

# The Mudflap

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## TRAACA Annual Chili Cook-off Saturday October 16, 2021



The calendar says autumn is near but it sure doesn't feel that way! As the car season begins to slowly brake for another year, we traditionally mark this time with our Tidewater Region Annual Chili Cook-Off! This year's Chili Cook-Off is on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Dewey and Maxine Milligan have again graciously offered to host the Chili Cook-Off at their home in Chesapeake, VA. I have to callout how much work they did getting the barn ready this year after I made a mess inside it with all the work done to the '68 Ford LTD...THANK YOU! Members are welcome to arrive beginning at 12:00 noon and we'll begin eating at 1:00 PM.

Please either bring a crockpot with enough of your special, super top-secret, family recipe chili to share with your fellow Club members or bring a side dish or dessert. The Club will provide bowls, tableware, and drinks.

Please contact Wayne and Carol Milligan at [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net) or (757) 404 - 7937 to sign up to attend and let us know the number attending, and whether you will be bringing chili, a side dish, or a dessert. So, start the Fall season off right by joining your fellow Tidewater Region members at Dewey and Maxine Milligan's on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Drive your antique vehicle and come prepared to share some delicious food and a fun time with good friends.

**WHEN:** EATING at 1:00 PM, Saturday, October 16th

**WHERE:** Dewey & Maxine Milligan's  
2000 Shillelagh Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 404 - 7937

**SIGN UP:** Please RSVP by Monday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, by contacting Wayne and Carol Milligan at [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net) or at (757) 404-7937.



## TRAACA CALENDAR

Check [traaca.com/calendar.htm](http://traaca.com/calendar.htm) for the latest info on upcoming events!

### OCTOBER

- 2 - Atlantic Shores Third Annual Classic Car Cruise-In  
9 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm Doumars (Unsubsidized)
- 14 - TRAACA Board Meeting
- 16 - Chili Cook-off at the Milligan's home in Chesapeake (this is the October Dinner Meeting)
- 21-23 - Shenandoah Valley Region's ODMA Fall Tour

### November

- (Date and time TBD) - Tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum with lunch
- 18 - Dinner Meeting at Chesapeake Conference Center
- 20 - (time and starting location TBD) Square Car Tour

### December

- 4 - Driving tour of Christmas Lights at Oceanfront and possible dinner
- 12 - Christmas Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club



# President's Podium

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Hello fellow Tidewater Region AACA members.

Hello fellow Tidewater Region AACA members. I hope all are well. Thank you to Ellen Adams, for coordinating the tour of Nauticus and the USS Wisconsin followed by dinner at The Grain. Thank you also to Dick Chipchak for leading the tour. I have been to Nauticus and aboard the Wisconsin many times, but it has been several years and I had not been below deck before. The Museum continues to evolve and the ship is amazing – representing several decades of Naval evolution. In addition, the Volkswagen Beetle used to illustrate the size of the Wisconsin's 16" rounds looks as though it's ready to be driven onto an AACA show field! Also thank you to Matt and Vickie Doscher for quickly coordinating a great driving tour through Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and North Carolina followed by lunch as Blue Petes. It was a wonderful day for a drive and conveniently provided me with the perfect 'shake down' opportunity for the LTD.

A Nominating Committee has been formed to develop a slate of candidates for the 2022 Board. Terry Bond is leading the Committee which includes Mickey McChesney, Matt Doscher, Holly Forester, and Travis Berry. In addition, please consider becoming a member of the Activities Committee. Whether you would enjoy helping to coordinate a single event or several, the Club is always looking for new ideas of fun things to do to add to our traditional events. Whether a few hour driving tour or an overnight adventure, please share your ideas and your time.

The Board has reviewed the Club's Bylaws and proposed one change for the membership to vote on. Article 5, section 10 includes the donation amount made to AACA when a member passes. The proposal is to increase the amount from \$25.00 to \$50.00. All else remains the same within the By-

laws. Bob Stein has posted a copy of the proposed Bylaws on our web site for you to review. Once the membership has had time to review and consider the proposed change we will vote to amend or not at an upcoming event where a quorum is present.

Speaking of upcoming events, our October Dinner Meeting will be the Annual Chili Cook-Off at Dewey and Maxine Milligan's home – 2000 Shillelagh Road in Chesapeake – on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to begin gathering as early as noon and we will eat at 1:00. Please either bring a crock-pot with enough of your special, super top-secret, family recipe chili to share with your fellow Club members or bring a side dish or dessert. The Club will provide bowls, tableware, and drinks. Please RSVP (including number attending and whether you will be bringing chili, a side dish, or a dessert) by Monday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, by contacting Wayne and Carol Milligan at [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net) or at (757) 404-7937.

Looking ahead to early November, Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, to be exact – the Club will tour the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum located at 2 High Street in Portsmouth. 'To protect staff and visitors, the Portsmouth Museums are requiring masks for everyone ages 2 and above.' Street parking is available along High Street and in the nearby Water Street Garage (500 Water St). We will walk to Legend Brewing Depot at 1 High Street for lunch. Again, please email Wayne and Carol Milligan at [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net) or call (757) 404.7937 by Monday, November 1. There will be no cost for the Museum tour.

In any Club, there are always members who consistently step up and get things done. As we've grown to expect with our Annual Meets, the 2021 Annual Meet was also a big success! What makes this one different is the relatively short amount of time in which to prepare. I cannot thank Bob Stein and Jerry Adams enough for leading this year's Annual Meet. In addition, a HUGE THANK YOU to Paul Atkinson and his team at Eggleston Services for offering a fantastic venue along with a tremendous amount of help and support to ensure we were able to hold our Meet. Also, thank you to the Club members who volunteered to handle the many logistics. It was a great Meet and a great day for the Club! As always, I hope all remain well and safe and I look forward to seeing each of you very soon!

Warmest Regards,

Wayne Milligan, Tidewater Region AACA President

## Dinner Meeting Corner

**Chief Contact: Skip Patnode**

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



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# From the Running Board

September 9, 2021 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes *(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)*

## TRAACA Board Meeting

**Officer's Present:** Wayne Milligan (President), Tim Hund (Vice President), Fred Cole (Secretary), and Tammy Park (Treasurer).  
Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Dick Chipchak, and Doug Grosz. Club members present: Harry Park, Ellen Adams, Bob Stein

Board Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

**President:** Thanks for coming

**Vice President:**

**Secretary's Report:** August minutes reviewed and approved electronically

**Treasurer's Report:** August reports distributed electronically

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Activities:

Sunday August 29 Ellen coordinated a guided tour of Nauticus and the USS Wisconsin facilitated by Dick Chipchak followed by dinner at The Grain. A good time was had by all.

Doumars September 4, attended by a dozen members.

Saturday, September 11 – Matt and Vickie are coordinating a fun run as the base containing the light house is closed due to the pandemic.

Saturday, October 2 – Matt is coordinating a cruise-in at Atlantic Shores.

Saturday, October 16 – Carol and Wayne are coordinating the Chili Cook-Off at Dewey and Maxine Milligan's home. This will be the October meeting

Square car tour November 20. Location TBA

November (date and time to TBD) – Carol and Wayne Milligan are coordinating a tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum with lunch.

Saturday, December 4 – Travis and Kim are coordinating a driving tour of the Christmas Lights at the Oceanfront and possibly dinner

Sunday, December 12 – Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club (this is the December Dinner Meeting)

#### Restaurants:

September Dinner Meeting

\$300.00 deposit made (receipt to Treasurer)

Subsidizing November – December meeting meal costs –

Wayne is checking with the venues to see what the cost is going to be. Possible \$5 - \$10 subsidy depending on meal costs.

#### Membership:

Membership information through August 25<sup>th</sup> – 163 memberships, 283 members (unchanged)

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### Unfinished Business:

Mailed (USPS) newsletters, last print issue will be December newsletter, Wayne to write a cover letter to go with the mailed newsletters to explain.

Annual Meet – Bob Stein has been in contact with Eggleston people and has toured and laid out the parking for the Grand National display cars and checked on overflow parking for spectators.

### New Business:

- Treasurer has looked into closing the club Certificate of deposit due to the low interest rate. It was determined to leave it alone as the checking account doesn't pay interest

The Nominating Committee for next year's board is Terry, Mickey, Matt, Holly, Travis. Anyone wishing to volunteer for board service should contact one of the committee members.

The January meeting will be the awards banquet for 2020 and 2021

There will be a silent auction held in conjunction with the November meeting

### Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

**Adjourned** at 8:05 PM. Next board meeting is 7:00PM Thursday, October 14 at Uno's in Norfolk



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# The Detroit Historical Museum

## Detroit, Michigan

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine



The Detroit Historical Society was formed in 1921 and established the Detroit Historical Museum in 1928. While the museum has a variety of permanent, changing, and traveling exhibits that highlight historic events and cultural icons familiar to native Detroiters (Motown, race relations, Tiger Stadium, Little Caesar's Pizza, Faygo pop, Sanders ice cream and candy, Better Made potato chips, Stroh's Beer, etc.), one permanent exhibit stands out to fans and collectors of old cars: the signature exhibit of "America's Motor City."

The exhibit has a number of interesting displays about historic automotive milestones. There is a display of what's claimed to be the first car driven in Detroit, a gasoline-powered, 4-cylinder horseless carriage built by Charles Brady King and Oliver Bartel that was driven down Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit on March 6, 1896. (Woodward Ave has a more recent claim to fame, probably known by a lot more people: the Woodward Dream Cruise.)

A recent donation to the museum was a 1905 Cadillac 324 coupe, the first Cadillac built with a fully enclosed body. According to the display placard, Cadillac's founder Henry M. Leland "sent a standard, open, 1905 Cadillac to Detroit's C.R. Wilson Company with instructions to make the seating area weatherproof. The result, later named Osceola [by Leland], was built under the supervision of Fred Fisher, soon to be the driving force behind the behemoth Fisher Body Company. . . . Used by Leland as his personal car until his death [1932], the vehicle remained in his family until 1953 when it was returned to Detroit, put in running order and donated to the Detroit Historical Museum."

Another interesting display had the original small-scale models of the tubular frame and body for the aluminum-

bodied Stout Scarab automobile. The first prototype was built in 1932, a second in 1935. Reportedly only nine cars were built before WWII; each was hand-built. Another slightly different prototype, with a fiberglass body, was built after WWII and displayed in 1946. (That car is on display at the Gilmore Auto Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.)

The largest automotive exhibit is the body drop section removed from the Cadillac Fleetwood assembly Clark Street Assembly Plant, which opened in 1921 and closed in 1987. If you haven't toured an automobile assembly plant, this is the next best thing. The exhibit is still cool to see from both ground level and above.

When we visited, there was a special "Body by Fisher" exhibit that summarized the history of the company, the progression of advancements in automotive production, and Fisher Body's role in producing military equipment in both WWI and WWII as part of America's "Arsenal of Democracy." Two special pieces on display were the full-size replica of the Napoleonic coach depicted in Fisher Body's logo and a smaller scale model of the coach. The full-size coach was built in the 1980s by employees of the Fisher Body Plant in Lansing, MI (and donated to the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum), whereas the scale model was built in 1932 by Edward Matusek for the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild (an annual model-building competition held by GM from 1930-1968 for boys 11-20 years old).

If you ever visit Detroit, take time to visit the Detroit Historical Museum and learn more about the city and its automotive history. (Don't overlook the "Streets of Detroit" exhibit in the lower level of the museum, of replica stores and businesses from the 1840s, 1870s, and early 1900s.)



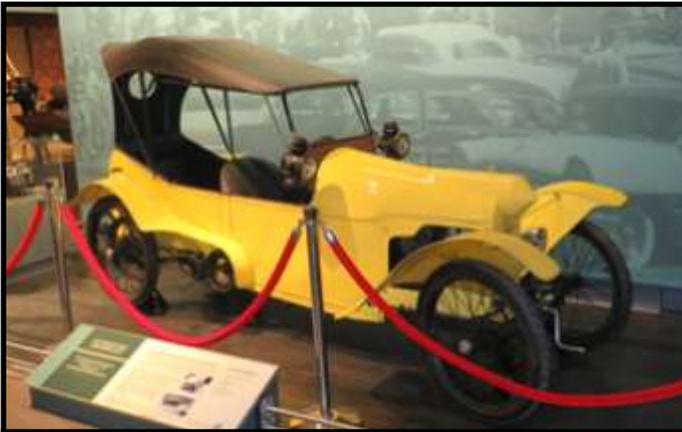
*The entrance to the Detroit Historical Museum (5401 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202)*



*Detroit's first car: a 4-cyl horseless carriage built by Charles Brady King & Oliver Bartel and driven down Woodward on March 6, 1896*



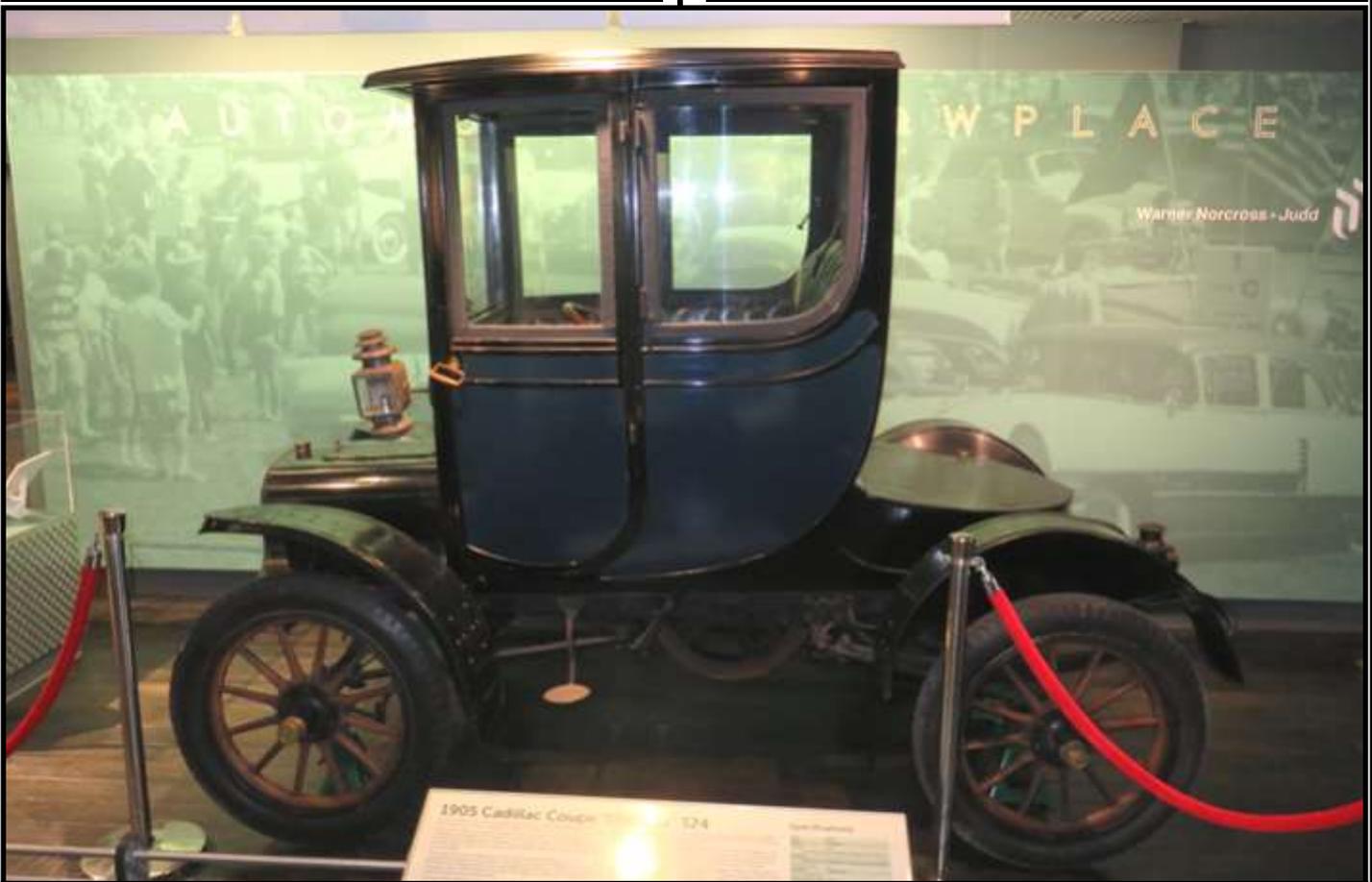
*1901 Oldsmobile Curved-Dash Runabout*



*1914 Scripps-Booth "Rocket" roadster*



*Ford Model T that visitors can sit in & take photos of themselves*



*Henry Leland's 1905 Cadillac "Osceola" 324 Coupe—the first Cadillac built with a fully enclosed body*



*Replica of the Fisher Body Coach, the logo of the company since 1923. Per the display placard, this re-creation was made by employees at the Fisher Body Plant in Lansing, MI. It was part of a historic display at the plant until donated to the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum.*



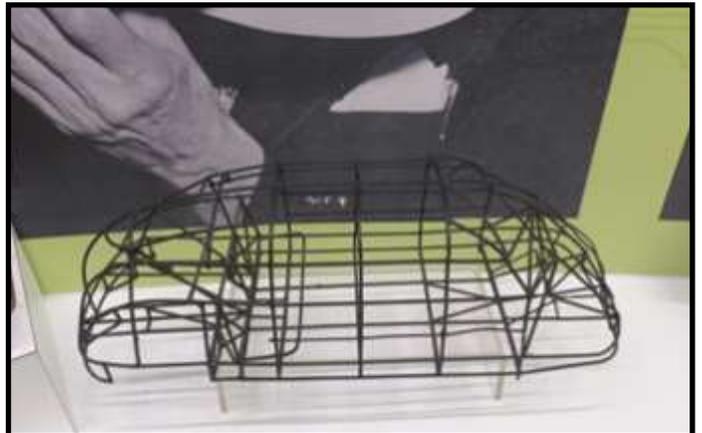
*Original model of Fisher Body's Napoleonic coach—built in 1932 by Edward Matusek, a member of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild*



*Concept drawing of a futuristic Pontiac Trans Am*



*Scale model of 1935 Scout Scarab—donated by William Stout*



*Model of Stout Scarab's tubular frame—donated by William Stout*



*The Museum's "Streets of Old Detroit" exhibit presents replica storefronts of Detroit businesses from the 1840s, 1870s, and early 1900s*



*"Body drop" assembly line—this portion was removed from the Cadillac Clark Street Assembly Plant which operated from the 1950s until 1987*



# AACA 2022 GRAND NATIONALS

MAY 19 – 21, 2022

By Marion McAlpine, Show Chair



The AACA 2022 Grand Nationals is coming to Virginia Beach. Yes, in case you have not heard, the TRAACA will host the AACA 2022 Grand Nationals on Thursday – Saturday, May 19 – 21, 2022. The Founders Inn & Spa at 5641 Indian River Rd. in Virginia Beach will be the host hotel. The Delta Hotel off Greenbrier Parkway in Chesapeake will be the alternate hotel. Rooms in both hotels will be at a great rate of \$124.00/night.

Many events are being planned for the 2022 Grand Nationals participants. There are tours planned for Thursday and Friday. There will be an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, a BBQ dinner on Friday, Judges Breakfast on Saturday, a lunch food tent on Saturday, and an Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. The Zenith-nominated vehicles will be judged and the Zenith Awards presented on Friday. Saturday is of course the 2022 Grand Nationals show. There will be a Hospitality Room complete with snacks and beverages, club merchandise for sale, and a Silent Auction.

If previous recent Grand Nationals shows are indications of numbers of participants and vehicles, the 2022 Grand Nationals could be a large show. People will be arriving from all across the country. 600+ vehicles and 400+ vehicle trailers, are not out of the question.

How can you help, you say? We are glad you asked. The show needs volunteers to be successful. All jobs are important. Some jobs only require a few hours. As a thank you for your time and effort, volunteers will be rewarded. Incentives are being worked on, but will definitely include a subsidized post-event dinner for volunteers.

The other way the club can use your help is to supply items for the Silent Auction. Consider putting together a basket of cool items, asking your favorite restaurant or business for a gift certificate or discount voucher. Car-related items (pictures, books, parts) are always big hits at auctions.

PLEASE PLAN TO BE A VOLUNTEER FOR THE AACA 2022 Grand Nationals. Whether you can give a little or a lot of time, any and all help will be welcome and appreciated. We will be talking about the show and have sign-up sheets available at upcoming TRAACA events. There will also be updates in future Mudflap and Mud Speck. Thank you in advance for your help. Call me with any questions on my cell at 618-363-6730.

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# 2022 AACA GRAND NATIONALS

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

MAY 19-21, 2022





## *Still Collecting – Humidors (Tobacco Jars)*

*By Terry Bond*

Back in 2014 I touched on this subject when I wrote about “smoker’s things.”

There was a time when tobacco was not already made into cigarettes but was kept in a jar. That prevented it from drying out. A dedicated pipe smoker will tell you that tobacco really never goes “stale,” but it will dry out and crumble easily. To help keep the tobacco properly moist, the container usually had a small place made into it that could hold a damp sponge.

Humidors were produced for many years, and they are hotly collected today. For lovers of automobilia, the introduction of motor transport provided yet another art-form used on tobacco jars. Many wonderful examples exist, and most are difficult to find. Competition is keen among collectors of smoker’s items and of course, automobilia.

As an object that was frequently handled, many surviving examples suffer from damage. They were often produced from poor quality ceramic and cracks, crazing in the glaze, and flaws during manufacture all hastened their demise. Still, as decorative objects they tell a story of early motoring.

Some of the nicest appearing tobacco jars were produced by Royal Doulton in England. Their popular “Motorist Series” included tobacco jars. Three different styles seem to appear, although not all of them may actually be “tobacco jars.” Let me explain



*Royal Doulton Tobacco Jar? (or is it?)*

These items are often found with the lid missing. They are sold as vases, or sometimes cookie jars (known as “biscuit jars” in England).

There are some that exist with the lid but it does not

have a compartment up inside the bulbous knob on top that would hold a damp sponge to keep tobacco moist. While some were indeed made as “biscuit jars” most are actually tobacco jars but in general, they are known as “lidded pots.” Below is a photo showing the three styles that were produced. Only three of the Doulton Motorist scenes appear on them. “Deaf,” “Room for One,” and “Blood Money.”



*Three different styles of “lidded pots”*

Just for refresher, these wonderful objects were produced between 1905 and 1928. Nine different scenes related to early motoring appeared. Not all 9 images were used on all pieces however. For example, plates, used only 6 of the 9 scenes.

These lidded pots are collected by Doulton enthusiasts as well as collectors of automobilia, and of course smoking related material. As always, condition means everything, and excellent examples, complete with lids could command \$500 or more.

One of my favorite styles of tobacco jars was done by the Italian cartoonist Peko. Several different early motorists were produced, and in several different sizes. Lithographs and postcards also exist showing this early motorist.



*Early motorist tobacco jars by Peko. Produced in Germany or Austria circa 1912. The one shown with the straw hat is extremely difficult to find.*

These are usually not seen in a grouping such as this. I’ve been fortunate to find them over the years. Most recently I found one in a Maryland antique shop a month ago for less than \$100. Additional photos

show one of them with the lid partly removed, revealing the compartment where a damp sponge could be placed to keep tobacco moist and ready to use.



*Lid partly removed showing compartment for damp sponge.*

Many wonderful tobacco humidors were produced in “figural” styles. Although many were not motorists, it is those related to early motoring that seem to command the highest prices today.

Full-figured tobacco jars are very rare. Their larger size meant they were more likely to be broken or damaged.



*A rare full-figured chauffeur style tobacco jar. Circa 1910, value approximately \$1500+*



*Another full-figured “Chauffeur” tobacco jar. Circa 1915, possibly Austrian.*

The full head of this one is removed to reveal the usual compartment for a damp sponge. This is a particularly scarce example. The brightly colored glaze is known as Majolica.

A surprise find recently is this great tobacco jar on the left in the below photo. It is in the form of a motorist’s head. It was made by the noted porcelain firm of Wil-

Schiller, in Germany prior to WWI.

It was a chance internet discovery, mis-advertised as an “aviator.” It turned out to be the very rare larger size and a mate for the one on the right, which was already in my collection. These are widely recognized among collector as the best of the many varied humidors in the shape of a motorist’s head. Their quality is fantastic and they are both in near perfect condition.



*Pre WWI tobacco humidors produced by Wilhelm Schiller in Germany, circa 1912-14. The Majolica glaze and vibrant coloring makes them really fantastic items to display in any collection of automobilia.*

There are many other examples of the chauffeur’s head style of tobacco jar. Some were glazed with a dull finish and made from fragile pottery rather than quality porcelain. For those with a dull finish, dirt from years of handling usually affects their condition and value.



*This motorist is bundled up for a winter’s drive. Made from dull-finished clay, they are not often found in good condition. Unknown country of origin but most likely European, circa 1910.*



*A nicely glazed chauffeur humidor –probably European in origin, circa 1915.*



*Another nicely glazed motorist humidor. Maker unknown.*

Not all humidors were done in the style of a motorist head! Some tobacco jars were simple decorated jars like this wonderful Nippon piece.



*Nippon humidor with early hand-painted automobile. Circa 1904*

These can be found in a variety of colors and shapes but all were part of a larger dresser or desk set. The decoration on them was hand-painted so no two are ever alike. They are sought after by collectors of Oriental porcelains, particularly Nippon. They were produced in the early 1900s and made from very fine china, which could be easily damaged. Finding pieces in perfect condition is difficult.



*Desk-top tobacco jar with hand-painted illustration of an early automobile with passengers. Produced in Germany, circa 1905.*

This fantastic desk-top tobacco jar features a soft glaze and hand-painted scene of motorists in an early car. It is mis-identified in the usually great reference “The Motorcar in Art” by John Zolomji. In that book it is described simply as a “bowl.” The example photographed does not have the finial on it however lifting the lid clearly reveals a compartment for the usual damp sponge common to humidors.

Although I use the terms “humidor” and “tobacco jar” interchangeably, there is some controversy regarding this particular item –



*Humidor? Tobacco Jar? Cookie Jar?*

These wonderful ceramic automobiles were produced in France in the 1900s. They exist as a lidded “jar” and also as a bank with a slot in the rear of the top and a rubber plug in the base. They are described as tobacco jars, candy jars, cookie jars, and many other things. I’ve never seen one with a compartment in the lid where a damp sponge could be inserted. So – if it’s not intended to keep the tobacco moist, perhaps it’s just a “tobacco jar.” Maybe not.

Hope you enjoyed looking at some of my “tobacco jars.”

See you at Hershey!

That’s where I’ll be – happy collecting once again!

*Terry*

## Tidewater Region Tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum



Saturday, November 6,  
2021

Join us for a tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum located on the waterfront at 2 High Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704. The museum contains ship models, uniforms, military artifacts, and exhibits interpreting 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> century life around the Shipyard. 'To protect staff and visitors, the Portsmouth Museums are requiring masks for everyone ages 2 and above.' Street parking is available along High Street and in the nearby Water Street Garage (500 Water St).

We will have a guided tour of the Museum. We are to meet our tour guide at 10:00 am. After our tour of the Museum and some milling about on Portsmouth's seawall promenade, we will walk to Legend Brewing Depot at 1 High Street for lunch.

From their website: "The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum grew out of an April 1949 call for artifacts by Norfolk Navy Yard Commander Admiral Homer N. Wallin, and opened under the curation of local Portsmouth World War I veteran Marshall W. Butt on March 24, 1950 in Building No. 33 on the shipyard. By the end of the 1950s, however, it was decided to move the museum from its restrictive location on the shipyard to a more public venue in the city of Portsmouth itself. On January 27, 1963, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard officially reopened in the former 1919 Elizabeth River Ferry maintenance Building along Water Street in the heart of downtown Portsmouth.

Please RSVP by emailing Wayne and Carol Milligan at [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net) or by calling (757) 404.7937 by Monday, November 1. There will be no cost for the Museum tour.

## ACA Headquarters Open for Business

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Well, the day we have all been waiting for has finally arrived... Your brand new AACA National Headquarters and Library Research Center will officially open its doors to our members and the public on September 7. This has been a long-time coming, and I think we are just as excited as all of you are.

Looking back at past Speedster issues, I started giving all of you updates on our new building in November of 2019. Take a look at the first photo below -- that is what our building looked like exactly one year ago. The second photo is what that part of the building looks like today. Wow, we have certainly come a long way from the construction dust and exposed ceiling!

I think it would be safe to say that this project has been a labor of love for everyone involved. I also think it would be safe to say that this building -- your new National HQ -- is something to be extremely proud of. This building will represent our beloved club and this amazing hobby for the foreseeable future and beyond. It is the beacon that will call you home to Hershey every October. It will be looked at by other car clubs as the benchmark of ultimate achievement.

Thank you to EVERYONE who was involved in making this dream become reality! Whenever you are in the Hershey area, please stop by to see us so we can show you around your new home.





# Tidewater Region 47th Annual Meet September 25, 2021

Story by Bob Stein (Photos by Marty Sugermeyer, Doug Grosz, and Bob Stein)

After last year's COVID cancellation of what had promised to be a spectacular show headed by Paul Fuqua, changing restrictions and requirements had it looking like yet another year would go by without an Annual Meet. However, thanks to the generosity of Paul Atkinson and Eggleston Corporation, the Region was able to hold a very successful show today at Eggleston's Corporate headquarters building in Norfolk. With 62 vehicles entered, this show was quite different from TRAACA events over the past decade. Our usual 'Wings and Wheels' at Pungo airport was replaced with a low-key affair that did away with class judging and was set up only for unmodified antiques, with no 'Mods and Rods' secondary show. Meet Registrar Jerry Adams and Ellen Adams did a masterful job of guiding Meet Chair Bob Stein through the complex process of setting up the show, and the Eggleston staff assisted with planning, preparation, and promotion. Even the weather cooperated, with clear sunny skies, pleasant temperatures, and a nice breeze. This year's event had an unusually high percentage of British cars, with eight MGs, five Rolls-Royces, and two Jaguars! Standouts on the field included Al Becker's 1929 Packard Dual-Cowl Phaeton, Jerry Adams' 1930 Chevrolet Huckster, Tim Hund's 1941 Packard convertible, Tony Scarpelli's 1956 Chrysler New Yorker, Alan and Laurel Swenson's 1958 Morris Minor, Pete Koch's 1965 Pontiac Grand Prix, and Larry Goughan's 1970 'Plum Crazy' Dodge Challenger R/T. Our awards this year were also somewhat different, with a Best of Show, Most Original for three different periods, oldest car on the field, youngest and oldest owners, and furthest driven, plus the Merritt Horne Award. The Merritt Horne Award was presented to Bruce Sedel for his rescued and restored 1956 Studebaker Parkview Station Wagon. The trophy for Furthest Driven was presented to Rad and Marge Tillett, who drove their 1956 Thunderbird 72 miles from Kitty Hawk! Oldest

Owner (who was willing to put down his age) was Joe Geib and his 1986 Chevrolet El Camino, while Youngest Owner at the show was Hilary Pavlidis with her 1967 Mercury Cougar. The Oldest Vehicle Award turned out to also be a kind of 'Hard Luck' honor for Terry Bond, who trailered his immaculate 1914 Ford Model T Touring to the event only to have it refuse to start. The 'Most Original' and 'Best of Show' categories were judged by a team made up of Former AACA National Presidents Bob Parrish and Terry Bond, and long-time AACA National Judge Neil Sugermeyer. The Most Original Pre-1955 honor went to Paul Fuqua for his 1931 Chevrolet Independence AE Coupe. Debbie Nolen's 1957 Volkswagen Type 1 Beetle received the nod for Most Original vehicle 1955-1975. And the 1996 Rolls Royce Silver Spur of Dan Ciccone was selected as the Most Original 1976-1996. Finally, Best of Show honors went to Herbert Mumford for his incredible 1967 Corvette Stingray coupe. Many thanks to the volunteers from TRAACA and Eggleston who helped make the event such a success, and special thanks to Jerry and Ellen Adams and Paul Atkinson for their amazing support.

(Photos by Marty Sugermeyer, Doug Grosz, and Bob Stein)





# Atlantic Shores Third Annual Cruise-In October 2, 2021

(Story and photos by Vickie Doscher).

Atlantic Shores Retirement Community held their 3rd annual cruise-in today and they announced it as a record turnout. The Tidewater Region had a good contingent of it's members present for the event. The weather could not have been any better. Free box lunches were enjoyed by all participants. A live band provided nice music. Awards were presented at 1PM. Best Theme Award went to Melanie Kordis and her 1930 Model A Ford "Lady Lilli". Fan Favorite Award went to a 1955 Ford Thunderbird. Best in Show Award went to Nick Smith and his 1951 MG TD. The cruise-in concluded with a nice parade through the community. Members participating included David and Faye Curl (1930 Model A Ford), Melanie Kordis (1930 Model A Ford Roadster), Paul Fuqua (1931 Chevrolet Independence AE Coupe), Bill Wilcox and Robyn Burnham (1941 Lincoln Continental), Nick Smith (1951 MG TD), Jere and Carol Avenson (1954 Packard Patrician), Keith Colonna (1956 Lincoln MK II), Riley Best (1964 Plymouth Valiant), Vickie and Matt Doscher (1965 Mercury Comet Caliente), James and Becky Woodall (1967 Mercury Comet Cyclone), Skip Patnode (1967 Alfa Romeo Duetto), Bill Treadwell (1969 Chevrolet Camaro), Harry Park (1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS), and Fred Cole (1972 Cadillac Coupe DeVille).







# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

*Members celebrating anniversaries in October*

- Ronald & Sally Hartman
- Daniel & Cheryl Hawk
- Mark & Marion McAlpine
- Wayne & Carol Milligan
- Tim & Rhonda Russell
- Bill & Linda Treadwell
- Charles "Chip Woolford & Charlotte Yonkovich-Woolford

**Sunshine Report**

*I am very sorry to report the passing of long-time friend and member*

**George Walter Gurney, Jr.** (95) on 09/28/2021. The last World War II Veteran in the club, he and wife Sheila (Who also passed away last month) joined TRAACA in 1999, and were avid Oldsmobile enthusiasts, as well as very active club members. No services are planned.

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

*Members celebrating birthdays in October*

- Barry Basnight
- Phillis Carnforth
- Keith Colonna
- Cynthia Coppedge
- Jody Dudley
- Holly Forester
- Mason Gamage, Jr.
- Nancy Hassell-Sitar
- Richard Hart
- Cheryl Hawk
- Butch Hora
- Georgiann McVicker
- Dewey Milligan
- Ron Pack
- Tammy Park
- Skip Patnode
- Lori Powell
- Henry Robson
- Tim Russell
- Jo Ann Saiya
- Kenneth Saiya
- Brittany Sitar
- Carla Anne Sobota
- Lisa Sturniolo
- Debra Swartz
- Radford Tillett
- Bill Treadwell
- Ginger Watson
- Charles "Chip" Woolford
- Charlotte Yonkovich-Woolford

**Welcome to Our New Members!**

None this month



**Other Regional and Local Events**

**OCTOBER 2021**

- 22-23 ODMA Fall Tour  
Shenandoah Region AACA  
Winchester, VA
- 23 19th Annual Virginia Fall Classic Car Show  
Newport News, VA
- 23 Tidewater Automotive Modelers Society 29th Annual Model Car/Truck Contest & Swap Meet  
9 AM - 4 PM  
VFW Post 4809  
Norfolk, VA  
\$10 entry fee (18 & under free)  
\$15 vendor tables



## Planning A National Event - Part 3

By Dave Anspach Vice President - National Activities



## AACA Calendar of Events

[http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca\\_calendar.html](http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca_calendar.html)

### **SEPTEMBER 2021**

**9-11 AACA SE Fall Nationals  
Greenville, SC**

**12-17 AAA Revival Glidden  
Tour®  
(VMCCA-hosted)  
Saratoga Springs, NY**

### **OCTOBER 2021**

**6-9 AACA Eastern Fall Nat'l's  
Hershey, PA**

**11-15 AACA SE Div Fall Tour  
Mt. Airy, NC**

**18-22 AACA Central Div Tour  
Broken Arrow, OK**

### **NOVEMBER 2021**

**4-6 AACA Spec. Western Nat'l's  
Phoenix, AZ**

**6-11 AACA Western Fall Tour  
Metropolitan Phoenix and  
Central Arizona**

### **FEBRUARY 2022**

**10-12 AACA Annual Convention  
Philadelphia, PA**

**24-26 AACA Winter Nationals  
Melbourne, FL**

By this time, you will have probably gotten approval from the National Board to go ahead with your event. Sometimes, you will be asked to make a couple changes. Conflicts with other events is the most frequent reason. Because of this, it is a good idea to discuss your event with the VP of National Activities before you submit it. He or she will tell you of potential conflicts that exist and help you steer around them. But, for now, let's assume all has gone smoothly and you have received interim approval for your event. WAIT A MINUTE, .... Interim approval? ... What does that mean?? Does that mean that my event will get "bumped" sometime in the future?? What interim approval means is that you have cemented a place in the calendar. You may need to make a change in the future (provided it doesn't conflict with someone else that has gotten interim approval) but your place is solid. So now we need to get some more work done. There are a number of documents out there that you will find valuable. All of these are available either on line on the club website or from National Headquarters. They will make your planning foolproof and smooth out the path to your event. The "AACA Nationals Contract and Checklist" details all the parts of your event and who is responsible within your organization. That brings up the question of who will be doing things within your organization. The time is now to determine who within your organization (or in neighboring ones who are helping) will be doing what. You (as meet chair) will have already selected a registration chair and a chief judge for your application. If you have problems with those two, talk to the VP of National activities about people who may be able to help you. Next are people like your field marshal (who handles the show field and details of it), awards banquet chair (if you are having one), Flea market chair (if you are having one), Trophy chair, and merchandise chair (if you are selling merchandise). These people will help organize your event and provide the other people needed to make your event go smoothly. Very often ALL of these well trained people already exist within your organization. How, you ask? Almost every club already holds their own individual events and there are people who already do all of these jobs for your event. It is usually just a matter of expansion of their duties to do this for a national show. Often there has been a previous event done by your region. Are those people who did the job before available and interested in doing the job again? Now, just get these people together for a meeting to discuss what and when you are going to do them. There are a pair of documents, Important Dates (one for a National and one for a tour) that give you a timetable for when things are suggested to be ready, it is up to you as to what you want to do. It is also good to look at the AACA Policies and Procedures manual to detail what you need to do. What side tours and events are you doing? Are you having an ever popular ice cream social? Do you have museums and attractions that are unique to your area that are opportunities to show your attendees what a fascinating area you live in. Contact those places and see what can be done. Also just as a side note, it is a good time to talk with your host hotel and your secondary hotels to lock down rates for your event. You are well on your way. In the next chapter we will discuss getting the things complete for final approval!!



# EDITOR'S DESK

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Fall has come and I know many of you will be traveling to Hershey for the show. I will be there virtually through the pictures people post on the AACA social media sites. I couldn't take off this year from work. I will be looking forward to the stories of what people saw at the Chili Cookoff later this month at the Milligan's. I am looking forward to tasting some really great chili and seeing who will become the champion this year.

Our TRAACA Annual show was a success, thank you to Bob Stein and all who helped him organize and run the show. I enjoyed seeing the display of cars that were there. I also enjoyed seeing some of the other cars that the members own that I have never seen before, like Bill Wilcox's Lincoln or the 1941 Packard that Tim Hund owns.

Of course, the question that Bill and I heard was where is the Packard. As I said last month, we had a fuel leak coming home from the dinner meeting in August. Since then Bill has rebuilt the carburetor with new gaskets and floats. The we started the car,

and found the fuel leak was the fuel regulator. When Bill disassembled it, he found th diaphragm torn. So he ordered a new regulator and we installed it and the car was running great, or so it seemed. When he tried to set the idle to factory specifications, the engine began to run roughly. So he left the idle higher and we warmed up the car and decided to do a compression check. The front 5 cylinders were below specifications yet not terrible, but the back three were severely below specifications. One cylinder only had 35 psi and specification is 103 psi. So our next step is to do a leak down test to decide if the problem is valves, head gasket, or rings. But that is part of the joy of antique cars.

Hope to see you soon.

*Doug*



1934 Packard 1108 Twelve in the Bob Bahre Collection in South Paris, Maine





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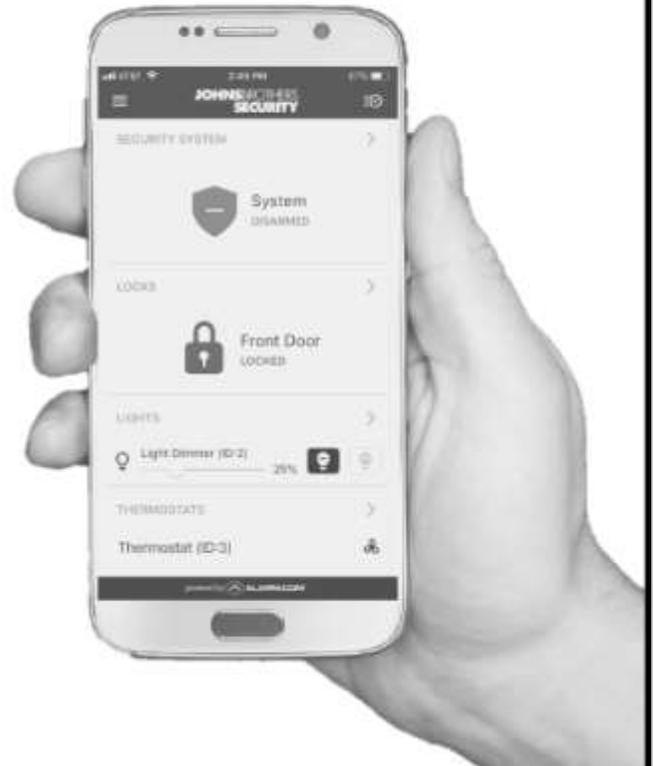
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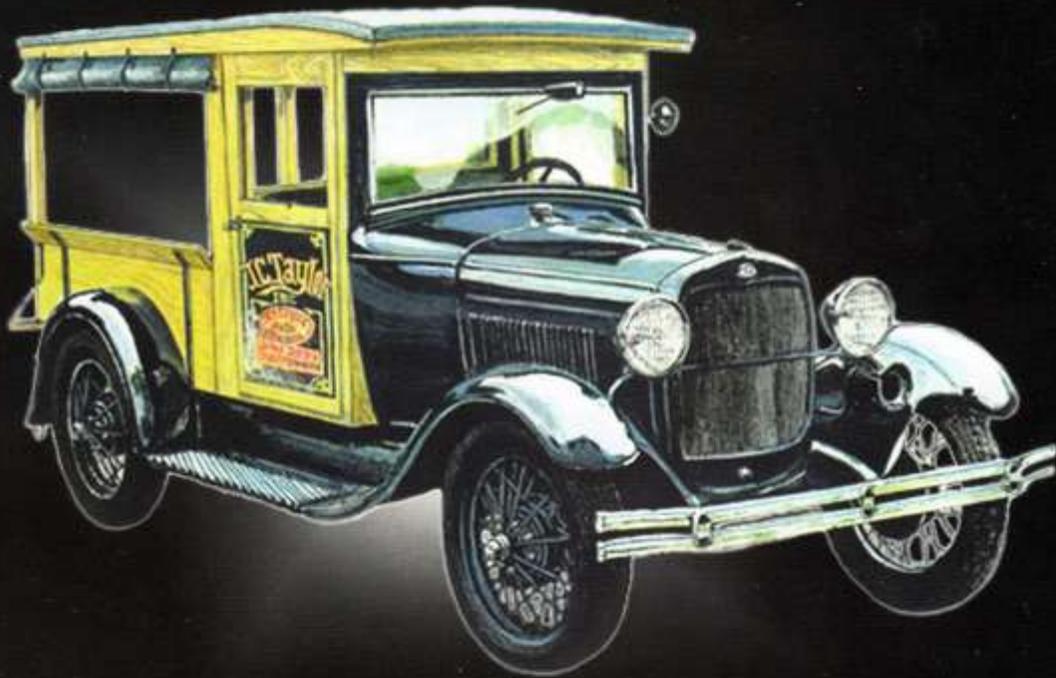
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*Assembly line “body drop” exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum*