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The Mudflap



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

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1970 AMC AMX
Joe Gentile

In 1984, while living in the barracks at Naval Air Station Norfolk, I needed a car as my daily driver. Checking the *Auto Trader* I came across a



1970 AMC AMX in Sandbridge VA. I had never heard of this car but it was in my price range at \$1800. The car was partially primer gray and brown but otherwise all original. He took me for a test drive down the street. The car had great power and threw me back in my seat; I couldn't get the money out of my pocket fast enough, sold.

This two-seater had a loud exhaust that ended before the rear wheels and was held up with coat hanger wire. Occasionally the car would just stop running. I thought it was the carburetor float sticking because when I tapped on the carb it would start back up. Turns out it was a broken wire from the distributor to the coil that caused it to conk out.

I needed to get the car painted and become more reliable to drive. So in the summer of 1987 I found a garage in Norfolk that allowed me to help out working on the car. But then I received orders to NAS Alameda CA. I had to rush finishing the



car before it was shipped out. While stationed in CA, I wasn't able to work on the car a lot due to going on many deployments.



Then, in February of 1990, I was transferred back East to NADC in Pennsylvania. This time I planned on towing the car across country with our 1985 Buick Regal. I installed a hitch on the Regal and rented a front wheel dolly for the AMX. The Buick didn't last long, about 30 miles into the trip it blew a radiator hose and the car



kept over heating going up mountains so I knew it wouldn't make the rest of the trip. With a new baby in the car and a long trip in front of us we had to stop in Pleasanton CA. I got the AMX running and was faced with the decision on whether to sell the AMX or keep dragging it

across the country. I ended up selling the Regal and buying a 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass with a V8. I was able to bolt the hitch to the Cutlass and finished the trip. After a long week we finally made it to NAS Warminster PA.

Now that I had a one car garage, I started the restoration of the AMX in my spare time. The car needed to be painted correctly so in 1991 I took it to Tanner Auto Body. By stripping the car down to the bare metal myself, I was able to save on some of the cost. Once the car was finished being painted and buffed, I drove the car home to finish the assembly. But once again I was transferred and we had to move to Virginia Beach VA.



I left the Navy in 1994 and the car sat under a car cover for many years. I started the under carriage restoration in 2003 by removing the engine and refurbished the front suspension. I painted the engine compartment and the entire front clip. We moved to a new house that had

more garage space but other things became a priority and the car sat under a car cover, again, for years.

In 2013 I finally decided to put the AMX on the priority list with a goal to get the car running by the end of the year. By working on the car a



little every day, I was able to get the car running by December of 2013.



Then in the fall of 2014 I attended the Wings and Wheels Car show at the Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach. I was fortunate to have run into John Heimerl who told me he also had a 70 AMX. John was kind enough to help me with a wiring problem that I had with the tachometer. It was at this car show that I joined the TRAACA. I knew my AMX needed plenty of work to get it back to full stock, so little by little I worked on restoring back to original.



At the TRAACA fall show in 2022 I was surprised to have won Best of Show. Harry Park, whom I had met at several local car shows over the years, told me that the previous winner of that show just received his AACA Grand National award and I should follow his same path. He was instrumental guiding me through the process and offered valuable information and sup-

port. Harry even trailered my car to Charlotte, Gettysburg and back to Charlotte to receive my Junior, Senior and Grand National awards.



What I didn't know was at the Spring Nationals in Charlotte 2024, national judges looked over my car. That December I received a nomination for a National Award to be presented at the 2025 AACA Conference. Thanks go out to my wife Gitte for taking such impressive photos that were



sent in for judging. I was informed I won an award but did not know what kind. So Gitte and I attended the AACA National Convention in Charlotte, which was a great experience along with getting to meet so many nice people. My car was awarded the James Melton Memorial Cup given to outstanding senior car for the Southeastern Division.

Becoming a member of the AACA has been such a great experience. The cars are the common bond that's brings us together, but making new friends is the real reward.

Ramblings from the President

Thank you, thank you, to all the Tidewater members who made the trip to the ODMA Meet. It was an awesome day at the Keystone Tractor Museum with great weather and nearly 80 vehicles on the show field. Now we need to get our act together for hosting the ODMA Meet next year.



Our ODMA committee is forming and, with Harry Park as the chair, it will meet soon to start making plans. Do you have any ideas to share?

Time flies as I plan for my next AACA adventure. The Eastern National Meet is this month in Beckley, WV. The Eastern Grand National is next month in Dayton, Ohio. Our annual show will be right here in Norfolk on September 13th. I hope that each member can include a day or two sharing the automotive hobby in a busy summer schedule.

Speaking of events, there are dinner meetings that keep Tidewater Region moving. As your president, I have expressed an interest in bringing more of a business meeting back to the dinner meetings. Guest speakers and other presentations have been interesting and enjoyable but, my thought has been, that more than the board members need to know how the club is doing.

For the June meeting on Thursday, June 19th, we are planning to do just that. Members of the board will share where we are and where we think Tidewater is going in terms of finances, membership, and activities. That is the plan, anyway, so let us know if there is a specific question on your mind.

Tidewater Region will only continue to prosper with the involvement of more active volunteers. Finding a member to take over the reins of the *Mud Flap* is an ongoing challenge. Thank you, Terry and Susan Bond, for your ongoing efforts.

Recruiting members to keep up with membership, activities, the sunshine committee, and the company store has been more of a challenge than I expected.

Maybe that is why I awoke one morning recently from a dream, or nightmare, you decide. It was supposed to be a board meeting at a different location and outdoors at that. As I arrived, tensions were high, and law enforcement, two cars, were already there. As I checked with other members, there was the distraction of an airplane doing touch-and-goes on a nearby runway. So I awoke and got more serious about my ramblings for this month. So, you need not worry what keeps your president running.

Like taking the lead for visiting an assisted living facility or two - Westminster-Canterbury is Friday, the 13th of June.

Enjoy the hobby! Hoping to see many members at events soon.

Bill Treadwell
TRAACA President



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TRAACA MEMBER'S PAGE

June Anniversaries

Barry & Mary Ellen Basnight
James & Phillis Carnforth
Dick & Holly Chipchak
Richard & Linda Cooper
Al & Sharron Mercer
Reggie & Cindi Nash
Mark & Sue Strang
Rad & Margie Tillett
Matthew & Giselle Weinstein
Dalton & Carroll Williford



July Anniversaries

Cheryl & Craig Casper
Becky & Dickey Clifton
Donna & Jim Elliott
Leslie & Anthony Scarpelli
Betty & Jim Villers

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 re-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!

June Birthdays

Travis Baker
Travis Berry
Briant Capps
Mary Ann Chapman
Dick Chipchak
Chris Ciccone
Dan Ciccone
John Clark
Mary Beth Clark
Bill Coburn
Richard Cooper
Valerie Dillahunt
Roland Downing
Connie England
Daniel Etheridge
Joe Formato
Sam Kern
Bette Lawrence
Frank Linse
Debbie Meadows
Toni McChesney
Cathy Miller
Reggie Nash
Bob Stein
James Woodall



July Birthdays

Angela Brown
Craig Casper
Lesley Chapman
Brian Coombe
Linda Cooper
Thomas England
Douglas Grosz
Roger Gwinn
Joh Hunger
Robert Kinker
Debbie Meadows
Danial Rast
Sylvia Roughton
Anthony Scarpelli
Leslie Scarpelli
James Stansbury
Harold Via
Betty Villers

JULY DINNER MEETING PROGRAM

Escape July's heat with a evening in air-conditioned comfort at our monthly Dinner Meeting. To keep even cooler- wear your kilts!

The July program will be a look at some of the amazing automobiles built over the years in Scotland. You'll be amazed at what the Scots produced (or attempted to). Along the way you'll learn a bit of history and discover why historians believe the Scots invented the modern world.

Note — due to Virginia laws, the planned Scotch Whisky tasting could not be held in conjunction with this event, but the bar will be open at the hotel as always if you need a wee dram afore ye go.

TRAACA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 8, 2025

6:00 PM: Call to order. A quorum was present.

President's Remarks: President welcomed all members. No further comments.

Vice President's Remarks: No remarks.

Secretary's Remarks:

Motion made and carried to approve the previous minutes of April 10, 2025 as distributed. Minutes to this meeting will be emailed within the next week.

Treasurer's Report: President has turned over the books to the Treasurer who is officially handling all Treasurer's duties.

The check was given to Nandsemond Suffolk Academy as a donation for the Swap Meet. Approved at the previous meeting.

The 2024 audit is complete. All actions were declared legally conducted.

Personal property tax is due on the trailer. Treasurer will satisfy this tax with the city.

Motion made and carried for online banking account to be cancelled by the President within 7 (seven) days. Treasurer concurs and will initiate all deposits in person. There are currently 2 (two) individuals authorized to sign checks (President and/or Treasurer).

Committees Report: (Activities)

ODMA - 05/17/25

Murpheesboro Tour - 06/07/25

Cars & Coffee - Hotrodder's Cafe - 06/14/25

TRAACA Car show is scheduled for September 2025 (Date TBD). Bob Stein has obtained approval from Eggelston's to be conducted on their property located on E. Virginia Beach Blvd.

ODMA 2026 Committee will meet after the current ODMA meet.

Chili cook off will be in October 2025 at Shriner's site

Old Business:

Status of By-Laws Review: Rick Seaman will chair this review. An announcement will be made at the upcoming dinner meeting on 05/15/25 requesting volunteers who may be interested in assisting this committee. Rick will bring a sign up sheet.

New Business:

Discussion of possible increase in dues for 2026. Discussion to be continued.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

7:00 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Smith, Secretary

Dinner Meeting Report May 2025

If you missed the May dinner meeting, you missed a great evening featuring guest speaker Tony Pirrone.

The evening began with just a short business meeting, and presentation of a trophy to Susan Bond for her 1948 MGTC, displayed recently at the Church of the Ascension car show.

After dinner, and from the moment he grabbed the microphone, Tony held the members absolutely spell-bound. Many of our members know



Tony - several from personal encounters when he was working his "other job" saving lives as a member of the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Yes, Tony has a "day job" in his granite and cabinet business (where several other members have known him).

His passion though, based on his own personal experiences, is training others to save lives. Again, as a noted CPR instructor, he has met several club members who have attended his popular training sessions.

At our dinner meeting, the rest of us had the chance to get to know him. He is an enthralling, motivated speaker who brought his own personal story to the club, delivered in a way that kept everyone fully engaged. He is a tremendous speaker and made the evening a pleasure to attend.

Many thanks to Linda Pellerin for helping arrange this great evening. If you missed it, you really missed something special!

Don't miss our regular dinner meetings - good food, getting to know other club members, and enjoying dynamite programs make for a great evening out. See you next month!



From the Editor's keyboard

By Terry & Susan Bond

For this month, I thought about titling this column "Travels with Terry and Susan."

Like that familiar Willie Nelson song, we've been "on the road again." We just returned from a week in PA on the AACA Vintage Tour. We drove modern and spent the week riding with friends and making many new ones. We really enjoy touring and are proud members of the AACA Buzzard's Breath Touring Region, a non-geographical, loose-knit organization comprised of AACA touring enthusiasts from all over the country. "The Buzzies", as we're affectionately known, delight in hosting at least one of AACA's scheduled tours each year. They also try to do at least one of their own. They are often simple, inexpensive events traveling to historic sites, visiting car collections and museums, and eating. Yes, we are sure the old car hobby is really an "eating club" in disguise!

While we spent travel time to and from the tour, Susan was in the back seat (unofficially her mobile office) working on this issue of The Mudflap.

Before the tour we enjoyed a great Old Dominion Meet in Petersburg, and prior to that, we attended the AACA "Dual in the Desert" combined National and Grand National events in Tucson, AZ. We managed to beat the Sonoran Desert heat and enjoyed a comfortable week between Phoenix and Tucson enjoying Frank Lloyd Wright's estate at Taliesin West, near Phoenix. We also vis-

ited a tremendous botanical garden, saw no less than three car museums, and enjoyed judging some beautiful cars.

Between future travels to West Virginia, Indiana, Texas and of course Hershey, we'll squeeze out a few more issues of the Mudflap, covering our adventures and yours too.

Thanks to our contributors for keeping the material flowing. We're already gathering material for the July issue and have plans for more interesting features on members and their cars.

Remember though, we volunteered to be "interim" editors. It's now been nearly a year and although we really enjoy keeping everyone informed, we're still hopeful someone (or a group) will step forward to take the title "Editor." The groundwork is well laid. We have the expertise here within the club, and willingness to help when needed. Susan and I will also gladly serve as advisors as long as needed. So, between now and end of the year, we're asking you - what can you do to help support your club and the antique car hobby in Tidewater?

For those with an interest in joining our Newsletter team, I'm considering holding a small gathering to explain in more detail what makes a great newsletter, how it's all managed, and what you can do to contribute. Give me a call if you are interested. Our email and phone numbers are in the club roster.

Happy Motoring - Terry & Susan

TRAACA Calendar

Check traaca.com for the latest info on upcoming events!

June

- 13 Westminster-Canterbury Assisted Living Display, 4-7pm, 3100 Shore Dr., Virginia Beach
- 14 TRAACA Cars and Breakfast, 10:00am, Hot Rodders Café, 1457 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Chesapeake
- 19 Dinner Meeting, 6:00pm, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach

July

- 17 Dinner Meeting, 6:00pm, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach

Other Local and National Events

June

- 14 Richmond Region AACA 56th Annual Collector Car Show and Swap Meet, St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond

For a complete list of local events, visit www.ccchr.org, the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads



Debbie Nolan and Richard Hall add the 2025 ODMA meet plaque to the display board, which will find a home in the Transportation Museum in Roanoke, along with the trophies.

National AACA 2025 Event Calendar

JUNE

- 19-21 Eastern Spring National, Beckley WV

JULY

- 2-5 Central Spring National, Auburn IN
24-26 Grand National/Zenith, Dayton OH

AUGUST

- 12-15 Eastern Divisional Tour, Northern ME

SEPTEMBER

- 7-12 Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, Owensboro KY

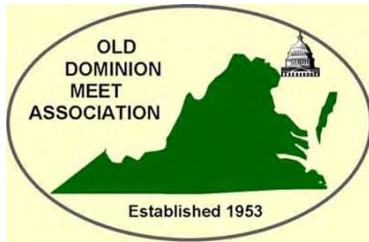
OCTOBER

- 7-10 Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey PA
18-22 Central Divisional Tour, San Antonio to Gonzales TX
22-25 Central Fall National, Galveston TX

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The Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) is one of the few non-geographical associations of its kind in AACA. Most AACA regions within the commonwealth of Virginia are members of ODMA.

ODMA hosts a statewide meet each year which rotates among the regions around the commonwealth. The class structure organization, judging criteria and awards follow those of AACA with some local exceptions. There are 15 member regions throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Aside from the coveted Old Dominion awards proudly displayed on prize-winning vehicles, there are a few other significant awards that are given to member regions.



The **"Old Dominion Trophy"** is presented to the region with the most member participation points earned as selected from a large number of categories (most judges participating, most vehicles on the show field, longest distance driven, and points for each individual vehicle award, etc). It is a large and prestigious award that once was rotated among winning member Regions.

The **"Walser & Edgar Rohr Trophy"** is awarded to the region with the largest percentage of members participating in the meet, regardless of region size. This trophy was actually the very first and original "Old Dominion Trophy." At the time of its inception, a rule was in place that stipulated any AACA Region receiving that award three times in succession would keep the trophy and another would be purchased to take its place. That original trophy was quickly won by the Bull Run Region and it was "retired" and permanently displayed in the private museum of former AACA National President and ODMA Co-founder Edgar Rhor of Manassas. Upon his passing, the trophy was donated back to the ODMA by son Chip Rohr and it was mounted on a new base made by TRAACA member Terry Bond.

The **"Best in Show"** trophy is awarded to the very best vehicle on the show field, as selected by the vehicle judging class Team Captains, the meet's Chief Judge, and the Chief Judge's assistants. The winning car also has the honor of being featured on the next year's dash plaque.

These beautiful trophies will at last have a permanent home in the Virginia Transportation Museum in Roanoke.

The 2025 Old Dominion Meet Association annual show was held May 17th at the Keystone Tractor Museum in Colonial Heights, VA. Early morning sprinkles gave way to sunny skies, and more than 80 pre-registered vehicles made this one of the largest ODMA shows in years. This year's show was presented by the ODMA staff and officers, and represents a departure that will help in the future as it has been increasingly difficult for smaller Regions to host such an event. While the ODMA will continue to seek hosts for future events, they will assist with registration, planning, and any other areas where help is needed. This will take potential strain off host regions and chapters and make the show fun to do for all.

2025 Steering committee members:

Tom Cox - Roanoke Valley
Debbie Nolan - Richmond
Bud Lacey - Richmond
Franklin Gage - Bull Run
Sandy Hall - Tidewater

The annual ODMA event was the best attended meet in memory. Many quality vehicles were registered and shown including Dwight Schaubach's two beautiful Duesenbergs.

Reggie Nash showed his original 1908 Rambler and Dalton Williford showed his award winning 1967 Pontiac GTO, among 11 other Pontiacs including several from Tommy Nolan's high performance collection from the early 1960s.

The show was organized by a new team led by Debbie Nolan and Tom Cox, who explained their new steering team approach, using the expertise of all local Virginia clubs instead of relying just on the host clubs to run the event.

A good time was had by all at the event venue, the Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum with most of the participants winning their desired awards.

Tidewater Region will be hosting the ODMA event next Spring and we are looking forward to another great event from our own local club!



Friday night pizza party at the host hotel



Tom Rosso and Rick Seaman



Tom Cox, Debbie Nolan, 2025 AACA National President Dave Anspach



Sandy & Richard Hall, Tim Hund, Skip Patnode



ODMA dash plaque display board includes meets hosted by Tidewater Region





1925 Franklin, Sam Kern



1948 MG TC, 1974 MGB GT, Susan & Terry Bond



1956 Continental Mark II, Keith Colonna



Debbie Nolan was Chief Judge, and awards were presented by Bud Lacey



1969 Chevrolet Camaro, Bill Treadwell



1965 Pontiac GTO, Tony Scarpelli





1967 Pontiac GTO,
Dalton Williford



1964 Plymouth Barracuda, Rick
Seaman



1985 Chevrolet
Camaro, Bill
Coburn



1964 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud 3,
Tim Hund



1929 Duesenberg Model J Roadster, Dwight
Schaubach



1930 Duesenberg Phaeton, Dwight
Schaubach



ODMA 2025

By Rick Seamen

Well, this was my first ODMA event and I had a blast. This trip was also my first towing with the new trailer and that performed great as well. I started off a few weeks ago trying to get the Barracuda ready, doing a lot of detail work and much needed maintenance. I had also been getting ready for the Eastern Spring Nationals in Beckley, WV. One of my biggest hurdles was trying to find "non-cogged fan belts", through Quanta and the "V-Belt guys" I finally found sets through both companies: V-belt guys has their "stamping" on them while Quanta is OEM vendor for Mopar so they have Mopar numbers stamped on them, and I went with those, they look really good on the car.

I loaded the car up a few days before the ODMA show, I wanted to get to the event site early which was at the Keystone Tractor Museum. This is one of the best tractor, tractor trailer and car museums in my opinion that you can go to, and I wanted to get there early enough on Friday so I could take it all in, and it was well worth it.

The Friday night social at the hotel was great - Debbie Nolen and Tom Cox did a great job of hosting. It was also great to see so many members from the Tidewater Region. I also really enjoyed getting to know Richard Hall much bet-

ter as we were able to spend some quality time together, and I didn't know we are sort of neighbors out in Pungo! He said if the garage door is open stop in, I will have to take him up on that. He has a vast knowledge of the Tidewater Region and the car culture in the Tidewater area - he is a very special person.

My good friend Tom Rosso from the Chesapeake Region came on Saturday with his 1965 Chrysler Wayfarer UTE, which is an Australian Utilitarian car with a pickup bed. There are only two known to exist in the United States and Tom owns both of them. It was also great to see Tommy Nolen's Pontiac Collection. I am a big fan of the 50's Pontiacs, and it was great to see so many. The show field was very diverse with some very early cars to cars in the 1990's. It's amazing we had such a great time, with great weather. I also got to meet Jack Pavlidis, he also lives just up from me in Pungo village!

After the show was over and awards were given, my buddy Tom guided me into my trailer as I did for Tom and his trailer. I tied the car down, did all my pre-checks for traveling back down 460, with a great ride home. While I didn't need to trailer my car, I used the time to get more practice at driving in traffic. My trip home was uneventful, except I was in air-conditioning the entire time which made the ride even better.

Can't wait for Tidewater region to host next year!!!



Tidewater Region members at the 2025 ODMA meet, winners of the Old Dominion Trophy



1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7, Hilary Pavlidis



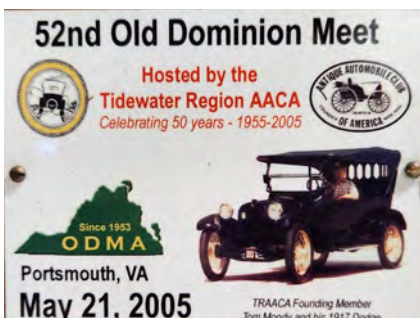
1940 LaSalle Sedan, James & Barbara Stansbury



1956 Ford Thunderbird, Bob Stein



1967 Alfa Romeo Du-etto, Skip Patnode



1992 Buick Roadmaster, Ken & Barb Talley



Judges Administration: Dot Parrish, Chris Cicconi, Sandy Hall, Chief Judge Debbie Nolan, Fact Checker Richard Hall



Richard and Jack Pavlidis in the museum



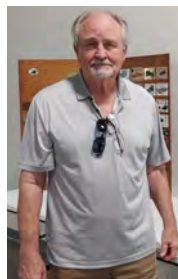
4 of the 5 Virginia AACA National Presidents were in attendance: Dave Anspach, Terry Bond, Bob Parrish, Tom Cox



1925 Ford Model T, Tony Miller



1959 Oldsmobile Eighty-Eight, Tom Cox



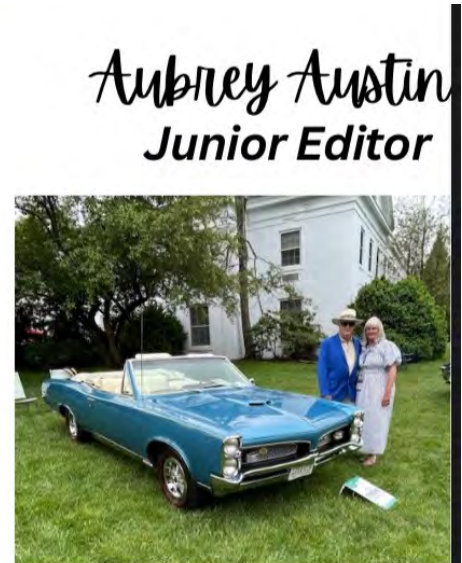
Bob Powell

Trophy Winners:

Old Dominion, Tidewater Region
Walser & Edgar Rohr, Lynchburg Region
Best in Show, Tom Rosso,
1965 Chrysler Wayfarer UTE

1908 Rambler, Reggie Nash



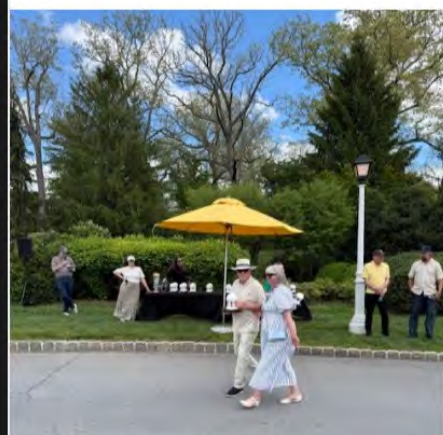


Aubrey Austin
Junior Editor

The Greenbrier

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WV

May 2- May 4, 2025 we attended The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance. On Saturday there was a car show with alot of different cars in attendance. Dalton was in the car show, and showed his 1967 Pontiac GTO. He won the spring house award. Overall, it was an amazing evetn to be able to attend.



Report from the Luray, Virginia Pre-War Swap Meet May 8-10, 2025

By Terry Bond

I love a good swap meet - the old fashioned kind where hobby vendors and club members pull stuff out from under the workbench and lay it on the ground, or pile it up just as it was found - covered with the dust of time and flavored with the patina of ages

I love a good swap meet where old friends get together to really swap stuff around and visit - when they are not trying to help other with just what they need to get their cars on the road again. Where finding a good home for something is more important than making a buck. Where spending time with old friends is the most important part of the day.

Luray checks all the boxes on my list. I've been going to swap meets a long time, Hershey - since 1970 - and as many swap meets (large and small) as I could squeeze into the months between. I consider myself somewhat "experienced." I've been to swap meets all over the country, and Luray has become one of my absolute favorites.

It's a good old-fashioned, friendly, laid-back swap meet where vendors are mainly folks clearing out stuff from their workshops or parts stash. There are always fresh-to-the-market loads of parts brought in from newly discovered stashes in the country.

Each year I see at least half a dozen trailer-loads or pick-up truck beds full of unsorted things just as pulled freshly out of old barns. The excitement of going through these unsorted items is great, especially knowing they've not already been picked through and over-priced. This event always produces some goodies.

2025 was one of the best in the years I've been



you have as many as I do, it's not surprising. Still, I managed to snag a handful of nice plugs



at very affordable prices.

Others reported buying early brass carbs for different cars. There were several boxes full of them to pick from and, if you knew what you were looking at, bargains were there. Brass lamps, oilers, rare coils, magnetos, and other interesting items were laid out on tables or tarps spread on the ground. Yes, it's predominately a Model T lover's paradise, but there are always other early items mixed into some of those loads that only the guy who needs it can really identify.

In the past I've seen single-cylinder Caddy parts, EMF, CDO, Saxon, Maxwell, and other early items sold there. Everything from a Pierce Arrow mascot to a NOS Firestone inner-tube was available. Last year I bought an amazing self-generating gas headlamp. Undiscovered treasures abound at Luray and it's always a real scavenger hunt - just the way a swap meet



should be.

Those who supply needed services for the hobby were well represented. If you needed new wood wheels, transmission parts, coils or carburetors rebuilt, starters or generators, or even new top bows or horsehair stuffing for your seat cushions, the right people were there to help. If you just needed parts you'd have enjoyed the thrill of the hunt and the excitement of discovery.



Set-up day is later on Thursday for many vendors, and eager buyers descended early snagging bargains as they were uncovered. Friday is usually the busiest day but, with many hiding from the early

rains, it was a slower than normal start. But, once the skies cleared, it was going strong. Friday PM and Saturday were beautiful with light cool breezes and plenty of sunshine.

The VFW is a great place and they run a concession there with delicious reasonably priced food. There is also a wonderful Friday fried-chicken dinner for vendors who buy tickets when they register for the event. They wave the flag here, and the VFW benefits from hosting the event. It's all about the veterans and it's obvious the VFW enjoys having the event there. We salute them for their hospitality and honor their service.



Saturday was another great swap meet day with the majority of vendors staying until well into the afternoon and slowly packing for the trip home -

or to get their cars ready for Sunday's scheduled Model T tour.

There is a great photo here of one of the youngest old-car enthusiasts at the event. While his Dad was out hunting for parts, the rest of the family enjoyed looking at stuff too. Their young son was completely



enthralled looking over a ceramic sculpture at my booth together with my good friend and fellow automobilia collector, Janice Weaver from North Carolina. The photo is priceless! I can't help but wonder if 20 years from now this young man will be vending at Luray, or shopping for goodies on his own.



It was great to see everyone again and spend some time visiting with them, especially fellow club members from AACA, the Model T club, and even the Spark Plug Collectors Club.

Aside from my quest to add to my collection of old spark plugs, it's the friendships found there that mean the most. Time spent visiting at the swap meet or in the evenings at dinner or at our hotel is precious.

Luray is on my calendar for next year already. Hope to see you there.



STILL COLLECTING

Raphael Tuck and the Automobile

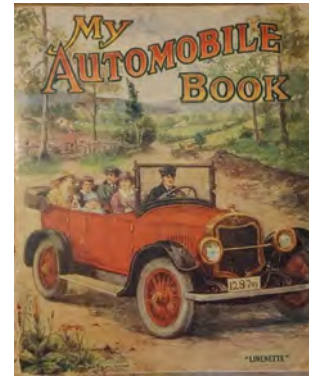
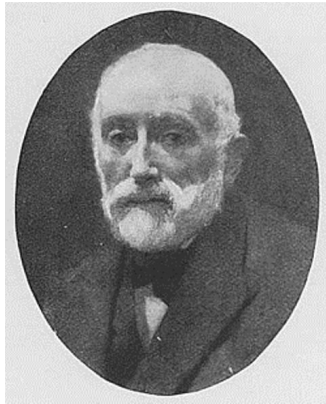
By Terry Bond

Since 2013, my collecting series has focused on a particular theme each month. Occasionally, there has been mention of a specific artist, but generally I've not explored much art history aside from identifying or dating objects. Now, it's time to open the books and look at one of the most prolific publishing firms that ever existed, and learn how the automobile was an influence on their work.

The company, Raphael Tuck and Sons, began in London in October 1866.

Raphael Tuck was born in Prussia in 1821. He originally worked as a carpenter. In 1848, he married Ernestine Lissner and raised four boys and three girls there. In 1864, as refugees from the Second Schleswig War, they moved to London and started a furniture making business that soon evolved into a specialty picture framing operation. The company quickly became well-known as a distributor of graphic art prints, including reproductions of popular art. Raphael Tuck had received training in graphic arts in his home country and although he was not an artist himself, he had a flair for commercial art that prompted his interest in this new field. Using contacts in their native country, they were successful in bringing the latest advances in lithography and printing to the British and American markets, chiefly through the rapid growth in popularity of the postcard. They produced their first Christmas card in 1871.

The entire family was involved in expanding the business. Ernestine was a savvy businesswoman, while the children provided more help. Raphael sent out his sons, Herman, Adolph and Gustave, to bring in more business. Herman and Adolph also went on selling trips, and at the end of the day they would check the results of the day's work. The one with the higher sales would have the bigger egg next morning for breakfast.



Tuck also was among the first to publish movable books that first appeared around 1890. Father Tuck's Mechanical Series featured several different movable parts which unfolded to reveal multi-layered, three-dimensional scenes. Other books contained pull-the-tab and peep-show mechanisms. Tuck & Sons produced another series of movables, each featuring overlays designed to be raised out from the pages, thereby giving scene with a three-dimensional effect.

By the turn of the century, the rapidly growing popularity of the automobile was starting to gain momentum. The image of the automobile quick-

ly became representative of the dawn of a new age and was used to create a feeling of adventure, wonder, and amazement. The future was now, and driving a car quickly became popular graphic imagery. The Tuck firm was quick to use that to bring new life to their products including childrens books, calendars, puzzles and, yes, even postcards that would include Santa driving his automobile while making his rounds at Christmas time.

Although Raphael died in 1900, his sons carried on the business. It grew and continued to enjoy great success world-wide, eventually opening offices in Paris. Even during the First World War, the business thrived, especially through export to the US. It was World War II however that would nearly close the business. Their offices were completely destroyed during bombing in London in 1940. All of the company records and archives were turned to ash.

Although they rebuilt and were moderately successful, things were never the same again.

When the last of the Tuck sons retired in 1959, the company was absorbed into The British Printing Corporation (renamed British Printing & Communications Corporation in 1982). Later, it became part of a larger multi-media company named Maxwell Communications. The company went bankrupt in 1991 and parts of what remained were sold to other media companies including Time-Warner, McGraw Hill, and Simon & Schuster.

Although new and previously unknown items are still to be discovered, what remains today is largely in museums, libraries and private collections as a memory of an age long ago.

The items pictured with this article are from my own collection.



Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet
St. Joseph's Villa - Richmond, VA
Saturday, June 14, 2025
8:00am - 3:00pm



You are invited to participate in the 56th annual Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet, to be held on the lawn of St. Joseph's Villa in Richmond, VA. This event is presented by the AACA Richmond Foundation and Richmond Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. We are excited to feature the "Evolution of Rolling Sculpture" this year!

CLASSES AND JUDGING

Classes for virtually every make and model car, truck, and motorcycle will be available with judging performed by experienced teams. Please Note: Only pre-registered show cars will be eligible for judging and awards.

CRUISE-IN

As an alternative to having your car in the judged portion of the show, you are invited to participate in the 2025 St. Joseph's Cruise-In! This non-judged area of the front lawn will be reserved for you to arrive in style, with the freedom to depart whenever you wish.

AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET

The show also attracts one of the largest automotive Swap Meets (Flea Markets) in Virginia, where you can find that elusive part or that special vintage license plate to make your restoration complete.

10:00am OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremonies and the singing of our National Anthem begin at 10:00am, followed by a parade of featured cars! Vintage car rides will be available for you and your family to experience starting at 10:30am. Food and beverages will be available throughout the day.

FEATURED CARS

An amazing display of cars representing the "Evolution of Rolling Sculpture" will highlight the beauty in design of automobiles through the years. Be sure to capture some cool photos of these beauties!

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AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Awards Presentation will begin at 2:30pm. Old Dominion winners in each class will be called to the podium to receive their award. First place cars will then be driven up to receive their award, culminating in a presentation of the coveted Best in Show trophies!

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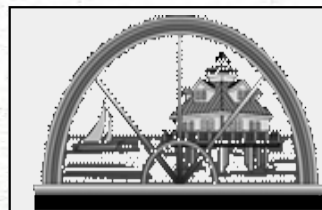
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