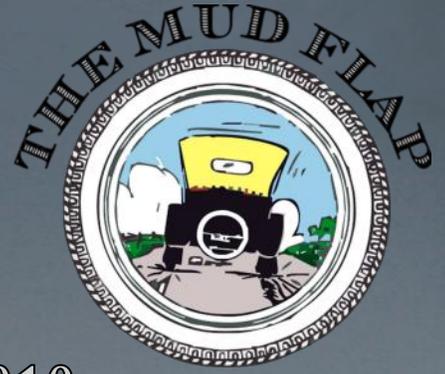


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President Linda's Message

*Tyler Gimbert
receives the
TRAACA Scholarship
from Linda Pellerin*

Spring is here and we have a lot to look forward to. Our Swap Meet was a huge success! I want to thank everyone who donated baked goods. We manage to cover the rent for the building and that takes a lot of cookies! Scott and Holly did a great job in the kitchen along with many volunteers. Neil as usual ran a very organized event. I would like to personally thank everyone for your contribution of time to the swap meet. This event could not have been a success without the help of all the volunteers.

The first day of spring turned out to be a great day for our "Square Car Tour". It was fabulous to see the line of cars as we toured our way along the back roads of Virginia and North Carolina. I was happy the Nuts and Bolts were able to join us as well as the Model A Club. This is a fun event every year. A big thanks goes to Barbara and Ken Talley and Richard and Sandy Hall.

I am looking forward to the Spring Tour coming up in April, as we head back to the Eastern Shore for some more fun. Our tour guides Bill Wilcox and Ken Talley, will have some surprises up their sleeves I am sure! I encourage all our new members to join in the fun, as it is a great way to get to know everyone.

The Activities Committee has been hard at work planning events for the rest of the year. Be sure to check out the calendar, as there is something for everyone. I am especially looking forward to the "Saltwater to Firewater" tour. The Tidewater Region had quite a mention in the national magazine for our tour and orange shirts. It was also wonderful to see the cover with our own Terry and Sue Bond. We miss seeing them on the road with us, but they are representing us well at National.

*"If what you're working for really matters,
you'll give it all you've got." Nido Qubein*



Announcements

Welcome New Members

Kathleen & Perry Kellam
750 Price Lane, Pamplin, VA 23958

Boyd Swartz
804 Oxford Dr, Virginia Beach, 23452

Correction of Dick McIninch email address: olcarfn@aol.com.
He is coordinating the trailering for the Saltwater to Firewater
Tour.

Dana Meadows has a new e-mail address which is
danam500@verizon.net

Christian & Danae Aicher's email address is wrong in the new
roster. It should be christian.aicher@cox.net.

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My Alfa Romeo Saga

By Skip Patnode

I have been associated with Alfa Romeos for about 35 years now. It all started when a friend bought a 1957 Guilietta Spider, started to restore it and got orders to California and couldn't take it with him. So I gave him a hundred bucks for it, dragged it home and put it in my back yard. Then came the fun part. Front brakes with 3 shoes each and no parts available, a convertible top in shreds, one tire with removable treads, etc. I planned on fixing it up and selling it but my wife said, "You keep that car, it's cute and we need two cars!" By that time I had become enamored with the mechanical genius that went into building this car (Chain drive dual overhead cams, hemi head combustion chambers, dual Weber carbs and factory headers), so it didn't take much persuading to convince me to keep it. It became my daily driver and I put a trailer hitch on it and used it to tow my jon boat to Back Bay for many years until it became so rusty it was unsafe to be on the road.

Then came the box. A 1967 Guilia TI sedan that looks like a Renault. Same fine technology but with a bigger engine, four doors and a roof. I also drove that for many years until a drunk ran a red light and tried to kill my daughter. The little car crumpled just like it was supposed to and she survived. I bought it back from the insurance company, found a 1965 body with weeds growing up through it, made two into one and had another daily driver for many years. The weed seeds never did stop coming out of the defroster ducts. I still have the engine and running gear in my garage but sold the rolling chassis.

At last, the Duetto, the same type car that Dustin Hoffman drove while chasing Mrs. Robinson's daughter in the movie *The Graduate*. I always loved the styling of the "Round Tail". Alfa only made it for four years and imported it into the U.S. only two of those years. The movie made such a hit at the time that a few years later Alfa named one model the Graduate. The kids were now grown and had moved on, so nine years ago I got one! I found it at a Race Prep/Alfa Romeo shop in Raleigh, N.C. It was a sad looking critter! The top was tattered, it had a broken front spring, the paint looked like elephant skin, but it ran great and the price was right. The TI had not gone away at this time and since both cars are 105 series, the TI became a donor and the broken springs went away with the rolling chassis.

Along with the car came a mountain of paperwork. Thanks to computers and spread sheets, I was able to organize all this stuff in chronological order. That's when I discovered the engine and running gear had been rebuilt at 100,000 miles and the car only had 114,000 miles on it 14 years later. I basically had a new car with an ugly body!!

When I had the body work and the repaint done, the body shop discovered why the paint was cracking so badly. Someone many years ago had covered the entire body with a skim coat of fiberglass resin which I guess was a good idea at the time but as time passed and the resin cured, it cracked and took the paint

with it. The only cure was to take it down to bare metal and start over.

This little car now has 229,000 miles on the clock and is not perfect by a long shot, but it is my daily driver, my parade car and my show car. I bought it to drive and drive it I do. It is the only Alfa I have owned that does not leak or burn oil. It has been to Hilton Head, Florida twice, Detroit, Nashville and New Hampshire to National Alfa Romeo Conventions, Vermont numerous times and is going to the National Convention in D.C. this summer and then on to Vermont to straighten out some of their roads. It isn't fun to blast down the interstate at 70 mph all day long, but it sure is fun to drive sideways on the interstate ramps and the back roads.





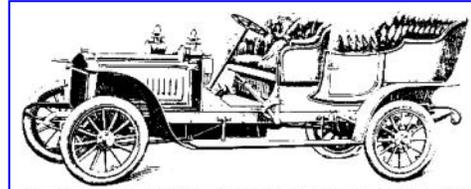
EDITORIAL

By Neil Sugermeyer

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, who knows where Terry and Susan is? If you look at the schedule of AACA events for 2010, you can undoubtedly find them wherever there is a National event taking place this year. Tidewater region's own "007s" are famously representing us and the rest of AACA in their duties as President and First Lady, along with Meggie, their "artyficial photogeneric" MGB. You can read her account of their travels elsewhere in this issue, and in future editions during the rest of the year. We all can take great pride in the efforts of our First Couple to represent and promote this great hobby at the meets and tours they attend with AACA members throughout the country.

Here at home, the antique auto season is upon us, with plenty of exciting events to select from for the rest of the year. Already, the Annual Meeting, (blizzard included), the Annual Swap Meet and the first 2010 Sunday run are history, and all have offered fun for those who attended. If you missed these activities, get your car out of its garage and join us for what will be a great 75th anniversary year in AACA. Check the activities list in the "DOWN THE ROAD" section and try to find some that appeal to you – the more, the better, because all promise to be enjoyable. They offer a great way to exercise your antique, and moreover, a great way to get to know others in the club. For new members particularly, please join with us as often as possible and become part of the mix. If you have some ideas and suggestions, let our Region President Linda Pellerin know. For anyone who tends to stay at home, hit the road with us again and add to your enjoyment of the hobby and old friends.

Marty and I were absolutely shocked and honored to be named the recipients of the 2009 Ann S Eady award at the annual meeting in Philadelphia. I must say it is because of the interest and support the Tidewater region members have given to us as editors, that our publication can reflect the exchange of energy, enthusiasm, enjoyment and expertise our folks share with each other. (How's that for alliteration?) It is you all who make this club as great as it is – as editors, we just get to write about it now and then. See you on the road!



FROM THE RUNNING BOARD

FEBRUARY 9, 2010 – TRAACA Board Meeting

By Scott Davies, Secretary

The board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Members present were Linda Pellerin, President; Bob Stein, Vice-President; Scott Davies, Secretary; John Gancel, Treasurer; Board members Riley Best, Don Hobbs Toni McChesney, Tony Scarpelli and Bill Wilcox. Also present were Frank Lagana, Marie Gancel, and Bob & Dot Parrish.

The December minutes were approved with one minor correction. John Gancel gave the Treasurer's report and it was submitted for audit. An audit was completed by Dick Pensyl and filed with no recommendations or corrections. Current membership status was reported as 173 with 153 paid. Riley Best questioned the impact of the membership numbers on mailings as it is under the 200 required for discount. With the additional mailings to other regions etc., we are close.

No new members were present, however it was noted that Charles Richards III & Laura Horne Jordon had joined and Tim McGuire rejoined. These members are already known by the board so attendance at the meeting was unnecessary although still welcome and encouraged. Linda Pellerin gave Bob Parrish the three remaining free memberships received from National.

Toni McChesney announced that the Winter Blast has the minimum number required but can still take reservations.

Linda Pellerin reiterated that a Bake Sale will be held as part of our Swap Meet. An email will be sent to notify and encourage the membership to participate.

Bob Stein modeled the "Saltwater to Firewater" sweatshirt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Additional efforts will be made to collect unpaid dues.
- "Saltwater to Firewater" merchandise will be available for purchase.
- Calendar is posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

- Riley Best suggested that advertisers receive the Mud Flap – Neil will be contacted to see if that is already happening.
 - Spring Tour will be to the Eastern Shore
 - Board meetings will continue to be at 6:00 PM.
 - Bob Stein presented the new Website design.
- John Gancel announced he will not accept reelection as Treasurer next year.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. Respectfully submitted: *Scott Davies*, Secretary



2010 TRAACA Annual Swap Meet

By Neil Sugermeyer

Apparently, Terry has gotten a good substitute for weather control, because the day of the Swap Meet dawned bright, clear and warm. A small group of worker bees had set up tables inside and prepared the field around the Ruritan building the day before, so all was GO early on Saturday morning. We had 43 preregistered vendors (not 431 as stated in the last Mud Flap), and about 20 more registered as they arrived, filling the outside and nearly all of the inside with a wide assortment of car related items. This was the best vendor turnout so far for our annual Swap Meet, and plenty of buyers came to find a goody or two. As well as ample food and drinks from the kitchen crew led by Scott Davies and Holly Forester, Linda Pellerin and the bake sale crew had a fantastic assortment of cakes and cookies for sale lined up in front of the stage. As she mentioned elsewhere, sales from that alone paid the rent!



Bill Wilcox makes a selection from the bake sale guided by Linda Pellerin aided by Sandy Pellerin and Angie Ciccone.

I saw buyers from distant places. Kathy and Perry Kellam came from Pamplin, Virginia, about 175 miles away and joined the region while they were here, and Pete Philips drove down from Richmond. I know some of the vendors traveled quite a ways to attend, so we must be doing something right, and everyone seemed to enjoy the activity.

An event like this doesn't just happen. As well as the Friday set up crew, the large number of club and chapter members who helped on Saturday to direct vendors into spaces, park buyers cars in the field south of the building, and man the kitchen and bake sale made the Swap Meet go smoothly and successfully. My thanks to all who helped – it wouldn't have happened without you. We'll give it a go again next year.



Chip Chipchak, Bob Stein, and Tony Scarpelli working the outside swap meet



Wally Wise with Tyler Gimbert and Dan Ciccone



JoAnne Green and Claire Catanese help a customer at the concession stand while Marie Gancel took care of the money.



Bob and Dot Parrish ran the club table. Looks like Gordon Garnett really appreciated their efforts.



SQUARE CAR TOUR

By Sandy Hall

*O*h, What a Beautiful Morning – Not - was exactly what I was thinking on March 13, the original date for the Square Car Tour. Earlier in the week, I kept checking weather.com to see if they had changed that “shower” forecasted for Saturday morning. This website is pretty much my “go to” website for weather when Terry Bond is not in town. By Thursday, weather.com had issued a flood watch for Norfolk so I figured if it was going to rain that hard, we would probably be better off staying home. I checked the long range forecast for the following Saturday and it showed temperatures in the 60s and sunny. When I got home from work that night, I told Richard about my weather.com research. Later, Ken “The Creator of the Square Car Tour” called Richard and said “Well, what do ya’ think?” Ken further went on to tell Richard that there is a “window” in the afternoon between the showers that looks pretty promising – Richard could tell Ken really wasn’t convinced that he should cancel the Tour. Richard then asked Ken, “Well, Ken what car will you be driving?” Ken replied “The Camry”. Richard said “Cancel the tour” and so, they did, and what a great decision came from that telephone conversation.

The morning of March 20, I woke to the promise of a great day. Richard and I picked up the donuts at Bennett’s Corner Bakery and pulled into Ken Talley’s driveway at 8:30 a.m. Ken, to my amazement, was standing upright with a leaf blower in his hand cleaning his driveway of any debris. Ken and Barbara’s grandsons, Ethan and Gavin greeted us at the garage. The boys had brought their “antique car models” and displayed them on the drink table in a way that would rival any AACA meet.

After our fill of donuts, juice and coffee, and several announcements, Richard told the group at the drivers’ meeting that because of construction on Centerville Turnpike, there would be a “small” detour and to please pay attention (now, we all know how much we love to socialize at these events, but it seems that listening is a little beyond some of our drivers’ comprehension as



Neil Sugermeier and Ken Talley (left) listen intently as Richard Hall gives the drivers directions about changes in the planned route due to construction.

you will later learn). Ken Talley and Bill Wilcox showed something new to the Tour - a really great trophy they had designed and constructed that was the envy of many of us but since it was

the hard luck trophy we were all hoping it would not be on our mantel that evening.

Ken Talley and Bill Wilcox present the new HARD LUCK trophy to the club. (Note the phone for emergency calls.)



All drivers and passengers loaded up and started on the Tour in an orderly fashion with Richard and me leading and Ken and Barbara

bringing up the rear. There was a detour on the Tour (this is the one mentioned at the drivers’ meeting where some were enjoying the social aspects of the meeting instead of paying attention) that several drivers missed. A few minutes after we made this crucial turn off 168, my telephone started ringing. It was Becky Woodall who was near the middle of the group. “Well, the McChesneys, the Sugermeiers, Wes Neal and maybe a few others did not make the turn but kept straight on 168 heading for the Outer Banks” she told me. I will leave it to you to figure out the two gentlemen in this motley crew that were not paying attention to the instructions at the drivers’ meeting (I later found out that even our very own Webmaster almost missed the turn – I am sure he was busy taking pictures as we all know he always listens to the person talking.) I called Toni McChesney and found they were not too far down the road, so I gave them instructions on how to get back on track. I called Neil Sugermeier’s phone only to find out that he must feel secure knowing that he has a cell phone but doesn’t seem to think it is necessary to turn it on. While I was calling Linda Pellerin and Dot Parrish to see if either of them had Wes Neal or Marty Sugermeier’s cell phone number, Marty left me a message that they thought they were probably lost. I called Marty back to find that they along with Wes Neal were in Moyock, NC. I did tell Marty that they indeed were not on the right route, but Neil knew where he had missed the turn so he and Wes Neal turned around and caught up with us at the next stop, the Dismal Swamp State Park.

The Dismal Swamp State Park is a fairly new NC State Park located on the Intercoastal Waterway. Here you can learn and see why George Washington called the Dismal Swamp “a glorious paradise” and how the Swamp was important in the Underground Railroad. Tony, one of the Park Rangers, gave us an introduction to the Park after which we were on our own to explore. Many of us walked along the 900-foot boardwalk into the Swamp to experience first hand the lush swamp forest and possibly get up close and personal with the wide variety of wildlife. I later learned that some of the group did see a snake, but fortunately I was not one of them. Before we left, the Rangers ex-

plained and demonstrated how the bridge opens to allow boaters passage on the Canal. After we left the Park, it seems the group tightened up so as not to lose each other as we toured South Mills and through the City of Moyock, which had earlier been toured by the Sugermeyers and Wes Neal. We stopped at Southland Restaurant where the hostess enjoyed at the cars and the waitresses tried desperately to keep everyone happy.

I would really like to thank those that did miss that critical turn for being such good sports. Because of the number of attendees, I will not include the vehicles driven but there were many "older" cars which was the idea behind the creation of the Square Car Tour. The participants were: James and Becky Woodall, Ken Beatty, Viator and Janet Trudeau, Bill Wilcox and his friend, Ed Templeman, Frank Lagana, Rad and Margie Tillett, Scott Davies, Dan and Angie Ciccone, Tyler Gimbert, Ken and Charlene Roach, Bob and Dot Parrish, Jane and Larry Cutright, Boyd Swartz, George and Sheila Gurnee, John and Marie Gancel, Dana and Debbie Meadows with Daisy, Wes Neal, Dick and Nancy Eberle, David and Faye Curl, Skip Patnode, Bob and Linda Pellerin, Mickey and Toni McChesney, Bob Stein with his Dad, Tony, Neil and Marty Sugermeyer who also had their four-legged friend Johnny along, Jere and Carol Avenson, Dewey and Maxine Milligan, Doug Campbell and Jeff Locke. From the Cape Henry Model A Club, Bob and Ginger Watson, James and George Vaughan, Jimmy and Sarah Milligan, Whit Moore and David Dowdy. The members from the Nuts and Bolts Chapter of the Tidewater Region, Leah Ange, Steven Ange, Connor Bierwirth, Gordon Womack and Robert Hiby. On the way home, we stopped by Ken and Barbara's house to see if they needed any help and as we were leaving, Ken and Richard already had their thinking caps on planning next year's Square Car Tour. Hope to see you there!

MARCH DINNER MEETING

By Marty Sugermeyer

After an hour of socializing and a great dinner, Terry Bond gave us an up close and personal view of his trip to the Amelia Island Concours de Elegance. Slides of some of the most interesting cars at the show were accompanied with Terry's comments on what made each one unique and other interesting happenings.



Terry with Steve Moskowitz and Tom Cox at Amelia Island Concours de Elegance

Terry's comments:

"Steve Moskowitz and Tom Cox were also in attendance at the recent Amelia Island Concourse in Florida, representing AACA in several meetings. In between time, we had a chance to enjoy the beautiful cars on exhibit."



Pat and Marty Weber with AACA President Terry

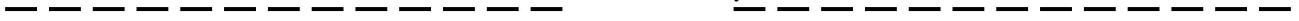
"Marty and Pat Weber represented Tidewater Region on the show field with their beautiful Packard. It's their 13th Concourse event with this car! Like the Webers, many owners like to dress in costume appropriate to the era of their car."

In addition, after the dinner meeting program, several guests were introduced, acquisitions reported, and the 50/50 raffle was won by the Tilletts.



Sandy and Richard Hall led the way in their MG. They were followed by quite a few Model A's. Tony Stein

joined his son Bob in the Model A truck that has since moved on to a new owner.



**ON THE ROAD WITH
PRES TERRY AND FIRST LADY SUSAN
Miles with Meggie**

(Meggie is the cardboard cutout of the MGBGT that Terry and Susan Bond follow around)



Here I am in a place of honor in the back window of the beautiful Auburn. What a view of the city and this incredible show.

**Diamonds in the Sun, the Homestead, Florida
AACA National Winter Meet, March 7, 2010**

I missed the trip to Philly, but heard about the snow storm from their van. Not a fun trip. But Florida in March sounded good. Too bad – it was more like April is here, cool and windy. But we at least it wasn't raining and we all had fun.

Arriving Thursday afternoon at Ft. Lauderdale was a good idea, but skipping the toll road to get to Homestead in favor of sampling the local scenery wasn't. It took forever to get to the hotel but the Ford Edge (don't know how we rated the upgrade) was really nice. And Lucy, the GPS (bossy know-it-all that she is), wasn't too good at navigating either. For some reason most roads had at least 2 names and sometimes as many as four, two of which were numbers. So telling her the address landed us on the wrong side of the tracks. Telling Lucy we wanted the Hampton Inn finally got us to the right place. The lady at the front desk recommended the Mutineer restaurant for seafood and we met quite a few other AACA people there who had asked her the same question. Hope she gets a free meal!

Friday was the membership round table and judging school held at the Champion Club at the Miami Homestead Speedway (homesteadmiamispeedway.com), five stories in the air with a great view of the track and the race cars on it. They were using the road race track thru the infield, with hairpins turns and lots of twists. Wish I could have joined the fun! Reminds me of laps at VIR...We walked thru the flea market (no MG parts), then did some sightseeing in the area, locating several antique shops and the Homestead City Hall museum with a real 1924 fire truck in it. Then we found the southernmost winery in the US, Schnebly Redland's Winery (schneblywinery.ning.com), where they sam-

pled avocado, mango and guava wines and watched huge fish under a waterfall – hard to find in a land so flat it reminded me of home. After another judging school that evening and they found a long wait at the pizza place, so it was back to the Mutineer.

Saturday was sunny but windy and cool for the car show. Judges breakfast was back in the Champion Club – I watched the race cars. And listened to them. When the mic died, that's all we could hear. But camera batteries saved the day. CJE was next, sports cars of course. But the presenter was in one place and the presentees met in another so we learned about Mustangs instead. Met a white '68 MGBGT in the HPOF class, he was all original and looked great! Traded some tour stories and then met an MGTC and 2 MGA's. Wish I had had more time but judges admin needed mom so I spent the rest of the afternoon watching the races from the grandstand in the press box.

*Right: My buddy
Below: 1904 Cadillac*



Did hear that there were a lot of neat cars in the show. Dad got some pictures and talked to Tidewater members Tom Cox and Bob &

Sylvia Roughton. The banquet was also at the Champion Club, so we got to see the races under lights. They had finished by trophy time so we could all hear the names of the winners.

Sunday was an extra day so we headed to the Wolfsonian



Rolling hardware store

Museum in Miami to see 'Styled for the Road: the Art of Automobile Design, 1908-1948'. Check out wolfsonian.org for details. It was great but didn't have any MGs. The city was crowded and noisy but we walked around for a while looking at buildings and palm trees, then headed up the coast road enjoying the scenery. We found a real English Pub in Boca Raton run by a real Englishman and had dinner of real fish 'n chips and a pint.

Monday we toured the Ft. Lauderdale Antique Car Museum (antiquecarmuseum.org). If you like Packards you will love this place, it was full of them. And automobilia, including signs, mascots, motometers, signs, gas pumps and spark plugs. Saw an MG on a poster. Could have spent hours there, but there was a plane to catch. That was fun, too – Southwest people sure have a sense of humor!
1994 miles.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Terry Bonds mother, Kathleen, passed away recently. Terry's Mom lived in Battle Creek, Michigan. Please keep Terry, Sue and the Bond family in your thoughts and prayers.



Terry said, "Thanks to everyone for your kind thoughts and comforting words after my Mom's recent passing. Many of you knew her well, as Mom and Dad often visited us and we dragged them along to Tidewater Region activities. They thought the world of you and appreciated your kindness and being welcomed to the club. It's especially tough this year to be without them as we'd like to much to be able to call and tell them what a great experience it is being AACA's President, but somehow, I think they know."



Jody Dudley's mother, Irene Dudley, age 78, passed away on March 15. Jody said that she raised seven children and she put up with his hobby. She will be missed by friends and family.



LOOKING FOR.....

WHERE IS THE WOMANLESS WEDDING?

A request has been made for pictures, especially video, of the womanless wedding staged many years ago during a spring tour to Northwest River Park. Picture this. Merritt Horne was the preacher, Ken Talley was the bride, Ivie Lister was the child, Bob Pellerin was the reluctant groom, and someone had the shotgun. If you have any pictures or a video of this event, please share.

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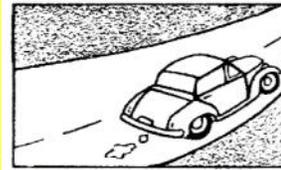
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CLICK ON



There is a great video showing the first assembly lines at the original Ford auto plant. Neat to see those guys making the old wooden wheels, by hand mostly.. The places that car could go...is amazing!"

Click on: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4KrimZpwCY>



DOWN THE ROAD

LOCAL

- April 10**Classic, Custom, and Antique Car Show at Buster's Bistro, Southgate Plaza Shopping Center, Preregistration at BustersBistro10@yahoo.com, Registration begins 10:30, Show 11 – 4, Complementary lunch for car owners.
- April 15**TRAACA Dinner Meeting ,Aberdeen Barn, Va.Beach
- April 17**...Cape Henry /TRAACA Port-O-Plymouth History Tour
- April 24 -25**...TRAACA Spring Tour (See article and registration form on the back of the back cover)
- May 8**.....TRAACA travels to the Old Dominion Meet
- May 20**.....May Dinner Meeting,Aberdeen Barn, Va.Beach
- June 19** TRAACA Poker Run to Moonrise Winery
- June 27-30** ... TRAACA Saltwater to Firewater Tour (Norfolk VA to Louisville KY) contact Ken Talley (757) 679-6314 to join the 75th Year Celebration for AACA on June 30 – July 3 (see AACA National website for details)
- July 10** TRAACA Kart Racing and Lunch , Virginia Beach
- July 24**TRAACA Tech Session
- Aug. 27**.....TRAACA Friday Night Social
- Aug. 28**TRAACA Annual Show, Virginia Beach

REGIONAL

- April 24**.....1st Annual Parts 'n Stuff Swap Meet by Richmond Triumph Register at 1515 Willow Lawn Dr. in underground parking garage. For info call Pete Phillips at 804-354-0721
- April 25** ..36th Annual Piedmont Region Car Show behind Sam's Club Route 29 North, Charlottesville, VA – info 434-823-5372
- May 7 & 8**.....ODMA Meet, Petersburg, VA, hosted by Crater Region. Contact Bob Fothergill at spitfirebf@comcast.net; or or Jon Hatfield at: jonhatfield01@yahoo.com
- May 7 & 8**.....Apple Blossom Meet, Winchester, VA, hosted by Shenandoah Region. Contact Jeff Feltner at 540-664-3822
- June 19** 41st Annual Car Show, Swap Meet & Car Corral, Richmond Region, International Raceway
- Aug.7**.....9th Annual Classics at Lee Hall 10 – 3PM, Open to all makes and models, proceeds benefit restoration of Lee Hall Mansion. Contact Clay Drnec, email: clay.drnec@cox.net or 804-824-9198

NATIONAL

- April 8-11** ..AACA Southeastern Spring Meet/Charlotte Auto Fair
- May 13-15**...AACA Annual Grand National Meet (New Bern, NC)
- August 12-14** . AACA Southeastern Fall Meet (Blacksburg, VA)

SEE THE NATIONAL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO.

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THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD

APRIL DINNER MEETING

The TRAACA Dinner Meeting will be held at the Aberdeen Barn on North Hampton Blvd on April 15th. Jeff Locke will supply the program. The Hospitality Hour begins at 6:00PM. Hope we'll see you there.

WE'RE INVITED

**CAPE HENRY MODEL A FORD CLUB &
TIDEWATER REGION AACA
PORT-O-PLYMOUTH HISTORY TOUR
SATURDAY APRIL 17 TH.**

**TOUR : MARITIME MUSEUM , ROANOKE RIVER LIGHT-
HOUSE AND CIVIL WAR MUSEUM ALL FOR \$ 3.00.
WE WILL HAVE A TOUR GUIDE AND GO RAIN OR SHINE.**

We will form up at the 7-11 across from Walmart at Dominion Blvd. near Cedar Rd. at 9:00 AM then proceed down to the NC rest stop on Rt. 17. We will eat lunch at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth, NC. A signup sheet will be at the TRAACA April Dinner Meeting. OR contact:

JIMMY MILLIGAN (252) 232-2295 OR
DEWEY MILLIGAN (757) 436-7496

Updates from your Activities Committee

By Dot Parrish

Well, March has been a very busy month and it is starting to go out like a lamb. Living here all of my life, I think this was the worst winter I ever remember. We just never had a break from the bitter cold and nasty weather. But, I hope that is all behind us and we can look forward to the car season.

Thanks to Toni McChesney for planning our Winter Blast to Williamsburg to see the Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum. Boy, there are some strange things in there. It was a pleasant day, although a bit cold but at least it was not raining. Then on to the General Store to browse and shop and of course followed by lunch at the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant.

Even though our Square Car Tour got rained out one Saturday, the following weekend was absolutely beautiful (and warm). It was actually 72 degrees for our Square Car Tour. By rescheduling our tour, we had the Model A club join us so we really had a good turnout. Thanks to Ken and Barbara Talley for opening their home to us for our coffee and doughnuts and also to Richard Hall for helping plan the tour. We took some new routes this year and ended up in North Carolina at Southland Restaurant. Thanks so much to these members who work so hard each year to plan this fun event.

April starts out with the Charlotte Auto Fair at the race track and the AACA Southeastern Spring Meet (April 8-11). For those

of you that have never been to Charlotte, it is catching up with Hershey, lots of flea market spaces, cars for sale all around the track, car auction, car parts for sale and lots of people. It's a lot of fun.

Read Bill Wilcox's article for Bill and Ken's exciting first time spring tour. We are going back to the Eastern Shore for their Historic Garden Week on April 24th and 25th to see some of the gardens in bloom at some of the beautiful old homes including Eyre Hall, Bonderosa, the Barrier Islands Museum and Chatham Hall. We sure hope the weather is better than it was for our Fall Tour in November.

May 7th and 8th the Old Dominion Meet will be held in Petersburg, VA and we want to bring home the Old Dominion trophy, so everyone try to attend, even if you have to go up for just the day. Our own National President, Terry Bond will be the speaker for the Old Dominion Banquet.

June 19th Bob Stein is planning a poker run for the club followed by a tour to the Moonrise Bay Vineyard in Knotts Island, where we will have a catered lunch.

June 27th will be our fabulous "Saltwater to FirewaterTour" to Louisville, KY. to attend the 75th anniversary of AACA. This will be a great week of events and an indoor car show to be held in the Kentucky Exposition Center on Saturday, July 3rd. This is one event you don't want to miss.

Future dates to pencil in will be :

July 10th – Kart Racing and lunch.

July 24th – Tech Session

August 12 – 14 AACA Southeastern Fall Meet to be held in Blacksburg, VA. on the campus of Virginia Tech

August 27th -Friday night Social

August 28th -TRAACA annual Meet at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach.

Stay tuned for more exciting events from the Activities Committee.

**GET LOST AGAIN WITH BILL AND KEN
TIDEWATER REGION'S FIRST SPRING TOUR
SAT AND SUN APRIL 24-25, 2010**

By Bill Wilcox

Please join us for yet another chance or maybe two to get lost!! We will leave Bayside Baptist Church about 7:45 AM, cross the Bay and stop at Stingray's for a bite. Next we're off to tour two houses and their gardens, and enjoy lunch at the Bay Creek Country Club Coach House Tavern. Early Saturday afternoon you're on your own to further explore two lane roads on the shore, visit an antique shop, or wander a bronze art gallery. At 3:45 PM we'll leave en masse from the motel to attend the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Eastern Shore's own Art Center at the Holly Grove Winery. They are excited about showing our antique cars as part of their celebration! The event starts at 4:00 PM and features a silent art auction, entertainment, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and beverages. About 8:00 PM we're back to Exmore to the Hampton Inn and Suites.

After a good night's rest and a leisurely hot breakfast, we'll

visit the Barrier Islands Museum. About noon a short drive brings us to the Chatham Winery, where we'll tour their facility, including the mansion's first floor. A catered lunch and tasting are planned. Finally, enjoy a leisurely mid afternoon drive home.

Please wear flat shoes for home tours, bring lawn chairs for outdoor events, and an umbrella or two to ward off spring showers. Mosquito repellent and / or sunscreen could be useful. See you soon, Bill and Ken.

SIGN UP FORM AT THE BACK

Old Dominion Meet COUNTDOWN

May 7 & 8, 2010

By Ken Talley

Have you registered for the 57th Old Dominion Meet ? You can do so at the ODMA web site www.aaca.org/odma. Reservations and check for the meet must be received by April 15th. The show is Saturday May 8th. The meet site is the Hart Farm at Pamplin Historical Park.

Each year, the member Regions compete for the coveted "Old Dominion" trophy that is awarded to the Region with the most participation in the show. Last year Fredericksburg won it and they vow to win it again this year! Richmond Region is on record claiming they will take it this year! We can't let this happen!! We need to show up in great numbers and bring the trophy back to Tidewater where it belongs!!

The host hotel is Hampton Inn, 403 Roslyn Road, Colonial Heights, Va. 23834, (804) 520-7333. There are other hotels in the area or you might choose to drive over early Saturday morning and return home in the evening. The drive is a little over 90 miles each way. Hart Farm can be reached from I 85 exit 63a, left on Duncan Road. The meet site is just a mile on the left. Hope to see you there!

**GETTING READY
FOR OUR
"SALT WATER TO
FIREWATER TOUR"**



By Ken Talley

Less than 3 months till our "Salt Water to Firewater" tour! The cutoff date is May 31st. Well, if you have checked your brakes out, now is the time to inspect the cooling system. First I would inspect the hoses and clamps. If a hose is extra hard or has a soft spot in it replace it. We will be traveling during the hottest time of year when the greatest demand is placed on the cooling system. Those cars with pressure cap create a pressure on the radiator which increases the boiling point of the coolant. It also puts additional strain on hoses and the water pump seal. Remember, the heater even not in use is a part of the cooling system and can cause problems. The best test on a cooling system is to use a pressure testing pump that will pressurize the cooling system. If you don't have one of these pumps I have one

that I will be glad to let you use for this test, you can also test the radiator cap at the same time.

Anti-freeze is another important part of the cooling system. It not only prevents cooling system from freezing during the winter it enhances heat transfer, increases the boiling point and prevents corrosion and rust. It is a good idea to replace your anti freeze every few years.

Belts are another item that can fail with no warning. Belts are relatively inexpensive and a good item to replace if there is any doubt about their condition. On cars with multiple belts I would suggest replacing all of them at the same time. I have seen cases where one belt breaks and get tangled with the other belts causing additional damage.

Water pumps usually fail with no warning, however one good test is to grasp one of the fan blades and check for fore and aft play which can indicate a marginal bearing.

Don't forget the newly created "Hard Luck" Trophy Do you want to win it on this tour???

REGISTRATION FOR 75TH ANNAVERSARY ACTIVITIES IN LOUISVILLE

If you are planning to attend the 75-anniversary celebration in Louisville this June and July you will need to sign up prior to May 31. You can do this in two ways. Either go on line at the AACA web site or mail the interest card that you will find inside the plastic cover that comes with your copy of the "Antique Automobile". Either way, be sure and sign up! REMEMBER, you will need to do this even if you are not showing a car. You will not be able to sign up when you get to Louisville

Also, Dot Parrish is making up a terrific Tidewater to Firewater Tour Book. She is hoping to have a picture of each participating car. If you will be going with Tidewater to Louisville to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of AACA, send a picture of your car to Dot.

Headquarters Hotel Reservation Information

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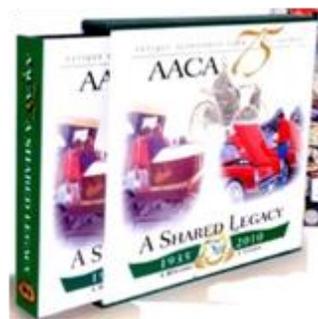
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Rate: \$119 plus tax per night

Reservation Deadline: April 19, 2010

DON'T FORGET

The 75th Celebration Commemorative Book can be reserved at the prepublication price of \$54.95 by calling headquarters at (717)534-1910 or go online to www.aaca.org and click on the tab labeled Merchandise. In June the book will be ready for shipping at \$59.95





**SIGHT-SEEING
THROUGH THE
AACA
WINDSHIELD**

*By Terry Bond
2010 AACA President*

When I get back in the office on Monday mornings, I listen a while to the usual conversation – how tall the grass grows, how crummy the weather was, what was on TV or at the movies, etc. Eventually, someone will ask what Susan and I did over the weekend. The responses will generally open mouths in amazement. Well, last weekend we went to Kansas City. In a couple of weeks, we're going to California for a car show. In between we went up to PA, and then off to Tennessee. We always look forward to those great Florida get-aways in the middle of winter too.

AACA meets and tours get us in the right place, and then we always try to include some additional sight-seeing wherever we go. Of course there is always an antique shop or two involved, but over the years, we've seen some amazing sights. Tours themselves often open doors that you would not imagine possible. Whether it's stately homes, private car collections, historic sights, or even special dinners, AACA provides a wealth of opportunity for you to enjoy life. This past year, the meet in Florida gave us a chance to tour a great aircraft museum.

Do you have any idea how many antique shops are between Virginia and Tennessee? The meet in Topeka was great, and gave us the chance to see something we've long wanted to see – the Steamboat Arabia museum in downtown Kansas City. Check it out on the web-you'll be amazed! The trip to California gave us the chance to spend a night on the Queen Mary in Long Beach and take a Jeep ride up the canyons near La Quinta. Can't beat a sunset on the Pacific Coast Highway either. It's safe to say that, thanks to the AACA, we've seen and done things we probably wouldn't have. It's much more than cars – it's a way of life with the greatest people in the world, enjoying the greatest hobby in the world.

Help celebrate our 75th anniversary this year by turning off the TV, putting down your copy of Hemmings, and doing something special. Get out there and enjoy life – and the AACA. There is so much to see and do, and so many friends to enjoy being with. Join us on the AACA road to the future in 2010.



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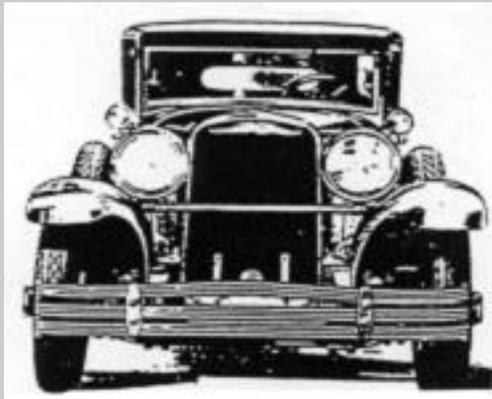
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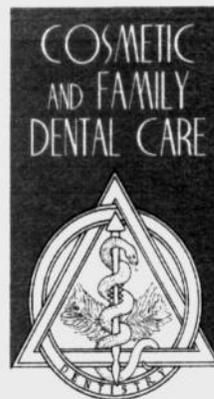
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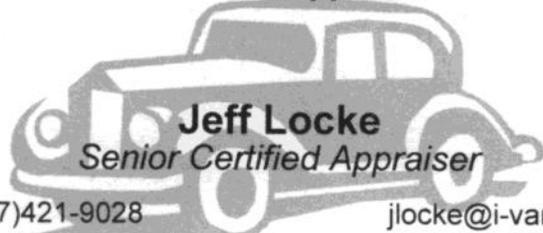
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(Make your reservation for Saturday, April 24th, no later than Tuesday, April 6, 2010)

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SATURDAY

Registration Fee \$ 15.00 *

Fee for Eyre Hall Gardens & Bonderosa is \$20.00 ea. _____ @ 20 = _____ *

Lunch will be on your own at the Bay Creek Country Club in the Coach House Tavern where prices are reasonable.

Saturday Night - ESO Arts Center 25th Anniversary Celebration (Food & Entertainment) at \$25.00 per person _____ @ 25 = _____ *

SUNDAY

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Make checks payable to TRAACA

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