



## TRAACA Swap Meet

July 23, 2022  
 Story by Bob Stein.  
 Photos by Bob Stein and Marty Sugermeyer

TRAACA's annual swap meet defied unusually hot weather and some conflicting events out of the area and still managed a good turnout both 15 inside vendors and 60 outside vendors. Thanks to the hard work of Bill Treadwell and Jerry Adams, plus some terrific volunteers, the activity was a resounding success for all concerned. Temperatures close to 100 degrees and little breeze encouraged a lot of folks to check out the inside vendors (Whose room was air conditioned), as well as purchase snacks from our Bake Sale Team, which was headed up by Tammy Park. Some of the more unusual items for sale included a World War II Swiss Army bicycle, a life-sized Shaggy Dog stuffed toy, a split-rim mounting tool from the 1920s, and a 1929 Burgess battery promotional flashlight. Volunteers outside included Skip Patnode, Mark McAlpine, and Richard Hall. Inside, the bake sale crew (who raised just over \$230!) included Toni McChesney, Dot Parrish, Marion McAlpine, and Sandy Hall. Many thanks to all of the club members who showed up to participate both as vendors and buyers, and especially to the volunteers who made it all possible! (More pictures—pages 10-11)



## TRAACA CALENDAR

### AUGUST

11 - TRAACA Monthly Board Meeting (6:30 PM - Mom and Pop's Family Restaurant - Norfolk VA)

18 - TRAACA Monthly Meeting (Chesapeake Convention Center)  
**(CANCELLED)**

21 - Khedive Autos Car Show - (Khedive Shrine Center, Chesapeake VA)

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 - Doumar's Drive-In Gathering - 4 PM
- 8 - TRAACA Monthly Board Meeting (6:30 PM - Mom and Pop's Family Restaurant - Norfolk VA seating.)
- 15 - TRAACA Monthly Meeting (Chesapeake Convention Center)
- 24 - TRAACA 48th Annual Meet - Eggleston Headquarters, Norfolk VA

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



# President's Podium

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**Another swap meet in the rear view, thanks Bill Treadwell and company. The location is so perfect for our event and we are so fortunate to have access to the school. Next year we will return to March which should be a lot cooler. The school is in high demand and we have already secured next year's date of March 11, 2023.**

**Some like it hot as the movie title suggests, I am not one those folks. Somebody must, considering the growing population of Florida. TRAACA's schedule is also heating up in a good way. August starts our return to Doumars on the first Saturday of each month. Our Fall meet is right around the corner which means Hershey is not far behind. Pick your fun! Hope to see you there.**

**Tim Hund TRACA President**



## 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** 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!



**ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB**  
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## Bits n' Pieces From AACA

By Steve Moskowitz AACA CEO



We thought we would reinforce information that is going to be published in Speedster and in Antique Automobile. There are important things happening with AACA over the next few months and we do not think we can repeat them enough!

First, on July 24th, a new event being put on by AACA staff at our building in Hershey. We will also use the "Hershey" show field. The event is called CarMania and for those living near Hershey or wanting to make a trip this will be a fun day. Wayne Carini of Chasing Classic Cars is expected to be with us. Not a typical car event as we will have activities all day. Please check out [www.aaca.org/carmania](http://www.aaca.org/carmania) for all the details. Click on FAQ on the ad to learn more.

Next is a new oral history project we are co-sponsoring with a company called PCI. You will find a story about this in our other publications. Naturally PCI is doing this as a for-profit venture but they are also making a nice donation to AACA. Most importantly we will be able to secure your hobby history for future generations. We are very excited about this idea. We do recognize some of you do not want to be solicited and if so please let us know and we will take you off the mailing list. Just contact us at 717- 534-1910.

The Eastern Division Fall Nationals known to most as "Hershey" is on again this year and for MANY more years to come. However, PLEASE make note of the new schedule. Load-in for vendors is on Monday, flea market and car corral starts on Tuesday with the CAR SHOW on FRIDAY! Also, a special this year is the library literature auction on Tuesday at 4 PM. There is going to be some great new literature available especially since we will be selling off the duplicates from the portion of the Philadelphia Library archives. Many of these have not been touched in 50 years! Sale will be at the back of the AACA Headquarters building. Don't miss out!

## 2021 TRAACA Officers & Board

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- Board - Fred Cole**
- President Emeritus - Wayne Milligan**

# From the Running Board

**TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes** *(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)*

## TRAACA Board Meeting Thursday, July 14, 2022

**Officer's Present:** Tim Hund, Bill Treadwell (via phone), Tammy Park. Board Members present: Skip Patnode, Jerry Adams, Fred Cole. President Emeritus: Wayne Milligan Club members present: Bob Stein.

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.

**President:** Thanked everyone for being at the meeting. Still hearing positive things about the Grand National we hosted.

**Vice President:** On vacation.

**Secretary's Report:** Report distributed electronically.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reports were provided in an advance electronically by Tammy Park. Do not have the excess money from Grand National has not been deposited in the club account yet.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Activities:

Committee needs to meet and discuss potential tours. Tour at Bruce Sedel's sometime in October or November.

Restarting meeting at Doumar's the first Saturday of each month starting in August. Tim will be there to represent the club.

August 27 there might be a garage tour, but still under discussion and planning. Stay tuned.

#### Dinners:

Beginning to plan for the October Chili Cookoff

#### Membership:

Discussed whether new members should have another member make sure they are introduced to other members of the club and have a current club member or board member act as an escort until they build friendships in the club with other members. If possible, we can introduce them to other members that have similar cars to build working relationships. 161 membership, 280 members. New members get a welcome letter, a link to the latest Mudspeck and Mudflap. Email is copied to the TRAACA President and Vice President. Tim would like to link them to an existing member that has a similar car if possible. Tim would like it to be a board member if possible. This would be rotated through the board members. Bob Stein suggested maybe the first dinner meeting, within a month or two, would be free for the spouse and member. If they commit to come to a dinner, then we will pay and if they miss the dinner, then it is not possible to get another free dinner. New member lists go to the people that send out emails, or information to club events.

#### Ongoing Business:

**New** We are not a 501 C7, this was believed to be the case by one of the members of the club. Committee on the extra revenue will be meeting – Terry Bond, Jim Villiers, and Wayne Milligan. Discussed we need to have a professional dealing with money advise the club on the taxes and how the excess money should be used.

Richmond AACA President would like to do a joint event with us, maybe a joint national tour. AACA would like a national tour in the Southeast. Discussed a tour out at Smithfield to the Audrain Collection. If we do something on the Peninsula, we need to include HVPR.

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Bill Treadwell has a contract from Nansemond Suffolk Academy for the Swap Meet for March 2023. Board has approved the contract for next year.

Swap Meet numbers for 2022 is low. Food Vendor is set up to be at the Swap Meet. We will have a bake sale at the swap meet.

Bob Stein spoke about the fall meet. He already has the planning under way. Eggleston Services has offered their lot again. Same layout as last fall. Registration forms are ready, and he is waiting for board approval to continue the planning, booking the food vendor, etc. Board approved.

Dinner meetings – the club had to discuss the Chesapeake Conference Center over a dinner they wanted to charge us for that we did not have. Finally resolved that issue at no cost. Chesapeake Conference Center keeps changing the staff and director that we must deal with making it hard to plan and keep them on track. Each dinner has had many calls to the conference center, where different employees must have repeated instruction as to what the club contract for requirements for the dinner meeting. The Chesapeake Conference Center wanted the club to sign a contract for 3 more dinners. Discussion was to not have a dinner meeting in August. Dinner attendance for July was down and many people are on vacation in the summer. Board voted to not have a dinner in August. Dick Chipchak is working on a new meeting place for club dinners.

#### Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

**Adjourned at 7:12pm.** Next board meeting is 6:30pm Thursday, August 11th at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk.



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# Liberace Garage Las Vegas, NV

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine



If you are less than 50 years old, you may not have heard of Wladziu Valentino Liberace. However, if you are over 50 years old, it would be difficult not to remember the flamboyant entertainer. Liberace was a consummate pianist and Las Vegas icon, known not just for his talent, but also for his personality and showmanship. Whether you saw Liberace perform in person or on television, he was hard to forget with his trademark candelabra atop his white grand piano, fur coats, rhinestone-studded capes and jumpsuits (and sometimes a rhinestone-covered piano), and grand entrances onto the stage. According to Wikipedia, Liberace was the highest-paid entertainer in the world from the 1950s to 1970s.

Liberace established his Foundation for Creative and Performing Arts in 1976 to share his good fortune by providing scholarships to upcoming performers. In 1979, he opened the Liberace Museum in Paradise, NV, to highlight his collection of costumes, jewelry, pianos, and cars, with admission proceeds benefitting his foundation. The museum closed in 2010, but the collection is still owned by the Foundation. His cars, rhinestone-covered Baldwin piano, large crystal chandelier, and some costumes are displayed at the Liberace Garage inside the Hollywood Cars Museum in Las Vegas and the bulk of the collection is stored at the late Michael Jackson's mansion

in Las Vegas. (The collection at the “Thriller Villa” is open only by appointment, but parts of the collection are periodically displayed elsewhere in Las Vegas and around the world. The rhinestone piano was used by Cardi B onstage at the 2019 Grammy Awards.)

As you would expect, many of Liberace's cars were “blinged out” to complement the entertainer's show persona. There is a 1957 Austin taxi cab, with rhinestone-covered sides, used by Liberace to pick up his friends and bring them to his Palm Springs, CA, estate, a 1960-something, rhinestone-covered Excalibur roadster, a rhinestone-covered 1961 Rolls-Royce used to drive Liberace on stage, and a 1971 VW Beetle “Volks-Rolls” customized with—you guessed it—rhinestone-covered sides. However, there is also a 1968 Cadillac Fleetwood limousine (given to Liberace by Cadillac) that looks relatively stock except for its pin-striping and interior LED lighting. (You can rent it with a driver—arrive in style the next time you visit Las Vegas!) There is also a stock-appearing replica Ford Model A roadster used to drive Liberace onstage at the Las Vegas Hilton in the 1970s and a 3/4-scale 1901 Oldsmobile curved-dash.

The next time you're in Las Vegas, visit the Liberace Garage inside the Hollywood Cars Museum. Read the display placards & learn more about “Mr. Showmanship.”



*The “Piano Car”—the world's fastest piano—a 7-ft Schaefer & Sons grand piano mounted on a tube frame with a 350-ci V8 engine*



*3/4-scale replica 1901 Oldsmobile curved-dash surrey purchased by Liberace for his Liberace Museum originally in Paradise, NV*



*Ford Model A replica used to drive Liberace, wearing a red jumpsuit and white feather cape, onstage at the Las Vegas Hilton in the 1970s*



*Liberace's rhinestone-covered Baldwin grand piano*



*The "Rhinestone Roadster"—its rhinestones match Liberace's piano and costume in his 1986 Radio City Music Hall performance finales*



*Blinged-out London taxi (a 1957 Austin) used by Liberace to pick up friends and distinguished visitors to his Palm Springs estate*



*1976 "Bicentennial" Rolls-Royce convertible. (Actually, it is a customized 1954 Rolls-Royce Silver Dawn convertible.)*



*Customized 1961 Rolls-Royce Phantom V Sedan de Ville town car in which Liberace rode onto the stage hundreds of times in Las Vegas*



*(L-R) Custom Bradley GT used by Liberace in Palm Springs & a VW "VolksRolls" used at the Las Vegas Hilton in the 1970's gas crisis*



## STILL COLLECTING—*Odd and unusual things you'd never expect*

By Terry Bond



Yes, that's a pretty strange title for this month's column.

It all came about when someone asked me where I got all the ideas for things related to the automobile that can be collectible. I think just about everything at one time or another has had an automobile theme. Well, perhaps not the toilet seat...

Here are a few examples of things you'd not normally think could somehow be automobile related.

Let's start with a real rarity - **Chimney Flue covers!**

There was a time when every house with a chimney in it had a hole in the wall piped into the chimney as a vent.. It helped with draft when the heat was on. It also helped prevent draft when it was closed off. Some of those old "holes in the wall" had a mechanical flapper that could be rotated with a handle. A less expensive way to control the draft was to have a simple flue cover hung on the wall. A nice framed picture could easily cover that ugly hole and be removed if a draft was needed. Clever!

Many early flue covers were made in the early 1900s as decorator items. Pictures of flowers, pretty ladies, fancy designs, sunsets, animals grazing in the field, light-houses, and even automobiles could be found.

Those with automobiles on them however are actually very rare. Not that the automobile wasn't popular – they were just not as "decorative" as other subject matter.



*Early 1900s automobile flue cover.*

The prints were mounted on a stiff cardboard backing, framed with a simple decorative wire border and had a small chain attached so they could be hung on a nail. The front was covered with thin glass to protect the image. They were easily broken and often damaged with soot and grease from the coal or oil burners that warmed early homes. Sunlight easily faded the images so it is difficult to find great quality items.

As a result, few survived.

There are only a few known examples with automobiles on them, and they seldom turn up. Mine were all chance antique market finds years ago.

They normally range from around 7 to 10 inches in diameter.

The next flue cover is the only one like it I've ever seen. A pretty lady is seen having her automobile gassed up from an early pump. Wonder what the price was back then?



*An early flue cover – gassing up an automobile. circa 1912-14.*

Another great example is made from stamped tin with a bronze finish. It is very unusual, but several examples are known.



***Die-stamped tin flue cover with an automobile theme. Circa 1908.***

Santa drives an antique car in this early oval shaped flue cover. The same image appears on a postcard. Be cautious as reproductions of this have been made. Originals will have a thin glass cover while the reproductions have plexiglass protecting the image. Of course a close look will reveal the tell-tale tiny dots arranged neatly in rows. That is typical of modern lithography. Originals will also have those dots as well but they will be random rather than neatly organized. It may take a magnifying glass to see them though.



***Santa drives an automobile in this Christmas themed flue cover.***

Next up, another unexpected item of automobilia - **Clothing or Shoe Brushes -**

Who would have thought a simple clothes or shoe brush would be an item of automobilia?

Various types of brushes were a common household item years ago. Remember the “Fuller Brush” salesman going door-to-door with a suitcase full of varied types?

There were brushes for everything from clothing to upholstery. Today we just send clothes back to the dry-cleaner when needed.

The top side of the brush was a perfect place for advertising. Brushes became a popular give-away or accessory for a lot of retailers. They were of course called “upholstery brushes” when distributed by automobile dealers. There are collectors out there who have hundreds of different advertising brushes But—few are automobile related. They can be difficult to find but are not what we’d consider a “mainstream” item for automobile enthusiasts. That means they are worth more to collectors of pure advertising than they are to automobilia enthusiasts. Here are a few examples:



***Clothes or shoe brush advertising “Peerless Transfer Company.”***



***Socony and Polarine gasoline and motor oil advertising brush. Circa 1914***



*Rare Haynes Automobile brush.*

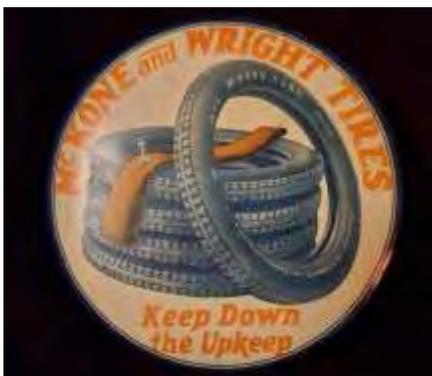


*Early 1900s automobile dealer brush.*



*British made brush advertising Dunlop Motor Tyres. Circa 1910.*

Brushes come in all shapes and sizes and these round shaped brushes have fragile celluloid advertising on top, making them difficult to find in good condition. These round brushes are usually 3 ¼ - 3 ½ inches in diameter and most were made by the Parisian Novelty Company in Chicago. I have seen others made by Bastian Bros. in Rochester, NY also. The manufacturers name should be printed along the edge. They can be found advertising automobiles, tires, gasoline and motor oil most frequently. The tire advertising brush seen in the next photograph is very rare.



*Early tire advertising brush, circa 1915.*



*Buick dealer advertising brush, 1920s.*

This Socony Motor Gasoline brush is more commonly found as a large sized pocket mirror.



*Socony Motor Gasoline brush. 1920s.*

Any of these advertising brushes are often difficult to find in good condition. They were very useful products and those with decals on the wood quickly wore down from handling. Those with celluloid advertising suffered from severe cracking and discoloration. Oddly, the condition of the brush part itself is of little importance to collectors and does not drastically impact value.

Perhaps better suited for its own individual article is the small tape measure.

Because of the complexity involved few were produced as automobiles. You can imagine how much work was involved in assembling not only the mechanism that wound up the tape measure itself, but the detail of an early automobile. They are quite scarce, especially in good condition.

This example of a very early automobile also has a fabric or leather covered seat that could be used as a pin cushion. The tape measure actually has a spring-loaded mechanism inside that recoils the tape.



*figural tape measure automobile – early 1900s.  
Value - \$300-\$400.*

The wonderful tiny tape measure shown next was made in England in the early 1900s. It is produced using two stamped pieces-each is one half (side) of the car. After the tape and winding mechanism is installed, the two halves are soldered together. These can be found in brass or silver and nickel plate finish. The tiny winding crank for the tape measure is sticking out from the rear wheel. Notice the end of the tape measure has a tiny wrench sewn into it. Be cautious though as there have been a few reproductions found recently. They are easily spotted as they lack the quality of an original and will contain a new tape measure.



*British-made automobile tape measure, circa 1900s.  
Value approximately \$150-200.*

Advertising tape measures have been around a long time and are even being currently given-away by car and parts dealers. Older celluloid tape measures are very collectible and can be found advertising everything from carburetors to tires, and of course automobiles themselves.



*Small Packard dealer tape measure, circa 1940s-50s.  
Value, \$75.*



*Hupmobile advertising tape measure, Circa late 1920s-1930s. Value \$75-\$100.*

One of the more commonly found tape measures is this one advertising Stromberg Carburetors on one side, and Stromberg shock absorbers on the other.



*Stromberg Carburetor advertising tape measure, circa 1930s, value \$40-\$50.*

There are many others to be found in antique shops and flea markets. A tip for collectors – look at both sides of them. I've often seen them laying in an antique dealers display case showing pretty ladies or other items on one side, and turning it over reveals nice automobile related advertising on the other. You can only see one side at a time and my preference of course is the side with something related to the early automobile.

Are you starting to get the idea that leaving no stone unturned is the way to discover great automobilia? So, if you see me in an antique shop and I seem to be lingering at the jewelry counter, or rummaging through a pile of sewing related items, just stand by for the next article and see what I've discovered looking for uncommon items in unconventional places.

I leave this month with one more "oddity" in the wonderful world of collecting automobilia

### **SPOONS**

Who could imagine that poking through a pile of spoons at a flea market would turn up these wonderful early silver examples advertising automobiles or

promoting the cities they were made in – like Detroit!



*Assortment of antique silver spoons with early automobile related images on them.*

To find great stuff you should try to get ahead of the competition. That means looking in places others would not. How often do you go into an antique shop and are greeted by the shop owner who immediately asks what you are looking for?

If your response is "automobile stuff" you are immediately locked into that other person's understanding of what that means. I always say I'm just looking – then, begin my search looking where perhaps others have not.

Who knows what you'll discover in the next box of spoons!

Happy collecting – Hershey is coming!

Terry

# TRAACA Swap Meet

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Shoppers at the Swap Meet



Bill Treadwell and Wayne Milligan



Mark McAlpine at the registra tent



TRAACA Members Neil Sugermeyer and Doug Grosz



TRAACA Members Tony Scarpelli, Wayne Milligan, Skip Patnode, Harry Park, and Dan Ciccone



Hot Dog Vendor



TRAACA Member Pat Locke at her table of items for sale.



TRAACA Members Rad and Margie Tille , Ellen and Jerry Adams, and Mark and Marion McAlpine



TRAACA Member Ellen Adams with her hand crafted goods.



TRAACA Bake Sale—Tammy Park, Toni McChesney, Dot Parrish



TRAACA Member Bob Stein at his table outside.



## MASSAGING A MECUM MISTAKE

Story and photos by Paul Fuqua



Almost four years ago my daughter Jenifer called me. She said the Z28 Camaro she had in her collection of '60's and early '70's muscle cars had been loaded onto a Reliable transporter for delivery to me in Virginia from Austin, Texas. "Dad", she said, "make the car right. It's making strange noises, tends to overheat, the rear passenger windows don't work, it leaks oil...and more. We don't drive it anymore and you can fix that."

OK, she and I had collaborated on her first high school car, a 1965 Impala Super Sport convertible. It was a one-owner car with all the SS badging but a taxicab engine: a two-barrel 283 cu. In. small block and 2-speed Powerglide. It had extremely low mileage on the odometer but a lifetime's number of dings up and down both sides from the owner's daily trip to the local shopping mall. In record time Jenifer and I had prepped the car for paint, replaced the carpets and radio, switched from the anemic 283 to a '65 396 big block and TH350 I happened to have in my garage. It turned into a wonderful cruiser for her as she finished her high school years.

All the cars we went through during her childhood spawned my daughter's interest in the car hobby and she and her husband, Bryant, built an impressive, limited collection of the muscle car era's cars. The Camaro was to have been her crowning jewel for '69. Their growing collection included a '70 6-pack Road Runner, a '71 Oldsmobile 442 convertible, '70 Plymouth GTX, '71 Chevy K5 Blazer and a few other interesting and spotless vehicles.

Within a few weeks the transporter arrived at the Greenbrier Mall's Sears parking lot. The driver greeted me, opened up the back and proceeded to unload a gleaming Huger Orange '69 Z28. It sounded wicked through the chambered exhaust and the muted clatter of the SBC solid lifter cam in the 302 added to the music of the car.

I trailed the driver as she led me through the inspection of the car. It was gleaming and certainly looked the part of a restored Z28. Unfortunately, that proved to be wrong. During the short drive from the Sears lot to my home the car clanked and groaned when it shouldn't have, was balky shifting into 3rd and 4th, pulled badly to the right and did anything but inspire confidence.

Once we got it up in the air, my good friend and Mr. Chevrolet, Bob Parrish, and I started recording numbers, taking pictures and comparing notes. The car was beautifully painted in Huger Orange but the trim tag called for LeMans Blue with a standard black interior. The car is a legitimate X33 D80 Z28 and could have been an RS optioned car under the X33 code. Sheet metal is unmolested. There is no evidence of any patch panels, cut-ins or non-factory metal anywhere except perhaps the trunk decklid and front and rear spoilers.

The "restoration" of the car was strictly cosmetic, done on an unmolested body. The rest of it was slapdash and hid lots of elements that were not addressed at any time. Brake and fuel lines were painted silver, not replaced; engine was a true 302DZ but was a July build and the car is a June car, the Muncie was a '65-66 Chevelle version, the 12 bolt rear was out of a '70 Camaro. But from the outside the Z28 looked and sounded great.

Since that time the car has received significant attention to its safety, creature, and performance features: New totally correct in dates, specs and stampings 302DZ engine; rebuilt totally correct codes and stampings Muncie M-22 4 speed; rebuilt 4.10 posi gear set in the '70 housing with all new axles, bearings and C-clips; rebuilt comfortilt steering column; rebuilt power steering and front end, new rear window regulators....the list is not endless but suffice it to say that at every turn of a screwdriver or wrench we found more aspects of the car which did not meet the standards of a quality rehabilitation, much less restoration. Now the reverse lock out and ignition buzzer work, the lights work, including the backup lights, a correct radiator and fan are installed. The 4053 Holley 780cfm carburetor which sat atop the 302's and the 375hp 396 engines is installed along with the correct linkage and a working cowl induction flapper valve.

There's more. It's been a long time that the car has been up on stands in our garage, in part because of a move to our new home, COVID 19, a "to-do" list which seems to grow all by itself and the continued discovery of things needing attention such as the cobbled-together main dash wiring harness which has now been replaced, along with the dash instrument cluster and the gauge cluster on the console. The Hurst shifter had to be rebuilt and all brake lines and fuel lines were replaced as have been the emergency brake and the clutch and brake pedal assemblies. All vacuum and headlight washer elements of a Rally Sport optioned car have been installed. The headlight doors are operated electrically however, not by vacuum. For AACA judging the RS under hood configuration is correct.

The car was purchased at the 2014 Mecum auction at a price which reflected a "decently-restored" car. Unfortunately, that claim was not true. Nor were other claims accurate: Rally Sport, original window sticker, "frame-off restoration", etc. After all this time, work, and money, it is now an automobile which is safe, accurate, tight, powerful, gleaming, and dependable. We'll be hauling it back to Texas this Fall to the MECUM Auction in Dallas.



At Mecum auction in 2014.



Cowl tag



Full interior



Partially assembled correct DZ



**2022 Grand National Entrance at the Founder's Inn.**



**Full front shot**

**To the left, the completed engine compartment with the correct DZ**



Register YOUR vehicle for the Tidewater Region AACA  
**Forty-Eighth Annual Meet**  
 Eggleston Corporate Offices, 5145 E. Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk VA  
 8 AM to 3 PM Saturday, September 24, 2022



Show Information at: [http://traaca.com/2022\\_show.htm](http://traaca.com/2022_show.htm)

Meet Chairman: Bob Stein Phone: (757) 270-3689 email: [posti@aol.com](mailto:posti@aol.com)

**PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE PRINT**

SAVE \$5 per vehicle! Preregister by September 14, 2022!

**UNMODIFIED VEHICLES 1997 AND OLDER ONLY!**

Mail your completed registration form and check payable to 'TRAACA' to:  
 Jerry Adams - Registration 3400 Commerce Street  
 Portsmouth VA 23707

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_.

Owner Age (For Oldest/Youngest Owner Awards): \_\_\_\_\_.

Distance Vehicle Driven (For Long Distance Award): \_\_\_\_\_.

**VEHICLES MUST BE ON SHOW FIELD BY 11:00 AM**

Displayed vehicles must have a visible fully charged, operational, UL-approved fire extinguisher.

VEHICLE 1 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_.

VEHICLE 2 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_.

EARLY REGISTRATION (Postmarked BY September 14, 2022) @ \$15.00 each

LATE REGISTRATION/DAY OF SHOW @ \$20.00 each

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I agree that the Tidewater Region AACA, Eggleston Services, named sponsors, directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents of the above will not be held liable for any injury or damage incurred by the listed vehicle(s) entered in the show before, during, or after the meet on September 24, 2022. I further certify that I have the required Liability Damage Insurance on the listed show vehicle(s) for the state in which it is registered.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

# Calling all Motorcycles, Convertibles and Jeeps



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**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

(Rain Date September 17<sup>th</sup>)

**Start: Brickhouse Diner**

941 Providence Square Shopping Center  
VA Beach (opens @ 7 am for breakfast)  
8 -930 am Registration & Check-In  
930 - 10 am Briefing & Roll Out

50/50 Raffle  
Raffle prizes  
Auction  
Awards

**Finish: Hooters of Greenbrier, 1105 Merchants Way**

Chesapeake (1230 - 3 pm)  
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## Vapor Lock

By Fred Trusty  
AACA Executive Vice President



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Did you know that the gasoline of yesteryear had a boiling point of about 180 degrees but our new modern gas boils around 130 degrees? The fuel line of my 1935 Packard 120 runs right by the exhaust manifold just before it goes into the carburetor. On a warm day it would usually vapor lock. When I first bought the car about 5 years ago, I installed an electric fuel pump and filter at the gas tank which helped but on very hot days it would still vapor lock, especially in stop and go traffic or at long traffic lights. I decided to install a vapor separation fuel filter as close as possible to the carburetor. You say that you've never heard of a vapor separation fuel filter? It looks just like a small inline fuel filter with one 3/8" inlet but it has 2 outlets. The 3/8" outlet goes to the carburetor and the 1/4" outlet (see picture red arrow) goes back to the gas tank similar to a modern fuel injection system with a return line. I drilled a 1/4" hole in the fuel tank's fuel filler tube and installed a 1/4" bulkhead hose fitting. I then ran a 1/4" nickel alloy line back to the fitting. The nickel alloy line is very flexible which makes bending it much easier than a steel line. The 1/4" line sends vaporized gas go back to the tank instead of into the carburetor. Another advantage is that since more gas is flowing in the main fuel line it also helps keep it cool. I also wrapped the gas line and filter in the engine bay with aluminized fiberglass insulation to help insulate it from the heat of the engine. I did this about two years ago and have not had a vapor lock issue since then.



Photo by Fred Trusty

## AACA Calendar of Events

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

### AUGUST 2022

August 5 –7 Das Awkscht Fescht—  
Macungie Pa

August 11-13 - Central Fall  
Nationals - East Moline, IL

August 22—26 Snapper's Brass and  
Gas—"Puttering Around Princeton"  
Tour—Princeton, NJ

### SEPTEMBER 2022

September 10-16 - Sentimental Tour  
- Gettysburg, PA

September 17—46th Edgar Rohr  
Memorial Car Meet—Manassas  
Museum, Manassas, Va.

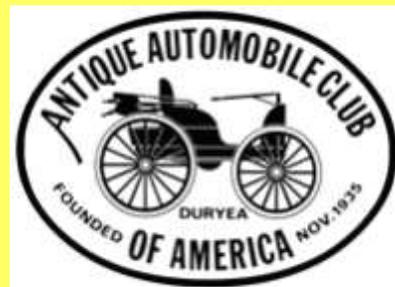
September 18-23 - Reliability Tour -  
Shepherdsville, KY

September 25-30 - Revival AAA  
Glidden Tour - Central New Jersey

### OCTOBER 2022

October 4-7 - Eastern Fall Nationals  
- Hershey, PA

October 15 — Exmore Town Park  
Auto Show Part VI Main St.,  
Exmore, Virginia





# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

*Members celebrating anniversaries in August*

- Travis & Kim Berry
- Terry & Sue Bond
- Bill & Liz Coburn
- Scott & Kelly Dayton
- Preston & Jan Garner
- Joe & Charlene Geib
- Tim & Phyllis Hund
- Kit & Bette Lawrence
- Scott & Cathy Miller
- Bob & Dot Parrish
- Tom & Rosemarie Poe

**Sunshine Report**

*No new member news*

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*Members celebrating birthdays in August*

- Mary Ann Blair
- Curtis Cook
- Sheryl Cook
- Jim Elliott
- Matthew Gresalfi
- Alfonso Ludovici
- Sharon Mercer
- Cathy Miller
- Carol Milligan
- Maxine Milligan
- Wayne Milligan
- Ed Monroe
- Bob Parrish
- Robert Powell
- Dennis Sobota
- Becky Woodall

**Welcome to Our New Members!**

Barlen and Jill Guess



**AUGUST 2022**

- 5-7 Das Awkscht Fescht Macungie, PA
- 6 Cars & Cinema Drive-In Movie (*Bullitt*) at Landstown Commons Virginia Beach, VA
- 6 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday Charity Car Show Portsmouth, VA
- 13 Brake the Stigma Charity Car Show for PTSD Awareness Portsmouth, VA
- 20 Khedive Autos Car Show Chesapeake, VA
- 25-27 Corvettes at Carlisle Carlisle, PA

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

- 4 14th Annual Boulevard of Wheels Custom Car Show Norfolk, VA
- 10 11th Annual Ancient Order of Hibernians Car Show Virginia Beach, VA
- 11 Newport News Sheriffs Office Project Lifesaver Car Show Newport News, VA
- 17 Health Fair Cruise-In and Car Show Norfolk, VA
- 17 Pontiacs of Coastal Virginia Charity Car Show Elizabeth City, NC
- 24 Patriot Classic Car Show Virginia Beach, VA
- 24 Suffolk Rods & Muscle Cars 9th Annual Charity Car Show Suffolk, VA
- 28 - Fall Carlisle Swap Meet  
2 Oct Carlisle, PA

**OCTOBER 2022**

- 1 Kars 4 Kids Charity Car Show Chesapeake City Park Chesapeake, VA
- 15 Tidewater Automotive Modelers Society 30th Annual Contest & Swap Meet Norfolk, VA
- 15 7th Annual European Cars of Williamsburg AutoFest Williamsburg, VA
- 22 20th Annual Virginia Fall Classic Car Show Newport News, VA



# EDITOR'S DESK

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August is here and so is the heat. Makes me glad to have air conditioning in the Oldsmobile when I go out for drives. Of course, in Bill's Packard, the air conditioning is lowering all the windows and not being in traffic.

The dinner has been cancelled for this month although we will be resuming soon. But we need ideas for events. So what do you want to do, is it just a drive? Or a drive where we stop for a meal? Please let us know your ideas. Email or call any board member with your ideas, or if you want to plan it, just let us know. We are better when we get together and do things and share our love of antique cars with each other and others.

I have found driving in the heat that I will need to adjust the idle on my Olds because with the air running, she is idling too low at the stop lights and tends to hesitate. Thankfully, I was able to purchase a copy of *Motor's Auto Repair Manual* from 1969 which shows the proper idle speeds for my 455 engine, and also how to adjust the Rochester 4 barrel carburetor. Of course YouTube is a great help also as Bill has

found video showing how to adjust the carburetor and insure the proper setting.

Hope to see you soon. Enjoy your vehicles and share the hobby as much as you can. I am going to enjoy my last few weeks of vacation before I return to the classroom teaching my 7th graders.

See you on the highways,

Doug







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