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TRAACA Chili Cook-Off Saturday, October 28, 2017



The temperatures are dipping, the leaves are changing color and dropping, and car season is almost over. It's that time of year again—time for the TRAACA Chili Cook-Off!

This year's Chili Cook-Off is on Saturday, October 28th. Dewey & Maxine have generously offered to host the Chili Cook-Off again at their home in Chesapeake, VA. Members are welcome to arrive beginning at 12:00 noon and we'll begin eating at 1:00 PM.

For those of you who want to enter the chili cook-off, please bring a crockpot or large container with enough of your special, super top secret, family recipe

chili to share with your fellow TRAACA members. (The club will provide bowls and sampling cups.) Members not bringing chili are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Please contact Wayne and Carol Milligan at carowaynmilligan@cox.net or (757) 548-1242 to sign up to attend and let them know what you're bringing: chili, a side dish or dessert.

So start fall off right by joining your fellow TRAACA members at the Milligans' on Saturday, October 28th. If the weather cooperates, drive your antique vehicle and come prepared to share some delicious food and have a fun time with some good friends,

WHEN: Noon, Saturday, October 28th

WHERE: Dewey & Maxine Milligan
2000 Shillelagh Road
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 436-7496

SIGN UP: RSVP by Monday, Oct 23rd, by contacting Wayne and Carol Milligan at carowaynmilligan@cox.net or at (757) 548-1242.



CAUGHT IN THE HEADLIGHTS—Ron Hartman's 1947 Chrysler Windsor Highlander coupe. Read the story on Page 14.



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER 2017

- 13 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 19 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 28 TRAACA Chili Cook-Off
Dewey & Maxine Milligan's
Chesapeake, VA

NOVEMBER 2017

- 4 TRAACA Movie Night
Virginia Special Events Ctr
Portsmouth, VA
- 10 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 16 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
and Annual Silent Auction
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

DECEMBER 2017

- 6 TRAACA Holiday Lights
Norfolk Botanical Gardens
Norfolk, VA
- 8 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 10 TRAACA Holiday Brunch
Princess Anne Country Club
Virginia Beach, VA

JANUARY 2018

- 12 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 20 TRAACA Annual Awards
Banquet & Board Induction
5:00 PM (Saturday)
Location: To be determined

FEBRUARY 2018

- 9 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

From the Driver's Seat

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How about our 2017 Annual Meet? Beautiful old cars—from a 1925 Franklin to a 1991 Corvette (with vehicles from every decade in between)—on the show field, picture-perfect weather, a backdrop of vintage warbirds, and hundreds of people gathered together in a shared love of classic vehicles. Most importantly, everyone had fun. By almost every measure, this was a successful event. Credit for that, and thanks, go to our many volunteers who contributed to the success of our meet and to the many people who brought their vehicles to the show. Special kudos go to our Meet Chairman, Tony Scarpelli (who's retiring from that responsibility after five consecutive years), Chief Judge Jim Elliott, AACA Registration Chairpersons Jerry & Ellen Adams, Mods & Rods Chairpersons John & Marie Gancel, Judging Admin Chair Sandy Hall, Show Field Marshall Jim Villers, AACA Parking Chair Matt Doscher, Mods & Rods Parking Chair Travis Berry, Car Corral & Flea Market Chair Bill Treadwell, Program Chair Dot Parrish, Trophy Chair Dick Chipchak, and our Liaison to the Museum Sam Kern.

If I have any mild disappointments with our meet, they're in two areas: 1) TRAACA member participation was down: only 55 TRAACA members had cars on the show field. We need to figure out why participation was down and what we can do to improve it next year. We open our annual meet to everyone and hope to attract people from across southeast Virginia and northern North Carolina as participants and spectators (and to our hobby), but first and foremost this is a show for our members. 2) There was a last-minute issue with the museum over spectator parking. We will engage with the museum and resolve this issue before next year's meet.

As I type this message, many TRAACA members are packing their comfortable shoes, loading their antique vehicles into car trailers, and preparing for the annual pilgrimage to Hershey, Pennsylvania, for the AACA's Eastern Fall Meet. With over 1,300 cars on the show field,

another 1,000 in the car corral, and over 9,000 vendors in the flea market, the Hershey Meet is almost sensory overload. But once you attend one, it's almost impossible to resist returning again.

I know I'm probably not the first to offer this recommendation, but if you've never been to the Hershey Meet, you need to go. You'll see antique vehicles there that you've never seen before and maybe never even heard of before. And if you're looking for a critical part to finish the restoration of your antique vehicle or that special piece of automobilia, chances are great that you'll find it at Hershey. Throw in the AACA Library (especially its annual Yard Sale), the "AACA" Museum (although it's not really the AACA Museum), the many other things to do in the area if you tire of being immersed in old car-related things for a week (that's not possible, is it?), and the many friends you'll see (and make) at the meet, and it's a very special occasion. If you haven't attended the Hershey Meet before and can't make it this year, put it on your calendar for next year. (It's October 10-13, 2018. Make your hotel reservations now to get the best rates and ensure you get a room.)

Our Activities Committee has several fun events lined up for us before the weather changes and the local car season ends for the year. First on the calendar (besides our Monthly Dinner Meeting on Thursday, October 19th) is our Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, October 28th, generously hosted again by Dewey & Maxine Milligan at their beautiful home in Chesapeake. I'm salivating already thinking of the delicious selection of chili, side dishes, and desserts.

Next is our "Movie Night" on Saturday, November 4th, being generously hosted again this year by Bob Hanbury at his Virginia Special Events operations center in Portsmouth. Bob is providing a delicious barbecue meal with all the trimmings, entertainment by a magician, and, if we ask nicely, a tour of his facility. After dinner we'll watch the classic 1973 movie "American Graffiti" on the big screen (complete with freshly popped popcorn!). This event is free to TRAACA members, so bring your favorite date. (Everyone who attended last year raved about it.)

Marion & I look forward to seeing you at these activities. And remember—you can never have too much horsepower!

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We have changed how we contact members to obtain their RSVPs for the monthly dinner meeting. To cut down on the work load, you will now be contacted via e-mail. (Members without e-mail will continue to be contacted by phone.) Please respond to Skip Patnode's monthly e-mail by the requested date and let him know whether or not you will be attending (yes or no) and how many will be attending. **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. Thank you for your cooperation!

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From the Running Board
Sept 8, 2017 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes
 (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

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Officers Present: Mark McAlpine (President), Matt Doscher (Vice President), Vickie Doscher (Secretary), and Charlie Dawson (Treasurer). Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, and Bill Treadwell. Members present: Ellen Adams, Bill Blair, Scott Hancox, Frank Lagana, Marion McAlpine, and Linda Treadwell.

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

President: Mark thanked the Board and members for attending the meeting. Reminded Board Members we have several members dealing with health issues.

Vice President: Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

Secretary's Report: The August Board meeting was cancelled. Committee reports were provided via e-mail and printed in the September *Mudflap*.

Treasurer's Report:

- Charlie provided the Treasurer's report. Permit for vendors has been paid for the Annual Meet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities Committee:

- Saturday, 30 September: Free guided tour of Ft. Monroe starts at 9:15 AM, followed by the Casemate Museum at your own pace. Lunch will be at The Deadrise Restaurant just outside the fort in Hampton. Matt motioned that a \$100 donation be given to Ft. Monroe, Wayne seconded. Motion carried.
- Saturday, 28 October: TRAACA Chili Cook-Off at Dewey and Maxine Milligan's home.
- Saturday, 4 November: TRAACA Movie Night at Bob Hanbury's Special Events warehouse in Portsmouth. Vickie motioned that TRAACA offer \$500 to Bob Hanbury to offset expenses for movie night, Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

Membership (Jerry Adams): Status as of 31 August: 175 memberships and 309 members.

Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):

- Next Dinner Meeting is Thursday, 21 September. Guest speakers are Susan & Joe Bousquet who will discuss their 25th wedding anniversary cross-country trip on a tandem bicycle from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean.
- The October Dinner meeting is Thursday, 19 October. Guest speaker TBD. Charlie suggested that Thad Doumar be the guest speaker as Thad has expressed interest before in talking at one of our dinner meetings.
- Request to continue table candy reimbursement. Each month Marion purchases and provides the candy that is on the tables at the dinner meetings. Wayne motioned that we continue reimbursing Marion for the table candy and table decorations, Vickie seconded. Matt wanted clarification of how much would be reimbursed each month. Motion amended to state reimbursement of up to \$20 a month for candy and table decorations. Seconded by Vickie. Motion carried.

TRAACA Annual Meet:

- Tony unable to attend and provided Mark a status report via e-mail. We have 32 sponsors signed up. J.C. Taylor to again sponsor Best in Show Trophy this year. We only have 41 AACA vehicles registered so far and only a

handful of those are TRAACA members. One Swap Meet space and 2 Car Corral spaces sold so far. Still working to identify more volunteers to judge and work the day of the show. Mark to work with Mitch at the Museum to straighten out the increased parking cost situation.

Unfinished Business:

- Proposed Name Tag Revision: Jerry provided the samples that he and Francine at Virginia Art & Metal have been working on. The red color is not an exact match compared to the older style, but it is very close and difference is hardly noticeable. The new name tags are made using durable UV printing and offer rounded edges so as not to snag on clothing, whereas the older ones are etched and have square corners. The proposed new name tag will also include "Member since" underneath the state logo. Wayne motioned that we move to the newer style name tag with "Member since" and appropriate date, rounded edge, and matching the existing color red as best as possible. Seconded by Bill. Motion carried.
- Cost of new name tags: Current cost of older style name tag is \$7 which is way below actual cost. Wayne motioned to increase cost for new name tag to \$10, Charlie seconded. Motion carried.
- Board Member name tags: Optional Board Member-specific name tags are available at a cost of \$10. The name tag is white with red lettering and is available for purchase to those interested. The idea behind this is to make a Board Member more easily recognized at large gatherings in the event someone wanted to speak to a Board Member.

New Business:

- Reviewed subsidies for TRAACA activities for rest of 2017: NSTR regarding specific activities, but there is an interest in subsidizing more regular dinner meetings. Details to be discussed at a later date.
- ODMA Fall Tour: 10-11 November in the Richmond area.
- Bill Blair proposed that the Board renew TRAACA's advertisement in the Hampton Roads Metro Band program for \$20, similar to what we did last year. Bill Treadwell motioned that we buy advertising space in their program for \$20, seconded by Charlie. Motion passed.

Other Business:

- VPCCC Monthly Meeting report: It was previously reported that the Virginia Fall Classic would only be a Saturday event this year with no Friday night cruise-in or Sunday scenic drive. The Friday evening cruise-in & dinner and Sunday drive are back on for this year.

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TRAACA 44th Annual Meet

Saturday, September 23, 2017

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

It all began early in the morning on Saturday, September 23rd, when TRAACA and Military Aviation Museum volunteers began arriving at the museum grounds for the TRAACA's 44th Annual Meet. Everyone went to their appropriate stations (Registration, Parking, Greeting, Photography, etc.) to set up prior to the car show vehicles arriving. The day before, Jim Villers and his team marked off the show field in preparation for the preregistered show vehicles, food vendors, and day of show registrants.

There were concerns that Hurricanes Irma and Jose would impact the east coast shortly before the show. However, the Tidewater area was fortunate that both storms stayed off the coast and were gone a few days before the show. The show field was solid, and the weather was cooperative, giving us a warm (and humid), but dry Saturday. It looks like Terry Bond still has some influence with the weather gods.

A team of TRAACA volunteers works for several months ahead of time to prepare for this annual tradition known as the TRAACA Annual Meet. For the last ten years the meet has been held at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach and thus appropriately called the "Wings & Wheels Show" because participants and spectators are able to view both vintage airplanes and vintage cars.

Early on the day of the show Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli could be seen at the entrance with the team of greeters making sure show participants were directed to their

designated places. Tony rode his bicycle—yes, bicycle—around the museum grounds to observe the show's progress throughout the day. Ellen & Jerry Adams (having been passed the baton from Sandy & Richard Hall) and their team passed out registration packets to the vehicles preregistered for AACA judging and registered day-of-show AACA vehicles. Marie & John Gancel and their team registered the Mods & Rods participants. Matt Doscher and his team parked cars on the AACA show field and the day of show attendants. Travis Berry led the team parking the Mods & Rods. Bill Treadwell and his team made sure the Flea Market and Car Corral participants were in place.

After all the vehicles were parked and registration closed, Jeanie Downing sang the National Anthem, and the show officially started. Volunteer judges gathered in the museum's Army Hangar for a quick meeting and to receive their assignments from Chief Judge Jim Elliott. There were 113 classic show cars preregistered for AACA judging and another 26 that registered the day of show for the "Best of the Rest" judging. 38 vehicles received 1st Prize Awards, 16 2nd Prizes, 5 3rd Prizes, 5 Driver Participation Awards (DPC), 2 Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) Recognition Awards, and 2 Original HPOF Recognition Awards. In addition, 21 vehicles that already had National AACA awards were not judged, but received special cloisonné recognition chips.



Meet Chairman Tony Scarpelli covered the field on two wheels



(Front) Rad & Margie Tillet taking a break for lunch



(L-R) A hobbled Terry Bond is chauffeured by Neil Sugermeier. A broken leg wasn't going to keep Terry from judging.



50th Anniversary of the Camaro, Firebird, and Cougar display

19 “Best of” awards were presented, including “Best of Show” to Tommy Nolen (from the Richmond Region) for his beautiful 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix. (See Pg. 15 for a list of the “Best of” winners and the TRAACA website—www.traaca.com—for the complete list of awards.)

There were 58 vehicles registered in the Mods & Rods field. These cars were participant-judged with trophies given to the Top 20, plus 17 special recognition “Best of” awards.

A special display to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the birth of the Chevrolet Camaro, Mercury Cougar and Pontiac Firebird was set up on both the AACA and the Mods & Rods show fields, and Special Recognition Certificates were presented to the 14 participants in the display. There was also a small display (or large if you measured the length of the vehicles) of vintage fire trucks on the AACA field.

There were plenty of things for participants and spectators

to do and see at the TRAACA Annual Meet. People were able to view the various car show vehicles, peruse the Military Aviation Museum displays, check out the Aviation Engine Competition being held in the Army Hangar, relax and watch the swing dancers, check out the flea market and car corral, enjoy some good food, and even watch or purchase a flight in a vintage airplane.

Everyone who registered for the show received an annual meet program prepared by Dot Parrish. The program listed all the trophy sponsors and their trophies, the events taking place for the day, and information to help participants get the most out of the show.

A big “*THANK YOU!*” to all the volunteers that helped plan and run the TRAACA’s 44th Annual Meet. No matter how big or how small the job, it wouldn’t have been a successful show without your help.



(L-R) Al Becker’s 1929 Packard 680 Phaeton 8 and Curtis Cook’s 1930 Oakland 4-door sedan



Recent new member William Stutz’s 1929 Ford Model A Tudor



Larry Wickham’s 1935 Ford pickup truck



(L-R) New TRAACA member Harry Boone’s 1940 Ford Deluxe, a 1940 Ford Tudor, and Larry & Jane Cutright’s 1933 Ford



Kit Lawrence’s 1937 Dodge Westchester Wagon



William Grosz and his 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper 8



Jimmy Flanders and his 1953 Buick Special



Jim Villers and his 1958 Mercedes-Benz 190SL "Frosty"



(L-R) Wes Neal's 1962 Willys Jeep Station Wagon and Tim Maguire's 1950 Chevrolet Highlander



(L-R) 1977 MG MGB, 1972 MG MGB, and 1975 Triumph TR-6



Jim Elliott's 1980 Pontiac Trans Am Indianapolis 500 Pace Car and Bob & Dot Parrish's 1978 Ford Thunderbird



A special display of two vintage fire trucks



Scott Davies' 1958 Chevrolet Corvette



Jack Pavlidis giving Richard Hall an "E-ticket" ride



Debbie Nolen's 1965 Fiat 500



Richard Hall and his 1973 MGB-GT



VW Alley—a 1978 VW camper van and three 1959-1969 "Bugs"



Bob Stein's 1986 Nissan Laurel



Christian Durkin and his 1993 Ford Taurus SHO



Tom Norris providing the soundtrack for the show



The awards ceremony inside the Army Hangar at the museum



Susan Bond receives the Merritt Horne award from Richard Hall



64th Annual Franklin Trek Cazenovia, New York



Friday-Saturday, July 28—August 5, 2017

Story and photos by Marty Sugermeyer

At the end of July this year, Neil and I enjoyed our 49th and 44th Franklin Treks respectively. Neil attended from 1960 through 1964 before joining the Navy. Our first Trek together was in 1972, the year after we were married. That year we traveled from our new home (of a week) in Rhode Island while Neil was stationed with the Antarctic Development Squadron. We did the 1972 Trek from Warwick, RI, before leaving for the West Coast where the squadron had been moved. We made two Treks from California by plane and managed to make two West Treks (held somewhere west of the Mississippi River) while we were in that part of the country. There are also Midwest Treks that move around, too.

We made three Treks from Pensacola, FL, one just before our son Andy was born and the second when Andy was just old enough to pull himself up on our car's license plates. Our third Trek from Florida was made in our 1930 Franklin Victoria with two kids and a dog. After moving to Virginia, we missed two Treks in the late 1970s when Neil was out to sea. In the early 1980s, Neil was on the Franklin Club board of directors, so we traveled to many board meetings in addition to the Treks. Car trouble made us a bit late in 1986. When we got there, we were greeted with the news that Neil had been nominated to be vice president. That meant that our

extra travel to Cazenovia commitments extended to nine years. One February we made it to the board meeting through a white-out blizzard.

The Franklin Trek started in the Hotel Syracuse not far from the old Franklin Factory. The Trek has been held at Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY, since 1971. It is a very family oriented hub tour. Our kids grew up spending a week each August enjoying their extended Franklin family. During those years, I spent a lot of time planning and doing children's activities.

The Franklin Trek has expanded over the years from a weekend event to four days, five days, and finally a full week. You would think that after over forty years, we would have exhausted the places to go and things to see in that area. Somehow, our Trek chair people keep finding interesting new things to add to the schedule. There are many places and events that have been repeated over the years and some that are so popular we miss them when they are not on the schedule such as the day tour to Cooperstown. The luncheon at the Hotel Otsego is to die for, followed by your choice of museums to visit. We favor the Fenimore Art Museum. Of course, there are several antique shops to see on the way back to Caz.

This year we toured to Morrisville State College for lunch



View entering Cazenovia, NY, over the hood of Neil & Marty's car



(R) Neil & Marty's 1932 Franklin Olympic on the green



Franklin automobiles gathered on the green at Cazenovia College



"The Countess"—Renault-front end 1912 Franklin Model D

and to see its automotive tech program and equine science and management programs. We also toured to Utica, NY, where several museums were available after our lunch in an amazing vintage train station. Some folks got away for a bit of horse riding on another day. Others look forward to enjoying the college's pool. Most of our meals are at the college and are included in the tour package, as are most of the meals at tour locations.

There are always technical sessions planned. You can count on several unplanned tech sessions as the more experienced Franklin owners share their expertise with new and younger members. Our 1932 Olympic got a bit of a tune up on the field last year. This year, the younger son of some close friends brought his newly purchased 1911 Franklin to the Trek and did quite a bit of work on it on the green with the help and under the supervision of experienced Franklin mechanics and to the delight of many of the members.

The evenings always include the very popular Wittenborn slide collection. Andy Wittenborn has been recognized for decades as a premier photographer, not only by Franklin folks, but by the AACA as well. Occasionally there is paid entertainment, and we always make our own fun with gaming nights, talent shows, and vintage fashion shows. I was awarded the Service Award this year for organizing and presenting the vintage fashion shows for the last 25 years.

Except in the worst rainy weather, our cars are displayed on the college's central green and guarded each night by security, even though Caz is one of the safest places on the

planet. When we are not on tour, Franklin folks are usually gathered among the cars from early morning until quite late at night. Several members enjoy giving rides to whoever wants one until they run out of participants.

The number of people and cars attending the Trek varies each year. The largest number occurred in 2002 for the celebration of 100 Years of Franklin. There were over 100 cars on display in Syracuse and the college dorms were bursting at the seams, in addition to the two sold out Cazenovia hotels. Whether attendance numbers are down a bit or up some, there are always many dear friends to enjoy at the annual Franklin Trek. Neil & I are looking forward to seeing them again next year for our 45th Franklin Trek together.



Marty Sugermeyer receiving her Service Award at the 2017 Franklin Trek



A group photo of the Fashion Parade of antique clothing at this year's Franklin Trek. Marty Sugermeyer is the beauty second from the left.



Tom Rasmussen leads impromptu tech session on acetylene lights



Horse undergoing physical rehab at Equine Center



Still Collecting Stuff — *Automobile Humor on Plates* By Terry Bond

One of the favorites among my various collections is automobile humor on plates. Don't confuse these with modern souvenir plates that illustrate antique cars on them. The plates I'm talking about were made when the automobile was in its infancy and people were making fun of it and those associated with it.



An early automobile "humor" plate

These plates were never intended to eat from—they were always meant for display either hanging on a wall or placed on a special plate rack. They were naturally referred to as "rack plates." What interests me about them is they were produced during the earliest days of the automobile, when it was still a novelty and plaything for the wealthy and the elite in society. It was common to make fun of those who were involved with motoring, and if you were an early motorist, it was worth showing off your association with "those people." Laughing at yourself has always been good therapy I hear! So, if you had these hanging on display in your home, most likely you were displaying your association with the "sport" of early motoring.

These plates were most commonly produced in France at the turn of the twentieth century. Austria, Germany, and Bavaria also had thriving ceramic industries that produced many similar objects during the infancy of the automobile.

The plates depict humorous motoring scenes with written expressions on them that provide the "punch line" to the joke. They were most often done in a series, and it's been a challenge to try and collect all of them in a particular grouping. The images however were commonly



Les Sports automobile plate—only one in the set depicting a car

available transfer prints that often will appear on a variety of plates with different color borders and in different styles of ceramic blanks. These black and white transfer print images were also often hand-colored, adding further variety and individuality to them.

I've already written about the well-known series produced by Royal Doulton beginning in about 1903. I've learned that of the eight images found on these ceramics, not all of them appeared on plates. Many other objects including spittoons & large platters were made. However, the topic here is strictly early motoring humor plates.

One of the more common sets of 12 different plates showed early automobiles in various odd forms. These turn up commonly on eBay and in antique shops worldwide, and are quite interesting.

One of my favorite sets is quite a rare one with only a few individual examples known to exist. Several years ago, I purchased a pile of them (11 plates out of the total 12 in the series) at an antique shop in Tappahannock, Virginia, that specialized in French imports. I had asked the owners to be on the lookout for early motoring items when they made periodic buying trips to France, and one



Royal Doulton Motoring Series plate—"Room for One"



French Creil et Montereau-series automobile humor plate



Early humor plate—circa 1903—depicting a race car

year on the way up to Hershey I stopped in and was given the chance to buy these plates at a good price. I did not hesitate. Plate number 7 was missing. (Yes, they were individually numbered). My “Hershey luck” was in full force that year because that missing number 7 plate turned up at Hershey with a vendor who had come over from France. I purchased several plates from him over the next few years!

There were other plates that were just singles or those that may have been part of a larger set that contained only a single automobile-related plate. Examples of such sets are “Les Sports,” which depicted a variety of early sports including horse racing, golfing, and others.

As always, condition is important. These plates were generally inexpensive porcelain paste ceramics rather than fine china. The glazes are commonly crazed, and large visible cracks detract and greatly diminish value. Any scratching on them that affects the image or the decorative border would render the plates valueless. When in near perfect condition, a good quality single plate will run

between \$25-\$75 for the more common images. Rare plates will command more, perhaps in the \$125 to \$150 range and a complete “set” of 12 is a rare find indeed. Thankfully, I don’t know of any reproductions of these plates, so buying a modern fake should not be a concern. To a beginning collector, buy these plates when you find them if you like them. You should buy them in the best possible condition and quality as most are common enough that you will find them easily. Any antique mall or shop is a likely source, as are flea markets and yard sales. Of course, the annual swap meet at Hershey always has a few to offer as well. If you have any questions or are contemplating a purchase, don’t hesitate to contact me for advice.

As I scour the swap meets, antique shops, and the Internet, I’m always on the lookout for plates I never knew existed or to add to the several sets that I’ve collected. The hunt is half the fun of collecting.

Terry Bond



Part of a set of 12 humor plates—hand-painted, non-transfer print



Another plate in the set of 12



R.E. Olds Transportation Museum Lansing, MI

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



Mark and I had the pleasure recently of visiting the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing, MI. The unpretentious museum opened to the public in May 1981. It's a non-profit, educational organization dedicated, per its website, "to Ransom Eli Olds, inventor, entrepreneur, and financier, and one of Lansing's most notable automotive leaders." The word "Transportation" was added to the name of the museum in 1987 "to more accurately promote Lansing's many contributions in transportation."

Ransom Eli Olds—R.E. Olds—was born on June 3, 1864. He started working at his father's company, P.F. Olds and Son (which made stationary engines) in 1883, and built and tested his first car, a steam-powered horseless carriage, between 1886-1887. In 1893, Olds produced his first gasoline-powered, combustion engine car, and founded the Olds Motor Vehicle Company in Lansing in 1897. It was bought by Samuel Smith in 1899 and renamed the Olds Motor Works (OMW) with R.E. Olds retained as Vice President and General Manager. The OMW company was purchased by General Motors in 1908, but by that time Olds was no longer associated with his namesake company. After clashing with Smith and his son Fred, Olds had departed OMW and founded the REO Motor Car Company (REO) in 1904. Of note, REO out sold OMW in 1905-1906.

The Olds Museum showcases the life of Ransom Eli Olds and his many accomplishments. The museum is located in Lansing, MI, near the site where the production of the Curved Dash Oldsmobile Runabout took place. The model was originally produced in Detroit, MI, in 1900, but a fire in the plant led to most of the assembly being moved to Lansing, MI, in 1901. The Curved Dash car was produced from 1900 to 1904, with over 12,000 cars produced during this time. The Curved Dash Olds was the inspiration for Gus Edwards to write the song "In My Merry Oldsmobile" in 1905.

When exploring the museum, you learn about some of the accomplishments credited to Ransom Eli Olds and his REO company, including: 1) In 1899 Ransom built 6-8 electric cars. These vehicles were limited in number due

to the poor performance of the Edison batteries and the rather limited range of the vehicles. 2) Olds is credited with implementing the first automobile stationary assembly line, making the Curved Dash Olds the first mass-produced, gasoline-powered car. (Henry Ford created the first moving assembly line.) 3) In 1911, REO began building trucks (the REO Motor Truck Co.), which continued beyond the production of cars. Car production ended in 1936. The truck division went through mergers and purchases, including at one point REO and Diamond T Trucks merged, and in 1975 Volvo became owner of the REO name. 4) In 1916 REO began building lawn mowers. By 1950, REO Mowers becomes the largest producer of lawn mowers in the world. (This division was sold in 1954 to Lansing's Motor Wheel Corp.) 5) In 1933 REO introduced the "Self-Shifter" automatic transmission. 6) Apparently wanting something else to do after stopping car production, in 1936 REO purchased 50 refrigerator compressors from Tecumseh Products in Tecumseh, MI. It is believed 50 refrigerators were built, using sulfur dioxide instead of Freon to cool. It is not known how the refrigerators were used. One of the refrigerators is on display in the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum.

Although the museum is on the smaller side, the displays are well done and show R.E. Olds' life in chronological order starting with his early life until his death in 1950. Olds was an interesting and, obviously, a bright man with a knack for successful businesses. A movie on display in the museum shows R.E. Olds to be a happy man, who always seemed to be smiling.

There are also displays of Oldsmobile vehicles that were from the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. These vehicles date up to the time General Motors phased out the Oldsmobile Division in 2004.

If you get a chance to visit the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing, MI, you will not be disappointed. Mark & I give it two thumbs up and hope to visit it again in the future. If you're ever in Michigan, or even nearby, take the time to visit this museum dedicated to one of the American automotive industry's historic icons.



The low-key entrance to the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum



(L-R) Reproduction 1897 R.E. Olds High-Wheel Gasoline Motor Carriage and the only remaining 1899 Oldsmobile electric car



Ransom E. Olds' personal 1903 Curved-Dash Oldsmobile



1926 Oldsmobile Deluxe Roadster



(L-R) 1930 Viking 4-dr sedan and 1927 REO Flying Cloud Sedan



1931 REO Royale convertible



1946 Oldsmobile Series 60 Station Wagon



1950 Oldsmobile 88 Holiday Coupe



(L-R) Olds factory custom 1966 Olds Toronado "push vehicle," 1963 Olds Starfire, 1966 Olds Toronado, 1969 Olds Delta 88



(L-R) 1966 Oldsmobile 442 "Hurst Hairy Olds" (with two 425-ci Olds Toronado engines) and 1969 Oldsmobile Hurst Olds

Caught in the Headlights—TRAACA Members & Their Cars

Ron Hartman & his 1947 Chrysler Windsor Highlander

Story by Sally Hartman. Photos by Ron and Sally Hartman.



(L-R) Ron & Sally Hartman and their son Luke with their 1947 Chrysler Windsor Highlander coupe

restored a 1940 Roadmaster coupe and a 1948 Buick Super convertible, winning multiple awards from both the AACA and the Buick Club of America. Ron's brother Kevin restores Ford Mustangs and works for a car restoration/auto upholstery business in Pennsylvania. His sister Kathy has restored 1967 and 1969 Mercury Cougars. One of the Hartman family's main activities is attending the many antique car shows taking place in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia.

Ron's 1947 Chrysler Windsor Highlander remained in Pennsylvania during the years he lived in Arkansas. In 1985, when he moved to Norfolk, Virginia, and bought a house, one of Ron's first projects was to build a garage for the Chrysler. His family drove the car down to its new home, where it still resides today.

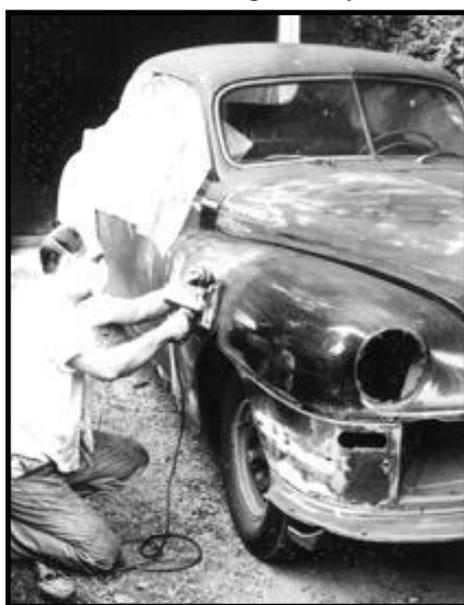
Ron joined the AACA in 1986 as a Lifetime Member. He joined the Tidewater Region in 1990, and enjoys driving the Chrysler on various club outings.

Ron Hartman was only 12 years old when he tried to talk his father Ken into buying a 1925 Chrysler he spotted for sale. However, with no garage at the Hartmans' Philadelphia home to protect the antique car, that didn't happen.

By the time Ron was 26, his family had moved to the Main Line outside Philadelphia to a home with a large garage. When a friend of a friend offered a 1947 Chrysler Windsor Highlander club coupe for sale, Ron bought it for \$300. He and his father towed it to a local mechanic who got it running. [The car has a 250.6-cubic inch, inline 6-cylinder engine and an M-6 hydraulically actuated, 4-speed constant mesh gear, semi-automatic transmission.]

"The car was in awful shape," Ron says. "But, I always liked the '30s and '40s cars with their bathtub style, and figured this one had potential."

Ron, his father Ken, and brother Kevin immediately started restoring the car. They tackled the work themselves—learning as they went. Over the years, the



Ron's father Ken sanding off the Chrysler Windsor's original black paint

Chrysler received major body work, new paint, chrome work, replacement red plaid wool Highlander upholstery, carpeting, and basic engine work. The car's restoration was completed in May 1976. Ron kept a journal every step of the way.

Ron's interest in antique cars sparked an avid Hartman family hobby. His father, who passed away in 2011, was a Buick fan who



The Chrysler's distinctive plaid interior



Ron tuning up the Chrysler's 250.6-ci, inline 6-cylinder engine

TRAACA 2017 Annual Meet “Special Awards”



Best in Show	Tommy Nolen	1962 Pontiac Grand Prix
Best Asian	Bob Stein	1986 Nissan Laurel *
Best British	Dennis Hennessey	1977 MG MGB *
Best Camaro	Bill Treadwell	1969 Camaro *
Best Chevrolet	Robert Street	1962 Impala SS
Best Classic	Al Becker	1929 Packard *
Best Corvette	Scott Davies	1958 Corvette *
Pre-War Ford	Ron Walker	1940 Ford Tudor
Best Foreign	Debbie Nolen	1965 Fiat
Best German	Debbie Nolen	1969 VW Beetle
Best GM	Mark & Marion McAlpine	1970 Chevelle SS *
Best Interior	Ken Talley	1929 Buick Master *
Best Jeep	Jim Villers	1950 Willys CJ-3A *
Best Mopar	Tony Scarpelli	1956 Chrysler New Yorker *
Best Mustang	Matt Doscher	1965 Mustang *
Best Orphan	Joe Gentile	1970 AMC AMX *
Best Other Asset	Kit Lawrence	1937 Dodge Wagon *
Best Pontiac	Jim Elliott	1980 Trans Am *
Merritt Horne Award	Susan Bond	1948 MG TC *

* TRAACA Members

Future Home of the AACA Headquarters and AACA Library & Research Center

The wait is finally over! The AACA has announced that after an extensive search, it has found a location for a new AACA Headquarters and AACA Library & Research Center—and it's perfect! The AACA signed a contract to purchase the Pennsylvania American Water Company building next to the Giant Center at Hershey Park. It's 34,500 sq ft, about twice the size of our current facility. If you're going to Hershey this year, you can see the building, but can't go in—we don't take possession until sometime in 2019.

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- Chesapeake Christmas Parade: Several members are interested in participating in parades this year. Matt attempted to register TRAACA in the Chesapeake Christmas Parade but stopped when asked for a \$100 registration fee for non-profit organizations. The TRAACA can't register as non-profit since we are not-for-profit. Clarification to be sought from the parade organizer as to a not-for-profit organization registering.
- Norfolk Fire & Rescue vehicle request: TRAACA received a request for 8-12 1940's-1970's vehicles for display at their annual retired fire fighters lunch at Norfolk's Fire Station 1, across from the Scope Arena, on Saturday, 14 October from 10 AM – 2 PM.
- Andersons' Garden Center vehicle request: The Virginia Beach Anderson's Garden Center location has an associated restaurant, and they are seeking vehicles for a display. More details to be provided.

ADJOURNED: Having no other business, motion made to adjourn at 7:52 PM by Bill and seconded by Wayne.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting is Friday, October 13, 2017, 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary



AACA Calendar of Events

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

OCTOBER 2017

4-7 **AACA Eastern Fall Meet**
Hershey, PA

FEBRUARY 2018

8-10 **AACA Annual Meeting**
Philadelphia, PA

MARCH 2018

2-3 **AACA Special Winter Meet/
Special Grand Nat'l Meet**
San Juan, Puerto Rico

APRIL 2018

5-7 **AACA SE Spring Meet**
Charlotte, NC

20-21 **AACA Western Spring Meet**
Tucson, AZ

MAY 2018

11-12 **AACA Central Spring Meet**
Auburn, IN

31- **AACA Grand National Meet**
2 Jun Greensburg, PA

JULY 2018

11-14 **AACA Eastern Spring Meet**
Gettysburg, PA

AUGUST 2018

20-24 **AACA Reliability Tour**
Canandaigua, 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 **Founders Tour**
Metropolis, IL

NOVEMBER 2018

5-9 **Sentimental Tour**
Natchez, MS

FEBRUARY 2019

7-9 **AACA Annual Meeting**
Philadelphia, PA

22-24 **AACA Winter Meet**
Ocala, FL

APRIL 2019

4-7 **AACA SE Spring Meet**
Charlotte, NC

MAY 2019

25 **AACA Grand National Meet**
Auburn, IN



Five AACA Scholarships Available

Apply before December 1st!

(Excerpted from the August 2017 AACA *Speedster* monthly e-newsletter)



John and Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship

A \$1,500 cash award to AACA member, child, or grandchild of an AACA member in good standing for at least 5 years, who has been accepted to an institution of higher learning or is now enrolled in such an institution. This award is granted by the family of John and Janet Ricketts in recognition of their love for AACA and their belief in service to the club. It is also in recognition of our first female National President, Janet Ricketts, in 1999. Region or chapter membership is encouraged but not required.

Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship

Formerly known as the AACA Student Scholarship, this award is granted by the AACA National Board of Directors to encourage adults to further their education and stimulate interest in the AACA and automotive history. One or more awards may be presented each year.

AACA Young People's Award

The AACA Young People's Award is a cash award to an AACA member, child or grandchild of an active AACA member in good standing for at least five years, who has been accepted into an accredited institution of higher learning or is now enrolled in such an institution, i.e., a four-year college leading to a Bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational education program leading to a degree. Applicants MUST be nominated by a Region or Chapter of AACA and must be no more than 25 years old. This award is merit based, and while financial need may be considered, it is not a deciding factor. One or more of these awards may be presented each year.

AACA Scholarship

The AACA Scholarship is granted by the AACA Board of Directors. All applicants must be current AACA members for a minimum of 5 continuous years. The children or grandchildren of these AACA members are also eligible. Applicants must be accepted to a recognized accredited institution, or currently enrolled in such an institution leading to a four-year college Bachelor's degree or completion of a two-year vocational education program. They must be 25 years old or less by December 31 of the year when applying for the scholarship. AACA Region or Chapter membership is encouraged, but not required. One or more of these awards may be presented each year.

Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship Award

This \$1,500 scholarship is based upon the same rules as the AACA Automotive Technology Award and is awarded as funds are available. It was instituted and funded by Dave and Marilyn Chiotti as a way to honor Dave's mother, Louise (Bianchi) Chiotti, and a way to continue to support youth in the hobby.

How to Apply:

Applications forms may be obtained on the AACA website (www.aaca.org) under "Regions & Chapters," from AACA National Headquarters (501 W. Governor Rd, Hershey, PA 17033, or 717-534-1910), or from the AACA Vice President of Youth Development Programs: Tabettha Hammer (141 Rivers Edge, Suite 200, Traverse City, MI 49684, or thammer@HAGERTY.com).

Application Deadline: December 1, 2017

AACA Hurricanes Harvey & Irma Relief Drive

The recent horrific scenes in the Houston area and other parts of the Southwest are a tragedy for those affected. We are sure there are many AACA members that have been impacted, a loss of cars, and a general hardship for our brethren.

More experienced disaster survival organizations need to take the lead, but our national board did not want to simply stand by and do nothing. Its first step was to establish a GoFundMe page to help raise money for families that have been hit by these storms. While the AACA may not be able to raise a huge amount of money, every little bit helps. To start the campaign, your national board donated \$5,000 on behalf of its membership. If you would like to join in this AACA effort, please make your donations here: <https://www.gofundme.com/aaca-harvey-and-irma-fund>.

Please consider contributing as our club tries to make a small difference. By using Charity Navigator, the AACA will donate the money to those charities that will put the vast majority of the money into actual use for those affected by the storms. AACA's executive committee will ensure that our donations are used for the maximum effect

As of September 30th, over \$12,000 had been raised toward the AACA's goal of \$25,000.

A number of TRAACA members have contributed, and the Region donated \$500 on behalf of our members.

AACA 2018 Membership Renewal Reminder

Your AACA membership runs for a calendar year—January 1 through December 31. Look for your first opportunity to renew your membership for 2018 in your September/October issue of the AACA's *Antique Automobile* magazine. A renewal form will be included in the magazine. Simply fill out the form and mail it back to the AACA Headquarters with a check or credit card information. 2018 dues are \$40—the first increase in 10 years (but still less than most other national car clubs).

If you're going to the Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey, PA, (October 4-7, 2017), you can also stop by the AACA trailer or one of the membership tents and renew your membership in person.

You can also renew online or download, print, and mail the renewal form by going to the AACA website: www.aaca.org.



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

Leslie & Linda Sorey
Chesapeake, VA

Billy & Ashley Stutz
Chesapeake, VA
- 1929 Ford Model A coupe
- 1971 MG MGB

Don & Rita Trammell
Virginia Beach, VA

Sunshine Report

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

- Former member **Marty Weber** passed away on August 28th. He was 68.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Bob Hanbury** had a bicycle accident in Florida and suffered a deep cut to his leg.
- **Rhonda Russell** fell and broke her foot. She is in a walking boot and recovering.
- **Dwight Schaubach** continues to have serious issues with his back.
- **Jane Schaubach** fell and broke her shoulder. She is recuperating at home.

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to our new Sunshine Reporter, Carol Milligan, at (757) 548-1242 or carowaynmilligan@cox.net.



Members celebrating anniversaries in October



Dick & Nancy Eberle
Mark & Diane Gresalfi
Ronald & Sally Hartman
Daniel & Cheryl Hawk
Mark & Marion McAlpine
Wayne & Carol Milligan
Tim & Rhonda Russell
John & Sandra Singletary
Bill & Linda Treadwell
Viator & Janet Trudeau



Members celebrating birthdays in October



Barry Basnight	Lori Powell
Nancy Blankenship	Tim Russell
Keith Colonna	Jo Ann Saiya
Jody Dudley	Kenneth Saiya
Holly Forester	Brittany Sitar
Mark Gresalfi	Carla Anne Sobota
Nancy Hassell-Sitar	Lisa Sturniolo
Cheryl Hawk	Debra Swartz
Georgiann McVicker	Rad Tillett
Dewey Milligan	Bill Treadwell
Ron Pack	Viator Trudeau
Skip Patnode	Ginger Watson
Normand Pellerin	



John Heimerl displays the Hudson antique toy car he found on the joint TRAACA & HVPR Route 17 Antique Store Crawl on July 22nd.

October Dinner Meeting

Thursday, Oct 19, 2017

This month's dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 6:45 PM. (Note our new earlier start time for dinner.) Dinner will be ham steaks, sliced roast beef, with gravy, vegetable medley, baked macaroni & cheese, house salad, and chef's choice of dessert. Our guest speaker will be Neil Sugermeyer, who will regale us about Erwin George "Cannonball" Baker, famous turn-of-the-century racer.

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!



8th Annual Air & Auto Classic



Saturday, October 14, 2017
9:00 AM—4:00 PM
(Rain date is Saturday, October 28th)

The show is open to Foreign & Domestic, Vintage, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Race Cars, Sports Cars, and Late Model Cars/Trucks of all makes & types. "If you're proud of it, bring it!"

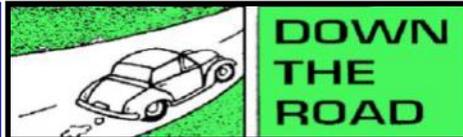
WHERE: Military Aviation Museum
1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA

Registration: \$25. "Rock Star" Registration: \$50
 Spectators: \$20 per car (includes entrance to the museum)

Proceeds from show benefit Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia

Food and beverage concessions including beer & wine. Raffles & 50/50 Raffle.

For more info & registration form see www.fsrpca.org
 Or contact George Michaels at (757) 818-4873 or registrar@fsrpca.org



Other Regional and Local Events

OCTOBER 2017

- 7 Franklin Fall Festival Car Show
Franklin, VA
- 7 3rd Annual Veterans in the Vineyard Car Show
Gauthier Vineyard
Barhamsville, VA
- 14 Air & Auto Classic Show
Military Aviation Museum
Virginia Beach, VA
- 20-22 Good Guys SE Nationals
Concord, NC
- 21 15th Annual Virginia Fall Classic Car Show
Newport News, VA
- 21 Driver Days 20th Annual Car Show
Driver, VA
- 19-21 Old Dominion Packard Club Fall Tour
Staunton, VA
- 28 25th Annual Beachcombers Corvette Club Car Show
Virginia Beach, VA
- 28 3rd Annual European Cars of Williamsburg AutoFest
Williamsburg, VA
- 28 5th Annual Restoration Reunion and Legends at the Park Car Show
Virginia Motorsports Park
Petersburg, VA

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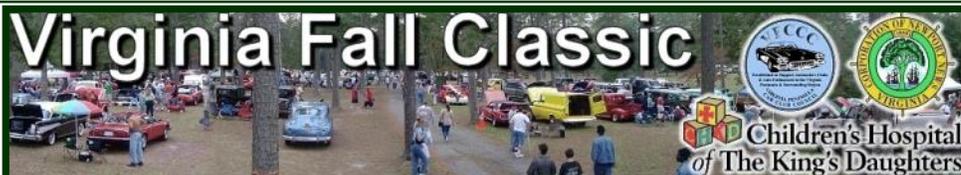
- 10-11 ODMA Veteran's Day Tour
Hosted by Richmond Region
Ashland, VA
- 11 42nd Annual Joy Fund Car Show
Portsmouth, VA
- 11 Shop with a Cop Car Show
Gloucester, VA
- 18 Coastal Virginia Car Show
Virginia Beach Conv. Center
Virginia Beach, VA

DECEMBER 2017

- 2 Toys for Tots Car Show
Smithfield, VA

JANUARY 2018

- 13-15 Hampton Roads International Auto Show
Virginia Beach, VA



Virginia Fall Classic

15th Annual

VIRGINIA FALL CLASSIC

Saturday, October 21, 2017
9:00 AM—3:00 PM
(Rain date is Sunday, October 22rd. Decision made by 7:00 AM Saturday.)

Open car, truck, and bike show at Newport News Park.
 All makes and models welcome. Three-day event—cruise-in and dinner on Friday, car show on Saturday, car cruise on Sunday.

All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters

WHERE: Newport News Park
13560 Jefferson Ave, Newport News, VA

Registration: \$20 for first vehicle. \$10 for each additional vehicle registered by the same owner.

For registration form and more info see: www.vafallclassic.com



42st Annual Joy Fund Car Show

Saturday, November 11, 2017
8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Registration fee: \$20 plus 2 cans of food for Oasis Food Bank.
Proceeds benefit the Virginian Pilot's Joy Fund.

WHERE: Cavalier Ford
4021 Portsmouth Blvd, Chesapeake, VA



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Another September has come and gone. Three different hurricanes affected parts of the United States in September. Luckily, the Tidewater area was spared any major damage from these storms. We were also fortunate that the weather was beautiful for the TRAACA's 44th Annual Meet (aka the "Wings & Wheels" car show) on September 23rd at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach.

This year our Annual Meet had a good turnout of both classic & modified vehicles. There were 139 classic vehicles and 58 Mods & Rods registered for the meet. Participants and spectators were able to enjoy a display of fire trucks and a special display to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Camaro, Cougar, and Firebird. As in past years, a Swing Dance group entertained the group in the Army Hangar during the car show. There were many trophies and awards presented to the show participants at the end of the show. You can see the list of the results on Page 15 of this issue of *The Mudflap* and on the TRAACA website. If you were unable to make the show, plan to come to our 45th Annual Meet next year on Saturday, September 22, 2018. I would like to say "Thank You" to all who volunteered to help at the show. Remember, whether you were able to give a little or a lot of your time, all your help was appreciated.

The TRAACA members were well entertained at our September dinner meeting. Our guest speakers were a couple that rode across the country on a tandem bicycle for their 25th wedding anniversary. They were delightful and very

entertaining. Thank you, Bob Pellerin, for arranging for the Bousquets to come speak to us and for continuing to give us such a great caliber of speakers throughout the year.

The Southeast Virginia Street Rod Association (which Mark & I belong to even though we don't own a street rod) held their 25th Annual Charity Car Show on Saturday, September 30th, at fellow TRAACA member Charlie Daniels' Daniels Performance Group facility in Smithfield. We had great weather and participation for the show. As with the TRAACA meet, the SVSRA show was a lot of work, but it was all for a good cause.

Unfortunately, because of the SVSRA show, we were not able to attend the TRAACA trip to Ft. Monroe on Saturday, September 30th. Thank you to Wayne & Carol Milligan for putting the activity together. The reports from those who attended is that they had a wonderful time. Look for an article about the tour in the November *Mudflap*.

October will be a busy month in the antique car world for many TRAACA members. The AACA's annual Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey, PA, is on October 4-7. There are many things to do in Hershey, and it is always a fun time. Locally, the TRAACA has several activities sure to please our members. Neil Sugermeyer will be the guest speaker for the dinner meeting on Thursday, October 19th. Then we have our Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, October 28th, at TRAACA members Dewey & Maxine Milligan's home.

There are also a number of local car shows in October as well, in particular the Virginia Fall Classic in Newport News on Saturday, October 21st. These shows are listed on Page 18. Check out the many opportunities available to you, and have a great October!

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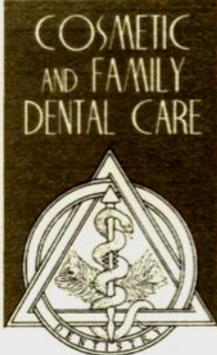
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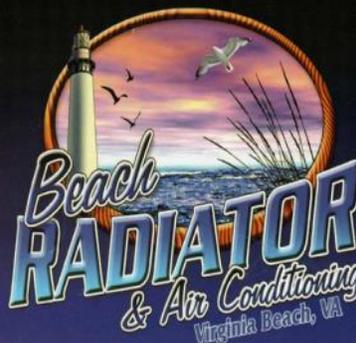




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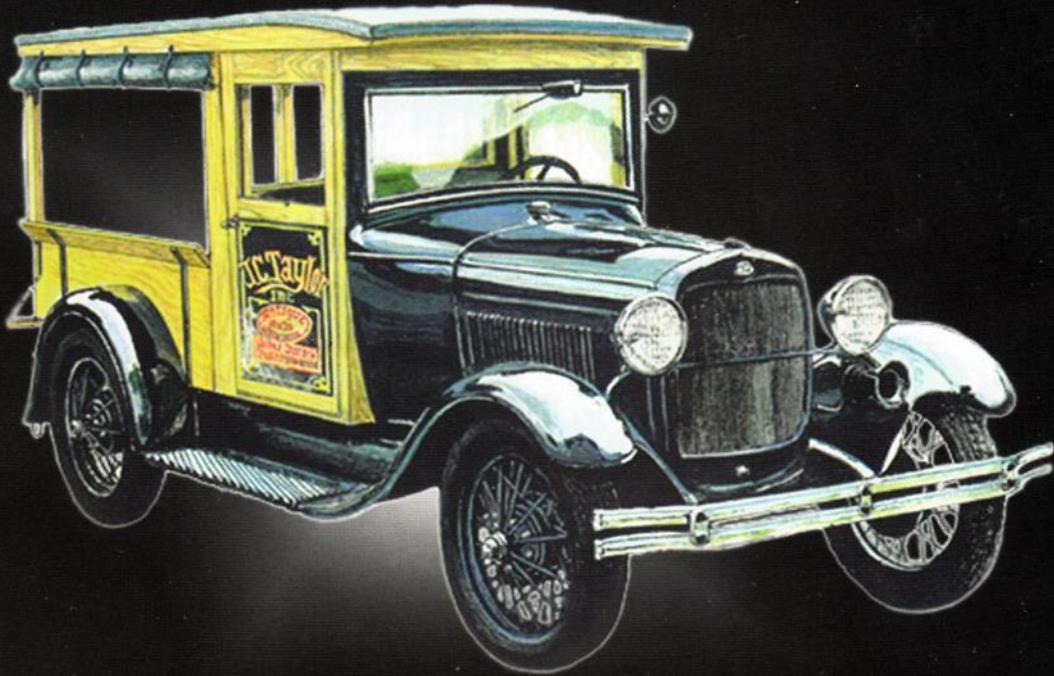
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