



The Mudflap





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

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Meet Jerry O'Donnell!

Gerald O'Donnell was born and raised on Galveston Island (South of Houston in eastern Texas)

Naval Academy Class of 1969. 30 year Navy career. Retired as Captain (O-6)

Served in Vietnam ('70, '72), CO of three ships: USS Tawakoni ATF 114 (Oceangoing diving and salvage ship), USS Thach FFG 43 (Guided Missile Frigate), and USS Chancellorsville CG 62 (Aegis Guided Missile Cruiser), last tour was Chief of Staff Naval Forces Central Command.

Defense contractor - 26 years at the Navy Warfare Development Command/Center

Retired June 2025.

Currently President of the Cape Henry Model A Ford Club in Virginia Beach

Widower since 2014

Currently own 1930 Ford Model A Town Car and 1940 Lincoln Zephyr V12

Interesting fact: Was the next door neighbor of the Kissing Sailor from the September 14th 1945 Life Magazine Photo taken by Alfred Eisenstadt.

Additional hobby: I sponsor International military officers who are attending a 10 week Joint and Combined Warfighting Course at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Social interaction only. They live on the base.

I have been going to the Persian Gulf since 1987 and to the United Arab Emirates almost every year since 2001. First I went on military assignments and since 2001 to visit the first officer I sponsored at the Naval War College in Newport RI. He lives in Abu Dhabi. I plan to go back to Abu Dhabi to visit this fall .

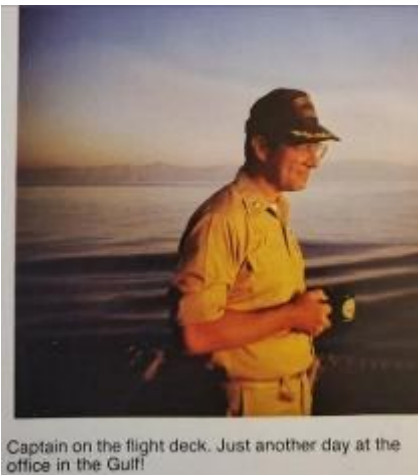
Here are some pictures that I found in my files. First photo was taken in Abu Dhabi.



I took the picture of Bob Hope and Barbara Eden aboard USS Okinawa at anchor in Bahrain during the USO Christmas Show. I gave Bob a ballcap from my ship which he is wearing in the picture.

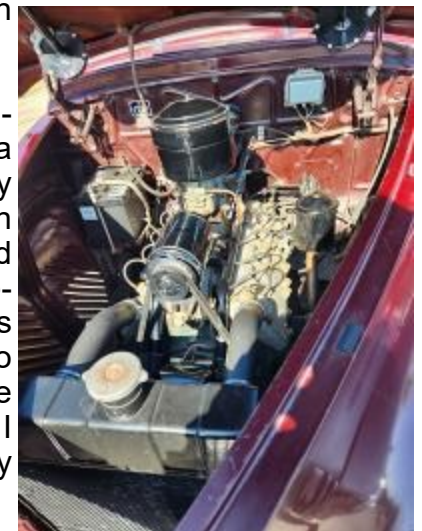


I gave a talk at the rededication of a giant Kissing Sailor Statue in Sarasota FL a few years ago. The Kissing Sailor was my next door neighbor in Rhode Island. I am working with the Military Aviation Museum in Pungo to create a Kissing Sailor Exhibit to represent the end of the War in their WWII homefront series of exhibits.



Second photo is from USS Thach cruise book 1987-88 deployment.

I started my antique car adventure about five years ago when I bought my 1930 Model A Ford Fordor Town Sedan. It was a fine detail competition car when I got it. I have turned it into a driver, replacing the generator with an alternator, adding a second tail light, and other modern features. I do tours in this car.



I got the 1940 Lincoln a little over a year ago. I initially had some ignition issues that I fixed but others have appeared. Getting this car motivated me to join AACA and the Tidewater Region. I have enjoyed my time in this club.

Third picture is after finishing the Shamrock 8K Race last March. Came in third in my age group.





Good Day Fellow TRAACA Members!

October has been an exciting month for the region as we had another successful Chili Cook Off and garage tour at the home of Bruce Sedel. Bruce has so much stuff to see in the various garages you were overwhelmed trying to see it all. But don't worry if you missed it this year because Bruce has agreed to host us again in 2027.

Welcome to our newest members Anthony Peluso & Stacy Whitted and Robert & Natalie Bradford. We look forward to seeing you at an

event in the near future.

November 14th will be our annual Square Car Tour event headed up by Richard Hall, and notice will be out soon.

Then, November 19th will be the annual Silent Auction and dinner meeting, followed by the Holiday Brunch scheduled for December 13th. A huge thanks to Jim Villers for scheduling this event.

2027 is shaping up to be another exciting year with various events already scheduled and some more in preliminary stages. So, if you're interested in planning an event for 2027, please let a board member know.

Scott Davies is collecting dues for 2027 and you should have received your AACA renewal form in the mail.

Until next month, stay SAFE and hope to see you at a event or dinner meeting.

Congratulations to all the winners at the Hershey meet this year!

Harry Park

FROM YOUR EDITORS' KEYBOARDS

Terry & Susan Bond

The truck is unloaded, things are stashed until next time, and now we need to catch up on yard work and many other things neglected as we prepared for the Greatest Show on Earth - HER-SHEY!

Hard to believe but another fantastic Hershey is in the history books, and we begin counting the days until next time.

More on that later but as time moves on towards the season of holidays and the end of the year it's time to dive right into this next issue of *The Mudflap*.

Thanks to those who have contributed. You are appreciated and set an example for the rest of our members who are enjoying the old car hob-

by in many different ways. Your stories are welcome, so send us a few lines and a photo or two. Did you attend a car show somewhere? Perhaps you ventured off somewhere with another club you belong to or visited an interesting car museum. Maybe you spotted something interesting along the way somewhere and snapped a photo. We'd love to share your adventures with other TRAACA members, so - keep those cards and letters (emails) coming!

As a reminder, we will shift to a bi-monthly schedule for *The Mudflap* beginning in 2007.

It's been a great year - but still more lies ahead. Read all about it here!

PS: Panic was a constant theme among editors at the 2026 convention, wondering how they would manage when Microsoft discontinued *Publisher* in October. October is here and I owe many thanks to Bob Stein for telling me how to get Office 2021 downloaded so I could continue to use *Publisher*.



NOVEMBER

14 - Square Car Tour - leave the Kroger parking lot at 10:30am, lunch at Little Italy after.

19 - TRAACA Dinner Meeting & Silent Auction - 6 PM (Must RSVP with Skip Patnode) - (Holiday Inn Convention Center, 5655 Greenwich Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462)

DECEMBER

13 - TRAACA Holiday Brunch - 11 AM at the Princess Anne Country Club (3800 Pacific Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451)

Watch the *Mudspeck* electronic newsletter for full details.

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

2027 AACA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

February 4-6, 2027 - Annual Convention/ National Awards, King of Prussia, PA

February 18-20, 2027 - Winter Nationals, Melbourne, FL

April 8-10, 2027 - Annual Grand Nationals/ Zenith/Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC

June 3-5, 2027 - Eastern Spring Nationals, Fredericksburg, VA

June 6-11, 2027 - Founders Tour, Winchester, VA

July 22-24, 2027 - Central Spring Nationals, New Ulm, MN

August 25-28, 2027 - Central Fall Nationals, Crystal Lake, IL

September 8-11, 2027 - Special Fall Nationals, Vernon, NY

September 19-24, 2027 - AAA Glidden Tour, Branson, MO

October 5-8, 2027 - Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA

October 25-29, 2027 - Eastern Divisional Tour, Swedesboro, NJ

Board Meeting Minutes

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Y-Not Pizza, Virginia Beach

Attendees:

Harry Park	Pres	Nick Smith	Board
Mike Haag	VP	Wayne Milligan	Board
Rick Seaman	Tres	Chris Ciccone	Board
Jerry Adams	Secr	Skip Patnode	Board
Bill Treadwell	PrEm		

624 meeting called to order via Mike Haag

President's Remarks: Not Present

Vice President's Remarks: Welcomed everyone, Harry is on Founders Tour

Treasurer Report: No Dinner meeting, send check to National for Library for Faye Curl. Motion made and Approved to carry CD for another year. Motion made and moved to accept the treasurer reports as sent.

Secretary Report: Jerry noted that the report was emailed out to board for review & feedback. No feedback provided. Motion made and moved to accept the secretary report. Previous months approved minutes were sent to Terry for *MudFlap*.

Committee: Activities: Confirmed date of Sep 22 for meetup at Westminster Canterbury. Upcoming Chili Cook off, Silent Auction November, and possible Square Car tour.

Old Business: Club Merchandise: Mike talked to a shop for embroidery, looking at online store options. Awards Manual: Need to review/ update manual and awards. Motion made to form a committee to review & update.

New Business: *Mudflap*: Terry Bond to discuss *Mudflap*, currently on tour. Chili Cook off: Rick has arranged for chairs, Board approved budget for Tammy to get needed supplies.

Final Comments / Adjournment: No Comments

Next Board Meeting - Thursday, Oct 15 at Y-Not Pizza, Virginia Beach

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 708 and accepted.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR TRAACA and AACA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2027

Current TRAACA members have been emailed (or snail-mailed) a Membership Renewal and Information Validation form.

This serves as validation of your information and is used for renewal of your membership for Tidewater Region AACA ONLY.

You **MUST** be a Current AACA National Member in order to belong to the Tidewater Region. Those dues must be paid separately directly to AACA.

You can renew your National AACA Dues by mail or online at the AACA Website <https://aaca.org/>. On the front page of this website you will see a "join/renew today" tab near the upper right of that page. Clicking on that tab will lead you directly to the Membership Renewal form

and instructions. There is also a "renew AACA today" button farther down that page.

(All TRAACA Members are validated with AACA to ensure that requirement is met).

TRAACA Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Your Validation Form **MUST** be received by January 31, 2027, in order to be included in the 2027 Tidewater Regional Roster.

This form includes your contact and vehicle information so please review it before sending it in with your 2027 Dues Payment.

Any information provided is Club **CONFIDENTIAL** and will **NOT** be shared.

Please review, sign and mail this form to:

TRAACA Membership
1225 Smokey Mountain Trail
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Bob Parrish made the news!

CLUB CLIPS

BY GERALD PERSCHBACHER



Cadillacs and Corvettes ... the appeal endures

Cadillac and the Chevrolet Corvette have two commonalities: the letter C and their shared lineage in the General Motor's fine list of brands and models. A third virtue is LONGEVITY. Each has its special place in the GM history – Cadillac for its long-standing quality and Corvette as a prime sports car model with long-term appeal.

To underline the Cadillac heritage in a recent issue of *The Self-Starters* (editor Jeff Shively, 765-721-1659), a stately 1936 Cadillac V-16 Series 90, Model 5775 limo, carried the cover (courtesy of owner Bill Cannon, with photo help by Gary A. Cameron). V-16s were the top-level flag-waving models issued for a choice number of years prior to World War II, thus lifting the brand name above most others in quality rendition, even ultimate swank. As if that were not enough to cinch the impact of the brand, the recent issue ran forward with multi-page coverage of the 2026 Grand National in Concord, N.C.

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Editor Mike Kissinger (editor@vcca.org) saw fit to render a club member's 23,000-mile original Corvette as cover car recently for *Generator & Distributor*, Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. The 1978 model anniversary earmarked – per marketing strategy – the performer's quarter-century milestone. Current owner of the immaculate survivor is Bob Parrish, who has been at its helm for 13 years. He takes it on tours and to shows big or small – which, in my book, makes him a prime promoter of the model and brand. "It's the best wedding gift I ever gave my wife and myself," says Parrish!



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From *Old Cars*, November 1, 2026. Printed with permission.

TRAACA MEMBER'S PAGE

October Birthdays

Barry Basnight
Mark Bischcoff
Casey Bostjancic
Phillis Carnforth
Keith Colonna
Jody Dudley
Holly Forester
Mason Gamage
Mark Gresalfi
Nancy Hassell-Sitar
Tonya Heath
Carlease Jackson
Dewey Milligan
Ron Pack
Tammy Park
Skip Patnode
Lori Powell
Henry Robson
Tim Russell
Brittany Sitar
Carla Anne Sobota
Lisa Struniolo
Debra Swartz
Rad Tillett
Bill Treadwell
Giselle Weinstein
Charles Woolford



Welcome to our New Members!

Robert & Natalie Bradford

Anthony Peluso & Stacy Whitted



October Anniversaries

David & Valerie Dillahunt
Daniel & Diana Etheridge
Paul & Cori Fuqua
George & Jana Gaylo
Mark & Diane Gresalfi
Ron & Sally Hartman
Wayne & Carol Milligan
Tom & Missy Norris
Tim & Rhonda Russell
Britt & Kathleen Skogstad
Bill & Linda Treadwell

November Anniversaries

Lawton & Patsy Baker
Lesley & Mary Ann Chapman
John & Mary Beth Clark
David & Faye Curl
Dewey & Maxine Milligan
Ken & Barbara Talley

November Birthdays

Paul Atkinson
Terry Bond
Harry Boone
Scott Davies
Thad Doumar
Lisa Dudley
Paul Fuqua
John Heimerl
Eafrica Johnson
Pat Locke
Scott Miller
Harry Park
Barbara Stansbury
Mark Strang
Andrew Sturniolo
Jason 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 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!



CHILI COOKOFF

The chili cookoff was a great successful event. I would like to thank everyone that helped make this event a success. This year's winners were 1st Place Mary Carmine, 2nd Place Charlene Gieb, and 3rd Place Mary Basenight. Thank you again for all your support to make this event a great turn out.





October Meeting and Chili Cook-off

Mike Haag

Photos by Mike Haag, Bob Stein & Susan Bond

The combined October meeting and Chili Cook-off was held on Saturday, October 3rd at the home, or should I say estate, of member Bruce Sedel in southern Chesapeake. Overcast skies and the threat of some afternoon rain may have reduced the number of antique cars at this event, but it didn't stop a larger number of members from attending. Folks started arriving at 11AM to drop off food, set up and to socialize (or "kick tyres" as we say in the MG club) for an hour, telling car stories and looking at the many garages and vehicles on display. Wow, talk about garage envy! What a setup Bruce has, and he even has room for more garages. Scott Davies had a table setup to collect membership dues where he gladly took my last \$30.

into the large 2-car garage where tables and chairs were set up, along with the food. A short business meeting took place where he thanked Bruce for hosting the meeting. Bruce spoke a little about his cars and property.



There were no visitors at the meeting. Scott reminded everyone he was collecting club dues. Mickey McChesney spoke about the nominating committee and how easy they had it this year as only one new board member was needed and a candidate was found for that position, Boe Bos-tjancic. The current officers and other board members agreed to continue for a 2nd year. Harry asked if there was anyone at the meeting who would like to nominate themselves for the board position. No one raised their hands so the list of nominations for the new year was approved by a vote.



Around 1210 President Harry called everyone

Happy Birthday to Barry and Tammy

Nick Smith mentioned there were two birthdays that weekend, Tammy Park and Barry Basnight. Scott mentioned that we had five new young



members under the age of 15 at the meeting and they were recognized. Finally, Tammy provided instructions on how the chili cook-off would work. The meeting was adjourned and we got down to the important business, eating and more socializing!

The food was laid out on tables along the back wall of the garage from one end to the other. What a spread of food there was, no one was going away hungry! There were 6 different chilis to sample and vote on, with Harry cooking hot dogs in the middle of the food.



After everyone had finished eating, the votes were counted and the chili cook-off winners were announced. Mary Ellen Basnight took 3rd place, Charline Geib took 2nd place and Mary Carmone took the 1st place prize.



Winners! Mary Basnight, Charlene Geib and Mary Carmone





Thanks to everyone who brought their chili and food to enjoy. A big thank you to Tammy Park who coordinated getting all the food together, along with the setup and, no doubt, cleanup afterwards. Thankfully the rain held off, unlike the last time we met there, and it was a nice way to get together with friends and enjoy a Saturday afternoon.



TOURING WITH AACA The 2026 AACA Founders Tour Right in our own back-yard!

By Al Crane and Terry Bond

After the success of our neighboring region HVPR's National Meet held recently, the enthusiastic group decided to consider touring as the next great opportunity to host another National activity.

Looking at the calendar there was a significant opening that fit extremely well in that area. The 2026 AACA Founders Tour was available! What a great opportunity it was for AACA touring in one of the most historic areas in the nation as we celebrate the country's 250th anniversary! There was no better place for it than "The Historic Triangle" of Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown!

The AACA "Founders Tour" was created to honor the founders of AACA and, this year, it also would honor the founding of our Nation.

The tour was scheduled for September 9-14, 2026 and, with only a short time to plan it, a hard-working core group of their membership began their work.

The very appropriate theme was "An Amazing Race through History" to sites tied to Americas 250th Birthday Celebration.

Over 50 AACA member families took part, exercising their antique cars during a week of touring history. Owners and their antique cars came from 25 states .

The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Williamsburg, was the host hotel, where participant registration, the welcome reception and the final banquet would be held. The hotel also served as the starting point for daily excursions to Jamestown Settlement & Historic Jamestowne & Smithfield, (Thursday Sept. 10), Williamsburg (Friday Sept. 11), Yorktown (Saturday Sept. 12), and Berkeley Plantation. (Sunday Sept. 13.).

The hotel itself was perfect, with adequate trailer parking and all the amenities regular AACA tour-

ing veterans have come to expect. Welcoming and registering participants at the hotel were Darlene Brown, Becky Woodall, Judy Cross,



Carolyn Topp, Kelly Dayton, Marty Sugermeyer, Al Crane and, one of AACA's best known tourists, Zac Brown from North Carolina, dressed

and fully in-character as Ben Franklin. Al Crane was attired in a full Colonial style uniform, and Marty Sugermeyer was nicely outfitted as a server in a period tavern dress. Other HVPR members helping were also in costume, helping create an appropriate theme.



Tour Co-Chairs
Scott Dayton and
Greg Smith, Registration Chair

*Zac Brown, Marty
Sugermeyer, Al Crane*

Pete Romeo, Publicity Chair Al Crane, and committee members Jim & Donna Elliott, Anita Smith, Kelly Dayton, Pam Romeo, and Linda Crane were everywhere it seemed. In total, 35 volunteers from the HVPR and TRAACA pitched in with "Smiles" in planning, coordinating and providing a "Colonial Welcome" to Tour participants. Their help was essential to facilitate parking, registration, and attendance at tours, meals, and other activities.

Susan and I attended several planning sessions to help cover some details of previous tours we'd been on. James and Becky Woodall were also able to help the host club with important details as they have been on more tours than perhaps any other club members. Our contribution was

to run all the tour routes before the start so we could ensure directions were accurate and essential information was included in the printed tour book provided to each participant. HVPR did a wonderful job producing one of the best Tour Books we'd ever seen. I'm not aware of anyone getting seriously lost!

Wednesday's reception was amazing! What was advertised as "light-hors d'oeuvres" proved to be more of a "full meal" with crab-cakes, BBQ, and all manner of great additional "snackies." Two fully-stocked tables of varied crackers, cheese and deli meats were kept supplied all evening. The food just kept coming!

Each day, after enjoying a full breakfast, a quick "Driver's/Navigator's meeting was held to cover any last minute highway issues or direction changes. Additional advice on how to enjoy the day was provided. It was ample information to have fun with.

The first day, travelers enjoyed the scenic Colonial Parkway on the way to Jamestown. They were split into two groups, with one visiting Historic Jamestowne and the other Jamestown Settlement. In the af-



ternoon, the groups switched places so everyone got to see it all. Some took advantage of an optional ferry ride over to Smithfield later in the afternoon.

The chance to see archeological excavations in process and to listen to experienced docents on a beautiful sunny day made it a thrilling time for



even those who had been to Historic Jamestowne before. And Jamestown Settlement offered displays and re-creations of the era.



The following day, we visited Colonial Williamsburg for a full day of history that included a guided tour of the Governor's Palace, lunch at Shield's Tavern and a chance to walk through Colonial times,



visiting the shops and restored 18th Century buildings there. It was a hot day and the air-conditioning in some of the buildings proved quite popular.



The day ended with a trip via unhurried country roads to Saude Creek Vineyards where some of us enjoyed a late afternoon wine-tasting.



We began the next day with a drive to Historic Yorktown. At Yorktown, we had the municipal parking lot reserved so we could put on a special



car show during the Yorktown Festival that included a Farmer's



Market, music, and Revolutionary War re-enactments. Lunch was a fabulous meal at the elegant Riverwalk Restaurant on the waterfront of the York River, almost beneath the Coleman Bridge. Our group was greeted at The American Revolution Museum by John and Lynn Heimerl. It was a fantastic

place that explored the causes, events and aftermath of the American Revolution. The artifacts displayed there are simply amazing. Included was a special exhibit of items recovered from shipwrecks in the York River - just a few hundred feet from where we were.



Later, we had the chance to tour Yorktown Battlefield and participants were able to drive the Battlefields where General Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington.

The final day took us to historic Berkeley Plantation, a historic estate along the James River, best known as the ancestral home of the Harrison family, including two U.S. Presidents, and widely recognized as the site of the first official



Thanksgiving in English America in 1619. There we were greeted with a "Colonial tea", complete with scones and cookies. The tours of the Plantation itself were amazing - so much history there! There were optional lunch stops before the return trip back to the host hotel for the evening banquet.

Before dinner that evening, everyone was treated to a real Fife and Drum Corps presentation. Ben Franklin himself was there to greet everyone!

It was hard to believe the time had passed so quickly and we'd seen so much.

At every stop, docents kept us spell-bound with their well-presented history lessons. Costumed re-enactors were everywhere and our several trips via the Colonial Parkway were just perfect for our antique cars. The host hotel was wonderful and the hospitality of every member involved was tremendous.

The HVPR and volunteers did a fabulous job taking us through the early history of America. They did an amazing job putting together a most memorable tour for AACA. It was one of the best we'd ever experienced and will long be remembered.

Best of all, it was right in our own back-yard. As well-known local historian John Quarstein always said - "It happened right here in Hampton Roads."

TRAACA Participants and Volunteers:

Harry & Tammy Park
Terry & Susan Bond
Marty Sugermeyer
John & Lynn Heimerl
James & Becky Woodall
Mike & Darlene Brown
Bob Stein
Al Becker
Scott & Kelly Dayton

Youngest Driver — Harry Park



HERSHEY 2026 It Just Keeps Getting Better!

Annual Report by Terry Bond

It's a special time of year in PA every October. Some years are better than others. It all depends on what the weather-man has arranged. This year, it was a nearly flawless week. There were the usual chilly mornings, sometimes accentuated by breezes but, when the sun came out, it was like someone smiling down on us!

For me, Hershey begins early. The preceding weekend is consumed with antique hunting. The area is a mecca of antique shops, malls and markets. I had fun, got tired, and did well as you know already if you've read my "collecting article."

But the event itself at Hershey is what I could easily wear out the keys on my computer's keyboard telling you about.

I look forward to it each year (right now there are just 344 days until next year's event, in case you were wondering).

Hershey is not just for someone who needs a hard-to-find part for their antique car. It's not just for someone who's newly finished restoration is ready to be shown. It's not just for someone selling left-over parts from a project, or even the project itself. **Hershey** is what ties all of that together. And, the icing on the cake is the great social aspect. It's old and new friends getting together every year to share their love of old cars. It's the thrill of the hunt and the excitement of discovery as you search for rare automobilia. It's major eye-candy for anyone who loves old cars or their history. It's been going since the early 1950s and it's all run by volunteers. There is no admission!

The swap meet field (all 9,000 available spaces) officially opens Monday morning for vendor set-up. Professionally erected tents are already in place for those vendors who made prior arrangements. I bring my own and this year some gusty breezes prevented me from erecting it that first day. I did put up my tables and began unpacking some items. Crowds quickly gathered to see what was being unwrapped next. Yes, the sunshine brought out the early-bird shoppers

big-time! Soon though, it was my turn to venture out in search of treasure. Spark plugs were top of my list and it didn't take long. I was happy!

Susan arrived later that day, picking up her cousin, Ed, at the airport in Baltimore on the way. I milked all I could from the remainder of the day and hurried to meet them at the hotel for a nice dinner next door at one of our favorite Italian restaurants.

Tuesday it was again chilly, but there were no more stiff breezes. My awning went up, boxes got opened, and some resemblance of an organized display soon began to take shape. The chance to visit old friends is always a highlight and I frequently ignored the need to keep unpacking to catch up with them as they stopped by.

It sometimes felt like a birthday party as people kept bringing things for me. I guess I've been at this long enough that what I'm searching for at Hershey is pretty well known. Now, instead of hunting for it, some things seem to find me. Susan and Ed say it's some strange magnetic attraction.

Susan volunteers to work at the AACA Library sale so she headed that direction quickly to help. Ed helped me a while but soon went off a different direction in search of things he didn't know he needed yet. Somehow he has developed an attraction to Texaco items. There is family history there I understand.

That evening I was off to a special dinner while Ed joined Susan at the finish of the Library sale so they could venture off for dinner too. My evening was spent with a group of radiator emblem collectors. Our friends from England (who unfortunately couldn't attend this



year) have slowly introduced us to this part of the hobby. They have one of the finest collections in existence. Through them, I've met some interesting people including another collector from Michigan. Todd Carlson is a serious collector and in just a few years has amassed a significant

collection of some of the finest emblems around. I sense another "Still Collecting" article on them!

Todd has decided to revitalize a small group of collectors who used to meet and have a dinner together during Hershey. This year was their first meeting in many years. The group has expanded to include collectors of watch fobs and advertising pins. These items are often precise miniatures of the larger emblems that collector used to pop off the radiators of early cars in junkyards years ago (when cars of the 20's and 30's were in them). I was invited to help by giving a presentation about watch fobs and other automobilia. I got to meet collectors from as far away as California that evening. It was a great time and I hope it becomes a regular feature of Hershey week for us.



Scott Davies

a visit. He's been reassigned to the West Coast and will most likely complete his Navy Career there. Previous members Travis and Kim Berry were there again and said they plan to get back into action with us in the coming season. The usual gang was seen coming, going, or wandering through the aisles. Jerry Adams, Barry Basnight, Bob & Dot Parrish, Jim & Donna Elliott, Scott Davies, Roger Gwynn, Bob Stein, Rick Seaman, Riley Best, Tony and Leslie Scarpelli, John & Lynn Heimerl, Sam Kern & Judy Harding, Tom & Tammy Cox, Tim Hund. Bill Treadwell, Bill Curburn, Al & Laurel Swenson, Wayne & Carol Milligan, Mike Long, Reggie Nash, Mark Bischoff and



The weather continued to hold as the week progressed. Somewhat chilly mornings gave way to blue skies and abundant sunshine. Before noon, jackets were gone and everyone was in T-shirts.



Crowds were thick near our spaces, which are conveniently situated near numerous food trucks in front of Giant Center. It's "prime" real estate there and my favorite lunch (crabcake sandwiches) is just across the aisle.



so many more were there enjoying the experience. A lot of our club members went to dinner that evening at Fenicci's Italian Restaurant in downtown Hershey, a tradition for many years. I apologize in advance for missing a few members I know must have been there somewhere!



Thursday was my day to do a little shopping. The meeting of the Spark Plug Collectors of America was that morning so I chose to not open my booth until afternoon. I used the time going and coming to explore. In the process, I added a few "goodies" to my collection(s) including spark plugs, fobs, NOS boxed Boyce Motometer (now displayed in my "old store") and a wonderful early lithograph discovered by Richard Hall's cousin, Rodney Johnson, while wandering through the Orange field. He thought I might be interested and texted me a photo. I rushed over and bought it.

During the week we had a lot of TRAACA members check in to say hello. Once again Ken Packard dropped by for

Tony Scarpelli



Thursday evening we packed everything up as the swap meet began to close down. All attention is then focused on the Friday car show and only a few vendors near that area remain open. For us, Friday starts early with the 7AM Judges Breakfast, then a full day looking at fabulous vehicles.

Friday morning we beat the sunshine, joining a line of judges waiting for the doors to open. That morning, after we stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, our members who are proud Veterans stood to be recognized. It's a tradition that I began in 2010 when Susan and I attended our first event that year as President and First Lady of AACA. It's a tradition I'm pleased to see continue.

Judging Awards were presented following breakfast and Leslie Scarpelli received her 10th Judging Award, and Susan received her 200th! Both are a part of our team of unsung heroes – the Judging Administration team. These are the wizards who tabulate all the judging results and prepare the awards lists for that evening's banquet. At Hershey, with nearly 1,000 vehicles on the field, it's a busy afternoon getting all that done in a short amount of time.



Susan Bond



Leslie Scarpelli

TRAACA had a big presence on the judging side, with Bill Treadwell, Tony and



Bill Treadwell



Tony & Leslie Scarpelli



Jim Elliott, VP Class Judging



Bill Coburn



Bob & Dot Parrish



Sam Kern



Tom Cox



Leslie Scarpelli, Terry and Sue Bond, Bob and Dot Parrish, Sam Kern, Bob Stein, Tom Cox, Jim and Donna Elliott, and Bill Coburn among this year's judging teams.

There were 955 vehicles registered for the event. On the show field, we were represented by Tim Hund and his magnificent 1948 Jaguar Mark IV sedan which received a First Junior, Reggie Nash's 1941 Nash 4081 (One of two known remaining) which received a Repeat Preservation, Michael Long's 1967 Corvette which received a Second Junior, Laurel Swenson's 1974 MG Midget which received a Senior, and Jim Elliott's 1991 Camaro Pace Car which also received a Repeat Preservation.

The show-field began to empty as usual by 3PM and I retreated to Headquarters for a quick meeting of the Zenith Awards Team while the Admin team completed their work.

Susan and I walked back to the truck through a mostly empty field and, once again, Hershey was in the rear-view mirror. And - the sun was still shining!

It had been a glorious week that ended too soon. But - there are only 344 days until we get to return. Dialing the weatherman now!

News from Sweden

One of the great things about Hershey is meeting old friends and making new ones.

This past spring I had the pleasure of meeting Sven-Olov Hansson who came all the way from Sweden to attend the Pre-War Swap Meet in Luray, Virginia. Of course we had an enthusiasm for Model T's in common and, when I learned he was planning to come to Hershey, I had to ask him to write a bit about himself and his collection (s). I was pleased to hear from him and get a few photos.

Hershey is an amazing place and it again proves that Antique Automobile is really the "universal language."

Terry,

I've been in bed this week, got the cold after I came home from US last Sunday. This was my 29th visit to Hershey!

That is my favorite event of the year. Have got a lot of nice friends over the years and it is so nice to meet them once a year at Hershey.

My special interest is early Ford memorabilia, Model T, and porcelain signs.

This year I found 4 Ford worker's badges, which I'm very happy about. See picture. Also, a picture of one of my display cases with Ford badges.



I have 4 Model Ts here in Sweden, from 1914 to 1921, and have just finished a speedster we built up from scratch. (Picture of a yellow speedster).

In 2003 I was part of building the 1914 Model T bodies that Ford Motor Company ordered from Sweden,



that later ended in 6 complete cars to the 100th anniversary for Ford. (picture of my own 1914 Model T Touring)

In 2009 I sent one of my Model Ts, a 1920 runabout/pick up, over to US in a container to participate in the 100th anniversary of the first coast to coast race across the US.

We drove from NY to Seattle in 30 days, very rewarding time. Had the chance to know a lot of nice people. (Picture when I stand up in my model T taken somewhere in the mid west)



Next trip to US will be in May 2027 to visit Mid-Atlantic Pre-war Swap Meet in Luray Virginia.

You can have my email address in the article if it works, if someone wants to contact me: sven-olov.hansson@sundsvall.se



HERSHEY!





HERSHEY!



HERSHEY Remember When?

If you are a Hershey veteran, these might bring back some memories. A photo from 1970, our first year, shows early cars displayed on the grass inside the old stadium. The swap meet was out front on a dirt field.

Some of you probably have heard stories of the "Mud" there in 1976. More on that in our next issue of *The Mudflap*. Meantime, enjoy this little trip through history.



1970



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Skip's Antique Car Museum

Mike Haag

As mentioned in last month's article about the MG 2026 International Convention, several Tidewater MG Classics members took a ferry over to South Bass Island to the town of Put-in-Bay, OH.

During a tour of the town, we visited an antique car museum housed in a large barn. This museum houses the collection of the late Skip Duggan, a car enthusiast of Ford Model T and Model A cars. Ford Model T's are the most represented cars in the museum which includes a 1915 Model T Speedster, a 1920 Center Door Model T with a body built by Fisher, a 1924 Model T Snowmobile built to deliver the mail in MN, along with a 1926 Model T tractor.



Model T snow mobile



Model T tractor

Other cars in the museum include a 1919 Dodge Touring car, several Model A vehicles, including a 1930 Model A Roadster Pickup, a 1930 Willys Whippet Touring car and a 1930 Chrysler Coupe.



*Model T
Center Door*



1919 Dodge Touring car



Model T snow mobile

*1930
Willys
Whippet
Touring
car*





1930
Chrysler
Coupe



Model A tractor



Cushman
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Model A and Nash



Model A Taxi



Buggy

There are also a couple of motorcycles along with some farm equipment and automotive signs and other automobilia. See some of the accompanying pictures from the museum and also visit <https://perryscave.com/attractions/#car-museum> for more information and pictures.

Seeing this museum was an unexpected pleasure and it just goes to show that you never know what you can run across during your travels. A fun fact, according to a brochure we got, there are more antique and classic cars per capita in Put-in-Bay than anywhere else in the world. Every Sunday, weather permitting, there is a parade of historic and classic cars through the town.

STILL COLLECTING — AT HERSHEY

By Terry Bond

There is a separate report on Hershey in this issue, but this part of it is "from the collector's perspective."

For me, things begin before Hershey ever starts. My several days of antique hunting in the Hershey area is a tradition I always look forward to. Neil Sugermeyer and I began doing this years ago, leaving early and using his camping trailer as a base of operations while we scoured PA's antique shops and flea markets. Evenings in his camper, sipping good Scotch and sharing our discoveries, are great memories I'll treasure forever.

This year I added an extra day up-front, leaving home on Wednesday. The object was to include a stop at a small river-side town, Columbia PA. I'd not been there in several years. When the date for the Hershey swap meet opening moved from Tuesday of Hershey week back to Monday, we lost the day we usually visited there to explore the several great antique malls and shops.

Things change. One of the larger (and a favorite) antique shops burned totally in late 2024. Tollbooth Antiques was a labyrinth of individual stalls and "piles" of freshly discovered things. It has now been redone and was newly opened, but is now more like a typical antique mall with decorator type items.

Still in Columbia, and as good as ever, was Burning Bridge Antiques. It's ironic that "Burning Bridge" antiques (in an old department store) never burned, while the "Tollbooth", located at the end of a bridge, did!

Sadly, another favorite, "Riverside" antiques, in an old multi-story stone mill near the river, had closed due to retirement of the owner.

One fascinating and quite large building I'd never been in before was one of the best. "Bootleggers" allegedly contained an early speak-easy and during prohibition was frequented by many infamous gangsters.



*Bootleggers
Antiques,
Columbia, PA*

*Headed upstairs
at Bootleggers.*



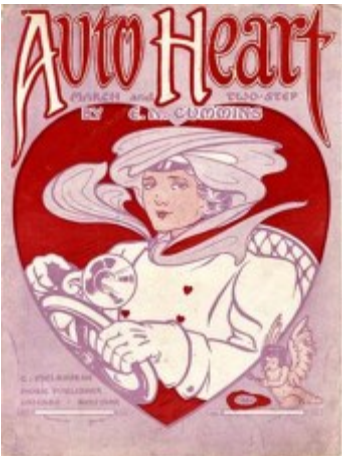
*Lots of real
antiques.*

After Columbia, I moved on to Adamstown. There are more antique shops and malls there than anywhere you'll ever see. Usually we'd try to cram it all into one day, beginning with Renninger's open air flea market (open only on Sunday). It's an exhausting day scurrying between shops, malls and flea markets but is one of the best



sources for great stuff you'll ever see. I planned to spend Friday there getting a head-start on things, enabling me to do the rest at a more relaxed pace on Sunday. I found stuff!

The next day I was in Allentown, among the first in line to get into the Allentown Paper Show at the fairgrounds. It's an indoor market filled with dozens of vendors with ephemera of all kinds. Postcards, advertising material, antique photos, posters, seasonal items (Christmas, Halloween, etc), rare books, manuscripts, periodicals, pins, buttons, trinkets of all kinds, and even a few antique toys. It's all genuine old stuff and a thrill to dig through to find early automobile items. I always add to my sheet music collection there, thanks to a few specialist dealers. I never leave empty handed.



That afternoon, I spent the remaining time in "Weil's Dog-House" Antiques, in the basement of a shopping center. It had at one time been a large bowling alley but recently reopened as a large multi-dealer mall.



An unhurried dinner with AACA friends from the area was a welcome break.

Sunday was a return to Adamstown to catch the Renningers outdoor market. A cold, rainy day kept the numbers of vendors low so I quickly retreated to a more comfortable indoor market when the doors opened at 7:30. After a few more discoveries, I moved on to the remainder of the Adamstown shops, ending my pre-Hershey expedition with the purchase of a rare calendar.

Monday, Hershey began as soon as I could crawl out of bed, grab a hotel breakfast and get onto the field. Winds were gusty and it was a bit chilly. It proved useless to try and put up an awning so I wandered a bit to see what the

"early bird" could snag. Instantly-spark plugs jumped into my hands! Later, it was a wonderful fold-out advertising piece from France with an early automobile. I managed to unpack a few boxes at my booth but covered up and wandered some more. A lot of vendors were delayed in setting up because of the gusty breezes.

Tuesday, Susan was helping with the Library sale, and her cousin, Ed, helped me finish setting things up. He went shopping as soon as possible while I stayed at the booth visiting with friends and talking "automobilia" with anyone interested.

The remainder of the week flew by rapidly. Breezes subsided, the afternoons warmed nicely and there was not a cloud in the sky. Perfect Hershey weather!

Although I spent much of this year at my booth, great things still found me. Every time I ventured out there were new discoveries.

The best finds, though, were delivered right to me.

My collection of antique beer steins with automobiles on them tripled in size in just a month.

There were three already in my collection and, in the recent sale of the Dave Bausch automobilia collection (I



wrote about this last month), I purchased three more.

There was one lot late in the sale I did not bid on, having already spent as much as I dared. That lot contained ten antique steins — most were

duplicates, and most were damaged. There were four good steins, three of them I did not already have, but I let them pass anyway.

On Wednesday, a good friend from New York stopped by to visit. When he asked what I'd bought from the auction I showed him pictures and, when I landed on the steins, he said he'd bought that last lot of ten. The one he really wanted was one I already had but he had the others with him and quickly sold me the remaining good ones. Three more came home with me and I didn't even have to go looking for them!

Pictures speak for themselves, so my 2026 Hershey week discoveries are here for your enjoyment.

I won't bore you with photos of some of the Model T parts I bought, and Susan's MG goodies deserve a separate article that I've already started working on. Every year she amazes me and what she uncovers in the market at Hershey.

As the popular advertising jingle says - "It's simply the best!"

Terry



First page of a full 12 month calendar from 1904 printed for the Smith & Mable company in New York in 1904. Each page of the calendar has a different early automobile scene on it.



An early 1900s plate advertising a Washington grocery store. The delivery truck image is fabulous.

1910s Lithograph of a lady driving a sporty roadster.



Two cast iron toys depicting automobiles being pulled by horses, Maker unknown, age likely early 1900s. Could be part of a board game?



More great spark plugs for my collection. Who said you can't have them all?

Circa 1908
Packard
Brass
Paperweight.



Large early lithograph
of a lady driving an
early automobile. The
photo doesn't do it
justice!



A large photo-
graph of
an early
auto repair
shop,
location
unknown.



Watch Fobs - early AAA, RCH
(Huppmobile)

A biscuit
(cookie) tin
with an
early
motoring
scene.



One of
several nice
early
postcards
added to my
collection at
the Allentown
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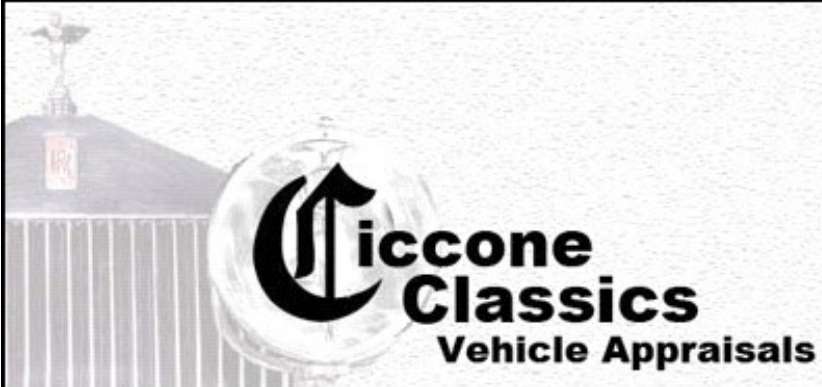
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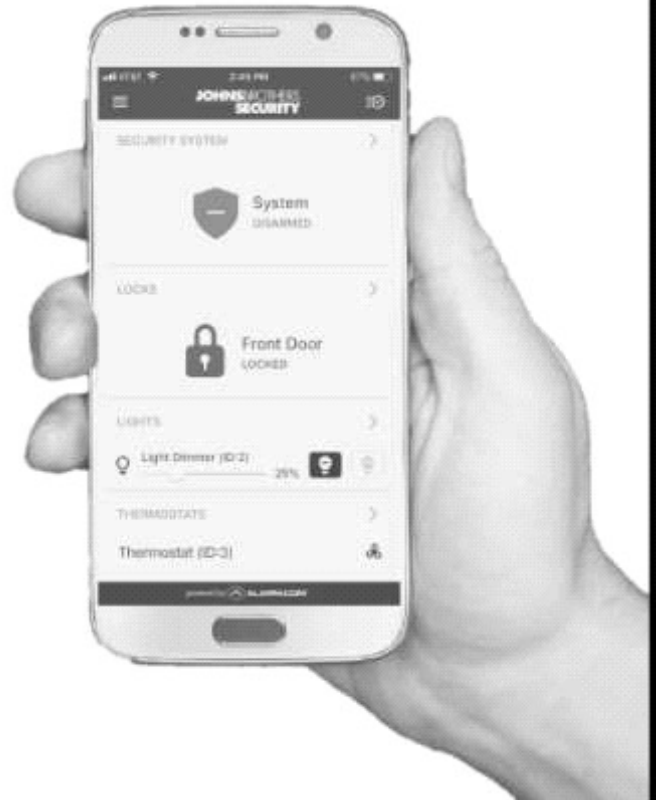
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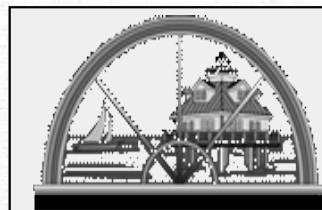
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