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Tidewater Region Tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum

Saturday, November 6, 2021



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

November

- 6 – Tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum with lunch
- 18 - Dinner Meeting at Chesapeake Conference Center
- 20 – (time and starting location TBD) Square Car Tour



December

- 4 – Driving tour of Christmas Lights at Oceanfront and possible dinner
- 12 – Christmas Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club

Join us for a tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum located on the waterfront at 2 High Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704. The museum contains ship models, uniforms, military artifacts, and exhibits interpreting 18th, 19th, and 20th century life around the Shipyard. ‘To protect staff and visitors, the Portsmouth Museums are requiring masks for everyone ages 2 and above.’ Street parking is available along High Street and in the nearby Water Street Garage (500 Water St).

We will have a guided tour of the Museum. We are to meet our tour guide at 10:00 am. After our tour of the Museum and some milling about on Portsmouth’s seawall promenade, we will walk to Legend Brewing Depot at 1 High Street for lunch.

From their website: “The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum grew out of an April 1949 call for artifacts by Norfolk Navy Yard Commander Admiral Homer N. Wallin, and opened under the curation of local Portsmouth World War I veteran Marshall W. Butt on March 24, 1950 in Building No. 33 on the shipyard. By the end of the 1950s, however, it was decided to move the museum from its restrictive location on the shipyard to a more public venue in the city of Portsmouth itself. On January 27, 1963, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard officially reopened in the former 1919 Elizabeth River Ferry maintenance Building along Water Street in the heart of downtown Portsmouth. Please RSVP by emailing Wayne and Carol Milligan at carowaynmilligan@cox.net or by calling (757) 404.7937 by Monday, November 1. There will be no cost for the Museum tour.



Herbert & Debbie Mumford's 1967 Chevrolet Corvette at the TRAACA's 47th Annual Meet on Saturday, September 24, 2021. Read the article and see more photos on Pages 4-7

President's Podium

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Hello fellow Tidewater Region AACA members. I hope all are well. A huge THANK YOU to Dewey and Maxine Milligan for again hosting the Chili Cook-Off! This gathering has consistently proven to be one of the most popular Club events! The weather was great and approximately 80 people attended. There was plenty of awesome chili, side dishes and desserts to enjoy. Also, thank you to Jerry Adams and Carol Milligan for all of their efforts in coordinating the event and ensuring the cook-off part of the Chili Cook-Off was a success. Congratulations to William Grosz (3rd), Marty Sugermeyer (2nd), and Vickie Doscher (1st) for preparing this year's best chili!

The Chili Cook-off was also the October meeting and some Club business was conducted. Pat Locke was presented with the long overdue Ivie Lister award for 2019 - our most recent Awards Banquet! Pat also earned the 'coveted' Hard Luck award for 2019. Terry Bond, Chair of this year's Nominating Committee, announced the slate of candidates for 2022 Tidewater Region Board of Directors: Officers - Tim Hund (President), Bill Treadwell (Vice President), Doug Grosz (Secretary), Tammy Park (Treasurer), and Board members - Jerry Adams, Dick Chipchak, Fred Cole, and Skip Patnode. Thank you to the candidates who have agreed to serve in 2022. Also, thank you to the Nominating Committee of Terry Bond, Matt Doscher, Mickey McChesney, Travis Berry, and Holly Forester for your efforts in nominating an excellent slate of candidates. The Club also voted to approve the proposed change to the Bylaws. Article 5, Section 10 includes the donation amount made to the AACA Library and Research Center when a member passes. The ap-

proved proposal will increase the donation amount from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

Looking down the road, the Club remains busy with upcoming activities. On Saturday, November 6th, we will tour the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum located at 2 High Street in Portsmouth. 'To protect staff and visitors, the Portsmouth Museums are requiring masks for everyone ages 2 and above.' Street parking is available along High Street and in the nearby Water Street Garage (500 Water St). We will walk to Legend Brewing Depot at 1 High Street for lunch. Please email Carol Milligan at carowaynmilligan@cox.net or call (757) 404.7937 by Monday, November 1. There will be no cost for the Museum tour.

November 18th is our Dinner Meeting which will also include the Silent Auction! Please bring those amazing items that, for whatever unexplainable reason, you've decided that you can now live without. Pass those items on to your fellow Club members while supporting your Region! Soon after our Dinner Meeting, November 20th to be exact, is our annual Square Car Tour. A leisurely ride through the country - avoiding those annoying stop lights - at a pace set by an automobile that is square in shape! Looking further down the road and around the bend, on December 4th the Club will enjoy a driving tour of the Christmas lights at the Oceanfront coordinated by Travis and Kim Berry. December 12th is our Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club which will also serve as our December meeting. This too is traditionally a well-attended Club event. Thank you to Jim Villers for again coordinating.

Your Club Needs YOU! Please join the Activities Committee! Whether you would enjoy helping to coordinate a single event or several events, the Club is always looking for new ideas of fun things to do to add to our traditional events. The Tidewater Region is known as an active Club and we all enjoy the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. To maintain the number of varied activities we are accustomed to, please volunteer to be a part of the Activities Committee. Without an Activities Committee, we do not have activities.

Those who are in the possession of an Annual Award Trophy, please contact me to make arrangements for its return. As always, I hope all remain well and safe and I look forward to seeing each of you very soon!

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



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From the Running Board

September 9, 2021 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes *(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)*

TRAACA Board Meeting

Officer's Present: Wayne Milligan (President), Tim Hund (Vice president), Fred Cole (Secretary), and Tammy Park (Treasurer). Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Doug Grosz, and Skip Patnode. (Dick Chipchak unable to attend). Club members present: Harry Park.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:51 PM.

President: Thank you to Bob Stein, Jerry Adams and all the 2021 Annual Meet volunteers and participants! Sent a note to Paul Atkinson along with donation check thanking him and his organization for being so helpful in putting on the annual show.

Vice President: Also thought meet went well and special thanks to Bob Stein for putting on a great show on such short notice.

Secretary's Report:
September minutes reviewed and approved electronically

Treasurer's Report:
September reports distributed electronically

Activities:
Annual Meet - a great success!
Saturday, October 2 – Matt coordinated a Cruise-In at Atlantic Shores! Matt wanted to note a few items; the event was attended by 22 club members, all awards presented went to club members and their respective vehicles, and the lion's share of the work was carried out by Becky King and her staff at Atlantic Shores. Also the post on Facebook and the TRAACA website failed to include Dickie Clifton and Preston Garner as attending.
Saturday, October 16th at 1:00 – Chili Cook-Off at Dewey & Maxine Milligan's home. We are hoping for a quorum of club members to enable a vote on the by-law revision.
Square Car Tour – November 20, may be ending at Blue Pete's in Pungo
Saturday, November 6th at 10:00 – Carol and Wayne are coordinating a tour of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum with lunch, \$100.00 donation to the Museum. Board agrees with donation
Saturday, December 4 – Travis and Kim are coordinating a driving tour of the Christmas Lights at the Oceanfront and possibly dinner
Sunday, December 12 – Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club (this is the December Dinner Meeting)
Any members interested in serving as activities committee members for 2022 please let Wayne know. Now is the time to start planning next year's activities

Dinner Meetings:
October Chili Cook-off Prizes
November Dinner Meeting total cost is \$32.00/plate, Club is subsidizing \$7.00

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December Holiday Brunch – need to verify cost
January Awards and Installation banquet – date is the 22nd at 5:00; Wayne will be talking to the venue for pricing. Club may subsidize part of it.
select winners in November
2022 – What is the Club comfortable with because the price will go up? Wayne is talking to the venue to both examine the menu options as far as pricing and to secure a room for at least 50 people

Membership:
Membership information through August 25th – 163 memberships, 283 members (unchanged)

Unfinished Business:
Mailed (USPS) newsletters and membership renewals. A note will be included in the mailed November and December that the mailings stop with the December newsletter.

Nominating Committee – Terry, Mickey, Matt, Holly, Travis
Silent Auction in November – identify tasks (i.e. distributing sheets to members, etc.) and owners
Bylaws review update – Dick, Skip, Fred, Tammy (quorum number is 57)

New Business:
Matt suggested a gift card for Dewey and Maxine Milligan for hosting the Chili Cook-Off. Board voted for a \$50 card
2021 (and 2020) awards and installation banquet – date, winners, and trophies
Provided VP with 4 complimentary 2022 National membership applications (Region historically matches)
Provided Treasurer with invoice (\$110.00) for 2022 Directors and Officers Liability Insurance coverage through National
Current membership renewals are at 49

Other Business:
VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR
CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM. The next Board meeting is 7:00 pm Thursday, November 11th at Unos



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TRAACA 47th Annual Meet—Part 2

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.

The October 2021 issue of *The Mudflap* featured a short article by Bob Stein about the region’s 47th Annual Meet, which was held at the Eggleston Brain Injury Services facility on Virginia Beach Blvd in Virginia Beach, VA, on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Limited space in the newsletter prevented us from sharing more photographs from the car show, so here’s an addendum to Bob Stein’s article. With 62 vehicles registered for the show, we can’t print photographs of all of them, but here are some more photos, for those who couldn’t attend the show, to enjoy.

We’d be remiss if we didn’t thank those responsible for overcoming all the challenges and allowing us to hold the show, let alone making it so successful. As everyone knows, we had to cancel last year’s annual meet because of the

COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time. (Can we get a “do-over for 2020, please?”) First and foremost, a thunderous “Thank you!” to Bob Stein who stepped up to plan and organize the show. Another huge “Thank you!” to Jerry Adams for his hard work serving as the Registration Chairperson! Thank you, also, to Paul Atkinson for arranging for the region to be able to hold the show at Eggleston’s facility (and to the Eggleston volunteers who spent the day at the show so we could use the restrooms in the building)! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped set up the show, park cars, and clean up afterward! Finally, thank you to everyone who brought their antique vehicles to the show—you can’t have a car show without cars!



(L-R) Tim & Phyllis Hund’s 1941 Packard 160, Alan & Laurel Swenson’s 1958 Morris Minor 1000 Tourer, and Charlie O’Day’s 1956 Oldsmobile Super 88 at the TRAACA’s Annual Meet held at the Eggleston facility in Norfolk, VA, on Saturday, September 25, 2021



Paul & Cori Fuqua’s 1931 Chevrolet AE Independence coupe



Chip Woolford’s 1952 MG TD



Jere & Carol Avenson's 1954 Packard Patrician



Bob Ward's 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air



Darlene Hooks' 1955 Ford Fairlane



Bruce Seidel's 1956 Studebaker Parkview station wagon



Bill Wilcox & Robyn Burnham with their 1941 Lincoln Continental coupe



Dickie & Becky Clifton's 1957 Ford Thunderbird



Riley Best's 1964 Plymouth Valiant station wagon



Pete Koch departing the show in his 1965 Pontiac Grand Prix



Hilary Pavlidis' 1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7 coupe



Wayne & Carol Milligan's 1968 Ford LTD sedan



Preston Garner's 1968 Jaguar XK-E convertible



Fred Cole with his 1972 Cadillac Coupe DeVille



Richard & Sandy Hall's 1974 MG MGB-GT



Daniel Etheridge departing in his 1986 Jaguar XJS coupe



Joe & Charline Geib's 1986 Chevrolet El Camino



Pat Locke's 1988 Rolls-Royce Silver Spur



Vickie & Matt Doscher with their 1991 Mercury Grand Marquis



Terry & Susan Bond with their 1914 Ford Model T (which, unfortunately, stubbornly refused to leave the car trailer)



Still Collecting – – Happily at Hershey again!

By Terry Bond

I've sure been looking forward to writing this column. Waited TWO YEARS for it! With that much anticipation, the anxiety was tremendous as the magic dates approached. Sooo many uncertainties. Even the weather forecast was ominous.

But-it was a reunion beyond expectations, and a "recovery" of unimagined proportions.



*View from the bridge between fields –Hershey 2021
back in action again.*

Sure, there were some empty spaces, and a few missing among the regulars, but adjustments are still being made, and we expect to build on success and have another great one next year too. But – let's start from the beginning –

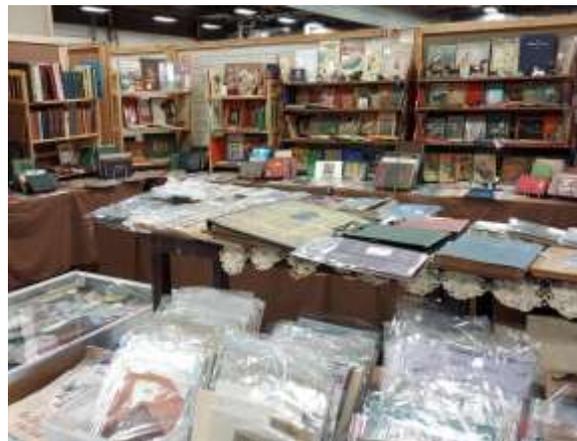
The usual schedule for me is to leave the weekend prior to "Hershey week." This allows me to raid the many antique markets in the area, especially the "antique paper show" held at the Allentown Pa Fairgrounds.

This year, friends from North Carolina joined me there for the first time. Natalie and Janice Weaver and their Dad John are all good Model T friends. Natalie is editor of the national Model T Ford Club magazine. John is an old car guy from way-back and loves Model Ts. Janice, is also a Model T gal and an enthusiastic collector of automobilia. You've met them before at some of our local club events.



Janice Weaver searching for treasure at the Allentown PA Paper show

The paper show did not disappoint! Aisles were filled with vendors of all kinds of paper and advertising material. Catalogs, brochures, books, pamphlets, photographs, periodicals, sheet music, and postcards by the hundreds were there for purchase. There were some tremendous advertising items to be found there.



Thousands of catalogs, brochures, etc.

I would have loved to bring home this fantastic early porcelain lithographed Dunlop tire sign, but it was too early in the week to spend all my money in one place!



Sunday morning, it was up early and over to Renningers antique market. This famous “antique mall” has over 400 dealers under roof. The building goes on and on – easy to get lost, but you’ll find some real treasure there – from brilliant cut glass and rare Oriental porcelain, to beautiful antique furniture, and all kinds of items. You could spend a week in there and spend a fortune-but it’s open only on Sundays so you have to move quick! It begins with an outdoor “flea market” at about 6:30 in the typically misty PA morning. The indoor market opens at 7:30 AM.



Antiques in the mist outdoors at Renningers Antique Market – 6:30 AM. This is where dealers shop!

After making two trips back to the truck to deposit some treasures, I finished quickly and went on to another usual haunt – the Black Angus, home of Stoudts Brewery and restaurant. Alas-it was closed. The owners retired and sold off all the brewing and restaurant stuff. Major disappointment - the beer was great and the food fantastic. By this time I’d worked up an appetite and major thirst too. The large antique market inside was still going, but several dealers were closed or had moved out, uncertain what the future looks like. I was told that a company that hosts special events has purchased everything and plans to keep the antique mall part of it operating, but dealers are not certain of anything.

Both Renningers and Black Angus antique markets showed some impact from the pandemic. In fact the entire antique world has suffered somewhat. Dealers are unable to restock. Why would they anyway? No

customers, no auctions, etc. etc. Things will get better though – there are still collectors out there hunting! Many other local antique markets there in Adamstown made up for what was missing. By Sunday evening I was tired, hungry and thirsty. I checked in to our motel at Hershey, looking forward to sleeping in a bit Monday morning. The first antique shop did not open until 10AM!

With so many antiquing options, I usually like to mix things up and head for unexplored territory. Actually, it was all unexplored – for at least the past couple of years. I opted to head for the riverfront town of Columbia, always a good source with enough open shops to fill most of the day. My stop in the first shop, in the first display case I looked into, I made a significant discovery. It was the missing half of a wonderful pair of early motorist nodders.



Photo’d still on the shelf – an amazing antique shop discovery, an early 1900s motoring themed “nodder.” The one I needed to make a pair!

I’ve written before about these wonderful little turn-of-the-century “bobble-heads” and those dressed for a ride in their motorcar are extremely rare. I had found the lady motorist in an antique mall in Ohio earlier this year. They always came as a pair – man and

a woman. Well, this time I found her “mate.” It was the male half of the pair, and in exquisite condition. Best of all was the price, including a special 20% off sale.

On the second floor I found a great early oval photo of a child in an early pedalcar.



Oval framed photo of a young boy in an early pedal car.

A nice motorist motif change-purse and a Peerless scrip tire gauge were soon added to my collection. A real prize though was this great gold wash button depicting an early automobile.



An early gold wash duster button depicting an early motoring scene.

I slept well that night, eagerly awaiting the morning opening at Hershey. The weather forecast seemed to change by the hour, and the chances of any rain were minimal and pushed back to later in the week. At Hershey you take what the chocolate gods dish out! Set-up day is Tuesday. So, I put up my awning, set up some tables, grabbed my trusty swap meet bag and marched off to the far corners of the world, zigging

and zagging among the vendors opening for the first time in two years.



Automobile mascots of all kinds!

I snagged some good Model T accessories for my old store quickly. I love stuff NOS in the original boxes. Sue arrived fresh from the local MG car club tour and immediately began shopping too.

I found good spark plugs early but marveled at a good friend who had to borrow a little red wagon to haul his treasure trove. years.



Another collector's good fortune – a wagon load of good early spark plugs.

So much great stuff was there. I took photos of the items I couldn't afford, and tried hard to buy the rest.



Tables full of brass!



Signs were everywhere!

My wallet began to feel painfully thin so I opted to complete setting things up early Wednesday morning so I could sell something. Good plan as Wednesday proved to be a dynamite day. Perfect weather, large crowds and eager buyers! I had a hard time unpacking things as the crowd of eager buyers was so thick. All day, old friends stopped to say hello. Some brought spark plugs for me. I was even offered a nice pair of brass lamps!

Susan's cousin Ed joined us for his third Hershey. He's made his motel reservations already for 2022. Later in the day, an old friend from NJ joined us at dinner time for our annual Italian night at Fennicis in Hershey. All those great Italian calories would serve us well on Thursday.

Sue continued to shop and gather MG collectibles, trying hard to keep ahead of Richard Hall, who always finds the neatest stuff. This year she enlisted her cousin Ed to help out, but he had his mind focused on Mustang stuff and Texaco collectibles.



Sue and Ed treasure hunting together. Note hands full of goodies and the big smiles.

I did so well finding new homes for stuff on Wednesday that I opted to remain closed on Thursday so I could go shopping too. I don't know how far I walked but sure covered a lot of it.

Friday was another day to open and sell, since so many people had come back on Thursday to take a second look at things. I felt obligated to be there on Friday to collect a few more \$. Sue and Ed played storekeeper while I walked over to the Red field for the Spark Plug Collectors Club meeting.



Members of the Spark Plug Collectors of America (SPCOA) posing for their annual group photo. Members came from as far away as Oregon and California. Missing of course were friends from England and Australia.

Yes, I wandered a bit along the way and found more good stuff. But, the phone kept ringing as my guest store-keepers relayed questions and offers from eager buyers. The rest of the day was most enjoyable just relaxing, visiting with people, sharing our treasures and even sipping a little single malt.

Packing things up is always a sad occasion. We hate to see it end. Sue and Ed helped make quick work of the process though and we actually managed a nice dinner at a reasonable hour.



Sue and Ed at our spaces at Hershey 2021. Their help minding the store, unpacking and repacking was fantastic.

Saturday of course was the grandest of all car shows. I heard there were over 1000 vehicles registered. It did not disappoint. Again, the early morning mist cleared and the day opened as always – a pleasant fall day at Hershey. It just doesn't get any better than that!

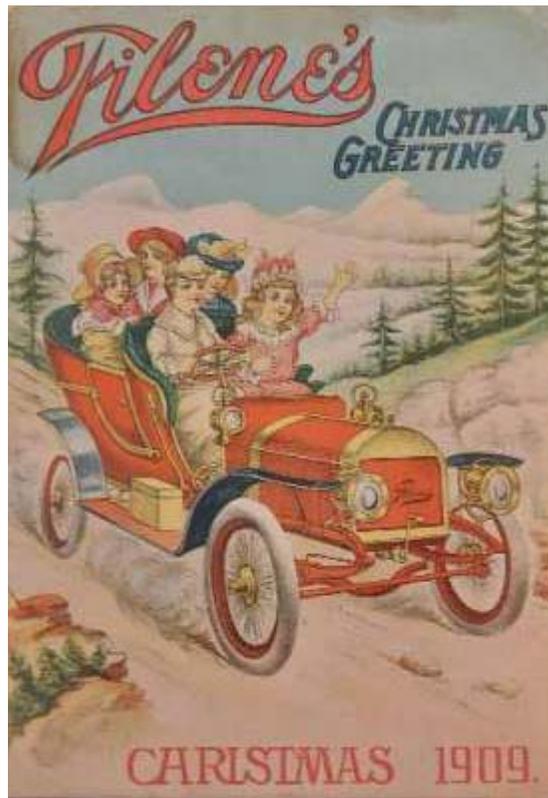


Ken Talley driving his 29 Buick onto the showfield at Hershey.

In no particular order are some of 2020 “Hershey recovery treasures.”



Small countertop glass cabinet display of carbide automobile headlamp burners, NOS in original packaging.



1909 Christmas catalog with a great automotive themed cover.



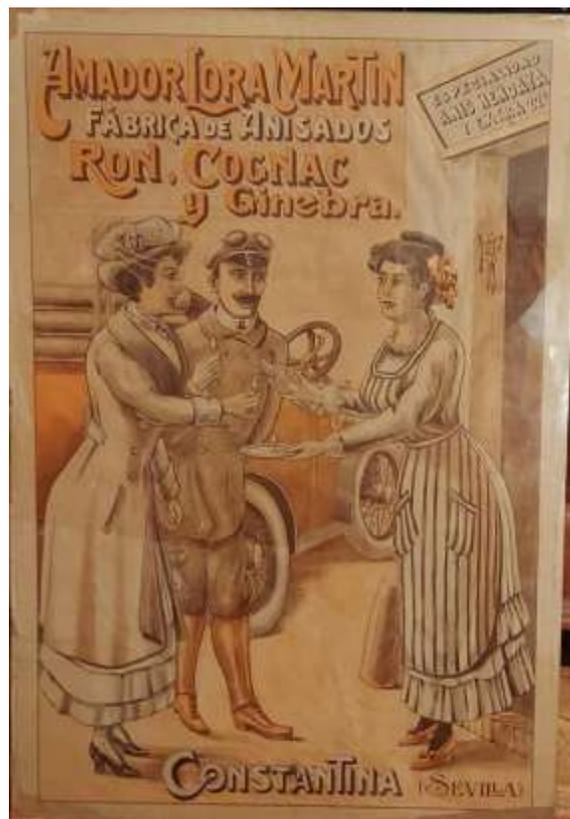
Small ladies brooch in the shape of an early automobile side lamp.



Occupational shaving mug. This one is actually dated, 1916. Rare to see them with dates on them.



Advertising pocket mirror for automobile supplies in Lancaster, PA. I have since learned this company dropped their line of automobile accessories prior to WWI.



Superb early advertising for Cognac. This poster is Spanish. The image of an appropriately dressed motorist and his lady stopping for refreshment is a striking image. It will be suitably matted and framed for display.

When you collect as many different items as I do, Hershey can be an “over-load” so budgeting carefully and shopping cautiously is always serious business. Knowing what you find is a plus but sometimes you just have a “feel” for something and take a chance. Such was the case with this early print, still in its original frame with old wavy glass completely intact.

I knew I’d seen it before, but the artist was unfamiliar to me. It was priced on the edge of being “risky” but something told me to take it home for the collection. So, I followed the little voice in my head and opened my wallet. Glad I did.



Early print from Hershey 2021

The artist was Cecil Aldin, a noted British artist who specialized in animal illustration, particularly horses. One of his passions was fox hunting, and this print is one of a pair of related scenes including early automobiles. It is circa 1906 and quite unusual with two scenes framed. These are hand-colored prints and are extremely rare in their original frames. Now, to find the mate!



Stamped brass advertising tray for Reo automobiles.



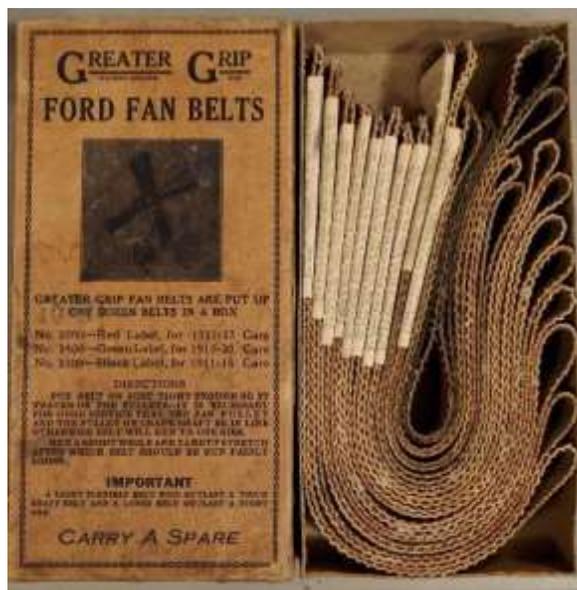
Small teapot with an automobile image. This is an American made item and is part of a children's tea set. I have one cup and saucer from this set. The quest is on for the other pieces that must include Sugar, creamer, and other small plates.



Of course spark plugs always come home from Hershey. This is a small selection representing the better quality pieces found there. The Ford script plug (second from left) is particularly interesting. For a brief time (1913-14) Ford experimented with making their own plugs. They purchased large quantities from Champion, but always cost conscious, and trying to control every aspect of production, Ford gave it a try anyway. He was never able to produce them as inexpensively as buying from other sources, so the project was dropped. Model T's continued to offer Champion plugs as factory equipment.



Two French spark plugs in brass are the great Pognon plug on the left, and this very rare plug marked "Glorious" on its brass base. Both were "Glorious" finds from Hershey.



NOS Ford Model T fan belts with original box. This is a great display item for my recreated old auto parts store.

Every year I try to find a nice brass lamp to add to my collection. Hershey usually offers an amazing selection of them. I already have a shelf stuffed with restoration projects I'll probably never get to, so lately I've been concentrating on lamps in excellent condition. This year, my big hit was this wonderful early bail handled side lamp. It's in near flawless condition and shows only minimal signs of usage – perhaps only one of two times in its lifetime. Now, the search is on

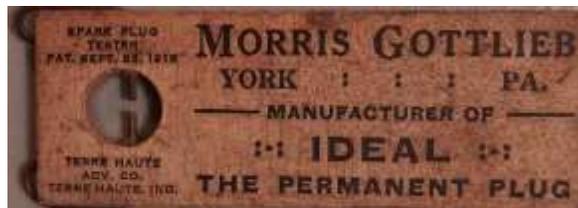
for a mate to make a nice pair of them.



The latest addition to my brass lamp collection.

Back to the spark plug department – I love all the little things that go along with spark plugs. This little wooden plug tester is an advertising piece for Gotlieb's Ideal Spark Plugs, made in York Pa. It was probably a gas station give-away from the 1915-20 era. By touching the metal tips to the positive

lead and a ground (probably the body of the plug itself) a spark will be seen jumping across a gap in the opening. Shown here is the tester and one of the Gottlieb's Ideal Spark Plugs from my collection.



Obviously my bag was full (several times) this year at Hershey. These are only some highlights from a great year.

It was great to be back again at Hershey. I'm sure our other club members who made the trip will agree.

Good times and old friends together again.

Counting the days until 2022! See you there – and as always, happy collecting.

Jerry

Fond Memories of AACA Touring

By Wayne Tuck Executive Vice President

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As I'm dusting off the Model A, checking all the fluid levels, tire pressure, lights, horn, lubrication and getting in that test drive, I can't help but to reflect on all of our past tours. Remember that stop in front of the U.S. Capitol Building to have our car's photo taken with the building in the background? Who would have thought you could arrange such an event for pre-1932 vehicles in a busy city? That feat was only topped off with an old time silent movie, accompanied by a live organ performance. What a great tour! The Johnstown Flood Museum, Flight 97 Crash Site, a Mulch processing plant, Horseshoe Railroad, Ferry rides, private car collections boat rides on Raystown Lake, ice cream stops, coffee stops, caverns, museums, historical sites, I could go on endlessly with fantastic events provided by our regions sponsoring National Tours. All of these events while enjoying the delight of driving an old car. Yes, there is something about double clutching, manual spark advance, open windows, large steering wheel, engine noise and whining gears that is invigorating. A step back in time. All of this while meeting new friends and enjoying the company of old friends. One of the most enjoyable parts of touring is spending time in the hospitality room. Then there is the time spent walking around the parking lot full of old cars. As soon as someone sees a hood raised there is a gathering to see what the problem might be. Don't forget the food. Seems every stop includes some sort of goodies. Most tours include a least a couple of "dinner on your own" opportunities that result in more time with your friends. Someone mentioned that they judge the quality of the tour by how many pounds they gain. Touring is back. If you have never experienced the fun of an AACA National Tour, you don't know what you're missing. I you are already an avid tourer, look around your region for interesting points. Consider having your region step up to host a tour. Fun times are ahead.



TRAACA Fun Run Driving Tour

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Story by Matt Doscher (Photos by Bob Stein)

When the TRAACA's scheduled activity to visit the Cape Henry Lighthouse got canceled because of the ongoing COVID pandemic, Matt and Vickie Doscher quickly organized a replacement "Fun Run" driving tour. Twenty-two TRAACA members and 13 antique vehicles assembled at the Mt. Pleasant Marketplace on the corner of Mt. Pleasant Rd. and Centerville Turnpike at 10:00AM. Once Matt accounted for everyone, he asked for a moment of silence to remember and honor those affected by the horrific events of 9/11/01. Matt held a brief driver's meeting complete with printed driving directions. The tour departed shortly thereafter, and we enjoyed a relaxing and leisurely drive consisting mostly of country backroads through Chesapeake, Currituck County NC, and Virginia Beach. The tour was just over an hour in duration and about 40 miles long. We could not have asked for better weather, with temperatures in the low 70's, clear skies, and low humidity. Even the vehicles seemed to welcome the pleasant weather as no one reported any vehicle troubles and we all stayed together! Our Fun Run ended once we arrived at Blue Pete's restaurant in Virginia Beach. Blue

Pete's has recently been remodeled inside and the wait staff was responsive and friendly. TRAACA member's participating in the Fun Run: TRAACA President and First Lady Wayne and Carol Milligan in their 1968 Ford LTD, Dewey and Maxine Milligan in their 1985 Ford LTD, Charles O'Dea in his 1969 Ford Mustang, Bob Stein w/ Chip Woolford in Bob's 1986 Buick Park Avenue, Matt and Vickie Doscher w/ Matt's mother Jean in their 1991 Mercury Grand Marquis, Ken Talley w/ Bill Wilcox and Robyn Burnham in Ken's 1939 Mercury sedan, Jim and Phillis Carnforth in their 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline Deluxe, Dan Ciccone w/ Tyler Gimbert and guest in Dan's 1996 Rolls Royce, Keith Colonna in his 1956 Lincoln MKII, Alfonso and Patrizia Ludovici in their 1956 Desoto, Boyd Swartz in his 1964 Volvo 122S, Nick Smith in his 1978 Chevrolet Corvette, and Doug and Bill Grosz driving Nick Smith's 1978 Ford Thunderbird. Mickey and Toni McChesney met us at the restaurant in their 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88.









TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Members celebrating anniversaries in November

- John & Mary Beth Clark
- David & Faye Curl
- Bennie & Joyce Howard
- Ivan & Marjorie Joslin
- Robert "Red" & Zelda Lang
- Dewey & Maxine Milligan
- Gregg & Candice Shelton
- Ken & Barbara Talley

Sunshine Report

No New Reports

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

Members celebrating birthdays in November

- Paul Atkinson
- Laura Bayer
- Bill Blair
- Terry Bond
- Harry Boone
- Scott Davies
- Thomas "Thad" Doumar
- Lisa Dudley
- Murray Goodwin
- Sheila Gurnee
- John Heimerl
- Chris Hunt
- Pat Locke
- Mike Mason
- Peggy Mason
- Scott Miller
- Harry Park
- Bob Pellerin
- Rosemarie Poe
- Sarah Saiya
- Mark Strang
- Andrew Sturniolo
- Jason Sturniolo
- Mary Stutz
- Todd Sweigart
- Laurel Swenson
- Michael Taylor
- Brenda Warden

Welcome to Our New Members!

None this month

AACA Calendar of Events

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

NOVEMBER 2021

- 4-6 AACA Spec. Western Nat'l's Phoenix, AZ
- 6-11 AACA Western Fall Tour Metropolitan Phoenix and Central Arizona

FEBRUARY 2022

- 10-12 AACA Annual Convention Philadelphia, PA
- 24-26 AACA Winter Nationals Melbourne, FL



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November is here, leaves are beginning to fall, and temperatures have moderated. Bill and I were the only representatives of TRAACA at the ODMA Fall Tour in the Winchester, Virginia area. We had planned to go the pandemic year, but of course it was canceled. I was glad they held it this year. We always go to the Winchester area to get fresh picked apples in the fall, and our sister lives in Winchester with her family so we get to visit. Even our mom came to Winchester so each evening after the ODMA tour, we had family time and celebrated mom's birthday. We also drove up to Baltimore on Friday morning and met with Ross Miller, owner of Speedwell Garage and a Packard mechanic. Bill purchased the proper overdrive transmission for his Packard and was able to discuss the problems with the Packard engine and how to repair them. Ross was wonderful with advice and allowing Bill to drive one of his Packard's with the overdrive to see how it operated. As many saw, we do have the Packard running and will be driving it some until Bill either has it repaired or

does it himself. On the ODMA tour, we visited White Post Restoration. It was interesting to see what they were working on a see a familiar TRAACA car there. We saw Chris Lawrence's 1937 Dodge Westchester Station Wagon while there. IF you have never taken the time to drive around Winchester in the fall, it is a great place to go. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the November dinner meeting. And make sure to check out the information about the November activity.

Hope to see you soon.

Doug



1934 Packard 1108 Twelve in the Bob Bahre Collection in South Paris, Maine





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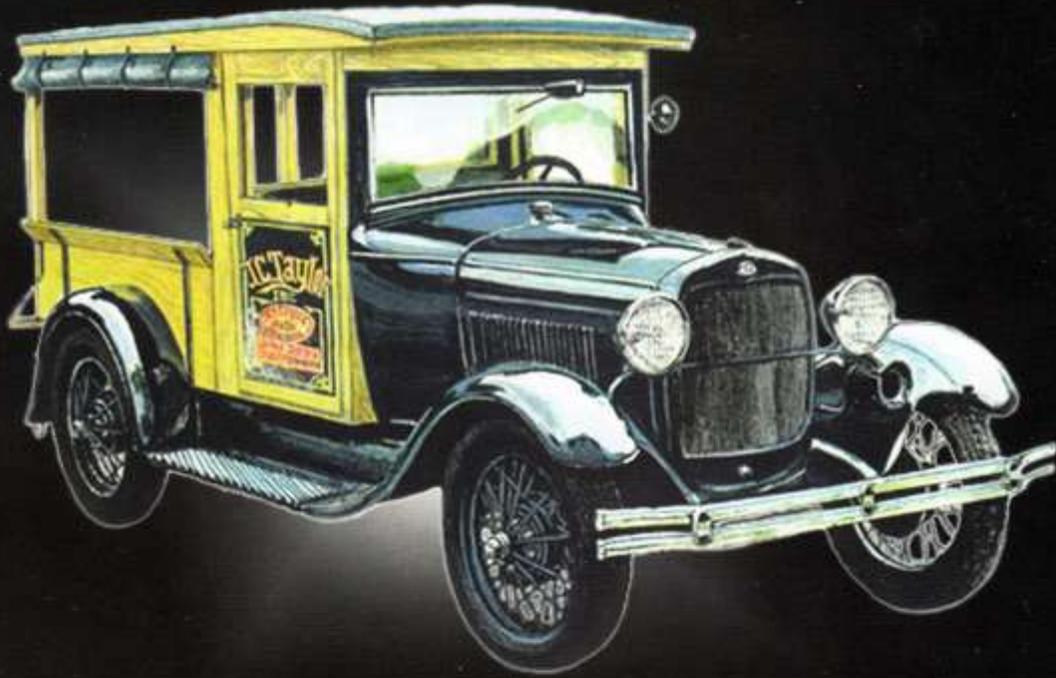
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