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The Mudflap



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Bron and Linda Prokuski

Welcome to one of our newest members, Bron Prokuski. Bron is certainly not new to the old car hobby as you'll learn from reading about his background.

Bron has been very active in the hobby: Veteran Motor Car Club of America, Profile Auto League of New Hampshire, Automobilists of the Upper Hudson Valley, AACA, Chesapeake MG Chapter Chairman, MG T Party Co-Founder and Chairman, Model T Ford Club of America, Model T Ford Club International Albemarle Area Chapter Secretary.

Bron served in the US Air Force for 31 years; Defense Association Management 19 years; and is active with Jaycees and now Rotary.

Bron got into antique car restoration when he was a high school junior. He came under the tutelage of his father, Ben, who could fix anything. With his lathe he turned out bushings, spindles and whatever was needed to do a Model T. And back then in the New Hampshire woods you could find a lot of Model T stuff. So restoration became a learning experience and a family project, which continues to this day. So off to the first T and then the Oakland and through the years as shown below.





FROM THE GARAGE OF BRON and LINDA PROKUSKI

Prokuski car projects:

Mid 50s - Found 2 1926 Ford Model T Roadsters. He restored one but not the other. Bron's first legal driving experience was in 1958 and, the day he received his driver's license, he drove the restored T from NH to the Mt. Wachusett MA car museum. Both were sold in 1989 for college tuition.

1917 Model 34B Oakland Touring came from Maine and was restored in the late 50s and sold to Andy Wise of Ellendale, DE in May 2007.

1951 MG TD - Purchased 1960 - Frame up restoration in 1965, College car, MG T Register #20

1947 MG TC - Frame up restoration starting in 1969, MG World Cover Car in 1975

1948 MG TC - Purchased 1971 - Frame up restoration in 1989

Frame up restoration of a 1939 MG TB for Bernie Paiewonsky in 1976-77.



Frame up restoration of a 1937 MG VA saloon – one of 110 remaining – purchased in 1976. Restoration started in 1984 and was completed in 1992. Sold to a California owner in 2004, it is now owned by Wayne Kube in Texas and is still earning trophies.

2013 added a 1927 Model T Roadster from Newland, NC, but it is titled as a 1926. All original, stored 42 years, Preservation Class so only mechanical and safety work was done.

2018 added the West Hurley NY Fire Dept Support Vehicle – disassembled

In 1963, a total rebuild of a Model T of 1914 to 1926 parts with a 1925 Martin Parry cab with roller doors – a one of a kind. Finished May 2020.



Together with his good friend John Long in Hertford, NC, and others, they founded the Albemarle Chapter of the Model T Ford Club International. Several other TRAACA members also belong to this chapter and have enjoyed touring with Bron and other members on North Carolina back roads.

We look forward to having Bron and Linda as a members of TRAACA and are eager to join them on a future tour. We're happy to now count them as members of our club.





Ramblings from the President

First of all this month, 'tis the season for holiday greetings, celebrations with family and friends, and good tidings for all that this year we all have something to celebrate, be it as festive as a large gathering of family or friends or as simple as a healthy holiday with time to remember Christmas past.

More on that later. As I laid awake recently, thinking about what to write this month, I wondered what a car trailer, participation in the automotive hobby, and Tidewater activities have in common.

I have been shopping sporadically for my own enclosed trailer. Linda caught me on eBay the other day and immediately asked how many more years am I going to need a trailer. Realistically, I would like to plan on two or three trips each year for the next five years. And then, I would have two cars and an aging trailer to dispense. My standard answer to selling the Camaro is that you have to get ahead of our daughter in my will. Some of our Tidewater members have similar decisions to make, while others have friends or relatives who are anxious to assume custody of some or all. I could ramble for hours, but I can only hope that we each get the chance to make the right decision when we are able.

Participation in Tidewater leadership and activities has hopefully kept me going these twelve or so years. I do not have to worry about a 25-year pin or 100 judging points. What I will be doing is watching the new leadership to see where Tidewater is going, serving as your past president for two years, and chairing another swap meet or two as long as it is rewarding. Did I say fun?

In the meantime, this week I will be finding a thing or two for the silent auction or next swap meet. I will pay dues to a number of car clubs and enjoy the ride. Tidewater continues to be more than a car club. The new leadership has interesting inspiration for next year's activities.

Until we meet again soon at an automotive event, enjoy the holidays.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Bill Treadwell, TRAACA President



TRAACA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2025

6:00 PM: Call to order

President's Remarks: Bill Treadwell welcomed all board members, and club members in attendance. Bill also briefly reported on the meet in Hershey.

Vice President's Remarks: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Bill Treadwell distributed the report to all members. **Motion made and carried to approve the Treasurer's report as written.** As of this date, all duties of the Treasurer have been reassigned to Cris Ciccone, Treasurer who has agreed to carry out those duties through calendar year 2026.

Committee Reports: Scott Davies, Membership Chair reported that 25 renewals of 155 total memberships have been received to date. Some issues have occurred due to incorrect email addresses. Scott is currently working to get these corrected. Members need to update him when/if they change email addresses. Application on the website needs to be updated showing the increase in membership dues beginning in 2026.

Harry Park will have a meeting of volunteers for the upcoming ODMA on November 5, 2025. An email has been sent to all who volunteered for this committee.

Bill Treadwell announced there will be a charity car show at Cypress Point Golf Course on November 26. Entry fee is \$50 which will be donated to CHKD.

Dan Ciccone has volunteered to coordinate an activity for members desiring to attend the VA Tattoo in April of 2026.

Old Business: Club laptop was cleaned and updated by Jerry Adams as there were myriads of unauthorized programs, etc. The laptop will only be used by and for the Treasurer. It is now functioning perfectly. Jerry's efforts have saved the club a considerable amount of money. **Motion**

made and carried to reimburse Jerry Adams \$37.09 for the purchase of a new battery for the laptop.

A question was raised by a long time club member regarding increase of club dues for 2026. There has not been a dues increase in eleven (11) years. The board previously approved an increase in dues to \$30 (\$5.00/ member). The cost of dinner meetings has increased substantially. (The cost per attendee is partially subsidized by the club at a rate of \$15 per person) Regarding dinner meetings, Tammy Park has successfully negotiated a renewal contract with the Holiday Inn for the next year with NO INCREASE in cost. **The board unanimously agreed to give Tammy Park permission to sign the renewal contract on behalf of the club.** The board further appreciates her untiring efforts in this regard.

Motion made and carried to donate \$500.00 to Eggleston for use of their property for our recent annual meet.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

7:35 P M: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nick Smith, Secretary

2025 TRAACA Officers & Board

President - Bill Treadwell
tbears3@verizon.net

Vice President - Harry Park
harrygpark@yahoo.com

Secretary - Nick Smith

Treasurer - Chris Ciccone

Board - Bill Coburn
Board - Mike Haag
Board - Hilary Pavlidis
Board - Rick Seaman
President Emeritus—Tim Hund

TRAACA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2025

6:00 PM: Call to Order

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: President Treadwell welcomed all board members and members present. He thanked everyone for their participation in and help for a successful chili cook off. A membership quorum was present at the cook off and a new board for 2026 was approved and elected.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Vice President Park reported on a meeting of the ODMA committee. Any questions regarding the meeting should be directed to any board member who attended the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the October 2025 meeting have been distributed via email. * Motion made and accepted to approve minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Expense on the report was for a new battery for the laptop. Report was previously submitted via email. * Motion made and accepted to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted.

Scott Davies, Membership Chair reported that we have 85 out of 176 members who have renewed to date. Total outstanding to date is 71. Renewals have been arriving regularly.

ACTIVITIES: Monthly dinner meeting and silent auction is scheduled for November 20 at Holiday Inn Convention Center. Annual Holiday Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club is scheduled for December 7, 2025. Arrive by 10:00 A M with brunch to begin by 11:00 A M. Everyone bring an antique automobile (weather permitting.)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Total cost of the holiday brunch is \$35/person. *Motion made and accepted to leave the cost of the brunch at a total of \$35 per person. A discussion was conducted regarding those eligible to receive silver badges. * Motion made and accepted to pay for silver badges for Chris and Dan Ciccone. A decision will be made at the December 11 board meeting regarding upcoming annual awards. January 10, 2026 is the date for the Awards/Installation of Officer's Banquet.

* Motion made and accepted to adjourn.

6:55 P M: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nick Smith, Secretary

Chili Cook Off and Election of Officers for 2026

On Saturday November 1, Tidewater Region celebrated with its annual chili cookoff. Again this year, the event took place at the Khedive Shrine in Chesapeake. Perfect weather attracted a large number of members and their vehicles. A special thank you goes out again for the chefs and all the members who worked to make this year special.

With nearly 60 in attendance representing more than 35 memberships, a short business meeting was conducted. The slate of officers for 2026 from the nominating committee was announced. There were no other nominations. With only one nominee for each board position, an election by acclamation was taken and the following were elected for 2026:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Harry Park
Michael Haag
Chris Ciccone
Jerry Adams

Members at Large

Wayne Milligan
Skip Patnode
Nick Smith
Rick Seaman

The Annual Officer Installation and Awards Ceremony will be Saturday, January 10, 2026 at the Holiday Inn.



TRAACA Holiday Brunch

The traditional holiday brunch for Tidewater Region is set for Sunday, December 7 at the Princess Anne Country Club. Come share the festive spirit of the season!

Weather permitting, drive your classic or share a ride with someone who is. Arrive by 10 AM for the social hour or show up just in time for brunch at 11 AM. (Reservations required as usual)

Always a wonderful selection of foods, the cost is only \$35 each, same as our dinner meetings, with the club paying incidental charges for the buffet.

Hoping for another large gathering of Tidewater members and wishing Merry Christmas to All!



NOVEMBER

- 20 **TRAACA Monthly Membership Meeting Silent Auction!**
(6 PM, Holiday Inn Convention Center
5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach
VA)

DECEMBER

- 7 **TRAACA Holiday Party**
(Princess Anne Country Club)

FEBRUARY 2026

- 5-7 **AACA Annual Convention**

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

FROM THE EDITORS' KEYBOARD(S)

By Terry & Susan Bond

It's now been more than a year since we volunteered to plug in our keyboards and produce just a "few" issues of the Mudflap. We've not resorted to real arm-twisting to find more permanent editors, but our travel schedule doesn't seem to slow down. As proven with our special Veteran's Tribute issue, a special "guest editor" could be very welcome. Holly Forester did a fabulous job pulling all those great stores together from our Veterans.

If you'd like to schedule your opportunity to help with an issue, give us a call to discuss. We're flexible and we'll guide you through the process of putting an issue together.

Have you had a desire to write something and share it with the club? Have you ever wanted to tell us about your car, hobby, or visit somewhere? You too can become a member of the "Mudflap Team." It would be a great way to help your club to keep the membership informed and entertained. It can actually be a load of fun. All you need to do is devote a little time and enthusiasm.

This Thanksgiving we need to express our own thankfulness to all those who have helped by supplying photos, words, stories, or just the occasional "thanks" that keeps us going and somewhat on-schedule. You are appreciated.

We hope your holidays are great.

Terry & Susan

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TRAACA MEMBER'S PAGE



December Birthdays

Mary Ellen Basnight
Kimberly Berry
John T Blair
Darlene Brown
Raymond Brown
Cheryl Casper
Becky Clifton
Fred Cole
Faye Curl
Genny Formato
Jana Galyo
Bob Gurnee
Sandy Hall
Judy Harding
Ron Hartman
Missy Hespenhide
Tom Norris
Ken Packard
Sandra Rast
Frank Sheleheda
Nancy Soscia
Ken Talley
Jim Villers
Matthew Weinstein

November Birthdays

Paul Atkinson
Bill Blair
Terry Bond
Harry Boone
Scott Davies
Lisa Dudley
Charlie Edwards
Paul Fuqua
John Heimerl
Pat Locke
Scott Miller
Harry Park
Linda Pellerin
Mark Strang
Barbara Stansbury
Andrew Sturniolo
Laurel Swenson
Thad Doumar
Jason Sturniolo

November Anniversaries

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

December Anniversaries

Charlie & Barbara Edwards
John & Lynn Heimerl
Ron & Tina Pack
Danial & Sandra Rast
Jeanie & Roland Downing

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!



CHILI COOKOFF

CHESAPEAKE, VA

On November 1, 2025, we attended the annual Chili Cookoff at the Khedive Picnic Area in Chesapeake, VA.

This year we had six chili entries to judge. First Place went to Bob Stein, Second Place went to Bill Grosz, and Third Place went to Toni McChesney. Thank you for everyone who participated in the event, and we look forward to this event next year.





Chili Cook-Off November 1, 2025



TRAACA Chili Cookoff November 1, 2025 Bob Stein

More than 60 TRAACA members and friends showed up at the Khedive Picnic Area in Chesapeake for our annual Chili Cookoff. The weather was perfect, cool enough for light jackets and sweatshirts in the morning, warming up to shirt-sleeve weather in the afternoon, with bright sunshine throughout the day.

We had six different chilies to judge, as well as hot dogs provided by Dan and Chris Ciccone on a genuine restaurant cooker, and bar-b-que made by Charlie and Barbara Edwards. Besides the meats, we have a wide variety of side dishes and desserts that ranged from macaroni and cheese to key lime pie.

Pretty weather meant many members brought out old cars. Tony Miller had his 1925 Model T Ford, Keith Colonna drove his 1940 Lincoln Zephyr (later the Continental) cabriolet, Bob Stein brought his 1941 Packard 110 (Bella), Alfonso and Patrezia Ludovici had their 1949 Mercury Eight, Barry and Mary Ellen Basnight drove their 1950 Jeepster, Bruce Sedel had his 1952 Packard 200, Casey and Mary-Ellen Bostjancic came in their 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air, Scott Davies drove his 1958 Corvette convertible, Hilary Pavlidis and guests came in her 1967 Mercury Cougar, Bo Bostjancic had his 1967 Camaro, Harry and Tammy Park brought their 1970 Chevelle SS convertible, Larry Goughan drove his 1971 Dodge Charger R/T, Bill and Linda Treadwell arrived in their 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass 442, Terry and Sue Bond came in their 1974 MGB-GT, Riley Best had his 1979 (?) Dodge Ram pickup, Mickey and Toni McChesney brought their 1984 Oldsmobile Delta

88, Nick Smith had his 1991 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham, Boyd Swartz came in his 1993 Volvo 940 Turbo station wagon, and Fred Cole drove his 1998 Ford Police Interceptor.

Other members spotted at the event included Jerry and Ellen Adams, Linda Pellerin, Richard and Sandy Hall, Bob and Dot Parrish, Rad and Marge Tillet, Tyler Gimbert, Harry and Tammy Park (the activity organizers), Rick Seaman, Jack Pavlidis, Skip Patnode, Aubrey Austin, Chip Woolford, Tim and Phyllis Hund, Mike and Denise Haag, Bill and Doug Grosz, and Bill Coburn.

After President Bill Treadwell held a brief business meeting to verify the 2026 TRAACA officers and board, the group started eating. When the votes were tallied, Toni McChesney's chili was voted 3rd best (Accepted by husband Mickey), Bill Grosz was awarded 2nd place, with Bob Stein being given 1st place. Many thanks to all who participated, and especially to Tammy Park for getting this organized!



It's Time to Renew Your AACA Membership for 2026

**By Karen White, AACA Membership
Manager, kwhite@aaca.org**

Membership renewal time is one of our busiest times of the year. The first renewal notice for

your 2026 membership dues was included with your September/October Antique Automobile magazine. An email was also sent to remind members they could renew their 2026 membership dues online.

Hundreds of members have responded by mailing their renewal payment, renewing their 2026 dues online or calling National Headquarters to renew their membership by phone.

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their 2026 membership dues!

We are receiving many inquiries from members that paid their membership dues with a check. They are concerned because their checks sent in September and early October have not been cashed yet.

Just this week we were able to process all the renewal payments we have received through the mail. **The checks will be deposited very soon.** It will be several weeks until the first batch of 2026 membership cards are mailed.

If you haven't renewed your 2026 membership yet, a second renewal form will be included with your November/December magazine.

Don't forget! You can use our super easy online membership renewal on our website. Renewing online is quick and simple! Just log in with your membership number and PIN number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more

time and click on credit card. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Your payment will automatically record to your membership record, and you will receive a confirmation email receipt.

Your membership number and PIN number were included in an email sent September 4, 2025, to remind members that it was time to renew 2026 membership dues. Your member number and PIN number are printed on the renewal form included in the magazine package of the September/October Antique Automobile magazine. You can also find your numbers on your membership card. **If you don't know your membership number and/or PIN number, you can call AACA National Headquarters at 717-534-1910 or email membership@aaca.org. Please DON'T try to pay your dues by using the JOIN AACA tab. This WILL NOT renew your membership - instead, it will create a new one.**

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PLAN NOW TO JOIN YOUR FELLOW TRAACA MEMBERS AT THE 2026 AACA Annual Convention

The 2026 AACA Annual Convention will be held February 5-7 in Chantilly, VA, at the Westfields Marriott. We are working hard to iron out all of the details and food pricing with the hotel so we can open registration soon, so stay tuned.

In the meantime, we are excited to announce several event highlights that have been confirmed:

Thursday pre-convention excursion: **Downtown DC Tour** (includes bus transportation, private tour guide & lunch)

Thursday evening **Welcome Reception Taco Party** hosted by the AACA National Board of Directors

Friday luncheon hosted by AACA First Lady Debra Anspach with **keynote speaker Jacy Good**

Friday evening **1970s-themed Casino Night**

(Wear your bellbottoms, tie-dyed T-shirts, and Go-Go boots - play for free & win prizes!)

Saturday evening **National Awards "Oscars"** (Dress to impress and support our special honorees!)

Book your rooms now - do not wait!! This hotel WILL sell out!! Currently, 67% of the room block is booked!

Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles
14750 Conference Center Dr, Chantilly, VA 20151. Less than 10 miles from the Washington Dulles International Airport

Room Rates:

\$139 per night OR \$159 per night with 1 breakfast OR \$179 per night with 2 breakfasts

Reservation Link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/51001554>

Reservation Phone: (800) 266-9432 (mention Antique Automobile Club of America)

Reservation Deadline: January 13, 2026

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STILL COLLECTING Automobile Related Stickpins

By Terry Bond

There was a time when a well-dressed gentleman included a fancy stickpin to hold parts of a necktie (usually the front and back layers) together. They originated during the early 19th Century when gentlemen wore "cravats" as part of their clothing.

A cravat is a neckband or small scarf that later evolved into what we know today as a simple neck-tie. The stickpins used to hold layers of cloth together were long pins with a fancy head, sometimes jeweled, sometimes figural, but always intended to provide an element of elegance.

Later, they were used with thematic figures. If you loved horses, your stickpin had a horse image on it. By the early 1900s, when the automobile was coming into vogue, a stickpin was used to indicate that you were an automobile enthusiast – or at least wealthy enough to afford one. Some were even used to advertise automobiles and were worn at automobile shows by salesmen or were even given away to new car owners.

The first one I ever found came from an Eastern Shore antique shop. It's a beautiful hand-crafted gold antique automobile side-light with a jeweled front lens. I've never seen another like it and it remains one of my favorite items.



Over the years I've discovered pins duplicating automobile radiator scripts in miniature. These tiny gold plated stamped pins were made by the L.F. Grammes Company in Allentown, PA. It's not known how many different pins they produced and they seem quite rare and difficult to find. I have several in my collection and am aware of others owned by automobilia collectors. I'm always looking out for them! Several years ago, a framed display board of corporate samples from the company was found in an Allentown antique mall. It was purchased by a well-



A selection of L.F. Grammes manufactured

known vendor of automobile items and many pins were sold off at Hershey, long before I was aware of them or enthusiastically collected them. Sure wish I could turn back the clock!

These are difficult to find and are often misidentified when the seller does not realize the name represents a brand of automobile. In one other case, I discovered a very rare stickpin for an equally rare automobile – the Firestone Columbus. It was advertised on eBay as being for a bicycle.



This company began as The Columbus Buggy Company in 1875. Manufacturing was in Columbus, Ohio. After the turn of the century it oriented itself toward production of electric vehicles and, later, gasoline automobiles. The company suffered severe damage from the Great flood of 1913 and were unable to compete with cheaper

alternatives like the Ford Model T. They eventually went bankrupt in 1913.



Here is an ad from 1913, their final year of production, showing their distinctive script as it appeared in brass on the radiator front.

Interestingly enough, following their closure and sale of all assets in 1913, their manufacturing facilities were used to produce yet another different automobile called "the Allen." I have an advertising pin from that company as well that is shown in a later photograph.

After many years of searching I was recently able to acquire this rare E-M-F Model 30 stickpin.



The E-M-F was produced from 1909 to 1912. The name E-M-F was gleaned from the initials of the three company founders: Barney **Everitt** (a custom auto-body builder from Detroit), William **Metzger** (formerly of Cadillac), and Walter **Flanders** (who had served as Henry Ford's production manager).

Early E-M-F cars were sold under contract through Studebaker wagon dealerships. Despite mechanical difficulties, they sold well, out producing all except the Ford. The E-M-F company was bought out by Studebaker. The E-M-F name disappeared in 1912.



There are no known reproductions for these stamped script pins and, when they do turn up, they can command a big price. I've paid as little as \$15 and as much as (don't tell Sue) \$200!



Assorted automobile advertising stickpins from my collection.

Stickpins in other forms used miniature radiator emblems, or images of the cars themselves. These are beautifully enameled and often featured tiny jewels in their headlamps.

I display my stickpins in these wonderful small automobile shaped pin-cushions. They were made in the teens and are fairly easy to find in antique shops or flea markets, usually at around \$20-40. They display my pins perfectly.



Circa 1904 Curved Dash Oldsmobile stickpin.



Note Olds Motor Works markings on the back of the pin.



One of my favorite advertising stickpins is this fantastic Maxwell pin. The detail work on it is amazing and includes blue enamel and pearl-white headlamp lens.

Another highly detailed pin is this circa 1904 Curved-Dash Oldsmobile stickpin. These were produced exclusively for the Oldsmobile Company.

Other stickpins were produced with images of

chauffeurs, race car drivers, or even car parts themselves, like horns, spark plugs and carburetors.

Stickpins with celluloid attachments were popular



Assorted stickpins advertising auto related products-tires, spark plugs, horns and even a carburetor.



Chauffeur stickpins come in several varieties. The one on the far right advertises Splitdorf spark plugs and magnetos.

give-aways at automobile shows. They didn't last long however, as the celluloid was brittle and soon became detached from its pin. Examples in good condition are difficult to find today. The variety of stickpins is amazing and the col-



Assorted celluloid advertising stickpins from my collection.



Assorted automobile related stickpins from my collection include several with jeweled headlamps and even two with hand-painted automobile images under glass.

lecting opportunities are numerous if you use your imagination.

You know by now there is usually a great story



1903 Gordon Bennett Cup Race souvenir pin from Ireland. The design of the pin is an image of the trophy itself.

to go with most of the items in my collection. One of them is attached to this tiny souvenir pin from the 1903 Gordon Bennett Cup race held in Ireland.

This annual event rotated among countries in Europe. The country of the winning entry had the rights to host the next event. In 1902, it was won by the British racer S.F. Edge driving a British-built Napier.

As they prepared for the 1903 event, the British parliament sternly reminded everyone that racing was prohibited on public roads. They would not bend and the race was moved to Ireland, where no such laws existed. That year, each country painted their cars according to colors of their national flag. Poking a proverbial finger in the eye of the British government, the "British" entries were painted Shamrock Green to honor Ireland. From then on, "British Racing Green" was officially adopted for British race cars and eventually became the best-known automobile color ever. This stickpin would have been available at souvenir shops and stands along the route.

So, if you see me lingering over a jewelry display at an antique market, I'm doing just that - using my imagination and leaving no stone unturned in my quest for interesting early automobilia. Who would think to search for automobile stuff among antique jewelry?

Happy collecting as always, Terry

HPOF Class is Now AACA Original

By Dave Bowman, VP - Judging

Since its founding, AACA has been dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of automobiles. In the furtherance of the "preservation" mission, in 1987, the AACA Board of Directors established a program to encourage the saving and display of collector vehicles in their original, as manufactured condition. This program entitled the "Historical Preservation Original Features (HPOF)" was updated in 2025 to "AACA Original." The AACA Original program encourages owners of vehicles 25 years old or older, to maintain significant original features in this original condition, and to show them at AACA Nationals. A vehicle may be entirely "original" or it may have certain original features such as paint, chassis, upholstery, engine compartment, etc., that are essentially as delivered. These vehicles will not be point judged. It should be noted, that there is no change to the evaluation process or scoring sheets for this class. A vehicle being evaluated for the first time, if certified, will receive an AACA Original board, AACA Original chip, and an AACA Original badge. The badge should be visibly mounted on the vehicle. No vehicle will be re-certified if it does not display the AACA Original badge. The badge will be engraved with the year awarded.

A vehicle having achieved the AACA Original certification award is now eligible for certification at a subsequent Nationals in order to achieve the Senior AACA Original award. If certified as a Senior AACA Original, the owner will receive an AACA Senior tab to be mounted behind the AACA Original badge on the vehicle and a Senior AACA Original preservation chip for mounting on the board. If the vehicle does not certify at the Senior AACA Original level, it will receive a repeat AACA Original chip provided it meets the AACA Original certification standards. If a vehicle is not certified as a Senior AACA Original, it can be reconsidered for the award if the owner submits a request to the VP Judging. The VP will inform the owner whether the request has been granted or denied. If granted, the vehicle can be entered in a subsequent Nationals to be evaluated again for the Senior AACA Original award. The vehicle will either be certified at that time as a Senior AACA Original or, if it still does not

meet the criteria, it may continue to be eligible for repeat AACA Original awards provided it meets the certification standards. If the reconsideration is denied, the vehicle maintains AACA Original status and is eligible to be shown for AACA Original repeat awards at all future AACA Nationals. No previous National First Prize winners are accepted unless they are original and have been maintained to preserve their originality. An AACA Original certified vehicle that is significantly restored will lose its AACA Original certification.

a. Vehicles that received their First HPOF certification prior to 2025 will be evaluated for Senior AACA Original Status.

i. Vehicles certified as an AACA Original but not a Senior will receive the updated AACA Original Badge engraved for the current year and AACA Original Chip. Vehicles will be eligible for Repeat AACA Original Chips at subsequent showings unless successful at petitioning for a reconsideration from the VP of Judging.

ii. Vehicles certified as a Senior AACA Original will receive the updated AACA Original Badge engraved for the current year, Senior Tab, and Senior AACA Original Chip. Vehicles will be eligible for Repeat Senior AACA Original Chips at subsequent showings.

b. Members who choose to either a) not recertify their HPOF vehicle into the AACA Original program at a national show, or b) who wish to have their original HPOF certification date on their AACA Original Badge can purchase updated badges.

i. Purchased AACA Original Badges will be engraved with the year of HPOF Certification at a cost of \$15.00.

ii. HPOF and Repeat HPOF vehicles may only purchase the updated AACA Original Badge.

iii. AACA Original HPOF Vehicles must have both the updated AACA Original Badge and Senior Tab, additional charges may apply.

iv. For Chip replacement, please contact National Headquarters. The former HPOF and AACA Original HPOF chips are no longer available.



Ciccone Classics

Vehicle Appraisals

**Accurate
Comprehensive
Licensed/Insured
Stated & Diminished Value
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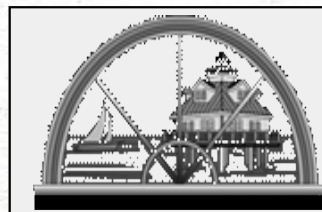
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