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1903 Cadillac Model A Rear Entrance Tonneau
at the AACA Fall Meet, Hershey, PA.**

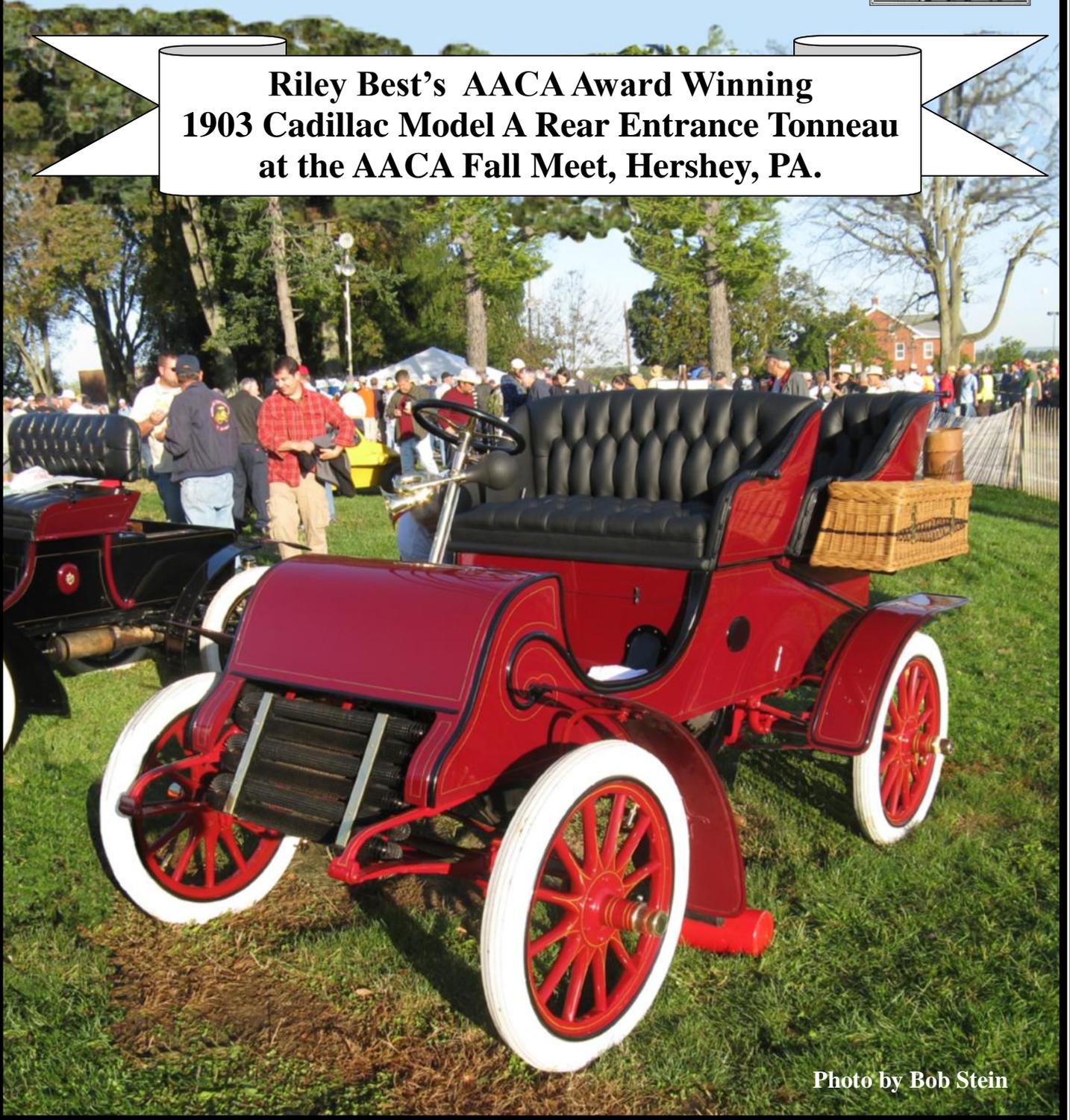


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MARCH 26th

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Robert's Ramblings

Spring is just about here, and we have already kicked off our activities for 2011. The Antique Mall Run to Williamsburg on February 26th was a teaser for our first major event of the year – the TRAACA Swap Meet this Saturday (March 5th) at the Hickory Ruritan Club. We'll be starting early, 6:45 AM for the first shift to get vendors registered and unloaded, and we can use help all day long with parking. Please come out and lend a hand, even if it's just for an hour or so.

The TRAACA Membership Surveys should have already arrived. A lot of thought and effort went into putting these together – please take a few minutes to complete yours and return it as soon as you can. Even returning a partially completed or blank form is a help – we can count it as an overall response.

We have some great things coming up: A terrific Spring Tour, a new incentive program to get old cars out, a Saint Patrick's Day Party, and exciting developments for our Annual Meet. Read the Mud Flap for details. Hope to see you Saturday!



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MY 1903 CADILLAC

By Riley Best

The 1903 Cadillac! I should have known better, but I did it anyway. The cars had always appealed to me, and I saw one that I thought I could restore, doing some of the work myself. I got my restorer to go and look at the car to make sure, and after the trip to Colorado, the project was started in November of 2004. After a lot of slips in the time schedule and locating a lot of parts (most from Stoneaire), the car came together very slowly mechanically, and I got to paint wheels, the body, the new rear entrance tonneau, then fenders, the seats, and the wheels again. With an all wood body, I had to get some education for doing it so it would look right, and my friend David Steinman from Waitsfield Vermont knew all the right moves. I tried to listen well and do as I was told.



Passengers entering the rear of the car step over a metal CADILLAC plate. The engine is under the front seat with access through the floorboard and from under the car.



No starter motor— it took brute strength to spin the crank which is connected by chain to the huge flywheel of the single cylinder engine. This really is a get-out-and-get-under car.

HISTORICAL NOTE: The 10 hp one cylinder engine was designed by Henry Leland under contract for Olds Motor Works in 1910. The engine was rejected. Leland showed the engine to some financial backers of Ford in 1902. They formed the Cadillac Automobile Company. The first Cadillac was completed in October 1902 and taken to the New York Auto Show in January 1903 where it was a big hit. There were 11,235 automobiles of various makes built in the US in 1903. The cost of the four passenger tonneau was \$850. Cadillac, with a production of 4000, was second only to Oldsmobile. The engine gained a reputation for reliability and strength and was used until 1909.

Painting was not that much more difficult than I'd imagined, I just had to do it more often to get it the way I liked it. About the time the mechanical restoration was finished, my painting was about done, too. Another trip to New York state to make sure the body could fit with all the mechanical stuff in place. With help from Richard Hall, James Woodall, Don Hobbs, Jack Pavlides, my neighbors (many times) and others, we took the body on and off a dozen times or so to get all clearances between the body work and the engine, and related items. After the final paint, I took first the seats, then later the rest of the body to Joe Swann in Drakes Branch, VA to get the leather interior installed. I "finished" the car (really- cars are never finished) just as I started to pack up for Hershey where the car got its 1st Junior Award. On the way home, about 20 miles North of Richmond, I had trouble with a bad hub bearing on my truck. As luck would have it, my "brother from another mother", Craig Casper showed up and rescued me. He pulled my trailer back home, while a rollback took my truck to Auto Brake (Craigs shop) to get it fixed. What a deal!



The striping on the wheel, around the fender, and on the body show the excellent detail of trim on the car. Note the small step plate that serves as a way to enter the car.



The dash has a glove compartment. The matching plate in front of the steering wheel does not open. The break pedal is on the right and the low speed pedal is on the left. The bulb horn was a necessity when roads were meant for wagons and horses, not cars.

A few weeks later, I got a notice that the car was being considered for a National Award, and if I submitted a few pictures and some information, the nomination would go forward. I had received nominations for the Maxwell and the Whizzer, and I thought "Well- maybe the 3rd time will be the charm". Again, Craig came to the rescue and did the photos for me. All the stars were apparently aligned for me, and at our AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, the car received the AACA Cup for the Eastern Division. I am very appreciative of the award, but it leaves the 1st Junior Award "unbalanced" as I must now try to get the Senior Award, too. That way, there will be something on both the top and the bottom of the 1st junior.



The side baskets were an option for an extra \$18. Riley paid \$1800 to have them replicated. They were the feature most asked about by the ladies who admired the car at Hershey.

The primitive radiator keeps the one cylinder engine cool.



From Under My Hat

By Marty Sugermeyer



**Spring has sprung
The gas has riz
I wonder where
The autos is**

**Philly was phun
The snow was light
Prizes was wun
Oh what a sight.**

What a great beginning to 2011. Our Awards and Installation Banquet was elegant and fun. We had a great turn out for Philly (articles follow). The February Dinner Meeting gave the Philly attendees a chance to share with the rest of the group. By the time you receive this newsletter, many TRAACA members will have enjoyed the Antique Run in antique autos to see more antiques in the Antique Mall of Williamsburg after lunch at Cracker Barrel.

If you have not already made plans to get your vintage vehicle on the road, now is the time. Soon the leaves and flowers will be showing and temperatures will climb to more enjoyable levels. Check out the list of upcoming activities in the Down the Road list. Find some that sound like your type of fun and join in. Better yet, call and offer to help out with plans and preparation.

Speaking of participating, How would you like to have your car on the cover of the Mud Flap? All it takes is a few pictures and a short article. You can take your own cover picture or get Marty or Neil or Bob Stein to take a picture for you. Don't forget detail shots of the dash, engine, trunk, and any other significant features. A 3/4 view usually works best with the light on the leading edge of the car. Also, we can use technical articles, historical auto articles, and articles about the events.

What ever way you decide to contribute to our club, you will increase the fun for others and yourself.





Board Meeting Minutes

By Scott Davies, Secretary

December 14, 2010 – TRAACA Board Meeting

The board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Members present were Linda Pellerin, President; Bob Stein, Vice-President; Scott Davies, Secretary; John Gancel, Treasurer; Board members Toni McChesney and Bill Wilcox. Also present were Marie Gancel, Bob and Dot Parrish, Barbara Talley, Wes Neal, Bob Roughton and Jim Villers. Bob Parrish announced that there had been 15 new members in 2010.

The November minutes were approved as read. John Gancel gave the Treasurer's report and it was submitted for audit. Toni McChesney gave the "Sunshine" report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Upcoming Activities:
 - 5 March - Flea Market
 - Activities committee will be meeting soon to plan 2011
- 5-7 May - ODMA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The National Meet will be in 2014, Linda Pellerin will be chairman, registration chairman is Richard Hall. Membership will be informed at next dinner meeting.
- Bill Wilcox completed the DMV registration for the new trailer. He is organizing a team of volunteers to make the necessary modifications. A membership questionnaire will be distributed to the membership. A motion to authorize \$200 for printing/postage was made, seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- The treasurer discussed the checking account balance. A motion to transfer \$2K from a CD to the checking account to cover upcoming expenses was made, seconded and carried.
- The TRAACA Board discussed the TRAACA Annual Award candidates.
- The menu for the January banquet was discussed and the time was moved up 1 hour.
- Scott Davies is in the process of converting the Membership Roster to an electronic database and will be ready soon.
- Attendance at the AACA Philadelphia event is highly encouraged. Assistance is requested to help Sue Bond with the First Ladies Breakfast. Sweatshirts for Philly "Spirit of Tidewater" will be procured at no expense to the club. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

January 11, 2011 – TRAACA Board Meeting

The board meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Members present were Linda Pellerin, President; Bob Stein, Vice-President; John Gancel, Treasurer; Board members Don Hobbs, Toni McChesney, Tony Scarpelli, and Bill Wilcox. Also present were Marie Gancel, Mickey McChesney, Frank Lagana, Sam Kern, Bob and Dot Parrish, Ken and Barbara Talley, Wes Neal, Bob Roughton, and Jim Villers. Bob Parrish reported no new members since the December meeting.

The December minutes were not available – approval will be postponed until the February meeting. John Gancel gave the Treasurer's report and it was submitted for audit. Toni McChesney gave the "Sunshine" report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Upcoming Activities:
 - 22 Jan – Awards and Installation Banquet
 - 5 March - Flea Market
 - 5-7 May - ODMA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Bill Wilcox reported that preparation of the new TRAACA trailer is underway, and requested funding to purchase pre-fabricated shelving for storage. A motion to authorize up to \$400 for shelving was made, seconded and carried.
- It was noted by the board that the Talley's have been storing the TRAACA trailer for years, and the suggestion was made to pay some form of rent as compensation. The Talley's refused any compensation before a motion could be made.
- Trophies for the Awards and Installation banquet are being prepared by Virginia Art Metal and will be ready in time for the banquet.
- The Membership Survey has been finalized and is expected to be mailed out in February, with a report of findings expected in March. Sweatshirts for Philly are still available for order – the design is being worked.

NEW BUSINESS

- John Gancel is in the process of transferring TRAACA treasurer responsibilities to Jim Villers. He requested that the audit be carried out as soon as possible following the actual transfer of office. A request will be made to Dick Pensyl to perform the audit for us again this year.
- The Activities committee has prepared a draft Activities Calendar for 2011. The 58th ODMA Meet is being hosted by the Lynchburg Region and chaired by TRAACA member and Lynchburg Region President, Kathy Kellam. Several TRAACA members are providing key support for the event, and participation by TRAACA members is encouraged. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.



Philly

We had 29 TRAACA members, most in red sweatshirts at Philly, to celebrate the end of the BOND year as President and First Lady of AACA with Tidewater Spirit. So, this year we became the "strawberry patch". Terry, Sue, and Neil made an early start on Feb. 9th because of meetings they were scheduled for on Thursday. They escaped the snow fall that the rest of the TRAACA members faced as they left Hampton Roads on Feb. 10th. Fortunately the snow was light, so the rest of us were able to make it to Philly in time to have dinner at Buca de Beppo (roughly means Joe's basement). Unfortunately, a mechanical problems with their flight kept Bob and Linda Pellerin waiting in the Norfolk airport for many hours before they were able to get to Philly.



Above: Tony Scarpelli with Leslie McGinn



Left: Mickey and Toni McChesney with Claire and Peter Catanese



Claire Catanese, Linda Pellerin, Toni McChesney, Dot Parrish, Leslie McGinn, Dan Ciccone, and Wes Neal at one of the Tidewater Region tables at the breakfast

Right: June Crane had brought vintage type dresses and accessories to sell. Some of the outfits were modeled at the breakfast. This is Rachel Boger in a gown and hat like those of the early 1900s.



Below: Sue and Terry finished the breakfast with a toast to their year. Sue had made wine charms for each of the guests as a memento.



Sue's presentation about their year. Both of Terry and Sue radiated the fun they have enjoyed during the past year of traveling with AACA, seeing lots of great cars, and exploring new territory. Sue's talk during her power point presentation (manned by Bob Stein and Terry) was delightful. We all felt as though we were given a virtual tour of the AACA events for 2010.

After the First Ladies Breakfast it was on to the seminars. Neil Sugermeyer missed the breakfast. He was scheduled for a seminar for folks who will be Chief Judge of a car show for the first time. He is doing that job for the Old Dominion meet this year.

Right after the First Ladies Breakfast, Bob Stein and Neil did a seminar on

The New Antique Vehicle 1975 – 1986. Neil and Bob were scheduled for another seminar right after lunch on Buying and Selling Antique Automobiles.



Neil Sugermeyer and Bob Stein giving their seminar on Friday morning

We all had to be there in time for the First Ladies' Breakfast on Friday morning. Linda Pellerin, Dot Parrish, Toni McChesney, Claire Catanese, Leslie McGinn, Dan Ciccone, Wes Neal, Kathy Kellam, Sandy and Richard Hall, Bob Stein (gave extra technical support) and Marty Sugermeyer were there to help with the preparations, enjoy the excellent breakfast, and hear Terry's introduction and



Sue at the beginning of her presentation

Jeff and Pat Locke did a seminar during the last time slot of the day on Appraisal of Your Antique Car. They did another seminar on Classic Cars during the last time slot on Saturday. So, Tidewater supplied four of the forty-six seminars offered this year during the Annual Meeting.



Pat and Jeff Locke at their seminar on Friday afternoon.

Then it was time to get ready for dinner. Most of our crowd found another interesting restaurant to enjoy. Terry and Sue Bond, Bob Stein, and Neil and Marty Sugermeyer attended the President's Dinner. There were a couple of brief speeches. Terry did a great one. Donations were presented by regions to the AACA Museum and the AACA Library and Research Center. Our President Bob Stein presented a generous donation from the Tidewater Region.

Following the President's Dinner, the AACA Museum Auction provided a chance to latch onto some goodies and help out the museum in the process. The evening always provides some great fun. Auction items are donated by members. Just like our local auction, a wide variety of interesting items show up. If you still had enough energy to visit with friends, there were two hospitality suites available later in the evening.

Saturday started just as early with coffee and pastries available from 7:00 to 9:00 AM on the Ballroom Level of the Sheraton. The seminars are longer during the morning on Saturday with the first session devoted to judging schools and team captains school. (You can find a complete listing of the seminars on the AACA website.)

The last session of the day on Saturday was reserved for the AACA General Membership Meeting. The "Strawberry Patch" had taken over a large section in the middle of the meeting and cheered for the home team.



The "Strawberry Patch" at the AACA Annual Meeting



Photo by innocent bystander

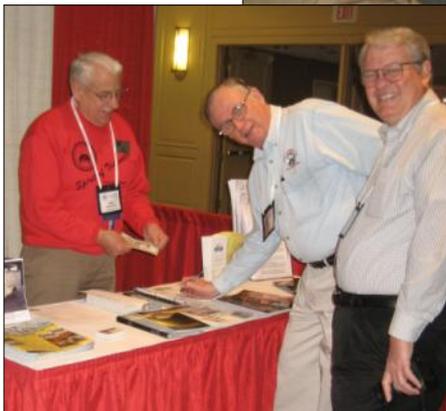
Marty and Neil Sugermeyer ready for the President's Banquet On the Master Editor Winners board behind them, note the July Mud Flap cover with Bob Roughton's 1909 IHC.

During that meeting, AACA members who had reached their 50th year were recognized. It was very special for our own Terry Bond to put the 50 year pin on Neil Sugermeyer. Terry officially handed over the bell and gavel to Joe Gagliano, AACA President for 2011 and Sue Bond presented Mary Gagliano with her First Ladies Pin.

AACA President Terry Bond presents Neil Sugermeyer with his 50 years in AACA pin.



TRAACA President Bob Stein announces the TRAACA donation to the AACA Museum



Neil at the AACA Library Table signs up Bob Parrish and Mel Carson as Friends of the Library

Oh, I almost forgot to mention the Trade Show. There are always interesting booths by restoration shops, Regions planning to put on one of the upcoming events, and the not-to-be-missed booth by McFarland, a publisher that specializes in books about vintage vehicles.

The Annual Banquet was the climax of the event. Terry made an excellent speech as outgoing AACA President (Terry's speech on this page). A highlight of the event was Riley Best receiving the AACA Cup Eastern Division for his beautiful 1903 Cadillac that received its 1st Junior Award on its first showing at Hershey. Riley had spent years researching and working on the car, and he knew that it was right.

Many of the Tidewater members who went to Philly enjoyed an extra treat on the way home, a stop at the home of some friends of Neil and Marty's to see their car collection. It was great to have a special stop on the way home. Fortunately, the roads were dry and everyone had an easy trip back to Hampton Roads.



Photo by Andy Wittenborn

Marty and Neil Sugermeyer receive their Master Editor Award from Terry Bond.



Photo by Andy Wittenborn

Terry Bond at the Annual Banquet



Riley Best receives the AACA Cup from President Terry Bond



Bob Stein is awarded his 10th Master Webmaster Award by Terry Bond.

Past President Terry Bond's speech

I've come to observe that ACAA time is a little shorter than regular time. Unfortunately, this year has gone by faster than expected. We tried hard to slow it down, traveled a little slower, spent more time with you than originally planned, and learned to linger a bit longer enjoying the moment, trying to take pictures of every vehicle, every person with a polishing cloth in hand, every mountain view, out the windows of cars we toured in. Heck, I've even stood before you at banquets, judges breakfasts and Friday night events, snapping away, trying to capture the moment and make it last forever. But all we could do is watch it go by - like water in the stream, fleeting moments.

AACA moves on - that's become obvious this year especially. What we celebrated this year, 75 years of tradition, fun and fellowship is now another chapter in the AACA History book. What lingers is 35,000 miles of great times, every single handshake, all the smiles, our photographs and scrapbooks, and thousands of friends all across the nation. Our hard working

boards of directors, hundreds of volunteers, 60,000 AACA members, especially the members of the Tidewater Region, have accompanied us along the way, making their own memories as well. Now, we eagerly await the next chance to take some photos, to eat dinner with you, to admire your cars, and visit with you again as good old friends. AACA gives us that, and the future is bright indeed.

There are great things happening in our hobby and club. There no doubt will be challenges, but we're prepared to meet them. As we reach out to other clubs we will gain strength. Our Library continues to grow and expand, and our museum shines brightly on the hill above Hershey. At our meets and tours, I see new and younger members enjoying this for their first time. I see families, darker hair at our banquets, and fresh restorations. I see growing numbers of unrestored original cars sharing our show fields. I see corps of judges growing in numbers and expertise. I hear great ideas, I sense tremendous enthusiasm, and I sense greater interest in old cars than ever before. Things just keep getting better.

During this year, I began to establish a dialogue with other car clubs. A result is a new "Brass Car Committee" made up of representatives from Horseless Carriage Club and veteran Motorcar Club of America and from this committee, we hope to see more joint ventures to enhance the early car touring and showing opportunities already existing.

At our recent Board of Directors meeting this week, I made a rather passionate speech about Historic original vehicles. You will soon learn more about a special group I established to take our HPOF class of vehicles and give it the stature it deserves. We are the leaders in the hobby, and this class of vehicle is receiving tremendous interest and attention. Someday there may even be special national meets with a focus on original vehicles. Someday, they may even park in the same class with everyone else. After all they represent a standard of vehicle that will disappear if we don't do something to emphasize it. If AACA doesn't do that, someone else will. And AACA moves on....

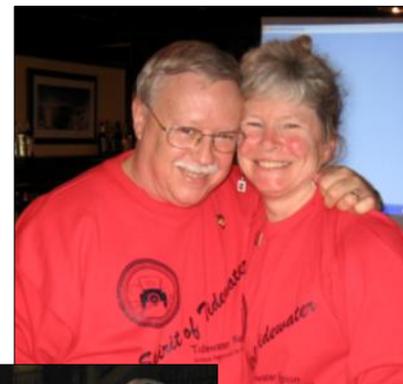
Years ago, I was a young man, standing at the end of a long driveway while walking home from school. There in the shadows of a 1910 Cadillac stood an elderly gentleman who beckoned me into his garage. For me, it was the beginning of a journey that has been the thrill of a lifetime with AACA. I urge you to pass it on and extend the hand of friendship wherever possible. Give a thumbs up to the kid in a tuner car. Stop and talk with folks in your local shopping center car show and let them know what we are all about. Pass it on.

Today I see a bright future of our hobby and our club. It's been a fantastic year for Susan and me, and we look to AACA's fantastic future. It's there for the taking. Share it with others, and may AACA continue to thrive and never run out of gas!



February Dinner Meeting AACA and TRAACA in 2011

The February Dinner Meeting was a lot of fun. Folks who traveled to Philly shared their experiences and Terry (assisted by Bob Stein) gave Part 2 of the year he and Sue spent touring. Terry saved the best for last. During the past year the folks who are part of the AACA leadership have been passing out "Extra Mile" pins to AACA members who have made significant contributions to their local regions and to the national club. He presented one to Sue for the terrific job she has done as First Lady of AACA.

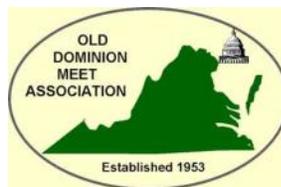


Terry gives Sue an Extra Mile pin and a hug.



Toni and Mickey McChesney drove their '40 Buick Coupe and Bob Stein drove his 1976 Dodge Aspen Wagon to the February Dinner Meeting.

Not pictured: Riley Best drove his 1963 Dodge Dart convertible.



ODMA JOINS AACA

Thanks to hard work by Sandy and Richard Hall, Tom Cox, Ken Talley, and Terry Bond, ODMA President Barbara Andres announced at the ODMA February Planning Meeting that the Old Dominion Meet Association has been approved as a non-geographical region of AACA. A charter confirming the status dated February 10, 2011 was presented by AACA National Director Tom Cox to the ODMA President.

Miles with Meggie

(the MGBGT Terry and Susan Bond travel with)

AACA Fall National Meet, Cheyenne, Wyoming
September 2-5, 2011, High Plains Region

We landed in Denver around noon on Wednesday and were surprised to find the whole area as flat as Tidewater. We could see the mountains off to the west, but the “mile-high city” definitely wasn’t in them. The airport was way out of town (Remember the luggage problems when it was first opened? We did carry-on.) and traffic was a real pain, but we finally found the Molly Brown house in downtown. Her name was really Margaret (didn’t sound so great as a movie title) and she was nothing like Debby Reynolds’ portrayal. She was a very progressive lady who fought for social reform and the vote for women. She did survive the sinking of Titanic, ran for public office 3 times and was a stage actress. The Browns were the second owners of the 1889 Queen Anne house on Pennsylvania Avenue. After Molly died, it had a rough life and was saved from demolition by Historic Denver, Inc. in 1970 and restored. (Learn more at mollybrown.org) It was an excellent tour.



Molly Brown House

Terry remembered reading about the Brass Armadillo Antique Mall in one of his magazines, so Lucy was drafted to lead us to it. Ask him about the \$10 plate!

Thursday morning’s drive involved I-25 to get out of town, then very flat back roads parallel to it which lead us to Greeley CO, founded by an employee of the “Go west young man” editor at the New York Tribune as a utopian planned town. The Greeley Freight Station Museum had a fantastic train layout, featuring lots of local scenes. The Centennial Village Museum



Train layout of Greeley

consisted of rescued buildings from all over Weld County. Every type, from the 1861 log courthouse to a 1900 11-room home, was presented among excellent gardens which provided lots of pollen for our allergies, and the firehouse was equipped with a fire engine.

We needed a map to find our way around the Little America Hotel in Cheyenne, but managed to find the parking lot cruise-in that night which included a good looking white ‘57 MGA.

Ken called from Alabama to see if we were OK – there was a hurricane wandering around in the Atlantic. When Terry said we were in Wyoming he asked if that wasn’t overdoing the evacuation a bit. When we get out of town, we do it right!

Friday was meeting day for Terry so we took off. First stop was the historic Cheyenne Depot Museum. Built by the Union Pacific in 1886 on its main line, a cafeteria wing was added before dining cars were invented so passengers could get off the trains, eat, then resume their trips. That wing is now a brew pub with good beer! After learning all about it in the museum, we found “The



Cheyenne Depot Museum

Mighty Big Boy” no. 4004, one of 8 remaining of the world’s largest class of steam locomotives, in Holliday Park. To fit



Big Boy

around sharp bends in the mountains, the drive wheel trucks were articulated.

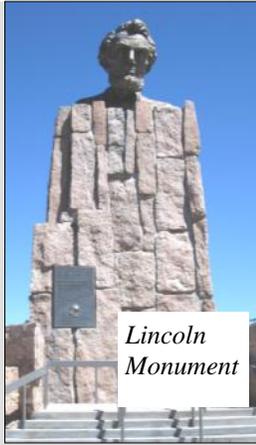
Next stop was the Governor’s Mansion, built in 1905 and featuring mod cons like central heat and indoor plumbing. Beautifully restored and furnished, it is still used for state functions, though a new residence for the governor was built in 1976.



1905 Gov Mansion

Since Richard Hall talks about “Somewhere west of Laramie,” we decided to see what it looked like and headed west on I-80 which sort of follows the old Lincoln Highway route thru the Sherman Mountains. In the median is a small limber pine tree that has been growing out of some rocks for a long time. The Union Pacific rails used to pass it and engineers would give it water. When the tracks were moved south, the rail bed became

a road – we could see remnants of concrete pavement in the fields as we drove – and later I-80 curved around it. We stopped at the highest point on I-80, 8640 feet, and looked at the Lincoln monument which used to reside at the highest point of the Lincoln Highway. The view was spectacular.



Lincoln Monument

Laramie was a nice town that contained the Laramie Plains Museum, housed in the historic 1893 Iverson Mansion which had seen life as a residence and girls high school before being abandoned in 1958 and then restored in 1972 by the Laramie Plains Museum Association. All 3 floors were open and furnished, making it a great tour. The west side of Laramie was more flat plains and it was getting late, so we turned around and followed the Lincoln Highway east out of town, finding the original summit at 8,835 feet a lonely, wind-swept place with another good view.

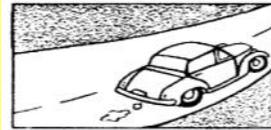


These guys are packing dinner into a milk can.

That evening we found out that a “milk can dinner” is a lot like frogmore stew – veggies, potatoes and meat boiled in a real milk can – and had the run of the Old West Museum in Cheyenne, looking at horse drawn vehicles, western art, artifacts and history. Out front was “Cheyenne or Bust”, a Model A that looked like Jed Clampett might have owned it, which was driven in the Frontier Days parade each year, complete with rented rooster. The program was a children’s signing (not singing, signing) choir. They danced and signed to many songs, picking out Hulon McCraw and Terry for special attention.



Show day was beautiful, dry and sunny. The cars were in tiered parking lots next to the host hotel and looked great. I got to visit with a red MGA and a TC, surprised to find so many Brits so far from home. Judging finished early, so we wandered thru downtown Cheyenne and had a pint at the Shadows Brewing Co. in the depot. Terry made many people happy at the awards banquet that night, and we flew home the next day. 3834 miles



DOWN THE ROAD

LOCAL

- March 5 ..TRAACA Swap Meet, Hickory Ruritan Club, Rt. 168**
- March 8**TRAACA Board Meeting (Priority Chevrolet)
- March 17**TRAACA Monthly Dinner Meeting and St. Patrick’s Day Party (Aberdeen Barn)
- March 26**TRAACA Square Car Tour
- April 16 – 17 ...**TRAACA Spring Tour
- April 21**TRAACA Monthly Dinner Meeting (Aberdeen Barn)
- May 5-7**Old Dominion Meet - Lynchburg, VA
- June 4**TRAACA tour to Knots Island Winery
- June 25**TRAACA Ice Cream Run
- July 16**TRAACA Judging School
- August 6**Virginia Beach Farmer’s Market Show n’ Shine
- August 26**Friday Night Social (TBD)
- August 27**TRAACA Annual Meet (Virginia Beach Airport)

REGIONAL

- March 26** Northern Neck Indoor Cars and Parts Swap Meet, Huglet Tavern – Rices Hotel, 73 Monument Pl. Heathsville, VA. Spaces call Bob Ward 804-462-3225 or email: wsevila@msn.com
- April 7-10**Southeastern Spring Meet - Charlotte
- May 5-7**Old Dominion Meet - Lynchburg, VA
- June 18** Richmond Region AACA Show and Swap Meet

NATIONAL

- April 17-22** AACA Founders Tour (FL)
- May 1-4**AACA Southeaster Divisional Tour (NC)
- May 19-21**AACA Eastern Spring Meet (VT)
- July 24-29**AACA Special Vintage Tour (PA)
- August 11-13**AACA Southeastern Fall Meet (TN)
- September 18-23 ..** AACA Glidden Tour (MD)

How long have you owned a car???

Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, MA.) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Pica-dilly P1 Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in '1928.

He drove it up until his death in 2009.....*at the age of 102 !!!*

He was the oldest living owner of a car from new.

He donated it to a Springfield museum after his death.

It has 170,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition. (83 years)





THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD

TRAACA ANNUAL SWAP MEET

By Neil Sugermeyer

Once again, it is nearing time for the annual TRAACA Swap Meet, which will be held on 5 March at the Hickory Ruritan building on South Battlefield Blvd, Route 168. Set up time for vendors begins about 6:45AM, and opens to the public around 8AM. It's a laid back event, intended to get your unwanted, unused, unnecessary automobile related stuff out of your garage and into someone else's.

This year, we have asked the Ruritan Club to handle the food so car people will be free to either sell, buy or just wander around looking and have a good time. As we did last year, TRAACA will have a bake sale table indoors to tempt you.

We do need club members willing to help make the Swap Meet successful. A few of us are needed Friday to set up the tables inside, and mark off spaces outside. More help is needed on show day to assist with vendor and public parking. If you can help for a couple of hours, please call Neil Sugermeyer to volunteer before he calls you. It does take some effort in this area to make the event a success. Terry Bond has promised to control the weather, which even with his necessary absence last year, he was able to do to perfection.

Inside spaces are sold out, but outside spaces are \$20.00 pre-registered, or \$25.00 day of show. Bring your own tables and chairs. Please restrict the items you bring for sale to things automotive. Yard sale items should be left at home.

BAKE SALE at the SWAP MEET

By Linda Pellerin

The bake sale was a big hit last year at our annual swap meet, it even paid the rent for the facility. Please one and all contribute bake goods again this year. Drop offs can be made the day of the flea market by 9:00am or at my house the day before. I also need some help manning the table. Please contact Linda Pellerin to sign up. See you there with cookies in hand!

March Dinner Meeting Wearin' O' the Green



Make sure to wear something green to the March Dinner Meeting – it's a Saint Patrick's Day party! We'll have games, quizzes, party favors, and Irish Music. Who can name cars built in Ireland? I know of at least two offhand, but you'll have to wait until the meeting to find out what they were. That's March 17th at the Aberdeen Barn, social hour at 6 and dinner at 7.



SQUARE CAR TOUR

By Ken Talley

This years Square Car Tour will be held on March 26 and we will meet at the Talley's at 9:30 for the "Traditional Coffee and Donuts". We will again travel the back roads of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach in order to reach our final destination "LUNCH"! at Angie's Family Restaurant. Members of the Cape Henry Model A Club are invited to join us again this year.

This year the City is working on the intersection of Mount Pleasant and Fentress Airfield Rd. The road is scheduled to be open by March 21. If not, the detour route will take you to the intersection of Centerville Turnpike and Mount Pleasant Rd. Here you will turn left onto Centerville Turnpike and continue to Whittermore and turn left at the Fire Station. Take Whittermore to its end and turn left onto Land Of Promise. When you cross the small bridge turn left onto Fentress Airfield Rd. Continue past Pocaty Rd. and take your next right onto Newland Rd.

I hope the detour will be over for our tour, but we never know what might delay progress. Before leaving home, you might want to give us a call (421-7534) to see if the road is open.

Don't miss this year's tour! We have found some back roads we are sure you have not traveled yet. Bring your old car or come in modern! Either way, don't miss out on the donuts, coffee and great fellowship!

Spring Tour

By Bill Wilcox



JOIN US! A spring tour is being planned for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 15, 16, 17, 2011 to Edenton, Plymouth, and Elizabeth

City, North Carolina by Dick Chipchak, Bill Wilcox, and Richard Hall. We plan to leave from the Wal-Mart off Dominion Blvd., Highway 17 S at 632 Grassfield Parkway on Friday, the 15th, at 8:45 AM for those who can be available that day. We'll tour Edenton and proceed to Plymouth late Friday afternoon. We will stay at the Holiday Inn Express, 840 US Hwy 64 West, Plymouth, NC. 252-793-4700. The rate is \$74.95 plus tax per night including breakfast. A block of rooms has been reserved for us for Friday and Saturday. The block rate will apply until March 20, 2011. **When you call for reservations tell them you are with the Tidewater Antique Car Club.**

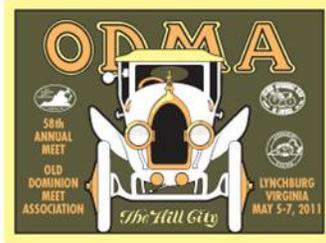
Those who can not include Friday will meet Richard and Sandy Hall on Saturday, the 16th, at the same Wal-Mart parking lot, same time, join us at our hotel, then tour Plymouth on Saturday and Elizabeth City on Sunday. Two good restaurants for dinner have been contacted and other arrangements are being finalized. We hope everyone can bring out the older antiques as this is a relatively close to home tour. Or drive modern. Just get out and enjoy SPRING! We found some country roads you probably have not been on before, and of course some Hershey's ice cream in case you've been deprived all winter. Registration forms will be available at the March dinner meeting and in the April Mud Flap. See you then! Dick, Bill and Richard

ODMA Meet 2011

By Sandy Hall

The Old Dominion Meet will be held in Lynchburg, Virginia on Saturday, May 7 at the Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center located at 2900 Candler's Mountain Road, Lynchburg, Virginia. There will be a tour of the Appomattox battlegrounds on Friday, May 6. The Hotel's phone number is 434-237-6333 and the website is <http://www.kirkleyhotel.com>.

Rooms are \$109.00 per night including a breakfast. The Kirkley Hotel and Conference Center is located at 2900 Candler's Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502. The Hotel phone number is 434-237-6333. Be sure to tell them you will be there for the ODMA car show. The hotel is an older hotel but has been under renovation for a year. They showed us the guest rooms and both Barbara Talley and I were pleased with the renovations. Hope to see you in Lynchburg in May.



TRAACA 38th Annual Meet Two Great Shows in One!

TRAACA's 38th Annual Meet is going to be a dual affair – two separate car shows that will provide the maximum opportunity for auto enthusiasts to show off their vehicles. PRESERVING THE PAST will feature unmodified antique and special interest vehicles 25 years and older, with AACA-style class judging. MODS AND RODS will showcase customized vehicles of all types and ages, with division judging. Jere and Carol Avenson are providing Registration management, serving as the primary contact point for all participants. The TRAACA Annual Meet at the Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum is a Wings and Wheels event that is fast becoming one of the best car shows around. Mark your calendar for August 27th. Registration information and forms are available on the TRAACA web site at www.aaca.org/tidewater. Get your registration in early and save \$5!

THE HUMOR SECTION



CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

THEY WALK AMONG US

My friends and I were on a beer run and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought 2 cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20% discount.

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area, so I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?"

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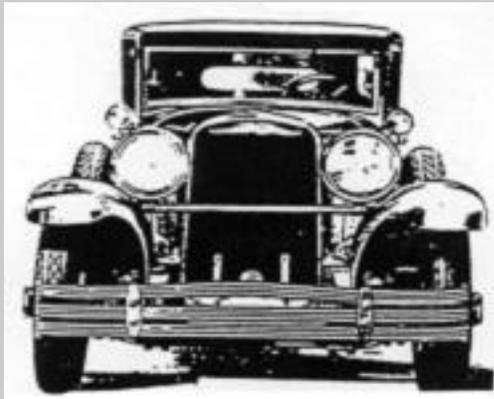
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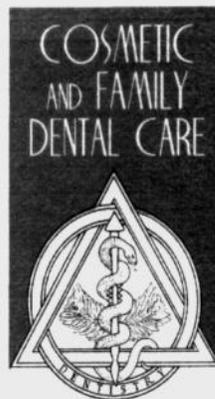
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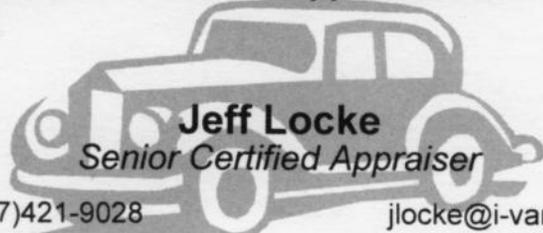
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