

# The Mudflap



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## 17th Annual TRAACA Square Car Tour Saturday, May 5, 2018 (Rain date: Sunday, May 6th)

The TRAACA's 17th Annual Square Car Tour is on Saturday, May 5th. The tour was started as a way to honor and enjoy our old-fashioned "square cars." There's a large number of square cars in our region; unfortunately, we don't see them on the roads very often. It is hard for them to keep pace with today's modern traffic, avoid large trucks & SUVs, or try to share the road with today's driver who just doesn't understand how things used to be.

Saturday, May 5th, is your day to enjoy a nice drive in your square car! Plan to join us for a leisurely and scenic drive through rural Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, among farms and pastures, and over roads less travelled. Matt & Vickie Doscher have prepared and tested a route perfect for a square car.

We will meet at Matt & Vickie's home (2312 Dapple Grey CT, Chesapeake, VA 23322) between 9:30-10:00 AM on Saturday, May 5th. Trailer parking is available for those wishing to trailer their square car to the starting point. We will enjoy coffee, donuts, and conversation,

then depart at 10:30 AM. The pace will be leisurely, and be set by the square cars at the front, so you can enjoy the views, take some photos, and smell the flowers! The drive will take about 90 minutes, is 35 miles long, incorporates a restroom break, and will finish around 12 PM for lunch at Blue Pete's Restaurant (1400 N. Muddy Creek Rd, Virginia Beach). The restaurant is having "Cinco de-Buy-O" (a community yard sale) that day, so after lunch you might find a nice treasure to take home!

Please let Matt and Vickie Doscher know by Friday, May 4th, if you plan to participate in the tour and if you plan to join us for lunch at Blue Pete's so that we can give the Restaurant a final head count. Don't forget: if you don't have a suitable square car, you may be able to hitch a ride with another club member, or you are always welcome to drive something newer—yes, even modern—but you will need to bring up the rear and try as best you can to keep up with the old timers!

Contact Matt & Vickie Doscher at (757) 448-7048 or [vlw78@hotmail.com](mailto:vlw78@hotmail.com).



The AACA Library's freshly restored 1955 Chevrolet Bookmobile was "unveiled" at the Charlotte Meet. Read about the meet on Pages 6-7.



### TRAACA CALENDAR

Check [traaca.com/calendar.htm](http://traaca.com/calendar.htm) for the latest info on upcoming events!

#### MAY 2018

- 4 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 5 TRAACA Square Car Tour  
Chesapeake, VA
- 19 TRAACA Barbecue  
(instead of May Dinner Meeting)  
Dewey & Maxine Milligan's  
Chesapeake, VA

#### JUNE 2018

- 15 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 15- TRAACA Antique Crawl
- 16 "100-mile Yard Sale"—NC
- 21 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

#### JULY 2018

- 6 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 19 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 27- TRAACA Weekend Tour to  
29 Charlottesville, VA

#### AUGUST 2018

- 10 TRAACA Board Meeting  
6:30 PM (Friday)  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 11 TRAACA Tour of Virginia  
War Museum  
Newport News, VA
- 16 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 25 TRAACA Ice Cream Social  
Doumar's Barbecue  
Norfolk, VA

#### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 8 TRAACA Tour of Hermitage  
Museum & Hunter House  
Norfolk, VA

# From the Driver's Seat

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One common concern I hear voiced by almost every antique car club and enthusiast is "How do we attract more people—in particular, young people—into our hobby and into our club?" This is a valid concern—just look at any local car show or cruise in, any AACA event, any national marque club show or concours, and most participants you see tend to be on the older side of the age scale. There's nothing wrong with this and plenty of reasons why—as we get older, we tend to make more money & have more time and disposable income (especially after the kids depart home and finish college), so we can better afford to purchase, restore, and enjoy those classic cars we always wanted.

The TRAACA and AACA face the same challenges. (After suffering through two medical appointments today—physical therapy on a shoulder and injections in both knees—I better understand the thrills & agony of getting older that I didn't appreciate as a young man. It's a bear growing older—but it sure beats the alternative!) We're fortunate that we have a number of middle-aged adults continuing to join our region. We also have young adult members who have grown up in the club (I'm talking about you Tyler and Kaylan!) or are growing up in it now. However, we need to continually attract new members to thrive as a club and hobby. New members not only replace members we've lost through age or relocation, they bring new ideas and energy (and different cars, trucks, and motorcycles!) to the club.

So how do we attract new members, especially younger members? I don't have the perfect answer, and I'm not sure one even exists. People have different interests, as do, in general, different generations. We gain some new members to our hobby and club because they're born into it—kids grow up around old cars and are dragged to car shows because their parents are "car people." Some of these children develop a love for old cars. Others don't. There's

no rhyme or reason for it any more that there is for kids liking or not liking their parents' other interests, hobbies, or professions. Sometimes the "car bug" skips generations—our kids aren't "into" old cars (or even new cars), but our grandchildren are.

I think one key to attracting people to our hobby and club is personal engagement: talk to them, let them (especially children) sit in your car at a car show and have their photo taken in it, give them rides in your classic car, invite them to one of the TRAACA's activities. Let people know they don't have to own an antique car, they just have to like them. Heck, they don't even have to like old cars—maybe they'd just enjoy participating in some of our fun activities and making new friends. (I bet, if they're honest, some of our spouses would admit they aren't as enthusiastic about old cars and car shows as we are, they just go along because we enjoy it and because they want to spend time with friends in the club). If you can get people involved in the club, maybe after some time they'll contract a love for old cars.

Another key is to be respectful of and open to people's different interests in cars. Believe or not, not everyone wants (or even likes) Brass-eras car, Tri-Five Chevys, muscle cars, etc.—fill in the blank. Not everyone wants a "trailer queen" show car (or can afford it). When you meet someone with a car or interest in cars different than yours, or someone with a car in rough shape, don't turn up your nose at the vehicle or insult it. (Not that any TRAAA members would do that.) Talk to the person and find out what cars they are interested in, why and how they obtained the car they have, what they've done to it. Educate them about your car and learn about theirs. In most cases you'll find that you're both "car people" with more commonalities than differences.

Finally, when you find someone with an interest in cars—especially antique cars—invite them to a club activity. If they're interested, ask them to join the club. Find out if they're a military veteran and, if so, offer them one of the AACA's & TRAACA's Military Sponsorship Program free memberships. They can try us out for a year with no risk—we'd love to have them as members, and I think most will have fun and stay once they get to know us.

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[www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com)

## Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

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 to these e-mails** 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](mailto:skippatnode@cox.net) or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

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**From the Running Board**  
**April 13, 2018 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes**  
 (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

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**Officers Present:** Mark McAlpine (President), Matt Doscher (Vice President), Charlie Dawson (Treasurer), and Vickie Doscher (Secretary). Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Travis Berry, Scott Davies, and Tim Hund. Members present: Ellen Adams, Marion McAlpine, and Bill Treadwell.

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

**President:** Thanked all for coming out.

**Vice President:** Club approached by First Colonial Inn for a car display on Saturday, June 2, 2018, 11 AM—2 PM. Looking for 30 cars for display. Published on Facebook and info given to other clubs. WAVY-10 TV will be there on Wednesday, April 25, to film a promotional for the event, which will air the week of May 28th. Please come out on April 25th and June 2nd. Free lunch offered to all attendees.

**Secretary's Report:** The March Board Meeting minutes were sent out by e-mail and approved by the Board, and a summary printed in the April *Mudflap*.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- March 2018 Monthly Reports reviewed. Mark noted that monthly cost for hardcopy *Mudflaps* should go down beginning next month because 9 members volunteered to stop receiving hardcopies.
- 2018 Swap Meet Report reviewed. Club made a profit of \$263.60 this year. Mark thanked Bill for being Chairman.
- Status of AACA Donation Fund: \$850.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities Committee (Travis Berry, Matt Doscher, Marion McAlpine, and Wayne Milligan):**

- Saturday, 14 April 2018: TRAACA Lantern Asia Display at Norfolk Botanical Garden. Dinner at 5 PM at Azalea Inn restaurant before tour. 36 people signed up.
- Saturday, 19 May 2018: TRAACA Annual Barbecue at the Milligan's home in Chesapeake. Catering by Southland BBQ. Free for club members.
- Friday-Saturday, 15-16 June 2018: TRAACA Antique Crawl. Route 301 "100-mile Yard Sale." Details to be provided in the May & June *Mudflaps*.
- Friday-Sunday, 27-29 July 2018: TRAACA Tour to Charlottesville. Motion made by Charlie to limit the number of attendees to 20 and to subsidize the tour by \$30 per member to use toward planned activities as they see fit. Motion also included a \$100 donation to the McCormick Observatory. Seconded by Tim. Motion passed.

**Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):**

- Thursday, 19 April 2018: April Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Guest Speaker: Tane Casserley, NOAA.
- No Dinner Meeting in May. (TRAACA BBQ on Saturday, 19 May, instead.)
- Thursday, 21 June 2018: June Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Guest speaker to be determined.

**Membership (Jerry Adams):**

- Status as of 31 March 2018: 166 memberships & 285 members.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Reducing Costs for Hardcopy Distribution of *Mudflap*: 9 members have volunteered to stop receiving hardcopies, saving club \$450 a year. Eggleston services was looked at by Tim and quote was provided to Jerry. A bulk distribution quote was obtained from other vendors. Board will review quotes and decide on a vendor.
- Allowing Members to Pay Their Annual AACA National Dues to the Region: Board agreed to allow members the option of paying both region and national dues at same time to the Treasurer. The club will then forward national dues to AACA once a month.
- Updating the TRAACA Awards Manual: Mark has this for action.

**New Business:**

- TRAACA Square Car Tour (Saturday, 5 May 2018): Mark reached out to Terry Bond to see if he would be willing to organize, Terry politely declined. Matt volunteered to plan and organize. Tim also volunteered to help.
- Annual Meet (Saturday, 22 September 2018): Co-chairs: Barry Basnight and Marion McAlpine. Dash plaque photo needed.
- Downsizing Club Trailer: Club desires to downsize from the current 28-ft car hauler to a more manageable 18-ft cargo trailer. Jerry presented a detailed options/price/manufacturer spreadsheet for review and discussion. Motion made by Vickie to list the current trailer for sale at \$4,800. Seconded by Tim. Motion passed. Matt volunteered to handle listing it for sale first in the *Mud Speck* then eventually on other sites. Matt given permission to handle sale transaction and to use his best judgement in settling on final price.

**Other Business:**

- VPCCC: Show and Cruise-In calendars updated on VPCCC website.
- CCCHR: Nothing significant to report.

**Adjourned:** Having no other business, motion made to adjourn by Tim; seconded by Charlie. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM. Next Board Meeting is 6:30 PM on Friday, 4 May, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary



# TRAACA Lantern Asia Display

## Saturday, April 14, 2018

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

We had a great turn out for the TRAACA's April activity. On Saturday, April 14, 38 TRAACA members enjoyed an evening of good food and dazzling lights. We started off the evening at the Azalea Inn restaurant in Norfolk. Club members filled up half the restaurant, and the staff did a great job accommodating such a large group. After dining on delicious pizza, Italian, and Greek fares, we filed out.

Around 7:00 PM we headed out to the nearby Norfolk Botanical Garden for the Lantern Asia display. We had a beautiful spring evening to take in the lights and displays. This is the second time the Lantern Asia Display has been at the Norfolk Botanical Garden, the first being in 2016. Unlike the drive-thru Christmas lights at the gardens, this was a walking tour. We strolled along the mile-long path of lighted artwork, marveling at the intricate designs. The lighted displays are works of art that represent ancient Asian culture whose roots can be traced back to centuries-old lantern festivals of the Han Dynasty more than 2,000 years ago. This year some local flavor was added with the addition of multiple larger-than-life underwater and coastal Virginia scenes. Also new this year were live performances by traditional Chinese dancers. One of the returning displays was an enormous Chinese Dragon the size of a school bus. The dragon is said to have the power to bring good luck and ward off calamities. Club members marveled at the magnificent Porcelain Tower, a pagoda made of more than

one million porcelain plates, cups, bowls, and spoons. We walked under lighted canopies of clouds and corridors of illuminated lotus flowers. Amazing carp and jellyfish created in an authentic Chinese style floated overhead. Some of the many displays we saw included a color-changing frog and chameleon, a forest of flowers, and a flock of egrets. In conclusion, a wonderful night was enjoyed by all, and we look forward to the next time Lantern Asia comes to town.

TRAACA members who attended the club's April activity included Ellen & Jerry Adams and their daughter Abigale, Ellen's friend & new TRAACA member Vicky Boehmer, Margie & Mark Anthony, Kim & Travis Berry with Kim's mother Annette Daugherty, Susan & Terry Bond (driving their 1974 MG MGB), Diana & Dan Etheridge, Marie & John Gancel, Phyllis & Tim Hund (in their 1955 Packard Caribbean), Marion & Mark McAlpine, Toni & Mickey McChesney, Carol & Wayne Milligan, Hilary Pavlidis, Jack Pavlidis, Bob Stein, Linda & Bob Pellerin, Ashley & Billy Stutz with their children Abby & Owen, Linda & Bill Treadwell (in their 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass 442), Robyn Burnham & Bill Wilcox, and Susan & Bob Woolfitt.

If you were unable to attend the TRAACA's April activity don't worry, you have until May 14th to visit the Lantern Asia attraction at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. Don't miss it—you will be amazed with the displays they call "Art by day, magic by night."



*Tim & Phyllis Hund's 1955 Packard Caribbean*



*Bill & Linda Treadwell's 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass*



*(L-R) Travis & Kim Berry, Toni & Mickey McChesney, Wayne (hiding) & Carol Milligan, and Kim's mother Annette Daugherty*



*(Front) Billy & Ashley Stutz with their children Abby and Owen; (Rear table) Terry & Susan Bond*



*Marie & John Gancel waiting for the rest of the group to catch up*



*Marion McAlpine & Margie Anthony at the entrance to the display*



*"Sea World . . . a beautiful picture of the underwater world"*



*Tim & Phylis Hund pausing to enjoy the lit displays*



*"Fairy dancing with Phoenixes . . . provides a sense of tranquility"*



*"The egret . . . is always taken as a symbol of elegance"*



*A pagoda made of over 1 million ceramic cups, plates, and bowls*



*"The Chinese Dragon . . . known to have power to bring good luck"*



# AACA SE Spring Meet Charlotte, NC April 5-7, 2018



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

The Hornet’s Nest Region of the AACA held the AACA Southeastern Spring Meet in Charlotte, NC, on April 5-7, 2018. The AACA Southeastern Spring Meet is held annually in conjunction with the Spring Charlotte AutoFair. The NASCAR teams go out of town and the Charlotte Motor Speedway is turned into a swap meet lover’s dream.

This year the AACA National Library & Research Center brought its 1955 Chevrolet Bookmobile to the Charlotte Meet. This was the official unveiling of the Bookmobile. It was supposed to be shown at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in February, but the truck was too tall to fit in the hotel’s garage. As it turned out, Charlotte was a terrific place to showcase the Bookmobile. The truck was set up in the AACA tent, and anyone coming to see the AACA show could view the truck and get information about the AACA National Library & Research Center. There was a small ceremony for the unveiling on Thursday in the AACA Tent.

Fridays at the Charlotte Meet have become the day for the annual Speedway Club dinner for many AACA friends. This year Marion McAlpine arranged for 24 people to enjoy dinner and the great view overlooking the Charlotte Motor Speedway track. The food, as usual, was wonderful and everyone had a great time. (Let’s hope fellow TRAACA member Charlie Daniels maintains his Speedway Club

membership for a long time.)

The weather was cooperative for the first few days of the Charlotte AutoFair. However, the weather on Saturday, the day of the AACA show, was cold and rainy. There were close to 300 vehicles registered for the AACA show. Unfortunately, because of the weather, about half of the registered vehicles did not make it to the show field for judging. Thankfully, for the last few years the AACA show field has been located on a paved parking lot close to the major intersection at the front of the speedway. (Judges may get wet, but hopefully not get muddy shoes.) Judges enjoy the new show field area for the pavement as well as its location close to an entrance to the speedway swap meet.

Some TRAACA Members came back with treasures from the swap meet and antique shops they passed along the way to or from Charlotte. TRAACA Members attending the AACA Southeastern Spring Meet included Terry Bond, Tom & Tammy Cox, Fred Cole (and his grandson Lucas), Dick & Linda Cooper, Jim & Donna Elliott, Gordon Garnett, Sam Kern, Jeff Locke, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Andy Ott, Bob & Dot Parrish, Tony & Leslie Scarpelli, Bob Stein, Neil Sugermeyer, Rad & Margie Tillett, and Bill Treadwell. Charlie Daniels almost made it to the show, but on his way to Charlotte his car broke down in Burlington, NC.



*(L-R) Terry Bond and Rad & Margie Tillett at the Speedway Club*



*(L-R) Bill Treadwell, Bob Stein, and Marion McAlpine*



*The rain washing pollen off a row of Ford Model Ts*



*1929 Nash 434 Coupe*



*1931 Chevrolet AD Phaeton*



*1931 Chrysler CG Roadster*



*1936 Buick 66S Coupe*



*1950 Healey Silverstone roadster*



*Dick & Linda Cooper—the TRAACA's West Virginia contingent*



*Andy Ott's 1931 Ford Model A Pickup*



*Fred Cole & his grandson Lucas with Fred's 1991 Honda CB750*



*Bob Stein's 1993 Bricklin EV Warrior Moped*



# AACA Western Spring Meet Tucson, AZ April 19-21, 2018



Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

The Tucson Region of the AACA hosted the AACA Western Spring Meet on April 19-21, 2018, at the Hilton Tucson East. I am so glad Mark & I decided to attend the Meet. We lived in Tucson from 2005 to 2007, the last active duty station for us before Mark retired from the U.S. Air Force. Although we had not been back to Tucson in almost 11 years, the area had not changed all that much. Mark & I arrived on Wednesday evening so we would be able to visit with old friends and to attend the Meet's planned event at the Tucson Auto Museum on Thursday.

The Tucson Auto Museum is owned by a member of the Tucson Region—Wayne Gould. The collection consisted of an eclectic number of about 60 vehicles located in a large climate-controlled warehouse. There were various pieces of automobilia hanging on the walls throughout the warehouse, including several automobile hoods. The Tucson Region had arranged for a local eatery to cater in sandwich wraps, chips, drinks, and flavored frozen ice.

After the Tucson Auto Museum open house, Mark & I joined some old friends at a local cruise-in at a shopping center on the west side of Tucson. Despite the strong winds and cool temperatures Thursday evening, there were about 100 vehicles at the cruise-in. Most of the people stayed until the sun set.

Friday morning a few AACA friends joined us for a visit to the Franklin Automobile Museum located in Tucson. The museum is located in a residential area of Tucson and requires driving on a dirt road to get there! The Franklin Museum was well worth the trip. There were about 20 vintage Franklin vehicles located in several buildings on the property. (There was also a 1924 Packard 143 touring car, formerly owned by the founder of the Tucson Inn.) The museum docent who gave us a guided tour of the museum was excellent. He had worked/volunteered for the museum since he was 12 years old. (He is probably in his early 70s now). He was very knowledgeable about the Franklin automobile in general and on each of the cars on display. Look for an article on the museum in a future *Mudflap*.

On Friday evening, 20 people enjoyed dinner at El Charro Café, a local eatery which boasts it is the oldest, continually running Mexican restaurant in the country. After dinner most of the group went to the *Gaslight Theater*, a small theater showcasing local talent and encouraging audience participation during the performance. We saw a comedic musical called *Rock-a-Billy Raceway*. It was so much fun!

The AACA car show on Saturday, April 20th, was held in the Hilton's parking lot. Staying at the host hotel was very convenient because everything from Registration to the AACA show field was located at the hotel. Although it was a small meet—only about 90 vehicles registered—there were many beautiful and several rare vehicles in the show. The weather was perfect—it was sunny with a high of 85°, which felt more like 75°. (Check out the photos.) The Awards Banquet that evening was a wonderful sit-down meal.

Many people went home Sunday morning. We went to visit our friends who graciously held a potluck dinner at their home that evening, allowing us to visit with several other new and old friends. We jumped onto (well, maybe walked onto) a "red eye" flight back to Virginia Sunday night.

It was a really fun trip to Tucson—sorry if you missed it. TRAACA members who made the trek to Tucson included Donna & Jim Elliott, Marion & Mark McAlpine, and Dot & Bob Parrish.



Dinner with TRAACA & AACA friends at El Charro's



(L-R) 1925 Chevrolet and 1909 EMF Thirty touring cars



(L-R) 1937 Dodge D5 Sedan and 1932 Willys 6-90 roadster



*(L-R) 1939 Lincoln Zephyr and 1937 Packard 115C convertible*



*1941 Graham Hollywood sedan*



*(L-R) 1929 Ford 130A Deluxe Delivery & 1933 Ford 40 Cabriolet*



*(L-R) 1951 Chevy 3100 Pickup and 1949 Diamond T 201 pickup*



*(L-R) 1948 Packard Station Wagon & 1938 MG VA Tickford*



*(L-R) 1958 Cadillac Fleetwood & 1958 Cadillac Series 62 sedans*



*1960 Edsel Ranger convertible*



*1963 Pontiac Grand Prix X-400 GM Styling Show Car*



# Still Collecting Stuff — Vestas

By Terry Bond

Ok, what the heck is a “vesta?” When the little wooden match stick was first invented it was known as a “vesta.” That terminology carried over to include the case they were carried in.

Those wonderful little boxes were something that any gentleman carried in his waist-coat in the early 1900s. The well-to-do members of society carried fancy ones—often embossed with fancy designs and images. Later, it became a convenient source of early advertising for all types of things. If you owned an automobile in the early 1900s, you carried a “vesta” embossed with an early motoring scene.

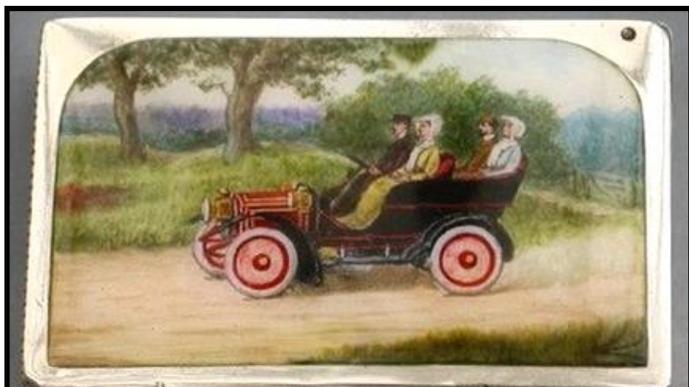


*Circa 1908 enameled German vesta—value approximately \$800*

Some were quite simple while others depicted elaborate scenes of early automobiles driving down dusty country roads. Advertising for tires, gasoline and motor oil, even different automobiles themselves, could be found.

Some were shaped like radiators, and others were made in the shape of early cars.

When Safety Matches contained in their own box with a striking pad on the edge began to appear, the fully enclosed vesta became just a cover for the matchbox. Still though, it was an ideal object for advertising, and the automobile and automobile-related things were prolifically promoted on them. Even automobile dealerships and small-town garages



*Another nice European vesta—circa 1905—value \$800+*



*A nice radiator-shaped vesta with enameling—circa 1912—\$400+*

got into the act with their own advertising on give-away souvenirs for their customers. As the nation’s motorists began to travel, gas stations began to advertise on them.

Eventually, the box of matches was replaced with a lighter, and the more familiar matchbook and the vesta began to rapidly disappear.

Today vestas represent wonderful collectibles. There is big crossover interest in them from people who collect just vestas of all kinds and don’t specialize particularly in automobilia. We compete with some very enthusiastic collectors and automobile-related vestas often seem to be worth a lot more than any other form of advertising.

The best vestas were made of silver or at least were silver-plated. Elaborate scenes are often embossed or engraved on them. Less expensive plated brass vestas can be found, and, of course, later versions of the simple matchbox with a celluloid cover are to be found.

My favorite sources have been antique shops and, of course, the Internet. Keeping an eye on Internet offerings will soon give you a feel for what’s common and what’s not. There can be hundreds of dollars difference between them.

Beware, however: there is one nicely embossed vesta out there that is produced overseas and is readily available at



*Circa 1905 car-shaped vesta. It opens at the rear for matches. This is a rare item—value \$500+*



*Recently reproduced silver-plated vesta; it commonly sells for about \$75 on the Internet*

around \$75.00. It's found in either plain silver plate or the enameled version shown to the left. Original pieces are thin, plated brass, while the reproductions are heavier brass.

Like everything else, the condition of these collectable pieces is everything, and items with damaged or missing pieces, lots of wear on high-

lighted areas, worn plating, or damaged celluloid will have great impact on their value. The examples shown in this article are from my own collection, and a few from other collectors will give you an idea of the wonderful variety that can be found. The earlier items, of course, will always command the strongest prices. Items advertising specific automobiles will also be quite valuable, with one notable exception. There is a simple silver-plated matchbook holder advertising the White Steam Car that seems to be fairly common. It's early and not being reproduced, but because it's fairly common \$150 or less should buy a nice example if you are interested. Some of the better illustrated items, particularly if enameled, will command prices in excess of \$1,000, but you've got a lot of collecting to do before you need to start paying those prices.



*A rare round vesta—English—circa 1908—of hallmarked silver—value \$1,000+*

Enjoy the photographs and, of course, enjoy collecting. If you come across a vesta in your travels and need any advice, remember I'm just a phone call away.

*Terry Bond*



*Nickel-plated brass White Steam Car matchbook holder—circa 1909-1910—value \$150*



*Another vesta with a great motoring scene. Made in America, silver plate on brass, with a good quality image—value \$150*

# Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum

## Philadelphia, PA

### Story and Photos by Mark McAlpine

While attending the AACA's Meeting in Philadelphia last February, Marion & I arrived a day early just to visit the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum located near the Philadelphia airport. What a special place! Friends who had visited the museum recommended it to us, and they were right. Dr. Fred Simeone, an avid automobile enthusiast, has amassed an amazing collection of historically significant sports racing cars, preserving these important pieces of automotive history.

Dr. Simeone started collecting sports racing cars as a young man. (On the museum's website, Dr. Simeone distinguishes between race cars and sports racing cars, noting that "From a collector's point of view . . . the open-wheeled machines are not drivable under ordinary circumstances. They cannot be taken on the road, they are always unmuffled, and the single-seater does not even allow enjoyment with a partner at one's side, consequently they get little use. . . . the pure race car often does not offer the practical excitement provided by the sports car.") Dr. Simeone's first car was a "dilapidated Alfa Romeo 6C 2500," which he acknowledges never ran properly (and he believes was given to him by his father to delay him from driving while he worked on repairing the car). His impressive collection was assembled over 50 years and now includes over 65 vehicles. Originally displayed in a nondescript garage building in downtown Philadelphia and not open to the public, Dr. Simeone relocated his collection to its current location and opened it to the public in June 2008, establishing a foundation to ensure it lives on to educate and

amaze future generations.

Dr. Simeone's father was also an automobile enthusiast and collector, but apparently he enjoyed restoring cars to concours condition, whereas Fred believes in preservation of vehicles in original condition. "I soon developed latent observations that restoration in many cases was a form of degradation and that original finishes, trim, and preservation of cars in an as-found condition certainly superseded over glorious perfection and replacement in the name of restoration." This is evident by the beautiful racing machines on display in his museum—they look like they just came off the road course, then cleaned and prepped for the next race.

The cars in Dr. Simeone's collection are displayed accordingly to racing eras: from "The Endurance Era" (long distance races during the early days of cars) and "Pre-World War I Racing," to "Timed Trials" and "Hill Climbs Trials," to "Le Mans" and "Watkins Glen." Most of the vehicles are unrestored, and—the best part—they're all maintained in running condition. On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month several cars are brought outside, started, and driven around the large parking lot so visitors can enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of these exciting historic machines.

The photos accompanying this article represent only a slice of the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum. It's an absolute must visit for anyone interested in sports car racing or automotive history. Make sure to visit it the next time you're near Philadelphia.



*1907 Renault Racing Roadster with inline 4-cyl, 41.8-hp engine*



*1909 American Underslung with inline 4-cylinder, 60-hp engine*



*1912 National Speed Car with inline 4-cylinder, 40-hp engine*



*1916 Stutz Bearcat roadster with inline 4-cyl, 36-hp engine*



*1926 Bugatti Type 35 with 1.99-liter, inline 8-cyl, 95-hp engine*



*1929 Alfa Romeo 6C with supercharged inline 6-cyl, 85-hp engine*



*1929 duPont 2-passenger Speedster*



*1936 Aston Martin Le Mans with 2-liter, inline 6-cyl, 98-hp engine*



*1937 BMW 328 with 1.97-liter, inline 6-cylinder, 80-hp engine*



*1951 Allard J2 with 160-hp, 1951 Cadillac V-8 engine*



*1963 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport*



*1964 Shelby Cobra Daytona coupe*



# AACA National Headquarters

By Steve Moskowitz  
AACA Executive Director

(Reprinted from the Winter 2018 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



2017 flew by like a jet fighter trying to break the sound barrier! It was a busy year for the club highlighted by the signing of a contract to purchase a new building to house the club and library. This was a huge decision and not made lightly, but everyone is more than excited about what this building will mean to our club. You will continue to hear more about it as time goes by, but everyone please remember this project is going to

need everyone's financial support.

The year also included the inaugural Zenith Award competition and it was as good as it can get. Twenty amazing restored vehicles and owners had a very memorable day. The participants, as I have noted before, were first class sportsmen and the winner was a very deserving 1928 Auburn restored by Richard and Linda Harding of Ohio.

Another highlight of this past year was the first-ever combined meet between the Classic Car Club of America (CCCA) and AACA. This was historical for many reasons—it was not just the clubs meeting in the same location, which would have been enough alone. It was also a great collaboration from start to finish and an initiative that your club took the lead in. Given past history, it was a bold move and one that is good for the future of our hobby. It went off without a hitch and members of both clubs benefitted greatly.

CCCA has their Grand Classic every other year, so in 2018 they will not be back in Auburn with us but hopefully in 2019 at our AGNM [Annual Grand National Meet]. We are, however, excited to host the Nash Car Club of America at the 2018 Auburn meet, which is another first! [Editor's Note: The AACA just announced that the Rolls-Royce Owners Club will also join the AACA and CCCA at the 2019 AGNM in Auburn.] I am proud our board supports these efforts and is showing that we can bring new ideas to our membership. Look forward to even more new ground-breaking items from the club in the years ahead.

Last year it was announced that the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance in Boca Raton, Florida, was going to honor YOUR club at their event on February 23-25, 2018! [Editor's Note:

See Jim Elliott's article on this in last month's *Mudflap*.]

The Boca Concours is at the world-famous Boca Raton Resort and is a highly successful event benefitting the Boys & Girls Club of Broward County. AACA will have an education display of 32 cars and our Zenith Award winner in the CENTER of the show in a large circle. We will have a tent for membership as well, and Chris Ritter [the AACA's Head Librarian] and I will be doing a seminar on Saturday. I am sure you have seen other concours that honored makes of cars, but another club? This is a great honor for the AACA and shows that we continue to be perceived as the best of the best.

Much work was also put in to some new ideas for our future. Hopefully you have or will soon find out about them. They are ground-breaking ideas for AACA, so they have taken a lot of time to ensure that we will be successful in these endeavors.

We look forward to a great year in 2018, a year that we need our members' support more than ever. We are providing new tools (a new region membership brochure) to help our regions/chapters grow. It is up to YOU to use them. Once again, we hope that every member tries to get us one new member in the coming year. Just one! Our best and easiest way to sign up new members is one-on-one, so please make the effort. Help us grow this great club and ensure its success for decades to come.

It is also a year that we have to implore all regions and chapters to look hard at hosting a meet or tour in 2019 or beyond. Don't stand on the sidelines and let others do all the work! Many regions and chapters tell us that they have grown their regions/chapters during the time working on a new national event and that the club bonded even more while working on the event.

Please look hard at our events and on our website at new AACA merchandise. We have many new puzzles, a very special t-shirt, new shirts, a new front pewter license plate and many clearance items. Show your support for the club!

Most importantly be ACTIVE! Try to make a national meet or tour, consider entering the AACA judging ranks, volunteer to be a leader in your region or chapter, stay politically active on those issues that affect our hobby and don't let your car(s) languish in the garage. Get out and use them as that is the single best way to enjoy this great hobby. Thank you all for your support and have a great year in 2018.

## How Are You Getting Kids and Young Adults Involved in the Old Car Hobby?

By Megan Boyd

AACA VP Youth Development & Awards

(Reprinted from the April 2018 AACA *Speedster* e-newsletter)

My name is Megan Boyd and I have recently been elected to the AACA Board of Directors and appointed as the VP of Youth Development and Chairwoman of the Scholarship Committee. I am honored and thrilled to be serving in these capacities!

Growing up in the hobb, I understand the importance in having the youth and young adults involved. To perpetuate not only our club but also our hobby, we must find a way to engage them.

Since accepting my position, I have been pleasantly surprised to hear how several regions and chapters have youth and young

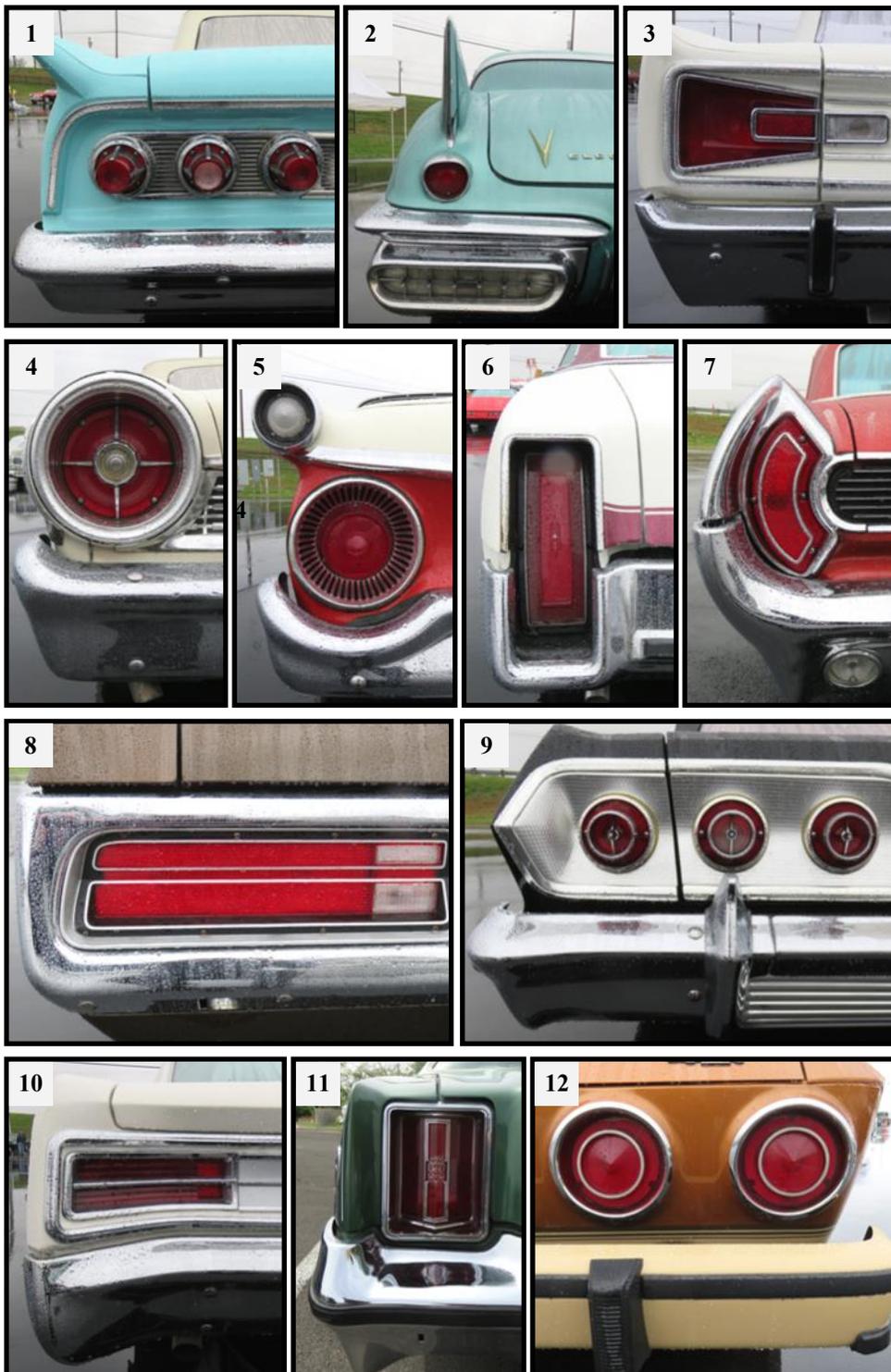
adult programs in place. Everything from youth judging to kids games and even programs with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts—there are some really great ideas out there! I'd like to take some of these ideas and programs and expand them on the national level.

As I begin to chart out a course, I would like your input. What is your region or chapter doing to involve children and young adults? What are your ideas to engage the next generation of car people? Please shoot me a quick e-mail at [aacameg@gmail.com](mailto:aacameg@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

# Name That Car!

Game and photos by Mark McAlpine

Identify the year, make, and model of the automobiles below with your only clues being their taillights. (The answers are at the bottom of the page.)



## AACA Calendar of Events

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

### MAY 2018

11-12 AACA Central Spring Meet  
Auburn, IN

31- AACA Grand National Meet  
2 Jun Greensburg, PA

### JUNE 2018

25-29 AACA Eastern Div. Tour  
Lock Haven, PA

### JULY 2018

11-14 AACA Eastern Spring Meet  
Gettysburg, PA

### AUGUST 2018

20-24 AACA Reliability Tour  
Geneva, NY

### SEPTEMBER 2018

12-15 AACA Central Division Tour  
Texas Panhandle, TX

16-21 AAA Glidden Tour  
Twin Falls, ID

### OCTOBER 2018

10-13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA

21-26 AACA Founders Tour  
Metropolis, IL

### NOVEMBER 2018

5-9 AACA Sentimental Tour  
Natchez, MS

### FEBRUARY 2019

7-9 AACA Annual Meeting  
Philadelphia, PA

21-23 AACA Winter Meet  
Ocala, FL

### APRIL 2019

4-7 AACA SE Spring Meet  
Charlotte, NC

29- AACA SE Divisional Tour  
1 May Wilmington, NC

### MAY 2019

9-11 AACA Grand National Meet  
Auburn, IN

### JUNE 2019

2-7 AACA Founders Tour  
Seward, NE

### AUGUST 2019

4-9 AACA Vintage Tour  
Hershey, PA

### SEPTEMBER 2019

19-21 AACA SE Fall Meet  
Cleveland, TN

### OCTOBER 2019

9-12 AACA Eastern Fall Meet  
Hershey, PA

**ANSWERS:** 1) 1963 Mercury Comet; 2) 1958 Cadillac Eldorado; 3) 1966 Dodge Coronet 440; 4) 1963 Ford Galaxie; 5) 1959 Ford Skyliner; 6) 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass; 7) 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix; 8) 1972 Ford LTD; 9) 1963 Chevrolet Impala; 10) 1964 Buick Skylark; 11) 1977 Chrysler Cordoba; and 12) 1977 AMC Matador.



# TRAACA Activities: A Look Ahead



## TRAACA BACKYARD BBQ Saturday, May 19, 2018



Come out to Dewey & Maxine Milligan's home in Chesapeake for a BBQ meal and to catch up with fellow TRAACA members. The meal will be catered by Southland Restaurant and is **free for TRAACA members**. So dust off your classic ride and drive it to the barbecue!

**DATE:** MAY 19, 2018

**TIME:** 12:30 PM

**PLACE:** Dewey & Maxine Milligan's  
2000 Shillelagh Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23323

**MENU:** Fried chicken, Carolina BBQ, slaw, baked beans, green beans, rolls, and hush puppies.  
Drinks and dessert are also included.

**RSVP:** By Friday, May 11th, by contacting Carol & Wayne Milligan at [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net) or call (757) 548-1242.

## TRAACA ROUTE 301 – 100-MILE YARD SALE Friday-Saturday, June 15-16, 2018

We all love those antique shops. How about 100 miles of yard sales with antique shops along the way? This will be a one-day or two-day trip depending on how much shopping you want to do.

**Two-day trip:** Meet in Rocky Mount, NC, at the Hampton Inn on Friday evening, June 15, 2018. We'll get an early start on Saturday and head north on Route 301 for yard sales and/or antique shops. Meet up with **Group Two** at lunch or at the antique mall in Weldon, NC. Enjoy more shopping. Head home before or after dinner as a group.

**One-day trip:** Meet on Saturday morning, June 16, 2018, at the new Pilot gas station on Route 58 in Suffolk. Head to Weldon, NC, to shop at the antique mall or yard sales in Weldon, NC. Meet **Group One** at lunch or the antique mall in Weldon, NC. Shop in Weldon or head south on Route 301 for yard sales. Head home before or after dinner as a group.

Detailed information will be supplied in the June *Mudflap* or you can get information now. Contact Marion & Mark McAlpine at (618) 363-6730 or e-mail [mmmcalpine05@msn.com](mailto:mmmcalpine05@msn.com).

## TRAACA CHARLOTTESVILLE TOUR Friday-Sunday, July 27-29, 2018

Come join your TRAACA friends for a weekend trip to Charlottesville, VA, on Friday-Sunday, July 27-29, 2018. It should be cooler in the mountains!

**Here's a brief description of the tour (all activities are optional):**

**Friday:** We'll meet at 10:00 AM and caravan toward Charlottesville. We'll stop for lunch on the way, tour Cunningham Creek Winery, then check into our hotel. We'll meet for dinner & tour McCormick Observatory.

**Saturday:** We'll enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Monticello, have lunch, then drive to Keswick, VA, to tour Castle Hill Cidery. Afterward we'll head back to Charlottesville for dinner and ghost & history tour.

**Sunday:** Breakfast will be on your own, then we'll head to Ash Lawn Highlands, the official residence of the fifth U.S. President, James Monroe. After a break for lunch, everyone will proceed home at their own pace.

The club is subsidizing the tour \$30 for each member to apply towards whatever tour activities they want to participate in. More information will be provided in the June *Mudflap*. This activity is limited to the first 20 members to sign up. (A stand-by list will be kept.) The registration cutoff is Monday, June 11th.

Detailed information will be provided in the June *Mudflap*. Contact Matt & Vickie Doscher at (757) 448-7048 or e-mail [vlw78@hotmail.com](mailto:vlw78@hotmail.com) for more information or to RSVP.



# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

## Welcome to our New Members!

**Mark & Margie Anthony**  
Suffolk, VA

**James & Phillis Carnforth**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
- 1955 Pontiac Chieftain 860 2-dr Sedan

**Mason Gamage**  
Norfolk, VA  
- 1957 Chrysler Saratoga  
- 1962 Plymouth Valiant V-200

**Richard & Ann Moore**  
Norfolk, VA

**Jaeson Dandalides & Ellis Pretlow**  
Norfolk, VA

**Steven & Linda Dandalides**  
Virginia Beach, VA  
- 1983 Jeep J10

**Victoria & Terry Boehmer**  
Virginia Beach, VA

## Sunshine Report

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

- **Sam Kern's mother**, Fay Bergstresser Kern, passed away on April 8th in Telford, PA. She was 95 years old.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **David Curl** recently had emergency quadruple bypass surgery, but is home now and recovering well.

Although not a member of the TRAACA, fellow ODMA member **Marie Lawrence** from the Martinsville-Danville Region was diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

Please provide Member Care/Sunshine Report info on TRAACA members to our Bob Stein at [posti@aol.com](mailto:posti@aol.com) or 588-6200.



*Diana & Daniel Etheridge enjoying dinner at the Azalea Inn before the TRAACA's tour of Lantern Asia at the Norfolk Botanical Garden*



## Members celebrating birthdays in May



**James Camforth**  
**Larry Cutright**  
**Vickie Doscher**  
**Jeanie Downing**  
**Dick Eberle**  
**Gordon Garnett**  
**Charlene Geib**  
**William Grosz**  
**Michael Haag**  
**Julie Hobbs**  
**Bennie Howard**  
**Jeff Howie**  
**Laura Jordan**  
**Josie Kinker**

**Robert Lang**  
**Kit Lawrence**  
**Richard Moore**  
**Cindi Nash**  
**Tina Pack**  
**Dot Parrish**  
**John Peters**  
**Rhonda Russell**  
**Sal Saiya**  
**Gordon Spence**  
**Alan Swenson**  
**Don Trammell**  
**Ken Wecht**  
**Stella Wickham**



## Members celebrating anniversaries in May



**Joe & Jack Burroughs**  
**Boyd & Debra Swartz**  
**Alan & Laurel Swenson**  
**Ken & Shirley Wecht**  
**Byron & Chris Work**



## Recent TRAACA Award Winners



### AACA Winter Meet—Mobile, AL:

**Jim & Donna Elliott** 1993 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28  
First Junior Award

### AACA Southeastern Spring Meet—Charlotte, NC

**Fred Cole** 1991 Honda CB-750  
First Junior Award

**Jim & Donna Elliott** 1993 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28  
Senior Award

**Jeff Locke** 1964 Solex  
Repeat Original HPOF

**Andy Ott** 1931 Ford Model A  
First Junior Award

**Bob Stein** 1993 Bricklin EV Warrior  
First Junior Award

**Bill Treadwell** 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass  
First Junior Award

***No Dinner Meeting in May!***  
***Instead: Come to the Club BBQ on Saturday, May 19. Details on Pg. 16.***  
***(The BBQ is free for all TRAACA members!)***



## Shenandoah Region AACA

60th Annual

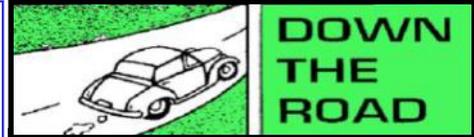
# Apple Blossom Car Show Winchester, VA

Saturday, May 12, 2018  
8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Preregistration: \$14  
(Must be postmarked NLT May 6th to be judged)  
Registration after May 6: \$17

First 300 vehicles registered and on the show field receive a dash plaque

For more info see SRAACA website: <http://www.sraaca.com/>  
or contact Meet Chairman Duane Catlett at (540) 533-7376



## Other Regional and Local Events

### MAY 2018

- 6 Wheels at Waterside  
Norfolk, VA
- 11-12 Shenandoah Region AACA  
60th Apple Blossom Meet  
Winchester, VA
- 12 10th Annual Shake, Rattle,  
and Roll Car Show  
Suffolk, VA
- 19 Accomack-Northampton  
Region AACA Auto Show  
Onley, VA
- 19 Northern Neck Region AACA  
25th Annual Car Show  
Montross, VA
- 20 Beers & Gears Car Show  
Alewerks Brewing Company  
Williamsburg, VA
- 26 Twin County Region AACA  
25th Annual "Memories on  
Main Street" Car Show  
Galax, VA
- 28 Classic Cruisers Car Club  
Memorial Day Car Show  
Yorktown, VA

### JUNE 2018

- 1-3 Carlisle Ford Nationals  
Carlisle, PA
- 2 Historic Fredericksburg  
Region AACA Annual Show  
Fredericksburg, VA
- 8-10 The Elegance at Hershey  
Hershey, PA
- 16 Rumble for Rescues Car Show  
Daniels Performance Group  
Smithfield, VA
- 22-24 Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals  
Carlisle, PA
- 23 Richmond Region AACA  
49th Annual Car Show  
Richmond, VA
- 23 Classics on Main Car Show  
Gloucester, VA

### JULY 2018

- 7 Historic Hilton Village  
100th Anniversary Grand  
Celebration Car Show  
Newport News, VA
- 13 National Collector Car  
Appreciation Day Car Show  
Daniels Performance Group  
Smithfield, VA



## Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA

61st Annual

# Antique Automobile Show Fredericksburg, VA

Saturday, June 2, 2018  
8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Preregistration: \$20 (NLT May 30)  
Registration after May 30: \$25

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) 725-7948



## Rumble for Rescues Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show

Saturday, June 16th, 2018  
10:00 AM—3:00 PM  
(Rain or Shine)

On-site Registration (8:00-10:00 AM): \$20  
Awards presented at 2:30 PM

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## EDITOR'S DESK

**Marion & Mark McAlpine**

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Here we are getting ready to start May 2018. I am sure many people feel like I do, that the year is going by fast. I looked back at the TRAACA, AACA, and other car club (local and distant) activities that have taken place so far this year and I realized car interest, whether old or modern, is alive and well. There seems to be one or more car events happening every weekend from March to late October. People young and old are excited about showing off their vehicles. They are enjoying the comradery with people who share the same interest—cars!

On April 5-8, Mark & I went to Charlotte, NC, for the AACA Southeastern Spring Meet. The Charlotte Meet is always a fun show to attend. I like that we can travel to Charlotte in a reasonable time, it is a nice area to visit, and we enjoy catching up with friends. Unfortunately, the weather at the Charlotte Meet was rainy and cold on the day of the show. (See the article on Pages 6-7 in this *Mudflap*.)

April 14th was the TRAACA's April activity of dinner followed by a walking tour of the Lantern Asia display at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. The display was fantastic, and the weather was perfect for walking through the garden. I especially enjoyed it because I didn't put it together—Travis & Kim Berry planned and organized this activity and did a great job! (See the story on Pages 4-5 in this *Mudflap*.)

Mark and I went to Tucson from April 18-23, to attend the AACA Western Spring Meet. We had a great time catching up with old friends from Tucson, meeting some new friends, and enjoying Tucson! The weather was great, even cool on one day. The high temperature on show day was in the mid-80s and sunny. Remember it's a dry heat! (See the story on Pages 8-9 in this *Mudflap*.)

Finally, on April 27-28, the Tri-County Region AACA held the 65th Old Dominion Meet in Harrisonburg, VA. A small contingent of TRAACA members made the trek to Harrisonburg for the show. Mark & I drove up on Friday and drove home after the Awards Ceremony on Saturday. Look for the article on the 2018 ODMA Meet in the June *Mudflap*.

It looks like May has a number of car-related activities to look forward to. The TRAACA has two activities in May: our 17th Annual Square Car Tour on Saturday, May 5th, and a free BBQ at Dewey & Maxine Milligan's home on the afternoon of Saturday, May 19th. The AACA Central Division Spring Meet in Auburn, IN, takes place on May 11-12. Closing out May will be the AACA Annual Grand National Meet in Greensburg, PA, on May 31-June 2. There will also be several local car clubs hosting car shows in May, many of which are listed on the "Down the Road" calendar on Page 18 of this issue of *The Mudflap*. Check them out.

*Marion McAlpine*

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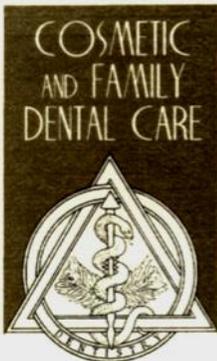
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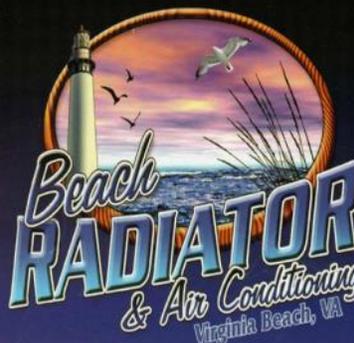




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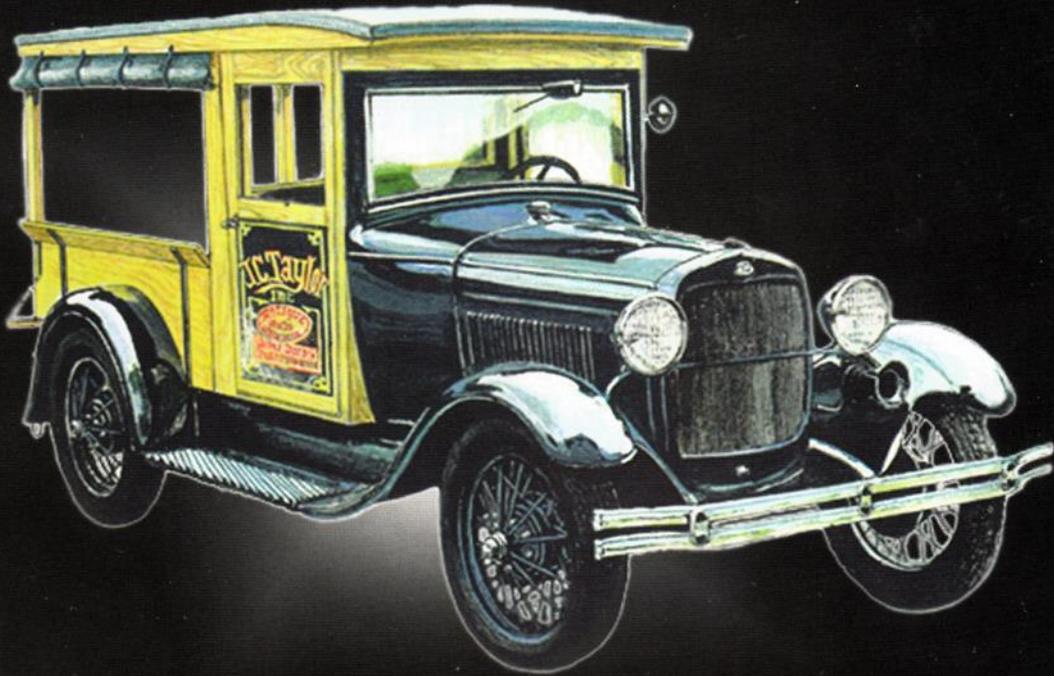
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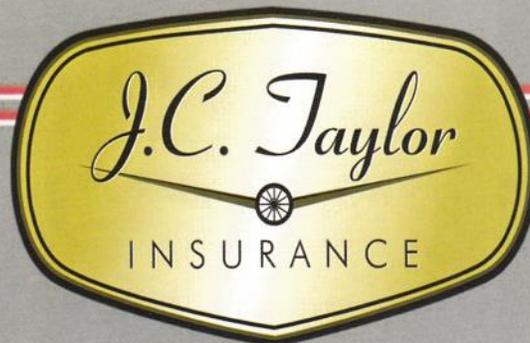
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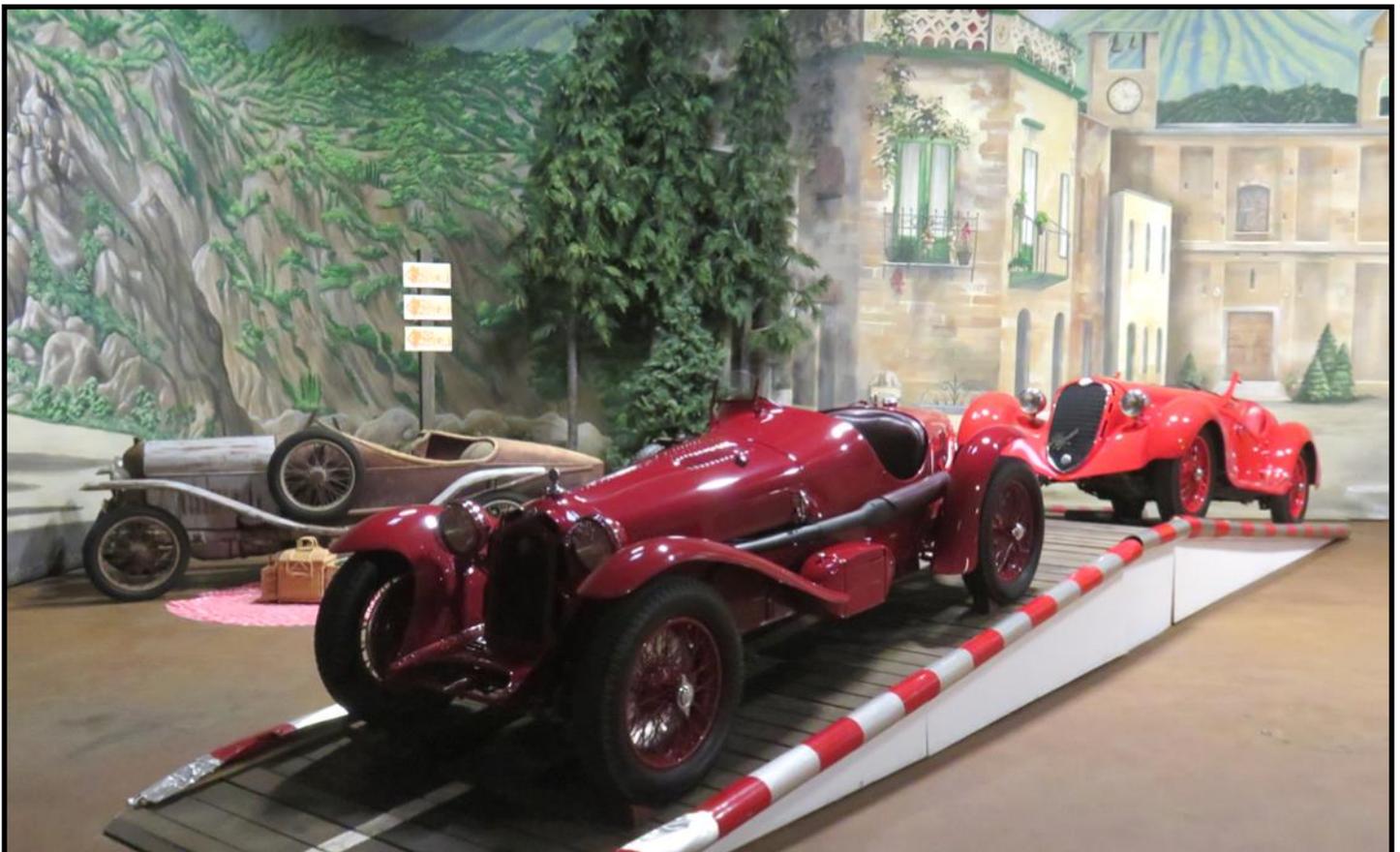
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