

The Mudflap

News and Activities from the Tidewater Region—Antique Automobile Club of America

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TRAACA drive through the Bayport Credit Union Holiday Lights display at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront Saturday December 4.



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

December

4 – Driving tour of Christmas Lights at Oceanfront and possible dinner

12 – Christmas Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Please join the Activities Committee! Please see the President's Newsletter for more information.

Come join your fellow TRAACA members on Saturday, December 4th, for a drive through the Bayport Credit Union Holiday Lights display at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront.

Let's end the year on a high note, with a cruise down the boardwalk! We'll start with dinner at the Plaza Azteca Mexican Restaurant on Laskin Road at 5pm. After dinner we'll head towards the oceanfront for a drive through a mile-long sea of lights. The Beacheventsvb website describes it as a "holiday, nautical, and adventure-themed light display on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk. Festive fish, musical crabs, and hard-working elves – all in brightly colored lights against the moonlit Atlantic Ocean. They are joined by Santa taking off from the pier, a 40-foot tall dancing light Christmas tree, fish "swimming" overhead, color-changing archways, and light displays that honor the region's strong Armed Forces community.

New this year, immerse yourself in the dazzling RGB tunnel, an exhilarating explosion of seemingly endless lights."

You'll have to purchase tickets online ahead of time.

Price for the Bayport Credit Union Holiday Lights is \$30 per car. Website to purchase tickets: <https://beacheventsvb.ticketspice.com/holidaylights>

So, load up the car with family and friends and join us for a night of fun and holiday lights!

WHEN: 5:00 PM, Saturday December 4th

WHERE: Plaza Azteca Mexican Restaurant
1824 Laskin Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

THEN: Vehicle queue for holiday lights begins on Atlantic Avenue at 21st Street and proceeds South. Follow all event and traffic signs to the entrance of the light show.

RSVP: Travis Berry by December 1st at travis.berry.mail@gmail.com
Or by phone at 757-536-1214.



President's Podium

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Hello fellow Tidewater Region AACA members. I hope all are well. Thank you to Carol Milligan for coordinating the tour of the Portsmouth Naval Museum! The weather was perfect for an indoor activity. The tour was informative, the lunch venue was tasty and convenient, and the group seemed to enjoy themselves. Also, thank you to Ellen Adams and the volunteers who helped to set up and take down the Silent Auction at the November Dinner Meeting. There were plenty of neat items for sale and hopefully everyone enjoyed the event. Thank you to Richard Hall and Tim Hund for coordinating the Square Car Tour. The weather cooperated nicely, participation was high, the driving route was fantastic, and the meal was excellent. It was a wonderful Fall tour through the backroads with lots of opportunity for camaraderie! In addition to the Silent Auction, a vote was held during the November Dinner Meeting for the 2022 Club Board members. The Selection Committee of Terry Bond, Matt Doscher, Mickey McChesney, Travis Berry, and Holly Forester resented an excellent slate of candidates. The Club membership obviously agreed and the proposed candidates were 'voted in' as the 2022 Tidewater Region Board of Directors. Thank you to 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 for agreeing to serve the Club. The Board voted to make a change to the Annual Awards.

They will continue to be presented and individual winners will continue to receive an award to keep. However, the 'traveling trophies', the large trophies presented to the winners in addition to the individual awards, will be retired. Several factors went into this decision. Many of these trophies are in poor condition. Also, many of the recent recipients have suggested the trophies be retired because of their size (most are very large) and/or the trophies' condition. In addition, the Club has paid an annual expense to add new names to each trophy. Cost savings from retiring the trophies can be used to upgrade the individual awards that winners keep. The 'traveling trophies' will be returned to those who originally donated them. The past recipient names from each will be added to the Club website and maintained there for any member to view.

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.

It's time to renew both your Tidewater Region and your AACA memberships. Membership Chair Jerry Adams has distributed pre-filled registration forms. Please ensure your information, including the automobile information, is complete and accurate. It is also very important to include your email address. The Club allows you to pay your National dues through the Region in one easy transaction. Whether you owe dues or not, please remember to sign your form and return it. Your signature indicates your continued desire to remain a member of the Tidewater Region.

Warmest Regards,
 Wayne Milligan, Tidewater Region AACA President

Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

Members will be contacted via e-mail to obtain their RSVPs for the club's monthly dinner meeting. (Members without e-mail will be contacted by phone.) If you will be attending, please respond to Skip Patnode's e-mail by the requested date and let him know how many people will be coming. (There is no need to respond if you are not coming.) Skip will reply to you once he adds you to his attendance list. **It is critical that you respond** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. If you are not receiving Skip's e-mails or want to be taken off the list, please contact him at skippatnode@cox.net or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!



2021 TRAACA Officers & Board

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From the Running Board

November 11, 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), Tammy Park (Treasurer).
Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Dick Chipchak, Doug Grosz, Skip Patnode. Club members present: Harry Park, Ellen Adams

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

President: Thanked everyone for coming, Happy Veterans Day for all our veteran members

Vice President: Agreed

Secretary's Report: October minutes reviewed and approved electronically

Treasurer's Report: October reports distributed electronically

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities:

Square Car Tour – November 20. It is a go. 11:30 AM start at the Kroger at the corner of Centerville Turnpike and Mount Pleasant Rd. End at Los Primos Mexican Grill in the Mt. Pleasant Marketplace

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). Watch the Mud Speck for details

Activities Committee – there is a desperate need for committee volunteers so next year's planning can begin.

Dinner Meetings:

Board voted to subsidize Nov, Dec, Jan

November Dinner Meeting total cost is \$32.00/plate, Club is subsidizing \$7.00

Silent Auction – identify tasks (i.e. distributing sheets to members, etc.) and owners. Ellen and Tammy volunteered.

December Holiday Brunch – \$25.00 each, Club subsidizing \$10.00

January Awards and Installation banquet – date is the 22nd at 5:00; pending dinner cost

2022 – comparable menu still under development but cost will increase to \$30.00 each

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Membership:

Membership information through October 27th – 163 memberships, 283 members (unchanged)

Unfinished Business:

Stopped mailed (USPS) newsletters effective January 2022 – any feedback received? None at this time

Bylaws update – approved at Chili Cook-off, web site updated

2022 slate of Officers announced, will vote at November dinner meeting

New Business:

The Club received a thank you note from Dewey & Maxine Milligan for the gift card to Southland

The Club received a thank you card from Mary & Eddie Vincek for the 'antique car parade' during their 75th wedding anniversary celebration

Mailed (USPS) membership renewals

'Seed' funds for the Grand National bank account - The Grand National will have a dedicated bank account. \$2500.00 will be transferred from the club account to the event account to cover early expenses and deposits.

Retiring the 'traveling trophies' - The board voted to retire the 'traveling trophies' but award recipients will still receive recognition items. All past winners names will be moved to the website

2020 and 2021 Annual Award voting - Wayne and Skip will put together a list of nominees for the awards

Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

Adjourned at 8:14 PM. The next Board meeting is 7:00 pm Thursday, December 9th at Unos



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3rd Annual Hall Chevrolet Car Show

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

In 2019, Hall Chevrolet, located on Western Branch Blvd in Chesapeake, began holding an annual car show in the fall. (It even held the show in November 2020 as the COVID pandemic seemed to be subduing.) As one of the last car shows of the year in the local area, the show always attracts good participation. This year, the Hall MileOne Autogroup hosted dueling car shows: a car show open to all makes, models, and years at its Chevrolet dealership and the 34th Annual MOPAR Madness Car Show across the street at its Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM dealership. (The MOPAR Madness car show will be covered in a future *Mudflap* article.)

The show sponsors—Hall Chevrolet, 757 Auto Events, and ClearShine Virginia—did a great job organizing the car show. Show organizers—Mark Evans (757 Auto Events) and John Herbert (ClearShine and President of the Virginia Chevy Lovers car club)—seemed to be everywhere all day, ensuring things ran smoothly and that all participants and spectators were having a good time. There was a DJ, who played a good selection of music to entertain the crowd. [Lesson learned: do not park directly in front of the DJ if you want to be able to speak with and actually hear and understand your friends! Conversely, if you don't want to listen to them, it's a perfect place to stand.] There were two food vendors: Road Dogs (a great supporter of the TRAACA and a favorite of TRAACA members at our recent annual Meets and Swap Meets) and Smokey's Place barbecue food truck. An ice cream vendor (Ice Cream Man 911) was there, too (but I don't think he did much business with the temperature reaching a high of only about 58 degrees that day).

Not surprising, most of the vehicles in the car show at

the Chevrolet dealership were Chevrolets or other GM makes. However, there were some unusual cars present from other manufacturers that you don't see often, such as a 1982 Dodge Mirada. (Maybe the owner missed the turn into the Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM dealership for the MOPAR show.) Two popular displays were the 1988 Chevrolet Silverado K1500 pickup truck (complete with a matching electric mini-truck, which kids were allowed to drive around the parking lot) from the Ocean Park Fire and Rescue squad in Virginia Beach and a 1988 Pontiac G5 GT "Poison Ivy" tribute car (themed after the popular villain in the Batman comic books).

The TRAACA was well represented at the car show. Members present included Fred Cole with his 1989 Buick Reatta, Marion & Mark McAlpine with their 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle, and Bill Treadwell with his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro. Bob Ward's 1964 Chevrolet Corvette was a star of the show, on display inside the dealership. (Bob's Corvette is the current display of the Virginia Chevy Lovers car club's rotating display of classic Chevrolets at the dealership and will be on display there until early January.)

Hall Chevrolet's Car Show is a great example of what local car shows should be: a fun day where car lovers get together to share their passion for and appreciation of cool cars, old and new, without a lot of stress. Next year, travel to Chesapeake and enjoy a great car show at Hall Chevrolet. Even better—bring your antique car.

Enjoy the holidays, everyone—Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



One of the local Chevrolet Camaro car clubs showed up in force for the 3rd Annual Car Show at Hall Chevrolet in Chesapeake, VA



1951 Chevrolet 3100 pickup truck



1954 Plymouth Savoy



1956 Chevrolet Corvette



1965 Ford Mustang convertible



A popular display at the show was this 1988 Pontiac G5 "Poison Ivy" tribute car (based on the character in DC Comics' "Batman" series)



John Herbert's 1968 Chevrolet Camaro SS



Bill Treadwell with his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro convertible



Marion & Mark McAlpine's 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS-396



1971 Chevrolet Monte Carlo



1972 Ford Bronco



1982 Dodge Mirada



1988(?) Pontiac Fiero GT



Fred Cole's 1989 Buick Reatta



Bob Ward's 1964 Chevrolet Corvette in the Hall Chevrolet showroom (photo courtesy of VCL member Don Cook)



2005 Chevrolet SSR Indianapolis 500 Parade Truck #35



Where did this 2000 Ferrari 360 Modena come from?



Matching electric mini-truck

Don Anderson and the 1988 Chevrolet K1500 pickup truck from Ocean Park Volunteer Fire and Rescue in Virginia Beach, VA



Still Collecting – at Christmas time

By Terry Bond

Hard to believe another Christmas is approaching. Seems like just yesterday we were at Hershey, enjoying a great fall meet and flea market.

Again this year we plan to put up an “automobile tree.” As usual, it will be adorned with a mix of antique and newer automobile themed Christmas ornaments. That’s the basis of this holiday column.



The “automobile tree” was a tradition shared by good friends Jeff and Pat Locke for many years and we all enjoyed finding unique things to dangle from the branches.



Yes, there was even an unusual antique spark plug that I always had the honor of placing appropriately on their tree!

You’d need to go back to the beginnings of decorating Christmas trees to learn the roots (no pun intended) of the holiday tradition. Originally, decorations were home-made. Everything from fruits to feathers was used to liven up the tree.

Around the turn-of-the-century, concurrent with the birth of the automobile, it became increasingly popular to decorate Christmas trees with objects honoring the past as well as the future. What better way to welcome a new era than displaying the latest marvel—the automobile. Even Santa got into the act, parking his tradition sleigh for a speedier automobile.

Collecting antique Christmas ornaments is a hobby unto itself. Many of the earliest objects have become quite valuable recently, and of course automobile related items are a cross-over collectible, appealing to collectors of Christmas items as well as automobilia enthusiasts.

While I usually collect only genuine antique objects, there are a lot of later items of more modern manufacture that are of good quality and worthy of hanging on your tree. However, we’ll begin with a few early items.



Early 1900s Christmas decoration made with a Victorian scrap and tinsel.

Most early decorations intended to hang on the Christmas tree were assembled using images known as “Victorian Scraps.” These were popular images much like today’s stickers and decals. They usually came on wrapping paper or were included with product packaging so they could be removed and collected. The term “Scrapbooking” is derived from this early 1900s hobby. By adding a little tinsel you could create an instant holiday decoration.



Victorian Christmas decoration with Santa on an early motorcycle with sidecar.



Victorian Christmas ornament.

Early images of Santa driving an automobile are scarce, except for a number of them used on postcards. So-it’s not uncommon to find Christmas decorations created by cutting early postcards and adding some ribbon or tinsel.



This image is found as a postcards or a single scrap and could be used to produce early Christmas ornaments by adding tinsel or ribbon.



This early scrap is a recent addition to my collection and is seen occasionally as a Christmas decoration.

The development of celluloid for use in producing toys was quickly expanded into molding Christmas ornaments. It was now possible to create Santa driving a car in three dimensions. These are quite rare in undamaged condition as celluloid became quite brittle over time. In addition, it was very flammable. Exposure to heat would also warp it quickly.



Early celluloid Christmas ornament.



Another Christmas ornament in celluloid.



Santa driving another example of a celluloid automobile.

Glass blowing is an art practiced worldwide. Although it is difficult to realistically capture the image of an automobile, blowing glass into a mold produced a fairly good representation. Most of these are European and are very difficult to find. They tend to be quite small and were hand painted.



Early hand made glass Christmas automobile.



Another example of an early blown glass Christmas ornament in the shape of an automobile.

Much better quality ornaments are available to today. They are not cheap but the detail is often exceptional and when well done, they are worth collecting. The majority of these decorations have always been produced in foreign countries and imported to the USA.



This beautiful blown glass ornament was produced in 2010 as a 25th Anniversary limited edition decoration for the Christopher Radko Company.



This hand painted glass ornament was produced as a souvenir of the Downton Abbey TV series.

A variation of this was also done in resin with hand painted trim. These are no longer available in the open market, but can often be found on eBay and other internet sites.



This is the resin version of the Downton Abbey Renault.



Another great hand decorated glass ornament from the Kurt Adler studios is this "Travelling Santa."

Ornaments made from wood, and in plastic are commonly available. They have been made for many years but some of the best are from Kurt Adler. This business has existed since the end of WWII when he began importing foreign made Christmas ornaments. The American market quickly soaked up beautiful glass ornaments from Czechoslovakia, as well as lighted snowflakes from Germany and the Far East. The popularity of these items continues today and many of the older ornaments produced by this company have become very collectible with values sometimes reaching in the hundreds of dollars.



Hand crafted in wood and plastic, this ornament was produced in the 1970s. Variations are still available.

Of particular interest are the excellent quality ornaments by Hallmark. They can often be found new in their original boxes for less than \$15. A few years ago I bought several at our own swap meet. Since 1973, Hallmark has been producing Christmas ornaments to accompany their range of Holiday greetings cards. Santa driving an automobile has been produced in some form or another since 1979. Aside from antique automobiles, whatever you drive or enjoy has been probably been made as a Christmas Ornament!

A few of my favorites are shown here.





The 1979 Hallmark Christmas ornament.



Hallmark's rendition of an 1895 Duryea.



A Hallmark antique truck ornament.



Santa in his red roadster was produced in 1995.



Santa bringing home a Christmas tree.

I think the best of them is the 1993 ornament depicting an early town car with Santa driving Mrs. Claus. It even has opening doors!



Santa driving Mrs. Claus was produced in 1993. Original price was \$24.99 Today they can be found new in their original box for less than \$10.00.

Hallmark also produced a few very complicated pieces. This wonderful early Model T Fire Engine was produced in 2008 to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Model T Ford. It's a "Must Have" for any Model T Ford enthusiast.



Hallmark commemorative Model T Fire Truck Christmas Ornament.

Since 1961, during the Kennedy administration, an official White House Christmas ornament has been issued. Each year they are designed by a different artist, but since the beginning, they have been produced by ChemArt, a Rhode Island Veteran founded small business. Since 1961, a few automobile ornaments have been produced.

In 2016, the featured vehicle, a Fire Truck, honored Herbert Hoover, who served in office during the 1929 White House fire.



The 2016 Official White House Christmas ornament.

In 2019, the Official White House Christmas ornament honored Dwight D. Eisenhower who used his 1914 Rauch and Lang electric automobile during his 1952 Presidential campaign. The car resides today at the Eisenhower Museum in Kansas.



The 2019 Official White House Christmas ornament.



The 2012 Official White House Christmas ornament.

The 2012 White House Christmas ornament honored President William H. Taft, who introduced the automobile to the White House. Prior to that, the traditional White House mode of transportation was horse and buggy. His car was a 1909 White Model M steam car. The car resides today in a private collection.

There are hundreds of additional ornaments to decorate with. For an automobile enthusiast, even small model gas stations, gas pumps, and other items can be found in gift shops and on-line. Their model gas stations come in several varieties, some with lighted features. They honor the role played by the gas station vending machine in bring their product to the masses as they travelled across the country.



Coca-Cola Standard Gasoline station Christmas tree ornament.



Coca-Cola gas station Christmas tree ornament with lighted interior.



Texaco gas pump Christmas tree ornaments

True antiques are few and far between and are quite expensive. But, recently produced items are just as much fun to collect and display during the Christmas holiday.

Have fun decorating, and as always,
Happy Collecting.

Jerry



My First Car

By Jim Elliott
AACA President

(Reprinted with permission from the AACA *Rummage Box* Fall 2021)

It is always interesting to ask others about their first car. My Dad's first car was a 1946 Ford that he purchased upon his return from France at the conclusion of World War II. He had hoped to purchase a Chevrolet, but the waiting list was just too long. My Dad was frugal and often told me that if I could afford my own car, I could afford my own college tuition. Needless to say, that stymied my purchase. However, after I finished my sophomore year, my Dad partially relented. I would be allowed to purchase a car in May as long as I sold it in August before I returned to campus for my junior year. So the search began. I wanted a station wagon as I mowed lawns and did odd jobs in the summer. My Dad vetoed the first car I found. A 1959 Edsel with seats that "crunched" as the seat foam was disintegrating. The second car received a similar veto. It was a 1958 Chevrolet with rust holes and a generator light that was blinking. The third candidate became mine. It was a 1963 Rambler 770 which I purchased for \$235.00 and drove it home. In addition to being a station wagon, it had reclining front bucket seats. It served me well over the summer even though it got better gas mileage than oil mileage. While gas was 23 cents a gallon, I could buy "reclaimed" (used) oil for 19 cents a gallon. It changed its own oil as it used a quart every fifty miles. As with every year, summer ended too soon. I sold the Rambler for \$250.00 and took my cash back to college, being the only car I ever sold at a profit.



TRAACA Square Car Tour

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Story and photos by Bob Stein

Our major tour of the year almost didn't happen. After cancellation due to Covid back in May, the event kept being put off because of restrictions and conflicts with other activities. Finally, Richard Hall and Tim Hund got together and made it happen today. 24 antique vehicles and more than 50 people showed up to participate in a drive that wound 47 miles through the back roads of Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and North Carolina. We started in the parking lot of the Kroger's at Mount Pleasant Road and Centerville Turnpike in Chesapeake, rolling out at Noon. Vehicles on the tour included Paul and Cori Fuqua's 1931 Chevrolet, David and Faye Curl's 1931 Model A Ford, Tim Hund's 1936 Cord, Bob Stein's 1941 Packard, Doug and William Grosz's 1947 Packard, Ken and Barbara Talley's 1955 Buick, Tony Scarpelli's 1956 Chrysler, Bill Wilcox's and Robyn Burnham's 1956 Imperial, Alfonso and Patrizia Ludovici's 1956 DeSoto, Charles O'Dea's 1956 Oldsmobile, Keith Colonna's 1956 Lincoln Mark II, Bob Ward's 1957 Thunderbird, Bob and Dot Parrish's 1958 Chevrolet, Matt and Vickie Doscher's 1965 Mercury, Skip Patnode's 1967 Alfa Romeo, Scott Davies' and Holly Forester's 1969 MGB-GT, Bob Pellerin's 1969 MGB, Susan and Terry Bond's 1974 MGB-GT, Nick Smith's 1978 Corvette, Bill Coburn's 1985 Camaro, and Dan Ciccone's 1996 Rolls Royce. We had a rest stop at Chesapeake's Northwest River park, and then rolled back to our starting point for a late lunch at Los Primos Mexican Grille. Clear and sunny skies, brisk but bearable temperatures, and no breakdowns made this a great tour for everyone - thanks to Richard and Tim for putting it together!











TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



Members celebrating anniversaries in December

Roland & Jeanie Downing
James & Pamela Gregg
John & Lynn Heimerl
George & Betsy Keen
Ron & Tina Pack



Sunshine Report

No New Reports

*Please provide Member Care/
Sunshine Report information on
TRAACA members to Bob Stein at
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Members celebrating birthdays in December

Margie Anthony
Mary Ellen Basnight
Kim Berry
John T. Blair
Robert Bozard
Darlene Brown
Steve Cauffiel
Becky Clifton
Frederick Cole
Faye Curl
Matt Doscher
Micheal S. East
Genny Formato
Pamela Gregg
Sandy Hall
Ronald "Ron" Hartman
Missy Hespenhide
Zelda Lang
Tom Norris
Felicia Saddler
Nancy Soscia
Neil Sugermeyer
Ken Talley
Jim Villers
Robinson "Bob" Watson
Sheila Young

Welcome to Our New Members!

None this month

ACA Calendar of Events

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

FEBRUARY 2022

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

MARCH 2022

March 10-12 - Western Spring
Nationals - Las Vegas, NV
March 20-26 - Founders Tour -
Mobile, AL/Biloxi, MS

APRIL 2022

April 7-9 - Southeastern Spring
Nationals - Charlotte, NC
April 21-23 - Special Winter
Nationals - San Juan, Puerto
Rico
April 23 - Special Grand Nationals -
San Juan, Puerto Rico

MAY 2022

May 19-21 - Annual Grand Nationals
- Virginia Beach, VA
May 22-25 - Eastern Divisional Tour
- Johnstown, PA

JUNE 2022

June 16-18 - Eastern Spring
Nationals - Beckley, WV

AUGUST 2022

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 10-16 - Sentimental Tour
- Gettysburg, PA
September 18-23 - Reliability Tour -



EDITOR'S DESK

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December is upon us. Colder temperatures and snow-fall (maybe). It was been another good year to us in TRAACA with the return to activities. And speaking of activites, hopefully some of you are willing to step up and join the activities committee or at least plan one of the activities for us for 2022. Please let a board member know of your interest so we can keep having fun activities to get together for next year.

Holiday lights is next weekend and the Holiday Brunch is right around the corner, so get read and respond to our final activities for the year. I am looking forward to a great Holiday Brunch and time to socialize with many of you.

A big thank you to all the contributors to the Mudflap this year, and I hope more of you will contribute stories or at least material about you and your cars for us to read about next year.

As you have seen, Bill has the Packard running for the time being. We know that we will be working on at least one of the valves and possibility piston rings

after consulting with Ross Miller, a Packard mechanic. Bill is now gathering parts and tools that we will need to work on it next year. Until then the consensus is that we can drive it for now. Enjoy your holiday shopping and look for some new parts for your cars.

Hope to see you soon.

Doug



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





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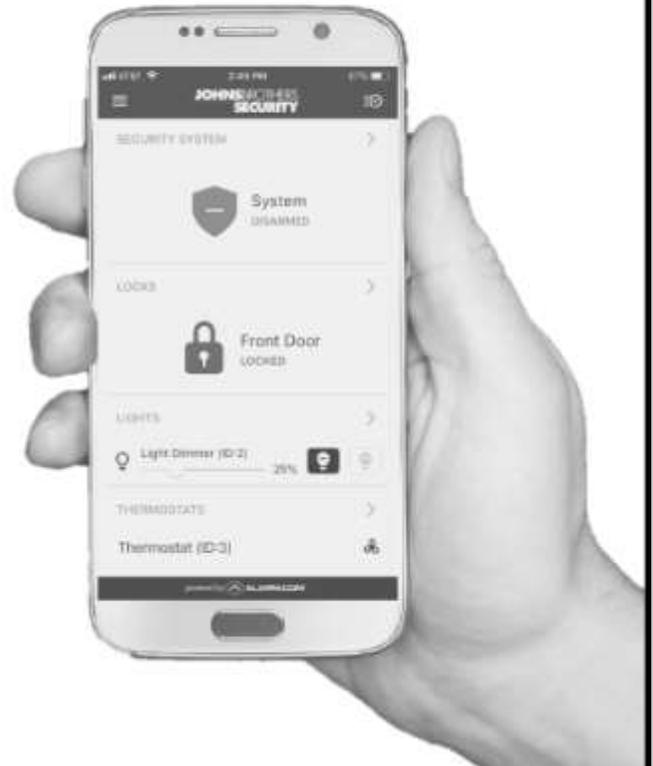
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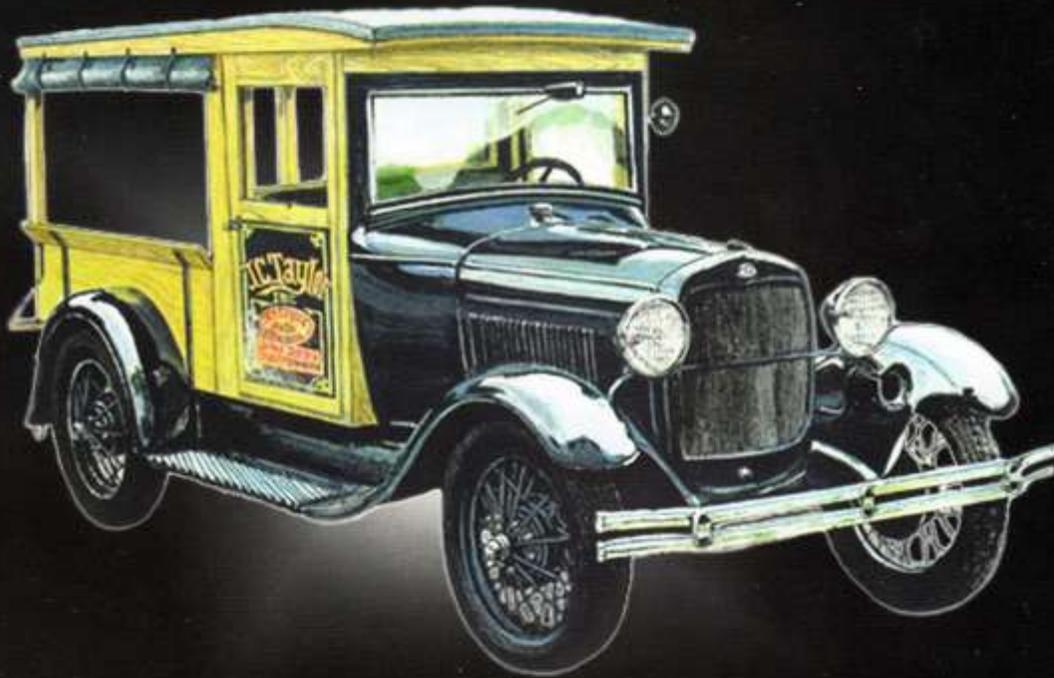
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Bob Ward & his 1964 Chevrolet Corvette coupe at the Hall Chevrolet Car Show in Chesapeake, VA, on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Read the article and see more photos on Pages 4– 7.