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Remembering Merritt Horne

*Merritt with an actor during a FDR
reenactment in Williamsburg
They used his Packard and he chauffeured..*



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*TRAACA President Linda Pellerin
with 2010 AACA President Terry Bond.*

President Linda's Message

Last year came to an end “with a partridge in a pear tree”, And so we move ahead to a great new year. We are proud to celebrate Terry Bond, the new president of AACA, and the Tidewater Region's 55th year. This is a very special year as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of AACA. I am sure Terry will steer us straight and true as he travels all over the United States representing AACA.

The Installation Banquet was a fun event as we took time to honor those who contributed time and effort to make the Tidewater Region the best. We are all winners as the Tidewater Region is respected both nationally and locally. We also brought in new leadership, which will drive us into the future. A big thank you to Dot Parrish and Tony Scarpelli for the piston centerpieces and the car parts for the installation of officers. They were painted gold with ribbons to match the 75th anniversary logo. It was fun to see car parts that weren't full of grease. They were actually pretty! A big thank you to Bob Stein for his audio visual production. It was so nice to see the slide show and pictures of winners with their vehicles during the awards ceremony.

The calendar is now available on the website and it looks like a very fun filled year. The winter blast is coming up at the end of the month and I look forward to seeing you there. The calendar has something for everyone. The Saltwater to Firewater Tour is going to be the trip of the decade! It is not too late to join us on our adventure. I look forward to a fun filled year. Get the cars out, rev-em up and lets go.....

“Life is a steep grade, and we should welcome every opportunity to give our friends a lift when they need it”



Announcements

**Welcome New Members
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THANKS!

A special thanks to **Zelda Lang** who is retiring after 24 years of serving as a call person on the Telephone Committee. “Her record will probably never be broken”, said Chairwoman Marie Gancel during the Installation Banquet.

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PICTURE THIS!

A Fitting Tribute

The February dinner meeting will be a tribute to Merritt Horne. If there is a story to tell or a fond memory, please plan to come and share it with the Club. Merritt and Audrey's daughters and son will be with us. Merritt's daughter, Laura, has donated Merritt's books to the Club so there will be a silent auction. Come join the fun.



EDITORIAL

By Neil Sugermeyer

When the Navy transferred Marty and me to the Tidewater area, one of the first things I did when I completed my sea duty tour was to join TRAACA in 1981, and one of the first couples we met at the dinner meetings then held at Fort Story Officers' Club was Merritt and Audrey. At that time, they were dating, and were married February 5, 1983 at a ceremony attended by their families and many friends, including a lot of car club members. In the short time we had been acquainted with them, Marty and I were honored to be included in the group.

From our first introduction, they immediately made us feel welcome and an integral part of the club membership, and Merritt was at least partially responsible for my appointment as club activities chairman in 1982. New to the club and the Tidewater area, I often looked to Merritt for advice, and I can remember him saying that a fall tour needed to see fall color, and to do that, you needed to go to the mountains. Marty and I ran the tour in 1982, and following Merritt's suggestion, routed the tour through the Shenandoah Mountains around Lexington, ending on the second day at Michie Tavern and Monticello. Merritt and Audrey participated in their 1946 Buick. This car was one of many before the 1940 Packard most associated with them. (Merritt would have you know there was a Model T Ford in the garage also).

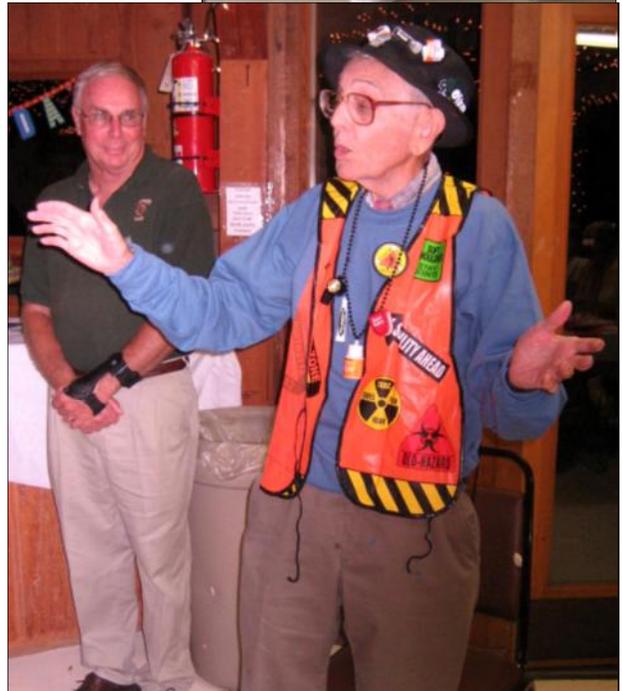
The Hornes were always consistent in their participation at club activities, and Merritt's calm advice and quiet counsel helped keep the club on an even keel. He was there to assist when the going got a bit rough, and he was called upon to serve multiple terms as TRAACA President. He was an AACA and Tidewater Region member for over 50 years, joining the club at its' second meeting in 1955, and he recently received his AACA 50 year pin. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of Norfolk history, and his memory of club activities was unmatched. It can honestly be said that his leadership and love for the hobby and the people he met along the way set a standard that directly influenced the great reputation Tidewater Region enjoys today.

Health issues began to slow both Merritt and Audrey in the last few years, but it didn't dampen their spirits. Until recently, Audrey would make the best ever cinnamon sugar cookies for the silent auction, and we all can remember "Picture This" when Merritt was asked to launch into closing remarks at the end of a club meeting. We all always left with a smile on our face, enjoying Merritt's great sense of humor and his ability to tell a story.

They are gone now – gone but certainly not forgotten, as the PBS show about Norfolk reminds us. We have been privileged to have known Merritt

and Audrey, and can be thankful for their presence among us for so many marvelous years. Their effervescent spirit will remain with us for years to come.

Merritt created the trophy that bears his name during the early years of TRAACA. Participation is the requirement for winning. Merritt believed in getting out with our cars. TRAACA is on the second edition of the trophy. The original will be retired to a display case at the AACA museum in Hershey, PA.



Richard Hall with Merritt at his 80th birthday party. Merritt loved to share his enthusiasm for the antique car hobby. He regaled us with stories of past events and always had some humor to throw into the mix.. His "PICTURE THIS" preface to an interesting story or joke will forever be a part of the lexicon of TRAACA



Merritt with his step-daughter Brenda wearing one of his "antique auto pride" vests. This picture was taken in Norfolk a few years ago when our holiday event included another of Merritt's favorites. We attended a local production of "A Christmas Carol."

Merritt with Tyler Gimbert and Neil Sugermeyer during the holiday event Dec. 2008. He enjoyed talking to as many folks at each event as possible.



In 2006, Merritt was presented with his 50th year AACA pin by Terry Bond..

Looks like this is one time when participation got the best of him as Shiela Gurnee and Claire Catanese greeted him at a dinner meeting.



Ken Talley awards Merritt the Oldest Driver trophy at our first meet held at the air museum in Pungo. Merritt believed in participation in another form. He loved to look the part while driving an antique car. His vintage fashion wardrobe included an antique raccoon coat, spats, boater hat, and a number of vintage looking jackets and ties. For many years he dressed in his striped jacket, bowtie, boater hat and spats to greet participants as they arrived at our annual meet in Chesapeake.



Cherish Each Moment

By Brenda Bodner

*"Slow down!" he would cry
As we speed through our day,
"Enjoy every moment
For there's no other way."
Every talk, full of history,
So pull up a chair
This could go on forever
"This is important!" he declares.
The past brings us to the future
Every moment to claim
So soak it all in
for no moment will be the same.*

*His cars are his pleasure
for he remembers them when
He'll tell you every detail
From the front bumper to fin.*

*Jokes, oh, yes, he will try
Plus those never ending stories
The farmers wife, the preacher's
wife
These times are his glory.*

*His family means everything
So if he can help, he will try,
To comfort, to cuddle
Or hold your hand, if you cry.*

*His example is great
And he's taught us so much.
To "cherish each moment"
it's our moment to touch.*



*Merritt with daughter Laura and his Buick
Thanks to Merritt's family and Bob Stein for these early photos.*



Audrey with Merritt and their 1940 Packard that carried them many miles while having fun with friends and family



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

December 8, 2009 – TRAACA Board Meeting

By Linda Pavlidis, Secretary

The board meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Members present were Linda Pellerin, President; Bob Stein, Vice-President; Linda Pavlidis, Secretary; John Gancel, Treasurer; Board members Scott Davies, Riley Best and Bill Wilcox. Also present were Frank Lagana, Marie Gancel and Mickey & Toni McChesney.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved with one correction: the Mud Flap would be stamped “last issue” for all unpaid members. John Gancel gave the treasurer’s report which was filed for audit. John also advised that he had obtained a new tax identification number from the IRS and had given it to the banks – he is just waiting for a certification letter. Linda Pellerin brought up giving the DMV our new number and Bob Stein recommended we just wait until we get a new trailer and make all the changes at one time with the DMV.

There were no committee reports.

John Gancel is waiting for a proof of the century plaques – they won’t start until he tells them and he advised we will have them by the installation dinner.

Bob Stein passed around three samples of a logo for the Louisville trip. There was some question about colors on the TRAACA logo and John Gancel will forward a colored logo to Bob Stein. Bob Stein will tweak and both Bob Stein and Mickey McChesney will check with companies about t-shirts, etc. Ken Talley would like to have banners for the cars and tote bags.

Linda Pellerin brought up the membership contest for the C Kirkham Trophy which is due at National by December 15th. Linda Pavlidis will check the current list Linda Pellerin has and tweak it so that Linda can get it mailed in a timely manner.

Bob Stein advised that he had talked to Craig Casper and told him Richard Hall wants to take over as club historian. He advised that Craig is happy with that and Richard Hall will pursue obtaining the club memorabilia Craig has in his possession.

Linda Pellerin said she had received a thank you from the Northampton DVA for the club’s donation of \$50.

Linda Pellerin received four free memberships from National and Scott Davies recommended we also give free memberships to four new people – the motion was carried.

The board discussed and voted on awards to be given out at the Installation/Awards Banquet. It was voted unanimously to give the Spark Plug award to Tony Scarpelli.

Bill Wilcox advised that the price of dinner meetings is going up the first of the year to \$21.60. The club will absorb the 60 cents and members will pay \$21.

Riley Best showed the board a page from the Beacon where only one car club (the Tidewater Triumph Club) is listed. Scott Davies volunteered to call the Compass, Beacon and Clipper to get TRAACA listed.

John Gancel reported that of 171 members only 120 have paid their dues to date. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.



TRAACA CHRISTMAS AT THE CAVALIER

By Sandy Hall

*“The weather outside was frightful,
but the fire was so delightful”*

would have been a great song for the evening of our Christmas party at the Cavalier on the Hill. It was windy, cold and rainy outside but once inside, there was a fire in the fireplace and lots of smiling faces. Everyone that came was greeted by Tyler Gimbert with a cutout of a Christmas tree with an answer printed on it and a list of questions to be answered. Each person had to mingle around to see who was wearing the Christmas tree with the answer to the various questions. This turned out to be more fun that we had imagined.

Peter and Claire Catanese collaborated in completing the Christmas Tree Clue game. They were recognized for their Christmas finery toward the end of the evening.



Barbara Talley looked like a Christmas angel in her pink gown and hat. Don Hobbs is zeroing in on the hors d'oeuvres while Julie Hobbs chats with Ken Talley.

There was lots of great food and if anyone left hungry, it was their own fault. Delicious hors d'oeuvres were abundant and the buffet was outstanding followed by incredible desserts.

Besides the food, one of the highlights of the evening was the entertainment. Elves, Sandy Hall and Dan Ciccone, were asked to bring the "volunteers" to the dance floor. Each person was then numbered from 1 – 10. What eventually unfolded was "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Those in the audience were ably led by Debbie Meadows in singing the first verse and the fifth verse with the following "volunteers" each singing their corresponding verse: Marty Sugermeier, 2 Turtle Doves, Vito Serrone, 3 French Hens, Holly Forester, 4 Calling Birds, Peter Catanese, 6 Geese a Laying, Barbara Talley, 7 Swans a Swimming, Bob Parrish, 8 Maids a Milking, Sylvia Roughton, 9 Ladies Dancing, Bob Green, 10 Lords a Leaping, Betty Villers, 11 Pipers Piping and Larry Printz ended with 12 Drummers Drumming. We all know that Leslie McGinn is a dancer and when Sylvia sang 9 Ladies Dancing, Leslie gracefully floated her way across the floor. If you have never seen an ex-helicopter pilot leap across the floor, you really missed your chance. Every time Bob Green sang 10 Lords a Leaping (I won't go into great length how many times we witnessed this), Neil Sugermeier leaped across the floor with his arms flailing in the air as if he were the helicopter taking off. Needless to say, it was pretty obvious, Neil didn't take dance lessons when he was a child (Neil, you are always a great sport and we do appreciate your willingness to "volunteer").

Neil Sugermeier leaping in front of the choir

Photo by Bob Stein



Our celebrity guest for the evening was Larry Prince from the *Virginian Pilot*.

The evening ended with our Leaping Lord Sugermeier winning a \$25 gift certificate donated by The Lucky Oyster for having the most correct answers in our trivia game. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all of those in attendance and a great way to start the Christmas season and top off 2009. The Activities Committee hopes you have enjoyed last year's activities and keep checking the Mud Flap for events happening during 2010.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

TRAACA Installation and Awards Banquet

By Bob Stein

On January 23rd TRAACA's Annual Awards and Installation Banquet was held at the Aberdeen Barn where we have our monthly meetings, but the menu was a bit more upscale with prime rib, and special attention to decor. Cars and the hobby were used as a running theme, with painted and decorated piston/rod assemblies as the centerpieces thanks to Tony Scarpelli and Dot Parrish. After a brief introduction and welcome by President Linda Pellerin, Dick Pensyl provided the invocation and then everyone dug into an excellent meal.

The program began as the last desserts were being handed, with Jeanne Downing treating the group to 'God Bless America.' Then Master of Ceremonies Sam Kern took over the function, introducing Ken Talley's recap of 2009. Ken admitted he was still having trouble as Sam had asked him to do it in reverse, and pulled out a side view mirror to attempt reading his notes in the reflection. After the recap, Sam moved on to the Awards portion of the program. TRAACA is a busy, active club, so it is no surprise that there are a lot of people to recognize at the end of the year. (See the list below.)

Following the Awards presentations, there was recognition of service provided by the Phone Committee by Chairwoman Marie Gancel. Past Presidents, Current and New 25-Year Members, and the 2009 TRAACA Officers. Then it was on to the second major activity of the evening - installation of the 2010 Officers and Board Members. The 'frocked' incoming President for all of AACA, Terry Bond, provided comments on the club and the officers, and then had each new officer come forward to be recognized. In keeping with the automotive theme, each person had a car part to symbolize their importance to the overall 'machine' that is the TRAACA. Sam Kern provided closing remarks to end a pleasant evening for all.

2010 AWARDS

- Century Recognition (100 year-old cars) - Riley Best, John and Lynn Heimerl, Bob and Sylvia Roughton. and Mark and Diane Gresalfi.



Lynn and John Heimerl receive the Century Recognition of their 1909 Franklin presented by Riley Best.

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Frank Lagana received a framed copy of his 1954 Chevrolet that was on the cover of the July Mud Flap.

Photos by Bob Stein right and below



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2010 Officers and Board

Tony Scarpelli, Riley Best, Don Hobbs, Bill Wilcox, Toni McChesney, Scott Davies— secretary, John Gancel—Treasurer, Linda Pellerin—President, Bob Stein—Vice President



Tony Scarpelli and Leslie McGinn with Terry Bond

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The last picture of the evening was a gathering of the president and past presidents still present.

From right to left, Dewey Milligan, Bob Parrish, Sam Kern, Mickey McChesney, Ken Talley, Neil Sugermeyer, Linda Pellerin, and Terry Bond.

SPOTLIGHTS

During 2010, TRAACA is honored to have Terry Bond as the incoming President of AACA. Many of our members will be attending and participating in the events during this anniversary year. Terry has promised to keep us informed about all the meets that he and Sue attend and exciting activities of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. He is starting by sharing his speech from our Installation Banquet that gave a brief introduction to all these events.

INSTALLATION BANQUET REMARKS

By Terry Bond



Although I've done our installation many times before, tonight is really special. During the coming year I'll receive a lot of invitations to install region and chapter officers, speak at dinners and banquets, and shake lots of hands handing out awards. Nothing

compares to standing here before the home team as your 2010 AACA President. My only regret is that there are a few of our members who have passed away this year and cannot be here with us.

Although I've not officially been handed the gavel yet, I'm going to borrow a term some of our Navy veterans are familiar with. I've been frocked. For civilians, or those who have been retired too long to remember, that situation occurs when someone has been selected for promotion and is authorized to wear the uniform and carry the title, before they are officially promoted for pay purposes. In AACA, I'm not sure what "for pay purposes" actually means.

It's been an exciting 2009 for us, and I'd like to pause for a moment and recognize a couple of achievements. First, Susan has attained her 50th judging credit this year. Bob Roughton received his 100th, and Jeff Locke will soon receive his 150th. If you were at Hershey's judges breakfast, you saw Susan and Jeff also presented with their perfect attendance boards for having attended every national meet during the year. Our Mud Flap and website continue to receive the accolades they deserve.

During the year, we've seen and done a lot. We started in Philadelphia of course, and then broke the chill of winter with a pilgrimage to Florida for the Winter Meet. Shortly after that it was off to Charlotte for the Auto Fair, hosted by the Hornets Nest Region at Lowes Motor Speedway. The Eastern Spring Meet in Gettysburg was one of the largest of the year, and Susan and I

almost bought another MG there in the flea market! The meet at Prior Lake, Minnesota was one of the coldest, wettest on record, but then that's what you might expect in Minnesota in early June. However, I was totally unprepared as I tried to pass out dash plaques in freezing sideways rain and howling cold. Thanks to Susan however I managed to borrow her jacket. Yes, I too was surprised that it fit!

We dried out and warmed up in Lebanon Tennessee and a great meet in a fantastic location. A highlight for us was a trip to Topeka Kansas for the dual national and grand-national meets. We finally got to tour the Arabia Steam Boat museum in Kansas City during our visit there, to see the remains and cargo of an 1862 Missouri River Steam Boat that was excavated from a farmer's cornfield. We always try to include something extra on our travels. Thanks to a tip from Kansas natives Bob and JoAnn Green, we got to eat the worlds finest fried chicken.

On our travels, we frequently enjoyed the companionship of our fellow Tidewater Region members, Tom and Tammy Cox, Jim and Donna Elliott, Neil and Marty Sugermeyer, Jeff and Pat Locke, Bob and Sylvia Roughton, and so many of you who enjoy the AACA experience.

Of course there is always Hershey. This year for us it was quite an experience being at the front gate, handing out dash plaques and personally greeting over 1200 show cars. We even had time to find a few great flea market treasures too. In early November we finished the season with a trip to California for the Western Fall Meet. Again, it was another special trip for us. We spent a night on the Queen Mary, and got to take a trail ride up into the canyons, which according to the weather man, might soon slide down into the ocean, thanks to torrential rains there.

The year has gone by fast. I know 2010 will also. But, it will be a great honor to be your 2010 President during our 75th Anniversary year, because the Tidewater Region itself has long been a leader among AACA Regions and Chapters, I think I've said before many times that when someone seeks advice, they often ask "How does Tidewater Region do this?"

Your support for the national organization has been exemplary. What you have done by hosting national meets and tours over they years has set a very high standard for others. I still hear comments about some of our previous events. I've no doubt we will be asked to step up to the plate again sometime in the future, and I hope you will once again rise to the occasion and show everyone else how it's supposed to be done.

It's hard for me to believe that I'm actually near the end of 15 years service to AACA as a director. As I reach the end of that tour of duty, I want you to know that since day one, I've felt like Tidewater Region has been with me all the way. I've delivered the wisdom and experience from you on more than one occasion. I guess you can say that you've trained me well. You can rightfully accept responsibility for everything that I've done for AACA. It is each of you who will share the table with me during 2010, and I thank you.

We will ensure the chain of Tidewater Region representation is not broken. I'm proud to announce that Neil Sugermeyer has

been appointed to the AACA Library & Research Committee. Of course one of our Tidewater Region members who resides a little distant, Tom Cox, was re-elected to office this year. During late 2009, the AACA Nominating Committee submitted the name of Bob Parrish as a candidate for election. I hope that when your ballot comes out later this year, you will help place Bob on our national board of directors.

At a time when many clubs are looking at vast amounts of red ink and declining membership, I am pleased to report that AACA continues to remain fiscally sound, and our membership remains steady with even a slight increase. The AACA Museum has enjoyed one of its best years ever, and our Library & Research Center continues to grow and prosper. Our 75th anniversary celebration in Louisville Kentucky this year promises to be a fantastic event and I'm excited about our Saltwater to Firewater tour. Watch for our special AACA 75th Anniversary Book too. It was a great memento of AACA's first 75 years.

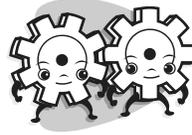
As our 75th year closes, and the next chapter for AACA begins, look ahead with me. We've got a lot of fun to have, a lot of work to do, a lot of open roads ahead, and of course, a lot of food to eat along the way. It sure is going to be fun traveling with such good friends.

Parades---Parades----Parades

By Jere Avenson

We start with a new year and with it comes a new parade season for our antique automobiles. I'm starting this season with applications to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Norfolk and the Memorial Day parade in Portsmouth. I have not heard anything from the Pungo Strawberry Festival yet but expect them to get with me soon.

All of these parade organizers wish for numbers of cars. Some have city limitations they have to work with while others are just trying to get a planning number. Based upon these past few years I'm giving the number "ten to twelve depending on the weather and competing parades". I'll get the official call to members out as soon as we have an invitation from the organizer and time/place/unit/etc at which time I'll need a commitment that you "plan to attend". I'm always open to help, suggestions, comments, ideas. I can be reached at 757/549-1008 or jere33@verizon.net. *Update on the St. Patrick's Day Parade—they charge \$200 for a non-profit unit so we will not be participating.*

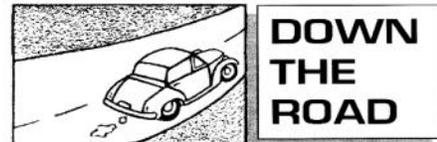


Nuts & Bolts 2010 Schedule



By Jeff Locke, Youth Program Coordinator

Sunday January 3rd Party & Elections
 Sunday January 31 Program: Unusual Vehicles
 Sunday Feb 28 Regular Monthly Meeting
 March 6 TRAACA Swap Meet - Help Park
 March 13 TRAACA Square Car Tour
 Sunday March 28 Regular Meeting
Sat May 13th AACA Grand National Meet, New Bern, NC
 Sunday May 30 Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat June 26th Assemble Model A Ford Chassis and Picnic (Andy's NC River House)
 July 10-11 CCCA Picnic at Andy's NC River House
July 31-Aug 1st AACA Museum Weekend, Hershey, PA



LOCAL

Feb 18..... TRAACA Dinner Meeting
 Special Program in honor of Merritt Horne)
Feb 27 TRAACA Winter Blast
March 6 TRAACA Flea Market
March 13 Square Car Tour
March 18..... TRAACA Dinner Meeting
April 24TRAACA Spring Tour
June 19TRAACA Poker Run to Moonrise Winery
June 27-30 TRAACA Saltwater to Firewater Tour
 (Norfolk VA to Louisville KY) contact Ken Talley (757) 679-6314
July 10TRAACA Kart Racing and Lunch
July 24TRAACA Tech Session
Aug 28 TRAACA Annual Show

REGIONAL

March 131st Annual Winter Swap Meet & Car Corral,
 Richmond Region, Old Farrington Fire Hall, Ashland, VA
April 8-11 – AACA SE Spring Meet/Charlotte Auto Fair
May 7 & 8... ODMA Meet hosted by Crater Region contact Bob
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June 1941st Annual Car Show, Swap Meet & Car Corral,
 Richmond Region, International Raceway

NATIONAL

Feb. 11-13.....AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
March 4-6.....AACA Winter Meet, Homestead, FL
March 21-26.....AACA Sentimental Tour, Kerville, TX
May 13-15AACA Annual Grand Nat. Meet (New Bern, NC)
Aug 12-14 AACASE Fall Meet (Blacksburg, VA)



THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD

Activity Information For Early 2010

By Dot Parrish

The activities committee has a full schedule of fun things to do in 2010. Congratulations to Linda Pellerin and her committee on a fine Installation Banquet on January 23, 2010.

February will be a busy month beginning with Philadelphia Feb. 11th - 13th. Several members will go to see our own Terry Bond installed as our National President. Congratulations Terry. On February 27th, we will have our one day Winter Blast with a trip to Williamsburg. See Toni McChesney's article following.

March 6th we will start off the month with our annual Flea Market at the Hickory Ruritan Club at 2752 Battlefield Blvd. south, in Chesapeake, VA. Then the next Saturday, March 13th, we will have our annual Square Car Tour, planned by our master square car tour guides, Ken Talley and Richard Hall. Stay tuned for that. I'm sure they will find somewhere for us to eat.

April starts out with the Charlotte Auto Fair and Southeastern Spring National Meet at the Lowe's Motor Speedway April 8th - 11th. There will be a lot of fun at Charlotte and lots to see. Cars lined up all around the race track for sale, old car parts for sale and of course the National show outside the race track. Then April 24th Bill Wilcox and Ken Talley have a special Spring Tour lined up for us. Stay tuned for this.

May is also a busy month with the Old Dominion Meet to be held in Petersburg by the Crater Region May 7th & 8th. Ken wants us to bring back the trophy this year, so everyone try and plan to attend. May 14th & 15 there will be the fabulous Grand National Meet held in New Bern, NC. That's one of the nicest shows we have when they close downtown and put the cars right on the streets of New Bern.

Mark your calendars for these events and I will bring you up to date on the future events at a later date.

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WINTER BLAST

FEBRUARY 27, 2010

By Toni McChesney

The Activities Committee has planned some great events for this year. Our first one will be a one day tour to Williamsburg to visit the Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum and a 3D Movie Theater with 4D Effects. The group rate for both attrac-

tions is \$20.00 per person. After we visit the Museum and Theater, we will go across the street to have lunch at the Red Hot & Blue Restaurant. The Restaurant is known for their BBQ, but they also have several other choices on the menu and is reasonably priced. We will meet at the Lake Wright Hotel on Northampton Boulevard at 9:00 a.m. and will be leaving at 9:15 a.m. There is a General Store, and Trading Post within walking distance of the Museum and several Outlets about 2 miles down from the Museum. If you plan to attend, please contact me at 456-2806 or E-mail me at toni56chev@cox.net, on or before February 18th, so I can make reservations at the Museum and Restaurant. Make checks payable to TRAACA. I will have detailed directions to hand out at the February Dinner Meeting and also the day of the tour if you do not attend the dinner meeting. It will be a fun day and a chance to get your antiques out for our first tour of the year.

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TRAACA Annual Swap Meet

By Neil Sugermeyer

Mark your calendar for 6 March, 2010 to attend the annual TRAACA swap meet at the Hickory Ruritan Club. Set up for vendors begins at 0700, and the doors open for the public at 0800. In years past, we've had snacks available, and this year is no exception. Additionally, the Club store will be set up for anyone who wants to purchase TRAACA items such as shirts and other clothing items.

This has always been a fun event for the entire Tidewater area automobile hobby. There will be a wide variety of vendors with all sorts of auto related stuff to sell, as well as some vehicles for sale. Check out the registration form elsewhere in this issue of the Mud Flap or on line at the TRAACA web site if you want to be a vendor. The sooner you sign up, the better.

In order to make the Swap Meet happen successfully, we need every member to participate. In particular, we need lots of help directing traffic and parking visitor's cars, as well as helping vendors get into their spaces. We also need help in the kitchen collecting for and serving food. Please contact Neil Sugermeyer (486-5456) if you are willing to help or contact Linda Pellerin if you can help out in the kitchen. In order for the event to be successful, a lot of us need to chip in a few hours to make it happen. Your effort may be rewarded by the opportunity to find a neat item or two, spend some time with friends you haven't seen in a while, and help the club present the kick-off for the 2010 car hobby season.

SEE THE INSIDE BACK COVER FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM.



Old Dominion Meet

By Sandy Hall and Ken Talley

The Old Dominion Meet Association ("ODMA") was created in the early 1950s by the Richmond Region, the Waynesboro-Staunton Region and the National Capital Region with a goal to promote the AACA and the antique car hobby throughout Virginia. The ODMA is currently comprised of 13 Regions across Virginia and is one of two (possibly three) associations in the United States. Each year an AACA judged meet is sponsored by one of the participating Regions in ODMA.

This year, the Region sponsoring the Old Dominion Meet is the Crater Region and the date is May 7 and 8, 2009. For you Civil War buffs, the Meet this year will be located at Pamplin Park on the site of the April 2, 1865 "Breakthrough," the battle that ended the Petersburg Campaign and led to the evacuation of the Confederate capital at Richmond, the Park's 422 acres include four award-winning museums, four antebellum homes, and living history venues.

We will be using the adjacent Hart Farm (a part of the Museum's property consisting of 60 acres) for the show, there is ample free trailer parking on site with nighttime security. The host hotel is Hampton Inn, 403 Roslyn Road, Colonial Heights Virginia 23834, phone: 804-520-7333. The rate is \$109 per night and make sure you tell them it is for the Old Dominion Meet. If you plan to attend, please call now and book your room. These rooms will be released by the hotel in March at which time the rates will increase.

The registration form should be on the ODMA web site by the first of December. (AACA.org/ODMA).

The show site is only 100 miles from our area, this will be a good test run for our old cars in preparation for the Louisville tour. So, plan to caravan up 460 on Friday for an enjoyable 57th annual ODMA meet! More details to come!

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TIDEWATER TO FIREWATER



TOUR TO LOUISVILLE JUNE 2010

by Ken Talley

One of our big events for this year is the "SALT WATER TO FIRE WATER" tour to Louisville Kentucky for the 75th AACA anniversary celebration. And making it extra special is that our very own Terry Bond will be the AACA President!

With the help of Jim and Becky Woodall we have the tour route, lodging and special things to do and see already planned. Also Dot Parrish has our tour book almost finished! If you have not signed up to participate in this chance of a lifetime event you need to do so NOW! We plan to leave on Sunday, June 27 with our first night in Warm Springs, Va. The second night will be in Barboursville WV. We will arrive in Louisville on the evening of

Tuesday, June 29th. The Special events will begin on Wednesday morning with tours and other activities through out the rest of the week. Saturday will be the car show and awards presentation at the Kentucky Expo Center. There are five self guided tours scheduled during the day for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Special events for each evening are list below.

Wednesday evening- -Old car parade and Ice cream social.

Thursday evening- - - -Dinner and Riverboat Cruise
(Bell of Louisville).

Friday evening- - - - -Anniversary Banquet
"Bandits, Guns and Automobiles".

Saturday will be the car show with awards following the show and a Closing Celebration Reception. For more details go to the AACA web site and click on 75th anniversary.

We already have 19 region members signed up. I have received calls from other AACA members in other regions that are interested in joining with us on the tour. Before I obligate for them to join with us I want to be sure all TRAACA members are included first.

Don't forget to fill out your interest card and send to AACA headquarters. Even if you are not going to show a car you will need to register for some of the events.

If you are tailoring and would like to join us on part of the tour contact Dick McIninch at oldcarfun@aol.com.

Also, Dot Parrish is making up a terrific Tidewater to Firewater Tour Book. She is hoping to have a picture of each participating car. If you are going with Tidewater to Louisville to celebrate the 75th AACA Anniversary, send a picture of your car to Dot.

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THANKS TIDEWATER

I am sincerely thankful for the donation made to the AACA Library and Research Center in honor and memory of my husband, Tom. Tom truly loved the car club. He often said, "You meet the nicest people at the car club functions!" The cars brought you together but it is the people that are the most important.

I miss Tom so very much. He was a wonderful person. We were blessed with years of happiness. I wish there could have been more, but God chose to call him home. When a loved one becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure in our hearts forever. Forever! I thanks everyone for their love and support. Keep the cars rolling and keep your hearts loving.

Sincerely,
Beverly Manry

DINNER MEETING PROGRAMS

By Viator Trudeau

February Dinner Meeting program is in Memory of Merritt Horne. The March program will be by Terry Bond. Jeff Locke will present the program in April.

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THE HUMOR SECTION



Stella Awards

The Annual Stella Awards are in honor of Stella Leibeck who successfully sued McDonalds for the burn caused by she placed a hot cup of coffee after taking off the lid between her legs and drove away.

This year's First Place Stella Award is Mrs. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City who drove her 32-foot Winnebago on her first trip to an OU football game. On the freeway she set the cruise control for 70 mph and walked to the rear to make herself a sandwich. She claimed it was Winnebago's fault because no instructions in the owners manual said she could not leave the drivers seat while the cruise control was set. The award was \$1,750, 000 plus a new motor home. Winnebago has amended their manuals. Could it be that some members of Congress are serving on juries in Oklahoma?

PILOT TO TOWER

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down.

San Jose Tower Noted: "Flight 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able.. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 bounced three times on touch down, finally landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?" The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?" Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

Avenson's recently acquired 1941 Packard

"What can Jere and Carol be thinking, taking a beauty like me out into the snow?"



THESE TWO WINNERS WERE OMITTED LAST MONTH.

TRAACA Wings and Wheels Show, Virginia Air Museum, Va. Beach, Sept. 26th

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It's time to downsize a little bit. I've decided that I really don't need FOUR Model T Ford projects, so the 1925 Suburban project needs to move into someone else's garage.

I've been collecting parts and pieces for about fifteen years for this neat car. The idea was to build a duplicate of the original York #803 Suburban that is in the Owl's Head Museum in Maine. I picked 1925 because it has all the features of the mid-twenties "Ts," but none of the "corruptions" of the '26-'27 years. Also, original parts and after-market support are both plentiful.

This package deal includes a nearly complete chassis with rebuilt & sandblasted frame, and unrebuilt but very good engine, transmission, front and rear axles, etc. The body is not here, but I have the Hudson Wagon Works plans (which are based on the Owl's Head car), and have several original huckster "finds" including a pair of the original windshield hinges, a pair of original huckster rear fenders, an original running board spare tire holder for two spare tires and several other nice items. The vehicle is not titled yet.

The accompanying illustration is what it will look like. I will include a bunch of photographs I took of the Owl's Head car several years ago and the Hudson plan package. Also would include lifetime support and digging rights into the extras of my 20-year accumulation of Model T stuff.

I am asking \$2000, but would reduce the price \$100 for every year that a bona-fide buyer is between 16 and 25 years old. If anyone is interested, I'll start collecting everything together.

Andy Ott, andrewott@aol.com (my travel and work schedule makes calling difficult).



NEW STORAGE SITE AVAILASBLE

I've come upon a storage location that might interest TRACA members. George Farish (757-488-2800) has taken over the collision and repair shop at the old Don Comer Ford dealership site in Portsmouth. Also, George has converted the old parts dept. to a storage facility, with room for about 8 more cars. The space is indoors, secured by alarm and heated in winter. Bill Williams

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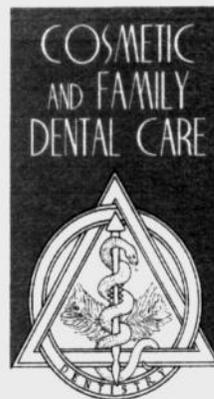
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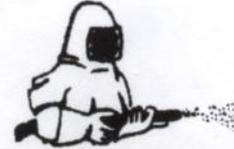


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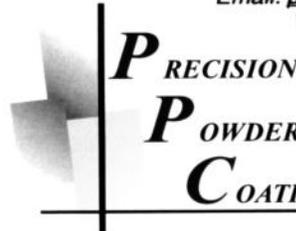
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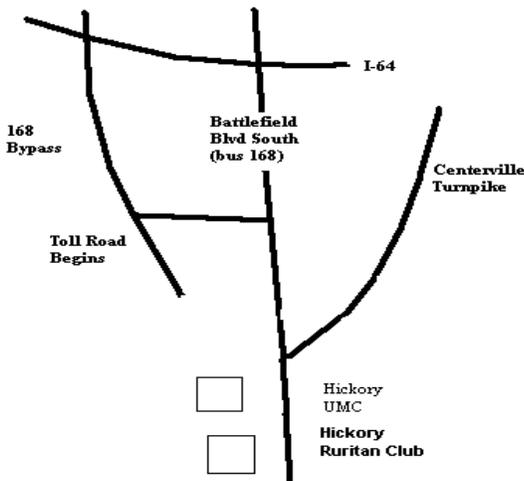
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