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The Mudflap



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MOPAR MADNESS! Muscle and MORE Muscle!



When we were in high school, the "Muscle Car" was king of the road. Most of you grew up in a time where GTOs, Chevelles, 442 Oldsmobiles and Shelby Ford Mustangs seemed to outnumber everything. But, on the nation's drag-strips and oval tracks, it was something else that often led the pack. MOPAR Muscle was one group of cars closely vying for title "King of the Road."

It was Hemi powered Chargers, Challengers, and Cuda's that ruled the famed "stop light Grand Prix" races on Gratiot Avenue in Detroit. More streetable versions of them were configured with 383 Cubic Inch engines but, when the 440 Cubic Inch engines were introduced for those cars some of those more well-known 'Detroit Demons' took notice! The 440-six pack was an absolute thriller the moment it was unveiled.

Our own member Larry Goughan now owns three great Mopars, one of them a "rare bird" indeed.

You may have seen one (or more) of Larry's great cars at some of our events, or perhaps indoors at one of the Hampton Roads Automobile Shows in the Convention Center, or perhaps the National Meet in Hampton. Wherever they go, they not only turn heads with their bold colors and styling, but the rumble when they enter the show field is ground-shaking and distinctively MOPAR MUSCLE!



Bob Parrish recently spent time visiting with Larry (almost across the street from him) and captured some details about Larry's interest in them.

Next time you see Larry standing proudly with one of his MOPARs at an event, all you need to do is ask and you'll be rewarded with some great automotive history.

Members Corner

Larry Goughan

Our MOPAR Specialist

Like many of his fellow club members, Larry was transplanted to the Tidewater Area by the US Navy and, for him, it was in 1982. He is a graduate of LeHigh University in Pennsylvania, where the first Packard was produced in 1899, known as the Old 99, and now resides.

Larry retired from the US Navy in 1995 as a Commander, and remained in the area, working for a defense contractor for another 25 years. His first serious collector car was a 1968 Dodge Charger, which hooked him on the MOPAR brand and its muscle car heritage. In the meantime, he bought a new 1995 Z 28 Camaro, which he still has. There were also a pair of 1995/1996 Chevrolet Impala SS's, which have become collectible.

The MOPAR muscle interest returned and he looked for several years for the right car, settling on a very desirable 1970 Dodge Challenger with the infamous 440 SIX PACK in the ever popular Plum Crazy color. The next MOPAR edition was a 1971 Dodge Charger, which is also a 440 SIX PACK with the popular orange paint scheme. If this wasn't enough, he bought a rare 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona Wing Car which was one of 503 built and was also a one owner and local Norfolk car. His collection represents a lot of MOPAR muscle, and a serious collection to be proud of.

Larry is not really a new member, joining the Tidewater Region in 2019, but has become active at local shows and Tidewater activities.



MOPARS AT CARLISLE

By Rick Seaman

The summer sun had barely risen over the rolling hills of Pennsylvania when the first rumble of V8s echoed across the Carlisle Fairgrounds.

It was July 11, 2025, and the Mopar faithful had been waiting all year for this moment. By Thursday afternoon, before the gates had even officially opened, the show field was already filling up. Rows of polished chrome and candy-colored paint stretched as far as the eye could see. The flea market was sold out, the air thick with the scent of grilled burgers and high-octane fuel.

This wasn't just any car show – it was the Carlisle Chrysler Nationals, the largest all-Mopar gathering in the world. But this year was special. This year marked 100 years of Chrysler, and the celebration was worthy of the milestone.

At the heart of the fairgrounds, the Expo Center had been transformed into a rolling time capsule. Visitors wandered wide-eyed past a 1924 Chrysler Six prototype, marveling at the humble beginnings of a giant.



Nearby stood the aerodynamic 1934 Airflow, the stately 1955 C-300, the experimental 1963 Turbine Car, and the curvaceous 1995 Atlantic concept. Future met past in the form of the 2024 Halcyon Concept, glowing under the lights, and the 2026 Pacifica 100th Anniversary Edition – a

reminder that Chrysler wasn't done making history.



Even Chrysler CEO Chris Feuell was there, fielding questions from fans and posing for photos, while Frank Rhodes, Walter Chrysler's great-grandson, guided small groups through the centennial display, sharing family stories and rare memorabilia.





Outside, the fairgrounds pulsed with energy. The 55th anniversary of the AAR 'Cuda and Challenger T/A brought out rare survivors in factory colors, some wearing scars from decades-old races.

The drag racing legends were there too: Buddy Martin, Herb McCandless, the Ramchargers, the Golden Commandos, and the ever-charismatic Linda Vaughn, whose laughter seemed to carry over the crowd.

In another section, the 60th anniversary of the 1965 A-990 HEMI Super Stockers roared to life as owners fired up their engines, shaking the ground. Between them sat a monster – a 1969 Dodge Charger stuffed with a twin-turbo Viper V10, a mechanical daredevil grinning in polished aluminum.

The showfield was an endless parade of Mopar glory – Superbirds and Daytonas lined up like fighter jets, Road Runners standing wing-to-wing, vintage police cars, and even a Sherman tank looming over it all.



Over in the autocross area, tires squealed in the "Real Street Shootout," while the burnout contest filled the sky with thick, sweet-smelling smoke.

On Friday night, the muscle spilled into the streets of Downtown Carlisle for the parade – over 140 cars rumbling past cheering crowds, the sound bouncing off the old brick buildings. It was part car show, part homecoming, part living museum.



By Sunday evening, as the last engines cooled and the crowd began to thin, there was no doubt that Chryslers at Carlisle 2025 had made history. With a record 3,201 cars on the field, it wasn't just the biggest – it was one of the most heartfelt celebrations Mopar fans had ever seen.

For those who were there, the memories will smell like burnt rubber, sound like a HEMI at full throttle, and feel like a warm July afternoon surrounded by family – because that's what the Mopar community is.

Ramblings from the President

You know your president is too busy with life when he doesn't take time to finish rambling. Close friend in and out of the hospital, two checks that cannot seem to finish that estate, and only two classic cars (many of you have more) that do not want to play today. So life goes on and now I might be taking on more.

How do we get more than the same 25 or so active members to come to a dinner meeting? If you have an answer to that one, do not call me. Call a friend in Tidewater Region, or call a board member, or come to a dinner meeting and tell us.

What do we talk about at dinner meetings? Cars we have admired from afar this month, new acquisitions, the next activity we are planning...

The Grand National in Dayton, Ohio was my somewhat crazy, but very interesting trip this month. Many hours on the road with Bill Coburn to keep me awake and nourished. I loved the

snacks and conversation, but eighteen hours on the road for a judging chip. Was it worth it? Yes, the Zenith cars, the Packard museum, and the Museum of the Air Force made it worth it for anyone considering a similar venture next year.

Next year, when I will be your Past President, I hope we will all be concerned with making Tidewater Region the best, and wondering how to attract more active volunteers.

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

Bill Treadwell, TRAACA President



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From the Editors' Keyboards

Terry & Susan Bond

Our fingers have been flying lately to catch up! When not shifting gears driving an MG, turning wrenches to keep the cars going, or packing suitcases for the next old car adventure, we're wearing out our keyboards keeping you up-to-date with what's been going on in TRAACA.

Between AACA National events, MG Club activities and family visits, we've been away from home a lot. It's been a busy year! But, thanks to the help of some of our members, we continue to keep the in-box filled with great stuff for you to enjoy. Work, of course, but fun, and we appreciate everyone willing to share their stories or help gather the info.

To keep great stories coming, you are invited to send us a story about your old car adventures too. Have you been to a great car show somewhere (even locally)? Got a few photos from an event you attended – maybe a cruise-in? Working on an old car project you want to share information about? How about a good swap meet? I know many of you enjoy hunting for treasure at

Carlisle and elsewhere. Did you attend a good auction or visit a car museum while on vacation? Teaser – we've got a great story coming about a trip to England to soak up some automobile history. Send it in an email, type out a few paragraphs and mail it, write it on the back of a napkin and hand it to us at a dinner meeting, or just call and we'll take notes while you talk. We'll make you look good, promised!

We're always looking for members to get involved helping get the *Mudflap* out regularly. Just give us a call or see us at a meeting to ask what you can do to help. Of course after deciding to fill the editor's job for just a couple of months (last year) we're also hopeful someone will step forward and let us show them how it's done.

Lots of info coming, including some on the Giant Hershey swap meet and car show, stories about members and their cars, news of events, and a special series coming on some automobile history. Of course, I'm "Still Collecting:" too!

See you soon, and mean time, ***Happy Vintage Motoring!***

STOLEN TRAILER ALERT

Paul Fuqua

At some time in the past seven days a thief has stolen our 24' Haulmark car trailer. It was taken from the parking lot at the rear of my old BHHS RW Towne office at 300 Cedar Lakes Drive, Chesapeake, Va. 23322.

The Chesapeake Police Department case file # is 2025-96575. The VIN of the trailer is 16HGB2422XP016595. The license plate # is 115143TM.

Stored in the trailer were an aluminum floor jack, 2 mounted spare tires, 8 ratcheting webbed tiedowns, a 10X10 pop-up tent, two folding camp chairs, a large plastic tote in which were stored lubricants, hand tools, towels and miscellaneous shop supplies.

Both the front and tailgate carry Antique Automobile Club of America signage. Additionally the tailgate carries a large National Corvette Restorers Society decal.

Interior walls are painted white, deck is painted Navy grey.

If you see this trailer please contact me at 757-449-7463 or the City of Chesapeake Police Department. Thanks.



TRAACA MEMBER'S PAGE



September Anniversaries

Jon & Mary Ann Brown
Tom & Dawn Bottoni
Raymond & Angela Brown
Joe & Genny Formato
Mickey & Toni McChesney
Herbert & Deborah Mumford
Robert Perkins
Andrew & Brittany Sitar
Jason & Lisa Sturniolo

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!

August Anniversaries

Kimberly & Travis Berry
Susan & Terry Bond
Liz & Bill Coburn
Terry & Dave Cook
Kelly & Scott Dayton
Jan & Preston Garner
Charline & Joe Geib
Phylis & Tim Hund
Bette & Kit Lawrence
Cathy & Scott Miller
Dot & Bob Parrish



August Birthdays

Mary Ann Blair
Mary-Ellen Bostjancic
Curtis Cook
Dave Cook
Sheryl Cook
Terry Cook
Jim Elliott
Matthew Gresalfi
Bob Gurnee
Gregory Logan
Alfonso Ludovici
Sharon Mercer
Maxine Milligan
Carol Milligan
Wayne Milligan
Ed Monroe
Deborah Mumford
Jessica Packard
Bob Parrish
Bob Powell
Myrna Robson
Dwight Schaubach
Dennis Sobota
Sigur Whitaker
Becky Woodall

September Birthdays

Ellen Adams
Boe Bostjancic
Dawn Bottoni
Kelly Dayton
Scott Dayton
Donna Elliott
Marie Gancel
Joe Gentile
Larry Goughan
Denise Haag
Molly Hunger
Patrizia Lo Betti
Herbert Mumford
Wes Neal
Andrew Sitar
Nick Smith
Barbara Tally
Robert Ward
Bill Wilcox
Robert Woolfitt



AUGUST

- 12-15 - Eastern Divisional Tour - Northern ME - Hosted by the Maine Region
- 14 - **TRAACA Board Meeting** - 6 pm at Ynot Pizza and Landstown Commons, Virginia Beach, VA
- 16 - **TRAACA Tour to the Ruritan Show** - (leave Kroger parking lot at 8:45 - 9:00 am at 1653 Sentinel Drive in Chesapeake, VA 23320) For info see page 13.
- 21 - **TRAACA Monthly Membership Meeting** - (6 PM, Holiday Inn Convention Center 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach VA)

SEPTEMBER

- 6 - **Open Garage at Sam Kern's, Hudgins VA.** Leave Hampton Coliseum parking lot at 9:30 am. For info see page 9
- 7-12 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) - Owensboro KY - Hosted by the VMCCA
- 13 - **TRAACA Annual Meet** - 8 AM to 3 PM, Eggleston Corporate Offices, 5145 E Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23502 . For info see page 11.
- 18 - **TRAACA Monthly Membership Meeting** - (6 PM, Holiday Inn Convention Center 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach VA)

BUT WAIT - THERE'S MORE!

18 October, **TRAACA Square Car Tour.**

1 November, **Annual TRAACA Picnic** at the Shrine Center in Chesapeake.

Watch the *Mudspeck* electronic newsletter and the next Mudflap for full details.



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAM at our upcoming August Dinner Meeting

The August dinner meeting presentation will be "**A Cheapskate in a Rich Man's Hobby**" by Bob Stein.

This is a new presentation that will look at having fun with old vehicles when funds and/or space are limited. This is a preview of a longer presentation that will be given at the AACA National Membership Meeting in February 2026.

The dinner meeting will be held August 21st at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. When you get your email from Skip Patnode be sure to respond quickly and sign up so you won't miss this.

National AACA 2025 Event Calendar

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

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

Open Garage At Sam Kern's

Mathews County, Virginia

September 06, 2025

11 am to 3 pm

1549 Old Ferry Road, Hudgins VA

Leave Hampton Coliseum

**Parking lot at 9:30 am if you want to
travel together**

**Lunch on your own — when you get hungry
— or bring your lunch and Sam will have
drinks and seating available**

Traveling about 14 miles from Gloucester on Route 14, you will come to a T intersection with Route 198 in Mathews. Turn left and then shortly turn right onto VA Route 223. VA Route 223 leads you onto Old Ferry Road, Gwynns Island, Mathews County, via the oldest swing bridge in Virginia. There you will find the only traffic light in

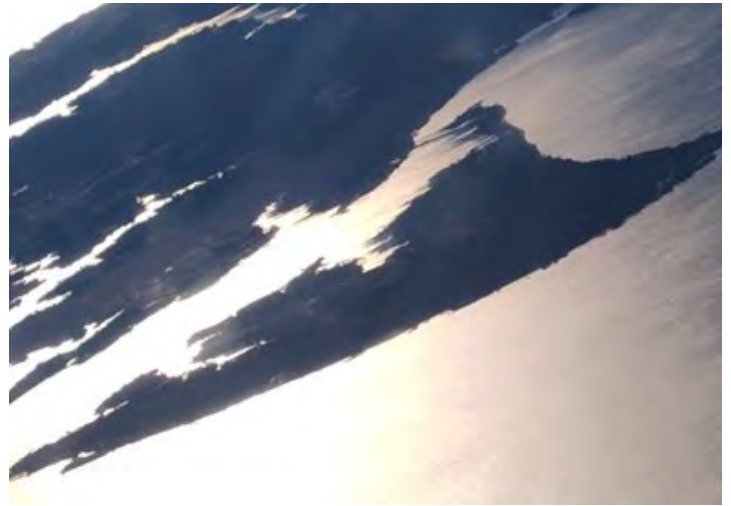


Mathews County. While passing over the bridge onto Old Ferry Road carefully note the osprey nest perched on the upper northeast corner of the span. The same pair uses this

nest every year, but you may not see them because they may have already begun their long flight to South America for the winter. The Virginia Department of Transportation completed a \$11M overhaul of the 1930 swing bridge in 2023.

Gwynn's Island is about two miles by three miles with about 650 residents. An asteroid struck Earth 35 million years ago, forming it along Chesapeake Bay.

Three minutes away on the left is our house termed a "garageominium" adjacent to two cemeteries run by the Gwynns Island Cemetery Association. Our address is 1549 Old Ferry Road, Hudgins VA 23076. It is the only structure of its kind on the island. The previous owner said he



Gwynn's Island from the left window of plane **approaching Richmond airport from JFK Airport** at 6:00 p.m. on December 20, 2023.

received considerable resistance from island residents and the County Board of Supervisors gaining approval to build it. It looks more like a machine shop or gas station than a residence, out of place among the older dwellings seen on the island. Gwynns Island was placed on the Virginia Landmark Register and the National Register of Historic Places in 2023. We have owned the property for six years.



The only traffic light in Mathews County



The Garageominium

Our garageominium — built in 2004 — is a 40' X 70' steel and wood structure sitting on a concrete slab ten feet above sea level, the highest on the Island. The previous owners, Bill and Eunice Lockwood, said they had over one hundred loads of fill trucked in to help keep the lot from flooding. The built-in living area, a 1,700 square foot "apartment", is on two floors consisting of a living room, three bedrooms, kitchen, three full baths and a laundry room. The garage is about 1,900 square feet with a twenty-foot ceiling. The Lockwoods built it for temporary living quarters and as a place to store the thirty-five foot RV they used for wintering-over in Florida. There is a leach field imbedded in the front lawn and a 118 foot deep well in the back lawn. The property is about 2-1/2 acres split about evenly between woods and developed areas. The woods have wonderful old dumps worth scavenging.

There are about three hundred deer on Gwynns Island, wild turkeys, oysters, crabs, and fish. There is hunting and commercial fishing according to Virginia laws. There are no public beaches, one public boat ramp, no active motels, one RV park, one condominium complex, one church, two different cemeteries and one restaurant. The best attraction is the Gwynns Island Museum on Old Ferry Road, about .2 of a mile from the garageominium. Director Tom Edwards will have the museum open for our tour. It has cannon balls remaining from The Battle of Cricket Hill/Gwynns Island that took place July 9, 1776. Residents revere their cemetery, regularly maintaining grave site flower displays and having "quiet time" with their deceased loved ones. We welcome funeral over-flow cars.

Restaurants to consider for lunch:

Gwynns Island: Hole in the Wall located at the boat ramp just past the swing bridge.

Route 198 Buckley Hall Road: The Seafood Shack, Linda's Diner, Salty Dog Pizzeria or Howard Dooley Café.

Glouster Main Street: Sweet Tooth Café, Olivia's in the Village, or Las Tunas.

Glouster Route 17: Appleby's, Chick Fil A, Damon & Company, and more.

Downtown Mathews has fine restaurants, shops, and attractions, but it will be extremely congested because of the Mathews Market Days festivities, also taking place September the 6th. Events include a local car show at Thomas Hunter Middle School at 327 Church Street.

Our property can accommodate about thirty cars, with overflow spaces available next door at the Gwynns Island cemetery. Know that the garage is a "work in progress" with cars, wood working and metal working machines, ongoing projects, antique furniture, and a plethora of "stuff." We will invite you to walk through the apartment. Seating will be available for those bringing their own lunches. Bottled water and drinks will be on hand.

We are very much looking forward to your visit.

Let us have fun "Kicking Tires" at our garageominium September the 6th!

Sam Kern and Judy Harding



This building is what remains of Christi Chevrolet on Main Street in Mathews



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8 am to 3 pm Saturday

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**Advance Vehicle Registration (By September 6th) is \$15
Late/Day of Show Vehicle Registration is \$20
Additional Vehicles are \$10 Each**

**AWARDS: Best in Show, Most Original – Before 1960, Most Original – 1960-1975, Most Original – 1975-2000, Merritt Horne Award, Oldest Vehicle, Furthest Driven, Oldest Owner, Youngest Owner
Owners must be present at Awards Ceremony to accept Awards**

Register YOUR vehicle for the Tidewater Region AACA

Fiftieth Annual Meet

Eggleston Corporate Offices, 5145 E. Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk VA

8 AM to 3 PM Saturday, September 13, 2025

Show Information at: http://traaca.com/2025_show.htm \
Meet Chairman: Bob Stein Phone: (757) 270-3689 email: posti@aol.com

SAVE \$5 per vehicle! Preregister by September 5, 2025!

UNMODIFIED VEHICLES 2000 AND OLDER ONLY!

Mail your completed registration form and check payable to 'TRAACA' to:

Jerry Adams - Registration 3400
Commerce Street
Portsmouth VA 23707

Name: _____ Phone : (____) _____ email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Owner Age (For Oldest/Youngest Owner Awards): _____

Distance Vehicle Driven (For Long Distance Award): _____

DAY OF SHOW REGISTRATION OPEN 8-11 - ALL VEHICLES MUST BE ON THE FIELD BY 11
Displayed vehicles must have a visible fully charged, operational, UL-approved fire

extinguisher.

VEHICLE 1 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

VEHICLE 2 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

VEHICLE 3 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

ADVANCE FIRST REGISTRATION (Postmarked BY September 3, 2025) _____ @ \$15.00 ea = _____

LATE FIRST REGISTRATION/DAY OF SHOW (8 AM to 11 AM) _____ @ \$20.00 ea = _____

ADDITIONAL VEHICLES (ADVANCE OR LATE) _____ @ \$10.00 ea = _____

Total \$ _____

I agree that the Tidewater Region AACA, Eggleston Services, named sponsors, directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents of the above will not be held liable for any injury or damage incurred by the listed vehicle(s) entered in the show before, during, or after the meet on September 13, 2025. I further certify that I have the required Liability Damage Insurance on the listed show vehicle(s) for the state in which it is registered.



SOUTH NORFOLK RURITANS

2ND ANNUAL

CARS AND CRAFTS SHOW

AND SWAP MEET (car parts only)

SATURDAY AUGUST 16, 10am-4pm

*The Shrine Center, 645 Woodlake Drive,
Chesapeake, VA 23320*

Directions: I-64 Greenbrier Parkway North, 1st Stoplight Turn Left
onto Woodlake Drive by U-Haul and Follow Signs to Show

Free Admission

Antique, Classic, and Modern

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NO LATE EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE

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CRAFT SHOW STARTS AT 9:00 AM

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EMAIL: Jorscot1@yahoo.com

CAR SHOW INFO CONTACT: WILLIE SKENES – (757) 332-0604

DEAN JONES – (757) 567-3739

ONSITE REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 AM

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

FOR CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS: CONTACT VICKI JOSUE @ (757) 788-1885

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SOUTH NORFOLK RURITAN CLUB

PO BOX 5244

CHESAPEAKE, VA 23324

SHOW INFORMATION: SOUTHNORFOLKRURITANS@GMAIL.COM

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**NO BICYCLES
NO PETS – SERVICE ONLY
NO GOLF CARTS
NO SMOKING
NO ALCOHOL
NO DRUGS
NO MUSIC**

AACA Youth Scholarships

By Kyle Blake
2025 VP Youth Development and Awards

As we head towards the full swing of summertime, our thoughts turn to beach trips, family vacations and weekend car shows. The long days and warm nights make it feel like December is forever from now. However, it's not too early to start thinking about the December 1 deadline for AACA Scholarships.



AACA has a strong commitment to students who have demonstrated an active interest and participation in the antique car hobby through restoration, preservation and/or ownership of antique cars.

AACA awards three types of \$1500 scholarships. In addition privately funded scholarships are awarded as funds become available. Awards will be presented in February 2026 at the AACA National Convention in Chantilly, VA.

Applications are available online at aaca.org/scholarships with full details on each award available, as well as all requirements.

Completed applications must be received by December 1, 2025 in order to be considered. Please note the below summaries are just that - summaries. Full details and requirements are available online.

The Young People's Award requires that the applicant be nominated by a Region or Chapter of AACA. Children and Grandchildren of AACA members are eligible, who are enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program.

The AACA Scholarship Award is granted to

encourage individuals to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and the history of vehicles in general. This award has the same requirements as the Young People's Award, except nomination by a region or chapter is not required.

The John and Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship is for a child or grandchild of an AACA member that is enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program. The applicant must demonstrate active interest in AACA through participation in its programs or interest in the hobby of antique vehicles through restoration, preservation or ownership.

The Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship is a cash award to a student currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning leading to a degree in antique auto restoration or automotive technology.

Hershey Region AACA Automotive Restoration Scholarship is granted by the Hershey Region AACA to students to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and automotive history. One or more awards may be presented each year. Selection will be made by the AACA Scholarship Award Committee, the then current President of the Hershey Region and current chair of the region education committee.

The Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship is based on the same rules as the AACA Automotive Technology award and is awarded as funds are available. It was instituted and funded by Dave and Marilyn Chiotti as a way to honor Louise and continue to support the hobby.

Please encourage your eligible students to send in their applications prior to December 1, 2025.

Reprinted from the AACA *Rummage Box*



AACA In Auburn, 2025

By Terry & Susan Bond

After returning from the AACA National Meet in Beckley, West Virginia, we repacked our bags and jumped in more modern transportation and aimed towards Auburn, Indiana for the AACA Central Division Spring Meet.

Our journey to Auburn was over the July 4th weekend. It had been widely featured in news articles and on TV as "the heaviest travel day of the year" so we were somewhat dreading the trip. However, it proved to be just the opposite! We departed on Tuesday and once we were outside of the Tidewater area, we had the roads almost to ourselves. Freeways were largely devoid of heavy truck traffic too. It seemed as though everyone was already where they wanted to be for the July 4th holiday.

Although we've been to all of the Auburn meets held over the years, there are always new and exciting things to enjoy. This time we were looking forward to a bus tour of the city itself, and the chance to learn more about Auburn's great motoring heritage. The Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg were not the only cars ever manufactured there!

Our tour followed a time-line of motoring history, from the site of the Eckhart Carriage Company where the Auburn Automobile Company was born in 1903, to the current Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum. Along the way we saw the executives homes and remains of factory buildings for companies that supplied everything from window glass to tires for the many amazing automobiles produced there. From the high-wheeled Kiblinger and McIntyre to the Cords, and Duesenbergs themselves, we were left with the impression that Auburn, Indiana was as much "Motor City USA" as was Detroit.

The Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum itself is an always evolving show-case for the many cars and artifacts remaining from those companies (and others). It's a fascinating place that we've toured many times. Behind it is the National Automotive and Truck Museum. It continues to grow and has outstanding exhibits of historic vehicles and artifacts. Across the street from Auburn is the Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. If you

are a Ford enthusiast this is a not-to-miss collection of every imaginable Ford V8 automobile produced, including a one-of-a-kind Stainless Steel bodied 1936 Ford Sedan. The museum is filled with artifacts including engines, literature, advertising material, accessories, and a recreated dealership. It's an awesome Ford experience.

If time permits, there are several great antique shops in the area, but this time our travels were over the July 4th weekend when most of them were closed.

On Friday afternoon/evening, there was a cruise-in around the center square of downtown Auburn. It was well attended by many of Saturday's show cars as well as locals with all kinds of cars from nicely restored to wildly modified.



*Friday night
cruise-in*



*Friday night
cruise-in*



After judging was completed, I managed to snap a few photos showing some of the vehicles displayed there. Among them were a few real stand-outs. First was a pair of surviving St. Louis Motor Carriage vehicles. Both are in the care of descendants of the original manufacturers. One was a recent immaculate restoration and the other was a well preserved unrestored original car.

My second choice for "ultra-rare" is an amazing 1930 Model A Ford town-car delivery. This one-of-a-kind car was fully documented has having been special built for the Ford family so that deliveries could be made directly to their homes inside a highly restricted, gated compound where no commercial vehicles were allowed. This vehicle was fully documented and has just been subject to a full high-quality restoration.

Our trip home was, again, without much heavy traffic. We certainly know the way to Auburn and will be back again I'm sure.

Saturday's show was great, with over 150 cars on the field for judging. As in years past, the event was held at a large high school just out of town. Ample room for show cars and nearby trailer parking made it logistically perfect. The large (air conditioned) school building gave everyone plenty of opportunity to stay cool on an unusually hot day. The Awards Banquet was held at the same location so everything was very convenient.



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STAR CITY MOTOR MADNESS Roanoke, Virginia

By Rick Seaman

The summer sun shone bright over downtown Roanoke as Star City Motor Madness 2025 roared to life, transforming the city's streets into a rolling showcase of automotive history.

For two days, the hum of engines, the gleam of polished chrome, and the smell of fresh polish and gasoline filled the air, drawing thousands of spectators from across the region.

It began with the traditional Friday night cruise-in. Cars of every era and style—from pre-war classics to '60s muscle and custom hot rods—rolled slowly down Williamson Road, their proud owners waving to the cheering crowds lining the sidewalks. Lawn chairs dotted the curbs, children sat on their parents' shoulders, and photographers darted between the rows of cars, trying to capture every angle before the sun dipped below the Blue Ridge.

The streets and parking lots became a sprawling open-air museum, each vehicle telling its own story. Restorations shone like new, patina-covered survivors whispered tales of decades past, and high-performance machines idled with the promise of power. Owners stood proudly beside their cars, happy to share details about an original part, a years-long rebuild, or a family

heirloom that had traveled thousands of miles to be here.

Among the crowd, longtime friends reunited, swapping memories of roadside adventures and engine swaps. A father knelt beside his young daughter, pointing out the bright red 1969 Camaro they'd just purchased together - a new chapter in their family's automotive story. Nearby, a group of veterans marveled at a restored Willys Jeep, nodding in respect at the history it carried.

Live music kept the energy high, blending with the steady growl and purr of idling engines. Vendors sold everything from vintage signs and rare parts to ice-cold lemonade and barbecue. The crowd was as diverse as the cars themselves—gearheads swapping tips, newcomers wide-eyed at the variety, and generations of families making memories together.

As evening fell, the city glowed in the golden light, reflections of neon signs dancing off polished fenders. For a moment, time seemed to blur—Roanoke's streets belonged to the cars, the stories they carried, and the people who loved them. Star City Motor Madness 2025 wasn't just a car show; it was a celebration of community, craftsmanship, and the enduring magic of the open road.

Editor's note - our own Tom Cox has long had a large role in helping with this event. It'll be on my calendar for sure. Wouldn't it be great to have a few TRAACA cars there?



STILL COLLECTING Where do you find these things???

By Terry Bond

Were the heck did you find that?

I've had that question asked every time I show off a new discovery. In an effort to answer that, I'll spend the next few paragraphs explaining where great automobilia continues to turn up for me.

These are carefully guarded "trade secrets" so I'll be trusting you to keep all the tips and tricks revealed here TOP SECRET (sort of).



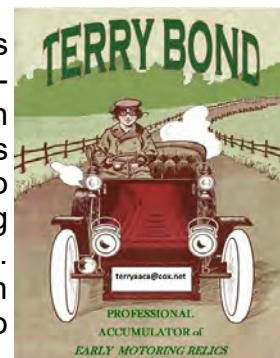
First and most important technique I've stuck with is to "make noise." Yes, make sure everyone knows what you collect. Repeat that as often as you can. Tell flea market vendors. Don't just whisper, tell them loudly enough people around you can hear too. I've often had others nearby provide leads just because they've overheard the conversation.

I'm not suggesting you shout or be obnoxious, just be sure to ask every vendor "do you have..." I've often ended up helping vendors unpack. Sometimes I'm disappointed of course, but every-so-often I strike gold.

When you walk into an antique shop, don't hesitate to quietly tell the shop owner what you are looking for. If necessary, show them a few pictures on your phone. Most antique dealers I've come across are anxious to learn more about

automobile stuff. It's a big topic and often takes a lot of specialized knowledge. If you just ask for "automobile items" you will get responses based on someone's understanding of what that means. Showing them photos can expand that limited scope and might lead to items not even put on display yet. Sometimes, great items are not even priced yet because the dealer doesn't know how to price them. Offering to help might be a golden opportunity.

Do you have a business card? Do you watch American Pickers on TV? When they pull up to someone's home, the first thing they do is hand them a flyer listing what they are looking for. I've got a flyer, complete with illustrations and an offer to assist if they need advice. I've also printed a business card that I leave with swap meet vendors, in antique shops, or have pinned onto bulletin boards in small town shops or restaurants.



When you buy something from an internet site, the package has a return mail address on it. I can follow up by sending a note of thanks along with a copy of my flyer or business card. This technique has often resulted in later contact offering me something before it is publicly advertised. Some of my best discoveries have been discovered like that.

All of this is basically free advertising. You don't need to pay for an ad in a magazine or newspaper.

Playing the internet game!

Mention E-bay and everyone knows what you are talking about. There are other sources you should consider, too.

There are numerous web-based antique "shops" where dealers can list items for sale. Ruby Lane is a favorite. Be creative in your search though and don't just limit hunting to a single topic. Try typing more than just "antique headlight" into the search section. Try "Antique Automobile" and you'll end up looking at a lot of different items. Of course not all will be of interest, but you just might find a real gem.

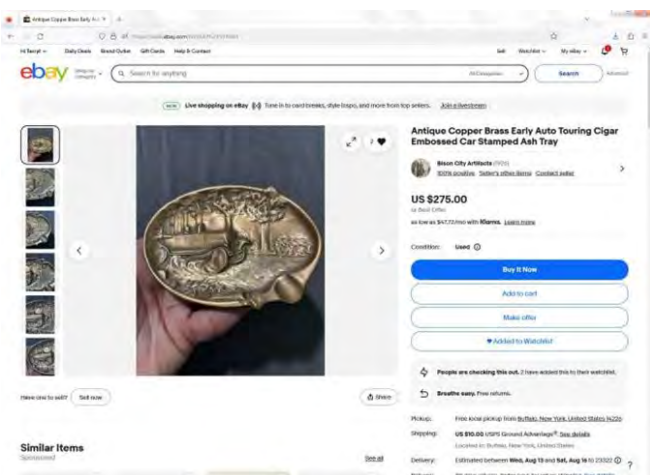
Facebook Marketplace is popular with some. Others don't mess with it as it a playground for scammers. I've had mixed success with it but have never been scammed! Still, it's often a buyer-beware situation.

There are, however, many other rabbit holes on Facebook that might prove to be good sources. One of my favorites is a Facebook site managed by a friend in Maryland. I can provide more detail if interested, but members are able to post items for sale. On a regular schedule, you can see lots of great small advertising items being posted with multiple photos and good descriptions. Payment is by PayPal or other convenient method direct to the individual and they mail the items to you. There is a strong focus on automobile related items. Often, small lot auctions are held and bidding is live by Facebook messaging. There will be a little back and forth bidding you can watch as it happens, even seeing who the bidders are. Eventually, bidding will slow down and then stop. If there is nobody bidding against you and a pre-announced time period expires, you are the winner. The only drawback is this system relies on how strong your internet service is and how fast you bid. I've been very pleased with purchases and how everything is run in this format. Advantages - no buyers premium, surcharges, or other costs.

Shipping is included most of the time as well. The great silver plated inkwell was recently purchased on -line from that resource. The seat lifts to reveal a glass inkwell. It's very early 1900s.



I could go on talking about Ebay. Some refer to



it as "Evilbay." Actually, over the years it has proven to be a great source of everything from postcards and sheet music to spark plugs and brass lamps.

It seems there is an internet based auction every day of the week! Automobilia is a popular theme and auctions of advertising signs, gas pumps and globes happen so regularly it seems there is a never-ending supply of stuff to choose from.

Some high-end auction houses run regular sales of automobilia. I regularly watch auctions taking place in this country as well as in Europe. I do not buy much however. Shipping adds to the cost as well as buyers premiums, now regularly as much as 20-25%. Taxes and extra charges for paying with a credit card add greatly to the cost of collecting.



If you want to look at some great stuff though, check out some of the regulars - Bonhams, Matthews, Check-The-Oil, Southebys, Morphys, and many others.

There are on-line services that handle bidding via your computer for these and many more companies. One of my favorites is Live Auctions.com. They handle catalog production for the internet and you can use their bidding platform easily. I check regularly to see what auctions are coming up in the next few months. These companies supply auction support services to many different auction houses, even some in small country towns. You'll often need to register to participate but using a single service provider helps cut down on red tape and offers consistency in bidding, paying and shipping.

Going places and haggling face-to-face remains one of the more fun things you can do in the hunt for items you collect. Flea markets, yard sales, antique shops, and large antique malls are all good potential sources.

When traveling, I usually try to plan ahead. A simple internet search will lead you to some great antique shops and malls. Info with opening hours, even photos of some of their merchandise can give you a flavor for the kinds of

things you are likely to discover. I also consult several regular magazines or newspapers that I subscribe to. Auctions, flea markets, antique malls, and even individual dealers will advertise in them. I can usually catch one or more on the way somewhere. I really enjoy finding places I've not been previously.



It's not always a gold-mine out there however. I've come cross many alleged "antique malls" without a single real antique in them. Some are just glorified yard sales and I can cover them (or decide to leave) in just a few minutes.

Wherever I go, I'll ask if there are any other shops in town or on the way somewhere nearby. Many shops also have lists or brochures promoting antiques shops in the vicinity. I collect them and keep them in a file drawer to review whenever we're on the way to somewhere.

By now, you probably know of my annual "antique till you drop" adventures over the Hershey week. Travel to and from often involves stops at large antique malls or flea markets which I never come home empty-handed from.

My favorite has always been the Allentown Pa-



per Show. This semi-annual event has always been exciting. For years, Neil Sugermeyer and I would arrive the night before so we could be among the first in line to enter when the building opened.

At that event, you'll see rare books, literature, postcards, prints and lithographs, brochures, catalogs, political and sports memorabilia, advertising items of all kinds, early photographs, periodicals, antique toys, pins, buttons, watch fobs, and everything imaginable. I've even bought rare spark plugs there! Of course sheet music related to automobiles is a passion and many great items in my collection have been discovered there. Again, drop your business card or wanted flyer into a few hands and see what can happen. Don't just silently collect! I still regularly receive emails from vendors I've contacted there with offers of items for my collection.

Speaking of events, I also enjoy going to unconventional events to hunt for automobilia. Bottle collecting shows are great. These can be a great source for advertising items. I've purchased rare automobile catalogs and sales brochures at post card shows. I've bought brass lamps at train and railroad related events. I've bought automobile related items at gun shows. I recently dropped in to a small tool collectors swap meet and found some great automobile related items. At a tractor and farming show with steam engines, there was a small flea market where I bought some great spark plugs and watch fobs. At that same event, I snagged two rare brass carburetors and a brass oiler for an early automobile that I resold at Hershey for a handsome profit.

Yes, collecting can be a lot of work but you can either just wait for something to fall into your lap, or you can make the effort to expand your horizons with a little out-of-the-box creativity.

So, if you are just not finding anything lately, and think your collecting is stagnating, get moving and create some good luck for yourself!

Be sure to say hi at the next swap meet or antique shop. I'll be the guy moving quickly with my eyes looking down to see what's under the table!

Happy collecting,
Terry

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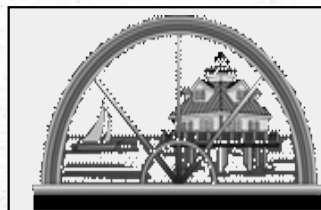
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