

# The Mudflap

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## TRAACA Tour of the Chrysler Museum—René Lalique Saturday, January 13, 2018

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 13th, and get ready to view some beautiful Lalique glass pieces (including hood mascots) and explore the history of the NASA Langley Research Center when the TRAACA visits the Chrysler Museum (One Memorial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510) for our first activity of the year. After enjoying the exhibits at the Chrysler Museum, the group will have lunch at the Freemason Abbey in Norfolk.

The first exhibit we will enjoy is the *Rene' Lalique: Enchanted by Glass* display. Per the Chrysler Museum's website, Lalique "Trained as a jewelry designer in the Art Nouveau style" and "freelanced for Cartier and Boucheron before opening his own shop in 1885." Over the years Lalique's creativity with glass covered Art Nouveau and Art Deco styles. His work included jewelry, medallions, bottles, lamps, clocks, and (for all of us car lovers) automobile mascots.

Once we have perused the Lalique collection, we will enjoy the *Picturing Innovations: The First 100 Years at NASA Langley Research Center* exhibit,

consisting of 100 photos depicting "many of Langley's pioneering innovations" over the last 100 years, ranging from pilots testing experimental planes to the preparations for the first moon landing.

Club members will enjoy both exhibits at their own leisure. The plan is to leave the Chrysler Museum around 12:30 PM for lunch at the Freemason Abbey restaurant conveniently located near the Chrysler Museum. The restaurant serves a variety of American food for lunch at reasonable prices, and free parking is available on site.

So, plan to start off the year with your fellow TRAACA members at the first TRAACA activity of 2018. Come enjoy good food and good fun with some good friends.

**WHEN:** 10 AM, Saturday, Jan 13, 2018

**WHERE:** Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA

**FOLLOWED BY LUNCH:** ~1:00 PM

**WHERE:** Freemason Abbey restaurant  
209 W. Freemason Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510

**SIGN UP:** RSVP by Tuesday, January 9,  
by contacting Marion McAlpine at  
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**CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS—Marie & John Gancel with their 1968 Chevrolet Caprice. Read the story on Page 12.**



### TRAACA CALENDAR

Check [traaca.com/calendar.htm](http://traaca.com/calendar.htm) for the latest info on upcoming events!

#### JANUARY 2018

- 12** TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 13** TRAACA Tour of Chrysler Museum Exhibits and Lunch  
Norfolk, VA
- 20** TRAACA Annual Awards Banquet & Board Induction  
5:00 PM (Saturday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

#### FEBRUARY 2018

- 2** TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 15** TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 24** TRAACA Dinner & Theater  
"Harvey" Smithfield Little Theater, Smithfield, VA

#### MARCH 2018

- 4** TRAACA Dinner & Theater  
"Hound of the Baskervilles"  
Wells Theater, Norfolk, VA
- 9** TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 10** TRAACA Annual Swap Meet  
Military Aviation Museum  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 15** TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

#### APRIL 2018

- 13** TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 14** Lantern Asia Display  
Norfolk Botanical Gardens  
Norfolk, VA
- 19** TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 28** ODMA Old Dominion Meet

# From the Driver's Seat

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*So, this is Christmas . . .  
 and what have you done?  
 Another year over,  
 and a new one just begun.*

From *Happy Christmas (War is Over)* by John Lennon

It's that time of year again. Another year has flown by, and the week between Christmas and New Year's Day is a chance to reflect on what happened and what I accomplished over the past twelve months. As to the former: a lot happened. As to the latter: not nearly as much as I wanted. However, like it or not, another year is over and a new one is beginning.

Our club accomplished quite a lot this past year. We held another successful Swap Meet, hosted the Old Dominion Meet Association's annual Old Dominion Meet at The Founders Inn, held our 44th Annual Meet, and conducted a number of driving tours and fun activities. My sincere thanks to everyone who planned, led, and volunteered at these events—we couldn't have held and enjoyed them without your efforts and contributions.

Your Board also accomplished some things last year. The highlights include reviewing and revising the club's bylaws (for the first time in 8 years), with the major change being that we've waived regional membership fees for anyone who has been a paid member for 40 or more years. (You still have to pay your AACA dues.) We established a ride-sharing program for members who need (or just want to share) a ride to dinner meetings & other club activities. (Although I don't think many people are using this program, it's still a great idea—thanks, Vickie!) We also subsidized more activities this past year (how about that Doumar's ice cream?) and intend to subsidize even more in 2018—all while remaining financially healthy.

People from other car clubs in the area and from other AACA regions frequently tell me how active and fun our club appears to be, and they're correct. But what they overlook is that the reason our club is active and fun is because of our members. While we all have different interests and favorites when it

comes to cars, we share a love of old cars. We have a number of people who are willing to step up and help out, whether it's serving on the Board of Directors, organizing activities for us to enjoy, chairing our major events, maintaining what's arguably the best and most up-to-date regional website in the AACA, publishing our newsletter, updating and maintaining our membership data base & roster, volunteering to help at our activities, and informing us about our fellow members' well-being via the Sunshine report, etc. Most importantly, we have members who are fun to be around and interesting to talk with.

Personally, Marion & I didn't accomplish as much as we hoped to do this past year. I retired from my job at the end of December (I'm on terminal leave and officially retire the end of February). It was a hard decision because I enjoyed my job (and pay), but being a geographic bachelor commuting to and from Washington, DC, every weekend got to be too painful. I also finally took to heart friends' advice that life is short and you need to drop out of the rat race at some point in order to enjoy life. I also realized, to quote John Fogerty, that "someday never comes." I've known too many people who put things off with the rationalization that they'd take that special vacation, finish restoring that favorite car, or move to their dream home in a year or two—then a family crisis or health emergency happened, and they were never able to do it. As difficult as it was, I finally pulled the ejection seat handles and decided spending more time with Marion and our friends was more important than working. (Of course, we may be eating dog food in a year or two when the money runs out, but I'm pretty confident we can at least afford Alpo Prime Cuts.)

This year, our personal goals (Marion's & mine) are to sell our large house and buy a smaller house with a bigger garage (and a lift!), then purchase another antique car or two (or three). It will be hard because there are so many great cars to choose from. We have a list of about 30 cars we'd love to have join the Chevelle; it will come down to the what's available in the best condition for the best deal at the right time. I'm looking forward to it, and can't wait to see what car we obtain first.

So, the quote from John Lennon again:

*A very merry Christmas,  
 and a happy new year.  
 Let's hope it's a good one,  
 without any fear.*

**Mark Mc**

## 2017 TRAACA Officers & Board

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**Board - Bill Treadwell**  
**President Emeritus - Jim Villers**

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[www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com)

## 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 to these e-mails** 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](mailto:skippatnode@cox.net) or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

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## From the Running Board

**Dec 15, 2017 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes**  
(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

**Officers Present:** Mark McAlpine (President), Matt Doscher (Vice President), and Vickie Doscher (Secretary). Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Scott Davies, Wayne Milligan, and Bill Treadwell. Members present: Ellen Adams and Marion McAlpine.

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM.

**President:** Thanked all for coming out on a Friday. Welcomed Scott Davies to the Board.

**Vice President:** Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

**Secretary's Report:** The November Board Meeting minutes were sent out by e-mail and approved by the Board, and printed in the December *Mudflap*.

### Treasurer's Report:

- December Monthly Reports reviewed.
- Discussed outstanding payments due from vendors at the Annual Meet as well as *Mudflap* advertisers.
- Expense for maintenance & new tires for club trailer: \$1,400.
- 87 people attended Christmas Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Activities Committee:

- 2018 Activities Calendar reviewed. Matt will e-mail it to the other Board Members for review.
- Saturday, 13 Jan 2018: TRAAA tour of Chrysler Museum featuring Lalique display. Lunch location to be determined.
- Saturday, 24 Feb 2018: TRAACA Theater Night: "Harvey" at Smithfield Little Theater. Dinner at the Smithfield Station.

**Membership:** Status as of 30 November: 188 memberships (increase of 8) and 329 members. Currently, 80 memberships renewed for 2018. Jerry will create a form to be e-mailed/mailed out as a reminder to members that it is time to renew their memberships.

#### Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):

- Saturday, 20 Jan 2018: Annual Awards Banquet & Board Induction at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.
- 2018 Dinner Meeting Calendar reviewed and approved.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Ordering Participation Chips for Annual Meet: Jerry continues to work with Francine at Virginia Art & Metal to obtain chips for the Annual Meet. Francine is currently

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backlogged with work. Mark desires the chips to be ready for presentation at the Awards Banquet in January.

- Location for the 2018 Swap Meet: Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School is not a viable option this year. Motion made by Wayne to hold the 2018 Swap Meet at the Military Aviation Museum on Saturday, 10 March. Seconded by Matt. Motion passed.

#### New Business:

- Board Meeting Calendar: The Board will continue meeting on Friday evenings for 2018 Board Meetings with some slight changes so as not to conflict with National events.
- Subsidizing 2018 Activities: Motion made by Matt to subsidize \$10 for *Harvey* play; \$10 for the *Hound of the Baskervilles* play; \$10 for Lantern Asia; \$750 for the Club Picnic in May to cover dinner and drinks; \$500 to cover admission fees for the Tour to Charlottesville; and \$250 for the Ice Cream Social at Doumar's (ice cream only). Wayne made amendment to increase the picnic in May up to \$900. Seconded by Scott. Motion passed.
- Dinner Meeting Subsidies: Motion made by Matt to subsidize the 2018 November Dinner Meeting/Silent Auction for \$5 per person, the 2018 December Holiday Brunch at \$10 per person, and the 2019 Awards Banquet at \$15 per person. Seconded by Wayne. Motion passed.

#### Other Business:

- VPCCC/CCCHR Monthly Reports provided by Marion.

**Adjourned:** Having no other business, motion made to adjourn by Bill; seconded by Wayne. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next Board Meeting is Friday, 12 January at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary.

# TRAACA Annual Awards Banquet

## Saturday, January 20, 2018

Our January Dinner Meeting is our Annual Awards Banquet and Board of Directors Induction Ceremony. It is on Saturday, January 20th, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Dinner is a roast beef carving station, Chicken Marsala, citrus salmon with orange glaze, potato bar, green beans almandine, brown sugar-glazed carrots, house salad, and chef's selection of desserts. The cost of the banquet is being subsidized by the club and is only \$25 per member.

The banquet will begin with a social hour from 5:00-6:00 PM. Dinner will be followed by a brief business meeting, presentation of the annual awards, and induction of the 2018 Board: Mark McAlpine—President; Matt Doscher—Vice President; Vickie Doscher—Secretary; Charlie Dawson—Treasurer; and Board Members Jerry Adams, Travis Berry, Scott Davies, and Tim Hund.

*Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation!*





# TRAACA Holiday Lights Display

## Norfolk Botanical Gardens

### Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Marion McAlpine and Bob Stein.

On Tuesday, December 5th, 32 TRAACA members and friends enjoyed an early start to the holiday season by coming out to participate in the TRAACA's December Activity. The group met at the Azalea Inn restaurant in Norfolk for a 6:00 PM dinner. The restaurant features Italian and Greek dishes. The food was reasonably priced and very tasty, and the staff did a great job getting our meals to us in a timely manner.

After enjoying our delicious meals and some terrific conversation, the group proceeded to our vehicles. Led by Bob & Susan Woolfitt, Bob Stein, and Bill Wilcox in the Woolfitts' 1956 Packard 400, our group proceeded to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens for its "24th Annual Garden of Lights" holiday lights display. (The Azalea Inn is located a short distance from the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, so it was convenient drive to the Gardens after our dinner.) For December, the temperatures were mild, about 50 degrees, and many of us opened the car windows or had the tops down and took many photos of the beautiful light displays. Some of the light displays were animated, which added to our enjoyment. We all looked like excited young children pointing at the light displays with "oohs and awes" coming from our mouths.

The Norfolk Botanical Gardens have over two miles of beautiful lights on display along the driving path through the gardens. When the display opens in November people are able to walk the gardens to see the light show, but after Thanksgiving the displays are visible only by car. Holiday music playing along the route helps set the atmosphere.

TRAACA members and friends who attended the club's December Activity included Abigale, Ellen & Jerry Adams, Susan & Terry Bond, Liz & Bill Coburn with Liz's mother Aurora, Tim Hund, Sam Kern, Pat & Jeff Locke, Marion & Mark McAlpine, Toni & Mickey McChesney, Skip Patnode with his granddaughter Jessica Cervantes, Bob Stein, Marty & Neil Sugermeyer, Linda & Bill Treadwell, Shirley & Ken Wecht with their friends Anne & Richard Moore, Bill Wilcox, and Susan & Bob Woolfitt.

If you have not been to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens "Annual Garden of Lights" holiday lights display, I highly recommend you check it out next year. The displays in the gardens are beautiful and really help you get into the holiday spirit. Whether you drive a classic or modern vehicle, it's an enjoyable ride.



*Susan & Bob Woolfitt arriving for dinner*



*Marion McAlpine providing members the plan for the evening*



*TRAACA members refueling before the Holiday Lights Display*



*Members enjoying delicious food at the Azalea Inn before the drive*





*TRAACA members finishing dinner before heading to the Gardens*



*Pizza was a popular choice for dinner—and it was delicious!*



*A tulip display in the Botanical Gardens seems appropriate*



*Look! Is that Puff the Magic Dragon?*



*There was enough gingerbread for everyone to enjoy*



*Patriotic fireworks in December*



*We were entertained by skating bears on ice*



*Santa launching from the USS George H.W. Bush aircraft carrier*





# TRAACA Holiday Brunch

## Virginia Beach, VA

### Sunday, December 10, 2017

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine and Bob Stein.

Wow, what a great turnout for the TRAACA Holiday Brunch, held on December 10th, at the lovely Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach! This year was the third time the TRAACA Holiday Brunch was held at the Princess Anne Country Club. The weather that Sunday was sunny, but chilly, which was an improvement over the rain that happened the day before. This year almost 90 TRAACA members and guests attended the brunch.

A couple of glitches occurred, which caused us concern that we would have to cancel the event. First, the Princess Anne Country Club lost electrical power the night before the brunch. Luckily, the electricity came back on late in the evening, but unfortunately it went out again about 9:30 AM Sunday. However, the club's staff was able to prepare the food early that morning and kept it warm using chafing dishes and a gas griddle in the kitchen.

After a social hour and brief introductory remarks from club President Mark McAlpine, the group proceeded to the buffet line which had two omelet stations, a beef carving station, steamed shrimp, French toast, sausage, salads, fruit, cheeses, pastries, desserts, and more. There was a brief club business meeting while members finished their meal.

The second glitch came when the power returned just before Terry Bond started to read his third annual "TRAACA

Christmas Letter." Our group was excited when the electricity came on, however, the facility's Internet service, which Terry needed for his slide show, was not working. Bob Stein and Jim Villers came to the rescue with a back-up slideshow on a flash drive and a battery-powered loudspeaker and microphone. Thus, the show did go on, and what a wonderful show it was. Another great job, Terry! [You can read a copy of Terry's "TRAACA Christmas Letter" on Pages 14-15 of this *Mudflap*.]

The TRAACA Holiday Brunch was the club's final activity of the year and a great way for the club to finish 2017! Thank you to all the club members who worked so hard throughout the year and contributed so much to make the TRAACA the great club that it is. In 2017 we held the 2017 TRAACA Swap Meet, the 2017 Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) Meet, and the 2017 TRAACA Annual Meet, plus had at least one smaller activity every month. Great work everyone! Here's looking forward to 2018 and the exciting speakers Bob Pellerin is arranging for our dinner meetings, the fun activities our Activities Committee has planned for us, the delicious food we will share, and—of course—sharing all of the above with good friends.

[Look for the TRAACA's 2018 Activities Calendar on Page 16 of this issue of *The Mudflap*.]



*Dana & Debbie Meadow's 1957 T-bird, Jim & Betty Villers' 1958 Mercedes 190SL, and Bob & Linda Pellerin's 1966 Mustang*



*(L-R) Sam Kern's 1925 Franklin 4-door sedan and Bob Stein's 1937 Pontiac Deluxe 6 sedan*



*(L-R) Sandy Dawson, Linda Treadwell, and Debbie Meadows*



*(L-R) Stella & Larry Wickham, John Heimerl, and Tom Norris*





*(L-R) Richard Hall, Barry Basnight, Jerry Adams, and Terry Bond*



*Members socializing before the brunch began*



*Rob Woods and his Fiat Cinquecento 500L*



*Keith Colonna's 1956 Lincoln Continental MK II*



*Members listening raptly to Terry Bond reading his letter to Santa*



*Ken & Barbara Talley's 1955 Buick Century 4-door hardtop*



*Alfonso & Patrizia Ludovici's 1956 DeSoto Starflight sedan*



*Tim & Phyllis Hund's 1963 Porsche 356B*





# Toys for Tots Car Show Smithfield, VA Saturday, December 2, 2017



Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Chris Hunt and Mark McAlpine.

When December rolls around, many of us think about Christmas, holiday shopping, Santa Claus, good food, cold weather, and the annual Toys for Tots charity car show in Smithfield, VA. Elizabeth Moose has organized the yearly Toys for Tots show in Smithfield for the last seventeen years. The show was again located at the Smithfield Truck & Auto Center (the old Pomoco Ford dealership) on Church Street in Smithfield. This is the second year at this location, which seems to have been a positive move for the show. There is plenty of room in the old auto dealership's large showroom for the numerous bicycles, dolls, stuffed animals, games, and many other toys that companies and people generously donate to the cause. Also, Church Street is one of the main streets into Smithfield, giving the show good exposure to the drive-by traffic.

Along with the convenient location, the weather on December 2nd was crisp but dry, which aided in the good turnout for this year's show. The attendance was at least 110 registered vehicles, up from about 65 last year. Additionally, hundreds of people came to see the car show, greet Santa Claus, and support the charity. To give Santa's reindeer a chance to rest up in preparation for Christmas Eve, Santa arrived across the street from the car show via Sentara Health Care's Nightingale Air Ambulance helicopter. The Smithfield Police blocked the road so Santa could be

transported safely by his temporary wheeled sleigh pulled by a motorized picnic table (due to the lack of snow) to the Toys for Tots show area. Spectators lined the street to get a glimpse of Santa and welcome him.

Entertainment for the show was supplied by the Smithfield High School (SHS) Band. To get the crowd into the holiday spirit, the SHS Band played numerous Christmas carols and encouraged the audience to sing along. The SHS Band greeted Santa as he landed by helicopter and led the procession which delivered Santa to his official chair for greeting the children and listening to their Christmas wishes.

Lunch was provided in the showroom to the car show participants and spectators. (Lunch was free to the show participants.) Tables and chairs were provided in the showroom for people to enjoy their lunch and watch as toys were brought in and stacked around the Christmas tree. TRAACA members present at the show included Charlie Daniels & Chris Hunt, John Heimerl, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Tom Norris & Missy Hespenehide, and Ron Pack.

The leadership and dedication of Elizabeth Moose & her team, the generosity of the show participants & spectators, local residents, and businesses like Daniels Performance Group, Snap-on Tools, and the Richard Petty Museum, helped collect almost 11,000 toys and ensured that 3,140 local, needy children received presents on Christmas.



*Smithfield High School Band started the show with holiday music*



*Santa waves to the crowd*



*Chris Hunt's 1973 Plymouth Scamp was decorated for the holidays*



*Three restored, vintage fire trucks were on display at the show*





*1959 Nash Metropolitan—Santa's Choice Award winner*



*(L-R) Tom Norris's 1955 Chevrolet Series 3100 pickup truck with NAPCO 4-wheel drive next to a modified 1982 Chevy El Camino*



*Dale Earnhardt's 1994 IROC Dodge Avenger race car. Earnhardt won the April 1995 IROC race at Talladega in this car.*



*Rusty Wallace's NASCAR Winston Cup race car from circa 1995*



*(Center) TRAACA members Tom Norris and John Heimerl*



*(L-R) 1957 Chevrolet Series 3100 pickup truck and John Heimerl's 1933 Ford Speed hot rod (Best of Show winner!)*



*Two of America's finest with Smithfield Toys for Tots Coordinator Elizabeth Moose, Santa Claus, and Elizabeth's daughter Celia*



*TRAACA member Charlie Daniels (L) handing out awards at the Toys for Tots Car Show in Smithfield, VA, on December 2, 2018*





## Still Collecting Stuff — Cigarette Cards

By Terry Bond



*Ogden's Cigarettes card—circa 1914—of a Royal Mail motor van*

United States-based tobacco company Allen and Ginter began printing on cards inserted into cigarette packets to help stiffen them and protect the product. Images appeared featuring baseball players and Indian chiefs. Information was printed on the back of the card, providing data and historic information, making them educational as well as collectable. It was the first “instant collectable” and was intended to help sell their product. You gotta have them all—right? Other companies ran with the idea, and it quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

While sports figures were the predominate theme, cards soon began to feature other topics including flowers, trees, animals, circus clowns, famous people and places. Some cards were intricately embossed and die-cut in the shape of whatever they depicted. They were little works of art and a fine example of the lithographer's talents. Different countries soon joined in with scenes to make any tourist envious. In some cases, it was an instant lesson in history as important battles were often depicted. Ships were another popular topic. Special series of cards were issued to commemorate special occasions. The list goes on and on. When the automobile became popular, cards were issued showing the latest models available, sometimes driven by kings, queens, and even actors and actresses. Famous race drivers ended up on cards much the same as any other athlete.

In this country, the most well-known series were produced by Turkey Red Cigarettes. Later, the same series of images were produced in the 1950s by the Bowman Gum Company. These were included in packets of bubble gum. The back of the Turkey Red cards carried cigarette advertising. When reintroduced by Bowman, the reverse side of the card contained a 3-D image of the car. A set of 3-D glasses was provided.

Card sets consisted of a finite number of cards, so it's not too hard to figure out what is missing from your “set.” Most early sets consisted of either 25 or 50 cards; however, there were many exceptions with some sets produced in odd numbers. Not all cards in a particular set or series were actually numbered, making life difficult for collectors today.

Thanks to dedicated collectors, though, reference material exists. The London Cigarette Card Company, Ltd. (<http://www.londoncigcard.co.uk/>) produces a regularly updated catalog & value guide that is essential for collectors. You'll be overwhelmed at the numbers of cards produced over the years!

Ogden's Cigarettes began producing an album in 1900 allowing collectors to “paste” their cards into a protective cover. Other companies soon followed. Today, complete albums can be found easily on eBay or even in flea markets.

Complete albums are easily found & very inexpensive. \$25-\$35 should buy one easily. I recently purchased a completely matted and framed set of early British cards for \$125, less than what it would cost me to frame them!

Although the Turkey Red cards were widely produced, finding them in good condition can be difficult. Professionally graded cards can be found for hundreds of dollars each. I am quite satisfied with just “nice” condition. Although I always advocate collecting things in good condition as best affordable, I can't tell much difference between my “nice” cards and those that have been graded as “mint” by someone to sell them for as much as possible.



*Front and back view of a Turkey Red cigarette card*





*An assortment of early Turkish Red automobile series cards*

The older the card and the better its condition, the higher the price. A decent Turkey Red card is worth between \$7-\$15. The later Bowman series cards run about the same but are easier to find. The early Turkey Red race car driver series of cards is very difficult to find and prices are easily double what the car series is worth.

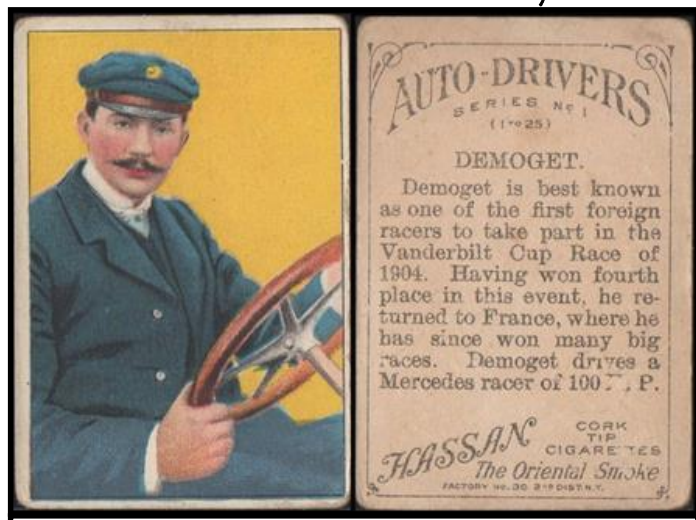
I always try to buy only cards that were never glued into an album or scrap book. Creased cards, those with damaged corners, or poor-quality printing of the image are also the type of cards I pass on. Something in better condition always manages to find me!

Andy Ott has perhaps one of the finest card collections I've seen, and Jeff Locke has collected them for a long time as well. My own collection began years ago in the flea market on Portobello Road in London where my first purchase was a complete album full of cards from the 1920s, the heyday of cigarette card production.

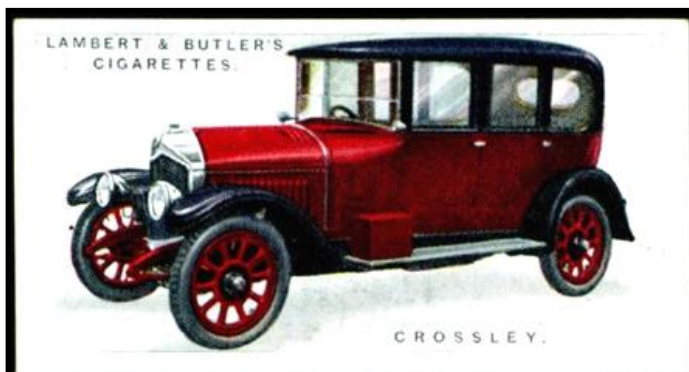
Cards are great things to collect. They are small, don't take up much room, and are fairly inexpensive, so you can get started now and assemble an album full of nice cards quite easily and relatively inexpensively. Best of all, you don't have to smoke to find them!

I hope you enjoy the pictures and, of course, collecting these wonderful little pieces of automotive history.

*Terry Bond*



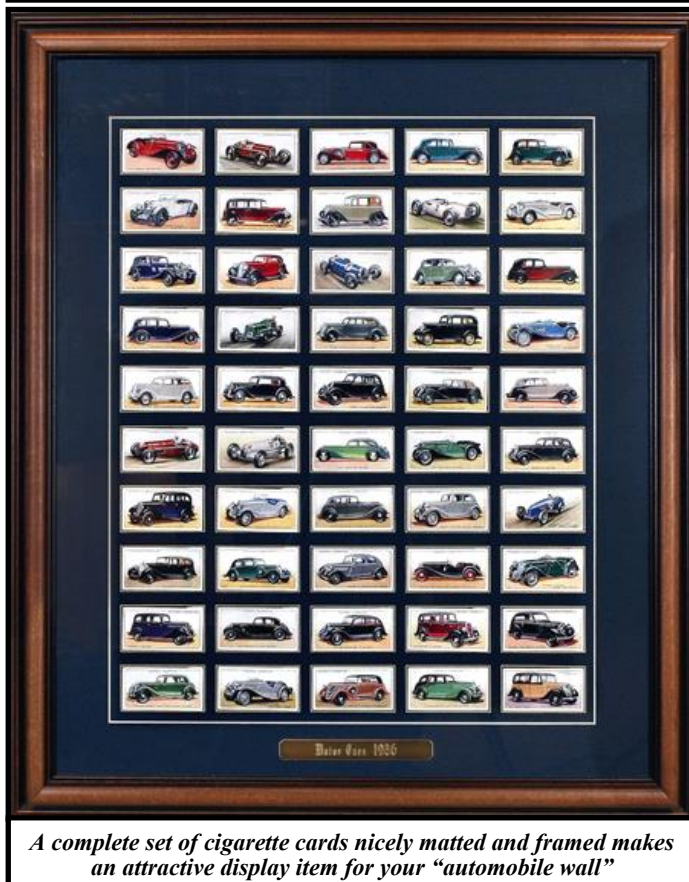
*Hassan Cigarettes race car driver series card*



*Lambert & Butler Cigarettes, United Kingdom, motor cars series card of a Crossley sedan—circa 1922*



*John Player & Sons Cigarettes album—"An Album of Motor Cars"—showing 5 of the 50 automobile series cards inserted*



*A complete set of cigarette cards nicely matted and framed makes an attractive display item for your "automobile wall"*



# Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars

## *John & Marie Gancel & Their 1968 Chevrolet Caprice*

Story as told to Marion McAlpine. Photos by John Gancel and Mark McAlpine



*John & Marie Gancel's 1968 Chevy Caprice on the road*

One day recently, Mark and I sat down to talk with John and Marie Gancel about their current family classic automobile, a 1968 Chevrolet Caprice 4-door Sports Sedan. The Gancels are not the second owners, or even the third, but they are the current owners and have been since July 2008. And this 1968 Chevrolet Caprice has an interesting history.

The Gancels' 1968 Caprice was built at a Chevrolet Plant in Georgia in 1967. The Caprice was delivered to Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and purchased by a gentleman who lived in Elizabeth City. The original owner owned the Caprice until his death in 1974. The Caprice was sold in 1974 with only 2,076 original miles on it to another resident of Elizabeth City, NC.

The second owner drove the Caprice on what was probably the vehicle's longest trip at any one time, from Elizabeth City, NC, to Boston, MA, and back. The second owner kept the Caprice in Elizabeth City and held onto the vehicle from 1974 until 1999. When the Caprice was sold in 1999 the mileage had only increased from the 2,076 to 7,339 miles in 25 years!

An automobile dealer in Elizabeth City purchased the Caprice in 1999, becoming its third owner. The Gancels are unaware of the reason the automobile dealership bought the car, but it was not sold again until 2007. In 2007 Rad & Margie Tillett, fellow TRAACA members who live in Kitty Hawk, NC, became the fourth owners of the Caprice. The Caprice remained in the Tilletts' garage for a year, without being driven. Then, in 2008, apparently Margie told Rad he needed to sell the only Chevrolet in their mostly Ford garage.

As luck had it, in 2008 the Gancels were in the market for a new old car. They had recently finished restoring their 1958 Cadillac 4-door hardtop. A fellow TRAACA member, Chris Aicher, had a passion for 1958 cars and fell in love with the Gancels' 1958 Cadillac. He offered the Gancels a price for the Cadillac, which they found acceptable. A week later the Gancels purchased the 1968 Caprice from the Tilletts, making them the fifth owners. The car now had only 7,354 miles on the odometer.

When the Gancels inspected the Caprice at the Tilletts' home they found the car still had the original tires, hoses, belts, clamps, etc. Rather than chance driving the car,

John & Marie had Rad Tillett trailer the car to their house in Virginia Beach. Since purchasing the Caprice almost 10 years ago, the Gancels have managed to keep the mileage low—its current mileage is only 12,645 (as of this article).

The Gancels' 1968 Caprice is a beautiful car with a red exterior and black interior. The engine is a 396-ci big block, with a Turbo-Hydramatic 400 transmission. The car came equipped with several options such as power windows, power 6-way front seat, Climatron A/C & heat, to name a few. Interestingly, in their documentation on the car, the Gancels have two build sheets, one that matches their vehicle and one that they found under the back seat and which belongs to a different 1968 Chevrolet Caprice. (It makes you wonder what happened at the assembly line or dealership that caused that mix up.)

The Caprice is all original except for one repaint of the car and replacing some items for safety including the tires, hoses, A/C compressor, water pump, and brakes. (As we all know, although the Caprice is a low mileage vehicle, over time some items still need to be replaced.)

Mark and I had the pleasure of riding in the Gancels' 1968 Chevrolet Caprice at the recent ODMA Veterans Day tour in Richmond, VA. The Caprice was very roomy and comfortable, and fits the image of the luxury car Chevrolet boasted about.



*The Caprice's 396-ci big-block engine after John detailed it*



*The Chevrolet's spacious (and comfortable) interior*





# Let's Make A New Year's Resolution

By Wayne Tuck  
AACA VP Membership

(Reprinted from the Fall 2017 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



How many of you have ever made a New Year's resolution? Lose weight? Go to the gym three times a week? Get the house trim painted? Get that old car out and drive it at least once a month? I'm sure many of us have made some type of resolution.

Now how many of you have broken that resolution? We usually have some excuse. Sometimes circumstances just make it impossible to accomplish. Sometimes our resolutions are overly ambitious.

Let me suggest we make a resolution that we can all accomplish if we put in a little effort. Sign up a new AACA member. That doesn't sound too hard, does it? The world is full of old car fans. Shouldn't they all be members?

Stacy Zimmerman's recent Speedster article regarding AACA being a "Best kept secret" was a real eye opener. We all know what a great organization it is and all the benefits AACA has to offer. Why aren't we out there spreading the word? Most of us pay a lot more attention to a friend or acquaintance making a referral or recommendation that we do paid advertising. Why keep it a secret?

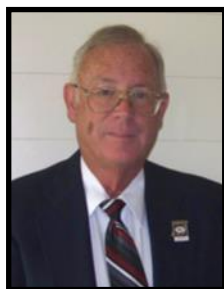
I challenge you to each join me in celebrating the new year with the following resolution: "I resolve to sign up at least one new AACA member in 2018!"



# You Should Attend A National Meet in 2018

By Mel Carson  
AACA Secretary/Treasurer

(Reprinted from the Fall 2017 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



It is a fact that a large number of AACA members have never attended a National AACA Meet. There will be at least seven National AACA Meets in 2018. You can review the list and locations under the Calendar of Events in the current issue of *Antique Automobile* [or on the AACA website]. Depending on the Meet location, you can get an up-close look at between 200-1,400 AACA-eligible vehicles.

Many of these Meets are within a reasonable driving time for a large number of members. You would have the opportunity to view the car of your dreams or satisfy your plan to obtain that certain car. Either way, you gain much needed information and satisfy your desire to have more knowledge about the antique vehicle hobby! Plan now to attend a National AACA Meet in 2018—you will enjoy the experience.

- February 8-10: Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- March 23-24: Winter Meet, Mobile, AL
- April 5-7: Southwestern Spring Meet, Charlotte, NC
- April 19-21: Western Spring Meet, Tucson, AZ
- May 11-12: Central Spring Meet, Auburn, IN
- May 31-June 2: Annual Grand National Meet, Greensburg, PA
- June 25-29: Eastern Divisional Tour, Lock Haven, PA
- July 11-14: Eastern Spring Meet, Gettysburg, PA
- August 20-24: Reliability Tour, Geneva, NY
- September 12-15: Central Division Tour, Texas Panhandle, TX
- September 16-22: Glidden Tour, Twin Falls, ID
- October 10-13: Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA
- October 21-26: Founders Tour, Metropolis, IL
- November 5-9: Sentimental Tour, Natchez, MS



# AACA Calendar of Events

[http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca\\_calendar.html](http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca_calendar.html)

## FEBRUARY 2018

8-10 AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA

## MARCH 2018

23-24 AACA Winter Meet  
Mobile, AL

*This replaces the Meet in Puerto Rico originally scheduled for 2-3 March*

## APRIL 2018

5-7 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC

19-21 AACA Western Spring Meet  
Tucson, AZ

## MAY 2018

11-12 AACA Central Spring Meet  
Auburn, IN

31- AACA Grand National Meet  
2 Jun Greensburg, PA

## JUNE 2018

25-29 AACA Eastern Div. Tour  
Lock Haven, PA

## JULY 2018

11-14 AACA Eastern Spring Meet  
Gettysburg, PA

## AUGUST 2018

20-24 AACA Reliability Tour  
Geneva, NY

## SEPTEMBER 2018

12-15 AACA Central Division Tour  
Texas Panhandle, TX

16-22 AAA Glidden Tour  
Twin Falls, ID

## OCTOBER 2018

10-13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA

21-26 AACA Founders Tour  
Metropolis, IL

## NOVEMBER 2018

5-9 AACA Sentimental Tour  
Natchez, MS

## FEBRUARY 2019

7-9 AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA

22-24 AACA Winter Meet  
Ocala, FL

## APRIL 2019

4-7 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC

## MAY 2019

25 AACA Grand National Meet  
Auburn, IN



# TRAACA Christmas Letter

*(Originally read at the TRAACA Holiday Brunch on December 10, 2017.)*  
**Letter by Terry Bond. Photos by Mark McAlpine and Bob Stein**

*After trying to connect with Santa via the Internet, and again using the 1-800 number, I took pen to paper and did it the good old-fashioned way. These are things we want for the Tidewater Region this coming year.*



**Terry Bond sharing his "TRAACA Christmas Letter" with the club**

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be good this year, but it just didn't work out these past couple of months. I was clumsy and did something really stupid. Now, forgetting there were a couple more steps on the ladder might sound like a good definition of an accident, but like always, there is a lot more to the story than I want to put into this letter. If only I'd have done things differently and listened to my wife . . . but, as they say a lot today, it is what it is.

Now you know I've got a lot of stuff, and there is a lot more to find. As I begin to walk again, I'll be out there. So many antique shops and flea markets, so little time. I've convinced myself it's good exercise. I've even convinced my doctor that it's great therapy—if only I could get a written prescription.

What I really want, though, is what I've discovered missing. The recliner has gotten old pretty quick, and Sue is trying to find a way to block eBay from my computer. I realize what has been missing: I love going places and doing things, and want more of that. It's what I've missed a lot these past few months as my leg healed and the hair on my head started growing on my chin.

I remember how it was back in January when our season began. We passed out a lot of awards and installed our new officers. (Yes, I'm aware that Jim Elliott got a lot of awards, but anybody whose license plates say "CAR SHOW" deserves every one of them.) Bob Parrish closed out his year as AACA President, and as Tom Cox prepared to take over, it occurred to me that we had an interesting situation at National. Never before have we had two presidents in succession from the same region. Never before has a region had three members on the Board of Directors at the same time. Never before has a region had two past presidents serving on the board at the same time, and never before has a region had three national presidents in the same decade.

It was great to see a break in the weather for our January "Winter Fun Run" to Pungo Pizza in Virginia Beach. So, a hint here, Santa: have a talk with the weather gods for us—ok?

In February we headed further north. Yes, I know it's asking for trouble, but we've only occasionally had snow to worry about. As usual, our members brought home a load of awards from that Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. It's such a great time. We need more of those.

Did you realize that Bob Stein got his 17th *Master Webmaster Award* there for keeping our website live and exciting? That's every year since that award was created. We wish him many more, too.

And our newsletter continues to receive awards too. And did you realize that when Bob Parrish officially passed the gavel along to Tom, he received the AACA *Founders Award*? There are now three of those awards in possession of Tidewater Region members. No doubt there are more on the horizon.

Rather than stretch our good weather luck too far, some of us went south to the Winter Meet in Ocala Florida. Sue and I had big plans to escape the cold. Problem was, we did not succeed. Shortly after arriving, Sue came down with a terrible cold. The doctor at the urgent care center looked at me and said, "you're next."

Yup, day after the car show, when we were supposed to begin some serious sight-seeing and southern antique hunting, I started feeling the crud. We came home early to feel miserable in our own beds, vowing never again to fly south in the winter via Orlando, in a plane full of coughing, sneezing, wheezing kids on their way to Disneyland.

Although it was cold, we enjoyed another TRAACA swap meet in March. We need more of those, Santa. There is so much neat stuff to buy, and so many old friends to visit with after we've been cooped up during winter's worst.

Thanks to Bill Thumell for letting us tour his car collection and workshops there at Abacus. Please bring him a few more cars. I think he has some room. Please bring him new mufflers for the GT 40, though—it's pretty loud.

Thanks for great weather at Charlotte, North Carolina, this year. It's always a popular place for us to go in April. The flea market is really big, and you know how much I love that. Please drop around a few more old spark plugs next time, though. And wow, that dinner at the Speedway Club was great again. Thanks to Charlie Daniels for helping get us in there again, and be sure to include that extra helping of crab legs for Sue and I next year, too.

The Old Dominion Meet was perfect. Great old cars, old friends, and a fabulous location made it a hit. Mark and Marion did a great job organizing everything, so keep them well







**(L-R) Dot, Sandy, Carol, Toni, Linda, Vickie, Marion, Kaylan, and Abigale at the 2017 TRAACA Swap Meet bake sale table**

supplied with energy drinks and vitamins in the coming seasons, and keep that Old Dominion Meet Association strong.

Bring us some more country roads again for our square car tour. We've not run out of quiet country lanes in Chesapeake, but those good old square cars love the chance to go slow and enjoy the scenery.

Bring Jim Villers a garage stretcher for Christmas. We read in *The Mudflap* about his new silver Mercedes. It's great, but it has to share space with so much other stuff that Jim is out of room—and I know he will eventually find another car some place.

We really enjoyed the Smithfield Little Theater production of *Grease* last year, so bring us another great play and save us a few seats at Ron Pack's restaurant, too. We'd love to do that again.

When we start to tour in Tidewater in the months of June, July, and August, air conditioning becomes important. I'll pass around a sign-up sheet later so anybody who wants a Vintage Air system for Christmas can add their names to the list. Those would be individual requests, but I can assure you everybody who wants one has been really good this year.

The tour to Richmond was great, and we realized how much amazing history there is there, and it's so close, too. But why does it always have to be so hot there? Send some tickets to air-conditioned places again, please.

One thing I need this year, Santa, is a calendar with no conflicts. It was fun going to the Grand National Meet in Independence, Missouri, and an honor to serve on the first Zenith Awards judging team (judging in air-conditioned comfort), but I had to miss a few things to be there. Same with the meet in Huntington, West Virginia. It conflicted with our club's first-ever antique hunting expedition.

I keep reading in *The Mudflap* that Jerry Adams is almost done restoring his 1929 Chevy. I read again in *The Mudflap* that Jerry is still almost done restoring his '29 Chevy. It looks great, but please deliver him what he needs to finish it—I really want a ride, and I'm sure he does, too!

I won't dwell on this broken leg thing, but your gifts to me later this year were appreciated, believe me, but I did not like having to miss an old car evening at Doumar's Barbecue. It's pure nostalgia for us, and I hope it never becomes a block of condos. I want to smell those fresh-baked waffle cones forever in my mind, so maybe you could come up with some special Doumar's waffle cone after shave or something for a Christmas gift.

We managed to somehow please the weather gods for our September meet at the Military Aviation Museum, sandwiching the event between rain storms. It was a perfect day for fabulous old cars and everyone who attended. Glad I was able to get around and help with some judging, thanks to the loan of Jim Villers' golf cart. I hope that for Christmas this year you'll

either talk Tony Scarpelli into one more show or let someone else borrow his energizer batteries. Another fantastic fall show would be our gift to the old car hobby.

I made it to Hershey! I guess having goals helps with the healing process. There was so much stuff to see and do, so the extra doses of energy, mobility and confidence were appreciated this year. For next year, let us have a little more money to spend, a little luck in our treasure hunting, lots of energy, and more of that perfect weather.

I'd like to find a few more MG collectibles for Sue, but between her and Richard Hall I think they've got them all. Maybe another showcase for them would be great, too.

Our Chili Cook-Off is always a great time with good things to eat—not too spicy, please. It's a really great time, so bring the Milligans another dose of energy, give us a nice day so we can drive our old cars down Shillelagh Road once more before it becomes a 4-lane highway, and don't forget the Tums!

Well, Santa, we've dodged hurricanes, kept our cars reasonably dry, and managed to squeeze a lot of fun into the year. We miss our old friends, but you know the last time we saw them, they were playing with old cars, having a good time. That's the way it should be, so please continue giving us the gifts of fun and friendship.

Webster's Dictionary (remember what that was?) defines "season" as each of the four divisions of the year (spring, summer, autumn, and winter) marked by particular weather patterns and daylight hours. Seasons are marked by change.

The Christmas Season isn't really a season at all, but it comes around once a year (too soon). Each year it's characterized by change. This year especially, I've noted some changes. As I sat in my recliner mending my broken leg, I had the chance to ponder those as one season ends, another unfolds. As I look at Christmases past, and those ahead, I realize how vulnerable we are to those changes that life tosses under our Christmas tree along with your gifts.

Yes, I yearn for the time when I could walk all of the Hershey swap meet. Truth be known, it's been years since I've seen it all. Being slightly selfish here, perhaps my number one wish is that I can once again walk briskly down those aisles, searching for treasure. Ok, forget the briskly part.

I've come to realize the greatest gift is for this club to continue to thrive. It keeps us alive and living. And the memories we make maintain us as our own seasons change.

So, this year, please give us the gifts of enthusiasm, imagination, friendship, strength and energy, good health, safe travels and air conditioning, and a good seat at the next restaurant. Keep our tires rolling as we travel through our own seasons. And may yours be bright and wonderful.

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



**50th Anniversary of the Camaro, Firebird, and Cougar display at the TRAACA's 44th Annual Meet on September 23, 2017**



# TRAACA 2018

## Activities Calendar



<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>ACTIVITY &amp; LOCATION</u>
JANUARY	12	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	13	TRAACA Tour of Chrysler Museum Exhibits and Lunch at Freemason Abbey Norfolk, VA
	20	TRAACA Annual Awards Banquet & Board Installation Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
FEBRUARY	2	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	15	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	24	TRAACA Theater Night “Harvey” at Smithfield Little Theater & Dinner at Smithfield Station Smithfield, VA (Joint TRAACA & HVPRAACA Activity)
MARCH	4	TRAACA Theater Night “The Hound of the Baskervilles” at the Wells Theater & Dinner (at restaurant to be determined) Norfolk, VA
	9	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	10	TRAACA Annual Swap Meet Military Aviation Museum Virginia Beach, VA
	15	TRAACA St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
APRIL	13	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	14	TRAACA Tour of Lanterns Asia Norfolk Botanical Gardens and Dinner at the Azalea Inn Norfolk, VA
	19	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
MAY	4	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	5	TRAACA Square Car Tour (route to be determined—TBD)
	19	TRAACA Barbecue (instead of May dinner meeting) Dewey & Maxine Milligan’s Chesapeake, VA
JUNE	15	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	16	TRAACA Route 17 Antique Store Crawl (Joint TRAACA & HVPRAACA Activity)
	21	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>ACTIVITY &amp; LOCATION</u>
JULY	6	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	19	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	27-29	TRAACA Weekend Tour to Charlottesville, VA
AUGUST	10	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
	11	TRAACA Tour of Virginia War Museum and Lunch (at restaurant to be determined) Newport News, VA
	16	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	25	TRAACA Ice Cream Social Doumar’s Barbecue Norfolk, VA
SEPTEMBER	8	TRAACA Tour of Hermitage Museum, Hunter Mansion, and/or a historic cemetery Norfolk, VA
	14	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
	20	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	22	TRAACA 45th Annual Meet Military Aviation Museum Virginia Beach, VA
OCTOBER	5	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	18	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	20	TRAACA Chili Cook-Off Dewey & Maxine Milligan’s Chesapeake, VA
NOVEMBER	3	TRAACA Movie / Casino Night Portsmouth, VA
	9	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	15	TRAACA Dinner Meeting and Annual Silent Auction Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
DECEMBER	7	TRAACA Holiday Lights Tour Newport News Park Norfolk, VA
	9	TRAACA Holiday Party Brunch Princess Anne Country Club Virginia Beach, VA
	14	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

*A round of applause to our Activities Committee—Travis Berry, Matt Doscher, Marion McAlpine, and Wayne Milligan—for coming up with such fun and interesting activities for us to enjoy this year!*





# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

## Sunshine Report

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Dick Cooper** had open heart surgery on December 1, is recovering in Sandbridge, VA, and is doing well.
- **Reggie Nash** had minor surgery on November 16, and is recuperating well at home.
- **Ron Pack** suffered a minor heart attack on December 4, and is recovering at home for a few weeks.

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to our Sunshine Reporter, Carol Milligan, at (757) 548-1242 or [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net).



## Recent Award Winners



### Toys for Tots Car Show, Smithfield, VA:

Chris Hunt                      1973 Plymouth Scamp  
Best Display

## News from Terry Bond

Members who remember Janet Ricketts, a former AACA President (1999), might be interested to know that Janet & John's daughter Tracey Leshner was recently named the new editor of the Horseless Carriage Club of America's (HCCA) Horseless Carriage Gazette magazine. Tracey replaces long-serving editor John Meyer, who served as editor of the HCCA's award-winning publication for over 20 years. Tracey and her husband Jeff are great (and younger) early car lovers who participate in many brass-era events. While she works for the HCCA, her blood and family ties are blue and gold [the AACA's colors].

## Swap Meet Volunteers Needed

The TRAACA Annual Swap Meet is on Saturday, March 10th, at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach. A large "Thank You!" to Bill Treadwell who volunteered to be the Chairman for this year's Swap Meet.

Our Swap Meet is the unofficial kick-off of car season in Hampton Roads. Bill and the club need your help to pull off the Swap Meet—we need people on Friday, March 9th, to help mark off the vendor spots. We need people on Saturday, March 10th, to help with registration, direct vendors to their spots, set up inside the hangar, help with the Bake Sale, and help clean up afterward.

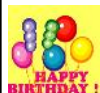
Please contribute a few hours—you'll have fun while helping the club. If you want to volunteer, please contact Bill Treadwell at [tbears3@verizon.net](mailto:tbears3@verizon.net) or (757) 463-5542.



## Members celebrating anniversaries in January



Jerry & Ellen Adams  
Jimmy & Sarah Flanders  
Richard & Sandy Hall  
Dennis & Paula Hennessey  
Jon & Mollie Hunger  
Bob & Josie Kinker  
Gerard & Mary Lou Olson  
Bob & Linda Pellerin  
Leslie & Linda Sorey  
Gordon & Melinda Spence



## Members celebrating birthdays in January



Jerry Adams	Pamela Hamilton-Bond
Roby Blankenship	Phyllis Hund
Thomas Bottoni	Dana Meadows
Holly Chipchak	Carol Miles
Jane Cutright	Scott Miller
Charlie Dawson	Hilary Pavlidis
Lynette Dimitry	John Singletary
Alan Edwards	Sandra Singletary
Tyler Gimbert	Sue Strang
Diane Gresalfi	Boyd Swartz
Richard Hall	

## Annual Meet Chairman Needed!

The TRAACA's 45th Annual Meet is this fall on Saturday, September 22nd. Although that seems like a long way off, it will be here before you know it, and it's time for the club to start planning and coordinating the event. The first thing we need is a Meet Chairman. (After serving for five years, Tony Scarpelli is taking a well-deserved break.) As important as this position is, it's not as daunting as it may seem. You'll have lots of help and experience to draw upon. The main responsibility is organizing the team of volunteers (and we have the list from last year). If you'd like to volunteer to be the 2018 Annual Meet Chairman or have any questions, please contact Club President Mark McAlpine at (757) 967-0074 or ([mmmc Alpine05@msn.com](mailto:mmmc Alpine05@msn.com)). Thank you very much!

## TRAACA Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your TRAACA membership for 2018. You can find the renewal form on the club's website ([www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com)). Membership dues remain \$25 for the year. Your last chance to pay your dues and be included in the 2018 Membership Roster will be at the club's Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 20th. (You can pay dues after that date, but you will not be in the 2018 roster because of our publication deadline. Please renew on time.)





# 2018 Hampton Roads International Auto Show



Friday-Sunday, January 12-14, 2018  
Virginia Beach Convention Center

Admission: \$12 adults  
(\$3-off coupons available online)  
Children 12 & younger: Free  
Senior Citizens (65 & older) & Military: \$9



## TRAACA Annual Swap Meet

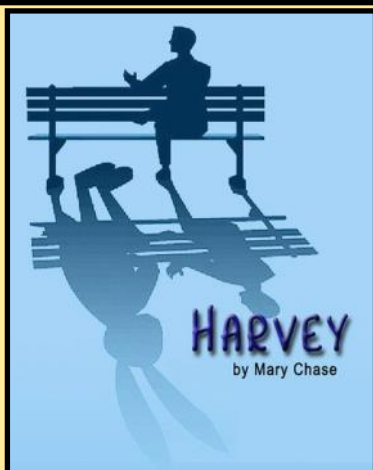


Saturday, March 10, 2018

Military Aviation Museum  
1341 Princess Anne Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23457

*Free Swap Meet admission & parking for spectators.  
(Free admission to museum for swap meet vendors and volunteers.)*

Indoor and outdoor vendor spaces available. Registration forms and more information available by mid-January at club website: [www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com).



## TRAACA February 2018 Activity

### Theater Night

Come enjoy the classic play  
"Harvey" at the

Smithfield Little Theater on

Saturday, February 25, 2018

We will start with dinner at Smithfield Station at 5:30 PM,  
followed by the play at 8:00 PM.

**Tickets: \$15 per Adult** (special discounted price)

**Deadline for reservations: Monday, February 6th.** To reserve tickets contact  
Marion McAlpine at [mmmc Alpine05@msn.com](mailto:mmmc Alpine05@msn.com) or (757) 967-0074.

More information will be provided in mid-January  
via the Mud Speck weekly e-mail and in the February issue of The Mudflap.



## Other Regional and Local Events

### JANUARY 2018

6-7 Virginia Hot Rod & Custom  
Car Show  
Hampton, VA

12-14 Hampton Roads  
International Auto Show  
Virginia Beach, VA

19-21 Auto Mania  
Indoor Swap Meet  
Allentown, PA

20-28 North American  
International Auto Show  
Detroit, MI

### MARCH 2018

3 46th Annual Cape Fear Chp.  
Antique Automobile Show  
Wilmington, NC

10 Chesapeake Region AACA  
45th Annual Swap Meet  
West Friendship, MD

24-25 Sugarloaf Mtn Region AACA  
Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet  
Westminster, MD

### APRIL 2018

5-8 Charlotte Auto Fair  
Charlotte, NC

18-22 Spring Carlisle  
Carlisle, PA

21 Virginia Chevy Lovers  
Spring Dust Off Car Show  
Virginia Beach, VA

27-29 Goodguys Rod & Custom  
4th North Carolina Nationals  
Raleigh, NV

28 ODMA Meet hosted by  
Tri-County Region AACA  
Harrisburg, VA

29 Piedmont Region AACA  
44th Annual Carfest  
Charlottesville, VA

### MAY 2018

26 Twin County Region AACA  
25th Annual "Memories on  
Main Street" Car Show  
Galax, VA

### JUNE 2018

1-3 Carlisle Ford Nationals  
Carlisle, PA

22-24 Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals  
Carlisle, PA

There are slim pickings for car shows over  
the next two months. Use the time to work  
on your vehicles and get them ready for the  
2018 AACA and ODMA meets!





## EDITOR'S DESK

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Well, it is now 2018! What a great year the TRAACA had. We had some really fun activities in 2017; I hope you were able to participate in some of them. If you were not able to join us in 2017, then check out the TRAACA Activities Calendar on Page 16 of this January 2018 issue of *The Mudflap*, and put the dates on your calendar so you can participate in some or all of the activities in 2018.

The TRAACA held three large events in 2017: the Swap Meet in March, the ODMA Meet in April, and the TRAACA Annual Meet in September. There are a great many AACA regions that don't do one large event, let alone three, in one year. To all those that volunteered to help in these endeavors, *THANK YOU SO MUCH!* It takes a number of people to make the events happen and I believe we not only made them happen, but the club volunteers made them happen with style!

Time to look onto 2018. This year there will be many AACA National Meets within a reasonable distance from the Tidewater area. The AACA Southeastern Spring Meet in Charlotte, NC, is in April. Pennsylvania will be the host to four AACA National events: the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in February, the AACA Annual Grand National in Greensburg in May, the Eastern Spring Meet in Gettysburg in July, and the AACA Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey in October. These are all good opportunities to take a trip to a national meet without the

need to spend a great deal of time on the road. If you are planning to go to any national meets, please let Mark and I know—maybe we can hook up and do some sightseeing together in the different areas.

At the regional level, the TRAACA will again be gearing up for our Swap Meet in March. Please try to find some time to help with this. No matter if it is helping with preparations prior to the show or just a few hours the day of the Swap Meet, any and all help will be greatly appreciated. The Annual Meet in September will be here before you know it. Once again, the club needs help both prior to the show and, of course, the day of the show. The club also needs someone to step up to be the Meet Chairperson for the 2018 Annual Meet. Think about stepping up to fill this position. (Don't forget, it can be done by two people working together as Co-Chairs.) And you can count on lots of help from club members.

There will be numerous local car shows, cruise-ins, and, of course, other non-car related opportunities that will be happening in the Tidewater area in 2018. (It's hard to believe, but yes, there is a world outside of car events.)

Try to enjoy this next year, and check some things off your bucket list. Spend time with friends and family, and maybe make some new friends. So much to do and so little time, so make the best of it. See you soon!

*Marion McAlpine*

***Happy New Year!***

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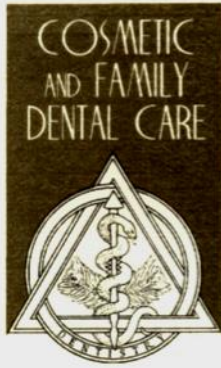
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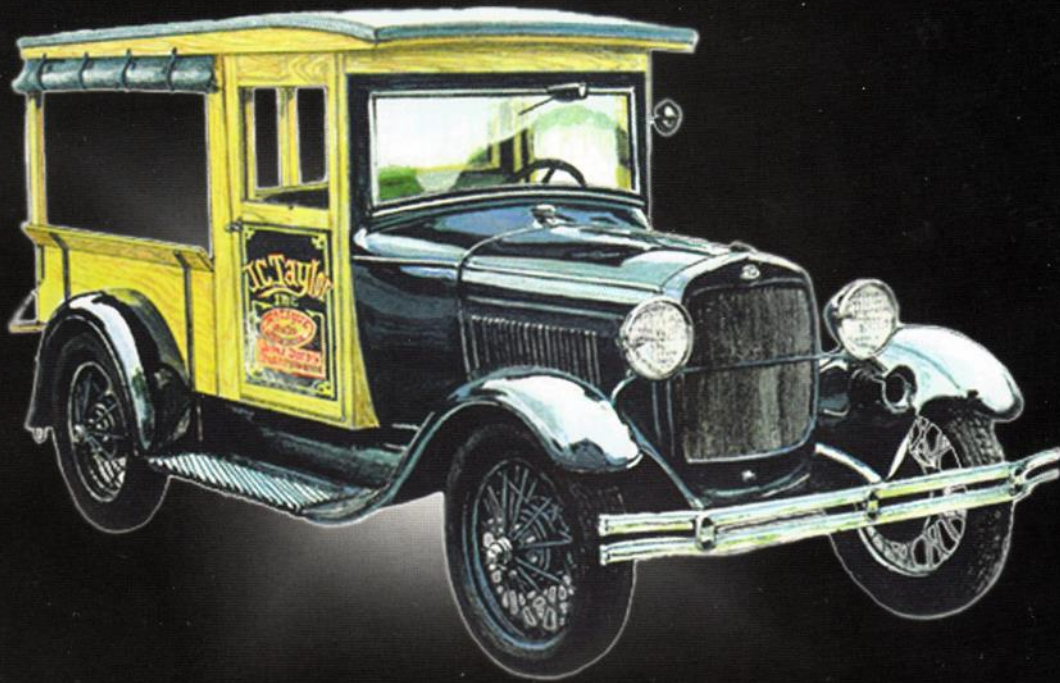
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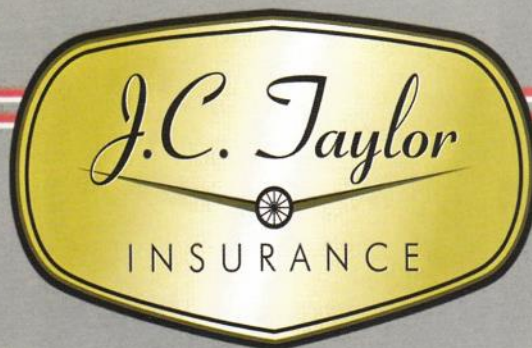
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