

The Mudflap

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

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Join us Saturday, February 22nd, as we visit two historic treasures of Norfolk. First, the MacArthur Memorial and Museum (198 Bank Street, Norfolk, VA). Tour starts promptly at 10:00AM. The memorial, housed in Norfolk's old City Hall Building (c. 1850), is the resting place of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and pays tribute to veterans of WWI, WWII, and the Korean War. In addition to multiple galleries, General MacArthur's staff car, a WWII Jeep, and a motorcycle are also on exhibit. We will depart around 11:40.

Next, the Moses Myers House (323 E. Freemason Street, Norfolk, VA) at 12:00PM. The house was built in 1795 for Moses and Eliza Myers. The historic house is an elegant example of the late Federal period. Multiple generations of the Myers family lived at the house until 1931, as such, a majority of the furnishings are original to the home.

After the Moses Myers House we will have lunch at the Freemason Abbey restaurant (209 W. Freemason Street, Norfolk, VA). Lunch is planned for 1:30 PM. The restaurant serves a variety of American food for lunch at reasonable prices, and

TRAACA Tour Saturday, 22 Feb Norfolk, VA

free parking is available on site. They have a menu planned for us similar to what was served after the Hunter House tour a couple of years ago. Don't forget to try a bowl of their award winning she crab soup!

The MacArthur Memorial and the Moses Myers House are on either side of the MacArthur Center mall. Parking is available at the mall for one dollar. On street parking is also available. We will walk through the mall from the MacArthur Memorial to the Moses Myers House and then it's a short drive to the Freemason Abbey restaurant.

The MacArthur Memorial and the Moses Myers House are free to visit, but donations are greatly appreciated.

WHEN: 10:00 AM, February 22nd
WHERE: MacArthur Memorial & Moses Myers House
SIGN UP: By Mon, Feb. 17th, w/ Travis Berry at 757-536-1214 or travis.berry.mail@gmail.com.



TRAACA CALENDAR

Check traaca.com/calendar.htm for the latest info on upcoming events!

FEBRUARY 2020

- 13 TRAACA Board Meeting
Dawson's Accounting
Virginia Beach, VA
- 20 Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn
Convention Center Virginia
Beach/Norfolk)
- 22 MacArthur Memorial Tour &
Moses Myers House Tour
Norfolk, VA

MARCH 2020

- 07 TRAACA Annual Swap Meet
Nansemond-Suffolk Acad.
Suffolk, VA
- 12 TRAACA Board Meeting
Dawson's Accounting
Virginia Beach, VA
- 19 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—VAB/Norfolk
Virginia Beach, VA

TBD Activity

APRIL 2020

- 09 TRAACA Board Meeting
Dawson's Accounting
Virginia Beach, VA
- 16 Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn
Convention Center Virginia
Beach/Norfolk)
- 18 - Cape Henry Lighthouse Tour
and lunch

MAY 2020

- 14 TRAACA Board Meeting
Dawson's Accounting
Virginia Beach, VA
- 16 Day Trip to Murfreesboro
- 21 Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn
Convention Center Virginia
Beach/Norfolk)

JUNE 2020

- 06 Square Car Tour

Behind the Wheel

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“I would like to express my appreciation for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me as your Club President for (2020). I pledge to you that I will do my very best to promote the Club and our hobby in a worthy manner as your President.

During the past (seven) years, since (Carol) and I have become a part of the Club, we have had the pleasure to meet and associate with some of the nicest and friendliest people anyone could ever hope to become involved with.

I must admit that when I first considered joining an antique automobile club I really did not know what to expect or what the meetings would be about. Needless to say, we are very pleased with the hobby and the friendly and family type atmosphere that prevails in the meetings and at the meets.

With the leadership and growth which I have witnessed during the past several years in the Club, it appears to me that our Club is on a ‘good roll’, and with your help, we will continue and grow in (2020).

The Club is fortunate that we have so many talented and willing workers who give so liberally of their time and talents to promote our hobby and assist other members.

I would also like to express my personal appreciation to individuals who have agreed to serve as Committee Chairpersons and Committee Members. Needless to say, it takes a team effort to make the organization ‘tick’ and I look for the Tidewater Region to ‘tick loud and clear’...for the remainder of (2020)”

Other than the changes within the parentheses, the above were the opening comments from the first article the then-TRAACA President Dewey Milligan wrote for the February 1984 Mud Flap. It is just as true and relevant today as it was 36 years ago. The TRAACA is a great Club made up of great people!



My parents joined TRAACA in 1979 – I was 16 years old! [Editor—see the picture to the left!] Many of you I have known the vast majority of my life (some, of course, all of my life!). Hilary Pavlidis and I share a unique perspective as second generation TRAACA members. I appreciate the history and traditions of the Club – I personally remember Merritt Horne, Harry Bartlett, Ivie Lister, and many of the others we honor through awards named in their honor and presented at the Annual Banquet. I want to see the Club remain vibrant, attract new members, and continue to evolve just as I’m sure each of you do. Club volunteers are the lifeblood of TRAACA; those who lead more visible activities and those who volunteer in less apparent ways, each contributes to the Club’s success. Volunteers maintain the Club and make it fun just as they did in 1984. Each volunteer is appreciated, and I ask those not currently volunteering in some capacity to please consider doing so. Whether leading or helping with the Swap Meet, the Annual Meet, the upcoming Grand National, or devoting an hour here and there throughout the year – each volunteer makes the Club enjoyable for all of us to be members of!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as the TRAACA President in 2020.

“So I ask you all to keep in mind: It’s only great
When you participate,
So get out the crank,
And oil up the wheels,
Let’s take those Sunday rides
In our ‘newfangled’ automobiles!”
- Dewey Milligan, ’84 TRAACA President

Wayne

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 or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

From the Running Board

Jan 09, 2020 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes
(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

Officer's Present: Matt Doscher, Wayne Milligan, Ellen Adams, Bill Treadwell. Board Members present: Tim Hund, Travis Berry, Dot Parrish Club members present: Bob Parrish, Vickie Doscher, Doug Grosz, Mark & Marion McAlpine.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.

President: Thanked everyone for taking time to be here. Thanked Travis for service on the Board as he will be absent from the awards ceremony; also welcomed Doug in joining the Board.

Vice President: Thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked Matt for his term of service, as well as Travis for his and Doug for joining.

Secretary's Report:

- Nothing substantial to report

Treasurer's Report:

- Reports were provided by Bill Treadwell

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities:

- Sunday, January 26, Sense and Sensibility at Well's Theater – 20 people need to reach discounted rate but 17 committed currently.

Restaurants:

- 2019 Annual Awards Banquet and 2020 Board Installation on January 18th at Holiday Inn Virginia Beach – Norfolk. Social hour at 5pm & dinner at 6pm

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Unfinished Business:

- NSTR

New Business:

- Donation to National – Last year \$1,000 was approved for the AACA Library & Headquarters Building Fund. Motion made by Dot to donate \$1500. Motion amended by Matt to donate \$3,000 inclusive of the 50/50 raffle proceeds, motion seconded by Travis, motion passed. Wayne to present check at the February Convention as the new TRAACA President.

Other Business:

- VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: No meeting held in December
- CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned at 6:58pm. Next Board Meeting is 7:00pm Thursday, February 13th at Dawson's Accounting.

Upcoming Event!

Mark your calendar on May 16th for a one-day trip to the Murfreesboro, NC Pork Festival and a visit to the Jefcoat Museum of Early American History. This will be a good time to take the old cars out for a nice ride and enjoy the good food.

We took an overnight trip back in November of 2005. We had a really good time and the museum is wonderful. You have never seen so many Victrolas and washing machines! You could spend all day there and not see it all. I think there are 3 floors housed in an old school. There are probably over 17,000 items displayed.

More information will be forthcoming. The price of the Pork Festival is \$8.00 apiece. ~Dot Parrish

2020 TRAACA Officers & Board

- President - Wayne Milligan:
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- Vice President - Tim Hund:
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- Secretary - Ellen Adams
- Treasurer - Bill Treadwell
- Board - Fred Cole
- Board - Charlie Dawson
- Board - Dot Parrish
- Board - Doug Grosz
- President Emeritus - Matt Doscher

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Tidewater Region AACA



ANNUAL SWAP MEET



Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 8 AM to 2 PM

Nansemond-Suffolk Academy

3373 Pruden Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434

Show is Rain or Shine - No Rain Date - No Refunds - No Parking on Grass

Antique and collectible vehicle parts, accessories, and transportation-related memorabilia

- Outdoor spaces on pavement
- Indoor spaces w/ table
- Free admission and parking for shoppers and spectators
- Easy access off Route 58/460
- Breakfast & lunch will be available on site from food vendors



- Car clubs are invited to purchase a space to promote your club
- Pre-registered inside vendor set-up is available Friday 1-5 PM
- Day of Meet And outside vendor set-up is available Saturday at 7 AM (Must Check in first)

Special Thanks to Nansemond-Suffolk Academy

Pre-Registration Deadline: Feb 29, 2020

Registrations MUST be postmarked on or before February 29, 2020 for pre-registration prices. Registrations postmarked after February 29, 2020 will be considered Day of Meet prices.

Check In & Day of Meet Registration Open 7 AM to 11 AM

Enter & exit via stop light on 460 - Site must be vacated by 3 PM

Check our website at WWW.TRAACA.COM often for any important updates

For Meet Information contact:

Swap Meet Chairman

Bill Treadwell @ 757-650-3667

Registration Chairman

Jerry Adams @ 757-673-3240

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This event is for the sale of antique and collector vehicle parts, equipment, supplies, accessories, or related memorabilia only. It is not a general "flea market" and we do not wish to have crafts, household items, unrelated toys, clothing, equipment, supplies or services displayed. If you have any questions, ask before you arrive. Event organizers reserve the right to refuse admittance to any vendor selling, displaying or offering any items not in keeping with the theme or family-oriented nature of this activity.

TRAACA Annual Awards Dinner

18 January, 2020

Story by Doug Grosz. Photos by Bob Stein

The 65th Annual Awards Banquet was a great evening of camaraderie and food among friends. The Holiday Inn Norfolk/Virginia Beach Convention Center had a wonderful and delicious selection of food for the plus members in attendance. President Matt Doscher presided over the awards ceremony and then handed the keys over to incoming President Wayne Milligan. Bob Parrish installed the new board with words of wisdom and a challenge for the new year. His presentation included props for the new officers: a steering wheel for the President to steer the club on our course, the vice president a GPS to give direction; the secretary a table to record where we have been, a gas pump handle for the treasurer to fuel the club, and wheels for each board member to provide the rolling power for the directions from the President. The officers and board for 2020 are: President Wayne Milligan; Vice President Tim Hund; Secretary Ellen Adams; Treasurer Bill Treadwell and the board of directors: Fred Cole; Dot Parrish; Charlie Dawson; and Doug Grosz.

Well-deserved recognition was given to the award winners for 2019 before the installation of the new officers and board.

The 2019 award winners are:

BARTLETT BOWL: Jim and Donna Elliott (1931 Cadillac)

CENTURY AWARD: Tim Hund (1919 Oldsmobile)

CENTURY PARTICIPATION AWARD: Jim and Donna Elliott (1903 Cadillac)

HARD LUCK AWARD: Pat Locke

IVIE LISTER AWARD: Pat Locke (1988 Rolls Royce)

BEAULIE CUP: Harry Park (1970 Chevelle)

LALIQUE AWARD: Marion McAlpine

MERRITT HORNE PARTICIPATION: Skip Patnode

OVERLAND AWARD: Jim and Donna Elliott (1931 Cadillac)

RESTORATION AWARD: Charlie Dawson (1966 El Camino)

SPARK PLUG AWARD: Vickie Doscher

MUDFLAP AWARD: Terry Bond

DURYEA AWARD: Marion McAlpine

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Bob Stein

25-YEAR MEMBER: Matt Gresalfi

40-YEAR MEMBERS: John and Lynn Heimerl, Murry Goodwin, Larry and Jane Cutright, Neil and Marty Sugermeier

50-YEAR MEMBERS: Al and Sharon Mercer



Outgoing President Matt Doscher addresses the crowd



Bob Parrish installs the new board





TRAACA members socializing after a great meal



TRAACA members enjoying the buffet



All the awards ready for presentation



Club members enjoying each others company



Travis and Kim with an appreciation award - theater night



Matt Doscher presenting Bob Stine the President's Award



Club members enjoying each others company



Marion McAlpine winner of the LaLique and Duryea Awards

TRAACA HRADA International Auto Show Display—January 10-12, 2020

Story and Photos by Bob Stein

Although club members have participated in lobby displays at the Hampton Roads Automobile Dealer's Association (HRADA) many times in the past, this year's special display was all TRAACA vehicles! The display focused on the family car from the 1920s to the 1960s. Show attendees were treated to a review of how family cars have developed over the decades, and also got to vote on which of the vehicles they liked best. TRAACA participants included Sam Kern's 1925 Franklin 11-A 5 Passenger Sedan and 1942 Ford Jeep GPW, Ken and Barbara Talley's 1929 Buick Master 4 Door Sedan, Bob and Linda Pellerin's 1937 Volvo PV52 Sedan, Bob Stein's 1937 Pontiac

Deluxe 6, Mickey and Toni McChesney's 1940 Oldsmobile Series 90, Jere and Carol Avenson's 1954 Packard Patrician, Darlene Hooks' 1955 Ford Club Sedan, Wes Neal and Nancy Soscia's 1962 Willys Station Wagon, John and Marie Gancel's 1968 Chevrolet Caprice, and Charlie and Sandy Dawson's 1966 Chevrolet El Camino. The voting was close between Wes Neal's Jeep and the Gancel's Chevy, but the grand prize of \$1,000 went home with John and Marie!

Thanks to everyone who came out and hope to see you all next year!



Sam Kern's 1925 Franklin 11-A 5 passenger sedan



Bob and Linda Pellerin's 1937 Volvo PV52 Sedan



Ken and Barbara Talley's 1929 Buick Master 4 Door Sedan



Bob Stein's 1937 Pontiac Deluxe 6



Mickey and Toni McChesney's 1940 Oldsmobile Series 90



Darlene Hooks' 1955 Ford Club Sedan



Sam Kern's 1942 Ford Jeep GPW



Wes Neal and Nancy Soscia's 1962 Willys Station Wagon



Jere and Carol Avenson's 1954 Packard Patrician



John and Marie Gancel's 1968 Chevrolet Caprice

Northeast Classic Car Museum Norwich, NY

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

Last August, Marion & I traveled to Kington, Ontario, to participate in the AACA Vintage Tour. Because it was too far to drive comfortably in one day, we stopped in Binghamton, NY, for the night. The next day, before heading to Canada, we detoured to Norwich, NY, to visit the Northeast Classic Car Museum (which claims to be the largest car museum in the Northeast and which won the 2018 AACA national museum award). It was well worth the side trip.

The Northeast Classic Car Museum opened on Memorial Day weekend in 1997. Per its website, it has over 170 antique automobiles and 28 motorcycles on display in five buildings. By my count, about half of the vehicles on display (mostly pre-war vehicles) were donated to the museum or are on loan to it from George Staley and his son James, including 25 Franklins. According to an interview on the museum's website, in 1950, George Staley, along with three other men, started a company to overhaul aircraft accessories. He bought his first antique car in 1962, but said "I really didn't start collecting seriously until I retired and started drawing Social Security." A video on the museum's website says Mr. Staley agreed to loan the museum part of his collection for the first year and said, "if you can make a go of it for five years, I'll make sure they're here forever." The museum is going strong over 20 years later, so obviously it was successful and Mr. Staley kept his word.

Many of the pre-war vehicles in the museum are from

manufacturers long extinct, and many of the cars are one of a kind or one of a few examples known to survive. Most of the post-war vehicles and motorcycles are on loan from other collectors (including a few from the AACA Museum). The motorcycle collection included two of three Art Deco-style prototype motorcycles designed by famed GM designer O. Ray Courtney—one was built in 1936 based on a 1930 Henderson KJ Streamline motorcycle and one built in 1952 based on a 1950 Indian Streamline Sport Scout. When Marion & I visited the museum, there was a special display of 1970's vehicles including a number of classic muscle cars and some quirky cars like a 1972 AMC Gremlin, 1975 AMC Pacer, and 1978 Ford Granada. It was nice to see that a number of the vehicles in the museum proudly wore AACA award badges.

If you ever find yourself traveling anywhere near the middle of New York, take time to visit the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich. It's about 1 hour from Cazenovia, NY, for those of you going on the Franklin Trek this August and about 2-2.5 hours from Saratoga Springs, NY, for those of you on going on the Revival AAA Glidden Tour in September. It has an outstanding collection of antique vehicles and motorcycles from 1899 to the early 1980s (a DeLorean DMC-12) representing the evolution of automotive technology, design, and history. If you love old cars, this is a museum you must visit.



1899 Leggett—the only known surviving Leggett horseless carriage



1903 Franklin runabout—the third oldest Franklin known to exist



1908 Mora Tourer Six



1909 Chalmers-Detroit Model F 3-passenger roadster



1909 Victor Open Runabout



1910 Firestone-Columbus Runabout



1910 Pullman Model K-10 touring car



1911 Hupmobile Model 20 Runabout



1912 Moyer Model B touring car



1912 RCH Model 25 5-passenger touring car



1914 Buick Model B-37



1916 Studebaker Model ED-6 Limousine



1921 Holmes 7-passenger touring car



1924 Buick Depot Hack



1924 Lafayette 7-passenger touring car



1924 Stanley Steamer 7-passenger sedan



1925 Stutz Model 693 roadster



1928 Franklin Airman Sport Touring



1929 Nash Model 422 Standard Cabriolet



1929 Plymouth Model U Touring Convertible



1931 Packard Standard Eight Roadster



1932 Ford Model B station wagon



1932 Chrysler CL Convertible Sedan



1932 Franklin Model 17 A Club Brougham V-12



1932 Oldsmobile Model L32 4-door sedan



1933 Marmon Convertible Sedan



1937 Cord 812 Sportsman Supercharged V-8



1938 Graham Model 97 "Sharknose" 4-door sedan



Still Collecting Stuff— Taxi

By Terry Bond

If you “over-did-it” during the holidays, did you need to call a taxi?

They’ve been around a long time, and for many years, calling a “Yellow Cab” was the choice.

The Taxi, or Taximeter Car as it was originally known, has been at your call since the early 1900s. By 1910, there were hundreds of them thriving in most major cities both here and in Europe.



An early French taxi—circa 1908

In this country, even Henry Ford got into the business. The elegant Town Car, introduced in 1910, was a slow seller because of its cost and limited usage. To boost sales, they began in 1912, marketing it as the new “Ford Taximeter Car.” Although it was promoted worldwide, only 802 were ever built, and the idea was abandoned.



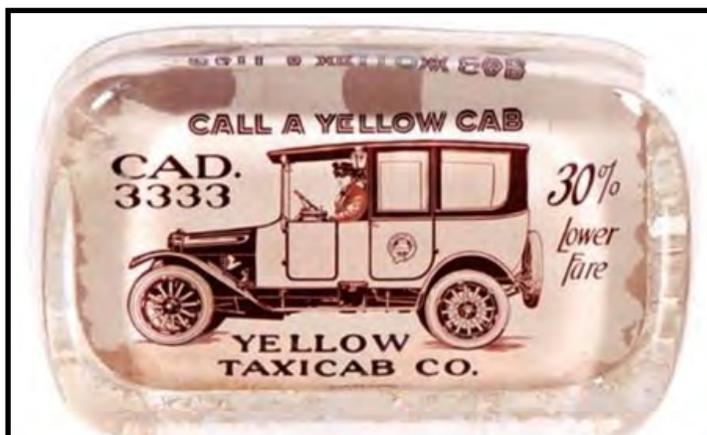
1912 Ford Model T Towncars in use as Taxicabs.

It wasn’t difficult for anyone to go into the taxi business. All you needed to do was modify an existing automobile with some signage, special lights, and a meter to record mileage and appropriate charges.

The “Yellow Cab Company” of Chicago was founded in 1907 by John D. Hertz, and although there had been “yellow” cabs since long before, they quickly became popular because of their standard fares and easy to recognize and distinctive color. They advertised prolifically. Matchbooks were always a favorite. Right there, in your pocket, was the right number to call.



Matchbook covers advertising Yellow Cabs.



Glass paperweights were often found at the front desk in hotels. These can command prices above \$100 if in good condition.

Another popular item was the simple pocket mirror. Lots of different varieties are available, but beware,

some have been reproduced. Always ensure there is a makers name printed in very small letters along the bottom edge under the celluloid. Originals can bring \$150 or more in nice condition.



A very rare advertising Pocket Mirror for the Yellow Cab.

Toy taxi cabs have been popular for a long time. They were seen so frequently on the streets in most towns that any child's toy car collection was not complete without one. The best were produced by Arcade in cast iron and in two different sizes. Beware that reproductions abound. They will be rough cast. The two halves do not match well at the seam across the roof and they are often misaligned. Reproductions will be held together with a screw and nut rather than a peened over rivet. Originals will have "Arcade" in raised letters on the lower inside edge. Castings will be smooth and the halves will fit very well.

If in good condition, they can command prices around \$500 or more.



Small sized Arcade Yellow Cab

Many other toy taxis were produced and Strauss was another company that made a quality toy. The Mowhawk Toy Company produced one in lithograph tin that is very difficult to find. Prices for these rise well above \$1500.



Rare Mowhawk tin lithographed Yellow Cab toy.

One unusual toy Yellow Cab is made from a plank of wood, with a paper label pasted on it. It has wood wheels that roll. These were made by Birchcraft who also produced a lot of similar cars used to advertise specific brands of automobiles. Although very difficult to find in good condition, their value is less than their tin or cast iron counterpart.

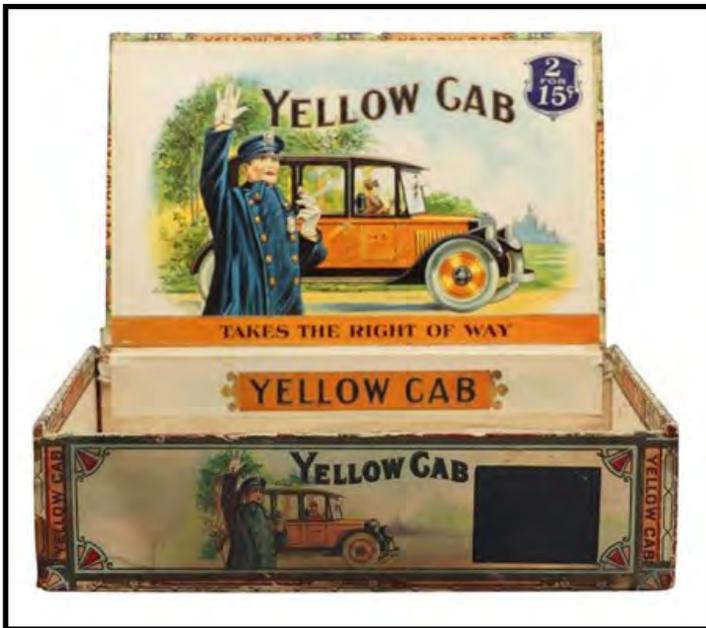


Rare Birchcraft wooden Yellow Cab

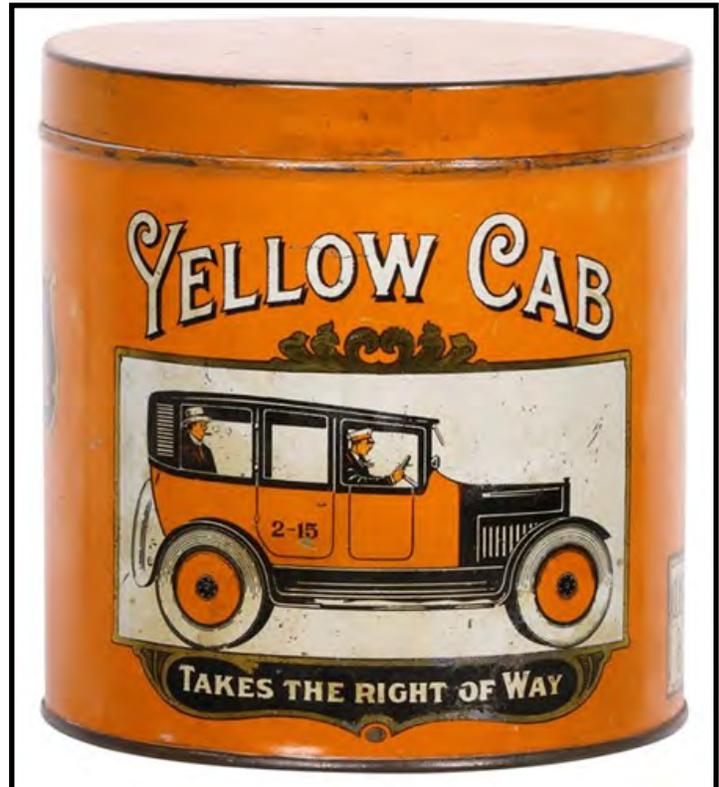
Some of the most commonly found Yellow Cab advertising items are cigar boxes and labels. The boxes come in all sizes and the earliest are made from wood. There are a few metal tins around too, both in large and small size.

Cigar box labels themselves can be found quite easily and are perhaps the least expensive of all Yellow Cab collectables. Again you should be aware there are many reproductions around. Originals will be nicely embossed with gold borders and brilliant colors.

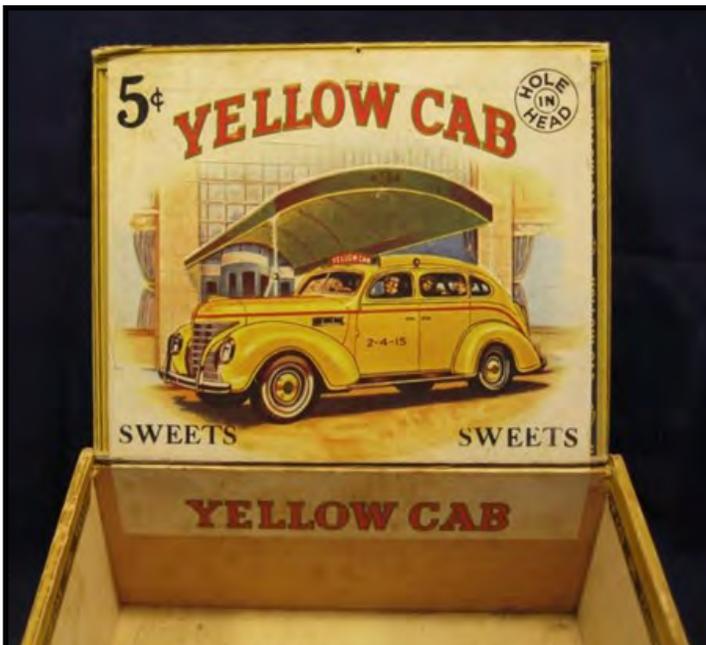
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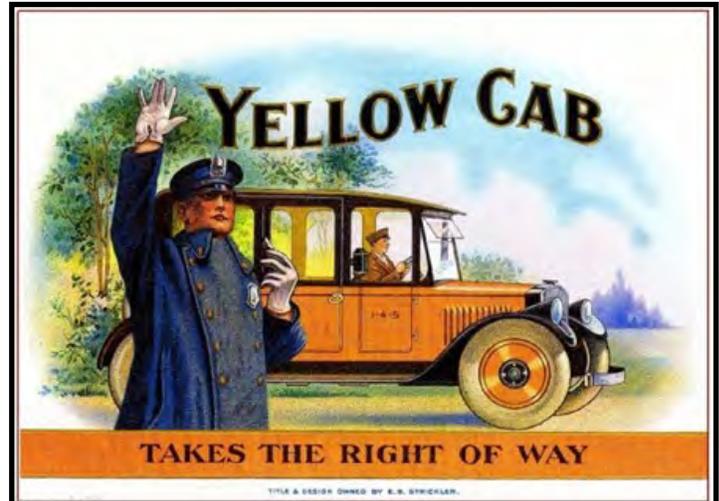
Early style Yellow Cab wooden cigar box. Labels will be on top, inside and all sides of the box. Look for an example with good clean labels. Value will be around \$80-100 depending on condition.



A rare Yellow Cab cigar tin in large size. Value is over \$700.



Later cardboard cigar box showing updated car. These boxes can range in value between \$30-100+ depending on size and condition.



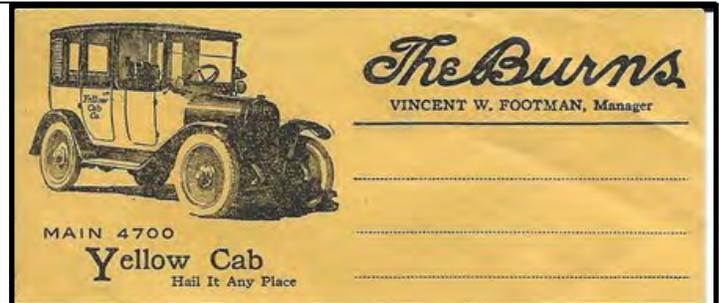
Older style cigar box label, large size, value approximately \$25-35.

Signs advertising Yellow cab and even the Cigars do exist but they have been widely reproduced. Originals are known in embossed tin and cardboard. Original signs can be hard to differentiate from quality reproductions that have been artificially aged, so it is always best to have an expert look at potential purchases, or better yet, buy from a reliable source rather than just an ebay seller located in a foreign country.



Yellow Can Cigar embossed tin sign. Value in excellent condition \$1000.

If you enjoy small stuff, consider some of the related ephemera available. Things like transfer tickers are often found in flea markets and are not expensive



Early transfer ticket-small business card size.

So, do you need to call a cab to get you to our next swap meet to start your Yellow Cab Collection?

Enjoy collecting – see you in March at the TRAACA Swap Meet!

Terry Bond

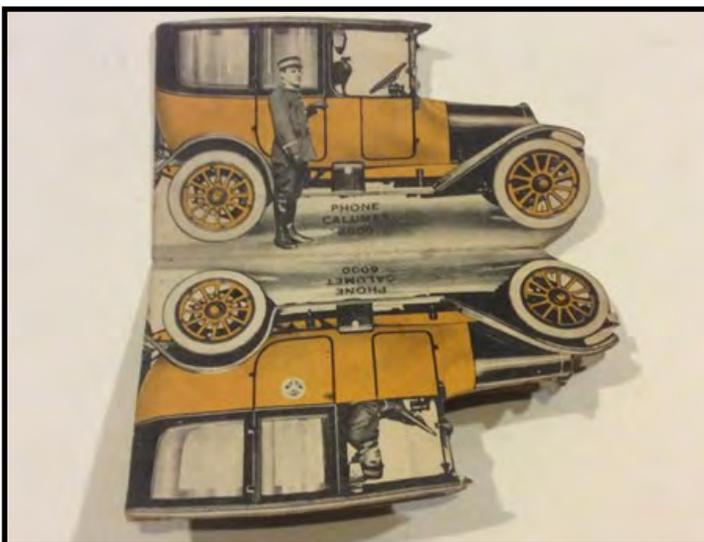


Early transfer ticket-small business card size.

This wonderful fold-out advertising piece is die-cut in the shape of a car. The turn up frequently and can usually be purchased for less than \$50 however they are hard to find in excellent condition.



This is a newly created sign that frequently shows up on the internet. I have seen them artificially aged and advertised as originals.



Fold out advertising pamphlet in the shape of an early Yellow Cab.

There are a lot of other items, including taxi lamps, even meters, and a whole range of different cigar box labels that can be collected.



A nice Yellow Cab driver's cap badge. Value, approximately \$50 +



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to Our New Members!

Warren & Linda Doyle
Smithfield, Va.
1973 Plymouth Roadrunner

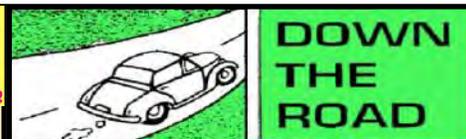
Pete & Carolyn Lothrop
Virginia Beach, Va.



Members celebrating birthdays in Feb



Thomas Allan
Sue Bond
Patrick Brannan
Victoria Brown
John Gancel
Dennis Hennessey
Darlene Hooks
Joyce Howard
Tim Hund
Stephen McDonnell
Al Mercer
Alexander "Al" Nazaruk
Linda Pellerin
Billy Stutz



Other Regional and Local Events

MARCH 2020

- 14 Chesapeake Region AACA
47th Annual Swap Meet
West Friendship, MD
27-28 Sugarloaf Mtn Region AACA
50th Annual Swap Meet
Westminster, MD

APRIL 2020

- 2-5 Charlotte AutoFair
Concord, NC
5 Beers and Gears Car Show
Alewerks, Williamsburg
11 Daffodil Festival Car Show
Gloucester, VA
18 Williamsburg British Car
Club's 20th Annual British &
European Car Show
Williamsburg, VA
22-26 Spring Carlisle
Carlisle, PA
24-26 Goodguys Rod & Custom
6th North Carolina Nationals
Raleigh, NC
25 Historic Fredericksburg
Region 63rd Annual Meet
Fredericksburg, VA

MAY 2020

- 15-17 Carlisle Import &
Performance Nationals
Carlisle, PA



Sunshine Report

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Evy Eaker** is home and would love to have visitors.
- **Bob Hanbury** had surgery to remove most of a brain tumor. He would love to have visitors, though he needs to limit to no more than three at a time. Also, please call ahead to make sure he is available and up to company.
- **Jeanie Downing** had recent outpatient surgery - she is recovering well and back at work.
- **Diane Monroe** is no longer in rehab and has been home for more than a week. She will continue with chemo twice a week plus a nightly pill. Diane is doing in-home therapy twice a week.



Members celebrating anniversaries in Feb



Jim & Julie Arrowood
Curtis & Sheryl Cook
John & Marie Gancel
Henry & Myrna Robson
Dennis & Carla Anne Sobota
Billy & Ashley Stutz
Michael & Lynn Taylor
Bob & Ginger Watson

2020 TRAACA CAR SHOW

The date, time, and site for 2020 Meet are set: September 19 at the Military Aviation Museum from 8am to 3 pm. This year's theme is the Evolution of America's Corvette. We are working to assemble at least one example from each of the 67 model years of the Corvette, including the revolutionary 2020 mid-engined car. The Corvettes will form up and parade onto the show field at 11:00AM immediately after the National Anthem. Members of TRAACA who own Corvettes will be invited to be part of this exhibit before any others.

The Meet is also inviting Clubs centered on specific Marques to display their cars en masse under their Clubs' banners on the North Field at the Aviation Museum.

Our intent is to continue to educate the public on the importance of the antique and collectible cars to the development throughout the decades of private transportation. Every vehicle on the road today is the result of the design and construction of yesterday's cars and motor vehicles. One of our greatest freedoms is the freedom of unchallenged mobility which motorized vehicles provide. We celebrate that in conducting this Meet.



AACA Calendar of Events

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

FEBRUARY 2020

6-8 AACA Annual Convention
Philadelphia, PA

27-29 AACA Winter Nationals
Miami, FL

APRIL 2020

2-4 AACA SE Spring Nationals
Concord, NC

23-25 AACA Western Spring Nat'ls
Show Low, AZ

26- AACA Founders Tour
1 May Show Low, AZ

MAY 2020

7-9 AACA Central Spring Nat'ls
Auburn, IN

13-16 AACA Eastern Div. Tour
Eastern Shore, MD

JUNE 2020

7-12 AACA Sentimental Tour
Davis, WV

24-27 AACA Eastern Spring Nat'ls
Beckley, WV

JULY 2020

8-11 2020 AACA Grand Nationals
Allentown, PA

19-24 AACA Reliability Tour
Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

AUGUST 2020

20-22 AACA SE Fall Nationals
Elizabeth, IN

SEPTEMBER 2020

13-18 AAA Revival Glidden Tour
Saratoga Springs, NY

OCTOBER 2020

7-10 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, PA

19-23 AACA Central Divisional Tour
Broken Arrow, OK

FEBRUARY 2021

11-13 AACA Annual Convention
Philadelphia, PA

MARCH 2021

17-20 AACA Special Dual Nationals
San Juan, Puerto Rico

APRIL 2021

8-10 AACA SE Spring Nationals
Concord, NC

21-24 AACA SE Divisional Tour
Central Florida

MAY 2021

6-8 AACA Central Spring Nat'ls
Auburn, IN



AACA Library & Simeone Museum Will Become New Homes for Free Library of Philadelphia's Automobile Reference Collection

(Reprinted from the December 2019 AACA Speedster newsletter)

The AACA and Simeone Foundation Museum are pleased to announce that they will cooperatively receive and process the Free Library of Philadelphia's Automobile Reference Collection.

The Automobile Reference Collection was established at the Free Library in 1948 as a deposit collection from AACA member and National President Thomas McKean, who served as the collection's first curator. Upon his premature death in an antique automobile accident in 1949, he bequeathed the collection to the Free Library. The core collection was supplemented in the latter half of the 20th century through acquisitions and numerous donations from individuals and corporations and came to exceed 100,000 items, including automobile manuals, advertising literature, technical bulletins, photographs, books, journals, historic license plates, and other ephemera. Dr. Fred Simeone, founder of the Simeone Foundation Museum, interned with the Free Library as a young man and helped to build the Automobile Reference Collection by requesting donations.

Acquiring the Automobile Reference Collection will allow both the AACA Library and Simeone Foundation Museum library to fill gaps within their collections and further each library's unique mission. The Simeone Foundation Museum will acquire materials specific to racing, foreign cars and coachbuilders, local photographs and technical data. The AACA Library will receive pre-WWII owner's manuals, early sales literature pertaining to Pennsylvania-built automobiles, reference books, and the Chilton Company archives. Materials duplicated within one library will be offered to the other.

An ongoing formal relationship has been established between the two automotive libraries that will allow interlibrary loans in physical and digital format. This partnership between the two libraries is just the beginning of their cooperative efforts, as the two organizations will share cars and exhibits as well in the future.

The transfer of material between the Free Library of Philadelphia and the AACA/Simeone libraries will begin in 2020. As this material is received it will be processed, cataloged and eventually much of it will be digitized.

"We are delighted that the collection will continue to have a home in Philadelphia at the Simeone Foundation Museum and that, with the addition of the capabilities of the AACA, the collection can be cataloged, digitized, and shared with the world. Both organizations have active library collections open free to all and look forward to building these resources for the public to enjoy. Most thoughtfully, they will honor the donor and one of the Antique Automobile Club's founders by naming this new resource the Thomas McKean Collection," commented Free Library President and Director Siobhan A. Reardon.

"AACA is looking forward to housing materials from the McKean Collection in its brand new library facility scheduled to open next spring. 'America's Automotive Library' is grateful to the FLP for their willingness to place these valuable assets in the hands of two great organizations that will ensure their use for years to come. AACA is also thankful to Fred Simeone for his collaboration with us on this worthy project," stated Steve Moskowitz, CEO, AACA.

In the future, AACA will be looking for new partnerships just like this one, additional collections for the library, resource sharing and educational opportunities, financial support, etc. Our new building, opening mid-2020, will give us the space and means to celebrate this hobby and share all it has to offer to automotive enthusiasts worldwide. We look forward to building the future by preserving the past.



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It is hard to believe, but we are almost a month into this new decade already! It also seems unbelievable that we're halfway through the winter, especially when the Tidewater region weather has been so variable—I've gone between shorts and insulated coveralls while working outside in the last two weeks!

As per usual, I'm behind on winter projects. The two major projects on my plate for this winter are installing a new intake manifold, and sending my speedometer out for overhaul. The old intake manifold has a stripped out bolt hole where the exhaust and intake manifolds bolt together, which causes a slight, yet annoying, exhaust leak. The odometer stopped functioning on my way to the holiday brunch, so a repair is in order on the speedometer as well.

I was pleasantly surprised, upon removing the speedometer panel and trim, to see how well-preserved the original wood graining is on the dash under the trim. The downside of that discovery? Now I have another winter project to try and remove the oxide layer on the exposed portions of the dash! It is always amazes me how much of this old car hobby can sometimes come down to cleaning, polishing, and otherwise fiddling to make things cleaner and shinier.

What winter projects are you working on? A major restoration, or just a tune-up before the summer driving season? Perhaps you're like me, and life has conspired such that you haven't done any winter projects at all! Whatever the case, if you're taken apart, or put back together, something interesting this season, please consider sending Doug and I a few words and some pictures of your winters work! These next few months will be the quietest in terms of car shows and other events to report on, so we'd love to see what is going on in your workshops!

Since time sure is flying, another good winter project is to determine which TRAACA and AACA events you can attend this year. Based on my work schedule, I missed almost everything last year, so I'm carving out time for a few key shows—for me, I want to get to at least one AACA National show, the swap meet at Hershey, the TRAACA car show, and an OD-MA event. This area has such a wealth of events that it makes choosing difficult!

One event that is coming up fast is the annual TRAACA swap meet! This great event, rain or shine, is a wonderful chance to sell off a few spare parts from last year's winter project or find some parts for your next project. Be sure to pre-register (using the flyer on page 4) to save a little bit if you are planning on selling. Either way, it is sure to be a great event, and we hope to see you there!

Ken Packard



1937 Packard speedometer out for overhaul and original wood graining on dashboard



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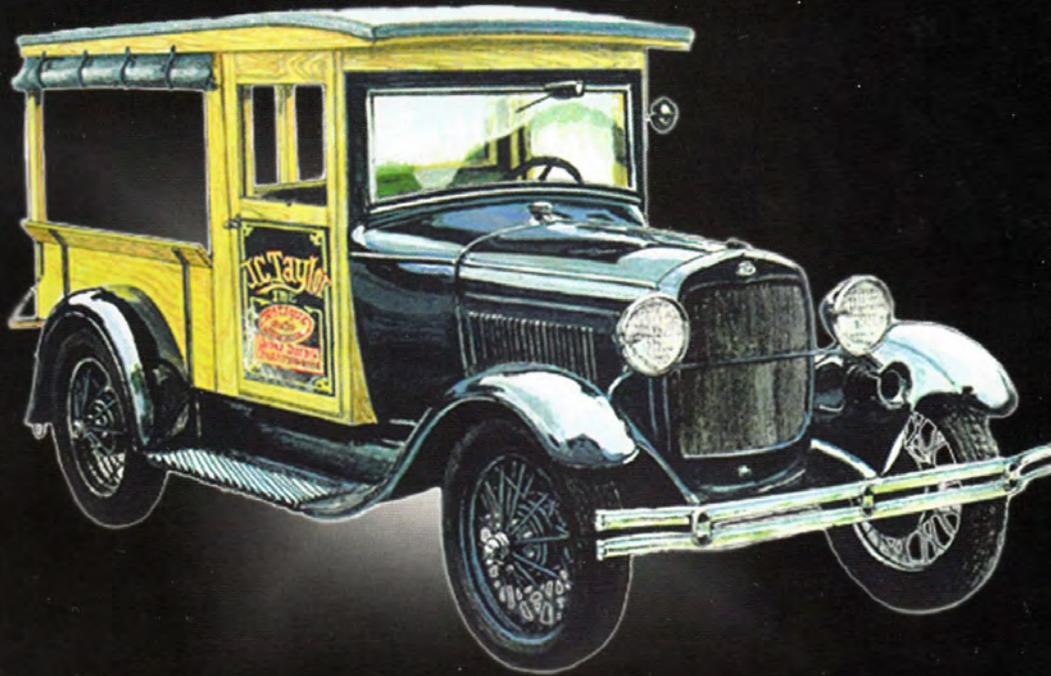
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