regional/ Local Events

OCTOBER 2015

- 30 Sep– Fall Carlisle
- 3 Carlisle, PA
- 3 Elizabeth Lodge #34
13th Annual "Shine & Show
Before the Snow" Car,
Truck, & Motorcycle Show
Chesapeake, VA

RESCHEDULED TO 1 NOVEMBER

- 3 Franklin Fall Festival
Car Show
Franklin, VA
- CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER**

- 10 Smithfield Ruritan Club's
14th Annual Car Show
Smithfield & Town Country
Days, Smithfield, VA

- 17 Air & Auto Classic Show
Military Aviation Museum
Virginia Beach, VA

- 17 Driver Days Car Show
Driver, VA

- 17 Medi Home Health and
Hospice 2nd Annual
"Stars & Cars" Car Show
Chesapeake, VA

- 23-25 Goodguys SE Nationals
Charlotte, NC

- 24 13th Annual Virginia Fall
Classic Show
Newport News, VA

- 24 Old Dominion Packard Club
Fall Meet
Fredericksburg, VA

- 25 "Cartoberfest"—the Tommy
V Classic Car Show
Virginia Beach, VA

- 31 Restoration Reunion and
Legends at the Park
Virginia Motorsports Park
Petersburg, VA

NOVEMBER 2015

- 1 Elizabeth Lodge #34
13th Annual "Shine & Show
Before the Snow" Car,
Truck, & Motorcycle Show
Chesapeake, VA
- 7 Shop with a Cop Car Show
Gloucester, VA



2nd Annual

Medi Home Health & Hospice

"Stars & Cars" Car Show

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Chesapeake City Park, Chesapeake, VA

Benefits Honor Flight, the Horton Wreath Society, and Medi Charity Fund

For registration form and more info see: www.medibenefitcarshow.com



Virginia Fall Classic

13th Annual

VIRGINIA FALL CLASSIC

Saturday, October 24, 2015

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

(Rain date is Sunday, October 25th. Decision made by 7:00 AM Saturday.)

Open car, truck, and bike show at Newport News Park. All makes and models welcome. Three day event—cruise-in and dinner on Friday, car show on Saturday, car cruise on Sunday.

All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters

WHERE: Newport News Park
13560 Jefferson Ave, Newport News, VA

Registration: \$20 for first vehicle. \$10 for each additional vehicle registered by the same owner.

For registration form and more info see: www.vafallclassic.com.



EDITOR'S DESK

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I don't know about you, but I've seen enough rain for a while. My hiking boots just finished drying out from our annual meet on last Saturday, and now, as I write this monthly note, Hurricane Joaquin is bearing down on us & it has been raining for the last two days. If our historical luck continues Hampton Roads will not suffer a direct hit, but heavy rain is projected through the weekend and high winds & tidal storm surge flooding are serious threats. Please be safe and take all the necessary precautions.

Although the rain last weekend resulted in a disappointing turnout of vehicles and spectators for our annual meet (only 39 of the 155 preregistered vehicles, plus 5 day-of-show cars), it still was fun. I can't say I enjoyed being outside in the rain for hours working the show & judging, but there's something about a group working together as a team to overcome adversity that brings people together and gives you a great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. I echo club President Jim Villers in thanking everyone who worked so hard over the last year, especially over the last month or two, to plan, coordinate, and prepare for our meet and then to pull it off on the day of the show. You were incredible and your efforts enabled us to adapt on the fly on the day of the show to overcome

unexpected challenges (like our food vendors not showing up). I think the weather gods owe us great weather for our annual meet next year.

As you read this issue of *The Mudflap*, many of you are preparing to head to Hershey, PA, next week for the "granddaddy" of car shows and AACA meets: the AACA Eastern Division Fall Meet. For those of us who have been to Hershey before, I don't need to explain anything else—it's an experience we look forward to every year. For those of you who haven't journeyed to the Hershey Meet before, you need to go at least once. (Where else can you find over 1,500 AACA vehicles on the show field, another 1,000 in the car corral, and over 9,000 vendors?) It's too late to register a vehicle for this year's meet, but it's not too late for you to go. (Bum a ride, maybe even share a room if you have to, with another club member.) If you can't go this year, start planning now to make the trip next year—you won't regret it and likely will wonder why you haven't gone before.

Don't forget that at our November dinner meeting (Thurs, 19 Nov) we will elect our Board of Directors for 2016. (It's also our annual Silent Auction!) And if you haven't sent in your AACA Board of Directors ballot yet (it was mailed with the Sep/Oct issue of the *Antique Automobile*), don't forget that it needs to be postmarked no later than November 15th. Our own Tom Cox is running for reelection and Jim Elliott for the first time. As they say in Chicago: vote early & vote often! **Mark Mc**

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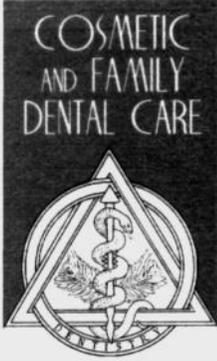
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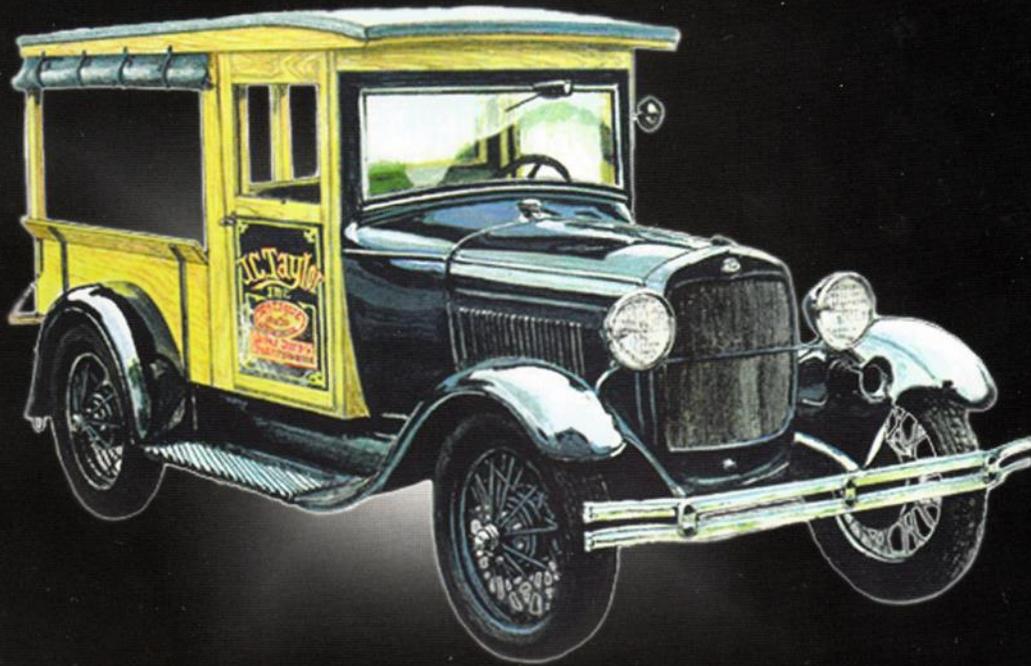
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