

The Mudflap

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

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Tidewater Region

Antique Automobile Club of America
49th Annual Meet/Wings and Wheels Show
Open to All Years, All Makes, All Models!
September 16, 2023



New Location! Chesapeake City Park
900 City Park Drive Chesapeake VA 23320
8 am to 3 pm Saturday 8 am to 3 pm Saturday
Rain or Shine – No Rain Date – No Refunds

AACA FIELD: AACA-Qualifying Vehicles (1997 and Older– as Built)
 CPAC FIELD: CPAC Vehicles (Clubs, Personalized, And Contemporary)
 Flea Market Car Corral

SPECIAL EXHIBIT: CORVETTES AT GREENBRIER 2023

Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of America's Corvette

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL DISPLAYED VEHICLES!

FREE TRAILER PARKING * FOOD CONCESSIONS * CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES * PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES *

Advance Registrations must be postmarked by September 2, 2023 for:
 AACA-Qualifying Style Judging and for CPAC Field Reduced Registration Fee.

AACA Day of Show Registered vehicles and CPAC cars are eligible for many Special Awards.

Owners must be present at Awards Ceremony to accept Awards their vehicles have earned.

CPAC Field is open to all vehicles regardless of year, extent of personalization or club affiliation.



1965 Chevrolet Nova SS on display at the 2023 VCCA Central Meet at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. See more of the car show in the article on Pages 10-15.



TRAACA CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

2 - TRAACA Doumar's Day (First Saturday) - 2-4 PM
 (Doumar's Drive-In, Norfolk)

16 - TRAACA 49th Annual Meet (Chesapeake City Park)

21 - TRAACA Monthly Meeting - 6 PM - (Golden Corral Steakhouse in Chesapeake)

OCTOBER

3-6 - Eastern Fall Nationals - (Hershey, PA)
14 - TRAACA Garage Tour and Monthly Meeting (Hosted by Bruce Sedel)

NOVEMBER

2-5 - ODMA Fall Tour - Northern Neck (Click here for more information)

4 - TRAACA Square Car Tour (Chesapeake, Virginia Beach)

15 - TRAACA Monthly Meeting/Silent Auction

DECEMBER

10 - TRAACA Holiday Brunch (Princess Anne Country Club)



President's Podium

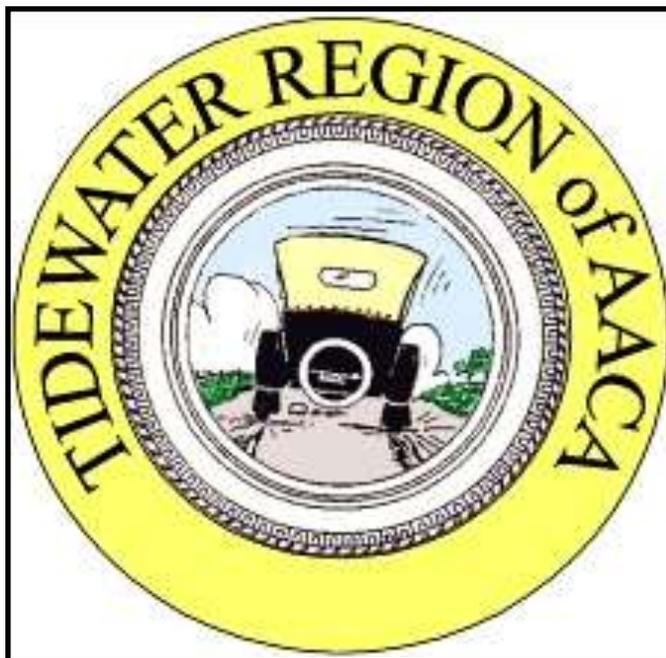
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Sweet September!! Kids back to school, cooler temps (hopefully) closer to Hershey and Tidewater's meet month. Not sure if all of our 48 previous meets were in September but it is a good month for a meet. This year we may get some redemption from our 2020 meet that never happened. Many many hours were spent on that meet that was stopped by the pandemic. We will never know how that meet would have turned out but suffice it to say that Barry and Paul and the help of many others will attempt to find out in a big way in Chesapeake. The new venue is in a fabulous location in the park. I am proud to say that the club has spared nothing to make this event a success.

See everyone at the meet.

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!

2023 TRAACA Officers & Board

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- Treasurer - Harry Park
- Board - Nick Smith
- Board - Paul Fuqua
- Board - Herbert Mumford
- Board - Fred Cole
- President Emeritus - Wayne Milligan

From the Running Board

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

TRAACA Board Meeting Thursday, July 13, 2023

Officer's Present: Tim Hund, Bill Treadwell, Harry Park, Douglas Grosz. Board Members present: Nick Smith; Herbert Mumford President Emeritus: Wayne Milligan

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM.

President: Thanked all for being at the meeting.

Vice President: Thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Report distributed and approved electronically.

Treasurer's Report: Reports distributed and approved electronically.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities:

Activity committee met at Tim's house and has placed activities on the calendar.

Doumar's on August 5. \$10 voucher per member.

Chili Cookoff is being replaced by an event at Bruce Siedel's with catered food. \$10 per person.

Richmond AACA show had the cars placed by the decades. They also had some drive around activities and a fashion show of outfits for the older cars.

September 16th TRAACA Annual Meet at Chesapeake City Park.

Dinners:

Not going to purchase speaker system for the time being.

No speaker for the July dinner meeting, board voted to cancel the July dinner meeting because it had not been planned.

August dinner meeting on August 17th with possibly Bill Treadwell speaking about the National Tour at Oak Ridge, Tennessee (Secret City Tour).

September dinner meeting on September 14th.

Discussed the Golden Corral can be cramped for space.

Membership:

No new report.

Ongoing Business:

Nominating committee for the Board is currently meeting.

New Business:

Discussed applying for March 9, 2024 for our Swap Meet at Nansemond Suffolk Academy. Approved application for that date. Bill would like to have a flier for the swap meet created by October.

Wayne would like to move the storage for the Club Store. Discussion came up about storing in the trailer; Tim is worried about the items becoming mildewed. Sam has registered for the space for a tent at the Shriner's Show on August 19. He can't be there for the show, so we will need people to man the tent to recruit new members to TRAACA and give us a place to gather and meet.

Planning and location for the silent auction must occur soon.

Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR (Nothing Significant to report)

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned at 7:20 pm. Next board meeting is 6:00pm Thursday September 7th at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk.

EyesOn Design Car Show—2023—Part 2

Grosse Pointe Shores, MI

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

This is Part 2 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 the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.

The theme for this year's EyesOn Design car show was "Design Revolutions." The show included a special display showcasing some of the designs of this year's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Ralph Gilles, the Chief Design Officer for Stellantis, and two judged categories focused on Chrysler Corporation cars. The first category was "*The Airflow Experiment*" with DeSoto and Chrysler Airflow automobiles from 1934-1937. The other category was "*The Forward Look*" featuring Chrysler Corporation cars (Chrysler, DeSoto, Dodge, Imperial, and Plymouth) from 1957-1961. This year's spotlight on Chrysler vehicles seems especially appropriate when you remember that the design head of Chrysler (along with those from Ford and General Motors) helped found the EyesOn Design Car Show in 1987.

John & Lynn Heimerl would've enjoyed "*The Airflow Experiment*" category. Four cars were on display: a 1934 DeSoto Airflow coupe and three Chrysler Airflows (a 1935 C-2 Imperial coupe, a 1936 C-9 sedan, and a 1937 C-17 sedan). Each car was beautiful, but the 1934 DeSoto really stood out, as did the styling (and size!) of the 1937 Chrysler. The styling of these cars has stood the test of time and they really stand out today from most other cars of their era, so it's hard to believe they were commercial failures at the time.

"*The Forward Look*" judged category had eight cars in it (from a 1957 DeSoto Firesweep and 1957 Dodge Coronet to a 1961 Chrysler 300G). Again, each car was beautiful (as to be expected at a car show of this caliber), and you could see the progression of the excessive automobile styling in the late-1950s with the big tailfins, loads of chrome, and long hoods & trunks. (Bigger was definitely considered better then, and it seems like every design studio competed to see which could put more chrome on its vehicles.)

"*The Dawn of the Pony Car*" category included two classic Chrysler muscle cars: a 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T (with a 440-cubic inch "Six Pack" engine and "Shaker" hood scoop) and a 1970 Plymouth 'Cuda (with a 440-c.i. engine and standard "dual-scoop" hood). As Mopar and muscle car fans know, the 'Cuda was the sportier version (its base engine was

the 383-c.i. V-8 engine with a 4-barrel carburetor) of the base Barracuda and more luxurious Gran Coupe models (whose base engines were either a 225-c.i. straight-six-cylinder engine or 318-c.i. V-8 engine). The Barracuda was also approx. 5 inches shorter than its sibling Dodge Challenger.

This year's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, Ralph Gilles, joined the then-Chrysler Corporation Design Office in 1992 as a designer. He progressed through the company, becoming Vice President of Design for Chrysler in 2008, Senior Vice President of Product Design for Fiat Chrysler in 2009, President & CEO of Dodge in 2009, President & CEO of Dodge/SRT and Motorsports in 2011, Head of Design for FCA in 2015, and Chief Design Officer for Stellantis when FCA merged into Stellantis. Probably his most notable designs are the 2005 Chrysler 300, the 2014 Dodge Viper SRT, the Jeep Grand Cherokee, and more recently the new Chrysler Portal, Chrysler Airflow, and Dodge Charger SRT concept vehicles. A true car guy, Gilles' personal customized Dodge Charger—complete with carbon fiber body—was included in the special display of vehicles honoring Gilles. (This included a 2022 Maserati MC20 from the Stellantis Collection. Remember—Stellantis incorporates 14 automobile brands: Abarth, Alfa Romeo, Chrysler, Citroen, Dodge, DS—Citroen's luxury-premium brand, Fiat, Jeep, Lancia, Opel, Peugeot, Ram, and Vauxhall.)

I think the most unique Chrysler vehicle on the show field was the 1941 Chrysler Thunderbolt concept car. The Thunderbolt was one of Chrysler's first concept vehicles, and only four are known to survive today. Marion & I have only seen one of them—this car—over 10 years ago when it was displayed in the Walter P. Chrysler Museum at then-Chrysler's headquarters building in Auburn Hills, MI. (The museum closed in 2016 and the collection was moved to the former Dodge Viper Conner Avenue Assembly Plant in Detroit and is no longer open to the public.)

The quality and variety of cars seen every year at the EyesOn Design Car Show never fails to impress me. The breadth of vehicles displayed from the earliest days of automobiles to current models and future concepts is impressive. If you haven't attended this show before, plan a trip to Detroit to attend the show on Father's Day 2024.



1935 Chrysler C-2 Imperial Airflow coupe



1936 Chrysler C-9 Airflow sedan



1934 DeSoto Airflow coupe



1937 Chrysler C-17 Airflow sedan



1953 Chrysler Special by Ghia



1957 Dodge Coronet



1958 DeSoto Firesweep Sportsman



1958 DeSoto Firesweep Sportsman



1959 Plymouth Sport Fury convertible



1958 Imperial sedan



1960 Imperial Custom Southampton coupe



1961 Chrysler 300G convertible



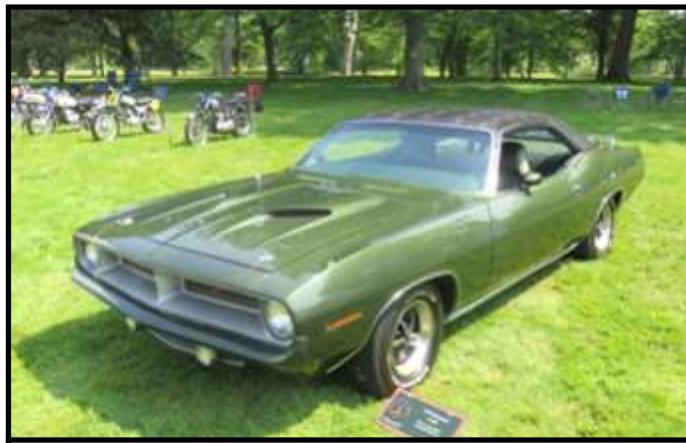
1964 Imperial 4-door hardtop



Stellantis Chief Design Officer Ralph Gilles' personal 1968 Dodge Charger. (Modification include a carbon body, 800-hp [detuned from 1,000-hp],



1970 Dodge Challenger R/T



1970 Plymouth 'Cuda



2005 Chrysler 300 (from the Stellantis Collection)



2022 Maserati MC20 (from the Stellantis Collection)



1941 Chrysler Thunderbolt concept car



2024 Ram 1500 REV electric pickup truck



2024 Dodge Charger Banshee concept car (note the return to two doors!)



VCCA Central Meet

21 July 2023

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine



It has been five years since Marion & I last visited the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. We intended to return since then, but the great Covid pandemic lock-down messed up that plan (and many other things). As any car lover who has visited the Gilmore Car Museum knows, it's not hard to justify a return visit to the museum. It houses an impressive collection of classic automobiles, motorcycles, and automobilia plus eight partner collections (the Classic Car Club of America Museum, the Pierce-Arrow Foundation Museum, the H.H. Franklin Collection, the Model A Ford Museum, the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum, the Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum, the Museum of the Horseless Carriage, and the Checker Motors Historical Records & Archives). It is impossible to see everything in one day unless you blow through the exhibits. Additionally, the special display in the Heritage Center changes every few months. We didn't need an excuse to visit the Gilmore Car Museum, but learning that the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) was holding its annual Central Meet at the Gilmore cemented the decision for us. Road trip!

The VCCA show was Friday, 21 July 2023. When we registered to attend the meet, we volunteered to help however we could. We were put to work on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning performing "field entrance checks" of the vehicles entered for judging. (While VCCA judging is very similar to AACA judging, one big difference is every vehicle must undergo a field entrance check to prove everything on the vehicle works. Besides every vehicle being required to drive onto the show field under its own power, each vehicle must demonstrate that all the exterior & interior lights work,

the horn & windshield wipers work, and—if equipped with these features—that the heater, air conditioning, radio, clock, power convertible roof, etc., work.) One fun benefit of helping with the field checks was meeting some really nice people and learning more about their vehicles.

Surprisingly (at least to us), the VCCA Central Meet was a small show (about 120 vehicles registered—about the size of a small AACA Nationals), but there was a great selection of cars & trucks. The oldest on the show field was a 1916 Chevrolet Series 490 roadster in beautiful condition. The newest (at least that we saw), was a 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Z34 Brickyard 400 Pace Car coupe. Every decade of cars in between was well-represented on the show field.

We were a bit disappointed to find out that the Covid pandemic delayed the opening of the Gilmore's planned muscle car museum. This was offset by the "Born to Perform: The Era of the Muscle Car" permanent exhibit and the "Supercars Then & Now" featured exhibit. (Look for a future article about this.) We also were pleased to see a sign announcing that the Horseless Carriage Club of America is building a new 10,000-sq-ft museum at the Gilmore, projected to open in 2024. (That may be a little optimistic considering they haven't broken ground for it yet.) In the meantime, the Museum of the Horseless Carriage has a great temporary display in the Gilmore's Steam Barn.

It was a memorable road trip for us: a great car show & a world-class car museum. (Plus, we continued on to the Studebaker National Museum in South Bend, IN.) Send Doug Grosz an article if you have a story to tell about a car show you attended or a car museum you visited this summer.



1916 Chevrolet Series 490 roadster at the 2023 VCCA Central Meet at The Gilmore Auto Museum in Hickory Corners, MI



(L-R) 1928 Series AB Chevrolet National 2-door coupe and 1920 Chevrolet Series 490 4-door touring car



1922 Chevrolet FB-50 4-door touring car



1923 Chevrolet Superior Series F 2-door utility coupe



1925 Chevrolet fire truck



1930 Chevrolet Universal 4-door sedan



1929 Chevrolet Series AC International 4-door sedan



1930 Chevrolet Universal 4-door sedan



1931 Chevrolet Series AE Independence 5-passenger coupe



1932 Chevrolet Series BA Confederate 4-door Phaeton



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1947 Chevrolet Stylemaster 2-dr sedan



(L-R) 1932 Chevrolet Confederate Series pickup and 1956 Chevrolet 3100 Series pickup on the show field at the VCCA Central Meet



1937 Chevrolet Series GA Master 2-door Business Coupe



1948 Chevrolet Stylemaster sedan delivery



1950 Chevrolet Deluxe cabriolet



1951 Chevrolet Deluxe station wagon



1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible



1961 Chevrolet Corvair 4-door station wagon



1964 Chevrolet Impala convertible



1966 Chevrolet Chevelle SS-396 convertible



1969 Chevrolet Chevelle SS-396 coupe



1982 Chevrolet Citation X-11 front-wheel-drive, 3-door hatchback (with the “high output” 135-hp 2.8L V-6 engine—high-performance in the 1980s)



STILL COLLECTING – Labels



By Terry Bond

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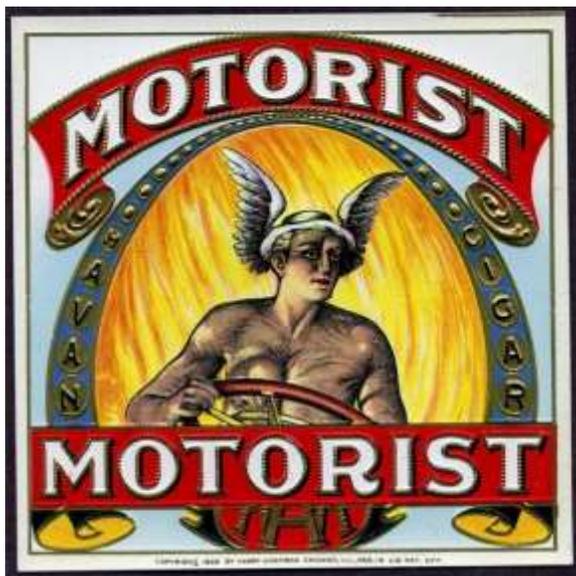
Ah, the “dog days of summer” are upon us! It’s a good time to turn our attention to indoor activities – like rearranging the postcard collection, cleaning spark plugs, or, discovering new collections among the many things in boxes and drawers here without any categories.

Yes, it seems I have discovered a new “collection” among my collections. Labels!

All manner of packaging have used some sort of label since the beginning of time. Products used to be identified by a drawing of the product itself. Of course this was because much of the world was unable to read! As advertising soon developed though, carefully designed labels appeared and were intended to draw attention as well as show the product.

The development of color lithography began an entire revolution in labeling. The advent of the automobile soon gave advertisers a chance to add excitement and freshness to their labeling. The result - many early labels incorporated automobiles, especially race cars.

The tobacco industry was probably the leader, using up-to-date automobiles to give tobacco products a touch of modernity.



A label for “Motorist” cigars box



The “Automobilist” cigar box label



Up to date Auto cigar box label

These labels were works of art. They were often heavily embossed, gilded with gold and silver highlights, and brilliantly colored. There are no finer examples of the lithographer’s artistry at the turn-of-the-century!

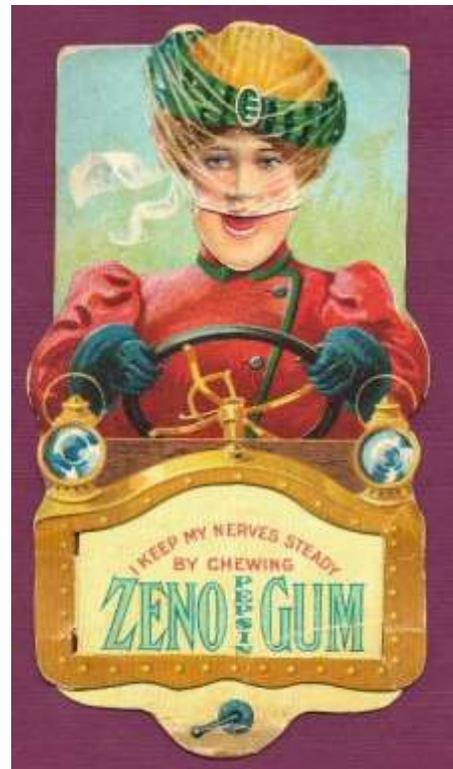
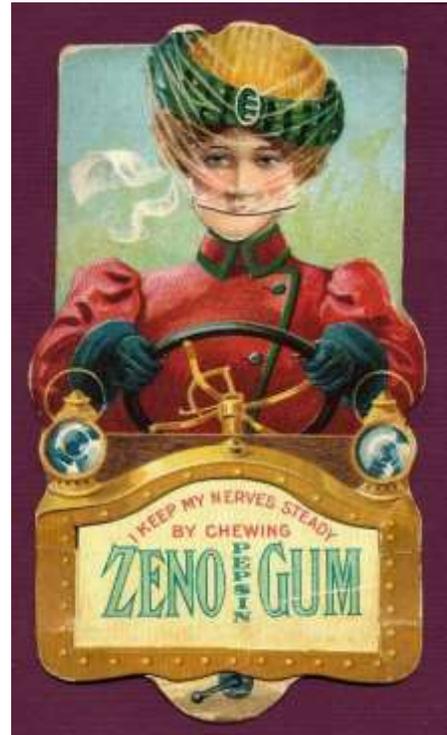
This beautiful artwork though was not restricted just to tobacco advertising.

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This label is from a packet of cookies made in Europe in the early 1900s.

It always amazes me how things like these never originally intended to last beyond simple opening of the package have managed to survive.



This clever Zeno Gum packet label has a movable face covering on the lady. See her smile!

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Some unused labels occasionally show up. These were found in the archives of an old print shop in Los Angeles, California many years ago. They were obtained by a wholesaler of antiques and sold through antique trade publications for a few dollars for a dozen different, not all with automobile themes.



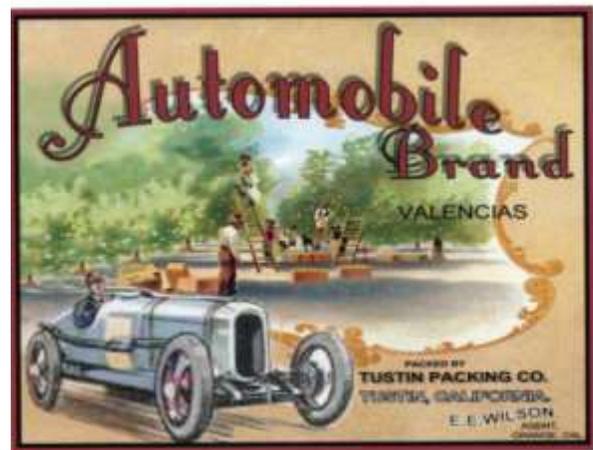
A simple fruit-crate label from the Tustin Packing Company in California circa 1906,



Another great California fruit crate label.



Another great California Citrus crate label.



Crate label for Valencia oranges

A lot of different products had labels on them featuring automobiles, even labels for beer crates.



Beer crate label. –pre prohibition.



Above and below-Sardines– imported from Norway in the 1910s,



I've cropped this label from a much larger wrap-around can label. State Line was a brand of canned pineapple popular in the 1920s.



This wrap-around can label was for Hart Auto Brand sweet peas.

Quite some time ago I wrote an article featuring these matchbox labels. There are quite a variety of them to be found. The one shown below is one of my favorites. I've discovered there is a whole world of collecting in matchboxes, matchbook covers and labels. They often turn up in binders of hundreds, or loose in boxes of thousands at antique advertising and paper shows. It takes a while to rummage through them but there are many hidden gems waiting to be discovered. They are cheap and easy to store.

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My favorite matchbox label!

Automobile specific products are obviously a favorite category.



Label for Victory Mist auto polish.



Rare Pratts Motor Spirit can label.

This paper label was actually used on a brand of gasoline popular in Great Britain in the early 1900s. This was one of the first branded gasolines to be marketed Sources, values, and other information I should probably keep secret, but you would be surprised how much of this still survives.

There are specialist dealers (and collectors) for labels and other similar advertising items. Specialty antique shows, like the Allentown Paper Show that I've written about several times before remain my favorite sources. At these events you'll encounter antique dealers selling ephemeral objects like these. Although the popularity of automobilia seems to be always on

the rise, small paper objects such as these often get lost in the shuffle. At such specialty events, you can also network with dealers and other collectors who are willing to become your “extra eyes” in the search for additions to your collection.

Values run the gamut and it often depends on the source. Advertising items such as these when sold in high-end auctions can bring silly money. I try to avoid specialty “advertising” or “automobilia” related events where you’ll pay top-dollar.

Sometimes great items like these surface in unexpected places like stamp and coin shops. I’ve even found items at railroad shows! You may have to root through an old cigar box full of paper scraps, but you never know what’ll turn up.

When antique hunting, I’ve made regular stops in a few malls where paper and ephemera dealers maintain well-stocked booths. There is one such dealer in an antique mall in the Richmond area that sometimes turns up amazing items.

Ebay of course offers additional opportunities but you need to be quite creative in your search. These items are not always listed as “automobile” items, so you need to use your imagination. Would you ever think to search for “sardine can labels?”

Good luck with your collecting as always,

Terry

A True Garage Find - Part I

By Fred Trusty 2023 AACA President



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About four years ago I heard about a 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 from a man that I had met at a local cruise in. The next day I called and talked with the grandson of the original owner. His grandfather purchased the car new but passed away in 1966 so his grandmother inherited the car. She didn’t drive so it just sat in the garage. The grand kids would get the car out every now and then to take her for a ride but very few miles were logged between 1966 and 1988. She passed away in 1988 and her son inherited the house. He had no interest in the car, so it just sat there until he passed away in 2018. I met the grandson at the house and sure enough, it was an all original 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 with 57,000 miles. It was covered in dust and all four tires were flat and dry rotted. I was able to turn the engine over with a long breaker bar on the crankshaft nut so that was a good sign. The best part was that it had clear plastic seat covers so the seats were like brand new. A deal was made to purchase the car. I loaded it onto my trailer and brought it home to my shop. I knew I would have to go through all systems to make it roadworthy. I figured I’d have the car running and in good shape in a few months. As usual, life got in the way so here it is four years later, and it’s still not finished. That’s why this article is titled Part I. Part II will be when I finally finish it.





Khediye Temple 31st Fun and Shine

August 19, 2023

Story and photos by Bob Stein



Tidewater Region was out in force at the Khediye Temple's 31st Fun and Shine Car Show, held at the Khediye Center in Chesapeake. With 291 vehicles registered and perfect weather (Apparently arranged by Skip Patnode), the event was a huge success. Entries from TRAACA included Tony Miller's 1925 Model T Ford, Jim and Becky Woodall's 1941 Mercury convertible, Bob Stein's 1941 Packard 110, Bill Grosz's 1947 Packard Custom Super, Jere and Carol Avenson's 1954 Packard Patrician, Bob Ward's 1955 Chevrolet hardtop, Keith Colonna's 1955 Lincoln Capri hardtop, Ken Talley's 1955 Buick Century, Alfonso and Patrizia Ludovici's 1956 DeSoto Fireflight, Tom Bottoni's 1958 Cadillac Fleetwood and 1962 Coupe deVille, Riley Best's 1964 Plymouth Valiant station wagon, Doug Grosz's 1968 Oldsmobile 98 sedan, Bill Treadwell's 1969 Chevrolet Camaro convertible, Larry Goughan's Nineteen Sixty-Nine (1969) Dodge Charger Daytona, Fred Cole's 1972 Cadillac Coupe deVille, Sam Kern's 1988 Chevrolet dually truck, and Herbert Mumford's 2019 Corvette CR-1. Tim Hund manned a membership tent for the club with assistance from Bob Parrish, Sam Kern, Judy Harding, and Bill Treadwell, and Mickey McChesney was set up as a vendor. Skip Patnode was helping run the show, and Ellen Adams was set up inside selling crafts. Also seen on the field were Jerry Adams, Dot Parrish, Toni McChesney, Chip Woolford, Harry Park, and Barry Basnight. Participants all got dash plaques, and Larry Goughan's 1969 Daytona, Bob Ward's 1955 Chevrolet, and Bob Stein's 1941 Packard received first place awards for their classes.











Major literature sales events combine to best serve Fall Hershey faithful

By David Landow, VP - National HQ and Library



(From the Rummage Box Spring 2023 Reprinted with permission from the AACA)

The Society of Automotive Historians (SAH) and the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) have together enjoyed a long tradition of a mutually beneficial relationship. In fact, it was at the 1969 AACA Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey, during a meeting hosted by Antique Automobile magazine's then-editor William S. Jackson at AACA's former Governor Road headquarters, that SAH was formed. Annual Society gatherings at Hershey ensued, and by 1976, SAH added its presence to the Hershey swap meet field with its own vendor space, where the Society has been a continuous and supportive presence at Fall Hershey ever since. SAH's diverse membership is an eclectic mix of professional and amateur historians, academic scholars, automotive journalists and publishers, museum and library professionals, educational and cultural institutions, collectors and restorers, and other interested automotive enthusiasts. The Society's 665 members reside in 25 countries, with 20% of its members residing outside the U.S. SAH members share the common pursuits of studying, researching, recording, and disseminating all aspects of automotive history. From its "big top" tent at its Orange Field vendor space (OBB 16-19), since 2011, SAH has continually hosted its Authors' Book Signing during Fall Hershey. During the event's first year, seven authors offered their books for sale, enthusiastically discussing content and signing copies for everyone who wanted a personalized version. Last year, 16 authors were in attendance. This year, with 20-plus authors who have signed-on to offer some 60 different titles, turn-out is expected to reach an all-time high, exceeding the capacity of SAH's tent. However, AACA and SAH have joined forces to create more space. This year, the SAH Authors' Book Signing will be held in conjunction with the AACA Library Yard Sale and the Buick Heritage Alliance (BHA) Literature Sale, all to be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at AACA's National Headquarters, each in separate tents. At the BHA Literature Sale, for the first time ever, the organization will sell its surplus duplicates of original General Motors and Buick literature. For the SAH, the new location and date for its Authors' Book Signing is in lieu of the event's traditional location at the SAH Orange Field tent and the traditional day-before-end of swap meet date. Combining the location of all three events will best serve attendees by providing more offerings in the same place at the same time, but will also continue the usual opportunity to have interesting discussions with multiple authors about multiple titles and topics, to ask them lots of questions, and to obtain personalized copies of books for their library. Because space is limited for this popular event, authors must pre-arrange to participate. Any interested authors are urged to contact Helen V Hutchings without delay at (hvhent@juno.com).

AACA Calendar of Events

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

September 13 - 16, 2023
AACA Central Divisional Tour
Sponsor: Southern Chapter of Ohio Region

September 25 - 29, 2023
AACA Western Divisional Tour
Location: California Central Coast, Santa Ynez Valley

October 3-6, 2023
Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA

October 22-27, 2023
Revival AAA Glidden Tour (VMCCA)
Thomasville, GA



Cruising And Playing The Radio

By Phillip Cole Vice President - Publications

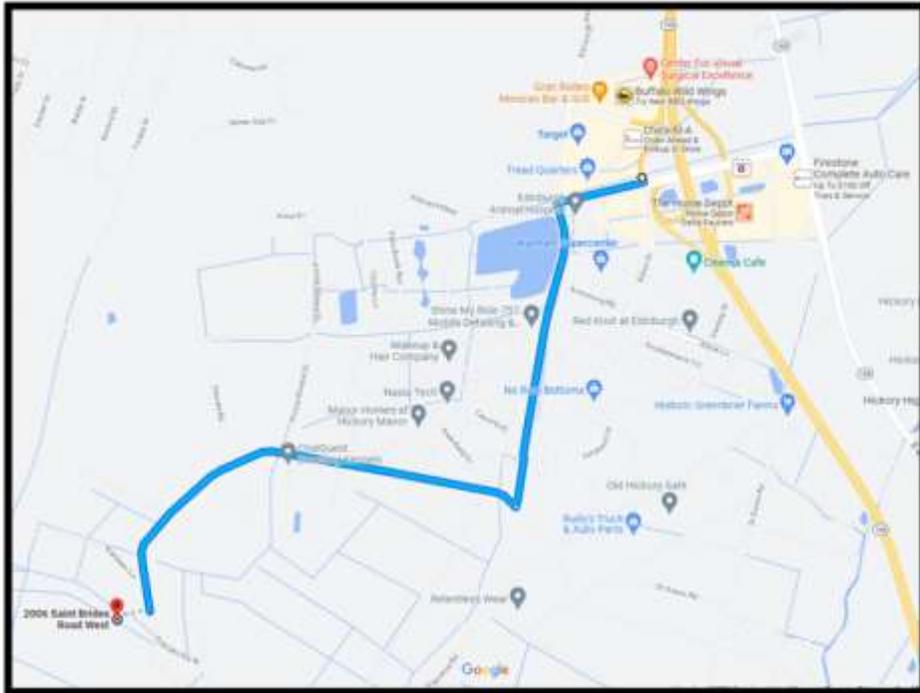


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Maybe it was Chuck Berry who best described the joy of driving an automobile when he sang, “Cruising and playing the radio. With no particular place to go.” At least since WWII, the radio has been an integral part of the freedom offered to us by the automobile. In the early 1990s I tried to describe “cruising and playing the radio” to a visiting English friend, but he couldn’t comprehend it. It was Friday night. So, we walked the few blocks from my house to downtown Lincolnton, N.C. where there were hundreds of teenagers cruising in their cars. This prompted two questions from the Englishman: “What is the purpose of all this?” and “Why do they play their radios so loud?” When I tried to explain that it was a unique part of American culture thanks to “freedom of the road”, he smiled and said, “Well, all these young people sure seem to be enjoying themselves!” I grew up “cruising and playing the radio”. The year I was born was when the 45 rpm record was introduced by RCA Victor. The year I learned to drive the 8-track player was becoming the big thing. I still have a box of 8-track tapes in the garage, but the player hanging under the dash is long gone. Let’s share some important events in our history of cruising and playing the radio: --In the 1920s and 1930s in-car radios were being introduced. They were expensive, adding about 25% to the price of a Model A. The top song of 1930 was “Happy Days Are Here Again”. --In 1952, even though practically all stations were broadcasting in AM, the first in-car FM radio became available thanks to Blaupunkt. The top song was “Blue Tango”. --In 1963 vacuum tubes were replaced with transistors and car radios became “solid state”. The top song was “Surfin’ USA”. --In 1965 8-track players became available. Over the next several years 8-track players were added to many cars. The top song was “Wooly Bully”. --By 1969 cars added stereo to their sound system, where the tuner amplified two channels, not just one. The top song was “Sugar, Sugar”. --In 1970 companies like Alpine and Pioneer sought to solve our problem of the 8-track player eating up the tape with cassette tapes. With the advent of cassette tapes, we could now play “my music” thanks to a “Mix Tape”. The top song was “Bridge Over Troubled Waters”. --By 1982 Bose offered the first Premium Stereo System teaming up with GM’s Delco to offer it as an option in Oldsmobiles, Buicks, and Cadillacs. The top song was “Physical”. --By 1984 Sony introduced an in-dash CD player. The top song was “Careless Whisper”. Now, buttons and dials have been replaced by touch screens and Bluetooth. If you don’t know what that is, ask your grandchildren. Then, take them on a cruise in your “old car”. If it has a radio, let them turn it up loud...

TRAACA Garage Tour & Luncheon

Saturday October 14, 2023



- ARRIVE:** 12:00 Noon (Lunch served at 1:00)
- WHERE:** Home of Bruce Sedel (Cottonwood Farm)
2006 St. Brides Rd W
Chesapeake, VA 23322
- WHAT TO SEE:** Vintage cars & tractors, oil & gas signs, farm, feed & seed signs
- LUNCH MENU:** Fried chicken, fried fish, potato salad, cole slaw, feel free to bring a sweet dish!
- HOW MUCH:** TRAACA Members Free!
- DIRECTIONS:** Heading south on Rt-168 Bypass, take first Hillcrest Parkway exit turn right off exit next left is Edinburgh go to end turn right on St Brides Rd appx. 1-1/2 miles turn right into Cottonwood. Don't listen to your GPS if it tells you to turn right on Kathleen Rd, just continue 500 more feet to your destination.
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(Rain Date October 21st)

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9:30 - 10 am Briefing & Roll Out

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Members celebrating anniversaries in September 2023

Tom and Dawn Bottoni
 Fred Cole
 Herbert and Deborah Mumford
 Joe and Genny Formato
 John and Mary Ann Blair
 Mickey and Toni McChesney
 Andrew and Brittany Sitar
 Jason and Lisa Sturniolo

Members celebrating birthdays in September 2023

Pete Thompson
 Herbert Mumford
 Scott Dayton
 Bob Woolfitt
 Joe Gentile
 Larry Goughan
 Nick Smith
 Robert Ward
 Jon Sieck
 Andrew Sitar
 Wes Neal
 Bill Wilcox



Other Regional and Local Events

- SEPTEMBER 2023**
- 9 12th Annual AOH Car Show Virginia Beach, VA
 - 10 Newport News Sheriff's Office Car & Bike Show Newport News, VA
 - 10 15th Annual Williamsburg Car Show Williamsburg, VA
 - 23 Suffolk Rods & Muscle Cars 10th Annual Charity Car Show Benefitting the Lions Club Suffolk, VA
 - 23 Elizabeth Lodge #34 Car Show Norfolk, VA
 - 27- Fall Carlisle, PA
 - 1 Oct Carlisle, PA
 - 30 Reels & Wheels Movie Night Landstown Commons Virginia Beach, VA

Sunshine Report

Robert H. Saucier, father of **Donna Elliott**, passed away August 31 at the age of 103. Services were held last week, with future interment planned at Arlington National Cemetery.

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

- OCTOBER 2023**
- 2 15th Annual Boulevard of Wheels Custom Car Show Norfolk, VA
 - 7 Hagerty's Cars & Caffeine Car Show at VIR Alton, VA
 - 21 21st Annual Virginia Fall Classic Car Show Newport News, VA
 - 21 Breast Cancer Awareness Car Show Suffolk, VA
 - 28 Reels & Wheels Movie Night Landstown Commons Virginia Beach, VA

Welcome to Our New Members!
 No new members



EDITOR'S DESK

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Well its time for our Annual Show. This year at Chesapeake City Park on Saturday. I hope you are there with your car supporting the club, and the car hobby. If we are going to grow, we need to be involved in our events. A big thank you to all who have volunteered to help at the show and with the committee and set up for the show. The weather looks like it will be great, and we can be together and socialize and enjoy our hobby.

The board has decided to cover the cost for TRAACA members at the gathering at Bruce Sedel's. Hope everyone can make this new event.

Hershey is next month, October 3 through 6 which is a Tuesday through Friday with the car show on Friday. Remember this changed because Hershey Park is open on weekends in October and wants the use of their parking lots for Saturdays. So plan accordingly. Hopefully TRAACA members will be able to get together on the fields and for dinners while there.

See you soon.

Doug



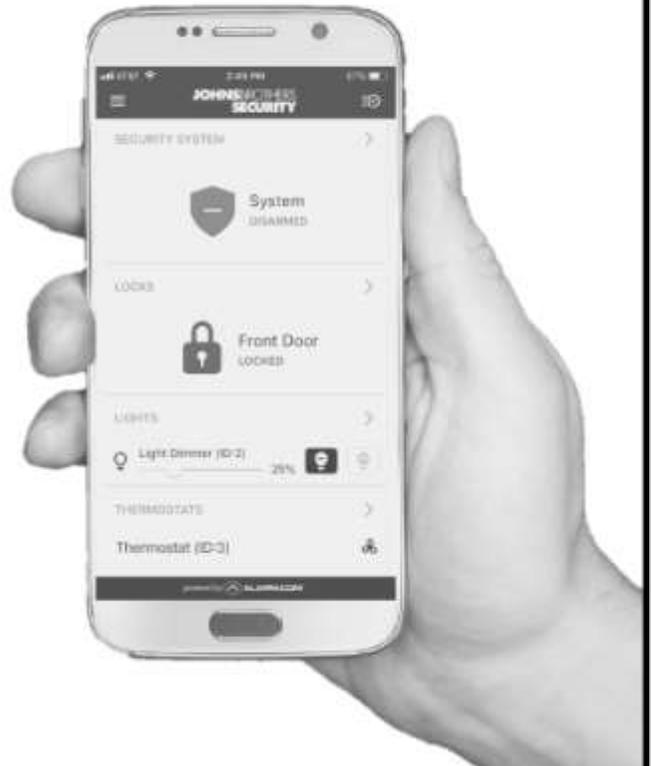
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