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YARD SALE

TRAACA North Carolina Route 301 Antique Crawl Friday-Saturday, June 15-16, 2018

Do you like to go to antique malls to look for that special item you just can't live without? Do you like to check out yard sales or flea markets looking for a deal? Well, what would you say to 100 miles of yard sales, flea markets, crafts, collectables, and antiques? Come join your fellow TRAACA and HVPR-AACA members on Friday and/or Saturday, June 15th and/or 16th, and check out over 100 miles of yard sales, antique malls and flea markets along Route 301 in North Carolina for the *Route 301 Endless Yard Sale*.

This event is in its sixth year and takes place from Weldon, NC, to Dunn, NC. (We will be traveling between Weldon and Rocky Mount, NC.) There will be churches, individual homes, antique malls, and parking lots with tents and tables set up along Route 301 with items for sale. Whether you come for one day

or two, there will be many options of starting and stopping points for you to choose from.

GROUP ONE – 2-DAY TRIP:

DATES: Friday & Saturday, June 15 and 16.

STARTING POINT: Rocky Mount, NC. Meet Friday evening, June 15th, at the Hampton Inn* outdoor pool about 8:30 PM for conversation and snacks.

ANTIQUE CRAWL: Meet on Saturday morning, June 16th, about 8:00-8:30 AM. We will work our way up Route 301 toward Weldon, NC. The plan is to be in Weldon for lunch.

LUNCHTIME: Lunch will be at Ralph's BBQ in Weldon at 1:00 PM. Group One will meet Group Two for lunch.

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CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS: Bob Stein's Bricklin EV Warrior electric bicycle—"The Solution to Pollution." Read the article on Pg 13.



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

JUNE 2018

- 15 **TRAACA Board Meeting**
— CANCELLED —
- 15- **TRAACA Antique Crawl**
- 16 "100-mile Yard Sale"—NC
Joint TRAACA & HVPR Activity
- 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
- 14 **TRAACA Board Meeting**
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 20 **TRAACA Dinner Meeting**
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 22 **TRAACA Annual Meet**
Military Aviation Museum
Virginia Beach, VA

From the Driver's Seat

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Yes, car season is in full swing. Since Marion & I wrapped up last month's issue of *The Mudflap* our time was split between traveling to Auburn, IN, to attend the AACA's 2018 Central Spring Meet, followed by a stopover back home in Michigan, a week of jury duty, and trying to prepare our Chevelle to try for its Senior Grand National Award in Greensburg, PA, at the end of May. It's been two years since the Chevelle received its First Grand National Award and we've driven it a bit since then, so it needed some work and polishing before going through the Grand National judging gauntlet again. (Jim Elliott will say we should've taken it to the Annual Grand National Meet in Tucson last year, but I couldn't swing the time off from work. Plus, flying to Tucson—like we did to attend this year's national meet in Tucson—is one thing; towing a car hauler almost the entire length of the country to get there is another thing. I know Jim will still say those are weak excuses. He's correct to some degree, but I don't know how he and Donna do it—they seem to be towing a car to an AACA meet, NCRS show, or concours d'elegance almost every other weekend between mid-February to mid-November. Where do they find the time? The only explanation I can come up with is that they've cloned themselves. Jim & Donna epitomize the term "car people.")

After Marion & I get back from Greensburg, we're going to focus on the club's annual meet. September 22nd will be here before we know it. I know our Meet Co-Chairs Barry Basnight and Marion have already put a lot of effort into planning the show, and it will be great. They're building upon the success of their immediate predecessor Tony Scarpelli, but there's still a lot to do. When the calls go out for volunteers to help with different aspects of the meet, please raise your hand and offer to help however you can, whether in advance (e.g., helping to get trophy sponsors) and/or for a few hours the day before and day of the show. The more people who volunteer, the less work & easier it will be for everyone. Most importantly, if you have an antique vehicle, register and bring it to the show—we can't have a car show without you or your car.

For those willing to serve as judges at our annual meet (or those who just want to learn more about AACA judging), we will hold a TRAACA judging school sometime in August. Look for more details in the July and August *Mudflaps*.

Our Activities Committee has planned more fun things for us to do this summer. The Route 301 Antique Crawl in North Carolina (which is a joint TRAACA and Historic Virginia Peninsula Region activity) is on Friday and Saturday, 15-16 June. (See Pages 1 & 16 for more info.) Don't be frightened off by two days—you don't have to do both days—you can participate just on Saturday if you want; it's just that some members wanted to go down the afternoon before so they can get an early start to antique treasure hunting on Saturday (and having a better chance of beating Terry Bond to the best stuff). In July we have a weekend tour to Charlottesville, VA, on Friday-Sunday, 27-29 July. Drive classic or drive modern, but come have fun with your TRAACA friends. The club is subsidizing the trip by \$30 per member, which you can apply to any of the great activities Matt & Vickie Doscher have planned for us. (See Page 16 for more info.) In between the two activities is our June Dinner Meeting on Thursday, 21 June, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Bob Pellerin has lined up a great guest speaker for us—Ms. Sigur Whitaker, who's going to give a presentation on Indiana's historic automobile industry.

Finally, I have a request for all our members: if you sign up to attend a club activity, please show up, especially for events that the club is subsidizing. If you RSVP to attend something and there is an associated cost for the club (e.g., food or tickets), we are committed to paying for it whether you show up or not. The club subsidized the entire cost of the Club Barbecue at Dewey & Maxine Milligan's home on Saturday, May 19th. Approximately 75 people RSVPed, but only about 65 showed up. That means the club paid for 10 people who didn't show—a waste of club money (and food). Though "life happens" and most of us will have our plans changed by extenuating circumstances from time-to-time, please contact the event coordinator in advance if an emergency comes up and you're unable to attend something you signed up to attend.

Safe travels to everyone attending the AACA Annual Grand National Meet in Pennsylvania (and I hope everyone receives the awards they're seeking).

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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 or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

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From the Running Board
May 4, 2018 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes
 (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

Officers Present: Mark McAlpine (President), Matt Doscher (Vice President), and Vickie Doscher (Secretary). Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Scott Davies, and Tim Hund. Members present: Ellen Adams & Marion McAlpine.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM.

President: Thanked all for coming out.

Vice President: Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

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

Treasurer's Report:

- April 2018 Monthly Reports reviewed.
- Status of AACA Donation Fund: \$850. Of the \$850 we have, \$500 had already been collected from the membership and included in the Board-approved \$5,000 donation to National earlier this year; therefore, \$500 will be returned to club's general fund. Mark asked how we are tracking the proceeds from the monthly Dinner Meeting 50/50 raffles, which are supposed to be for the AACA Donation Fund. Board decided the Treasurer will be responsible for tracking monthly 50/50 proceeds, including them in our AACA Donation Fund, and forwarding funds to National when large round number achieved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Saturday, May 5, 2018: TRAACA Square Car Tour. Meeting between 9:30-10:00 AM tomorrow morning at the Doschers' home. Tim is bringing coffee & donuts. 90-minute drive incorporating a restroom break at Munden Point Park in Virginia Beach.
- Saturday, May 19, 2018: TRAACA Barbecue Picnic. Catering by Southland BBQ. 12:30 PM start at the home of Dewey & Maxine Milligan.
- Friday-Saturday, June 15-16, 2018: TRAACA Route 301 "100-mile Yard Sale," Rocky Mount, NC, to Weldon, NC. Dry run completed by Marion & Donna. Joint activity by HVPR. People have the option to do both days or just one day. Planned lunch in Weldon and dinner in Emporia. Riverside Antique Mall in Weldon for folks who may be interested. Approximately 90-minute drive from Suffolk to Weldon.
- Friday-Sunday, July 27-29 2018: TRAACA Charlottesville Tour. Will start identifying different hotel options to offer to those attending. Restaurants lined up for lunch and dinner during the Tour. Brief synopsis included in the May *Mudflap*.

Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):

- No May Dinner Meeting. The Barbeque Picnic on May 19 will be in lieu of this month's Dinner Meeting.
- Thursday, June 21, 2018: June Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Guest speaker: Ms. Sigur Whitaker talking about the impact of Indiana's historic automobile industry.
- Thursday, July 19, 2018: July Dinner Meeting at the

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Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Guest Speaker: Terry Bond talking about the contemporary history of automotive post cards. Members that have an existing collection are encouraged to bring & display them at the Dinner Meeting.

Membership (Jerry Adams):

- Status as of April 30, 2018: 170 memberships & 293 members; 1 pending regular membership was received this afternoon. Membership is healthy right now. We began the year with roughly 156 memberships.

Unfinished Business:

- 2018 Annual Meet (Saturday, September 22, at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach): This date has been locked in with the Museum. Mark to re-confirm with Mitch the parking specifics the day of the Meet. The AACA Bookmobile will be present. Working with RK Chevrolet to display a 2018 Chevrolet 100th Anniversary Edition pickup truck and new 2019 Chevrolet pickup for the special display commemorating 100 years of the Chevrolet truck. Rick Hendrick Chevrolet willing to provide a truck if RK doesn't work out. Working on dash plaque design and hope to have it done within the next month or so. Temporary flyer design without the dash plaque on it being expedited in order to get the flyer out to the community. Will be updated when dash plaque done. Jerry to revise registration form on the back of the flyer.
- Downsizing Club Trailer: Photos taken of the trailer and provided to Jerry. Photos will be available to prospective purchasers via Jerry's Internet account. USA Cargo, direct manufacturer in Georgia, has a trailer that meets club's requirements. They build to order; rough cost is \$4,060 for a new trailer (plus tax, any additional options, etc.).
- Allowing Members to Pay Their Annual AACA National Dues to the Region: Jerry confirmed with National that this would not be a problem. This is optional to members. The membership renewal form will be updated in the fall to incorporate this.
- Updating the TRAACA Awards Manual: Mark updated & provided a draft to Board members. Matt recommended a few minor edits.

New Business:

- June Board Meeting: Next Board Meeting is Friday, June 15, which conflicts with the scheduled Route 301 Antique Crawl. Motion made by Scott to cancel the June Board Meeting and seconded by Tim. Motion carried.

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TRAACA 17th Annual Square Car Tour

Saturday, May 5, 2018

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

It doesn't get much better than spending a Saturday with your friends and loved ones and driving your antique vehicle on a scenic tour through beautiful rural Virginia country backroads. This was exactly the case as 39 TRAACA members got together and pulled out their favorite square cars and classic cars from their garages and conducted our club's 17th annual Square Car Tour. For those unfamiliar with Square Car Tours, it is a driving tour of a predetermined route led by square-shaped, less aerodynamic cars (compared to more modern cars) of the 1910s-1930s. The oldest vehicle is stationed at the head of the line and sets the driving pace, followed in line by the next oldest vehicles in rough chronological order.

This year's tour was a 35-mile leisurely drive through southern Chesapeake and eastern Virginia Beach. We gathered at the home of Matt & Vickie Doscher in Chesapeake to enjoy coffee, donuts, and conversation. After a brief driver's meeting we were off and motoring down the road with Matt & Vickie Doscher driving several car lengths ahead of the group and serving as road scouts to ensure safe road conditions. The tour was led officially by Terry Bond in his 1914 Model T Ford touring car. Terry's 104-year-old T is in remarkable shape, both mechanically and cosmetically, and has no trouble keeping up with traffic and maintaining speeds approaching 40 MPH! We enjoyed our drive to Munden Point Park in Virginia Beach, which served as a pit stop and restroom break. The park is a 100-acre public park located along the North Landing River, complete with fresh water access, shelters, and an 18-hole disc ("Frisbee") golf course. After a much-appreciated restroom break and chance to stretch our legs, we set off

through the Back Bay area of Virginia Beach and made our way north towards Blue Pete's Restaurant in the Pungo section of Virginia Beach, our final stop of the tour and our lunch destination.

This year's Square Car Tour included 19 antique cars, 7 of which were pre-war. TRAACA members participating in the tour included Jerry & Ellen Adams driving modern with their daughter Abby, Jere Avenson driving his 1941 Packard Deluxe 110, Travis & Kim Berry driving modern, Terry Bond driving his 1914 Model T Ford and Sue Bond driving her 1974 MG MGB, Matt & Vickie Doscher driving their 1965 Mercury Comet, Richard & Sandy Hall driving their 1973 MG MGB GT, Bob Hanbury driving his 1948 Ford, Dennis & Paula Hennessey driving their 1977 MG MGB, Tim Hund riding shotgun with Skip Patnode in Skip's 1967 Alfa Romeo Duetto, Jeff Locke driving his newly acquired 1988 Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit, Mark McAlpine riding shotgun with Terry Bond and Marion McAlpine riding shotgun with Sue Bond, Mickey & Toni McChesney driving their 1940 Oldsmobile Series 90, Dana & Debbie Meadows driving their 1964 Triumph TR4A, Wayne & Carol Milligan driving their 1968 Ford LTD with Wayne's parents Dewey & Maxine Milligan, Bob & Dot Parrish driving their 1931 Chevrolet Sport Coupe, Jack Pavlidis driving his 1952 MG TD to start the tour and finishing in his 1971 MG MGB GT, Bob Stein driving his 1937 Pontiac Deluxe 6 with former member Dan Ciccone riding shotgun, Billy Stutz driving his 1929 Model A Ford with his son Owen riding shotgun, Ken & Barbara Talley driving their 1929 Buick Master, Bill & Linda Treadwell driving their 1969 Chevrolet Camaro, and Bob Ward driving his 1963 Chevrolet Impala.



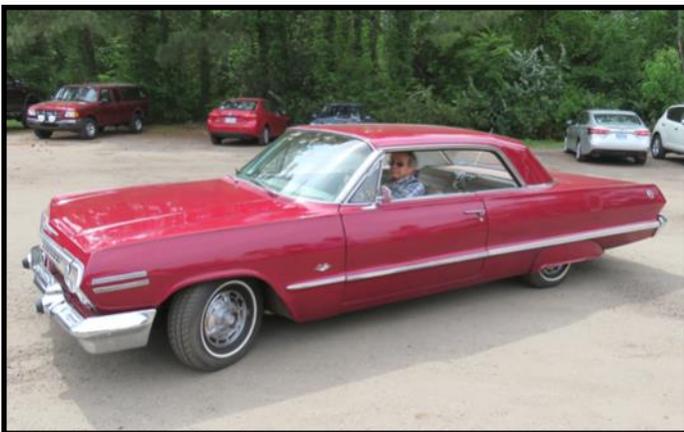
The TRAACA gang gather for a group photo before hitting the road for the club's 17th Annual Square Car Tour—Saturday, May 5, 2018



Billy Stutz & his son Owen in their 1929 Ford Model A



Bob Hanbury and his 1948 Ford



Bob Ward with his 1963 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport



Dana & Debbie Meadows in their 1964 Triumph TR4



Richard & Sandy Hall and their 1973 MG MGB-GT



Abigale Vaughn being chauffeured by Linda & Bill Treadwell



(L-R) Sue Bond & Marion McAlpine with Sue's 1974 MGB-GT



Jeff Locke and his "new" 1988 Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit



65th Annual Old Dominion Meet Harrisonburg, VA April 27-28, 2018



Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

The weather was sunny and pleasant on Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, when the Tri-County Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America held the Old Dominion Meet Association's (ODMA's) 65th Annual Old Dominion Meet in Harrisonburg, VA. This was the first time the Tri-County Region had hosted the Old Dominion Meet since 2007.

It was a tough year for the Tri-County Region to hold the 2018 ODMA Meet. For a variety of reasons, many of the ODMA's "key helpers" (the Registration Chairs and the Judges Administration Chairperson and her helpers) were not able to make the meet. Mike Yankey and Dennis Ragan, the Tri-County Region President & Vice President, did a great deal of work organizing a successful show.

On Friday, the Tri-County Region arranged an ice cream social at Lacey Spring Elementary School. Unfortunately, there was no host hotel set up for the meet, so the ice cream event was a nice opportunity for meet participants to visit before the show on Saturday. Several TRAACA members attending the meet got together for dinner after the social.

There were almost 60 vehicles registered for the Old Dominion Meet, many of them going for their first award. The parking lot at the Lacey Spring Elementary School had a splendid view of the scenic Blue Ridge Mountain Range. A barbecue lunch was available in the school's cafeteria.

Volunteers from a local church prepared the food for the lunch, with the proceeds benefitting the church. All the show participants seemed to enjoy the food and the show.

Saturday evening the buffet dinner & awards ceremony were held at Pano's Restaurant and Lounge in Harrisonburg, VA. There was a great turnout for the dinner, with over 80 people signed up for the festivities. The buffet dinner was very good and no one went home hungry.

Reggie Nash received a Centennial Award for showing his 1911 Ford Model T at the Old Dominion Meet for the first time. The Waynesboro-Staunton Region won the Edgar & Walzer Rohr Trophy and the ODMA Trophy for being the ODMA region with the largest representation at the show.

TRAACA members attending the 65th Old Dominion Meet included Bill Coburn, Tammy & Tom Cox (1971 Ford LTD), Sandy & Charlie Dawson (1968 Chevy Camaro Z-28), Jim Elliott (1993 Chevy Camaro Z-28), Sam Kern (1942 Ford GPW Jeep), Jeff Locke (1964 Solex moped, 1974 Chevy Suburban, and 1976 Demm Smiley mopeds, Marion & Mark McAlpine, Dick McIninch (1986 Mercedes-Benz) 300E, Cindi & Reggie Nash (1911 Ford Model T), Leslie & Tony Scarpelli (1962 Imperial), and Linda & Bill Treadwell (1973 Olds Cutlass. (Wes Neal registered, but was unable to attend.) See Pg. 17 for the TRAACA members' awards.



(L-R) Tammy Cox, Marion McAlpine, Dick McIninch, and Bill & Linda Treadwell meet after arriving at the ODMA Meet on Friday



1954 Chevrolet Bel Air sedan



1931 Willys-Knight Model 66D



1957 Buick Roadmaster & Tom & Tammy Cox's 1971 Ford LTD



Reggie Nash in his 1911 Ford Model T



Sam Kern's 1942 Ford GPW Jeep



Tony & Leslie Scarpelli with their 1962 Chrysler Imperial



Charlie Dawson with his 1968 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28



Jeff Locke's 1976 Demm Smiley Moped



Jim Elliott with his 1993 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 Pace Car



1964 Studebaker Wagonaire with retractable roof



Best-in-Show Winner: a flawless 1965 Ford Mustang convertible



AACA Central Spring Meet Auburn, IN May 11-12, 2018



Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

Once again, the AACA Central Spring Meet took place in Auburn, IN. The AACA has been holding the AACA Central Spring Meet in Auburn, IN, in conjunction with the RM Auctions (formerly Auctions America) Spring Auction for six years now. The RM Auctions people have been super about helping the AACA put on a great show every year by supplying a paved parking lot as the perfect location for the car show and supplying areas for Judging School, Judges Breakfast, and the Awards Ceremony. The Central Spring Meet has traditionally been held on Mother's Day weekend, and this year was no different with the meet being held on May 9-11. [The dates for the 2019 AACA Spring Meet in Auburn have not been locked in yet and may move to later in the month. Check future Mudflaps and AACA event calendars for the exact dates.]

On Friday evening there was live musical entertainment in the large RM Auctions building. The band was made up of five members and was called *Trilogy Detroit*. The band did a great job of playing a variety of music from the 1960s to more recent. Following the concert some of the TRAACA members who attended the concert went to dinner at a local Italian place near our hotel.

The weather going into the weekend was cool, but

comfortable. However, the weather took a turn for the worse on Saturday. Just before judging was to start it started to rain and continued to rain for a couple of hours. Yes, the rain stopped and the rest of the day was quite nice, but all of the beautiful classic vehicles on display had already gotten wet (and some never left their trailers).

There were over 230 vehicles registered for this year's Central Spring Meet. Many members of the Nash Car Club of America joined the AACA on show day and displayed about 30 gorgeous Nash vehicles. Some of the Nash Car Club members are also AACA members and had their cars judged by the AACA on Saturday. For those that were not AACA members, Tom Cox (former AACA National President and current AACA Vice President for Public Relations), with the permission of the AACA National Board, gave free AACA memberships for the remainder of 2018 to every Nash Club member who displayed a vehicle. We hope all the recipients renew next year—we'd like to see them and their cars again.

TRAACA members who made the trek to Auburn this year included Terry Bond, Tom & Tammy Cox, Jim & Donna Elliott, Mark & Marion McAlpine, Al & Sharon Mercer, and Bob & Dot Parrish.



Unrestored 1902 Rambler Runabout



1911 Kissel D-11 Touring Car



1920 Cleveland 40 Touring Car



Charles Nash's great-grandson Jim Wheary with his 1921 Nash Model 61 Grand Touring Car



Jim & Donna Elliott's 1931 Cadillac 370A 12-cylinder convertible



1932 Chrysler Imperial convertible



1937 Packard 1507 roadster



1937 Chrysler Imperial



1940 Buick 79 XP Estate Wagon



1954 Kaiser Darrin



1971 Ford Torino Cobra



(L-R) Al Mercer receiving a Repeat DPC Award for his 1968 Ford XL from AACA Executive Vice President Mel Carson



Still Collecting Stuff — Automobile Flower Vases

By Terry Bond

The first automobiles were crude, but, as motoring became popular and moved into the Edwardian era, the automobile was easily characterized by two words: extravagant and elegant. Large limousines bedecked with brass and brocade and driven by chauffeurs became commonplace in the big cities, transporting society’s elite. In the rear compartment, where the ladies rode, there were vanity sets holding writing pads, cosmetics, and even compartments for “refreshments.” To make it pretty, crystal cut-glass flower vases were installed. Some say the fresh cut flowers in them helped disguise the smells of hot oil and even the chauffeur himself.

The fashion of installing flower vases in early automobiles became quite popular, and many early auto accessory shops sold varieties of them.

The earliest are large, cut-glass beauties with complex mounting systems. They are beautiful pieces of art—glass with deep, polished facets. Some were in colored glass and had elaborate shapes to them. They remained popular well into the 1930s and were found in everything from Model A Fords to Rolls-Royces.



A wonderful matched pair of blue, cut-glass vases with original bases—circa 1912.

A few things you should know about automobile flower vases:

- First, they were never actually sold in pairs. You bought them one at a time. If you wanted a pair or a trio of matching vases, you just bought two (or three).

- It was just as common to see a single vase in an early automobile, mounted center on the back of the front seat or on the dashboard.

- They were also known as “bud vases” by many people including collectors today.

- Varieties are endless, but there are several common versions that we’ll talk about.

Vases were always held in with special brackets and there was always some kind of way to secure them into their metal brackets so they wouldn’t bounce out. Most commonly seen is a small set-screw in the bracket that anchors into a shallow dimple in the vase itself, where the bracket attaches.

Vases can certainly be collected without the brackets, and you can sometimes fabricate one if needed. Some basic

brackets are even being reproduced. Having the correct bracket will increase the value of a vase. You usually can tell if the bracket is correct for the vase as the fit will be very good. Brackets were usually very well made and sturdy.

Have I ever mentioned that condition means everything in terms of value? For these vases, any chips, cracks or damaged spots in the glass caused by water staining reduces their value by more than half. It always pays to buy perfect pieces and, because it’s often difficult to spot defects, you need to look these pieces over very carefully. It’s not uncommon to see vases that have had broken areas polished smooth, so be careful when you are considering a purchase.

Most of the later vases can be purchased in the \$50-\$125 range for a single vase. If you are buying a pair of them, it doesn’t automatically double the price though. A nice pair of pressed glass vases in a basic color could be found from \$200 or maybe less.

Some colors are more difficult to find—beautiful deep blues and deep purple (amethyst) are among the more desirable colors.

Clear glass vases are the most common. Those with cut or etched designs on them come in seemingly endless varieties. Absolutely the most commonly found vase is the Carnival Glass vase in what’s known as the “Marigold” pattern.



A fabulous, very early, cut-glass auto vase in its original spring-loaded bracket—circa 1910



Automobile vase brackets showing the set screws



A beautiful matched pair of partly frosted automobile vases with original brackets. Hand-decorated with gold leaf. Circa 1920s.

These were made by a glass company in Baltimore, MD. A good friend of mine, the late Bill Gottschalk, discovered a large quantity of them brand new in a Baltimore warehouse many years ago.

Beware of similar vases that were designed as components of an epergne, which was a fancy table decoration. The individual flower vases are removable and are often sold on the Internet or in flea markets as “automobile flower vases.” Remember to always look for that little “dimple” that holds them into their bracket if they were indeed used on a car.

Another commonly misrepresented piece is also known as “The Horn of Plenty” vase. It’s a glass flower vase that was never intended for use in an automobile. It had a simple glass bracket made as a part of the vase so it could be hung on a wall.

Automobile flower vases are a fun thing to collect without investing a fortune. Buy quality; go for the “unusual” in color and shape; and try to find them with brackets if you can. The vases are easier to display that way, and a selection of them mounted and well-lighted will be an impressive addition to your own “museum.”



Table decoration with removable vases—NOT an automotive piece!



Two common examples of Carnival Glass vases with brackets—circa late 1920s-early 1930s.

Look for automobile flower vases on-line, in antique shops, flea markets, and, of course, at Hershey.

Enjoy the photos and, as always, enjoy collecting.

Terry Bond



Dark gray colored, pressed-glass design automobile vase—circa late 1920s. A common design, but an uncommon color.



An iridescent green, pressed-glass vase—it glows under blacklight!



A nice matched-pair of automobile vases, with etched designs, in original brackets—circa 1920s



TRAACA Club Barbecue

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Story by Wayne Milligan. Photos by Bob Stein.

In spite of the questionable weather, the TRAACA Club Barbecue held on Saturday, May 19th, at Dewey and Maxine Milligan's home in Chesapeake exceeded original attendance expectations and included a new member (welcome Floyd Jolly!) and several prospective new members! (The Barbecue replaced our usual monthly dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.) Many club members drove their antique vehicles, further proving the TRAACA is not a "fair weather" club!

As you know, the club's Board of Directors voted to subsidize many of the club's activities this year, and this event was fully subsidized by the club—it was free for club members. Southland Restaurant from Moyock, NC, catered the event, bringing their huge trailer and preparing everything onsite. The meal was traditional "Southern comfort food" including fried chicken, Carolina barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans, green beans, hush puppies, and rolls as well as drinks and dessert. The food was excellent and plentiful, and many members (maybe most of them) enjoyed seconds!

As the only TRAACA club officer present, Club Treasurer Charlie Dawson ran a very brief business meeting to update the members present on club business. [Club President Mark McAlpine and Marion were in Auburn, IN, for the AACA's Central Spring Meet. Club

Vice President Matt Doscher and Club Secretary Vickie Doscher were on vacation in Key West, FL.]

TRAACA members attending the barbecue included Jerry & Ellen Adams and their daughters Abigale & Kaylan, Paul Atkinson, Travis & Kim Berry, Riley Best, Bill Blair, Terry & Susan Bond, Dick & Holly Chipchak, Keith Colonna, Charlie & Sandy Dawson, Mason Gamage, Joe & Charline Geib, Doug Grosz, William Grosz, George Gurnee and his daughter-in-law, Richard & Sandy Hall, John & Lynn Heimerl, Tim & Phyllis Hund, new member Floyd Jolly and his grandson, Frank Lagana, Dana Meadows, Al & Sharon Mercer (all the way from St. Charles, Missouri), our hosts Dewey & Maxine Milligan (of course!), Wayne & Carol Milligan, Richard & Ann Moore, Bob & Dot Parrish, Skip Patnode, Jack Pavlidis, Gordon Spence, Bob Stein, Neil & Marty Sugermeyer, Barbara Talley, Rad & Margie Tillett, Bill & Linda Treadwell, Bob Ward, Bob & Ginger Watson, and Ken & Shirley Wecht.

When food and camaraderie are on the agenda, the TRAACA is a dedicated group!

[*Editor's Note: The club's next subsidized activities are the TRAACA Tour to Charlottesville, VA, on July 27-29 and the TRAACA Ice Cream Social at Doumar's Barbecue in Norfolk, VA, on Saturday, August 25.*]



Club members working their way through the buffet line



Members lined up for the buffet, but the line moved quickly



Some of the antique vehicles that showed up at the club barbecue



More club members' antique vehicles at the barbecue

“The Solution to Pollution” Bricklin EV Warrior

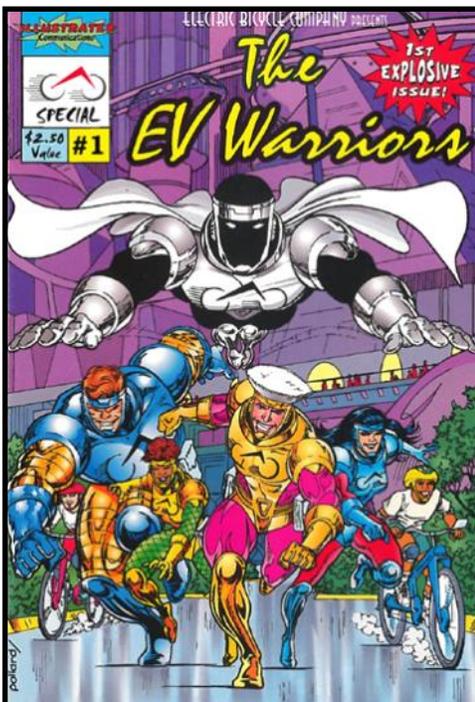
Story and Photos by Bob Stein



Bob Stein's Bricklin EV-1 at the 2018 AACA Charlotte Meet

The Bricklin EV Warrior was one of the first responses to California's 1990 Zero-Emissions Vehicle Regulation that required 10% of vehicles sold by large manufacturers to be zero-emission by 2003. Conceived by Malcolm Bricklin (Bricklin SV-1 sports car, Yugo America, and Subaru America) and Dr. Malcolm Currie (former Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering), the EV Warrior was introduced in late 1993 as a fully road-legal zero-emissions electric vehicle to be sold in new car showrooms.

In truth, the EV Warrior is probably the first hybrid, using an aluminum frame with both full electric and pedal drive. The electric drive was housed in a box over the rear wheel and used twin 12-24-volt electric motors powered by two 12-volt sealed batteries. It featured LED brake/tail lights, halogen headlight, horn, side mirrors, and a remote security system, as well as a battery discharge monitor and computer.



Bricklin EV-1s were cool before Iron Man

Options included a front disc brake, LED turn signals in the mirrors, and even a remote security fob! Surprisingly, the EV Warrior's performance was the same as current electric bicycles: 20-mile range at 20 MPH in full electric mode.

Targeted towards eco-conscious commuters and teens, the EV Warrior was advertised as “The Solution to Pollution.” It even had a “super hero” comic book (“The EV

Warriors) as part of its marketing strategy. Unfortunately, the suggested retail price was \$1,399 to \$1,899 depending on options, and it was only available through new car dealers where you could buy a new Geo Metro for \$6,700 or a new Ford Mustang for \$10,000. The company filed for bankruptcy in 1997.

So how did one of these pioneering electric vehicles end up in my garage? An ad showed up in 2016 for a curious bright yellow electric bike from the estate of long-time friend and AACA member Jack Blair. It was one of the first: a 1993 Premiere Collector Edition won originally by someone in a promotional giveaway who had no use for it and stuck it in his attic. Jack bought the Warrior to display with his son's Bricklin SV-1 car but passed away without ever setting it up.

It was unique, and, after a while, the price dropped to the point that I could not resist. It would be two years before I could show it, but the space requirements were minimal. It turned out that the EV Warrior had never been actually used—the tires still had flashing on the tread and the factory tie around the charger cable. Except for a main cover case cracked in a fall, it was in like-new condition. After replacing long-dead 23-year-old batteries, the EV Warrior functioned perfectly. I was able to find a replacement back cover and Ken Talley painted it to match the rest of the bike. I used the EV Warrior, albeit carefully, for the next two years, then showed it in class judging at the AACA Southeastern Spring Meet in Charlotte this past April. It was awarded a First Junior, and I plan to take it Hershey in October with hopes of earning a Senior Award.

Unusual two-wheeled vehicles are a great way to get into the hobby and often get tremendous bang for the buck. The Bricklin EV Warrior takes up no more space than a large bicycle, is easily transportable in a truck or van, and is actually a very practical ride around car shows, short neighborhood or inter-city hops, or just fun jaunts. And for less than \$500, I even brought home an AACA trophy with a 2020 Grand National ultimate goal!

[Editor's Note: For more information on Bob Stein's Brickline EV Warrior electric bicycle, what he's done to it, and how he found replacement parts, check out his webpage: http://www.caroholic.com/93_evwarrior.htm.]



The EV-1's dual batteries and electric motors over the rear wheel



Welcome to the Apprentice Team!

By Dain King

AACA Chairman, Judges Training

(Reprinted from the January 2018 AACA *The Judge* newsletter)



Welcome to the Apprentice Judging Team. Say what?? But I was on the Apprentice Team when I started judging four years ago. What gives here?? I have 27 judging credits and just sent a letter to Jim Elliott, VP of Judging, requesting to become a Certified Team Captain. What is going on here?

During this past year several experienced judges have been assigned to the Apprentice Team, and I would like to publicly thank each and every one of you for being a positive help working with first-time judges. In particular, a very experienced judge from Illinois stood in for an absent vehicle owner and we were able to role play the proper relationship between the Team Captain and the vehicle owner. Others have done the same and they have shared their experiences in judging, lending a great deal of credibility for those on the field for the first time. Needless to say, each judge received full judging credit at each meet.

I am really thankful for the extra experienced judges at Hershey last year, as there were 19 first-time apprentices, and I was really thankful to see you. You helped to explain some tough questions that came from the group. I think you will agree that experiencing the Willys-Knight sleeve valve in

operation, along with the words of the owner, is not something you would have seen if you were only judging Class 19 [Specified Classic Vehicles].

At one meet, the Chief Judge assigned extra judges to the Apprentice Team so that he knew where to go to find additional judges to fill in teams that were short. What a great idea! At one meet, this happened during Judges Breakfast. The system worked and the transition was very smooth. This was better than having an "Unassigned" table, at least in my opinion.

So, if you approach the sign-in table for Judges Breakfast and you are told that you are assigned to the Apprentice Team, don't feel dejected and rebuffed. First of all, I will be very glad to see you. Secondly, half-way through breakfast, the Chief Judge may call you out to be the Interior Judge on motorcycles (there is none) or help with HPOF [Historic Preservation of Original Features] because you don't have any artificial joints. Generally, we look at three or four DPC [Driver Participation Class] vehicles and practice our judging skills, recording skills and etiquette skills, each time improving. I promise you there will be no pressure and I will not ask you any trick questions. You might even have so much fun in Charlotte that you sign up for the Apprentice Team for all of the remaining meets this year!

I hope to see you at a Judges Breakfast soon!



Do a Good Deed

By Lars Anderson

AACA VP, Library & Research Center

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



You've had an antique vehicle for years, you belong to the finest car club there is. It provides lots of good times and years of memories. You are part of a community, a national community of old car enthusiasts. You share the experience of belonging with many thousands from across the country. You also have another common trait. You've collected an array of literature, documents, magazines, and other types of printed matter. More than you really need. What are you doing with the duplicates? Perhaps you sold a vehicle and now have a file cabinet of material which has no meaning to you. How are you going to dispose of it? You really don't have the heart to throw it away.

Well, here's a good feeling move you can make. Your AACA Library can use your collection to further their responsibilities as America's Automotive Library. They would really appreciate receiving it to add to their files. And so would the researcher who hasn't been able to find the document you donated and now here it is in our library. It's all tax deductible as the Library and Research Center is a 501.C3 organization. They'll send you a nice thank you letter and receipt of material. It's your responsibility to place a value on it. Call the Library (717-534-2082) and ask for Chris Ritter or e-mail him at critter@aacaa.org. Do it now and start glowing.

TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2018

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- Club Handheld Radios: John Heimerl repaired our inventory of mobile radios. Of the 5 Cobra handheld radios we had, 1 was bad and John sold the remaining 4 for \$40 because they were not capable of working on the frequencies of our existing Motorola handheld radios or the Museum's radios. John repaired our Motorola handheld radios and replaced the batteries & antennas for \$90.

Other Business:

- VPCCC: NSTR.
- CCCHR: NSTR.

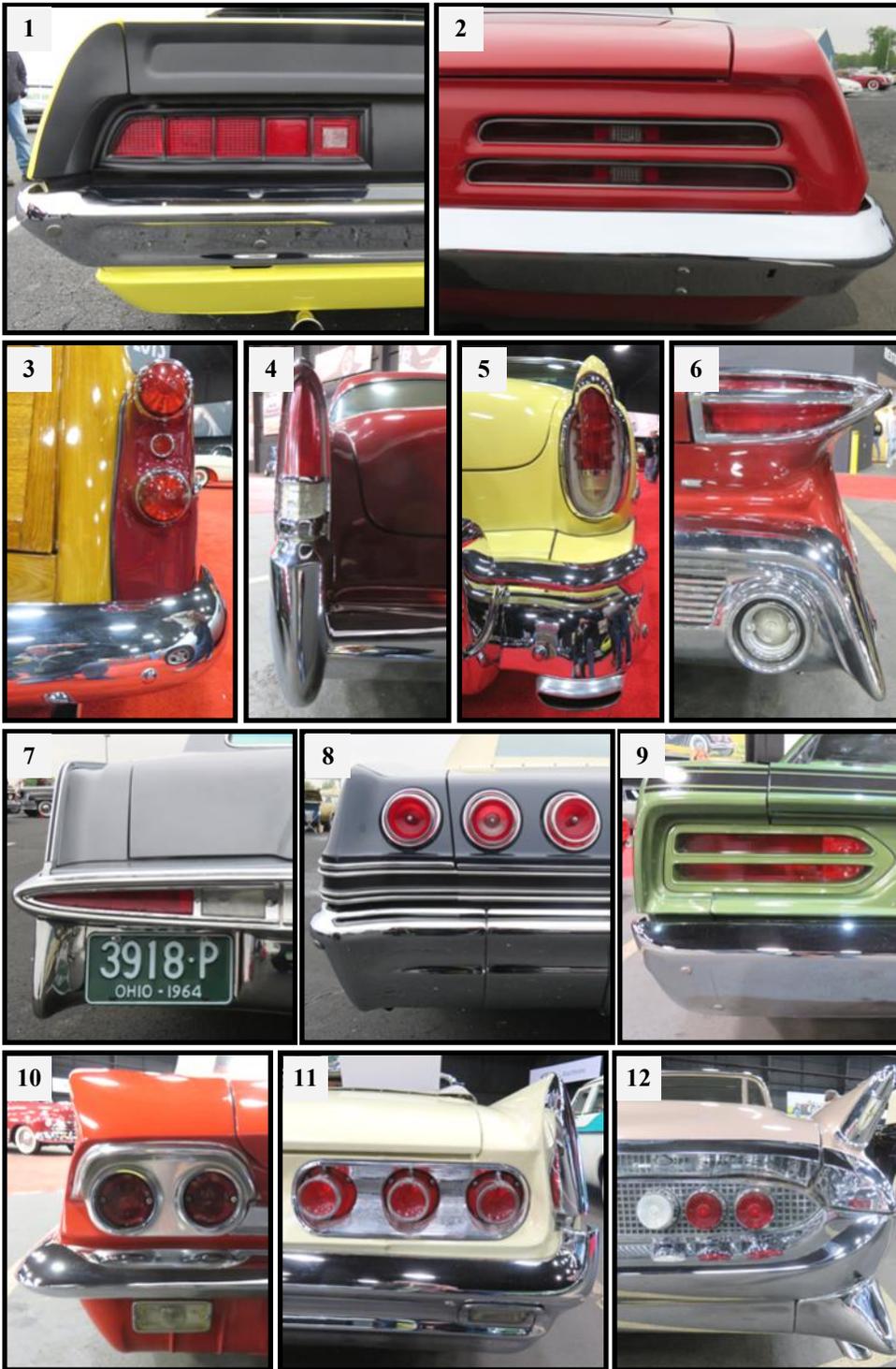
Adjourned: Having no other business, motion made to adjourn by Tim; seconded by Scott. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM. Next Board Meeting is 6:30 PM on Friday, July 6, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary

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

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

29-1 May AACA SE Divisional Tour
Wilmington, NC

MAY 2019

TBD Western Spring Meet
Fallbrook, CA

TBD 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

22-27 AAA Glidden Tour
Charlotte, NC

OCTOBER 2019

9-12 AACA Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA

ANSWERS: 1) 1971 Ford Torino Cobra; 2) 1969 Pontiac Firebird; 3) 1953 Buick Estate Wagon; 4) 1956 Chrysler 300B; 5) 1955 Mercury Montclair Sun Valley; 6) 1960 Oldsmobile 98; 7) 1964 Imperial LeBaron; 8) 1965 Chevrolet Impala; 9) 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner; 10) 1962 Oldsmobile F-85 Cutlass; 11) 1961 Pontiac Bonneville; and 12) 1958 Lincoln Continental Mark III



TRAACA Activities: A Look Ahead

**YARD
SALE**

TRAACA & HVPR Route 301 Antique Crawl Friday-Saturday, June 15-16, 2018

**YARD
SALE**

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GROUP TWO – 1-DAY TRIP:

DATE: Saturday, June 16.

STARTING POINT: Meet at the new Pilot Travel Center on Route 58 (2400 Holland Rd) in Suffolk at ~ 8:00 AM for breakfast. Depart at 8:30 AM for Weldon, NC.

Proceed to Weldon, NC. Either shop at the Riverside Mills Antique Mall or shop along Route 301 heading south. Plan to be back in Weldon, NC, for lunch.

LUNCHTIME: Lunch will be at Ralph's BBQ (1400 Julian Allsbrook Hwy) in Weldon, NC, at 1:00 PM. Group Two will meet Group One for lunch.

After lunch both Groups One and Two will have time to shop at the Riverside Mills Antique Mall in Weldon or travel down Route 301. Note that outdoor vendors will close down about 5:00 PM.

DINNERTIME: Dinner TBD will be in Emporia, VA, as we head home.

**There are several hotels in Rocky Mount, NC, and nearby. Make your own reservations for a hotel.*

Please RSVP by June 10th for the lunch and dinner and whether you are doing the 1-day or 2-day trip by contacting Marion & Mark McAlpine at (757) 967-0074 or mmcalpine05@msn.com. For more information on the Route 301 "Endless Yard Sale" go to www.301endlessyardsale.com or [facebook.com/301EndlessYard Sale](https://www.facebook.com/301EndlessYardSale).



"On the road again . . ."

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. As of May 28th, 14 members have signed up, so don't procrastinate—sign up now!**

There are a number of hotels and bed & breakfast inns at various price points in Charlottesville. You can choose your own or Matt & Vickie will provide those members who sign up for the tour a list of 4-5 potential hotels and try to get a group rate if a number of members want to stay at the same hotel.

Contact Matt & Vickie Doscher at (757) 448-7048 or e-mail vlw78@hotmail.com for more information or to RSVP.



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

David & Jean Belton
(returning members—welcome back!)

Chesapeake, VA
- 1986 Buick Grand National

Thomas & Connie England
South Mills, NC
- 1924 Chevrolet Superior Touring

Sunshine Report

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Sheila Gurnee** fell recently and broke her elbow. She had outpatient surgery and is recuperating at home.

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



Members celebrating birthdays in June



David Belton
Jean Belton
Travis Berry
Briant Capps
Dick Chipchak
John Clark
Mary Beth Clark
Bill Coburn
Richard Cooper
Sandy Dawson
Roland Downing
Harold Eacker
Connie England
Joe Formato

Margorie Joslin
Bud Keen
Sam Kern
Bette Lawrence
Mark McAlpine
Toni McChesney
Dick McIninch
Debbie Meadows
Reggie Nash
Barbara Sieck
Bob Stein
Ashley Stutz
James Woodall



Recent TRAACA Award Winners



65th Old Dominion Meet—Harrisonburg, VA

Tom Cox	1971 Ford LTD Repeat HPOF Award
Charlie Dawson	1968 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 Senior Award
Jim Elliott	1993 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 First Junior Award
Sam Kern	1942 Ford GPW Jeep First Junior Award
Jeff Locke	1964 Solex moped Repeat HPOF Award
	1974 Chevrolet Suburban First Junior Award
	1977 Demm Smiley Moped Repeat Preservation
Dick McIninch	1986 Mercedes-Benz 300E Repeat HPOF
Reggie Nash	1911 Ford Model T Preservation Award
Tony Scarpelli	1962 Chrysler Imperial First Junior Award
Bill Treadwell	1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass First Junior Award

AACA Central Spring Meet—Auburn, IN:

Jim & Donna Elliott	1931 Cadillac 370A First Junior Award
Al & Sharon Mercer	1968 Ford XL Repeat DPC



Members celebrating anniversaries June



Mark & Margie Anthony
Barry & Mary Ellen Basnight
Ernest & Dody Berry
Bob Bond & Pamela Hamilton-Bond
James & Phyllis Camforth
Dick & Holly Chipchak
Richard & Linda Cooper
Charlie & Sandy Dawson
Albert & Georgiann McVicker
Al & Sharon Mercer
Ed & Diane Monroe
Reggie & Cindi Nash
Ken & Sarah Saiya
Sal & Jo Ann Saiya
Mark & Sue Strang
Neil & Marty Sugermeyer
Rad & Margie Tillet

TRAACA June Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 21, 2018

Our June Dinner Meeting is on Thursday, June 21st, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Dinner is herb-crusted pork chops, Chicken Chasseur, corn-on-the-cob, roasted red potatoes, house salad, and chef's choice of dessert.

Social hour is from 6:00-6:45 PM, with dinner at 6:45 PM, followed by a brief business meeting and then a presentation by Ms. Sigur Whitaker speaking about the impact of Indiana's historic automobile industry.

Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.





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

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Other Regional and Local Events

JUNE 2018

- 1-3 Carlisle Ford Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 2 Historic Fredericksburg
Region AACA Annual Show
Fredericksburg, VA
- 2 Beers & Gears Car Show
Williamsburg, 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
- 30 Toys for Tots Car Show
Smithfield Olden Days
Smithfield, VA

JULY 2018

- 4 Classic Cruisers Annual
4th of July Car Show
Gloucester, VA
- 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
- 13-15 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals
Hurst Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 28 Revvin' Up for Mental Health
Benefit Car Show
Norfolk, VA

AUGUST 2018

- 3-5 Carlisle Truck Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- 4 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
Car Show
Portsmouth, VA
- 18 Khedive 27th Annual
"Fun-N-Shine" Car Show
Chesapeake, VA
- 23-26 Corvettes at Carlisle
Carlisle, PA



Richmond Region AACA 49th Annual



Car Show & Swap Meet St. Joseph's Villa Richmond, VA

Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:00 AM—3:00 PM

(Rain or shine)

Preregistration: \$25

(Must be preregistered by June 20th to be judged)

Non-Judged Cruise-In: \$10 (\$15 after June 20th)

Spectators: \$5 (children 12 years old and younger free)

For more info see RRAACA website: <http://www.richmondregionaaca.com/>



Smithfield Olden Days Festival



Friday-Saturday, June 29-30, 2018

On Friday, June 29, 5:30-9:00 PM: Cruise-In

on Main Street in downtown Smithfield

Free concert by The Rhondells

On Saturday, 30 June: Toys for Tots Car Show

10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Registration: 8:00-10:00 AM / \$20 donation to Toys for Tots

Kids, Bike and Pet Parade / 26th Pagan River Raft Race

For more info go to Genuine Smithfield Olden Days website: <http://www.genuinesmithfieldva.com>



EDITOR'S DESK

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Well, it is June and time for another Editor's Note. I spent time today trying to decide what to write about this month. It seems I had a bit of a writer's block. I decided I would talk about the many options we have each month as TRAACA club members in car-related activities. For example, in June the TRAACA monthly activity will be a trip to North Carolina on June 15-16 for the Route 301 Endless Yard Sale. This will be a great opportunity to do some antique shopping with your fellow TRAACA members and HVPR AACA members. Last year almost 40 people participated in a similar activity when we "crawled" through the Gloucester area. This year looks to be even more fun. If you traveled the entire route of the Route 301 Endless Yard Sale, you would have covered over 100 miles of yard sales and antique malls. Sounds crazy, doesn't it? Don't worry, the TRAACA group will not be covering that much distance. We want to spend our time shopping and visiting (and eating). I sure hope to see you there! See Pages 1 & 16 of this *Mudflap* for details.

Later in June the TRAACA monthly dinner meeting will be held on June 21 at the Holiday Inn in Norfolk. Fellow TRAACA member Bob Pellerin arranged for Ms. Sigur Whitaker to speak to us about the impact of Indiana's historic automotive industry. At our July dinner meeting our own Terry Bond will be talking about the contemporary history of automotive post cards. There are

not many places anymore where for only \$25.00 you can get a nice meal and great speakers.

If you want to do some traveling, there are two AACA National Meets coming up in the next couple of months. The AACA Annual Grand National is being held on June 1-2 in Greensburg, PA. There are over 500 vehicles registered for this meet. Then, on July 13-16, the AACA Eastern Spring Meet will take place in Gettysburg, PA. There are several events lined up for the Gettysburg Meet. We are planning on attending both meets and hopefully taking our car. Thank goodness for friends like John & Lynn Heimerl for letting us use their car lift, for John's help getting the car ready, and to Neil & Marty Sugermeyer for the use of their car trailer.

There are also local car shows you can attend. On Saturday, June 16, TRAACA member Charlie Daniels is hosting the "Rumble for Rescues" Charity Car Show at his shop in Smithfield. On June 30 there's a Toys for Tots Car Show during Smithfield Olden Days. On Friday, July 13, it's back to Daniels Performance Group for the annual National Collector Car Appreciation Day Car Show. And on Saturday, August 18, the Khedive Shriners in Chesapeake hold their 27th Annual "Fun-n-Shine" Car Show. And, of course, don't forget, the TRAACA will be holding our annual meet on Saturday, September 22, at the Military Aviation Museum in Pungo. Many other local car clubs do cruise-ins or annual shows as well. Old car season will continue into November, weather permitting.

So, whether you want to show, judge, drive, or talk about antique vehicles, you don't have to travel far to find old cars and old car friends.

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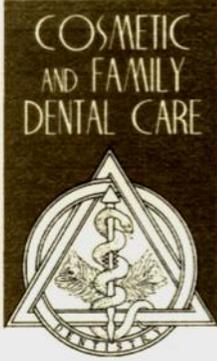
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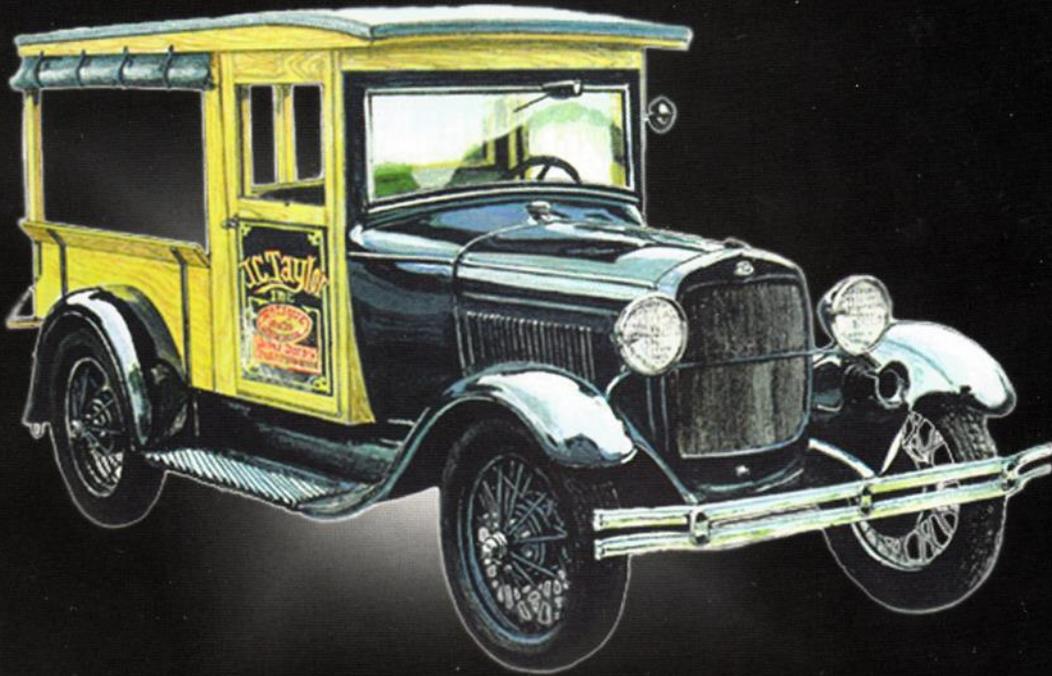
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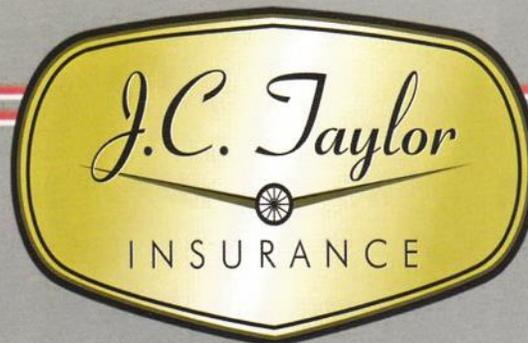
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