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TRAACA *Spring Fling Tour* Hatteras, North Carolina Friday-Sunday, April 15-17, 2016

This year's TRAACA *Spring Fling Tour* is to the North Carolina Outer Banks. There are so many things to do that the tour will be 3-days long starting on Friday, April 15th. Don't worry if you are unable to make it Friday morning—you can join the group on Friday evening or Saturday.

The group will depart at 9:00 AM on Friday, 15 April, from the Border Station in Moyock, NC. There will be a stop at Jockey's Ridge State Park for a presentation from a North Carolina Park Ranger, then it's on to lunch, followed by the Ft. Raleigh National Park, Roanoke Island Festival Park, and the Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo. After checking into your hotel, cocktails and dinner will be at the Blue Water Grill & Raw Bar on the Nag's Head-to-Manteo Causeway.

On Saturday, 16 April, the group will depart at 9:30 AM for the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, followed by lunch, a visit to the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, and an ice cream stop. The group will return to

Manteo to freshen up before dinner at Strippers Bar & Grille Restaurant. After dinner, the Outer Banks History Center will give a presentation on the history & culture of coastal North Carolina.

On Sunday, after checking out of the hotel, the group will drive to Corolla, NC, to experience the coastal woods and explore the Wild Horse Habitat. Or enjoy the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge in Manteo and explore the habitat of endangered red wolves.

To complete the weekend, fellow TRAACA members Rad & Margie Tillett have invited the group to lunch at their home in Kitty Hawk, NC. After lunch everyone can return home at their leisure.

See the club website for more details, information about available hotels, and the registration form for the various planned activities. Contact Ken Talley (757-421-7534) or Bill Wilcox (757-340-1612) immediately if you plan on joining the tour—the registration cutoff was 1 April.



CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS—Linda Pellerin with her and Bob's 1938 Standard Flying 10. Read the story on Page 14.



TRAACA CALENDAR

Check local.aaca.org/tidewater for the latest info on upcoming events!

APRIL 2016

- 6 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Wednesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 15- TRAACA *Spring Fling Tour*
17 Hatteras, NC
- 21 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 29- ODMA 63rd Annual Meet
30 Martinsville, VA

MAY 2016

- 3 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Tuesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 14 TRAACA Square Car Tour
(route to be determined)
- 19 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 21 TRAACA Special Tour
(location & route TBD)
- 30 TRAACA Memorial Day
Picnic & Car Show at
Westminster-Canterbury
Virginia Beach, VA
— NOTE CHANGE IN DATE —

JUNE 2016

- 1 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Wednesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 16 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 25 TRAACA Special Tour
(location & route TBD)

JULY 2016

- 5 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Tuesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

From the Driver's Seat

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You might notice that the Board Meeting Minutes, normally on the facing page, are absent this month. It is important that the Minutes, published here in *The Mudflap*, be the official Minutes that have been approved by the Board. Draft Minutes were routinely printed; the review and approval process will now cause a one month delay in the publishing of the Minutes.

I invite all interested members to attend our monthly Board meetings, and I would like to assure everyone that any time-sensitive information discussed in the meeting and covered in the Minutes will be published early in *The Mudflap*, either in my column, the editor's column, or in an article on future events. I will also mention that our club records are open to all members. If you are interested in any of the reports or information presented to the Board, please contact me and I will make the information available. This is your club; you are welcome to become involved.

The 2016 TRAACA Roster is current being distributed. The electronic version was distributed by e-mail and a paper version will be available at the dinner meetings. If you did not receive a roster or would like a paper version of it, let me know and I'll mail you a copy. While reading the roster, remember that the information comes directly from the membership form. Please help us by providing the most current and accurate information on your next membership renewal form.

We moved our annual Swap Meet to the Military Aviation Museum this year and it was a successful first year at this new location. Everyone was pleased with the space, parking, number of vendors, and number of "customers." My thanks to everyone

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who contributed to this very successful event.

Our activity calendar is now moving into the busy part of the season. ACA National Meets and Tours have begun as several members missed our St Patrick's Day dinner meeting to attend the Naples Meet. April brings the "Spring Fling" Tour to Cape Hatteras, NC, with tours of several interesting and historic places. The Old Dominion Meet in Martinsville, VA, follows later in April and should provide an insight into a part of Virginia that we rarely visit.

One last thought is to open your garage and drive. Spring is the perfect time for an old car drive on rural roads or even to visit the mall or a big box store. Just do it!

So much to do, so little time. Let's have fun: it's an old car kind of day!

Jim



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EDITOR'S NOTE: The March Board Meeting minutes were not available by publication time of the April issue of the newsletter and will be published in the May issue of *The Mudflap*. If you would like a copy of the minutes before then, please contact TRAACA President Jim Villers.



AACA Youth Scholarships

By Earl Mowrey, AACA VP of Youth Development
(Reprinted from the Fall 2015 AACA *Rummage Box*)



If you have children or grandchildren nearing college age and need money to make this happen, this article is for you! The AACA has three programs with the full details and forms under the “Junior AACA” tab on the AACA website (www.aaca.org). These cash awards are available to any AACA member, child or grandchild of an active AACA member in good standing for at least five years.

The AACA Automotive Technology Scholarship is a cash award to a student currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning leading to a degree in antique automotive technology and/or restoration. [Nominations will be accepted from any faculty member from the school or university the applicant is attending.]

The AACA Young People’s Award. The applicant must be nominated by a Region or Chapter of AACA. This is a cash award for a child or grandchild who has been accepted or is enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning—either a four-year college leading to a Bachelor’s degree or a two-year vocational program leading to a degree. Applicants must be no more than 25 years old.

The AACA Scholarship is an award to any AACA member, child or grandchild who has been accepted or is enrolled into an accredited institution of higher learning—either a four-year college leading to a Bachelor’s degree or a two-year vocational program leading to a degree. Applicants must be no more than 25 years old.

Apply now! Applications are due to AACA National Headquarters by December 1st.

Attention Judges Attending the AACA Special Meet in Auburn, Indiana—May 5-7, 2016!

You are invited to attend a two-hour concert Friday night of the meet, tentatively scheduled for 6:30 PM at the Auctions America facility, featuring the former house band for the House of Blues in Chicago: the 8-piece band known as the *Bluz Brothers*. An open bar, courtesy of Auctions America, will be provided. This is another great reason to attend this meet. Registered meet participants and judges receive free passes to the auction as well. If you wish to attend the concert, please e-mail judge@aaca.org and specify whether you need one or two passes.



The TRAACA contingent at lunch with Robbie & Bobby Colliers, owners of Collier AMC dealership. Read the story on Pages 6-7.



TRAACA & HVPRAACA

Bruton Parrish Church Concert

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Story by Matt Doscher. Photos by Matt Doscher & Leslie Scarpelli.

Members of the Tidewater Region (TRAACA) and the Historic Virginia Peninsula Region AACA (HVPR) were treated to a special musical medley on Saturday, March 5, 2016, inside the Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg. Organized by HVPR member Dan Barnard and HVPR/TRAACA member Tony Scarpelli, TRAACA and HVPR members had the opportunity to bring out their old cars and park them in front of the church for some unique pictures. Duke of Gloucester Street is normally closed to vehicle traffic, but an exception was made so that the old cars could complement the historic church.

Inside the church, Musical Director Rebecca Davy, daughter Tara Davy, and Williamsburg United Methodist Church Musical Director Thomas Marshall treated those in attendance to some classic organ and harpsichord music selections, and Tara Davy sang soprano to a few select pieces from the likes of Bach, Handel, and Sartori.

Bruton Parish Church stands in the heart of Williamsburg. Its history stretches back to 1674 when several nearby parishes merged to form Bruton Parish. A brick church, erected in 1683, served the parish until after Williamsburg became the colonial capital in 1699. In

1715 a new cruciform structure became the elegant eighteenth-century Anglican “court” church, which later received additions such as the enlarged chancel, the churchyard wall, an organ, the Tarpley Bell (known as Virginia’s Liberty Bell), and a new steeple. Bruton Parish Church was the place where some of our Founding Fathers such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Patrick Henry, while members of the Virginia House of Burgesses, could draw strength and solace as the colonial quest for independence accelerated.

After the Revolutionary War and the disestablishment of the official Anglican Church, Bruton’s fortunes suffered like those of all the churches of the new Episcopal denomination. During the nineteenth century the building deteriorated and membership dwindled. During the Civil War it was used as a hospital for Confederate soldiers.

A partial restoration to the structure began in 1905 and culminated two years later with the presentation of a bible from King Edward VII and a bronze lectern by President Theodore Roosevelt. The lectern is still in use today. The major restoration of the church in 1939-1940 resulted in the beautiful church we enjoy today.



Classic vehicles from the TRAACA & HVPR AACA arriving outside the Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

Bruton's vital ministry to over 500 families attests to the timelessness of its continuing message, calling people to worship just as it has done since colonial times. The church holds free candlelight concerts of instrumental and choral music, featuring the Bruton Parish organist, choir, and visiting musicians from around the world, for its parishioners and the public every Saturday evening at 8:00 PM, on most Tuesdays and Thursdays from March to December, and occasionally on other days such as the concert our group attended. (Check the church's website for the current concert schedule: www.brutonparish.org.)

TRAACA members who attended the concert included Keith Colonna with his 1959 Lincoln Capri, Matt & Vickie Doscher in their 1965 Mercury Comet Caliente convertible, Jim & Donna Elliott with their "new" 1978

Cadillac Eldorado, Patrizia Ludovici with her & Alfonso's 1956 DeSoto Fireflight (Alfonso is still in Italy), Bob & Dot Parrish in their 1978 Chevrolet Corvette, Tony & Leslie Scarpelli in their 1956 Chrysler New Yorker, and Ken Talley and Bill Wilcox, who carpooled together in a modern vehicle. After enjoying the concert, many members went to Sal's by Victor Italian Restaurant in Williamsburg for a delicious Italian dinner—a nice ending to an enjoyable day.



HVPR AACA vehicles outside the Bruton Parish Church



Patrizia Ludovici's 1956 DeSoto & Keith Colonna's 1959 Lincoln



Members of the TRAACA & HVPR AACA inside the Bruton Parish Church before the concert—note the organ pipes in the background



Collier AMC Dealership Tour

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

On Saturday, March 6th, a group of ten TRAACA members ventured down to Pikeville, NC, to visit the Collier American Motors Corporation (AMC) dealership. Although AMC is no longer in business, the Collier dealership still sells new (relatively speaking) and used automobiles and automobile parts.

Robert (Bobby) Collier started the AMC dealership in 1955. In 1979 AMC was partially bought by Renault, but apparently Bobby only wanted to carry AMC cars that were designed & built in the United States. He continued to sell AMC vehicles he had on the lot and parts even after Chrysler Corporation purchased and dissolved AMC in 1987. To this day, although in his 80s, Bobby maintains his license to sell automobiles at the dealership and works there along with help from his son, Robbie Collier.

Fellow TRAACA member Wayne Milligan learned about the dealership when it was featured on an episode of the television show *American Pickers*. Wayne contacted Robbie and arranged for the club to tour the dealership. So we caravanned down backroads from Chesapeake, VA, arriving in Pikeville, NC, late Saturday morning.

Robbie and Bobby met us at the dealership to give us a tour of the grounds. There is approximately five acres of fenced property with over one hundred automobiles. Most of the vehicles were AMC cars and trucks, but there were also vehicles of other automobile makers such as General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, etc. Unfortunately, the vehicles have been stored outdoors for so long that there are trees and plants growing around and, in some cases, through them. Most of the autos have sunk up to their axles in dirt and are in various stages of deterioration due to years of exposure to the elements. Thankfully, we were there in early spring when the plants were still mostly dormant. Had we been there in the summer, most of the vehicles

would not be very visible and the grounds would probably be crawling with snakes, mice, etc.

We enjoyed the many stories that Bobby and Robbie shared with us about the history of the dealership and some of the more memorable vehicles. For example, inside the service area was Barry Goldwater's 1969 AMX. (For our younger members: Barry Goldwater was a U.S. Senator from Arizona and the Republican presidential candidate in 1964.) The car was originally outside, but was moved inside and its original trunk was removed and set aside because people were stealing the badges attached to it. The 1950 Nash Airflyte from the 1991 movie *The Marrying Man*, starring Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger, was outside in the yard. There was also a "brand new" 1970 AMX in the showroom that now has extensive damage caused from the ceiling in the showroom leaking and partially caving-in on it.

Most of the remaining AMC signs and memorabilia we asked about were not for sale, but the Colliers were persuaded to part with a couple of items: club members purchased an "AMX at Monte Carlo" poster and a new original stock (NOS) grille for a 1970 AMX.

After the tour, Bobby and Robbie joined us for lunch at a local restaurant—Parker's Barbecue. We enjoyed the opportunity to taste some delicious local flare and to hear more stories from the Colliers. The Colliers were great hosts & very personable. Our group welcomes the chance to return to the dealership in the future, especially if more purchases (vehicles?) can be made. (Several members were eyeing some of the cars they saw at the dealership.)

TRAACA members who made the trip were John & Lynn Heimerl, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Wayne & Carol Milligan, Tom Norris & Missy Hespenshide, Wes Neal, and Neil Sugermeier.



Collier Motors AMC Dealership in Pikeville, North Carolina



TRAACA group is greeted by Robbie & Bobby Collier (far right)



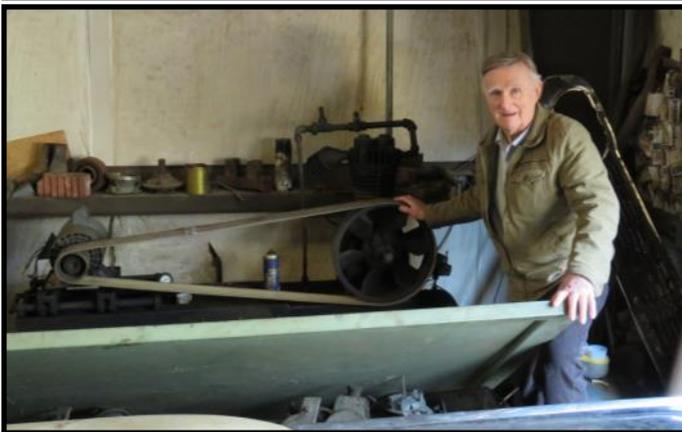
Neil Sugermeyer & Wes Neal find hidden treasure



The reclusive movie star—a 1950 Nash Airflyte hiding in Pikeville



Bobby Collier showing Wayne Milligan Barry Goldwater's AMX



Bobby Collier shows us & runs the vintage compressor he rebuilt



TRAACA members examining authentic details on an AMC Pacer



A new 1970 AMX in the showroom—still waiting for its new owner



John Heimerl (with AMX grille), Wayne Milligan, and Tom Norris



TRAACA Annual Swap Meet

Saturday, March 12, 2016

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

On Saturday, March 12, 2016, the TRAACA held its annual swap meet at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach, VA. Despite the change in the location and date (one week later than usual) this year, many vendors and spectators managed to follow us to Pungo and made the swap meet a success.

Thank goodness the weather gods responded favorably to Terry Bond's request for good weather again this year. The grass and paved areas outside were dry, so no people, cars, or merchandise were lost in any mud.

There were numerous vendors—both veterans and some new ones—both indoors and outside at the swap meet, and a good flow of shoppers starting in the early morning and continuing throughout the afternoon. Sales at the swap meet appeared strong with many happy shoppers leaving with great deals and vendors leaving with fewer items than they came with. The vendors seemed pleased with their sales and the swap meet's new location this year.

Donut and coffee sales in the morning brought a small profit. The bake sale table offered a variety of delicious,

homemade, baked goods, which also earned the club some extra money. And sales of club merchandise were brisk at the club store table.

Our Swap Meet, like all TRAACA activities, would not have been possible without the efforts of many people. Thank you to all the TRAACA members who volunteered to help at the swap meet with the planning, registration, laying out the vendor spots, set up and knock down of the event, donating baked goods, helping at the bake sale table, working the membership table and club store, or cleaning up. The club also thanks the museum staff and volunteers for their assistance. (Moving those planes out of the hangar isn't easy.) And a special thank you goes out to the major organizers of the Swap Meet—Terry Bond and Neil Sugermeyer—for all their efforts!

We're soliciting feedback on how this year's Swap Meet went and suggestions on how we can continue to improve it next year. Please provide your comments and suggestions to Terry, Neil, or Jim Villers, especially what you thought of our new venue and the later date.



Part of the outside vendor area at the TRAACA Swap Meet



Vintage warbirds outside the Military Aviation Museum



(L-R) Jim Villers, Wayne Milligan, Bill Treadwell at Registration



(L-R) Dot Parrish & Leslie Scarpelli at the bake sale table



(L-R) Mickey McChesney & Tony Scarpelli in the Navy Hangar



1963 Anglia Super 1200 spotted in spectator parking



Alan & Laurel Swensons' 1958 Morris Minor 1000



Vickie Doscher trying to sell things faster than Matt can buy them



Frank Lagana thinning out his collection



Marty, Neil, and Johnny Sugermeyer (Neil is on the right)



Jane & Larry Cutright



(L-R) Justyn Bower, Jeff Locke and Viator Trudeau



Still Collecting Stuff — Radiator Emblems

By Terry Bond

This is another of my “sort of” collections. I dabble with radiator emblems. My goal has been to find one or two decent ones at Hershey each year. It doesn’t always work that way, but over the years I’ve managed to find a few that I’m proud of.

I can remember pulling some emblems off of junk cars as a child, long before I ever seriously got excited about antique autos at all. That was the best source for many early beginning collectors.

The most beautiful of them are the enameled emblems with beautifully colored porcelain/ceramic inserts depicting the car manufacturer’s logo.



French Brasier Automobiles (1905-1930/31)

I’m not sure when the first of these appeared. Several collectors seem to feel the beginning was with the French-built Brasier in 1905.

The earliest and rarest emblems are, of course, the most valuable, but there are a lot of more common and still beautiful emblems to collect before you need to spend

thousands on an item with only a few examples known to exist. Most common emblems like Buick, Chevrolet, Ford, Maxwell, etc., can be found in nice condition for around \$25. There are many varieties of each as they varied between years and even models of a car within the same production year.

Beware—emblems have been widely reproduced either as collector’s items or for use during the restoration of a vehicle. An original will (or should) retain its mounting studs, although



Dagmar (1922-1927) radiator emblem

some collectors grind them off and solder on a screw so they can be more easily mounted for display. Still, there will be some evidence of the original mounting hardware, or at least some indication the emblem had at one time been attached to the car in a fairly substantial way. About 90% of original emblems also

carry the name of the company that made the emblem. Whitehead & Hoag was a prolific manufacturer of auto emblems.

Beware if you are offered so called “NOS” emblems. Few are known to exist. One exception, however, is the emblem for a rare car built in Hagerstown, MD—the Dagmar (by the Crawford Automobile Company). Years ago, a quantity of never-used emblems was discovered, and for a long time now they have been showing up on EBay, in antique shops, and in the flea market at Hershey. They are actually quite common, and there are certainly more Dagmar emblems around today than there are Dagmar cars.

The base material on most early emblems was generally copper or brass that was nickel or gold plated. Later, chrome was introduced. Originals will be finely detailed with sharp edges and high quality enameling. I like to use the term “crisp” to describe the quality of old originals. Cracked or broken-out pieces of the porcelain greatly devalue a piece, although they are restorable—but it ain’t cheap!

This is a good picture of the backside of an original early Buick emblem showing the round “button” that was designed to “pop” into a hole on the radiator shell. This was one of the most common forms of mounting them for cars of the mid-1910s through the 1930s.



The backside of an original Buick emblem

Coloring will be “off” on reproduction emblems, especially those that should be dark blue or cobalt. The blue will seem a little washed out, but unless you know more than the average collector, it’s too easy to be fooled by a fake. That’s why I prefer mine to have a little “patina” on them.

One of my absolute favorites is the Rickenbacker emblem. The “hat-in-the-ring” emblem is quite distinctive and very well done. There are enough of them around that it shouldn’t break the bank to acquire one, but be aware that they have been reproduced, so watch the backside for signs that it is proper.



Rickenbacker Motor Company (1922-1927) radiator emblem

Another favorite is the emblem for the Saxon automobile. This beautifully enameled emblem shows tremendous detail and is a fine example of the artistry of early enamellers. You can



Saxon Motor Car Co. radiator emblem



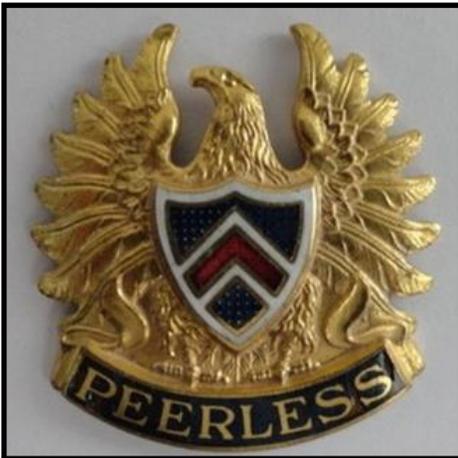
Auburn Beauty-Six emblem

expect to pay over \$100 for a nice example. Although it is common, it's still very desirable among collectors.

I have included photographs of a few more emblems that I'm sure you will agree are very attractive, and, best

of all, these are not among the most expensive emblems around.

A recent acquisition from this year's Hershey swap meet is a beautiful Cole emblem. I managed to catch a vendor just opening up and he had a large framed board of emblems—an entire collection that at first he didn't want to break up. Many of the emblems were common and in poor condition, but after a little talking, I purchased six of the best of them for \$200. That made up for the years when I didn't find anything.



Peerless Motor Company (1900-1931)

There are many clever ways to mount emblems for display, but as my fellow automobilia collector Andy Ott always advises—do no harm.

It doesn't take many emblems to create a handsome display for your den or garage. Nicely placed into a picture

frame or shadow box, you can easily produce a wonderful display that might even be okay in the house. Remember, three or more is a collection, so don't worry about trying to find hundreds before you begin enjoying them.

Over the years I've become great friends with a young man who owns one of the most comprehensive automobile emblem collections in the world. He and his father come to Hershey every year from England, and for years they have been amassing emblems from all over the world. It's always a pleasure to spend time with them talking about their latest discoveries, the hobby in general, or catching up on the latest news in our lives.

So what is the rarest emblem? Well, it has to be the *WERBELL!* I'd never heard of it either until we met the family

in Glasgow, Scotland, years ago who had set out to build the car. It was named after the three brothers who were working on the project together: William, Edward, and Robert Bell. Although much of the car was to be assembled, there were many unique components produced right in Glasgow. One prototype was allegedly produced and one was constructed for the family's use, but World War I brought a fast halt to their plans. All that remained of any of it was a radiator emblem, retained by the family. It was a beautiful white enamel background with a green shamrock on it. Each of the leaves of the shamrock bore the first initial of each of the three brothers—"W. E. R."—and across the bottom of the emblem was the word "BELL." Thus, the name "Werbell." This emblem must have been the only one of its kind. Sadly, I don't have a photograph, but at one time I held it in my hand.

Such is the joy of collecting—the stories behind the objects and what they represent, and, of course, the friendships that come with the hobby. If you'd like to do a little research, there are some great resources on the web:

<http://www.radiatorembles.com/> is a great place to begin.

<http://collections.thehenryford.org/Collection.aspx?keywords=%22Radiator%20emblems%22>

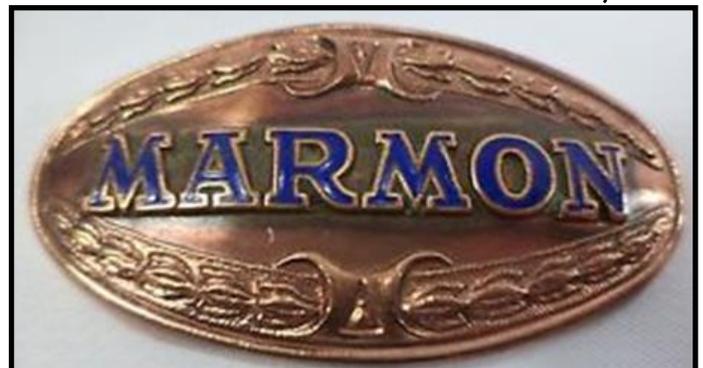
will lead you to the Henry Ford Museum collection with lots of detailed info.

Enjoy your collecting, and I hope you enjoy the photographs.

Terry



Maxwell Motor Co. (1904-1925)



Marmon Motor Car Company (1902-1933)



REO Motor Car Co. (1905-1975)



Cole Motor Car Co. (1909-1925)



Moon Motor Car Company (1905-1930)



Blackwater Engines Tour

Saturday, March 26, 2016

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

On Saturday March 26th, forty TRAACA members visited Blackwater Engines in Virginia Beach, VA, for a tour of the facility. CEO of Blackwater Engines Craig Talley (son of TRAACA member Ken Talley) graciously opened the shop on a Saturday and arranged for the club members to observe the interesting and exacting process of remanufacturing diesel engines.

Blackwater Engines remanufactures medium-duty diesel engines for truck, marine, industrial and agricultural applications. They proudly advertise that they “replace, not repair, damaged cranks, blocks and cylinder heads.”

It was fascinating and entertaining to observe the steps the engines are put through during the remanufacturing process. Technicians walked us through the various steps of cleaning, media blasting, identifying possible cracks, honing cylinders, milling heads, etc. The entire process required meticulous care. It was very interesting to watch the machines cutting or polishing surfaces to several millionths of an inch. The team at Blackwater Engines did an excellent job explaining the different procedures.

After the shop tour, the group proceeded to the nearby *Cheeseburger in Paradise Bar & Grill* for lunch. The

restaurant staff did an excellent job keeping the orders straight and getting the food out in a timely manner. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and no one left hungry. After lunch the group split up to enjoy the rest of the weekend.

The club extends a big thank you to Ken Talley for arranging the tour (complete with donuts & coffee) and lunch. And also a big thank you to Craig Talley and the rest of the Blackwater Engines’ team—Allan, Becky, Darryl, Dave, Jared, Matt, and, of course, four-legged Zoey, for sacrificing their Saturday for the TRAACA.

TRAACA club members present included Jerry & Ellen Adams, Jere Avenson, Riley Best, Terry & Sue Bond, Dick Chipchak, David Curl, Scott Davies, Matt & Vickie Doscher, John & Marie Gancel, CE & Annette Gardner, Chris Harris-Evans, Sam Kern, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Mickey & Toni McChesney, Dana & Debbie Meadows, Wes Neal, Bob & Dot Parrish, Skip Patnode, Tony Scarpelli, Bob Stein, Neil & Marty Sugermeyer, Ken & Barbara Talley, Bill Treadwell, Viator Trudeau, Jim Villers, Bob & Jane Ward, Bill Wilcox, and James & Becky Woodall.



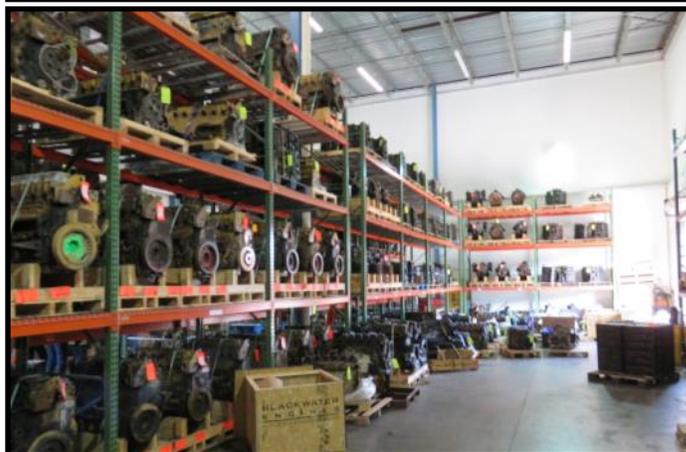
Craig Talley welcoming the TRAACA to Blackwater Engines



Matt demonstrating the automated cylinder-honing machine



CFO Allan shows members cracked blocks, heads and crankshafts



Diesel engines in line to be remanufactured at Blackwater Engines



AACA Winter Meet Naples, FL



Thursday-Saturday, March 16-19, 2016

Story by Bob Parrish. Photos by Dot Parrish and the Naples-Marco Island Region.

The AACA Winter Meet was held on March 16-19, 2016, at the Lorenzo Walker Technical College in Naples, Florida. The host region—the Naples-Marco Island Region—had plenty of activities for AACA members to enjoy, including a trolley ride through all of Naples to see the beach resorts, marinas, upscale homes and condos.

Also on the agenda was the Revs Institute for Automotive Research. The institute is a not-for-profit organization with one of the largest archives of automotive history. It also is the home of the Collier Collection of over one hundred historical race cars and other antique vehicles built between 1896 and 1995. All of the cars were beautifully displayed and all had some significance to racing or rarity.

There was a dinner cruise on the *Naples Princess* that cruised the shores of Naples Bay, Port Royal, and Royal Harbor. Along Port Royal and Royal Harbor you could view rows of fifty-million dollar plus homes with multi-million dollar yachts docked in front of the homes. The cruise entered the Gulf of Mexico, where we enjoyed a gorgeous sun setting over the water.

Fellow TRAACA members Darlene and Mike Brown live on nearby Marco Island during the winter months. They picked us up and gave us a tour of Marco Island and the Isle of Capri. We had dinner at a local dockside seafood restaurant, the *Snook Inn Restaurant & Chickee Bar*. It was really good.

The show on Saturday had 231 cars registered, and it was the first time I got to present the dash plaques to all the participants as AACA National President. This was a real neat experience. One of the Naples-Marco Island Region volunteers was there with me to help with traffic control, which turned out to be another great experience for me. The gentleman had retired from General Motors Styling 18 years ago and had worked for Bill Mitchell. He had some very interesting stories about his career and how some of our favorite car designs were created.

The weather was threatening on the morning of the show, but it turned out to be a very nice day for the Meet. I was on a team to select the first candidates for the new AACA Zenith Award (for the top restoration of the year).

As usual, at national meets you find some very nice and some unusual cars including a 1974 Fascination. (Only five of these were built. The owners of this car—#2—are Keith & Eileen Carpenter, and they own 3 of the 5 cars.) The Naples-Marco Island Region members were very welcoming and a good time was had by all the attendees.

TRAACA members attending the Meet, besides Dot & myself, were Susan & Terry Bond, Darlene & Mike Brown, and Donna & Jim Elliott.



Sunset on Naples Bay seen on the Naples Princess dinner cruise



1936 Ford 4-door convertible sedan



1953 Kaiser Dragon



1975 Excalibur Series III Phaeton

Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars

Bob & Linda Pellerin & their 1938 Standard Flying 10

Story as told to Matt Doscher. Photos by Matt Doscher.



Bob & Linda Pellerins' 1938 Standard Flying 10

Standard Motor Company was founded in Coventry, England in 1903 by Reginald Walter Maudslay. Standard Motors purchased Triumph in 1945 and in 1959 officially changed its name to Standard-Triumph International. The company was bought by Leyland Motors in 1960, and the last Standard was produced in the United Kingdom in 1963, but Triumph production continued. Triumph's and Leyland's history after that is a story for another time.

Bob Pellerin purchased his 1938 Standard Flying 10 in 1998 for \$500 from a gentleman who was a pilot in the United States Air Force. The pilot had recently returned to the States from an overseas assignment in the United Kingdom and had the car shipped to him upon his return. Having previously owned a Panhard and a Citroën, Bob has always appreciated early-era European cars, especially pre-war British cars with their unique styling.

The 1938 Standard Flying 10 is a small, 4-door car with a 10-HP (hence the "10" in its name), 1,267cc, 4-cylinder engine. The "Flying" description comes from the car's aerodynamic front end sporting a chromed, waterfall-like grille and fastback-styled boot ("trunk" for us Americans). It has a wheelbase of 7' 6" and overall length of 12' 8".

In 2008 Bob decided to restore his Standard and asked former TRAACA member Bob Flora if he would restore the car. Bob Flora took on the task of restoring the car and had the car totally disassembled and in pieces upon his untimely and unfortunate death. With the Standard disassembled and in boxes in Bob Flora's garage, Bob Pellerin didn't know what to do and had trouble finding all the boxes of parts by himself. Bob enlisted the help of Bob Stein, who seemed to have a knack for knowing just where to look as he immediately knew where to go in Bob Flora's garage to locate the missing boxes of parts. Bob Pellerin then took the car shell and numerous boxes of parts over to Dan Short at FantomWorks in Norfolk to

complete the restoration.

At FantomWorks, the car was stripped and painted in its original color of black, and the original fawn-colored interior was completely refurbished by Paul's Custom Interiors (owned by TRAACA member Paul Cho) in favor of an eye-pleasing tan color. The 1.3L engine was freshened and painted, the gearbox tightened, the 12V electrical system checked and repaired where necessary, and the dash and gauges received a much-needed facelift. Some of the very hard-to-find parts required a trip to the United Kingdom to the famous Auto Jumble flea market to complete the car's restoration. The restoration was completed in 2008. In 2010 Bob and Linda's Standard was awarded a much-deserved AACA First Junior Award at the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet in Blacksburg, VA.

Bob and Linda hope to take their Standard to the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet in New Bern, NC, in August to compete for an AACA Senior Award.



The restored interior of the Flying 10



The Standard Flying 10's mighty 1.3L engine

Movie Car Quiz—Part 1

(Cars in movies released in 1975 or earlier)

By Mark McAlpine

Automobiles have played key roles in many movies. In some movies, the car or truck was the star (at least to car lovers like us), while in others it was a supporting character, and in some it was just a background prop. Let's test your memory and see how many movie cars you can remember. One caveat: some cars had "stand-ins" that were different model years and in some cases even the experts can't agree to the model year. In those cases we're not going to quibble over the years—give yourself credit if you get the make & model right even if you have the wrong year. (The answers are at the bottom of the page.)

- 1) What kind of limousine did forgotten silent screen star Norma Desmond (Gloria Swanson) own in the 1950 movie *Sunset Boulevard*?
- 2) What were the two makes of cars raced in the London-to-Brighton Veteran Car Run by the main characters in the 1953 movie *Genevieve*?
- 3) What kind of car did Desi Arnez & Lucille Ball drive in the 1954 movie *The Long, Long Trailer*?
- 4) What kind of car did James Dean drag race in the 1955 movie *Rebel without a Cause*?
- 5) What kind of car did Sean Connery drive in the 1964 movie *Goldfinger*?
- 6) What are the names of the two cars raced from New York to Paris by Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon in the 1965 movie *The Great Race*?
- 7) What kind of car did Elvis race in the 1966 movie *Spin Out*?
- 8) What kind of car did Dustin Hoffman (as Ben Braddock—coo coo ca-choo, Mrs. Robinson!) drive in the 1967 movie *The Graduate*?
- 9) What kinds of cars did Steve McQueen and the bad guys race through the streets of San Francisco in the 1968 movie *Bullitt*?
- 10) What kind of car was "Herbie" in the 1969 Disney movie *The Love Bug*?
- 11) What kind of car did Sean Connery race through the streets of Las Vegas in the 1971 movie *Diamonds are Forever*?
- 12) What kind of car did Gene Hackman race through the streets of Brooklyn in the 1971 movie *The French Connection*?
- 13) What kind of car did Kowalski (Barry Newman) drive cross-country in the 1971 movie *Vanishing Point*?
- 14) What kind of car is Sonny Corleone driving when he is machine-gunned to death at a toll booth in the 1972 movie *The Godfather*?
- 15) What kind of car did Steve (Ron Howard) loan to "Toad" (Charles Martin Smith) and is later stolen in the 1973 movie *American Graffiti*?
- 16) What kind of car did Curt (Richard Dreyfus) drive in *American Graffiti*?
- 17) What kind of car did Steve's girlfriend Laurie (Cindy Williams) drive in *American Graffiti*?
- 18) What kind of car did Christopher Lee (as the villain Scaramanga) drive to escape from James Bond in the 1974 movie *The Man With the Golden Gun*?
- 19) What kind of car was "Eleanor" in the 1974 movie *Gone with the Wind*?
- 20) What kind of car did John Wayne drive in the 1974 movie *McQ*?



AACA Calendar of Events

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

APRIL 2016

7-10 Southeastern Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC

MAY 2016

5-7 Special Spring Meet
Auburn, IN

19-21 Eastern Spring Meet
Vineland, NJ

JUNE 2016

2-4 Annual Grand National Meet
Williamsport, PA

10-12 The Elegance at Hershey
Hershey, PA

12-17 The Sentimental Tour
Salisbury, NC

JULY 2016

14-16 Central Spring Meet
North Mankato, MN

17-21 Founders Tour
Huntington, PA

31- Eastern Division Tour
3 Aug Richmond, VA

AUGUST 2016

11-13 Southeastern Fall Meet
New Bern, NC

SEPTEMBER 2016

1-3 Western Fall Meet
Cheyenne, WY

11-16 AAA Revival Glidden Tour
North Conway, NH

OCTOBER 2016

5-8 Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA

20-22 Central Fall Meet
Galveston, TX

NOVEMBER 2016

5-11 Reliability Tour (Pre-1916)
Savannah, GA

FEBRUARY 2017

9-11 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

APRIL 2017

6-9 Southeastern Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC

ANSWER: 1) 1929 Isotta Fraschini; 2) Genevieve was a 1904 Darracq; the other car was a 1905 Spyker; 3) 1953 Mercury Monterey; 4) 1949 Mercury Series 9CM coupe; 5) 1964 Aston Martin DB5; 6) Tony Curtis drove "The Leslie Special" & Jack Lemmon drove the "Hannibal Twin-8"; 7) 1965 Shelby Cobra 427; 8) 1966 Alfa Romeo Spider 1600; 9) Steve McQueen drove a 1968 Ford Mustang GT 390 fastback & the bad guys drove a 1968 Dodge Charger; 10) 1963 VW Beetle (some other 1961-1965 VWs were modified to look like a 1963 and used in some scenes); 11) 1971 Ford Mustang Mach 1; 12) 1971 Pontiac LeMans; 13) 1971 Dodge Challenger R/T; 14) 1941 Lincoln Continental; 15) 1958 Chevrolet Impala; 16) 1967 Citroen 2CV (out of place since the movie is set in 1962); 17) 1958 Edsel Corsair; 18) 1974 AMC Matador, which turned into a flying car; 19) 1971 Ford Mustang SportsRoof (fastback); 20) 1973 Pontiac Trans Am.

The Martinsville-Danville Region AACA
Welcomes you to the
63rd Old Dominion Meet
April 29-30, 2016
Registration Form

Deadline for postmark of this registration form and funds is April 16, 2016

Name _____ Region _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ AACA# _____ E-Mail _____

Would you be willing to judge? Yes _____ No _____ Class Preferred: _____

Please see back for determining Award sought before filling in following requested information.

Vehicle 1: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Class _____

Circle award sought: ODMA Junior ODMA Senior ODMA Preservation HPOF DPC Do Not Judge

Has this vehicle ever won an ODMA award? Yes No Highest award won and when:

Vehicle 2: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Class _____

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Has this vehicle ever won an ODMA award? Yes No Highest award won and when:

Please add additional vehicles on a separate sheet of paper using the format above and staple to sheet.

I agree that the Martinsville-Danville Region AACA, Patrick Henry Community College, named sponsors, and their Directors, employees, and agents will not be held liable in any injury or damage incurred by listed show entry vehicle(s) before, during, or after the Old Dominion Meet on April 29-30, 2016. I will abide by all guidelines of this show as outlined. I further certify that I carry the required State of Virginia Liability Damage Insurance on the listed show entry vehicle(s).

Signature _____ Date _____

Number of Vehicles Registered _____ @ \$20.00 each = _____

Saturday Night Closing Banquet & Awards _____ @ \$25.00 each = _____

**Make check payable to Martinsville-Danville Region AACA Total enclosed = _____

Mail this form & check to: Marie Lawrence 1036 Log Manor Rd. Spencer, VA 24165

For more information, go to the new ODMA website: <http://odma.aaca.com/>

The host hotel for the ODMA Meet is the Dutch Inn Hotel/Quality Inn at 2360 Virginia Ave (Rte 220 Business), Collinsville, VA. They are offering ODMA a special rate of \$75.05/night, which includes tax & a breakfast ticket to order off the menu. (The breakfast buffet is an additional \$4.50.) To make reservations, call them at (276) 647-3721—remember to tell them that you are with ODMA. (Cutoff date for this rate is 16 April.) See you there!



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

John & Mary Beth Clark
Virginia Beach, VA
- 1931 Chevrolet 2-dr sedan
- 1969 Pontiac Firebird convertible

Daniel & Diana Etheridge
Chesapeake, VA
- 1986 Jaguar XJS V-12 coupe

Janice Weaver
Newport News, VA
- 1910 Ford Model T Speedster
- 1924 Ford Model T station wagon



Members celebrating anniversaries in April



Larry & Jane Cutright
Matt & Vickie Doscher
Gordon & Nancy Garnett
Iven & Jane Godwin
Alfonso & Patrizia Ludovici
Wes Neal & Nancy Soscia
Thomas & Brenda Wedeking



Members celebrating birthdays in April



Mike Brown
Joe Burroughs
Charlie Daniels
Joe Geib
Sandra Graham

Mickey McChesney
Judy McLaughlin
Marty Sugermeyer
Susan Woolfitt

Sunshine Report

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Sandy Hall** had open heart surgery on Friday, 18 March, and is home recuperating.
- **Lanette Knight** has completed therapy for her recent knee replacement surgery.
- **Toni McChesney** continues to recover from her recent foot surgery, is up & about, and able to join in activities.
- **Georgiann McVicker** is having surgery on Thursday, 31 March.
- **Dot Parrish** has plantar fasciitis and is undergoing treatment for it.
- **Skip Patnode** is back from Florida after his recent heart bypass surgery, and is doing well.
- **Frank Stevens** is unable to participate in club activities due to failing health, and would appreciate calls or visits from club members.
- **Barbara Talley** is on medication for Bell's palsy, and hopes to see improvement soon.

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to Vickie Doscher at 672-3755 or vlv78@hotmail.com.

TRAACA April Dinner Meeting Thursday, April 21, 2016

This month's dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23502. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be fried chicken, thin-sliced roast beef with gravy, house salad, mashed potatoes, corn, and chef's choice of dessert. This month's guest speakers are Jeff Locke & Dewey Milligan, who will regale us with highlights of their experience on the 1989 Great Race.

Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Unless someone who hadn't signed up for dinner comes & offsets your absence, the club must pay for your meal and loses money if you don't pay. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



New TRAACA members CE & Annette Gardner with their 1970 Dodge Coronet 500 at the Blackwater Engines tour on 26 March



(L-R) Jane Ward, Judy McLaughlin, and Bob Ward at the TRAACA Swap Meet at the Military Aviation Museum on 12 March



Virginia Chevy Lovers

12th Annual Spring Dust Off



Saturday, April 2, 2016
 (Rain date is Saturday, April 9, 2016)

Registration: 8:30-11:30 AM / Awards at 3:00 PM

At Finn McCool's Fishhouse & Tavern
 Landstown Commons Shopping Center
 3388 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23464
Open to all cars & trucks 25-years old & older

Pre-Registration: \$20 (postmarked by March 26th)
Day of Show: \$25

See VCL website for registration form: www.virginiachevylovers.org

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For more info contact John Herbert at (757) 421-0749 or blkpwrdrfrm@cox.net



17th Annual Williamsburg British & European Car Show



Saturday, April 9, 2016
9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Chickahominy Riverfront Park
 1350 John Tyler Hwy (Rt 5), Williamsburg, VA
Pre-Registration: \$20 (must be received by April 1)
Late Registration & Day of Show: \$25

For more info: <http://www.wmbgbrit.com>



63rd Annual Old Dominion Meet



Hosted by the Martinsville-Danville Region AACA
Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, 2016

Patrick Henry Community College
 645 Patriot Ave, Martinsville, VA 24112

Registration: \$20 (must be postmarked by April 16)
Awards Banquet: \$25

Host hotel: Dutch Inn Hotel/Quality Inn
 2360 Virginia Ave (U.S. Rte 220 Business)
 Collinsville, VA 24078
 (276) 647-3721

For more info: <http://odma.aaca.com/odma-meet-information/>
 For general inquiries, contact Doug Lawrence, President of M-D Region
 (276) 632-6650 or dlawrence54@yahoo.com



DOWN THE ROAD

Other Regional/Local Events

APRIL 2016

- 2 12th Annual Virginia Chevy Lovers Spring Dust Off Virginia Beach, VA
- 7-10 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet & Charlotte Auto Fair Charlotte, NC
- 9 17th Annual Williamsburg British Car Club British and European Car Show Williamsburg, VA
- 9 All American Muscle Show New Kent Winery New Kent, VA
- 15-17 Good Guys 2nd North Carolina Nationals Raleigh, NC
- 20-24 Spring Carlisle Carlisle, PA
- 24 Piedmont Region AACA 42nd Annual Carfest Charlottesville, VA
- 29-30 ODMA Meet hosted by Martinsville Region AACA Martinsville, VA

MAY 2016

- 6-7 Shenandoah Region AACA 58th Apple Blossom Meet Winchester, VA
- 7 8th Annual Shake, Rattle & Roll Car Show Suffolk, VA
- 28 Twin-County Region AACA 23rd Memories on Main St. Galax, VA

JUNE 2016

- 3-5 Carlisle Ford Nationals Carlisle, PA
- 4 Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA Annual Show Fredericksburg, VA
- 10-12 The Elegance at Hershey Hershey, PA
- 17-19 Carlisle GM Nationals Carlisle, PA
- 17-24 Lincoln Highway Tour Cumberland, MD to Joliet, IL

JULY 2016

- 9 Collector Car Appreciation Day



EDITOR'S DESK

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Car season is finally here, and the TRAACA started it off with a flurry of activities. First there was the cruise to the concert at the Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg on 5 March. On the same day, a contingent of members journeyed to Pikeville, NC, to visit the Collier AMC dealership (seen on *American Pickers*). Our region held its annual Swap Meet on 12 March (moving it this year to the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach), and we had a tour of Blackwater Engines in Virginia Beach on 26 March. (Our new Activities Committee has been very energetic.) And some of our members traveled to Naples, FL, on 16-19 March for the first AACA national meet of the year. And that's just the beginning.

Rapidly approaching locally are the Virginia Chevy Lovers annual Spring Dust Off show on Saturday, 2 April, at Landstown Commons shopping center in Virginia Beach, the annual Williamsburg British & European Car Show on Saturday, 9 April, and the same day a new local car tradition begins with the first annual All American Muscle (Car) Show at New Kent Winery in New Kent, VA. The TRAACA *Spring Fling Tour* to Hatteras, NC, follows on 15-17 April. And our monthly dinner meeting is on Thursday, 21 April, where Jeff Locke and Dewey

Milligan are going to regale us with tales from their experience participating in the 1989 Great Race.

Farther abroad we have the AACA Southeastern Spring Meet and Charlotte Auto Fair on 7-10 April in Charlotte, NC, Spring Carlisle on 20-24 April, the Piedmont AACA Region's Annual Carfest on 24 April in Charlottesville, VA, and the ODMA Meet in Martinsville, VA, on 29-30 April. And these are just some of the major events—cruise-ins are cranking up again all around our region, including at fellow TRAACA member Charlie Daniels' Performance Group facility in Smithfield. If you can't find a club activity or car show that piques your interest in April, you must still be in hibernation. So shake off the winter doldrums, clean and polish your car, and join your fellow TRAACA friends in some fun events and activities.

Speaking of the ODMA Meet, this is the last year the TRAACA can continue its streak of winning the Old Dominion Trophy for club participation. (We've won it four years in a row.) We host next year's ODMA Meet here in Virginia Beach (on 21-22 April 2017), so we're ineligible to win the award. This year's ODMA Meet was moved up at the TRAACA's request to deconflict it with the AACA Meet in Vineland, NJ, so it would be nice if we showed up in force at the ODMA Meet, not just to win the trophy again, but to show our support of the Martinsville-Danville Region (and to have a great time!). If you are interested in convoying to Martinsville on Friday, 29 April, please contact Marion and me.

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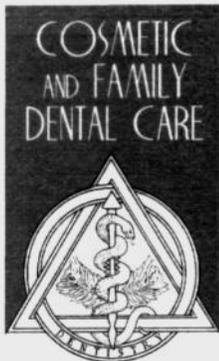
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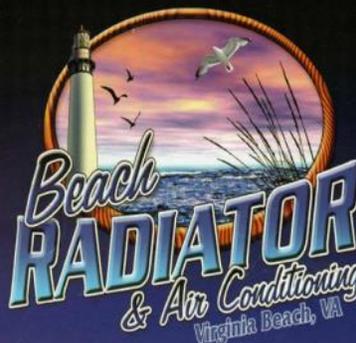
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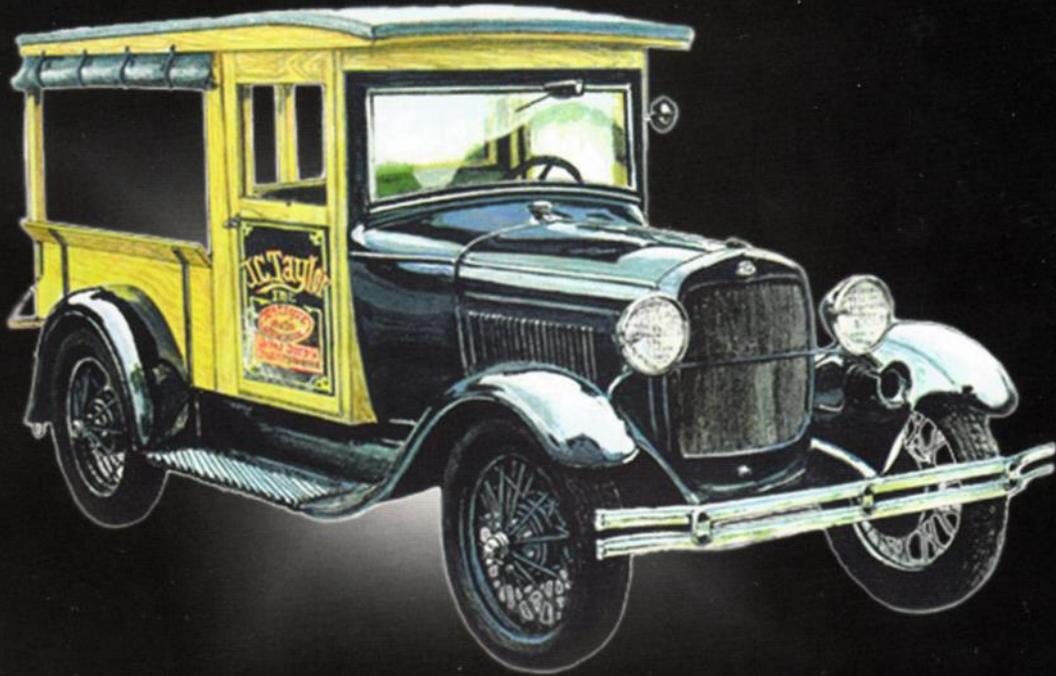
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FIRST CLASS



This 1974 Fascination was at the 2016 AACA Winter Meet in Naples, FL (photo provided by the owners, Keith & Eileen Carpenter)