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TRAACA Flash Drive

March 13, 2021

By Doug Grosz Photos by Bob Stein



On March 13, TRAACA members were invited to Meet in Chesapeake at Oak Grove Methodist Church parking lot. This drive began as an email between Ken Packard, Bob Stein, and Bill and Doug Grosz. Ken has been working on his Packard and wanted to give it a nice drive test run amongst other Packards. We agreed to enjoy a drive together. The week of the drive, we discussed making it a TRAACA event where if you wanted to drive along, you could meet us at the starting point. So Bob emailed the invitation to the club with the meeting place and time and requesting members to bring a lunch and we would stop and eat during the trip. We also requested that every member to social distance and wear a mask with we were together talking. These members of TRAACA were participants: David Curl and Dave Dowdy in 1931 Model A Fords, Ken Packard and daughter in his 1937 Packard 120, Ken and Barbara Talley in their 1939 Mercury, Bob Stein with his 1941 Packard 110 (Bella), Nick Smith and his 1950 Ford Crestliner, Keith Colonna in his 1956 Lincoln Mark II, Bill Treadwell in his 1969 Camaro, Barry Basnight in his freshly re-engined 1969 Camaro SS, Fred Cole and his 1989 Buick Reatta, and Dan Ciccone and friend in one of the 'modern classic' Thunderbirds. Our drive was down 168 to 158 into Elizabeth City with a non-ethanol gas stop, then to US 17 North to Dismal Swamp Welcome center for a picnic lunch. It was a nice day for a drive. Look for another flash ride later in April. Pictures on page 4 and 5.



1947 Ford F8 2-ton truck in the Don Bowman Collection in Williamsport, MD (visited during the 2018 AACA Eastern Spring Meet). See more of the collection in the article on Pgs X-XX.

TRAACA CALENDAR



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

APRIL

- 8-11 - Charlotte Auto Fair (CANCELLED)
- 9-10 - AACA Eastern Spring Nationals (Concord, NC) ([Click here for more information](#))
- 10 - Virginia Chevy Lovers 16th Annual Spring Dust Off - For more information, go to: virginiachevylovers.org
- 15-17 - AACA Annual Convention (Philadelphia) (CANCELLED)
- 17 - ODMA Planning Meeting - Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders in Daleville. (1176 Roanoke Rd, Daleville, VA)
- 24 - "Rollin With the Knights" 1st Annual Car Show - Sponsored by Church of the Ascension Knights of Columbus.
- 24 - 21st Annual Williamsburg British Car Club British & European Car Show. Preregister by March 31.

MAY

- 22 - Northern Neck Annual Car Show - (Montross, VA) Non-judged fun event at Stan's Dairy Freeze.

JUNE

- 3-5 - 85th Annual AACA National Convention (Williamsburg VA)
- 11-12 - ODMA Meet (Natural Bridge, VA) - Sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Region AACA



President's Podium

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The President's Podium

Hello fellow Tidewater Region AACA members. I hope all are well. Warmer weather has arrived - along with the pollen! It is the season to begin enjoying driving your antique automobiles. A Square Car Tour in May is being planned by long-time member, and true Club historian, Richard Hall, along with Club Vice President, Tim Hund. Of course, though the automobiles in front may be square in shape, all shapes are welcomed. In preparation for the upcoming tour, Bill and Doug Grosz, Ken Packard, and Bob Stein coordinated a flash tour earlier in March to Elizabeth City, NC that included eleven automobiles.

As the Club looks forward to resuming our planned activities, volunteer opportunities abound. We hope to resume dinner meetings as soon as restrictions allow. To that end, Vickie Doscher has been graciously serving as the Club's Dinner Meeting Chair for several years and is now stepping down. Skip Patnode has been emailing the dinner meeting information to the Club and collecting reservations for many years and will now be serving as the Club's Dinner Meeting Chair. Along with Skip, we'd like to form a small committee to coordinate both the dinner meetings and any guest speakers. We need YOU to volunteer for the Dinner Meeting Committee! Please consider joining this Committee - many hands make for much lighter work. Contact me, Skip, or any other Board member to voice your interest - we look forward to speaking with you soon.

The Board, in conjunction with the Dinner Meeting Chair/Committee, periodically revisits the dinner venue. Price (which includes the food, the room, wait staff, linens, gratuity, and more) along with the location relative to the majority of our Club membership are top considerations. With hopefully resuming dinner meetings in the near future, now may be the time to revisit the dinner meeting venue. Also, we have a great list of speakers that volunteered and several ideas for potential speakers that were shared by Club members from 2019 and early 2020 as a starting point. As a side note, I am now a few months into my second year as Club President and I have yet to host a dinner meeting! The February 2020 dinner meeting was canceled for snow and everyone knows what happened in March of 2020 - we look forward to your participation and ideas in 2021!

In addition to resuming our dinner meetings, we plan to hold an Annual Meet this year. The 2020 Annual Meet Committee had a great event planned with lots of new and exciting ideas. Because the 2020 Annual Meet was canceled, many of those ideas could be used in 2021 if the new Meet Chairperson(s) chooses to use them. However, the 2021 Chair(s) may decide to bring their own ideas and visions to the Meet. A 2021 placeholder date and location were chosen in September of last year. The tentative date of October 23rd may need to be revisited because it now conflicts with a planned OD-MA event. This year's Annual Meet will likely be influenced by the pandemic and certainly by the Chair(s) with input from the Board and volunteers. The Tidewater Region Annual Meet has been held 46 times and it has evolved a great deal. However the most important part of our Annual Meet is the displaying and judging of Tidewater Region members' automobiles for the enjoyment of our members. The Chair(s) and volunteers will determine how big or how small the 2021 Annual Meet will be but it will certainly be an event to bring our members together. Again, contact me or any other Board member to voice your interest - we look forward to speaking with you soon!

As always, I hope all remain well and safe and I look forward to seeing each of you very soon!

Warmest Regards,
 Wayne Milligan, Tidewater Region AACA President

Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

Once resumed, members will be contacted via e-mail to obtain their RSVPs for the club's monthly dinner meeting. (Members without e-mail will be contacted by phone.) If you will be attending, please respond to Skip Patnode's e-mail by the requested date and let him know how many people will be coming. (There is no need to respond if you are not coming.) Skip will reply to you once he adds you to his attendance list. **It is critical that you respond** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. If you are not receiving Skip's e-mails or want to be taken off the list, please contact him at skippatnode@cox.net or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

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From the Running Board
March 11, 2021 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes
(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

TRAACA Board Meeting

Officer's Present: Wayne Milligan (President), Tim Hund (Vice President), Fred Cole (Secretary), and Tammy Park (Treasurer). Board Members present: Dick Chipchak, Skip Patnode

Board Meeting called to order at 7:15PM.

Minutes of previous meeting Distributed by e-mail to board membership

Report distributed by e-mail to board membership

Tim Hund and Richard Hall are working on hosting a square car tour for May - date and time TBA

Induction and awards banquet, pending pandemic restrictions

Membership unchanged from previous month

Club tax reporting update: Form will be filed shortly

Club trailer maintenance – State inspection to be completed by Wayne *prior to resuming use of trailer*

Signature cards update...only Tammy and Tim have signature authority effective 03/01/2021

Club mailing address transferred to Tammy's address

Mailed (USPS) newsletters and membership renewals - *changes on hold until Club activities resume*

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AACA Office Reporting form, Roster Reporting form, and Membership Roster: all submitted and verified by AACA office

Annual Meet: Chair, date, location – update...’at our final meeting on the canceled 2020 Meet, the consensus reached was that October 23 would be the date for the 2021 TRAACA Meet. The Military Aviation Museum has penciled that date into its schedule’ per Paul Fuqua. For 2021, a new chair (and co-chair?) is needed. Date and location can be modified by the incoming chair as needed

Annual Report filed with the Virginia State Corporation Commission including officer updates and \$25.00 fee: Tammy and Wayne have handled this with Sandy Hall putting the paperwork together

Restaurant coordinator - Vickie is ready to pass this responsibility on to someone else, also the venue may have to be reviewed in regards to holding firm on the price point of \$25.00. Skip considering assuming this role.

Bylaws review: Skip Patnode, Dick Chipchak, Tammy Park, and Fred Cole have volunteered to be the bylaws review committee for 2021

Adjourned at 8:15, next meeting Thursday, April 8 at Uno's



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TRAACA Flash Drive—photos March 13, 2021

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Nick Smith's 1950 Ford Crestliner and Bill Grosz's 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper



Barry Basnight's 1969 Camaro SS and Bill Treadwell's 1969 Camaro



Bob Stein's 1941 Packard and Model A Ford



Fred Cole's 1989 Buick Reatta



Keith Colonna 1956 Lincoln Mark II



Ken Talley's 1939 Mercury



Ken Packard's 1937 Packard 120



Model A Ford



Dan Ciccone in a 'modern classic' Thunderbirds.



Barry feeding is his muscle car.



On the road— 1947 Packard and 1950 Ford Crestliner



Lunch Stop location



The Don Bowman Collection

Williamsport, MD



Marion & I were fortunate to be able to visit the Don Bowman Collection in Williamsport, MD, as part of the activities associated with the AACA Eastern Spring Nationals (then called a “Meet”) held in Gettysburg, PA, by the Chesapeake Region on 11-14 July 2018. The tour was one of the two activities held by the region on Thursday, 12 July 2018. It began with a driving tour of the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, MD, followed by an outdoor buffet lunch at Mr. Bowman’s beautiful house and access to his car collection. (The other activity, held at the same time, was a bus tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield in PA.) Marion & I left home on Thursday morning, so we were unable to tour the battlefield, but after dropping the car trailer at the host hotel complex we were able to arrive at Mr. Bowman’s house just in time for lunch, then spent a couple of hours walking through his antique automobile collection.

Mr. Bowman is a self-made man. He started D.M. Bowman, Inc., a trucking and logistics company, in 1959. According to the company website, over the years, Mr. Bowman diversified his company and, while its primary business is still trucking, it now also sells trucks, leases trailers, owns and leases commercial real estate. As successful as Mr. Bowman has been, he’s still a nice guy who welcomed a bunch of fellow AACA members he’d never met before to his home & collection and happily spoke with us individually about his cars and trucks. The success of his hard labor enabled him to pursue his antique automobile hobby including purchasing back and restoring some of the trucks from the beginning of his company.

Mr. Bowman has an eclectic collection, ranging from

early Brass Era cars such as a 1906 Ford Model N and 1912 Ford Model T up to modern generation C7 Chevrolet Corvettes. Cars on display represented every decade of automotive history and included models from Buick, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Edsel, Ford, Packard, Pontiac, and Studebaker. Trucks included models from Chevrolet, Ford, International Harvester, and Mack.

Two vehicles that hold special memories for Mr. Bowman are his 1961 Mack Model B61 truck and 1966 Pontiac Bonneville. The Mack truck was the first new truck he bought for his company and used to haul coal. It was sold in 1964 with over 266,000 miles on it, then continued to rack up over a million miles in its lifetime. Mr. Bowman bought it back in 1996 and restored it at a cost of approximately \$30,000. The Bonneville was the first new car he ever purchased. (He also still has the first car he ever bought—a used 1950 Chevrolet 4-door sedan that he bought in the mid-1950s and drove to high school.

Fans of “Woodies” would be pleased to see the 1947 Chrysler Town & Country and 1948 Packard Standard Eight Station Sedan. Both were exquisite. The Town & Country made its AACA debut that Saturday at the Eastern Spring Meet in Gettysburg, PA, where it won its First Junior Award. All of Mr. Bowman’s vehicles are beautiful, but two that really stood out to me were the 1954 International Travelall and the 1958 International Harvester A-10 Golden Anniversary pickup truck because you don’t see many of them, especially not in the outstanding shape these were in.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit the Bowman Collection, do it. The cars, trucks, and owner are all great.



Five of the antique automobiles in the Don Bowman Collection: (L-R) a 1912 Ford Model T, 1924 Buick touring car, 1927 Ford Model T sedan, 1928 Chevrolet National, and 1929 Ford Model A roadster. (A 1926 Chrysler roadster is in the background.)



1925 Mack Model A.B. stakebed truck



1929 Chrysler roadster



1931 Chrysler CG Imperial dual-cowl phaeton



1934 Buick convertible



1935 Packard Twelve convertible sedan



1936 International Harvester "Huckster"



1938 Packard Twelve convertible coupe



1940 Buick Sport Phaeton



1947 Chrysler Town & Country



1948 Packard Standard Eight Station Sedan



1954 International Harvester Travelall



1955 Chevrolet 3100 pickup



1955 Chrysler C-300



1955 Mack Model B 2-ton truck



(L-R) 1966 Pontiac Bonneville (Don Bowman's first new car, which he purchased for \$3,815) and a 1967 Pontiac Grand Prix



1955 Ford Sunliner convertible



1955 Mack B-20 2-ton truck



1958 Edsel Pacer convertible



1958 International Harvester A-10 Golden Anniversary pickup



The first truck Don Bowman bought new for D.M. Bowman, Inc.: a 1961 Mack Model B61 purchased in 1961 for \$12,500



Still Collecting – Gentleman’s things

By Terry Bond

The history of motoring includes many references to the accomplishments of both men and women. The objects history has left behind are evidence of how important the automobile and motoring in the early days was equally important to both men and women. For those who were involved with early motorcars, the household was often decorated with items reflecting interest in early automobiles. A lot of important artwork depicting motoring scenes comes from that early era when for most, the automobile was considered a novelty and play-thing for the wealthy.

For the gentlemen of the house, many personal objects have survived that can be correctly categorized as existing and having been used in a “man’s world.” Smoking related items were commonly used artifacts that often had a motoring theme. From tobacco jars to carved pipes themselves, many amazing objects can still be found. Smoking was considered a “men only” habit for many years.

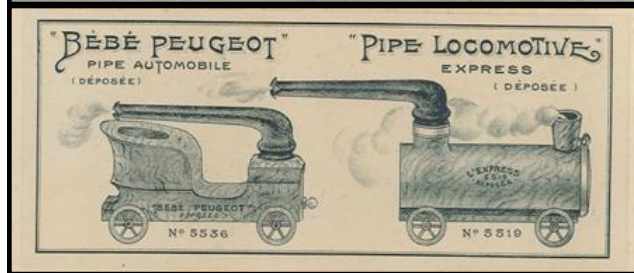
Desk sets-anything related to the office, whether it be writing, filing, or just decorative is a category where much great motoring art can be discovered. In the early 1900s, the business office was considered “a man’s world.” Thank goodness that has changed today!

Shaving and grooming items are of course another category of items that can be found with a motoring theme. Many of these items are relatively generic, but most shaving items themselves were specifically used by men.

Other more personal items like buttons, clips, pins even items of clothing can be found with a motoring theme and were worn by the well-dressed gentleman in the early days of the automobile.

Let’s explore some of these categories and look at some examples both from my own personal collection, and from other collectors.

This wooden pipe was patterned after the “Bebe Peugeot” automobile and was initially given away in 1904 at the Paris automobile show when the new, “compact” 1905 Peugeot was introduced. The car was wildly popular and sold well. The pipes were advertised as novelty items for several years.



Smoking pipes came in a wide variety of types including intricately carved meerschaum.

Meerschaum pipes, individually crafted by artists originated in Turkey, the source for meerschaum. Many of the early examples were probably done by individuals who had seen few automobiles. As a result, the figures are very allegorical and often unlike typical automobiles. Others were carved by artists in France, Germany and Italy who were more familiar with motor transport.

The result is a much more realistic rendition of the early automobile.



Early 1900s carved meerschaum pipe of European origin.

Be cautious of these pipes however, as varieties are still being produced overseas. They are much more crudely done though, so will be easy to spot. Modern reproductions are still of interest to pipe collectors

and sell for \$200+. The antique pipe shown above is easily worth four times that.

Clay pipes have always been interesting collectors' items and those produced with a motoring theme are difficult to find in good condition. Pipes like these were popular in the early 1900s but survival is very low as they were quite fragile. These pipes from my own collection depict a chauffeur, and lady motorist.



Smokers companion sets come in a wide variety. These items had compartments for cigars or cigarettes, a match holder and striker, and sometimes an ash-tray built in. This fine example in my collection even has a built in cigar cutter. It is a fairly large piece and would have sat on a gentleman's desk or beside his easy-chair.



Another example from my own collection features rubber tires with a compartment for cigarettes and under the lift-up front hood, a place for matches. Tobacco was kept in humidors – special jars with



provision (usually under the lid) where a damp sponge could be inserted to help keep the tobacco moist. Many early tobacco jars were figural, depicting early motorists. One delightful "set" of them was designed by the noted cartoonist Peko. These great little ceramic humidors could be found in at least three variations, and a couple of them came in at least two different sizes. The caps on these goggle-wearing, automobile drivers lifts off for access to fresh tobacco. The damp sponge fits into a special compartment made as part of the cap.



Three humorous tobacco jars (humidors) by the artist Peko, circa 1910.



This full-figure "chauffeur" tobacco jar is quite rare. The full head lifts off for access to the tobacco.

Early Nippon porcelain is highly collectible. A series of “desk pieces” was produced in the early 1900s and includes this very rare tobacco jar depicting an early motoring scene. These are very fragile. They are hand decorated so there are often considerable differences between examples, especially in the automobile. Few artists at this time had ever actually seen an automobile, and painted from sketches, or other images.



Rare Nippon tobacco jar, circa 1903. These come in a variety of sizes, shapes and designs.

Many items found on a gentleman’s desk were quite useful as well as decorative and practical. This wonderful early desk piece held a removable ash-tray in its rear compartment, and a box of matches under the hinged hood. Made of bronzed pewter, these came in a variety of sizes.



Smoker’s companion-bronzed pewter automobile with ash-tray in rear compartment and match container under the hinged hood, circa 1908.

Often seen on a gentleman’s desk were pen-stands and inkwells. Usually quite large and elaborate, they often recreated early racing scenes. Some were produced in silver or bronze, others silver plated pewter or brass. Be cautious as some early examples have been re-cast using modern resin (plastic).



Silver pen tray/inkwell, circa 1908. Value in silver approximately \$4000. In plated pewter, value is approximately \$1500.

The desk piece shown above is well known. It is found in silver or more commonly, silver plated pewter. They were made by a German company (WMF) and they come in two different styles. In one style - a smokers set, a tray under the hinged hood held cigarettes/cigars and a compartment in the back held matches. When in that configuration, there would be no ink-pen tray attached to the front. The other more commonly found variety is the inkwell, which has a glass jar under the hinged hood.

These objects actually represent a Mercedes race car similar to that driven by the famous German driver Christian Lautenschlager and his riding mechanic in the French Grand Prix at Dieppe in 1908. This figurine was created to honor their victory in that race. There was a lot of national pride and a lot of souvenir pieces were created included framed silver plaques, ceramic figurines, etc.

Below is a fantastic desk-piece depicting a couple in an early automobile. This was perhaps one of my best Hershey finds ever-\$20 on a rainy day!



Bronzed pewter inkwell and pen try with a well detailed early automobile, circa 1907. The inkwell is a glass jar under the hinged lid to the right of the car.

An interesting desk set shown below is one you'll need to assemble one piece at a time! Made by the prolific maker of bookends, coat-hooks and other decorative items Judd, these pieces in cast iron with bronzed finish are often difficult to find. The most common piece of this "set" is an expandable book rack. They come in various sizes and some even have a letter rack built in.



In addition to a bronze finish, they were available in white enamel. Other pieces of this set include a separate letter rack, a calendar and a thermometer, and a letter opener. A three-hook coat-hook is also available. The calendar, thermometer and letter opener are the most difficult parts to find. Some modern recast pieces are around but they are of poor quality compared to originals.



Judd manufactured desk pieces.

Of course shaving was a manly thing, and most often it was a trip to the barber shop.

I've written separately about occupational shaving mugs, but for refresher, barber shops had special wall racks installed so customers could have their own individual and personalized shaving mugs for use when they visited. Mugs were imported as blanks and hand-decorated by artists –some good, some not so.

Designs on them would indicate the profession, or passion of the owner. For those owning an automobile, they were illustrated with a suitable "portrait" of an early automobile. Endless varieties can be found since they were individually crafted for their owner. The owner's name was also always applied, sometimes in gold leaf. Today, they are quite expensive as this is a "cross-over" item that might appeal to collectors of barber shop related items as well as to collectors of automobilia. Reproductions are common, but will be "generic" and use the term "motorist" or "autoist" instead of the name of the original owner of the mug.



A great early occupational shaving mug with bold illustration of a touring car.



Even the old fashioned straight-razors shown above were often engraved, or could have a motoring scene embossed onto the celluloid handle. Good examples are difficult to find. Careful- don't cut yourself while rummaging through a box of old razors at a flea market!



One necessity in a gentleman's waistcoat pocket was of course a pocket-knife. In the early 1900s it's only natural a motoring enthusiast would carry one that was suitably themed. Countless varieties were available and today they represent an easy to find collectors' item. There have been some reproductions so be cautious. Check the markings on the blade to see where it was made. Germany was the most prolific source of these early knives and originals will be suitably marked.



A selection of early pocket knives from my collection. The closed sedan is difficult to find. Originals should be marked on blade near the hinge point.

There are many other items that could be covered here, and they will have their own d articles in the future, including more humidors, pocket watches, pins, buttons and fobs, and small pocket flasks. To round out this month's article though, a quick look at some recently acquired pins, buttons and fobs is in order –

Watch fobs have long been of collecting interest to me. Many were produced to advertise a specific vehicle, but others are more generic in nature. With a motoring theme depicting a race driver or chauffeur, a spoked wheel, or some other related scene proved popular to the man with an automobile. Here is a small sample from my collection.





This is a selection of objects including a paperweight, pins and fobs depicting legendary French race driver Fernand Cherrone driving his Panhard to victory in the first Gordon Bennett Cup race in 1900.

One of the most valuable things in a gentleman's dresser drawer was a set of nice buttons. Unlike today when each shirt comes with buttons, in the early 1900s, they were precious commodities that were changed from one shirt to another. The fanciest of them were reserved for wearing on special occasions. Waistcoat buttons were held in place with special clasps, much like buttons on expensive dress shirt worn with tuxedos today.

For the motoring enthusiast it was nice to have a set of buttons for your best shirt depicting an automobile or a motoring scene. Here are a few waistcoat buttons from my collection. These are found in two varieties – some had lithographic prints of early automobiles inserted under a glass cover. Even rarer are those that were hand-painted under glass. The majority of them are of European origin and have been acquired through sources in England. Just recently, I was able to acquire four buttons from a previously unknown set, probably of six total. The hunt is on for the other two that will make a complete set.



A prize in my collection is this complete set of hand-painted under glass, gold clad buttons with gold clasps. These are in their original box and were sold through a London jewelry store in the early 1900s. I first saw an example of this set in the collection of a friend in Maryland who passed away many years ago. At auction, that set proved to be unaffordable. It took me over 30 years to find a similar set.

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This is an example of a lithograph print under glass button. The automobile is allegorical and represents no particular make of car. Note it has tiller steering. Maker is unknown but most likely is of European origin. Circa 1900



These buttons were recently acquired. They are marked on the reverse "British Make" with a crossed sword symbol. These are lithographed images under glass. I believe there are two more need to complete a set of six.



Duct Tape & Websites By Fred Trusty Vice President - Membership

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Duck Tape was invented by a division of Johnson and Johnson in 1943 for military use in WWII. They wanted a tape that was waterproof and strong enough to keep moisture out of ammunition boxes. Originally, it only came in army green. It's believed that soldiers started calling it Duck Tape because it was green and shed water like a duck. It was strong, waterproof, and adhesive backed, so soldiers started using it for repairing just about anything; jeeps, guns, aircraft, and in an emergency, to temporarily close up wounds. During the housing boom after the war, soldiers were using Duck Tape that they brought back with them for all sorts of things. Then someone got the idea to market it as a means to seal heating ducts and the name changed to Duct Tape and the color changed to silver. Ironically, you shouldn't use duct tape to seal HVAC duct work. It can become brittle and fail. What does Duct Tape have to do with AACA? The antique car hobby has had declining membership for several years now. Older members are passing on and even though we do a fair job at recruiting new members, we aren't keeping pace with the rate of attrition. We need a recruiting tool that is strong and sticky. Let's say that I need to find a company that can rebuild the power brake booster on my 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88? On my computer, in the Google search bar, I type in "power brake booster rebuilding service" and voila, pages of companies. What if I want to find an antique car club in Louisville, KY? In the search bar I type, "antique car clubs near Louisville KY" and guess what comes up? A list of car clubs in the Louisville area with Kyana Region AACA in the number one slot at the top of the page. There's a reason why it's number one. It's called Search Engine Optimization (SEO), which could be a future article in itself. A couple of years ago, The Kyana Region updated its website, kyanaregionaaca.com. We added lots of pictures of events and a page on how to become a member of Kyana plus a link to the AACA website, aaca.org. In 2020 we signed up 19 new members and for 2021 we have 29, so far. Guess where most of the new members found out about Kyana? Could websites be our digital Duct Tape? Some regions have great websites. Some don't have one at all. Think of the potential if every AACA region and chapter had a great website? If we want the hobby to continue, we have to go digital. If your region or chapter doesn't have a website, AACA has a team of webmasters that are ready to help you build one. We have a free website template and with the help of our webmasters you can quickly have your own website up and running. Just contact Mary Bartemeyer, VP of Website Development or me. You don't have to be a computer whiz to do this. Give it a try and see how a website can help your region's recruiting effort.

I think by now you get the idea that a lot of items were produced with the gentleman in mind. If you've been able to attend some of my automobilia seminars at the AACA Annual Convention in Philadelphia, you would have previously enjoyed a look at some ladies items there. But-just to provide equitable treatment, in the near future we'll also have a look at some automobilia that ladies would have possessed in the early days of motoring.

As always, enjoy the pictures, and enjoy collecting.

Terry



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

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

Mike Brown
 Kenneth "Ken" Brumley
 Joe Burroughs
 Charlie Daniels
 David Ford
 Preston Garner
 Joe Geib
 William Hampton
 Paula Hennessey
 Mickey McChesney
 Thomas Raddatz
 Len Sandloop
 Vito Serrone
 Marty Sugermeyer
 Susan Woolfitt



Other Regional and Local Events

APRIL 2021

- 10 Virginia Chevy Lovers
16th Annual Spring Dust Off
Virginia Beach, VA
- 17 Tidewater Mopar Club
Spring Fling Cruise-In
Suffolk, VA
- 21-25 Spring Carlisle
Carlisle, PA
- 24 21st Annual British and
European Car Show
Williamsburg, VA

MAY 2021

- 14-15 Carlisle Import Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 15 2nd Annual Breakthrough
Car Show
Pamplin Historical Park
Petersburg, VA
- 22 Northern Neck Region AACA
27th Annual Car Show &
Swap Meet
Montross, VA

JUNE 2021

- 4-6 Carlisle Ford Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 7-11 Packard Family Gathering
Car Show & Swap Meet
Gettysburg, PA
- 11-12 ODMA Old Dominion Meet
Natural Bridge State Park
Roanoke, VA
- 13 Show & Shine to Car Show
to Cure Parkinson's Disease
Williamsburg, VA
- 25-26 Carlisle GM Nationals
Carlisle, PA

JULY 2021

- 9-11 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 31 Auto & Mil. Vehicle Car Show
Williamsburg, VA

AUGUST 2021

- 6-8 Carlisle Truck Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 6-8 Das Awkscht Fescht
Macungie, PA
- 18 Richmond Region AACA
51st Annual Car Show
Richmond, VA
- 26-28 Corvettes at Carlisle

Sunshine Report

Sheila Gurney was hospitalized the middle of January for a week due to an infection. As she was recuperating at home, she fell and was taken to the emergency room, treated for a bruise on her head and released. She is doing better and getting stronger every day.

Please provide Member Care/
 Sunshine Report information on
 TRAACA members to Bob Stein at
posti@aol.com or 588-6200.

Welcome to Our New Members!

None this month

Name That Car!

Quiz and photos by Mark McAlpine

Identify the year, make, and model of the 1950's and 1960's automobiles shown below with your only clues being their taillights. (The answers are shown below the quiz.)



ANSWERS: 1) 1958 Oldsmobile Super 88 Fiesta station wagon; 2) 1954 Buick Skylark convertible; 3) 1958 Buick Roadmaster convertible; 4) 1955 Oldsmobile Series 98 Starfire convertible; 5) 1959 Dodge Custom Royal Lancer convertible; 6) 1958 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner retractable hardtop; 7) 1959 Mercury Parklane convertible; 8) 1958 Chevrolet Impala convertible; 9) 1960 Lincoln Mk V convertible; 10) 1960 Edsel Ranger convertible; 11) 1959 Chevrolet Impala convertible; 12) 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado Deluxe coupe; and 13) 1967 Pontiac Grand Prix convertible.



AACA Calendar of Events

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

APRIL 2021

9-10 AACA SE Spring Nationals
Concord, NC

(Show only—No Charlotte AutoFair)

~~15-17 AACA Annual Convention
Philadelphia, PA~~

(Postponed & Being Rescheduled)

19-22 AACA SE Divisional Tour
Central Florida

MAY 2021

20-25 AACA Founders Tour
Davis, WV

JUNE 2021

2-5 AACA Eastern Div Tour
Eastern Shore of Maryland

17-19 AACA Eastern Spring
Nat'l's
Saratoga Springs, NY

JULY 2021

1-3 AACA Central Spring Nat'l's
Auburn, IN

11-16 AACA Vintage Tour
Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

22-24 AACA Grand Nationals
New Ulm, MN

AUGUST 2021

13-14 AACA Western Fall Nat'l's
Loveland, CO

SEPTEMBER 2021

9-11 AACA SE Fall Nationals
Greenville, SC

12-17 AAA Revival Glidden
Tour®
(VMCCA-hosted)
Saratoga Springs, NY

OCTOBER 2021

6-9 AACA Eastern Fall Nat'l's
Hershey, PA

11-15 AACA SE Div Fall Tour
Mt. Airy, NC

18-22 AACA Central Div Tour
Broken Arrow, OK

NOVEMBER 2021

4-6 AACA Spec. Western Nat'l's
Phoenix, AZ

6-11 AACA Western Fall Tour
Metropolitan Phoenix and
Central Arizona

FEBRUARY 2022

10-12 AACA Annual Convention
Philadelphia, PA

24-26 AACA Winter Nationals
Melbourne, FL



EDITOR'S DESK

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Welcome to April and finally warmer temperatures and pollen. Each day I look at my regular transportation becoming greener with pollen. Even washing the truck seems to only help temporarily because by the next morning, it has a fresh coat for pollen. April also means yardwork and planting new flowers and grass. It also means more days and daylight to drive our antique cars. As you saw in the article on page 1, we had a flash drive in March, and as I said, I am in planning for another flash drive. Keep looking for an email as we get close. I also know that the planning is underway for a Square Car tour later this year.

Driving for Bill and I in the Packard meaning buying non-ethanol gasoline whenever possible. There is a gas station on Knotts Island that sells the non-ethanol gasoline along with a Southern States station on Route 460 north of Windsor that also carries the non-ethanol gasoline. Buying the gasoline in North Carolina does carry a .40 cent tax for the non-ethanol gasoline over Virginia. When we did the flash drive, the non-ethanol gasoline was \$3.399 at Duck Thru outside of Elizabeth City (March), where the Southern States was of recently \$2.929 in April. Each of us must decide whether we will use regular gasoline or the non-ethanol, but for Bill and I, it is preferred to use non-ethanol in the Packard.

As we see more people being vaccinated, the hope is that we will soon be able to start having dinner meeting again. As you saw in Wayne's Message, Vicky is stepping down as the Dinner Chair and Skip Patnode who has always talking our reservations is stepping up to be the Dinner Chair. But they also want help from the membership to join a committee to help discuss locations, menus, and prices that will best meet the needs of our membership. As many of us enjoy the dinners, please think about volunteering for the committee to consider the best places, food, cost, and speakers for all of us. We need your input, so join the committee.

Also its not to early to get involved in the 2021 TRAACA Annual Meet at the Military Aviation Museum so get involved now in the planning and fun of

getting the Annual Meet ready to go. There were plenty of great things planned for 2020 that could be used this year. I have volunteered at the meet the previous two years, and greatly enjoyed being part of our signature event. So join in and take part.

ODMA has rescheduled the 2020 show at Natural Bridge for June 11 and 12. See <https://odma.aaca.com/2020-odma-meet/> for more information. They also are planning a tour for October 23 in the Shenandoah Valley in the Winchester, Virginia region.

And of course, April 9—10 is the AACA Southeast Spring Nationals in Charlotte, North Carolina. And locally shows are starting again at Landstown Commons along with other events in the area. So we are now seeing as return to events that we have dearly missed in 2020.

So get the car polished, gassed, and ready and hopefully we will see you out on the road at events while still keeping your safety and comfort in mind.

Doug



Membership Corner: The Name of the Game is Membership

By Jim Elliott, AACA National President & AACA National Membership Committee, aacajim@cox.net

(reprinted with permission from the Speedster January 2021)

If you are a realtor, you concentrate on "location, location and location." If you are showing a car, you strive for "perfection, perfection and perfection." For the AACA, we need to work on "membership, membership and membership." There is no doubt that the past twelve months have been stressful for all of us and challenging for the AACA as well as all other car clubs. Our focus must always be on our membership as our members are the reason that our club exists.

Membership has two roads and we need to travel both. Existing members need to be maintained, while new members need to be obtained. The best way to advertise our hobby is to drive and display our cars. The general public loves old cars. Television commercials and movies are featuring old cars more than ever. Requests for antique cars and trucks grow each year for special occasions like weddings and proms.

While the current health crisis has limited our events, it has also opened new doors. Many clubs have participated in parades at high school graduations, birthday celebrations and at retirement communities. There have been many "tours to nowhere" held by regions for their members which include a long Sunday drive and an outdoor picnic as the intermission. The picnic is also a great way to conduct your region meetings.

There is light at the end of this "virus tunnel" and there will be pent-up demand for antique car events. Now is the time to begin our plans for 2021 and beyond. By holding successful and entertaining events, our membership is certain to grow.

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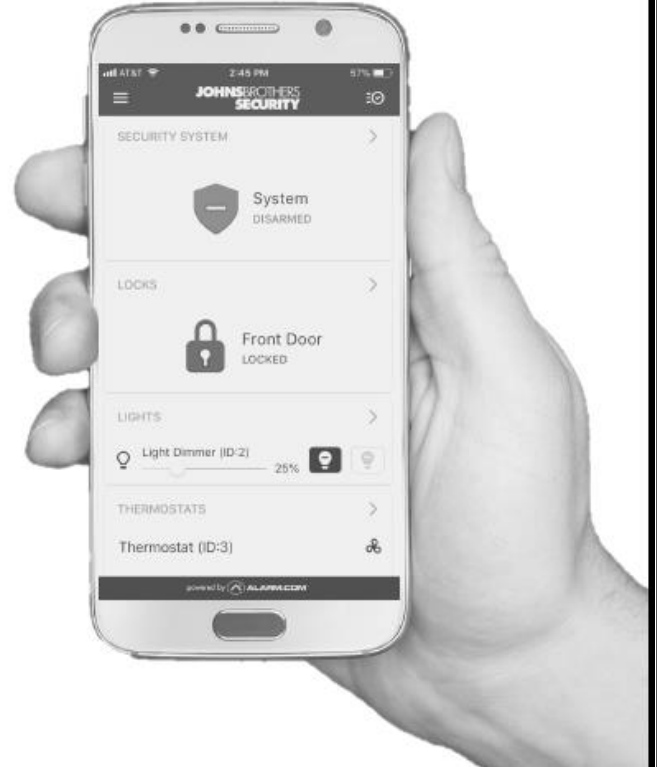
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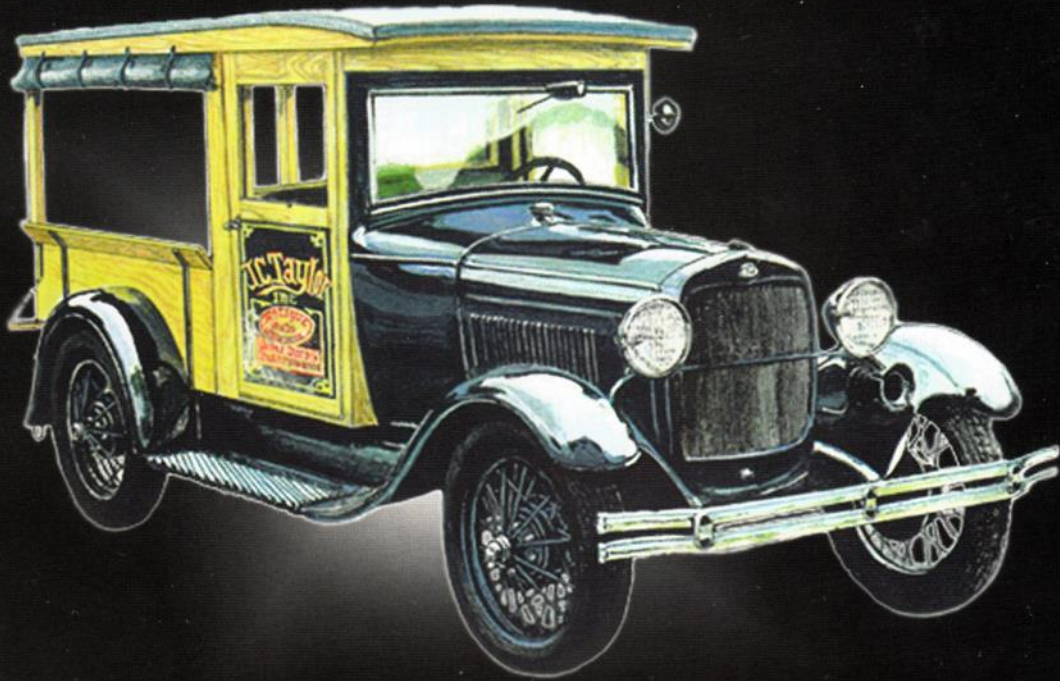
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(L-R) 1932 Studebaker President roadster and 1934 Ford Model 40 cabriolet in the Don Bowman Collection