

# The Mudflap

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## TRAACA Spring Road-Trip to Elizabeth City, NC Saturday, April 15, 2017

Trees are budding, flowers are blooming, and snow is falling—it must be spring in Hampton Roads! According to the calendar, winter is behind us, so join your TRAACA family for a leisurely drive to Elizabeth City, NC. We'll depart from the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center (located at 2356 Highway 17 N, South Mills, NC—approximately 3 miles south of the Virginia border) at 9:30 AM. However, you're encouraged to arrive early and enjoy the Dismal Swamp Park Visitor Center located just behind & to the left of the rest area. It opens at 8:00 AM and contains exhibits from history to habitat to plants & wildlife within the Swamp. Admission is free, and the facility houses a collection of wildlife mounts including a 400-pound black bear struck by a car outside the park.

From the Welcome Center, we'll caravan south on Highway 17 to Elizabeth City, NC, where we'll tour the Museum of the Albemarle (501 S. Water Street). The museum is located on the Elizabeth City waterfront and showcases the rich history of the Albemarle Region.

After a leisurely tour of the museum, we'll cross the street for lunch at Grouper's Waterfront Restaurant. After lunch, you're free to explore the area or enjoy the views along the water. Water Street borders the historic commercial district of Elizabeth City, which is home to some interesting architecture from the past. For example, at the corner of Water Street & E. Main Street is the former Colonial Oil Filling Station. The Walking Tour pamphlet states, "With its signature blue tile roof, this unusually intact Tudor Revival-style gas station was nationally identified with the Pure Oil Company. Built in 1931, and first known as The Auto Fountain . . ."

Please join us for a tour of the Museum of the Albemarle and lunch in Elizabeth City, NC, on Sat, April 15. If you plan to attend, please e-mail Wayne & Carol Milligan at [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net) or call (757) 548-1242 by Tuesday, April 11, with your number of people attending and your menu selection. [Because of our large group we must order in advance. The menu will be attached to the 3 April *Mud Speck*.]



Bill Thumel's 1961 AC Aceca—just one of many cool cars members saw when they visited Abacus on March 18. Read the story on Pages 6-7.



### TRAACA CALENDAR

Check [local.aaca.org/tidewater](http://local.aaca.org/tidewater) for the latest info on upcoming events!

#### APRIL 2017

- 14 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA  
*Note change in date for Board Mtg*
- 15 TRAACA Tour of the  
Museum of the Albemarle  
Elizabeth City, NC
- 21- 64th Annual ODMA Meet  
22 Virginia Beach, VA

#### MAY 2017

- 6 TRAACA Square Car Tour  
(route to be determined)
- 12 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 18 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 20 TRAACA Dinner & Theater  
"Grease" (see Page 16)  
Smithfield, VA  
*Joint TRAACA & HVPR activity*

#### JUNE 2017

- 9 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 24- TRAACA Tour to Richmond  
25 Richmond, VA

#### JULY 2017

- 8 TRAACA Tour of Brock  
Environmental Center  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 14 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 20 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
- 22 TRAACA Rte 17 Antique  
Store "Crawl" and Lunch  
Gloucester, VA  
*Joint TRAACA & HVPR activity*

# From the Driver's Seat

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Anyone who belongs to the TRAACA knows the primary benefits of membership: the camaraderie, the friendship, the shared appreciation of antique vehicles, and the fun. But there are some "hidden" benefits that I think some of our members are either unaware of or take for granted. The first is the "bang for the buck" you receive for your \$25 annual dues. Every year our club subsidizes three special meals to ensure they're affordable for club members and to encourage—we hope—participation: our Annual Awards Banquet in January, usually our St. Patrick's Day dinner (or lunch as in some previous years at Westminster-Canterbury), and our annual Holiday dinner or brunch. The club subsidizes the Awards Banquet by \$15 for every member and spouse/significant other; the Holiday Brunch by \$10, and this year the St. Patrick's dinner by \$5. That means if a single member attended these three meals last year, they received \$30 in subsidies for their \$25 membership dues. Couples who attended all three meals received \$60 in subsidies for their \$25 in dues. Not a bad deal at all.

In addition to the meals the club subsidizes, it also subsidizes the cost of some activities each year by paying some or all of the admission fees for places the club visits on its official activities. At the recommendation of our Activities Committee, this year the Board voted to "give back" even more to members by subsidizing more activities. Our plan may vary a bit depending on the number of members who participate in each activity and the actual costs incurred for the event, but right now we subsidized the Annual Awards Banquet in January, the St. Patrick's Day dinner in March, paid for members' lunches at the tour of Abacus in March, and we're planning on making a donation to the Museum of the Albemarle to provide a guide for our tour of the museum in April, a donation to the Brock Environmental Center when we visit it in June, to treat

everyone to ice cream when we go to Doumar's Barbecue in Norfolk in August, and to subsidize our Holiday Dinner or Brunch this December. Depending how the year goes, we may vote to subsidize additional activities.

Why am I writing about this? First, because I'm not sure that everyone realizes what a great deal they receive for their membership dues. Second, because I want everyone to be aware of these activities and take advantage of them—we're subsidizing them because we want more of you to come out and enjoy our club's activities.

Speaking of activities, we have a major one coming up in three weeks: the 2017 Old Dominion Meet on Friday-Saturday, 21-22 April, at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. For newer members who may not be familiar with the Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA), it's an official, non-geographic region of the AACA comprised of 14 of the 17 AACA regions in Virginia. (I don't know what's going on with the other three regions.) Every year ODMA hosts an annual meet, rotated among the member regions. This year our region is hosting it.

I encourage every TRAACA member to come to the Old Dominion Meet whether you enter a car or not. However, if you have an AACA-eligible car, you need to register it and bring it to the meet. This is the closest the ODMA Meet will be for years—we won't host it again for at least another 10 years. Whether you're trying to get your vehicle its first ODMA award—its First Junior Award, HPOF Award, or DPC Award—or going for its Senior Award or Preservation, register and bring your car. Earn an ODMA grille/radiator badge and proudly display it on your classic vehicle.

With over 160 memberships and 300 vehicles in the TRAACA, we should easily be able to display at least 100 TRAACA cars at the meet. However, as of 1 April, we only have 70 vehicles registered and, of those, only 36 are TRAACA vehicles (registered by 24 owners). This is well below average for an ODMA Meet hosted by a major region. **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB & REGISTER YOUR CAR FOR THE ODMA MEET!** (Stop procrastinating--registrations must be postmarked by April 8th.)

*Mark Mc*

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**We have changed how we contact members to obtain their RSVPs for the monthly dinner meeting. To cut down on the work load, you will now be contacted via e-mail.** (Members without e-mail will continue to be contacted by phone.) Please respond to Skip Patnode's monthly e-mail by the requested date and let him know whether or not you will be attending (yes or no) and how many will be attending. **It is critical that you respond to these e-mails** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. Thank you for your cooperation!

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**From the Running Board**  
**Mar 3, 2017 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes**  
 (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

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**Officers present:** Mark McAlpine (President), Matt Doscher (Vice President), Vickie Doscher (Secretary), and Charlie Dawson (Treasurer). Board members present: Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, and Hilary Pavlidis. Members present: Jim Villers (President Emeritus), Terry Bond, Marion McAlpine, and Wes Neal.

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

**President:** Mark thanked all the Board members for being flexible and being able to meet on a Friday. Annual audit of the Treasurer's books is complete and everything correct. Report passed out by Mark. John and Marie Gancel are stepping down and Jim Villers will take over as Auditor next year.

**Vice President:** Discussed holding Board meetings on Friday vs. Tuesday/Wednesday. Motion made by Hilary to move meetings to the second Friday of the month at 6:30 PM; seconded by Matt. Motion passed. Bob Stein and Mark McAlpine to list changes in *Mud Speck* and *The Mudflap*.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlie provided the Treasurer's report. Charlie will e-mail report to Board members prior to future meetings. Wayne will pick up new name tags.

**Secretary's Report:** Board Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2017, were approved by e-mail.

**Membership (Jim Villers):** As of 28 Feb 2017, 161 paid memberships. Roster sent to AACA national. Request made to disseminate club membership roster more often than annually. Jerry offered to help with updating club roster and disseminate it more frequently.

**Bylaws Review Committee:** An e-mail copy will be sent to Board Members for review with noted changes highlighted with original content below in italics by Matt and Wayne. This will be reviewed and then discussed at next Board meeting in April. Once approved by Board, the Bylaws will then be presented to club members at the May Dinner Meeting for review and approval.

**Activities Committee:** Board voted on decision to subsidize some activities and dinners for the year:

- Hilary made motion to table subsidizing June Harbor Cruise until next Board meeting in April for clarification of lunch options; second by Wayne; motion passed.
- Holiday Brunch: Matt made motion to subsidize meal by \$10 per person. Hilary seconded; motion passed.
- Tour of Abacus Racing: Wayne made motion to subsidize \$400 to cover cost of lunch for members; Matt seconded; motion passed.
- Annual Awards Banquet: Vickie made motion to subsidize \$15 per person; Wayne seconded; motion passed.
- Tour of Museum of Albemarle: motion made by Vickie for \$100 donation to the Museum on behalf of TRAACA; seconded by Hilary; motion passed.
- Tour of Brock Environmental Center: Vickie made motion for \$100 donation to the Center on behalf of TRAACA. Wayne seconded; motion passed.

- Doumar's Ice Cream Run: Wayne made a motion to subsidize \$250 for Doumar's; Matt seconded; motion passed.

**Upcoming Activities:**

- Sat, Feb 18: ODMA Final Planning Meeting at Jim & Donna Elliott's garage in Yorktown. Skip reported 10 members already signed up for the activity.
- Sat, Mar 18: Tour of Bill Thumel's Abacus Racing and car collection in Virginia Beach.

**Restaurants:**

- Thurs, Mar 16: March Dinner Meeting guest speaker is Ms. Kathryn Fischer, who will speak about the U.S. Coast Guard Lifesaving Museum in Virginia Beach.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **2017 ODMA Meet (Fri-Sat, 21-22 April):** Marion reported planning meeting in February went well. A Meet program is being created with option to pay to have photo of member's car in it. Continuing to work on advertising.
- **2017 Swap Meet (Sat, 11 March):** Terry Bond reported 45 outdoor spaces prepaid and expects another 5 prepaid spaces still to come in to equal total of 50 prepaid outdoor spaces. 18 prepaid indoor spaces. Bob Hanbury to provide coffee and snacks, and donate all proceeds to the Club. Marion is requesting help with working Bake Sale, snack table. Insurance and contract in place. Jerry volunteered to help with handing out wrist bands for vendors. Help needed with clean-up.
- **Annual Wings & Wheels Meet (Sat, 23 September):** No new updates at this time. Charlie working on sponsors. Possible special car display to recognize 50th anniversary of Camaro, Firebird, and Cougar marques to be discussed at next Board meeting.
- **Recognition Program for Club's Long-Term Members:** Jim will send e-mail to Board members with name tag idea to acknowledge long-term members. Pin vs. name tag with "Member since . . ." Will be discussed at April Board Meeting.
- **Recognition Program for Volunteers:** Reviewed by Wayne and Bill. Decision was made to table this item.

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# TRAACA Annual Swap Meet Saturday, March 11, 2017

Story by Terry Bond. Photos by Terry Bond and Mark McAlpine.

The 2017 edition of our annual swap meet didn't quite usher in springtime, but we managed to squeeze out some nice sunshine to help make a cold, breezy day just a little more comfortable. On Saturday, March 11th, a record number of vendors and spectators descended once again on the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach.

A brave crew of TRAACA volunteers managed to survive fierce winds on Friday afternoon to mark the field nicely, but we couldn't put out any signs as they would have ended up in North Carolina! It made for a bit of a scramble early Saturday morning, but the museum's crew of volunteers was hard at work moving planes out of the hangar at 6 AM. Thanks to a dedicated crew of club members, the tables were set up for vendors inside the hangar in record time and by the time the first vendors began unpacking at 7 AM there was already a good crowd snagging early bargains. The outside vendor area began to fill up rapidly, and by about 8 AM the market was in full swing. We saw a lot of stuff change hands during the day, and there were some great discoveries. A 1913 Virginia license plate was snapped up by one eagle-eyed shopper, and I saw one customer, with a little red wagon filled with parts, beaming from ear-to-ear at his discoveries.

Everything car-related from 1910 to the present day

could be found. We saw brass lamps, mag wheels, bucket seats, porcelain signs, gas pumps, parts, tools, and parts for just about everything. If you collected automobilia, it was a great market with hood ornaments, spark plugs, license plates, garage equipment, models, early toys, and all kinds of stuff you never thought you really needed.

Thanks go especially to Bob Hanbury for helping to organize a great breakfast snack table with hot coffee and hot chocolate available all day. As usual, the Tidewater Region bake sale had plenty of calories available to help keep you warm.

There are so many people to thank that as soon as I begin listing names, I'll forget someone—from those who worked registration, field layout, concessions, vendor check-in, and even cleanup—there were many tasks that our unsung heroes tackled willingly and cheerfully. Many hands indeed made for light work, and everyone was able to enjoy a bit of the event as well.

The Military Aviation Museum is a great location with plenty of room for our Swap Meet to grow. It's perfectly suitable for our event, and I'm confident that our new Swap Meet Chairman, Andrew Sitar, will lead us on to great things as we once again welcome the old car season in March next year with another Annual Swap Meet.



*Bill Treadwell, Wayne Milligan, Jim Villers, and Charlie Dawson*



*You could find almost anything you wanted at the Swap Meet*



*Vickie & Matt Doscher at their vendor table in the Navy Hangar*



*(L-R) Dot, Sandy, Carol, Toni, Linda, Vickie, Marion, Kaylan, and Abigale at the Bake Sale table, which offered too many temptations*



*(L-R) Bob Parrish, Bill Coburn, Richard Hall, and Jerry Adams*



*You could buy a classic sports car cheap at the Swap Meet*



*Jim Villers & Scott Davies come inside for a while to get warm*



*Marion McAlpine, Melanie Kordis, and Starr the wonder dog*



*Mickey McChesney (R) trying to make more space in his garage*



*Marion McAlpine and Dennis Sobota*



*Jeff Locke & Gordon Womack (former Nuts & Bolts Chapter mbr)*



*(L-R) Scott Hancox and Skip Patnode*



# TRAACA Tour of Abacus Machine and Automotive Services

## March 18, 2017

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

Saturday, March 18, 2017, was a cold and damp morning in southeast Virginia. Despite the weather, over 55 TRAACA members signed up for the TRAACA March activity to tour Abacus Machine & Automotive Services and fellow TRAACA member Bill Thumel's vintage car collection.

We started the morning at 9:00 AM at the Abacus Machine & Automotive Services facility in Virginia Beach. We were greeted with coffee & donuts generously supplied by the Abacus Machine shop team. Because of our large group, we were split into groups of about ten people, giving us more individualized attention. The groups worked their way from one area of the shop to another, receiving excellent care from our tour guides: Chuck, John, Freddy, Rob, and Tim.

For over twenty years Abacus Racing has been building motors for British Sports cars participating in Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and Sportscar Vintage Racing Association events. The machine shop & repair facility services and repairs exotic and foreign automobiles such as Rolls-Royce, Jaguar, Porsche, Ferrari, Aston Martin, and even Hondas.

As we were guided through the facility, the Abacus team expertly demonstrated the various machines, describing how precise the machines could cut and hone, and explaining the projects the machines might be used on. (It was interesting to find out how old some of the machines were because there hasn't been anything better to replace them.) Although the

Dynojet chassis dynamometer could not be demonstrated, it was still very interesting to learn how the machine works and when it would be used to tune and test the engines. Other areas of the facility included the paint shop, the body repair shop, and the final prep areas, to name a few.

After about an hour and a half at the machine shop, we drove over to Bill Thumel's vintage car collection. Bill and Allen entertained the group with stories about the great collection of cars and experiences on the race tracks. To our amazement, Bill started up his Lola T70 race car, filling the building (and our ear drums) with the sounds of the car's powerful engine! Mark was thrilled when, after most of the group had left, Bill invited him to sit in his 1971 Lola T252 Formula Super B race car.

It wouldn't be a TRAACA event if it didn't involve food. Firehouse Subs delivered several trays of sandwiches to accompany the chips, cookies, and soft drinks the club had purchased. Bill and Allen set up tables and chairs among the vehicles for people to sit at. The TRAACA group was pleasantly surprised to find their lunch was free. The TRAACA Board approved completely subsidizing the lunch for the event.

A big THANK YOU to Bill, Chuck, Allen, Freddy, John, Rob, and Tim for opening Abacus and Bill's car collection to the TRAACA. Everyone enjoyed themselves and learned a great deal about the work involved in building engines and race cars that have gone on to win national championships.



*Bob Stein directing traffic into Abacus Machine & Auto Services*



*The Doschers and Milligans talk while waiting for the tour to start*



*Proof that Bill Thumel enjoys original race cars of all types—a 1932 Ford coupe originally owned by Mexico's 52nd President*



*Abacus Machine manager Chuck Botwright escorting one of the TRAACA groups through the machine shop*



*(L-R) Classic Morgan +4 roadster, Datsun 240Z, and MG MGB*



*(L-R) Bob Parrish, Dewey Milligan, and Scott Davies*



*Fred Cole and Leo Rodriguez check out a 1961 Warwick GT350*



*(L-R) Chris Harris-Evans, Mike Haag, Terry & Susan Bond*



*(L-R) Andrew & Jason Sturniolo, Mike Crafts, Don Beale, and Marion McAlpine*



*A trio of award-winning Austin-Healey 3000s*



*Bill's Lola 70 Mk II Prototype and Lota T 70 Mk III race cars*



*(L-R) TRAACA President Mark McAlpine presents a certificate of appreciation to Bill Thumel for hosting the club's visit to Abacus*



# AACA Winter Meet Ocala, FL February 23-25, 2017



**Story by Bob Parrish. Photos by Joel Goldman (from the NC Triangle Chapter).**

The AACA Winter Meet was held on Thursday-Saturday, February 23-25, at the Central Florida College in Ocala, FL—nice accommodations for a national meet. The weather was perfect and the hosts were very accommodating. This meet was different in some ways, with five smaller Regions and Chapters hosting the event, reducing the work load usually borne by one Region.

There were 263 vehicles registered for the meet, which brought out some beautiful cars. Many of them were being shown for the first time. Being new on my first assignment as Vice President National Awards, I was very busy on Saturday and was unable to see all the vehicles on the show field.

The Friday Night Ice Cream Social for the meet was superb, being held at Jim Schmidt's National Parts Depot building. His personal collection was wonderful with over 200 magnificent cars on display. (According to a display sign, roughly 75% of the collection is comprised of low-mileage, survivor vehicles. The others have been restored to original condition. All of the vehicles are operational and are run or driven occasionally. A number of them were entered in the meet.) There were some of the nicest 1950's and 1960's cars that can be seen anywhere.

While we toured the NPD collection, the hosting Region members served ice cream and all the toppings for our enjoyment. Fellow TRAACA member John Peters, who now resides in The Villages in Florida, was there doing his part to make the ice cream social enjoyable. It was good to see him.

The Coastal Florida Regions and members deserve a lot of credit for hosting a successful event.



*Inside the NPD Collection—classic cars as far as you could see*



*It's not just cars—seen here is part of the Schmidt collection of Kodak cameras, film, and paraphernalia, the largest in the world*



*Two classic pedal cars. Who knew you could hot rod a pedal car?*



*1927 Cadillac 314A roadster*



*1974 Mercury Cougar—displayed around the US in 1974 with live cougars Chauncey & Christopher to promote wildlife awareness*



*1914 Buick Marr tandem cyclecar*



*1928 Graham Brothers 561*



*1930 Dodge*



*1931 Chrysler CM6*



*1940 Buick 46S Sport Coupe*



*GM Holden of Australia 1934 Chevrolet Roadster Utility ("Ute")*



*Prototype 1958 Westland "Empire Aristocrat"—1 of 2 built*



*1964 Alfa Romeo Giulia Spider Veloce*



# Still Collecting Stuff — Signs

By Terry Bond

In the wonderful world of automobilia collecting, signs lead the way among hot collectibles.



*A porcelain Texaco Motor Oil sign*

World records continue to be set at high end auctions. We could fill an entire newsletter with market info, theorizing about where the spiral will end, what happens next in this volatile market filled with investors, and private collectors whose only thought sometimes is what the signs will bring at the next auction.

I'm sure we'll get there in the conversation, but, needless to say, rising prices on the top end have opened the floodgates to reproductions and fakes. We'll certainly discuss those in due course, but first a little history about signs and sign collecting.

Just prior to the turn of the twentieth century, the art of sign making began to blossom. The rise of literacy in this country and in Europe helped propel simple graphic images to printed words. Much early advertising was of a temporary nature and early signage was in the form of paper posters. More durable advertising was sought, and soon we began to see hand-painted signs on wood or tin backgrounds. As the use of colored lithography enabled printing on sheets of tin, advertising signs began to appear. Still, many early signs were hand-painted by traveling sign-painters or by production studios like Ithaca Sign Works in Ithaca, New York. Durability was always an issue until porcelain signs began to appear.

We'll talk first about those wonderful porcelain signs that are so sought after today. Later, Part 2 of this series (in a future issue of *The Mudflap*) will explore the wonderful worlds of tin and cardboard signs, and we'll conclude with some collecting tips and details on reproduction and fake signs.



*Example of an early, hand-painted porcelain sign*



*Front and back of a porcelain sign from Susan Bond's collection*

Enameling, as it was known, is the process of firing glass onto a metal surface. The process of porcelain enameling on iron first appeared in Europe. Later, when sheet iron manufacturing began to appear about the 1850s, production of decorative panels began to appear. The Patent Enamel Company was formed in Birmingham, England, in 1859, and by the 1880s widespread production of advertising signs was well underway.

The first signs advertised products like soap, tea, tobacco, beer, chocolate, and many food products. Ads for pianos and other commodities soon appeared. Businesses began using this durable form of advertising because it was virtually indestructible. I have personally removed outdoor signs that have survived in their original setting for over 100 years. A favorite place to display signs was in railroad depots and along public roadways.

A quick look at the manufacturing process will help you understand what you are looking for when contemplating a purchase. The process involves the fusing of layers of colored glass on a metal surface. The metal plates used were vitreous-quality cast iron. The first coat was a sort of "slurry" applied to the sand-blasted cast iron plate. This was a cream-like mix of powdered glass, clay, and a water suspension. When dried, it was fired at up to 900 degrees, forming the base or "grip" coating. The back side of these early signs will be covered with drips, runs, sags, and swipes where the slurry mix and subsequent applications of color were fired.

The front of the hot plate was then dusted with powdered glass in a silk-screen style operation and, as the glass melted, the sign was created. Subsequent additions of more colored glass would produce different patterns, lettering, or even fancy artwork. It often took multiple re-firings to create a sign with multiple colors. By the early 1920s, sheet steel was being produced in high enough quality that it began to be used for sign production. Production techniques continued to be refined and eventually transfer-printed images and intricate design work became possible.

The true heyday of the porcelain sign was pre-World War I. After that time, manufacturing supplies began to dwindle. In the 1920s there was a resurgence in production; however, faster and cheaper production methods made for cheaper signs.

For collectors, the early cast iron signs will have those

distinctive swirl patterns on the backs of them often showing the different colors as they were applied to the surface. Drips, runs, sags, etc., will be evident. Later signs will have smooth, evenly coated backs, but the fronts will still clearly show the multi-layered process as different colors were applied separately.

With the advent of the automobile, and the increase in travel, porcelain advertising signs took a quantum leap. Advertising for cars, tires, oil, gasoline, spark plugs, repair shops, garages, even attractions and road direction signs began to appear. These are the types of signs that make our hearts beat faster, and they are what every auto enthusiast covets to decorate their garage.

There are many ways to collect, and most enjoy a theme of some sort. Maybe it's a particular type of car you love (Chevrolet, Ford, Packard, etc.). Perhaps you are a collector of gasoline and motor oil-related things. Maybe its tires or even old road signs that excite you. I know of one collector who specializes in hotel signs, and another who loves anything bus related. Perhaps you are like Richard Hall and I, and have amassed an eclectic accumulation of the best of what we've been able to find over the years.

Today, collecting signs can be very expensive. So the message is to collect the best you can afford. Be cautious and learn—the market is filled with junk and carefully aged fakes. I don't mind a little honest wear (patina) on my signs.

In England, two serious early collectors—Christopher Baglee and Andrew Morley—worked with a local museum to open the first-ever public gallery style exhibit of signs. It was so popular the exhibit was taken on the road all over England. They ended up publishing two wonderful books—“Street Jewellery” (sic) and “More Street Jewellery” (sic). They were subsequently reprinted and copies are still available on the Internet. Although the books are heavy with British signage, there also are a lot of American product advertising signs shown.

For me, my interest in signs developed together with my interest in early cars. I admired many of them in their original locations on garage walls. My first acquisition, however, was while in Scotland in the 1970s. We were on a rally driving our 1935 Morris Eight, along with other members of the Strathmore Vintage Vehicle Club, when we stopped at a corner to try and figure out if a left turn or right turn would be appropriate, when I spotted an old porcelain sign hanging on the wall of a dilapidated garage. It was simply the most beautiful early sign I'd ever seen—“Wakefield Castrol Motor Oil”—and, in smaller print, words that clearly gave away its age—“By Appointment to His Majesty the King”—which clearly placed it in the Edwardian era.

I simply had to get a picture of our car with that sign in the background. As I began to fumble around moving the car into just the right position, a gentleman came out of the house next door to watch what I was doing. It was his place and his sign,



*A brightly colored British BP porcelain sign*

and he was quite amazed that a crazy Yank and his wife were wandering around Scotland in a 1935 Morris and had taken a liking to his sign. After I snapped a few photos, he pulled out some wire cutters and began to remove the sign, insisting I should have it. A far better souvenir than just a photo! I did not refuse the chance, and together we tied the sign to the roof of our car, anchored at all four corners to the ends of the bumpers.

When we stopped at the pub at the conclusion of the day's drive, everyone was amazed at my discovery. In fact, I learned that many of them had tried numerous times to purchase the sign, only to be told it was not for sale! Yes—I still have the sign!



*Terry & Susan's first porcelain sign acquisition—they only had to scour the Scottish Highlands to find it*

More signs soon followed, and I learned quickly that signs made excellent patches for leaking roofs, could prevent vermin from digging into garden plots, and were quite useful in making terraced lawns. The collection grew. Soon, there were other sign collectors and we horse-traded, explored together, and sometimes it seemed two of us created some sort of invincible master sign magnet. We discovered signs that had not seen daylight in a hundred years. We acquired signs that were “not for sale,” and sometimes, in the dead-of-night, we were able to save a few from impending doom at construction sites.

Each of our signs has a story, but none as wonderful as the time we were showing Sue's brother Brian around the highlands near Inverness, Scotland. We rounded a country road and there at the peak of a gable-ended barn was a beautiful round EssoLube sign. It was literally in the middle of nowhere. After a half-hour search we found the property owner and he gave his permission for us to remove the sign.

From the road, it was a straight-across reach, but between there and the sign was a 30-foot chasm. Down at barn-level, the sign was about 25 feet up in the air. So, with a rickety wooden ladder we found placed carefully on the roof of our Volkswagen, Brian was able to climb up onto the roof of the barn and work his way to the gable's peak. I left him stranded there, leaning well over the edge of the roof while he manipulated the only (small) screwdriver we had, as I stood below, prepared to catch the sign when it finally let go.

We got the sign with no problems, and I still have it along with the little wooden-handled screwdriver used to save it. There have been many more great sign tales over the years that I'll save for future articles or, perhaps, a book someday.

There are a few signs that I personally consider “top of the heap.” These, sadly, are not in my collection. I had the chance to acquire them, but even in the 1970s they were beyond my reach. In retrospect, perhaps I should have “invested.”

Enjoy the photos!

*Terry Bond*

# Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance 2017

## Amelia Island, FL

### March 9-11, 2017

Story by John & Lynn Heimerl. Photos by John & Lynn Heimerl and Ron Pack.



*Lynn & John Heimerl with Class Judge Frank Campanale with "Annie the Airflow" sporting her ribbons at Amelia Island*

The 22nd Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance 2017, scheduled for Sunday, March 12th, featured the best of Speed and Streamlining, with racing cars and Airflows. Al Unser, Sr., was the featured Honoree, along with an impressive selection of performance vehicles from his career. There was also a wide selection of other record-breaking performance cars and drivers, and other notables such as Peter Brock with his stable of Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) race cars.

Meet Vice Chair Mark Becker, who is the owner of two Airflows, envisioned an Airflow class for the first time at the Amelia Island Concours. As a result, some of the best Airflows from around the country were invited and many showed, creating an impressive class of ten cars. Featured cars included the exotic Custom Imperial CW 8-passenger sedan with 147-inch wheelbase and rare Imperial coupes from 1934, 1935, and 1936, as well as a 1937 C-17 coupe, which may have been the first time 129-inch wheelbase coupes from each year of Chrysler Airflow production were together at one event. There were also two DeSoto Airflows on the field, including a rare 1936 S-2 coupe, which was also an AACA Grand National winner.

In an unusual move, while facing a predicted Nor'easter storm on Sunday—the scheduled day for the Concours, on Thursday Founder and Meet Chair Bill Warner moved the event up one day. This was a remarkable undertaking, and a tough but praised decision, but a good call because the weather on Saturday ended up being beautiful.

On Friday, Reliable Carriers featured the "Eight Flags Road Tour" of Amelia Island and the town of Fernandina Beach. A record 55 cars participated, with three Airflows making the trip, along with everything from original racing cars to the finest Rolls-Royces, Bentleys, and Mercedes. We found ourselves following a full-race-prepped Datsun 240Z with straight pipes. It was tough to

hear our engine, and I had to watch the oil pressure gauge just to be sure the engine had started! But it was great fun visiting the island's two park sites and rolling into the city of Fernandina Beach with spectators waving and cheering for several blocks. For lunch, we were treated to a catered buffet featuring specialties from local restaurants.

We returned to the transport, but due to the compressed schedule, we decided to park our car on the show field overnight since the morning promised to be busy as Jerry Seinfeld was leading "Cars & Coffee at the Concours" at the same time Werks was sponsoring a meet with about 1,000 Porsches as well as the Concours. It turned out to be a good move, and Saturday, March 11th, dawned as a perfect day for a car show and remained beautiful all day.

Lynn & I were honored to receive a Blue Ribbon [Best in Class] for our 1935 Chrysler C-2 Imperial Coupe. Four other cars in the Airflow Class also received Amelia Island Awards, as well as a Corporate Award. All in all, the time "flowed" by so quickly we were back in Virginia before we knew it!



*Airflow prototype—"the Trifon Special" displayed by Fiat-Chrysler*



*1937, 1934, and 1935 Chrysler Airflow 129" coupes—a combined total of less than 500 were built; less than 20 are known to survive*



# AACA National Meets In Auburn, Indiana

By John McCarthy  
AACA VP Endowments

(Reprinted from the Fall 2016 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



In May 2013, AACA hosted a National meet in Auburn, Indiana, on the ground of and in conjunction with a major auction by Auctions America. It was such a success that AACA National Meets have been held in conjunction with these auctions in 2014, 2015, and 2016. Another is planned for May 11 to 13, 2017. There is also an auto-related flea market and, while not very large, it has grown nicely each year. Within a few miles of the auction site is the world-famous Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, the National Truck Museum, the Early Ford V-8 Museum, the National Military Museum, the Hoosier Air Museum, the Kruse Automotive and Carriage Museum, and a large automobile-related indoor flea market. I always like to take in as much as possible while on the road and in 2014 stopped at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI, and in 2015 the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH, both of which are less than a two-hour detour depending on the direction you are coming from.

Plan on getting to this event early Friday morning and you will have a good opportunity to look at the cars being auctioned over the weekend. If you go to this meet and judge, Auctions America provides you with a bidder number and paddle for free and preferred free parking. The auction begins around noon on Friday and runs through the weekend. When we see large auctions on television the cars auctioned almost all appear to be expensive muscle cars, sports cars, classic cars, etc. The mix of cars at Auburn include many lower priced cars and when the gavel goes down it is in the \$3,000 to \$10,000 range. Keep in mind that you are sort of in the middle of America and things are less expensive. This past May there was a really nice 1978 Lincoln Mark V with 20,000 miles that went for \$11,000, a 1967 low mileage Thunderbird that went for \$12,000, and the list of reasonably priced cars went on. It is not often that you see Canadian-built cars in the U.S. but each year there is a nice selection of Canadian-built cars like the Pontiac Parisienne and Mercury Meteor which have different trim and engines than their U.S.-built counterparts.

If you have not been to Auburn put the meet on your calendar for May 11 to 13, 2017. It is an enjoyable meet with plenty to do.

[Editor's Note: The registration deadline to show a vehicle or judge at the Auburn Meet is April 20. You can register online at [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org) or via mail.]



## Judging Guidelines Changes: Class 28a-d Becomes 21e-h

(Reprinted from the January 2017 AACA *The Judge* newsletter)

After numerous requests from members, we are moving these classes to 21 for a more consistent show field of Ford vehicles. The following changes will take place:

- 28a becomes **21e**—Ford Vehicles 4 cyl & V-8 1932-1934
- 28b becomes **21f**—Ford Vehicles 4 cyl & V-8 1935-1937
- 28c becomes **21g**—V-8 Ford Vehicles 1938-1940
- 28d becomes **21h**—Ford Vehicles 6 cyl & V-8 1941-1948

We will be automatically moving all the cars that we currently have in our database to the appropriate class. Since we have over 1,000 cars that are affected, this is no small job and we will appreciate your attention to the class change when next showing your car. The change will be effective during 2017 and the *Judging Guidelines* reflect the new categories.



## AACA Calendar of Events

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

### APRIL 2017

6-8 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC

25-27 Western Division Tour  
Sonora, CA

### MAY 2017

11-13 AACA Special Spring Meet  
Auburn, IN

26-27 AACA Eastern Spring Meet  
Huntington, WV

### JUNE 2017

4-9 Founders Tour (1932-later)  
Gettysburg, PA

15-17 Annual Grand National Meet  
Independence, MO

### JULY 2017

17-21 Vintage Tour  
Wellsboro, PA

### AUGUST 2017

17-19 AACA Central Fall Meet  
Bettendorf, IA

### SEPTEMBER 2017

17-22 Glidden Tour (AACA-hosted)  
Hastings, NE

### OCTOBER 2017

4-7 AACA Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA

### FEBRUARY 2018

8-10 AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA

### MARCH 2018

2-3 AACA Special Winter Meet/  
Special Grand Nat'l Meet  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

### APRIL 2018

5-7 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC

20-21 AACA Western Spring Meet  
Tucson, AZ

### MAY 2018

11-12 AACA Central Spring Meet  
Auburn, IN

31- Annual Grand National Meet  
2 Jun Greensburg, PA

### SEPTEMBER 2018

12-15 AACA Central Division Tour  
Texas Panhandle

### OCTOBER 2018

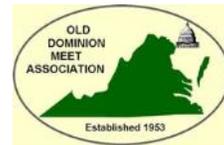
3-6 AACA Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA



# 2017 ODMA Meet

## Founders Inn & Spa, Virginia Beach, VA

### Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017



Every year the Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) hosts an antique automobile show somewhere in the state of Virginia. (Thus, the name “The Old Dominion Meet.”) The 2017 ODMA Meet is being hosted by us—the TRAACA. We are holding the Meet at the Founders Inn & Spa located at 5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, on Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017. The hotel & grounds are located on the campus of Regent University and are beautiful.

This year’s meet features a special AACA Judging School (taught by Dain King, the AACA Judging School Instructor) and AACA Continuing Judges Education (CJE) classes on Friday afternoon. You will receive AACA judging credits for attending these classes if you judge at an AACA national meet in 2017.

Check out the line-up of activities for the ODMA Meet:

#### **Friday, 21 April 2017 (Starting ~12:00 PM):**

- Pick-up Registration Packets and “Goody Bags” in hotel lobby
- Trailer Parking open
- AACA National Judging School
- AACA National CJE Seminars
- Evening Ice Cream Social (great time to socialize & peruse the Silent Auction items)
- Silent Auction (there will be great items for you to bid on)

#### **Saturday, 22 April 2017 (Starting ~8:00 AM):**

- Pick-up Registration Packets and “Goody Bags” on show field
- Trailer Parking open
- Silent Auction open
- Judges Meeting

- Owners Meeting
- Judging of Vehicles
- Preordered Box Lunches available (in tent on show field)
- Dinner Buffet Awards Banquet in ballroom of hotel

#### **Special Features:**

- Free trailer parking and the show field are both on the grounds of the Founders Inn
- The Founders Inn is a pet-friendly hotel with its own fenced dog park
- The hotel is offering great room rates of \$104.00/night for a queen bed or \$114.00/night for two double beds. And these rates are available from Thursday-Monday, April 20-24, 2017. (When you make your reservation, remember to tell them that you are attending the ODMA Meet.)
- The hotel has a restaurant, pub, spa, indoor pool and fitness facility
- The surrounding area has shopping, restaurants and of course the beach is not far away
- Box lunches can be preordered for Saturday (see registration form) or you can enjoy the hotel’s lunch buffet

Please plan to bring your antique vehicles to the ODMA 2017 Meet, and hopefully volunteer a little of your time to help out. What a great opportunity to show off the Tidewater area and the great people in our region. Come out and help our friends (old and new) feel welcome. Remember, it won’t be a car show without you! [The registration form is on the club website—[www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com)—and Page 15 of this issue of *The Mudflap*.]

**It’s time for all good TRAACA members to come to the aid of your club! As Uncle Sam might say: “I Want You!” Well, the TRAACA “wants you and your antique car(s)” to come out to the Founders Inn & Spa on Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017, for the 2017 ODMA Meet being hosted by the TRAACA.** Please help make the 2017 ODMA Meet the largest meet in ODMA history! The Founders Inn & Spa is a beautiful location for the meet. The hotel is offering great room rates (\$104.00/night for a queen bed or \$114.00/night for two double beds), if you would like to stay overnight, close to the show field and activities.

There will be a special treat for the 2017 ODMA Meet: we have three past and present AACA National Presidents attending the meet. (Terry Bond—2010, Bob Parrish—2016, and Tom Cox—2013 and 2017 will be participating.) How can you help, you say? We are glad you asked. Please look at the fun things on the Schedule of Events above: sign up for the Friday Night Ice Cream Social and the Saturday night Awards Banquet Buffet. You can participate in the special AACA Special Judging School followed by several CJE’s. And of course, you can register your antique vehicle(s) into the show.

**HURRY—THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 8th!**

## TRAACA Board Meeting

### Minutes—March 3, 2017

(continued from Page 3)

#### **New Business:**

- Vickie presented a new initiative to establish a “ride share” program for TRAACA members that need a ride to club dinner meetings or activities. Vickie agreed to start program & keep a list of members in need. Motion made by Wayne; seconded by Matt, and passed. Vickie will provide a write-up for the *Mud Speck* and *Mudflap*.
- Adding area on TRAACA website to recognize 25-yr members: Jerry recommended asking members prior to adding their names due to concern for privacy. Mark will e-mail members that qualify and see if interest

exists. Site may have personal information and photo.

- Certificate of appreciation for guest speakers and special events: Jerry will create a certificate of appreciation. Jim recommended to provide a coffee mug as well.

#### **Other Business:**

- VPCCC Report: Mark would like a monthly report to be provided to the Board. Marion reported VPCCC listed our Swap Meet and ODMA Meet on its website. Skip Patnode attends CCCHR meetings.

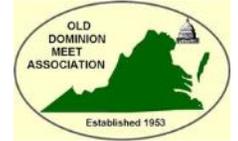
Having no other business, motion made by Matt to adjourn and seconded by Wayne. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting scheduled for Friday, 14 April, 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary



The Tidewater Region of the AACA  
Welcomes You to the



# 64th Old Dominion Meet

## Friday-Saturday, 21-22 April 2017

Location: The Founders Inn, 5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach, VA

\*\*\*\*\* Preregistration required. Registrations must be postmarked by 8 April. \*\*\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AACA Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ AACA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

*All displayed vehicles must have a visible, fully-charged, operable, UL-approved fire extinguisher.*

VEHICLE #1—Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

AACA Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle award sought: ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA DO NOT  
Junior Senior Preservation HPOF DPC JUDGE

VEHICLE #2—Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

AACA Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle award sought: ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA DO NOT  
Junior Senior Preservation HPOF DPC JUDGE

*Please add any additional vehicles you wish to enter on another form and staple it to this sheet.*

I would like to help judge at the ODMA Meet. PREFERRED CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ ANY CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that the Tidewater Region AACA, Old Dominion Meet Association, The Founders Inn, named sponsors, and directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents of the above will not be held liable for any injury or damage incurred by the listed vehicle(s) entered in the show before, during, or after the Old Dominion Meet on April 21-22, 2017. I agree to abide by all guidelines of this show as outlined on this form and provided at the show. I further certify that I carry the required Liability Damage Insurance on the listed show vehicle(s) and my trailer(s) and tow vehicle(s) for the state in which they're registered.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vehicles Registered: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer Parking (Trailer Length: \_\_\_\_\_): \_\_\_\_\_ @ Free = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Ice Cream Social tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Box Lunch (circle choices): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar Salad    Ham Sandwich    Roast Beef Sandwich    Turkey Sandwich

*(Each box lunch includes your choice of salad or sandwich, potato chips, cookie, apple, and choice of soft drink or bottled water.)*

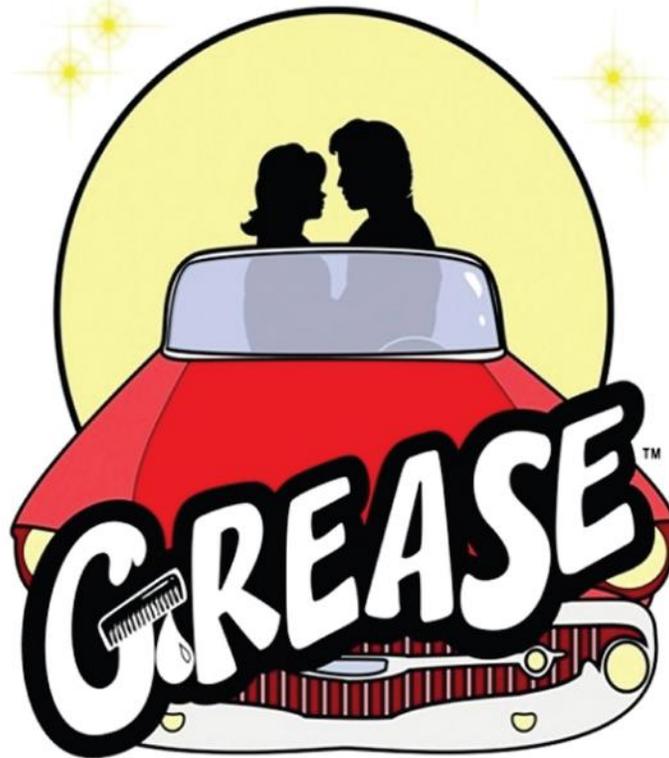
Saturday Night Awards Banquet Buffet tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to "TRAACA"*      Total enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

For more info, see the ODMA website ([www.odma.aaca.com](http://www.odma.aaca.com)) or call Meet Co-Chairs—Mark & Marion McAlpine—at (757) 967-0074 or Registration Co-Chairs Richard & Sandy Hall at (757) 482-2821

**Mail this form & check to: Richard & Sandy Hall, 500 Mustang Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23322**

**Come experience  
high school again as**  
*Smithfield Little Theatre*  
*Presents*



**Saturday, May 20, 2017, at 8 PM**  
**Tickets \$15 per Adult**

(special discounted price for TRAACA & HVPRAACA members)



**TRAACA members please contact  
Marion McAlpine at (757) 967-0074 or  
mmmcalpine05@msn.com for reservations**

Remember John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John dancing to all those fun songs in *Grease*? Well, ladies put on your poodle skirts or capris, and guys put on your straight jeans and white tee shirts (with the sleeves rolled up, of course), and slick back your hair; or just come as you are. The TRAACA is joining up with our sister region, the HVPRAACA, on Saturday, May 20, 2017, for a great night in Smithfield. We will start with dinner at 6:00 PM at fellow TRAACA member Ron Pack's restaurant—the Smithfield Station—followed by the play *GREASE*, being performed at the Smithfield Little Theater at 8:00 PM. (Fellow TRAACA member Leslie Scarpelli is choreographing the dancing.)

To make it easier on the staff and faster for us, there will be a limited dinner menu for our group to choose from. The Smithfield Little Theater is offering us discounted group tickets for **\$15.00/person** with terrific seats. *The restaurant menu and additional information will be in the May issue of The Mudflap newsletter and future Mud Speck e-mails.*

You need to act fast to get in on this activity! The theater is filling up quickly and, at this time, we have a limited number of reserved seats available. **Deadline for reservations is April 30th.** *RSVP to Marion McAlpine at [mmmcalpine05@msn.com](mailto:mmmcalpine05@msn.com) or call 757-967-0074 with the number of tickets you want and if you are coming to dinner.*



# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

## Welcome to our New Members!

**Daniel & Cheryl Hawk**  
Chesapeake, VA  
- 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass S  
- 1984 Ford Bronco XLT

**C. Eugene & Bonnie Robinson**  
Suffolk, VA  
- 1962 Oldsmobile Dynamic 88

**Karl & Debbie Schlenkermann**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
- 1965 Mercedes-Benz 220SE



## Members celebrating anniversaries in April



**Larry & Jane Cutright**  
**Matt & Vickie Doscher**  
**Jody & Lisa Dudley**  
**Gordon & Nancy Garnett**  
**Alfonso & Patrizia Ludovici**  
**Wes Neal & Nancy Soccia**



## Members celebrating birthdays in April



<b>Mike Brown</b>	<b>Mickey McChesney</b>
<b>Joe Burroughs</b>	<b>Judy McLaughlin</b>
<b>Charlie Daniels</b>	<b>Bonnie Robinson</b>
<b>Christian Durkin</b>	<b>C. Eugene Robinson</b>
<b>Joe Geib</b>	<b>Marty Sugermeier</b>
<b>Sandra Graham</b>	<b>Susan Woolfitt</b>
<b>Paula Hennessey</b>	



## Recent Award Winners



### ACA Winter Meet—Ocala, FL:

<b>Jim &amp; Donna Elliott</b>	1978 Chevrolet Corvette Repeat Preservation Award
<b>John Peters</b>	1959 Cadillac DeVille HPOF Award

### Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, FL

<b>John &amp; Lynn Heimerl</b>	1935 Chrysler C-2 Imperial Best in Class
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## No Dinner Meeting in April!

*There is no dinner meeting this month because of the 2017 ODMA Meet we're hosting at The Founders Inn on Friday-Saturday, April 21-22. (The Dinner Meeting would've been on Thursday, April 20.) Instead, enter your antique vehicle in the ODMA Meet and come enjoy the Ice Cream Social on Friday evening and the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Don't forget the Special ACA Judging School and CJE's on Friday afternoon!*

## Sunshine Report

Condolences are extended to the following members who recently lost loved ones:

- **Terry Banbury** passed away on March 19, 2017, from injuries he sustained in a car accident. He was 80. Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:
- **Tom Poe** is recovering well from his heart attack
- **Bob Roughton** is dealing with a serious health issue.
- **Rad Tillet** is recovering from root canal surgery.
- **Bill Wilcox** continues his recovery from oral surgery.

*Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to Vickie Doscher at 672-3755 or vlvw78@hotmail.com.*



Some of the TRAACA members with their "tour guide" Allen (center front) visiting Bill Thumel's car collection on Saturday, March 18, 2017



**Virginia Chevy Lovers** 

**13th Annual**  
**Spring Dust Off Car Show**

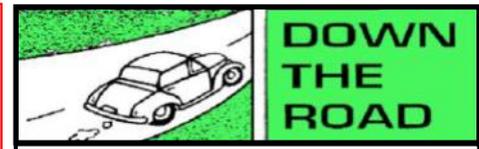
**Saturday, April 1, 2017**  
 (Rain date is Saturday, April 8, 2017)  
**Registration: 8:30-11:30 AM / Awards at 3:00 PM**

**Landstown Commons Shopping Center**  
**Virginia Beach, VA**

Preregistration: \$20 / Day of Show: \$25  
 Open to all makes and models

See VCL website for registration form: [www.virginiachevylovers.org](http://www.virginiachevylovers.org)  
*Proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation*

For more info contact John Herbert at (757) 421-0749 or [blkpwrfrm@cox.net](mailto:blkpwrfrm@cox.net)



**Other Regional and Local Events**

- APRIL 2017**
- 1 13th Annual Virginia Chevy Lovers Spring Dust Off Virginia Beach, VA
  - 6-9  AACA SE Spring Meet Charlotte Auto Fair Charlotte, NC
  - 15 Mustang Club of Tidewater 50th Anniversary Car Show Chesapeake, VA
  - 19-23 Spring Carlisle Carlisle, PA
  - 21-22  **64th Annual ODMA Meet Founders Inn & Spa Virginia Beach, VA**
  - 22 18th Annual British and European Car Show Williamsburg, VA
  - 28-30 Goodguys Rod & Custom 3rd North Carolina Nationals Raleigh, NC
  - 30  Piedmont Region AACA 43rd Annual Carfest Charlottesville, VA
- MAY 2017**
- 7 7th Annual LCpl Cody Childers All Wheels Show Virginia Beach, VA
  - 20  Northern Neck Region AACA 24th Annual Antique Auto Show and Swap Meet Montross, VA
  - 27  Twin County Region AACA 24th Annual "Memories on Main Street" Car Show Galax, VA
- JUNE 2017**
- 2-4 Carlisle Ford Nationals Carlisle, PA
  - 23-25 Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals Carlisle, PA
- JULY 2017**
- 14-16 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals Carlisle, PA
  - 14 Collector Car Appreciation Day Car Show Daniels Performance Group Smithfield, VA
  - 15 Collector Car Appreciation Day Car Show Gloucester, VA



**64th Annual**  
**Old Dominion Meet** 

Hosted by the Tidewater Region AACA

**Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017**

The Founders Inn & Spa  
 5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Registration: \$20 (must be postmarked by April 8)  
 Ice Cream Social: \$10 / Awards Banquet: \$40

*Host hotel: The Founders Inn & Spa*  
 (757) 366-5700

For more info: <http://odma.aaca.com/2017-odma-meet/>  
 For general inquiries, contact Meet Co-Chairs: Marion & Mark McAlpine  
 (757) 967-0074 or [mmmc Alpine05@msn.com](mailto:mmmc Alpine05@msn.com)



**18th Annual**  
**Williamsburg** 

**British & European Car Show**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**  
 (rain or shine)  
**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 8)  
 Late Registration & Day of Show: \$25

**This year's featured marque: MGC and MGC-GT**

Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and food vendors  
*Portion of proceeds to benefit local Hospice*

See Williamsburg British Car Club website for information & registration form:  
<http://www.wmbgbrit.com>

For more info contact Roy Gavilan at (757) 637-5902



# EDITOR'S DESK

**Marion & Mark McAlpine**

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Spring is in the air and like flowers, car shows are starting to “bloom.” If you thought March was a busy month, well, April is shaping up to be even busier. There will be several car-associated activities available in April. Starting on April 1st (not an April Fool’s joke) the Virginia Chevy Lovers (VCL) will be hosting their Spring Dust Off car show. Many members of the TRAACA will be volunteering and/or participating in the VCL show. Next on the April agenda is the Charlotte Auto Fair and AACA Southeastern Spring Meet on April 6-9, 2017. On April 15th, the TRAACA is going to Elizabeth City, NC, to tour the Museum of the Albemarle, have lunch, and explore the historic city. Our big event for April will be the 2017 ODMA Meet on Friday–Saturday, April 21-22, 2017, being hosted by the TRAACA at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach.

As one of the ODMA Meet Co-Chairs, I am learning that it takes a great deal of work to host any car show and even more for a show that is two-to-three days long. Now I know why most regions only host national shows every 5-10 years. Thankfully, we have been fortunate to have many of our fellow TRAACA members stand up and volunteer their time and talents to help make the 2017 ODMA Meet a terrific and successful show.

One thing I hope everyone in the club will do is to

register their vehicle(s) for the ODMA Meet so that TRAACA can surpass the previous record of 200 cars registered for an ODMA Meet. With over 160 families in the TRAACA we should have no problem getting 80-100 cars just from the Tidewater Region. What a wonderful opportunity for people to bring their cars out to be judged in our own backyard. The Founders Inn & Spa, set on the Regent University, is a beautiful setting for a car show. There will be a Silent Auction with some nice items to bid on, including a two-night stay at The Founders Inn, a certificate from Richmond International Raceway, and a piece of automobilia signed by Richard Petty, just to name a few. We are even going to have a National Judging School and CJs available to participants.

If it sounds like I am begging, yes, I am. We have been working on the ODMA Meet for two years and yet most of the cars registered at this point are not from the Tidewater Region. So please set a goal to get your car(s) signed up this week for the ODMA Meet. Let’s demonstrate that “Tidewater spirit” for which we are known nationally! *THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

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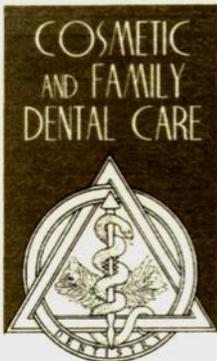
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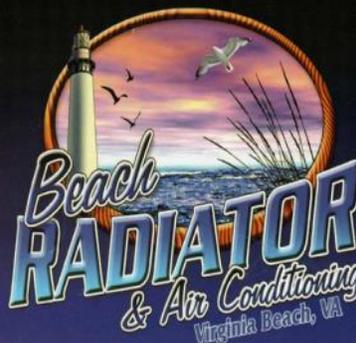
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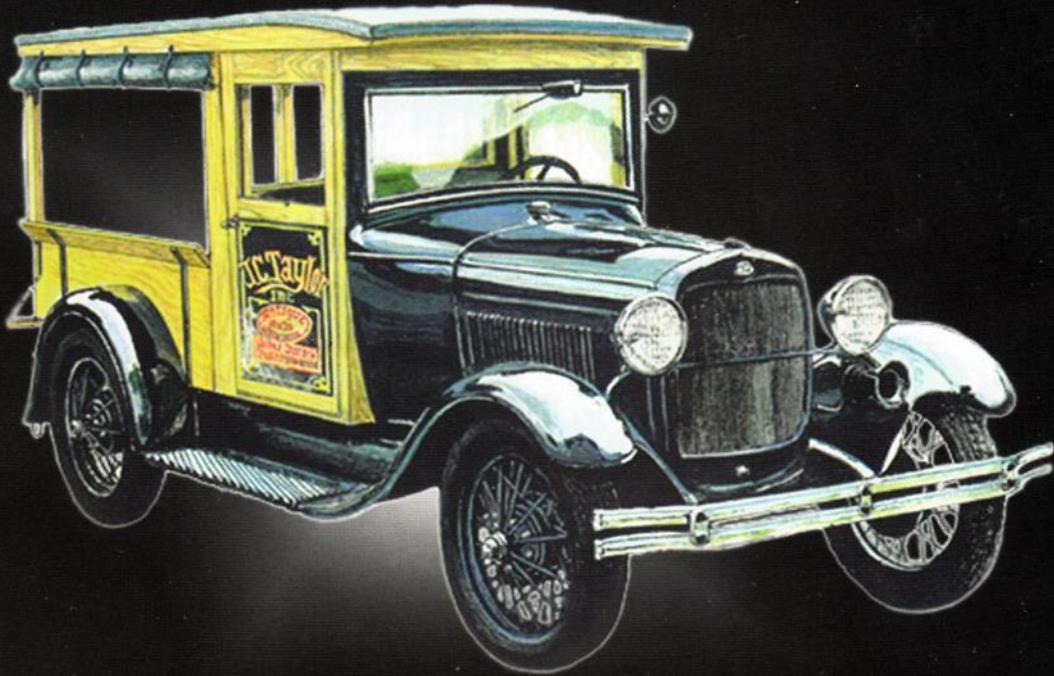
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