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

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TRAACA Tours the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Museum



TRAACA CALENDAR

On January 13th, we will be having a guided tour of the inside and outside of the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Museum. Each part of the tour will last approximately 45 minutes. The tour begins at 10 am. We will be meeting at the museum located at 1775 Historic Way in Chesapeake. The cost of the guided tour is \$9.00 per person to be paid at the museum. After the tour, we will be going to lunch at Little Italy at 1464 Mt. Pleasant Road.

RSVP to Tammy Park at 757-450-7672 by January 11th.

JANUARY

13 - Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Museum Tour - 10 AM - 1775 Historic Way Chesapeake, VA 23320 (\$9 per person for a 1.5-hour tour.)

20 - TRAACA Installation and Awards Banquet -Holiday Inn - 5655 Greenwich Road Virginia Beach, VA 23462 - 6 PM Social, 6:30 Dinner

FEBRUARY

17 - Tour of Tim Hund's Antique Vehicle Collection and Blacksmith Demonstration

MARCH

9 - TRAACA Annual Swap Meet - Nansemond-Suffolk Academy - 3373 Pruden Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434

APRIL

24 - Virginia Tattoo Festival (\$ 40 dollars per person and the club has a block of seats) Available on first come first serve basis as of today 29 people have signed up)



1999 Suzuki Hayabusa motorcycle at the 2023 EyesOn Design Car Show at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI. See more motorcycles in the article on Pages 4-9.



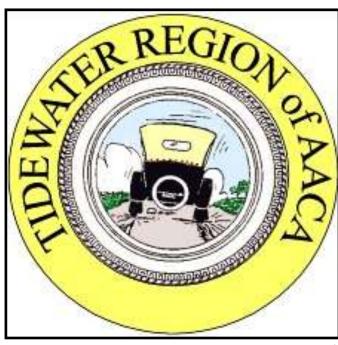
President's Podium

Tim Hund TRAACA President <u>traacacontact@gmail.com</u>



Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all TRAACA members. We have reached the end of 2023 and now move into 2024. Looking forward to see each of you at our activities in 2024. We start on January 13 with a tour of the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Museum. Then on January 20 is our new board installation and awards dinner. February has use visiting the Tim Hund collection and March is our swap meet. April has a trip to the International Tattoo. So please stay tuned and RSVP for the events as the information is released.

Tim Hund TRACA President



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Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

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

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Board - Nick Smith

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From the Running Board

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

November 9, 2023

TRAACA BOARD MEETING

Officers Present: President Tim Hund; Vice President

Bill Treadwell; Treasurer Harry Park;

Secretary Doug Grosz

Board Members: Fred Cole, Herbert Mumford. Not

present Paul Fuqua, Nick Smith,

Members: Skip Patnode, Tammy Park, Jerry Adams,

Debbie Mumford

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by President.

President's Remarks: Great turnout at the garage tour

at Bruce's. Tim also said he did the

ODMA tour on the Northern Neck of Virginia and

greatly enjoyed it. He said it was a great

group to tour with. Said the Tidewater Region needs

to start thinking about the tour we would

do when we next host ODMA. Silent auction needs

more items.

Vice President's Remarks: Paid a visit to Sam Kern and Judy.

Secretary's Report of Minutes of last board meeting distributed via email.

Treasurer's Report distributed via email. All approved of both reports.

Membership: 146 memberships (joint and individual)

253 Members Quorum of members is 51

On-going Business:

Activities:

The Activities committee met to review AACA events so we would have no overlap with those dates. Events lineup includes tentatively: Installation Dinner in January; Garage tour at Tim's in February; Swap Meet in March; International Tattoo in April; New Bern Tour in May; Tides game in June and Doumar's; July and August – Doumar's; September – Annual Car Show; October – Chili cookoff; November – silent auction;

December Holliday Brunch.

International Tattoo – need to purchase a minimum of

40 tickets for the group rate. Must decide

by December how many tickets to get. The event

would be a Saturday or Sunday and then we would go to dinner.

Another potential tour to Sam's garage with a date and month not currently set including visiting museums and antique shops.

Elections require the board to count, but not members on the contested votes. Recommended that 2 past Presidents help with the count. At silent auction if quorum met, each member will get a ballot distributed by Bob Stein.

Dinner Meetings:

Founder's Inn would like us to return for dinner meetings, but their cost is increasing.

General consensus of the membership is to move away from buffet meals. Some members have expressed they will not attend restaurant buffet meals. Discussing to check with the Holliday Inn at Greenwich Road in Virginia Beach as to their cost since we have met there before.

Audit of the Clubs finances to be done by a regular auditing firm next year.

Holiday Banquet – discussion on amount to be subsidized by the club. Cost from Princess Anne Country Club is \$35. Club with subsidize to lower the cost for members to \$10. RSVP due by December 3.

Installation Banquet – need location.

Award's Chairperson – need report to begin discussion on annual awards.

Bill Treadwell attending the AACA Annual Awards Banquet in the Dulles, Virginia area.

Indoor Car Show at Virginia Beach Convention Center next week with Tom Cox.

Next board meeting 6 PM December 7 @ Mom and Pop's Diner Norfolk

Adjourned 6:58 PM

EyesOn Design Car Show—2023—Part 4 Grosse Pointe Shores, MI Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

This is Part 4 of the series of articles about the 2023 EyesOn Design Car Show held on 18 June 2023 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, to benefit own way, and there were a number of them I'd love to own. the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

Between the venue and the cars (and the funds it raises for a very deserving charity), the annual EyesOn Design Car Show is truly a special event. Besides the beautiful cars on display, there also are a number of equally beautiful motorcycles. In keeping with this year's theme-"Revolutionary Design"—according to the show's program, motorcycles on display were chosen to showcase the post-war development of "modern" street motorcycles and the "rapid development and rampant competition with the Japanese manufacturers becoming very important players versus the previously dominant US, UK, and European makers", and the "many revolutionary, evolutionary, and beautiful street bikes during this time, as you will see here."

As you progressed through the motorcycles on display, you could see the evolution of technology and design. Engines became more powerful, the number of cylinders increased, 4cycle engines became more popular and 2-cycle engines disappeared (anti-pollution regulations and focus on fuel efficiency helped speed this transition), liquid cooling of the engines, double overhead cams, and even turbo-charging were introduced. Suspensions became more sophisticated, handling improved (although it lagged behind the engine performance improvements), the introduction of disc brakes improved braking, and even wheels improved with the transition from

wire spokes to aluminum alloy wheels.

Each motorcycle on display was special and beautiful in its (I'm looking at you 1958 Triumph Bonneville, 1969 Kawasaki H1, 1973 Kawasaki Z1, and 1974 Norton JPN 850.) However, I have to admit my favorite was the 1972 Kawasaki H2 750cc. (A lifetime ago, I became hooked on 2stroke Kawasaki's after riding my brother-in-law's 1972 Kawasaki H1 500cc motorcycle and ended up buying a 1974 model, as did two of my other brothers-in-law. Two-stroke, 3 -cylinder Kawasaki motorcycles have a distinct whine under acceleration, and it used to be fun to spank 4-stroke, 4cylinder Honda 750s in impromptu street races.) The 750cc Kawasaki on display had a well-deserved, ominous nickname in its day—"the widow-maker"—because its power & acceleration were frightening. Of course, just as with 1960s and 1970s muscle cars, today's motorcycles are faster, safer, and better handling than classic bikes of the '60s and '70s.

Each motorcycle on display was picked for a reason. Some like the 1979 Honda CBX because of its 6-cylinders. Others like the 1975 Suzuki RE5 because of its Wankel rotary engine and the 1979 Kawasaki Z1RTC because of its turbocharged engine. Some were rare, like the 1992 Bimota Tesi 1 with only 20 made. The Ducati's were just cool.

The 2024 EyesOn Design Car Show is on Fathers' Day, 16 June 2024. The theme for the show hasn't been announced vet, but Marion & I can't wait to be volunteers again.



1958 Triumph Bonneville



1973 Triumph X75 Hurricane (740cc)

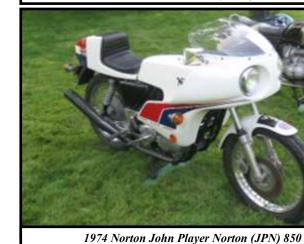
1973 Kawasaki Z1 900



1972 Kawasaki H2 Mach IV (750cc)









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1979 Honda CBX (with 1,047cc inline 6-cylinder engine)



1981 Yamaha RD350LC





1985 Yamaha RZ350













STILL COLLECTING at Christmas time!

By Terry Bond



Collecting automobilia with a Christmas theme is a natural topic for this time of year. \It begins to appear in antique shops and on the internet almost as soon as Halloween is over (even before in some places). My favorite subject matter of course is Santa driving an automobile.

Quick refresher and a cut-to-the-chase:

Santa had a long history but by the early 1900s, the image of Santa in a red suit and hat was so common that the Volunteers of America began dressing men in Santa Claus suits and sending them into the streets of New York to solicit donations for the Christmas meals for the needy. Later, artists such as Norman Rockwell and companies such as Coca-Cola continued to popularize the image of Santa Claus as a bearded fellow in a red suit in both artwork and advertising.

Today, Santa Claus is now a common image of Christmas who still carries on the spirit of giving that St. Nicholas started centuries ago and his likeness is known across the world.

At some time in the early 1900s, as the popularity of the automobile began to increase, Santa decided to speed up his deliveries by purchasing a new car. Images soon began to appear on Christmas cards and many other objects. The automobiles depicted were generic allegorical representations and did not represent any specific brand of vehicle. Santa often appeared in robes of blue brown, even white as the red-suited imaged we are so familiar with today had not been so universally adopted.

Santa behind the wheel can be found on a variety of objects as you will see in the images of items from my collection that I've included here. From ceramic to paper, they are all striking.

Greeting cards are where you'll find the most commonly seen images of Santa driving an automobile. Here are a few examples from my collection.



A Victorian scrap from my collection depicting Santa driving an automobile circa 1905.



A German Christmas themed postcard mailed in 1913.

The most amazing postcards were produced by German and English companies. Many were highly embossed and elided – examples of lithography at its' best during what is known as the "golden age" of the postcard.



Santa driving his circa 1904, printed in Germany.

Automobile



This card is part of a six-card series showing Santa in different poses and different colored robes. They were produced in Germany for the American market. 1908.



Another card in the set of six showing Santa behind the wheel.



A great Samta Christmas card, German, circa 1906



Santa has run over a snowman while making his deliveries! English, 1904.

Postcards can be fairly easy to date based on postal cancellations. The wonderful card shown next was mailed in 1908 and shows Santa getting a little help with a flat tire.



Santa gets help with a flat tire.

Some images appear on other items in addition to postcards. This great chimney flue cover shows Santa driving an automobile. Originals are very hard to find but this particular item was reproduced several years ago and can still be found inexpensively.



Chimney flue cover. Circa 1910.

Here is the same image used on a postcard that was actually mailed in 1910.



Santa postcard, 1910.



Santa in his automobile appear on this celluloid pin - a department store give-away, circa 1910-15.

Quarter is for size comparison.

All kinds of items in the 1900s and teens were produced showing a "modern" Santa driving a new automobile.



Another example of a department store advertising pin.

The mage seen on the plate below also appears on other ceramic items. Most often it is seen in a child-sized tea set. It was made in Germany around 1910 and was widely exported to England and America. Made of delicate porcelain few survived.



This plate is from a complete child's tea set showing Santa and an automobile. It was produced in Germany circa 1910.



Additional pieces from the child's tea set, This set also contained several items decorated with airships.

Other decorator items such as this wicker figurine came out only at Christmas time and were placed around the Christmas tree, much like what was done with train sets in a later time. These delicate objects are highly sought after today as survival was not good for them.



Santa driving a wicker automobile. Circa 1908-10.

If antique objects are out of your league, there are many wonderful contemporary items available to decorate with an antique car theme.

Several years ago a wonderful series on porcelain that can easily be found at modest prices. antique automobiles was produced and sold under the name "Grandeur Noel."







These were produced in Taiwan by the O'Well Novelty Company and were sold through Sam's Club, Walmart, and many other stores in the United States. They were first issued in approximately 2001. They are nicely done and readily available, often in their original packaging. Prices in the \$40-\$50 range are common but they can often be found cheaper in thrift They are not valuable and stores on on=-line. probably never will be, however they are wonderful items to decorate with at Christmas time -especially for the antique automobile enthusiasts among us.

There are still other "newer" items to decorate with



Large Santa in his automobile sold by Kirkland.

The large sized Santa driving his automobile was sold by Kirkland, the popular novelty and decorator item retailer. These were nicely done and can easily be found on the internet.

There are many more decorator items with Santa driving an antique car that you can collect, decorate with and enjoy year after year. We've talked about Christmas decorations themselves previously so I've not repeated any information on those, but to decorate an automobile themed Christmas tree, choices are limitless.

So, whether it's really old, or really new, any of these seasonal items can help you enjoy your holidays.

Happy collecting and may Santa bring you some great automobilia!

Terry



TRAACA Square Car Tour

November 11, 2023 Photos and article by Bob Stein

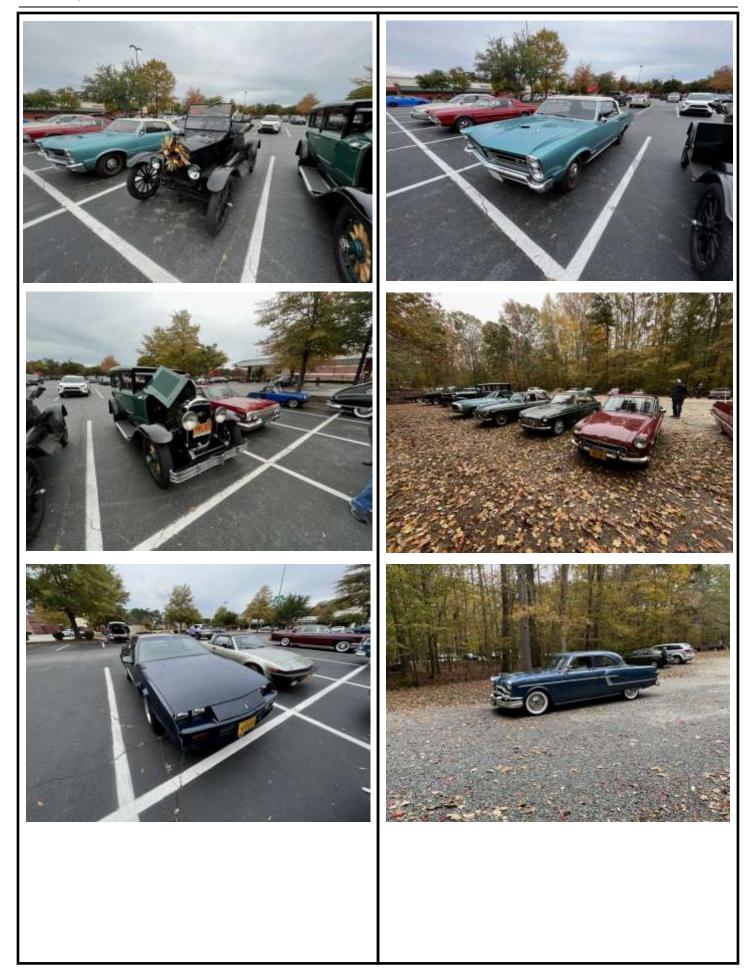


rolling around in vintage iron for the TRAACA and Tyler Gimbert (driving a rare Holden=based 2015) Square Car Tour. Eighteen vehicles and 35 people police vehicle). The tour went approximately 55 showed up for the activity, which provided an easy=paced tour of back roads throughout Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and North Carolina. We left from the Kroger parking lot at Centerville next to Kroger, where Tammy Park and Dot Parrish Turnpike and Mount Pleasant Road just after 11 AM. Tour leaders Richard and Sandy Hall and their 1988 GMC pickup let Tony Miller set the pace in his 1925 Model T roadster. The next oldest was Ken Talley in his 1928 Buick with a jump of just over 20 years to Bob Stein's 1949 Nash Ambassador, which included passengers Tracy Daly and Jennifer Beach. Jere and Carol Avenson drove their 1954 Packard Patrician, and Keith Colonna had his 1956 Lincoln Mark II out for the drive. Bob Ward drove his 1963 Chevrolet Impala SS, Tony and Leslie Scarpelli were driving their freshly-restored 1965 Pontiac GTO convertible, Hilary and Jack Pavlidis were in Hilary's 1967 Mercury Cougar, and Bill Treadwell traveled topdown in his 1969 Camaro convertible. There were three MGB-GTs on the tour: Linnie and Marie Pearce from Tidewater MG Classics in their immaculate 1967, Chip Woolford and Cheri Di Munno in Chip's 1973, and Terry Bond in his 1974. Tim Hund and passenger Ben Woolford made the trek in Tim's 1980 Triumph TR-8. with Bill Coburn making the tour in his 1985 Chevrolet Camaro. Additional participants in modern iron included Dan and Chris Ciccone, Charlie

Cool and cloudy weather made it a great day to be and Barbara Edwards, Alfonso and Patrizia Ludovici, miles, with a rest stop at Northwest River Park, and ended back at the same shopping center. Then it was time for lunch at Los Primos Mexican Grill, located joined the group. Many thanks to Richard Hall for laying out the tour and all the folks who participated!









TRAACA Holiday Party

December 11, 2023

Photos and article by Bob Stein



More than 90 members showed up for our annual Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach. While rain kept a lot of antique vehicles home we still had a few show up to park in front of the Country Club. Tony Miller drove his 1924 Model T Ford all the way form Portsmouth, Riley Best brought his 1964 Plymouth Valiant wagon, Hilary Pavlidis drove her 1967 Mercury Cougar, Joe Formato brought his 1969 Jaguar XKE, Bill and Linda Treadwell came in their 1973 Oldsmobile 442, Mickey and Toni McChesney drove their 1974 Oldsmobile Delta 88, Bob Stein had his 1986 Buick Electra, Fred Cole drove his 1989 Buick Reatta, and Bill Wilcox and Robyn Burnham had their 1999 Porsche 911 (Less than a month before it turns antique). In addition, Bob and Linda Pellerin provided their 1950s Austin Pedal Car as a lobby display, even if they could not make the event themselves. President Tim Hund started off the event with some announcements, followed by the presentation of a First Place trophy left from the 2023 Annual Meet by Meet Chairperson Barry Basnight to to Larry Goughan. Nick Smith provided the blessing, and then it was time to eat! The country club always puts on a spread, and today's bunch included huge shrimp, a roast beef carving stations, and omelet stations, as well as breakfast fare such as bacon, cheese grits, and spinach quiche. Following the meal, Terry Bond gave his annual commentary on the year's activities, highlighting the TRAACA member involvement. It poured rain for a while during the activity, and a couple of jet aircraft passed by close enough that some were wondering if it was thunder. It is important

to note that the activity was heavily subsidized by the club, so that members only paid \$10 per person! Many thanks to all for a great event!





















Be Proud of Your Region Consider Hosting a National Show or Tour By Wayne Tuck, VP - National Events



What are the local attractions in your area? Do you have historical sites, museums, local private car collections, national parks, scenic highways, unique architecture, or any local attractions of interest? Take pride in your local area and consider sharing some of the great features of your local area with AACA members from all areas of the country. Regions that host national events and tours usually draw attention to their region resulting in increase of membership. Hosting a National Event can also be profitable for the region. Local chamber of commerce our tourist agencies can be helpful with suggestions for local points of interest. Hotels can provide attractive rates for groups. Educational opportunities exist for children attending tours. AACA National can provide the guidance and structure to assure a successful and profitable event. Working together with fellow region members brings club members closer together. Other local regions and chapters sometimes join in to help each other with the event. Many regions plan years ahead to host a national event. There are many opportunities open for 2024, 2025, 2026 and beyond. What are you proud of in your area? Thinking about hosting a national event? For more information contact Wayne Tuck, VP-National activities either by phone 609-240-1561 or email rwtuck@comcast .net

AACA Calendar of Events

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

February 8-10, 2024 – Chantilly, Virginia – AACA Annual Convention

March 17-23, 2024 – Layfayette, Louisiana – Founders Tour 'Touring Cajun Country', sponsored by the AACA Louisiana Region—open to historically correct vehicles manufactured between 1932 and 1999.

March 21-24, 2004 – Guaynabo, Puerto Rico – Special Winter Nationals, sponsored by AACA Puerto Rico Region

April 4-6, 2024 – Charlotte, NC – Southeastern Spring Nationals and Grand National, sponsored by AACA Hornets Nest Region

June 9-13, 2024 – Fredericksburg, Virginia – Eastern Divisional Tour – sponsored by AACA Buzzards Breath Region. Open to vehicles up through 1999.

June 20-22, 2024 – Saratoga, New York – Eastern Spring Nationals, sponsored by AACA Saratoga Region.



Share the World's Best Kept Secret





The best way to get the word out in many communities is to "Not" share a secret. Well I have one, and don't tell anyone... AACA is the best organization for enthusiasts of vehicles 25 years and older. But we seem to want to keep it a secret. Let's get the word out in our communities about what we offer and not keep this secret to ourselves. Our community's history museum recently held a tour of mid-century homes and asked our AACA Region to provide cars of the period to be displayed at each home. The museum photographed each home with the period car for their marketing purposes. It was noted who the car owners were as well as being part of the local AACA Region. The local TV station did a short news story promoting the event and interviewed our region members about their cars. Region members were present with their cars on the tour day to answer any questions about the cars, just as the docents were there to answer questions about the homes on tour. And of course they were there to promote membership in the local region as well as National. Many communities hold historic home tours and other historic event commemorations. Contact them and ask if your region can provide historic cars to supplement the event. Many towns hold new car introduction shows. Contact the promoter to see if the region can have a special historical vehicle display area. They may be willing to pay the region as well. If not a special display area, offer car dealers the option to have a historic model of their make of cars on display with the new cars. Just connect your region and AACA with the car display. Have a region member with the car to explain it and have membership applications available with that member. Let's get the word out about AACA and no longer be the best kept secret.



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Members celebrating anniversaries in November & December 2023

David and Faye Curl Ken and Barbara Talley **Dewey and Maxine Milligan** John and Mary Beth Clark John and Lynn Heimerl Ron and Tina Pack George "Bud" and Betsy Keen **Roger and Judy Cross Danial and Sandra Rast** Jeanie and Roland Downing

Sunshine Report

A 2023 'Wesley' was delivered to members Andrew and Brittany Sitar on December 22nd. The 'Wesley' is currently limited to food processor functions and audible alerts, and is currently a sub-compact model at 7 lbs 11 oz and 20". However, the 'Wesley' is expected to be modified into a full-fledged vehicle collector. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Passing of Deborah 'Debbie' Linse

TRAACA member Deborah "Debbie" Michelle Linse, 61, wife of Frank Linse, passed away unexpectedly in her home on December 15, 2023. Please keep the Linse family in your thoughts and prayer this holiday season. Services will be held at a later date. Cards and letters can be sent to: Frank Linse 301 E. McGinnis Cir. Norfolk, VA 23502

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



Members celebrating birthdays in HAPPY November &



December 2023

Harry Boone **Harry Park** Pat Locke **Terry Bond** Robert "Bob" Pellerin Paul S. Fuqua **Scott Davies**

> Mark Strang **Scott Miller**

Jason Sturniolo Bill Blair

John Heimerl

Andrew Sturniolo

Thomas "Thad" Doumar

Paul Atkinson

Ronald "Ron" Hartman

Robinson "Bob" Watson

Ken Talley

John T. Blair

Thomas "Tom" Norris

Jim Villers

Matthew "Matt" Doscher

MatthewWeinstein

Robert "Bob" G. Gurnee

Fred Cole

Kenneth "Ken" C. Packard

Welcome to Our New Members!

No new members



DOWN THE ROAD

Other Regional and Local Events

JANUARY 2024

12-14 2024 Hampton Roads **International Auto Show** Virginia Beach, VA

19-21 Auto Mania Indoor Collector Car Flea Market & Corral Allentown, PA

MARCH 2024

6th Annual George E. Smith **Memorial Car Show** Virginia Beach, VA

APRIL 2024

Charlotte AutoFair 4-7 Concord, NC

Daffodil Festival Car Show 6 Gloucester, VA

13 **MCT Annual Spring Fling Mustang Birthday Car Show** Chesapeake, VA

17-21 Spring Carlisle Carlisle, PA

19-21 GoodGuys NC Nationals Raleigh, NC

20 **Virginia Chevy Lovers** 19th Annual Spring Dust Off Virginia Beach, VA

MAY 2024

50th Annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally Wheels & Wings Hagerstown, MD

24th Annual Williamsburg British & European Car Show Williamsburg, VA

10-11 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic **Pre-War Swap Meet** Luray, VA

10-11 Carlisle Import & **Performance Nationals** Carlisle, PA

16-19 Cruisin' Ocean City Ocean City, MD

Carlisle Ford Nationals Jun 2 Carlisle, PA

JUNE 2024

Highlands Motoring Festival Highlands, NC

21-22 Carlisle GM Nationals Carlisle, PA



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all TRAACA members.

Please check the calendar for events in 2024.

Doug











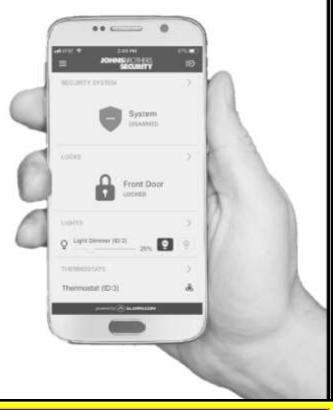
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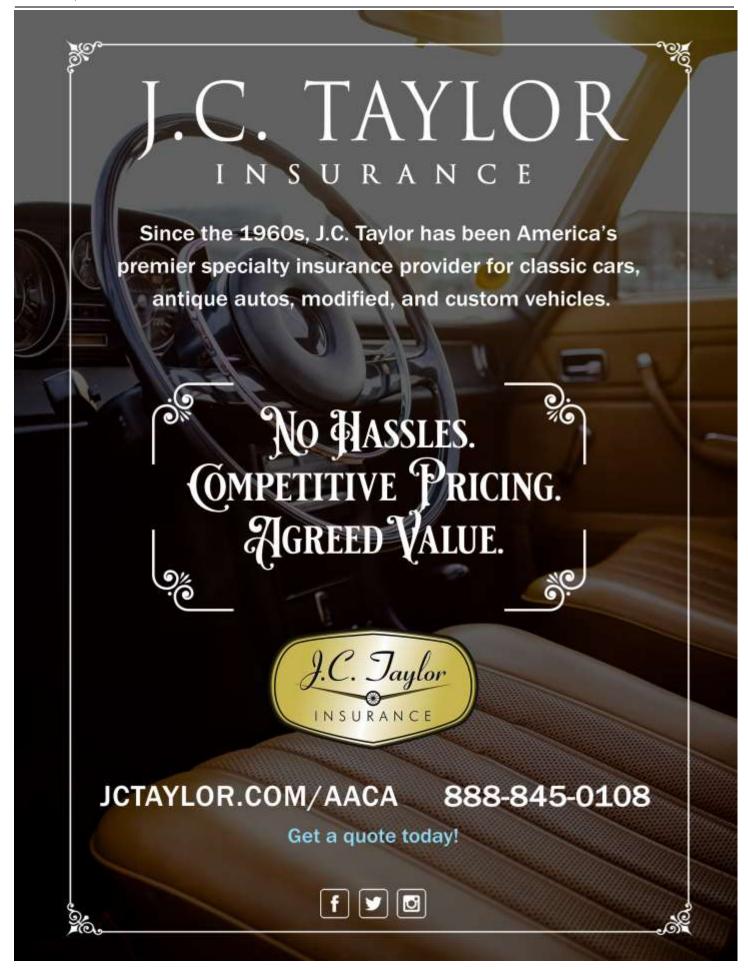
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2016 Dodge Viper ACR at the 2023 EyesOn Design Car Show held at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI