

# The Mudflap

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*We apologize for this month's issue being late. Catastrophic failure of our computer caused the loss of the newsletter template, data & photos. The June issue will be on time. Thank you for your understanding!*



— **RESCHEDULED DATE** —  
**TRAACA Square Car Tour**  
**Saturday, 30 May 2015**

The TRAACA's 14th annual Square Car Tour has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 30th. Although it's the "Square Car" Tour, all vehicles are welcome to participate; however, the square cars will lead the procession and set the pace.

Tour participants will meet in the parking lot of the Mt. Pleasant Marketplace, at the intersection of Centerville Turnpike and Mt. Pleasant Road in Chesapeake, at 10:30 AM by the Farm Fresh gas pumps and will depart at 11:00 AM. The tour will be approximately 60 miles on paved back roads and progress at a leisurely pace

set by the square cars, ending at Angie's Restaurant at 335 Centerville Turnpike South, Chesapeake, VA for lunch around 2:00-2:30 PM.

If you plan on participating, please contact Dick Chipchak at 495-0115 or [dchipchak@aol.com](mailto:dchipchak@aol.com) so we can provide the restaurant an estimate for lunch. (If you don't sign up but your plans change, show up—there's always room for a few more.) Also, please note that because there's a Starbucks inside the Farm Fresh, we won't be serving coffee or doughnuts. If you have any questions, contact Kit Lawrence at 651-0791.



**CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS**—Alfonso Ludovici and his 1956 DeSoto Fireflight sedan. Read the story on Page 14.



**TRAACA  
CALENDAR**

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

**MAY 2015**

- 1-2 AACA Eastern Spring Meet  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 4 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM Tuesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 21 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 22- ODMA Meet
- 23 Staunton, VA
- 30 **RESCHEDULED DATE**  
TRAACA Square Car Tour  
Chesapeake, VA

**JUNE 2015**

- 3 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Wednesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 11 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
*NOTE DIFFERENT DATE!*  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 13 Dolphin Run Boat Trip  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 20 Bay Lake Retirement  
Community Car Show  
Virginia Beach, VA

**JULY 2015**

- 7 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Tuesday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 18 Jefcoat Museum of  
Americana Tour  
Murfreesboro, NC

# HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY, TRAACA!

This year the Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America celebrates its 60th anniversary while our parent organization, the AACA, celebrates its 80th anniversary. Each issue of *The Mudflap* this year will feature articles and/or photos from our club's history, celebrating and remembering our heritage. See Pg. 15.

## From the Driver's Seat



**Jim Villers**  
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After our very successful AACA Eastern Spring Meet, it is time to say "Well done" to everyone who participated in making it a most enjoyable event. We can now begin focusing on the future.

A couple of months ago, our Square Car Tour was cancelled due to inclement weather and our Activities Committee has rescheduled it for Saturday, May 30. This tour is always special because it brings out so many cars that are routinely not on other tours. It is also unusual as there is a protocol to the position of the cars in the tour: it begins with the oldest car, with the rest of the cars following according to their year of manufacture. This should be a relaxing tour of the farm land and back roads of southern Chesapeake, so come join the fun.

An initiative, which began as an informal assist, is evolving into a routine function of the club. Sam Kern recruited a few club members to work with the Boy Scouts at the Military Aviation Museum to fulfill the Scouts' requirements for their Automotive Maintenance Merit

Badge. With the third presentation, it is becoming a structured activity, with members speaking on technical topics while using their cars as illustrations.

At the same time, Melanie Kordis has been in discussions with the Virginia Beach Schools' Vocational Education Division about how the club could assist in the automotive curriculum. While this is still in the early phase of evaluating their needs and our capabilities, it is another opportunity where we can share our knowledge and skills with the next generation.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge with high school-age students, please let me know and I will put your name on the "Presenters List." The current topics for the Boy Scouts include Tires, Engine, Cooling System, Fuel System, Ignition and Electrical, Drivetrain, Brake System, and General Maintenance and Safety.

With all of the focus on our National Meet, little emphasis was given to the registration deadline for the Old Dominion Meet in Staunton on May 22-23. This is the once-a-year gathering of AACA club members from around the state to show off their cars in a special place. If you missed the registration deadline, you can still volunteer to judge and join the fun. If you registered a car, I will see you there—and let's bring home the ODMA Cup again.

So much to do and so little time. Let's have fun: it is an old car type of day.

*Jim*

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# From the Running Board

April 1, 2015 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport on Military Hwy. Directors present were Jim Villers (President), Mark McAlpine (Vice President), Melanie Kordis (Secretary), Marion McAlpine (Treasurer), and Wes Neal (President Emeritus). Board members present were Matt Doscher, Skip Patnode and Tim Russell. Members present were Dick Chipchak and Vicki Doscher, Frank Lagana, and Dot & Bob Parrish.

**Secretary's Report:** The March Board Meeting Minutes were published in the April *Mudflap*.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read by Marion. Report included summary of Swap Meet. The club remains in the black. No questions from the Board.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Marketing/PR:** Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

**Youth Chapter:** Bob Parrish & Melanie Kordis met with educators at the Virginia Beach Schools Vocational and Tech Center to discuss a possible partnership between the Automotive Center and TRAACA.

## Communications:

- *The Mudflap* newsletter:
  - Mark thanked the members for their great articles.
  - The first roving reporter submission was written by Matt Doscher (on Mickey & Toni McChesney's 1968 Oldsmobile Delta 88). Anyone else who is interested in writing articles on members' cars should let Mark know—you too can be a Roving Reporter!
  - Advertisements are at capacity and paid in full.
- The *Mud Speck* weekly e-mail: NSTR.
- Calling Tree: Used for dinner meeting confirmations.
- Club website: Used to post forms, history, past events.

## Activities:

- April 4: Square Car tour cancelled due to rain.
- May 30: Dewitt Museum Tour.  
[Editor's Note: This has been replaced by the rescheduled Square Car Tour.]
- June 13: Dolphin Run boat trip.
- June 20: Bay Lake Retirement Community Car Show (morning).
- July 18: Jefcoat Museum Tour, Murfreesboro, NC.
- August 15: Local Brewery Tour.
- September 25: Friday Night Social (preceding annual TRAACA "Wings & Wheels" Meet on Sat, 26 Sep).
- October 31: Annual Chili Cook-Off at the Milligan's.
- November 19: Dinner Meeting & Annual Silent Auction
- December 20: Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club.

## ODMA:

- This year's ODMA Meet is May 22-23. The event is in Verona, VA, and the host hotel is in Staunton, VA. A

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list of judges is requested. Contact Wes Neal.

- The Next ODMA meeting is scheduled for November.
- The next 2016 ODMA Meet will be in Martinsville, VA.
- The 2017 ODMA Meet will be in Tidewater.

## Restaurants/Dinner Meetings:

- April 16: Monthly dinner meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.
- May 21: Monthly dinner meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.
- June 11: Monthly dinner meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.
- July: To be determined (possibly replaced by an ice cream social).

## Society:

- Current membership status (as of March 31): 167 (singles/couples). The Board thanked Jim Villers for sending welcome letters to all recent new members.
- Sunshine Report: The Board thanked Vickie Doscher for generously agreeing to take over the Sunshine Report and thanked Toni McChesney for her dedication. Vicki read the latest report and will send updates every Friday to Mark and Bob. Anyone wishing to be included in *The Mudflap* & *Mud Speck* should contact Vickie.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- AACA proposal to direct new national members to local chapters/regions.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

- AACA Eastern Spring Meet (30 Apr—2 May):
  - 238 vehicles registered (as of 1 April)
  - Final details for the Meet will be discussed at the 16 April dinner meeting. Dress rehearsal is on Sat, 25 April, at the Military Aviation Museum.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Kordis

# AACA Southeastern Spring Meet

## Charlotte, NC

### April 8-11, 2015



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

Despite dire predictions of rain, wind, and lightening, the 2015 Charlotte Auto Fair and AACA Southeastern Division Spring Meet, held 8-11 April, was blessed with mostly sunny skies and warm temperatures. And, as, usual, a good number of TRAACA members could be found in and about the swap meet and show field.

The current buzz phrase in the collector car world is “barn find,” and not surprisingly this year’s swap meet was stocked full with them. The “amazing barn finds” ranged from a white 1968 AMC AMX that looked like it had been spray painted with red clay and a rusted-out 1948 Chevrolet sedan that looked more like a “swamp find” to an immaculate looking 1960 Cadillac hardtop. Other cars spotted in the flea market area included a mediocre-looking 1972 Ford LTD Country Squire station wagon priced at an eye-popping \$77,500 [Editor’s note: the NADA Classic & Collectible Car Appraisal Guide high price for this model is about \$13,000] and a pink & black Chevrolet El Camino with a 1956 Cadillac front bumper pon-toons that makes a real argument for car bras.

Happily, the huge car corral that covered the Charlotte Raceway track provided a wide range of better choices, including a near-perfect and almost totally original 1940 Buick for \$25,000 and a new-looking 1971 Chevrolet Monte Carlo for \$15,000. There were not many “original” antique automobiles as the Charlotte event tends to bring out more hot rods and muscle cars.

Fellow TRAACA member Charlie Daniels once again risked his reputation by allowing 24 TRAACA members and guests to book dinner on Friday night at the exclusive Speedway Club restaurant, atop the grandstand, with its full view of the entire Charlotte raceway. The restaurant even printed custom menus with the TRAACA’s name & logo on the top. (All those present signed one of the menus, which was framed and presented to Charlie at the TRAACA’s April dinner meeting.) TRAACA members present included Terry & Sue Bond, Mike & Darlene Brown, Bill Coburn, Jim & Donna Elliott, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Ron Pack (with 3 friends from Smithfield), Bob & Dot Parrish (with their friends Roy and Marie Reichenback), Tony & Leslie Scarpelli, Bob Stein, Neil Sugermeyer, and Jim Villers. Bernie Golias (AACA VP—Library & Research) and Wally Hunt (President of the Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA) joined us.

Dan Ciccone and Tyler Gimbert were set up as vendors in their usual spot, and received visits from TRAACA shoppers Terry Bond, Bill Coburn, Bob Parrish, Bob Stein, and Rad Tillet. At the AACA Judges Breakfast on Saturday morning, Dot Parrish was recognized for earning

her 25th judging credit, Sue Bond for her 75th, Terry Bond and Jeff Locke for reaching their 175th credits. TRAACA judges at the meet included Terry Bond, Dan Ciccone, Bill Coburn, Tom Cox, Tyler Gimbert, Jeff Locke (for his last time), Mark & Marion McAlpine, Dick McNinch, Bob Stein, and Neil Sugermeyer. Susan Bond and Dot Parrish worked admin. Bob Parrish, as AACA Executive VP, was busy working behind the scenes. After the Judges Breakfast, Terry Bond, Marion & Mark McAlpine each presented Continuing Judges Education classes.

TRAACA members were also out in force on the show field, with Jim Villers’ 1967 Porsche 911 receiving its well-deserved Senior Award, and Mike & Darlene Brown’s 1972 Ford LTD, Ron Pack’s 1971 Mercedes-Benz 280SL, Bill Thumel’s 1968 Ford Shelby Mustang GT500 each receiving their First Junior Awards. Jim Elliott’s 1982 Chevrolet Corvette and Jeff Locke’s 1977 Demm Smily each received Repeat Preservation Awards. Repeat HPOF awards went to Jeff Locke’s 1964 Solex Moped and Dick McNinch’s 1986 Mercedes-Benz 300E.



*A view of the infield swap meet from the Speedway Grandstand*



*Bob & Dot Parrish, Darlene & Mike Brown enjoy the barbecue*



*Chevrolet El Camino with "Dagmars" (needing Victoria's Secret?)*



*Jim Villers prepping his 1967 Porsche 911 for judging*



*Tyler Gimbert (left) & Dan Ciccone (right) are visited in their swap meet space by Franklin Gage & Rad Tillet (center left & right)*



*Jim & Donna Elliott in search of that elusive special treasure*



*Al & Laurel Swenson taking a break*



*Sue & Terry Bond giving Marion McAlpine a lesson on antiques*



*The TRAACA contingent dining at the Charlotte Motor Speedway's "Speedway Club." (That's not a portrait of our Charlie Daniels.)*

# AACA Eastern Spring Meet Virginia Beach, VA April 30—May 2, 2015



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

After several years of preparation, the 2015 AACA Eastern Spring Meet, hosted by the TRAACA from April 30 – May 2, has come and gone. The show was held at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach, with the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel as the host hotel.

Show registrants had several activities to enjoy prior to the show. Thursday started with a driving tour of the Abacus Automotive & Machine Service Shop (owned by TRAACA member Bill Thumel). Participants were greeted with coffee and donuts before seeing a state of the art engine machine shop. The group then proceeded to Bill's vintage car collection to enjoy viewing Bill's vehicles.

For something completely different, people could sign up for the Ladies Luncheon & Vintage Fashion Show, also on Thursday. Several TRAACA members modeled vintage clothing outfits. Even out of town AACA members modeled clothing and help make the fashion show a great success. (See Pages 10-11 for a separate article on the fashion show.)

The Early Bird Reception was held Thursday evening in the Grand Foyer at the Sheraton. Participants had a beautiful view of the Atlantic Ocean and beachfront through the floor-to-ceiling glass windows of the Grand Foyer.

The Friday activities started with a tour of Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana, the U.S. Navy's East Coast Master Jet Base. 150 people on three buses toured the home of the largest group of the U.S. Navy's F/A-18 Hornet and Super Hornet fighter aircraft. This was a well-enjoyed outing. The tour group was treated to a buffet lunch upon their return to the Sheraton.

The Friday Night Social was held in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom, which opened to the Grand Foyer with its lovely view of the Atlantic Ocean. There was a BBQ buffet and plenty of time to get reacquainted with fellow AACA members, both local and those who traveled from other regions.

Of course Saturday was the long awaited big show with 415 registered vehicles. Fortunately, after several days of rain prior to the show, the weather on Saturday was great. And, for the most part, the show field had drained well.

Meet participants and spectators were entertained with vintage WWI and II aircraft on display, as well as many planes performing flying exhibitions. People could purchase flights, and one lucky registrant (TRAACA member Viator Trudeau!) won a free ride from a surprise drawing held at the Friday Night Social. The curator of the Military Aviation Museum announced that the AACA National Meet brought the largest crowd the museum has ever seen.

Saturday started at the crack of dawn with cars entering



*Richard Hall & Bob Pellerin resting after the dress rehearsal*



*Jerry & Ellen Adams and Marion McAlpine at the dress rehearsal*



*Bill Treadwell & Kit Lawrence—"neither snow, nor rain . . ."*

the grounds, receiving their dash plaque from National President Don Barlup, being photographed in front of either a 1949 Waco Biplane or P-51 Mustang, and proceeding to their assigned space on the show field.

The Judges Breakfast was held at the Aviation Museum followed by CJE courses. Judging began at 11:00 AM after the VFW Honor Guard presented the colors in front of the show field and Jeannie Downing beautifully singing the National Anthem.

Following the vehicle judging, the awards ceremony was held in the museum's Army Hangar. Meet Chairman Linda Pellerin and Bob Parrish, AACA Executive Vice President and the Meet Chief Judge, were able to finish

the awards ceremony earlier than anticipated. Over 340 awards were presented (with 100 going to TRAACA members' vehicles!), including 55 First Junior Awards, 35 Senior Awards, 121 First Preservation/Repeat Preservation Awards, 23 HPOF/Repeat HPOF, 24 Original/Repeat Original HPOF, and 41 DPC/Repeat DPC. A catered seafood and chicken buffet followed the awards ceremony. Participants were seen trading rocks, which had been hand-painted with various automobile names.

Many TRAACA members were involved in the long- and short-term planning and execution of the 2015 AACA Eastern Spring Meet. The TRAACA can be very proud of how well this AACA national event turned out.



*(L to R) Marion McAlpine, Toni McChesney, and Donna Elliott staffing the Welcome Table at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel*



*(L to R) Donna Elliott, Leslie Scarpelli, and Marion McAlpine at the Friday Night Social Party at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel*



*Bob & Pam Bond in their 1946 MG TC*



*Bill Wilcox in his 1932 Packard 903 convertible sedan*



*Zelda & Red Lang in their 1962 Chevrolet Impala*



*Dwight Schaubach in his 1930 Duesenberg J-436 Phaeton*



*Reggie & Cindi Nash in their 1904 Rambler Model L*



*Riley Best in his 1953 Pontiac station wagon*



*A row of Chevrolet Corvettes displayed in Class 30C*



*Tom Bottoni in his 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood sedan*



*Bruce Sedel (center) & his 1962 Ford Galaxie 500*



*Mark & Sue Strang in their 1970 Morgan 4/4*



*Bill Coburn with his 1985 Chevrolet Camaro*



*Julie Hobbs in her 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang*



*Tom & Tammy Cox in their 1971 Ford LTD*



*John Heimerl (right) with his 1964 Ford Falcon Sprint*



*Joe & Charline Geib's 1966 Avanti II coupe*



*Neil Sugermeyer in his 1931 Willys-Knight 66B sedan*



*Linda Pellerin receiving a framed, signed copy of the Meet Poster from the artist and fellow TRAACA member Larry Printz*



*1978 GMC Royale Motorhome*



*AACA President Don Barlup, TRAACA President Jim Villers, and Meet Chairman Linda Pellerin at the Awards Ceremony*

## ***THANK YOU!***

**From Meet Chairman—Linda Pellerin**

More than three years of planning and hard work by the Tidewater Region finally came to fruition on April 30—May 2 with a highly successful 2015 AACA Eastern Spring Meet. Hosting a national meet is a huge commitment that sometimes overwhelms the hosting region. But not the TRAACA—our members not only stepped up to do their part, but went the extra mile in every case to ensure that our meet was one of the very best shows in all of the AACA.

We have received numerous commendations and compliments on the impressive organization and preparation that went into every facet of the meet, from the welcome table to trailer parking, field layout to the awards ceremony. Members who were not busy supporting the hotel operation were attending to field operations, and several

national officers commented that we had more volunteers out in the field than at any other meet in memory.

It has often been noted that the TRAACA is one of the very best organizations in all of the AACA. If anyone ever doubted that statement before, they cannot question it after the amazing efforts put forth by our volunteers.

I could not be prouder to be a member of the TRAACA, and can never adequately express my gratitude to the amazing team that made it all possible. It is impossible to thank you individually, for most of our members contributed support for this meet. So please accept this heartfelt *THANK YOU* for not only making the national meet a reality, but for pulling it off with enthusiasm, professionalism, and smiles. The Tidewater Spirit lives!

*Linda*



# Vintage Fashion Parade

## ACA Eastern Spring Meet—30 April 2015

Story and Photos by Marty Sugermeyer

Rain showers may have dampened some of the activities at the ACA Eastern Spring Meet hosted by the TRAACA, but not the vintage fashion parade held at the Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel. Toward the end of the luncheon on Thursday afternoon, the models gathered out of sight behind the podium. Meet Chairman Linda Pellerin introduced Marty Sugermeyer as the first narrator. Bob & Sylvia Roughton were the first to model their vintage finery. They wore dusters, necessary apparel in 1910, especially with dirt roads and open cars such as their early Oaklands. Underneath, Sylvia wore a long black skirt and a cream-colored satin & lace blouse, and large hat trimmed in feathers, beading and tulle. Bob's outfit included a paisley vest, bow tie, and pinstriped trousers. His high topped vintage shoes were the first big hit of the show.

Next, Marion McAlpine wore an evening outfit from the 1920s, a deep aqua, beaded coat of cut velvet over a long beaded tunic, and a beaded & sequined head band with an ostrich feather. The bag she carried, a souvenir from a grand tour, had nighttime Venetian canal scenes made entirely of beads. Melanie Kordis was prepared for an evening out in a black silk velvet dress trimmed with ivory silk under tiny beads around the scoop neckline and down the front, crystal jewelry, and decked her hair with a black feather fascinator. Carol Milligan strutted her stuff in a replica 1930s-style tomato red bias cut flowered dress with handkerchief hem, a green cloche hat and green beaded shawl. Her outfit was complemented with original gold-strapped shoes, gold mesh purse, and red coral necklace. Betty Villers was elegant in a late-1930s crepe dress. The cream sleeves and upper bodice were covered with black sequins to match the black slim bodice and skirt.

Bob Pellerin looked quite dapper in his 1930s British sporting outfit of plaid knickers, white shirt, plaid vest, bow tie and brown driving hat—the perfect outfit for his 1936 Austin “10” Sherborne. Barbara Talley was dressed for a 1930s tea in a long ivory lace dress with matching feathered hat and fan—a lovely outfit for an outing in her 1929 Buick. Ken Talley looked dapper in his pinstriped double-breasted suit with black and white wing tip shoes and fedora.



*(L to R) Janet Meyer, Barbara Talley, and Sylvia Roughton*

Janet Meyer from the Waynesboro/Staunton Region wore an exquisite 1913 black lace evening gown. She picked up some color with red roses on her broad brimmed black hat trimmed in feathers and tulle. She wears this outfit on HCCA tours in their 1913 Buick.



*Carol Milligan (left) and Betty Villers (right)*



*Bob Pellerin (left) and Ken Talley (right)*

Pat Locke stepped in as the second narrator and described Marty Sugermeyer's outfit, a late-teens black silk evening coat trimmed in gold embroidery and fringe, owned formerly by an early TRAACA member. Marty made a gold satin underdress to go with a period black lace beaded tunic, plus a gold and black feathered hat, and a gold & black mesh evening bag. Bill Wilcox said his early 1930s outfit of linen knickers, plaid vest, checked shirt, argyle socks, lace-up shoes, and driving cap reminded him of Mickey Rooney in his movies of that era. Bill thinks the outfit suits “Sophie,” his 1932 Packard convertible sedan. Sue Bond was ready for an outing in her 1914 Model T. Her cream linen walking skirt had tiny black stripes. She wore a black & white sash, a delicate lace-trimmed ¾ sleeve blouse, and a feather & lace-trimmed replica period hat.

Bob Woolfitt was ready for an outing in his 1934 Packard sedan dressed in a black double-breasted jacket, tan cuffed pants, black & tan tie and shoes, and grey snap-brim fedora. He sported a pocket watch and chain dating to the 1850s that had belonged to his uncle. Melanie Kordis returned in a lovely copper brown beaded evening dress with demi sleeves and draped front from the 1940s, and a mink stole. (During that era, a lady never went out in the evening without her hat & gloves.) Carol Milligan's outfit from the teens featured a long black velvet skirt and a lovely black silk velvet jacket. She added a long pearl necklace, beaded gloves, and a gold & silver trimmed bag. Her vintage shoes had the Cuban heels so popular for decades and still a favorite for dancing shoes today. Betty Villers returned in

a long beige lace gown over a burgundy underdress with a small matching jacket, ready for an evening out or an elegant garden party. Bob Roughton returned as a gangster from the 1930s in cream pants, pin-striped shirt, and a bow tie that matches his 1930 Oakland, boater hat, and white shoes. Marion McAlpine was the finale in an original 1920s Halloween party dress trimmed in orange & black ruffles and jingle bells. She wore a witch's hat trimmed with silk leaves in fall colors and carried a Mickey Mouse pumpkin filled with candy to share with each table.

Vintage outfits are the perfect period-correct complements to our antique automobiles. And as all our models demonstrated so gracefully, class never goes out of style.



*(L to R) Marty Sugermeyer, Bill Wilcox, Susan Bond, Bob Woolfitt, and Melanie Kordis dressed to kill (vintage style)*



*All the models gathered together at the finale of the Vintage Fashion Show at the 2015 ACA Eastern Spring Meet in Virginia Beach*



# Still Collecting Stuff — Early Motoring Humor

By Terry Bond

There was a time when the automobile and those who owned them were the subjects of jokes. There were many different books published over the years that contained motoring humor. Many early 1990s auto-related periodicals also carried a “humor” section, much the same as we see cartoons in today’s publications like *Old Cars Weekly*. It isn’t a new fad!

There are basically two types of auto-related humor books. There are hardbound, well-illustrated books containing cartoon images of early motoring scenes. Often these images were made to be removed and individually framed, like those in my wonderful early book “*Motoritis—Other Interpretations of the Motor Act.*” It’s a rare British work with twelve colored plates, published to poke fun at the famed “Red Flag Act” that was eventually repealed in 1905, generating the great “emancipation run” from Hyde Park in London to Brighton on the south

coast of England. Today, of course, it’s known as the London to Brighton Run. These kinds of books can be quite valuable and are not often

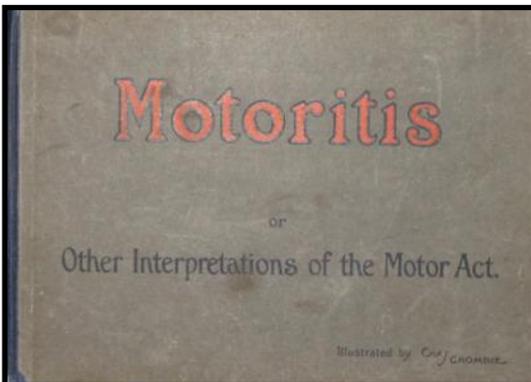
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Hardbound books, generally illustrated only in black-and-white, can be easier to find and often acquired for \$100 or less.



“Auto Fun” — circa 1905-1906

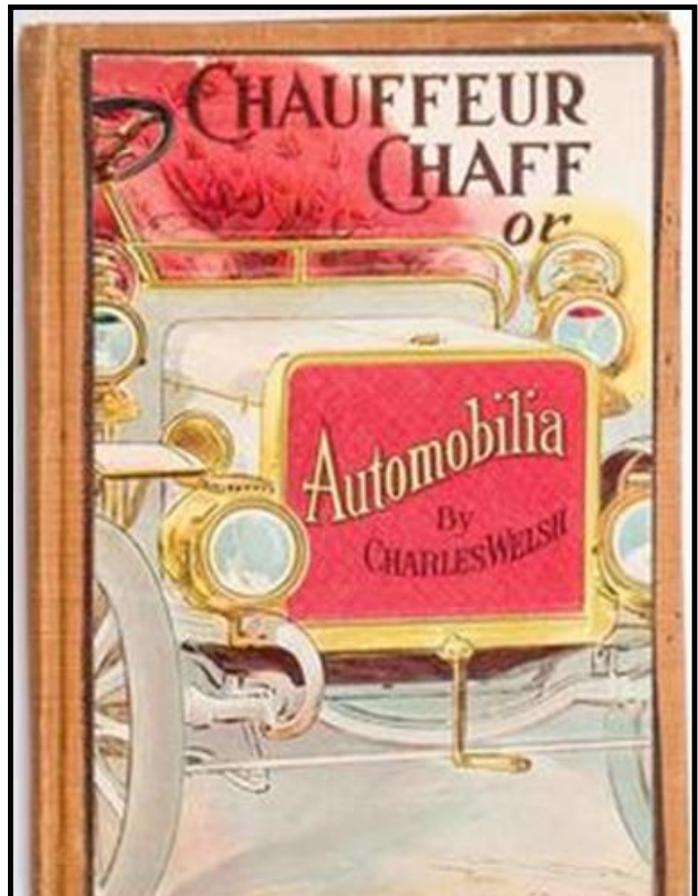
Many of these books have great cover illustrations on them, and that will often significantly increase their value. Two of my favorites are “*Auto Fun* and “*Chauffeur Chaff or Automobilia.*” Note: this book represents a very early use of the term “automobilia,” which described an automotive-related collection of humorous limericks about early motoring.



“Motoritis” by Charles Crombie, published in 1906



One of the illustrations of the 1906 book “Motoritis”



Nicely embossed cover illustration of “Chauffeur Chaff or Automobilia” by Charles Welsh, originally published in 1905

The Model T Ford, of course, was the subject of many jokes: “Why did the man ask to be buried in his Model T Ford? Well, it’s the only car he ever had that could climb out of any hole!”

Ford Joke Books were frequently printed as small soft-cover pamphlets. These can be very interesting and also very inexpensive. Most in my collection were acquired for less than \$30. I believe there are more than two dozen different varieties of these booklets known to exist.

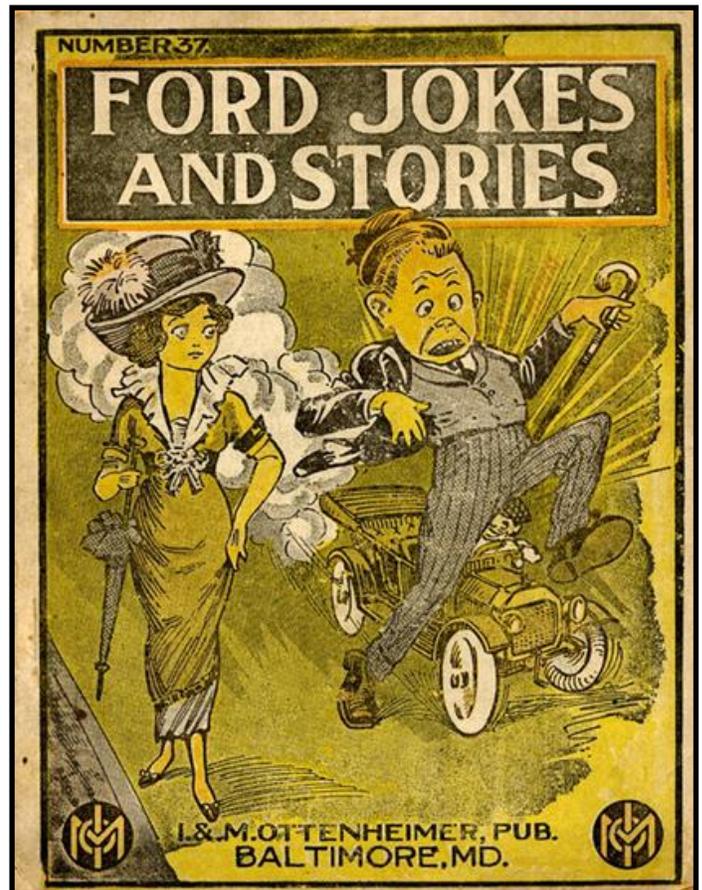
Some booklets were written as travel journals with blank sections to be filled in as you motored along, such as “Number of Chickens Killed” and even “Number of Buggies Run Off the Road.” Of course, “Number of Flat Tires” and “Number of Sparking Plugs Replaced” were all worthy of noting on a long motoring trip.

There were other books that contained motoring humor in poetic form—“Mother Goose Motor Rhymes” is one example that twisted popular Mother Goose nursery rhymes with motoring humor of the day.

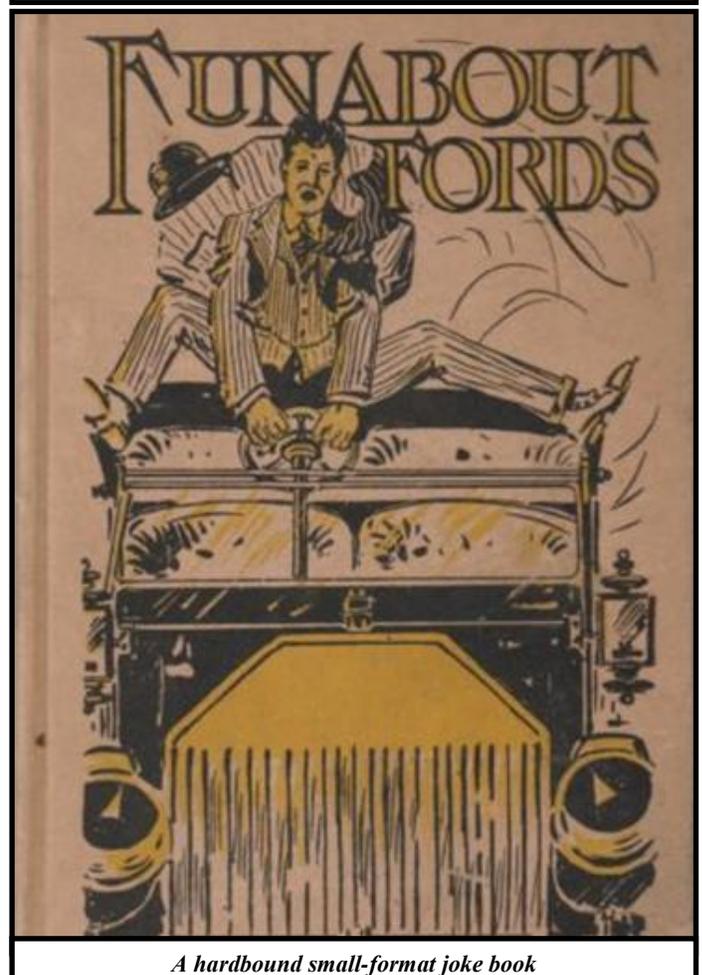
Most booklets are not difficult to find if you look hard through old piles of books in antique markets or even at automobile swap meets. Of course eBay can be a good source & also provides an opportunity to compare prices. Most of these small joke books are fairly inexpensive, but, like everything else, condition is everything. There are some of these books that have been reproduced, but they are easily detected and were never made to deceive. This is one case that if it looks old, it probably is. Until they get really valuable it just isn’t worth someone’s time and expense to reproduce them.

This is one collection that is really a load of fun!

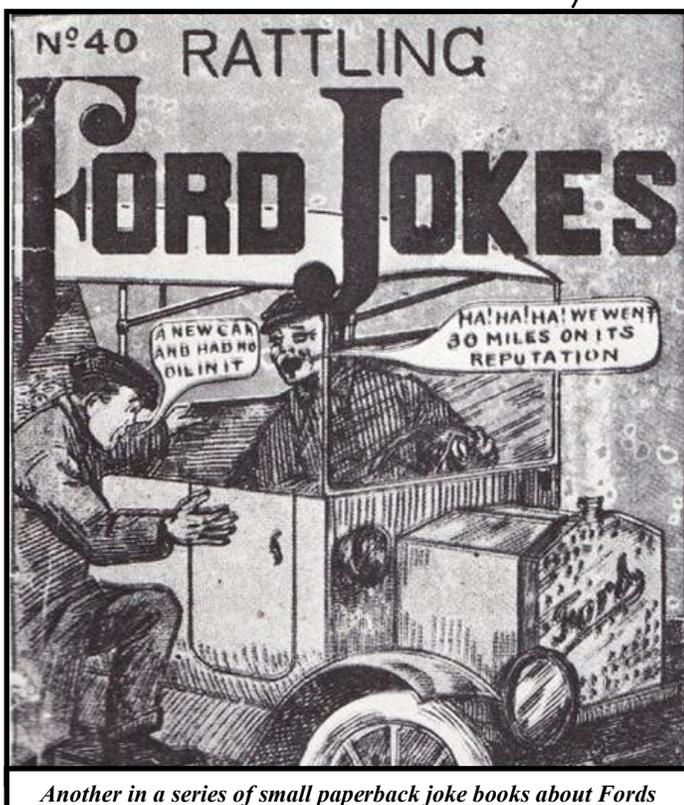
*Terry Bond*



*One edition in an early series of Ford joke books*



*A hardbound small-format joke book*



*Another in a series of small paperback joke books about Fords*

# Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars

## *Alfonso Ludovici's 1956 DeSoto Fireflight*

Story and photos by Alfonso Ludovici



*Alfonso's DeSoto contrasts nicely with the modern cars behind it*

Before beginning the story of my 1956 Desoto I wish to thank two wonderful people—fellow TRAACA members that were and still are so close to me—for their advice and efforts to get my car running: Keith Colonna and Tony Scarpelli. Their help was **INVALUABLE!**

This is a simple story, the story of an Italian who has a strong passion for American cars . . . dreaming to become an "American."

After my arrival in the United States in 2011 to work at the NATO Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, my greatest desire was to buy an American car just like those that I had always admired in old movies when I was a boy. I had the opportunity immediately to buy a 1979 Lincoln Continental, affectionately nicknamed by my U.S. Navy colleagues as "the boat." I had a lot of fun with this fantastic car & I still have good memories of it.

After a year I wanted to replace the Lincoln with an older car, so I started looking on Craig's List (a precious source for finding interesting classic cars). I found a 1956 Desoto Fireflight sedan hardtop for sale near Richmond in North Chesterfield, Virginia. My friend Keith Colonna and I went there to see the car. It was parked inside a garage, probably since the 1970s. At first glance the car seemed intact with all its parts. As it had been stored a long time, it could not be started or easily moved. So, after deciding to buy the car, I had to call the AAA (a formidable organization, according to me). They loaded the car on a rollback truck and transported it to Norfolk.

To enable the car to run it was necessary to remove, clean and internally rebuild its gas tank, replace the battery and tires (I bought a set of whitewall tires from Coker Tires), check the brake system and replace the brake shoes. The Desoto could now safely be put on the road, but I had to face some new problems. The heating system did not work, so I had to check it and rebuild the heater core. The cooling system had to be checked, too, because it leaked. So the car's large radiator was rebuilt. The motor was burning too much oil and emitted dense

smoke from both exhaust pipes. I had to proceed to a systematic reconstruction of the 8-cylinder hemi engine (valves, bands, pistons, gaskets etc.). Besides Keith and Tony, I also received assistance from several mechanics at Abacus Racing, Classic Coachworks Unlimited, and Warren Auto Repair. Warren also checked and repaired the DeSoto's "PowerFlite" automatic transmission. (I had a problem engaging the "reverse" gear.) Even the electric motors of the windows were repaired. For this I turned to Phantomworks in Norfolk.

My Desoto now runs fine although other minor work remains to be done, mainly related to the instrument panel, such as the odometer, the water temperature gauge and the gas gauge are not accurate.

[Editor's Note: Alfonso was reassigned to Italy, but hopes to return to the Norfolk area soon. Meanwhile, his wife Patrizia and daughter Mariaclara remain in the area as Mariaclara finishes her graduate degree at Old Dominion University, and they attend TRAACA events occasionally when their busy schedules permit it.]



*The interior of Alfonso's 1956 DeSoto Fireflight sedan*



*The 1956 DeSoto Fireflight has a 330-ci, 230-hp V-8 hemi engine*

# Happy 60th Anniversary TRAACA!

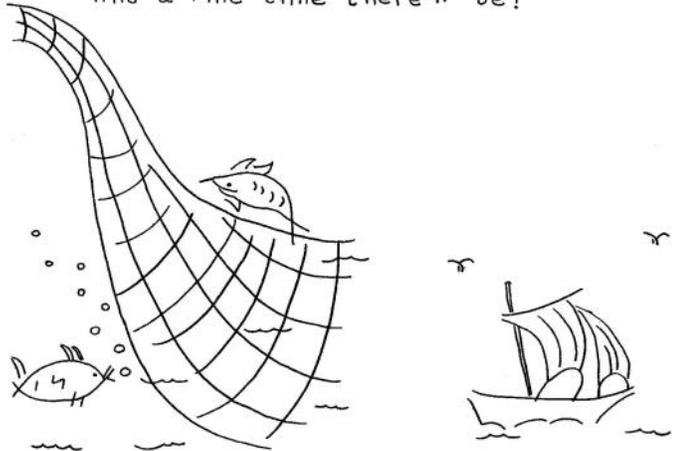
*(Information provided by TRAACA historian Richard Hall)*

The Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA) was chartered on February 4, 1955, becoming one of just 34 regions in the country at the time. Since then, the club has grown from 10 members to over 165 families & the AACA has grown to 366 regions. Each issue of *The Mudflap* this year will highlight some of our history.

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By the beautiful sea,



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TIDEWATER REGION A. A. C. A.  
1st. Virginia Beach Meet

TIDEWATER REGION A.A.C.A.

1st VIRGINIA BEACH MEET

Alan B. Shepard Convention Center  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### SATURDAY - JUNE 1, 1963

- 9 - 11 A. M. Registration in Foyer of Convention Center
- 11:30 A. M. Judging - Cars must be in place before this time to be judged.
- 1:00 P. M. Box lunches available in Convention Center
- 1:30 P.M. [REDACTED] Costume judging
- 2:15 P.M. [REDACTED] Assemble for parade through City of Virginia Beach
- 6:30 P. M. Social hour - *Sole of Capri Restaurant*
- 7:30 P. M. Banquet - *310 31st Street*
- 8:30 P. M. Presentation of awards  
First Place - Trophies  
Second Place - Ribbons  
Third Place - Ribbons
- Door Prizes
- 9:30 P. M. Dance - Music by Chesapeake Bay "Stutz" Bearcats

#### SUNDAY - JUNE 2, 1963

- 8:15 A. M. Breakfast run - Assemble at Convention Center for Motorcade to Fort Story Officers Club for breakfast.
- 9:30 A. M. Leave Officers Club at approximately this time for visit to Cape Henry Cross and Lighthouse located within the gates of Fort Story. The Cross marks the landing of the first permanent English Colonists April 26, 1607. The Lighthouse is the country's oldest government built lighthouse erected in 1791.

*This is the flyer for the TRAACA's first Meet, held at the Alan B. Shepard Convention Center in Virginia Beach, VA, on Saturday, 1 June, 1963*

## TRAACA Dinner Meeting Thursday, May 21, 2015

This month's dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23502. Dinner will be Chicken Parmesan, sliced Roast Beef with gravy, Caesar salad, roasted baby red potatoes, green beans, and chef's choice of dessert.

This month's guest speaker is Hans Meyer, who will talk about his experiences as a Luftwaffe pilot in WWII, and will have copies of his "Memoirs" available for purchase.

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

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*(Suggested by Laurel Swenson)*





## AACA Membership Roster

By Steve Moskowitz, AACA Executive Director

Reprinted from the Winter 2015 AACA *Rummage Box*)



The AACA Membership Roster is now online! You can go to [www.AACA.org](http://www.AACA.org) and sign in to either the Meets & Tours section or go to Members Info to access the information. Both of these areas require your membership number and PIN [personal identification number].

You can use the online roster in a number of ways. The search feature allows you to find members by last name, city or state. You cannot print out an entire roster. We have chosen to start out this way and put a high degree of security into the site. The methodology we have used will thwart people from using the roster in inappropriate ways. We also do not include phone numbers or email addresses for the same reason and to protect personal data of our members.

While many have expressed an interest in having a roster listing cars, etc., we have heard the majority still do not want that type of information available online. So at this time we will keep the roster information minimal and containing the exact same information as our previous printed rosters contained.

Remember the AACA roster is not available for any commercial purposes and is copyrighted by the Antique Automobile Club of America. It is available for our regions, chapters and members only.



## Judges' Corner—Read This

By Read Majors, Chairman, Judges Training

Reprinted from the March 2015 AACA *The Judge* newsletter)



Our judging year is well underway and it promises to be both challenging and rewarding. Here are some topics that I consider important . . .

**Planning** – Look over the event schedule and pick your poison. Can you be there? Will you register early and pay the breakfast fee in a timely fashion? Will you show up (and if you can't make it, will you notify the Chief Judge to prevent loss of credit and team confusion)? On your registration form, have you selected class options based upon your interest and expertise? They say "Man plans and God laughs," but each judge is an important part of the machine and should not take their commitment lightly.

**Tracking** – As you set up your schedule, check your judging credit status and see if you will hit a Milestone level in your CJE credits during 2015. Don't miss the opportunity to take an extra credit CJE if this is a 10, 25, 50, etc., credit year.

**Judging Guidelines** – Our revised edition offers a more user friendly format. When you get your copy, look it over carefully. With the new tab dividers you can access information quickly and accurately. There are some changes that effect point judging and should be noted. Judging School can't cover every single issue and many of the answers are in the Judging Guidelines.

**Talk it UP!** – Keep our ranks filled by bringing in new judges. Don't forget that we recruit by example and enthusiasm. Sometimes, all it takes to generate someone's interest is to give a moment of your time and attention.

Make sure you attend Judging School prior to judging this year. If you are a Team Captain, keep your certification by attending a Team Captains School or a Team Captains CJE. *These are annual requirements!* I'll look for you on the field.



## AACA Calendar of Events

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

### MAY 2015

30 Apr- Eastern Spring Meet  
2 May Virginia Beach, VA

4-6 SE Divisional Tour  
Knoxville, TN

7-9 Special Spring Meet  
Auburn, IN

### JUNE 2015

4-6 Central Spring Meet  
Independence, MO

12-14 The Elegance at Hershey  
Grand Ascent & Concours  
Hershey, PA

### JULY 2015

15-18 Southeastern Fall Meet  
Louisville, KY

27-31 Vintage Tour  
Lancaster, PA

### AUGUST 2015

25-27 Western Divisional Tour  
Northern California  
Santa Rosa, CA

30- Revival AAA Glidden Tour  
4 Sep Chickasha, OK

### SEPTEMBER 2015

30 Aug Revival AAA Glidden Tour  
4 Sep Chickasha, OK

14-18 Founders Tour  
Northeast Ohio

### OCTOBER 2015

7-10 Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA

### NOVEMBER 2015

5-7 Central Fall Meet  
Houma, LA

### FEBRUARY 2016

11-13 AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA

### MARCH 2016

17-19 Winter Meet  
Naples, FL

### APRIL 2016

7-10 SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC



# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

## Welcome to our New Members!

**Alvin & Virginia Schexnider**  
Chesapeake, VA  
- 1954 Chrysler New Yorker Newport

**William Williams & Janet Green**  
Norfolk, VA



## Members celebrating anniversaries in May



**Boyd & Debra Swartz**  
**Alan & Laurel Swenson**

## Sunshine Report

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

- **Whitfield "Whit" Moore**, a long-time member of the TRAACA, passed away on May 2. He was 87.
- **Sue Strang's father** passed away in April.
- **Larry Wickham's brother Jim Wickham** passed away on 13 April in Jacksonville, FL. He was 81.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Harold Eacker**, who was briefly hospitalized in March, but is home and doing well.
- **Dot Parrish**, who broke her shoulder on 30 April. Fortunately, she does not require surgery.
- **Nina Serrone**, who had knee surgery in March.



## Members celebrating birthdays in May



<b>Stephen Aki</b>	<b>Josie Kinker</b>
<b>Ben Buchanan</b>	<b>Robert "Red" Lang</b>
<b>Charlene Cerza</b>	<b>Kit Lawrence</b>
<b>Vickie Doscher</b>	<b>Tina Pack</b>
<b>Jeanie Downing</b>	<b>Dot Parrish</b>
<b>Gordon Garnett</b>	<b>Rhonda Russell</b>
<b>Charlene Geib</b>	<b>Sal Saiya</b>
<b>Claudia Giacomassi</b>	<b>Alvin Schexnider</b>
<b>Sandra Graham</b>	<b>Alan Swenson</b>
<b>Basil Howard</b>	<b>William Sykes</b>
<b>Laura Jordan</b>	<b>Stella Wickham</b>

## Recent Award Winners

### AACA Southeastern Spring Meet—Charlotte, NC

Mike & Darlene Brown	1972 Ford LTD First Junior Award
Jim & Donna Elliott	1982 Chevrolet Corvette Repeat Preservation Award
Jeff Locke	1964 Solex moped Repeat HPOF Award
	1977 Demm Smily moped Repeat Preservation Award
Dick McIninch	1986 Mercedes-Benz 300E Repeat HPOF Award
Ron Pack	1971 Mercedes-Benz 280SL First Junior Award
Bill Thumel	1968 Shelby Mustang GT-500 First Junior Award
Jim Villers	1967 Porsche 911 Senior Award

### Judges Awards presented in Charlotte

Susan Bond	75 Judging Credits
Terry Bond	175 Judging Credits
Jeff Locke	175 Judging Credits
Dot Parrish	25 Judging Credits



## Retirements



Congratulations to Steve Aki, who retired from the U.S. Army after 31 years of dedicated service to his country.

## Recent Award Winners (cont'd)

### AACA Eastern Spring Meet—Virginia Beach, VA

Over 100 TRAACA members' vehicles received awards at the National Meet we hosted at the Military Aviation Museum on 30 April—2 May. Because the list is too long to print, please see the AACA and TRAACA websites for the complete list of winners.

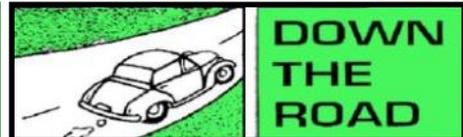
### Judges Awards presented in Virginia Beach

Bill Treadwell	10 Judging Credits
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Jeff Locke was inducted into the AACA Judges Honor Society at our National Meet, retiring from field judging as a Senior Master Judge with 175 Judging Credits. Jeff is the 48th AACA member inducted into the Judges Honor Society. Well done, Jeff!

## Dolphin Watch & Dessert Cruise Saturday, June 13, 2015

Join us on Saturday, June 13th, for an evening boat cruise and enjoy some delicious desserts while watching dolphins swim. Cost is \$22/each including tip. See *The Mud Speck & June Mudflap* for more details. Contact Linda Pellerin at 481-3380 or lpellerin2@cox.net to RSVP.



**Other Regional/ Local Events**

- MAY 2015**
- 8 Friday Night Cruise-In at Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield, VA
  - 9 7th Annual Shake, Rattle & Roll Car Show Suffolk, VA
  - 8-9 Shenandoah Region AACA 57th Apple Blossom Meet Winchester, VA
  - 22 Friday Night Cruise-In at Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield, VA
  - 22-23 ODMA Meet Hosted by Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA Staunton, VA
  - 23 Twin-County Region AACA 22nd Memories on Main St Galax, VA
- JUNE 2015**
- 5-7 Carlisle Ford Nationals Carlisle, PA
  - 6 Veteran Benefit Car Show (to benefit Honor Flight & Horton Wreath Society) Chesapeake, VA
  - 6 Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA Annual Show Fredericksburg, VA
  - 12 Friday Night Cruise-In at Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield, VA
  - 14 7th Annual Williamsburg Invitational Car Show Williamsburg, VA
  - 17 Hermitage Elementary School Field Day Virginia Beach, VA
  - 26 Friday Night Cruise-In at Daniels Performance Group, Smithfield, VA
  - 26-28 Carlisle GM Nationals Carlisle, PA
  - 27 Smithfield Olden Days Festival, Smithfield, VA
  - 27-8 Jul Lincoln Highway Tour Detroit to San Francisco



*62nd Annual*  
**Old Dominion Meet**  
*Hosted by the Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA*

**Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, 2015**  
**Show on Saturday: 8:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**Registration: \$20 (preregistration extended until 8 May)**  
**Saturday Buffet: \$25**

Show Field: August County Government Center, Verona, VA  
Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Staunton Conference Center  
Call direct — (540) 248-6020 — for special ODMA rate of \$99/night  
For more info see ODMA website: <http://local.aaca.org/odma/>





**Twin-County Region AACA**  
*22nd Annual*  
**Memories on Main Street Galax, VA**  
**Saturday, May 23, 2015**  
**8:00 AM—3:30 PM**

**Preregister by May 19: \$10 (entered into \$50 drawing)**  
**Day of Show: \$15**

For more info contact Tom Littrell at (276) 236-6197





**Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA**  
*58th Annual*  
**Antique Automobile Show Fredericksburg, VA**  
**Saturday, June 6, 2015**  
**8:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**Preregistration: \$15 (must be postmarked NLT May 30)**  
**Registration after May 30: \$20**

*First 175 vehicles registered and on the show field receive a dash plaque*

For more info see HFRAACA website: <http://hfraaca.org/>  
or contact Meet Chairman J. Gordon Brown at (703) 715-7948





## EDITOR'S DESK

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You probably noticed that this month's issue of *The Mudflap* was published later than usual. This was partly because we held it up a few days in order to include an article about the AACA Eastern Division Spring Meet that the region hosted on 30 April to 2 May. The newsletter was also unexpectedly delayed another two weeks when my laptop computer's hard drive died and I lost the draft issue, the newsletter template, and all the photos and draft and edited articles. (We also lost a lot of personal data including the photos from all the car museums Marion and I have visited over the last three years—I guess that gives us an excuse to visit them all again.)

If only there was a way to back-up computers. Oh, wait—there is. In fact, I'm embarrassed to admit that I had purchased an external hard drive six months ago to do exactly that, but never got around to doing it. This was a painful lesson and it won't happen again. (Our sincere thanks to Bob Stein for rebuilding our laptop computer!)

Speaking of the AACA Eastern Spring Meet, what a great time! Yes, it was a lot of work for the club to plan, organize, and execute, but it all came together and everyone—TRAACA members, AACA members, and spectators—seemed to enjoy it. The rain on Thursday and Fri-

day caused some concern, but thankfully it didn't scare off too many people, and Saturday ended up being beautiful. It took the combined efforts of the entire TRAACA to pull off our Meet, and every club member should take pride in the results. There are far too many people to thank individually by name—from those who helped plan the Meet, solicited sponsors & advertising, worked registration, laid out the show field & trailer parking, worked trailer & show car parking, flea market, welcome desk, hospitality table, tours, banquets, awards, etc.—but three in particular deserve recognition: Meet Chairman Linda Pellerin for her leadership, Meet Vice Chairman Sam Kern, who I'm convinced slept at the museum all week, and TRAACA President Jim Villers who seemed to be everywhere helping out and taking care of problems. Let's all rest and reenergize for a while and then do it again in six years.

There are numerous local car shows & cruise-ins over the next few months, but two large events in particular that many TRAACA members are going to participate in: first the annual ODMA Meet in Staunton, VA (the statewide meet for all the AACA regions in Virginia—a show unique among the AACA), and the AACA Southeastern Fall Meet in Louisville, KY, where the AACA will celebrate its 80th birthday. (And let's not forget the Ford, GM, and Chrysler Nationals at Carlisle in June and July!)

Car season is officially upon us and in full swing. Go out and enjoy it. See you at the ODMA Meet in Staunton on 22-23 May!

*Mark Mc*

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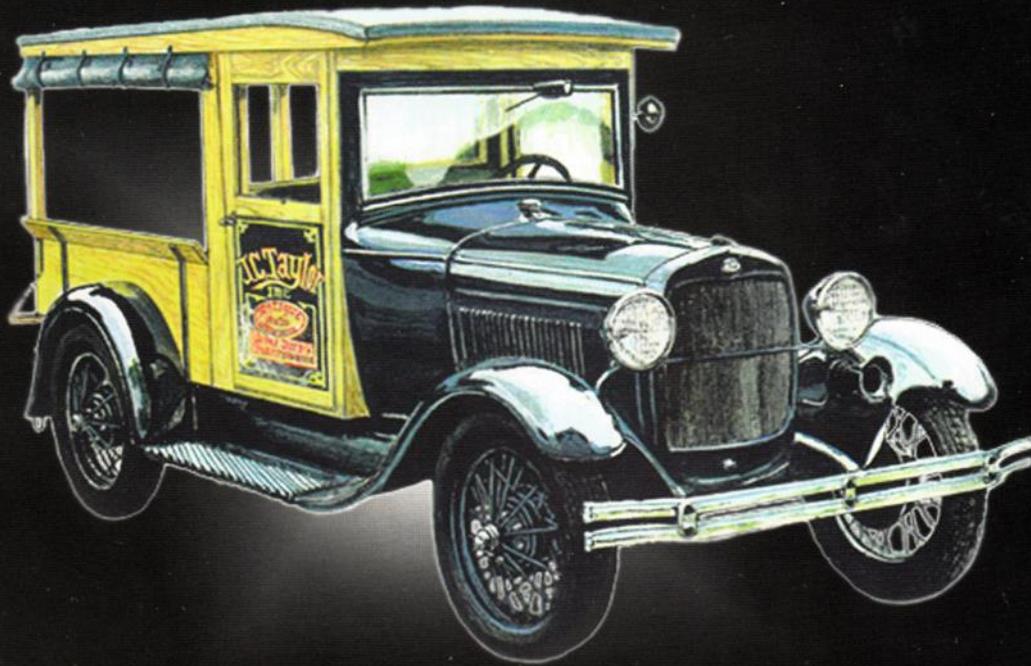
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## **FIRST CLASS**



*Bill Alley's 1909 Packard Model 18 Runabout at the 2015 AACA Eastern Spring Meet in Virginia Beach, VA*