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## Richard & Sandy Hall's 1935 Packard 120 Club Sedan





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## President Linda's October Message

On the eve of our Annual Show the excitement is in the air. After a year of planning the Tidewater Region is ready! Thanks to Dick Pensyl, our Meet Chairman, and all of you who have volunteered to make this show possible. We could not pull off a show of this quality without each and everyone of you. The Tidewater Region is the best! Tonight we kick off the weekend with the Friday Night Social. Dot Parrish and the Activities Committee have a fun evening planned for us. It is a tropical theme and I look forward to the evening. Hopefully all of you will join in the fun. I'll see you in "Margaritaville"!

Last weekend we enjoyed a relaxing day at the Keels and Wheels display at Towne Point Park in Norfolk. We had 32 members' cars on display and we peaked the interest of the public. I know Dick Pensyl gave out 150 flyers for our show. I love promoting the old car hobby!

While some of you were at the AACA Grand National Show in Kansas, some of the members went to the Brown's Island Show in Richmond. The show is an all-European show. Bob Stein won Best in Class with his MGTC and we won Best European with the 1937 Volvo. It was a wonderful venue on the James River. Bob Stein, Dan Ciccone, and Bob Pellerin were like kids in a candy shop enjoying the unusual mix of cars. There was everything from a Panhard to a Rolls Royce.

October rolls in with Hershey. Need I say more? As far as the eye can see, there are miles of Flea Market. After a few days of roaming around the Flea Market, the weekend finishes off with the show of the year. If you have never gone before, you should make plans to give it a try.

The AACA and the Tidewater Region have something for everyone. You can choose to show your car, drive your car, tour with your car, drive in parades, and enjoy activates galore. It is up to you to join in the fun!

"It is always the season for the old to learn"

# Announcements

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## VEHICLE MAGNETIC SIGNS

Info from Don Hobbs

Signs can be obtained from Virginia Art Metal & Plastic  
Co. 1520 Juniper St., Norfolk, VA Phone 855-3173  
for \$35 plus tax.

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Linda with Toni  
McChesney at  
the Stick Shift  
Driving School



## Ask the Man that Owns One

by Sandy Hall

In May of 1990, Richard and I along with Merritt and Audrey Home were returning home from an Old Dominion Meet in Charlottesville, Virginia. We had toured the Blue Ridge Parkway stopping in Scottsville, Virginia to cross the James River on the Hatton Ferry which is the last working pole ferry in existence (Merritt had read about this ferry in a magazine article). The ferry operator operates by hand the cable system on the ferry as he takes a load of passengers and vehicles across the James River. We were merely passengers, not trusting the ferry with our antique cars (mainly, Merritt's humongous Packard).

We then headed home on Route 460 and stopped to get gas in our 1951 MGTD in Suffolk, Virginia. Merritt and Audrey were in their 1940 Packard. While they were waiting for us to fill up, a girl came out of the station to talk to Merritt. She said that she had a car similar to his in her garage that she wanted to sell. Merritt questioned her about details but she was not real sure of the make of the car or the year, so he took her name and telephone number.

Later, Richard called her to make an appointment to go see the car so we could tell other Club members about it. Merritt already had a Packard and a Model T, and we had the MG, a Model T and a 1972 Buick, so neither of us were looking for a car. That weekend, we promised Merritt and Audrey dinner at The Virginia Diner, and we drove to Disputanta just outside of Petersburg. Back in the corner of this girl's really dark basement was a big black car with four flat tires and an inch of dust on it. The car had last been driven in a parade in 1976. The car was owned by the girl's father (Harry King) who had given it to her to sell to help pay her son's college tuition.

With a flashlight and a drop light, Merritt and Richard looked the car over. Once Merritt told Richard it was a Packard Club Sedan and how unusual a car it was, he became interested. What makes the Club Sedan unusual is that the rear quarter panel has no windows. These types of cars were used mostly by funeral homes for the families of the deceased. Without the windows, the mourners could sit back comfortably and were not seen by the public. In any event, Richard and I had no idea whether or not we could even afford a Packard. Luckily, it was a smaller Packard – the 120 Series – and we did agree on a price, so that night Richard and I bought a 1935 Packard.



*Another unusual feature is the double suicide doors.*

On the following Thursday, with the help of Ben Harrell (a former member of TRAACA), Jack Pavlidis and Bob Eddy, Richard brought the car home on his trailer. The next month was spent cleaning the car inside and out.

This Packard was originally sold new at Bell Motor Company in Washington, D.C. on October 17, 1935 to Byron Mathews for \$1,155.20. He kept the car until August of 1960 when it was sold to Mr. King of Disputanta, Virginia. 1935 was the introductory year for the Packard 120 engine and the total production of the 120 Club Sedan that year was 6,460. The Series 120 was introduced as a more economic car to compete with the big three auto makers (Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge).

Mr. Mathews had the interior redone in the mid-50s. In 1994, Richard rebuilt the engine. The car has caught fire twice. In 2002, TRAACA was invited to the Harrison Opera House on New Year's Eve. On the way home, Richard was driving the Packard, Ken Talley was behind him in his 1939 Mercury and I was in the 1996 Mustang. Richard had turned on the electric fuel pump in order to give the car gas. As he turned off the Great Bridge Bypass onto Mt. Pleasant Road, the original fuel pump came alive and more fuel poured into the carburetor than the car knew what to do with. Ken and I both saw the orange glow from the flames through the vents in the hood and both tried to get Richard to pull over since he had no clue what was going on. Finally, we were able to run him off the road. Luckily, people were still up celebrating New Year's. I ran to someone's home and asked if we could borrow their hose since Richard had used our fire extinguisher and Ken had left his at home. After putting the fire out, Ken and I went home and Ken returned with the trailer to recover Richard and the poor, pitiful looking Packard. Richard by this time had pretty much calmed down after the owner of the house where we stopped had offered him a beer or two or three.

*This is the Packard and its engine after the fire.*



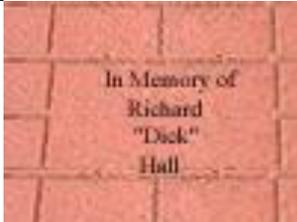
This was the second fire for our Packard. The first one happened when Richard was just doing a test run down the street and it was small compared to the New's Year Eve fire. After this second fire, Richard changed his email address to "flamingeight2".

The Packard has now been repainted, the electric fuel pump is gone, and with the help of many members of TRAACA, it is back on the road. It has been to three National Meets and has received its Old Dominion Senior. Hopefully, TRAACA will see more of this car in the future.



Sandy Hall accepts the Senior from ODMA Pres. Ken Talley

If you wonder what happens after the next fire, "Ask the wife of the man who owns one!"



*THE END*

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD

August 11, 2009 – TRAACA Board Meeting

The board meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Members present were Linda Pellerin, President; Bob Stein, Vice-President; Linda Pavlidis, Secretary; Board members Don Hobbs, Scott Davies and Riley Best. Also present were Frank Lagana and Bob Hampton.

The minutes were read and approved, and Linda Pellerin gave a very brief financial report in the absence of the treasurer. The entries for the contest to name the Louisville trip were presented to the board. A winner was selected and will be announced at the Friday Night Social before our annual show.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Don Hobbs reported that he obtained a magnetic sign for his car – he will be writing a short article for the Mud Flap so that interested club members will know how to get magnetic signs for their cars.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Neil Sugermeier reported that there was nothing from TRAACA on display at the AACA Museum and suggested that we put together collection of club memorabilia to set up a TRAACA display.

Bob Hampton advised that the public address system for the show is antiquated and that half of the 250 watts is burned up. He obtained a price quote from Alpha Music for four speakers and a medium mixer at about \$3200. He will look into rental of a sound system instead due to the limited use we make of a sound system. He will e-mail the information To Linda Pellerin to her and she will e-mail it to the Board for a decision prior to the next Board meeting, as time is short.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.



Above: The interior has classic Art Deco styling.  
Below: The restored engine gleams and purrs. NO MORE FIRES!



*From*

*Under*

*My*

*Hat*



By Marty Sugermeyer

Seldom do we solicit articles for the Mud Flap. Over the years they have come from our members at a consistent and reliable pace. In that sense, we are the envy of most other AACA newsletters.

We are soliciting, not so much for the Mud Flap, but for beyond that. We recently received the following asking for articles for the Rummage Box, the source for newsletter editors across the country when they need articles to fill their local publications. We have already submitted the first three parts of Tony Scarpelli's series entitled "Chrysler Corner". If you have something you submitted years ago, something you have been thinking about submitting, or just get inspired to put pen to paper, now your efforts may be seen on the national website and reprinted in newsletters around the country. Here is the email.

Dear Region/Chapter Newsletter Editor:

The latest issue of "Rummage Box" - A publication of the AACA Publications Committee - is available online under publications.

Sherman Carey

AACA Vice-President, Publications

Note from Wayne Burgess, editor: "I want **all regional newsletter editors** to realize that we are looking for those extra special articles that have been printed in your newsletters. We intend to have a "region/author spotlight" each quarter to showcase the special talent that exists within the AACA Organization. We will use the best submission out of the group each quarter to promote this.

Please e-mail them to me at waynesway32@yahoo.com. Also, please title the submission as "Rummage Box Article", so I won't delete it by mistake. Wayne does make mistakes, from time to time. **VERY IMPORTANT! I need the author's "permission to reprint" attached to the e-mail.** Looking forward to seeing what you send me. Thanks, Wayne"

Please check out the new issue. The articles in the quarterly AACA Rummage Boxes are for your use, free of charge. Just credit them in your newsletters, so the NAAP scoring committees can award you credit for their use.

## OFFICERS FOR 2010

The slate of officers and board members was presented at the Friday Night Social. The final vote will be held at the October Dinner Meeting.

### OFFICERS BOARD

President – Linda Pellerin  
Vice President – Bob Stein  
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Scarpelli  
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New Board Members  
Toni McChesney  
T o n y

Teresa Horton and Scott Davies terms on the board have expired. Thanks to Teresa and Scott for serving for the past two years. Don Hobbs and Bill Wilcox will be continuing as board members and Riley Best remains on the board as President Emeritus.

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*In Loving Memory*



*Tom Manry passed away  
Sept. 22, 2009. He and  
Bev joined TRAACA in  
1996.*

*Tom will be greatly missed  
by his family and friends.*

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**OPERATION PAPERBACK**

Roy Cunningham has been forwarding car magazines to some of our troops in Diego Garcia. They were extremely excited saying they have some access to books but very little to magazines. And CAR magazines are most appreciated. Our first collection was at the Wings and Wheels car show, September 26.

" The books and magazines that we receive here are made available to local US merchant mariners and active duty military personnel, and the occasional "trooper" on his way through to Afghanistan. All our patrons are most welcome, as are your books and magazines. Here at Diego Garcia, we don't have access to a Stars and Stripes bookstore, and the local military library has almost no budget for periodicals, so these donations are much appreciated by our patrons. Again, our deepest thanks for your thoughtfulness. All the best, " Thom Upson, Center Director, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory

## DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Because of numerous late TRAACA membership renewals last year, the 2010 renewal notice is included in this month's *Mud Flap* with an absolute cutoff date for submission of 1 January, 2010. Renewal prior to 1 January will ensure that you will be listed in next year's roster, will receive the *Mud Flap* all year, and be able to participate in all TRAACA activities. PLEASE review and update your address, phone, e-mail and car information as necessary. Remember too, that you must also renew your National membership to remain active in the Region. A renewal notice for that purpose is included on the address sheet accompanying your latest *Antique Automobile* magazine, or can be obtained from the AACA National website. Take care of both now to avoid disappointment later.



## STICK SHIFT DRIVING SCHOOL

By Marty Sugermeyer

Our first ever Stick Shift Driving School was a big success. The school began with a lecture by renowned transmission specialist, Dr. Ken Talley who showed everyone his Doctorate of Motors certificate from the School of Hard Knocks.



Above: Assistant Linda Pellerin with Dr. Talley as he illustrates how to be shifty Below: Cars for Stick Shift Driving School



Photo by Bob Stein

Instructors were paired with students (some who had never seen a clutch) in a variety of manual shift vehicles. Sue Bond instructed in her modern Jeep and Tony Scarpelli used his 1980 Triumph. Dan Ciccone brought two modern cars for the school, Peter and Claire Catanese contributed their 1931 Ford, Mickey and Toni Mc Chesney drove their 1932 Chevy, and Dot and Bob Parrish added their 1957 Chevy. With a minimum of gear grinding, the students were able to navigate the parking lot and several took to the open roads to test their skills. Some began with newer vehicles and graduated to older ones. Fortunately, Mickey McChesney did not tell me that his 1932 Chevy is a Grand National Senior until after I drove it.



Left: Dot Parrish with Sue Bond instructing.

Below: Dan Ciccone with Jennifer Scarpelli



Left: Maxine Milligan got a demonstration from instructor Tony Scarpelli before she took the wheel.

Right: Linda Pellerin gives Jennifer Scarpelli her certificate.



Awards and certificates were presented to the intrepid students and we finished with a delicious lunch catered by Jays Deli. Thanks to Bob and Linda Pellerin for hosting this event and to instructors Bob Stein, Tony Scarpelli, Sue Bond, Dan Ciccone, Ken Talley and Linda Pellerin.

### Stick Shift Driving School Faculty





# WHEELS AND KEELS



By Tony Scarpelli and Bob Stein

Norfolk's first annual Keels and Wheels Show was held September 19<sup>th</sup> at Towne Point Park, and ended up with 32 antique and special interest vehicles on display from the Tidewater region, and about 10 more from other groups. Coordinated by Tony Scarpelli, the 'Wheels' display outnumbered the 'Keels' almost ten to 1, and drew in good crowds all day. Participants ranged from Dick and Janet Pensyl's 1930 Oakland sedan and Dwight and Jane Schaubach's 1930 Duesenberg LeGrande dual-cowl phaeton to Dot and Bob Parrish's latest acquisition - a 1978 Ford Thunderbird with 25,000 original miles.

The city provided free lunch and members socialized for the day-long event, which is a new one for the city. There was some concern expressed about Bob and Dot's newly purchased non-Chevrolet vehicle, but resident brain surgeon Dr. Bob Woolfitt (who brought his 1934 Packard V-12 sedan) performed an in-depth examination and proclaimed him to be sane (Dr. Woolfitt's credentials are being reviewed). Pilot auto editor Larry Prinz also showed up to admire the cars and chat. Good weather and the waterfront location made for an enjoyable day for all.

Other participants included Jim Cason and his 1940 Chevrolet coupe, the 1942, 1941 and 1956 Lincoln Continentals of Ted and Lanette Knight, Bill and Karen Wilcox, and Keith Colonna, Linda and Bob Pellerin's 1937 Volvo, Charlene and Kenny Roach and their 1937 Pontiac, Richard and Sandy Hall's 1951 MG TD, Pete and Claire Catanese's 1931 Ford Victoria, Bob Stein's 1951 Studebaker, Gordon Garnett's 1971 Lincoln Mark III, Dewey and Maxine Milligan's 1950 Ford Crestliner, Frank Lagana's 1954 Chevrolet, Jere and Carol Avenson's 1954 Packard, Neil and Marty Sugermeier's 1931 Willys-Knight, and Mickey and Toni McChesney's 1956 Chevrolet convertible (on sale, possibly to get funds to buy a Ford, too?). Also on display were Clay and Cheryl Dmec's 1962 Chevy II, John and Marie Gancel's 1968 Chevrolet, John Morris' 1965 Oldsmobile, Charlie and Sandy Dawson's 1957 Ford, and Merritt Horne's 1940 Packard. George Gurney had his latest acquisition, an all-original 1958 Oldsmobile Super 88 on display, along with Ed and Ginny Lail's 1930 Lincoln. Organizer Tony Scarpelli had two Chrysler Imperials out, a 1964 and his newly acquired 1962 convertible. Not to be outdone, Don and Julie Hobbs had both their 1940 and 1950 Fords on hand, Larry and Jane Cutright had their 1933 Ford, and Ken and Barb Talley brought their 1939 Mercury.



*Schaubach's 1930 Duesenberg with a nice early wooden boat. In the background, you can see the mystery yacht.*



*Dot Parrish, Maxine Milligan, Jane Cutright, and Sandy Hall (right) with Merritt Horne, celebrating Merritt's birthday.*



*Row of Tidewater cars in front of the mystery yacht*



*Bob Parrish with his latest car, a 1978 Thunderbird, just like the one he and Dot had way back when.*

**Voting card for election of National Directors**

A post paid ballot card for the election of National Directors is enclosed in your latest AACA magazine mailing. In order to be counted, it must be postmarked to National headquarters by 15 November. As members, it is our opportunity and responsibility to elect individuals who will well represent our hobby interests at the National level. Tom Cox, our own TRAACA Region member, is among those running for reelection to a board position, and deserves our strong support.

**WINNER OF THE NAME THE TOUR TO LOUISVILLE CONTEST**

There were 30 entrants in the contest. Bill Wilcox is the winner. The tour will be officially named "SALTWATER TO FIREWATER TOUR". The announcement was made and Bill awarded his prize – a T-shirt with the tour name on it – at the Friday Night Social. To commemorate the tour Bill composed a poem.



**WAY OUT THERE**

We all left Tidewater just last week  
 Got Clear to Louisville without a leak  
 The trip was grand, the folks were fine  
 The road's a two lane, so we don't whine  
 We've toasted Terry with glasses high  
 To taste the bourbon and the rye  
 And now its time to head back east  
 And stop a few more times to feast  
 Flat tires and boil overs and stuff like that  
 And thanks to our friends we've made it back!

**1931 OAKLAND FEATURED AT MACUNGIE**

By Ken Roach

As most of you know, Charlene and I purchased Ivan Joslin's 1931 Oakland a little over 4 years ago. He had done most of the restoration, but the Oakland still needed the wood skeleton completed and the car reassembled. It has been a slow process since I had no experience restoring this type of car.

2008 was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oakland car, and in 2009 Oakland was the featured car at Das Augst Festch in Macungie, PA. I had been encouraged to bring the car to Macungie by the members of the Oakland Owners Club International. I was hesitant because the car had not been painted nor did it have a top or interior. I thought it looked like a chicken house. Bob Roughton and other OOCI members told me that my car would generate a lot of interest because people are fascinated by the way these "wood" cars are constructed.

The motor was rebuilt some 25 years ago and the car had not been on the road in about 50 years so the car was untested. Charlene and I assembled the car as complete as possible and with some adjustments and tinkering, the motor was brought to life. The front seats were installed and I drove the car up and down my street. Satisfied that all was in working order, I loaded the car in the trailer and took it to Pennsylvania.

Even though it was only a couple of blocks, it was great to drive the Oakland from the trailer to the show field.

As I had been told, the car was well received and generated many questions, observations and photographs. The president and tech director of OOCI, Wayne Koffel, presented the car with the OOCI Tech Director's Award; recognizing the car's appearance and performance while being a restoration in progress.

The restoration continues and we hope to have it completed by next summer so she can join the rest of the club's cars and participate in their driving tour.



*Roach's 1931 Oakland on display at Macungie.*

**BROWN'S ISLAND**

By Bob Stein, photos by Bob Stein

The 25th annual Classics on the James Import Car show held September 20 only had two TRAACA vehicles entered this year - however, both cars took home top honors. Bob and Linda Pellerin's 1937 Volvo was selected as Best European Car for the entire show, and Bob Stein's 1949 MG TC won first place in the Vintage MG class. TRAACA friends Reggie and Cindy Nash 's 1953 Nash Healey also took first place in the Open European class. The show featured a broad range of classic and modern imported vehicles from Alfa Romeos to Volvos, and had MG as the featured marque for this year's event. Bob's TC was part of a parade of MGs that showcased the development of the famous sports cars from the 1930s until the end of production in 1980. The Pellerins also brought tech support in the form of Dan Ciccone.

*Top:  
 Bob and Linda Pellerin and Dan Ciccone.*

*Below:  
 Bob Stein having way too much fun in his 1949 MG.*



This was the first of these shows in a long time that did not also have at least one of the Bonds in attendance – both were out in Topeka for the AACA Grand National.



## TIDEWATER REGION INVADES KANSAS!

*By Terry Bond*

Who would have thought that Tidewater Region would have more members present at the Topeka Kansas "Dual" Meet than almost any other region!!! Jeff Locke, Jim & Donna Elliott, Al and Sharon Mercer and Tom Wedeking all showed vehicles and came away with some serious hardware. Susan and I, along with Tom Cox, Bob and Sylvia Roughton and the others helped with the judging too.

We arrived in Kansas early enough to catch a great tour the host region had arranged. A former Atlas Missile site had been turned into an amazing underground home by a couple who seemed straight out of the sixties! Their underground home had been decorated with an eclectic mix of antique religious artifacts and assorted furnishings that emphasized the "natural" approach to living. Called "Subterra", this amazing place and the owners kept everyone entertained all morning! Later, we got to sample some local wine at a mock-castle built by a wealthy Frenchman.

On Friday the Annual Grand National Meet featured over 170 cars and perfect weather. This show was literally the best of the best and was over twice as large as pre-show estimates! Awards were handed out informally just after the show concluded, and by 4Pm we were preparing for the evening's BBQ dinner at the Kansas State Historical Museum. It was a great evening soaking up Kansas history and enjoying some of their equally famous BBQ.

Saturday's Central Fall Meet was just as fabulous as Friday's AGN! Perfect weather, a great showfield adjacent to the host hotel, and beautiful vehicles kept cameras clicking all day. A highlight was the unveiling of a 1908 BrownieKar, produced as a child's motor-driven vehicle.

Jeff Locke (Dem Smiley Motorscooter) and Jim Elliott (Firebird Indy 500 Pace Car) won AGN 1<sup>st</sup> place awards on Friday, Tom received a 2<sup>nd</sup> with his Dodge truck. On Saturday, Al Mercer's Mercer received an AACA Senior and will be only a polish cloth away from its first Grand National appearance next year in New Bern.

Susan and I, along with Bob and Sylvia Roughton, stayed over to do some sight-seeing. At the recommendation of Bob and JoAnn Green who are very familiar with Kansas, we enjoyed a visit to the Steamboat Arabia museum in down-town Kansas City. This amazing collection of artifacts was salvaged from a steamboat that was sunk on the Missouri River in 1856. The river changed course over the years and the treasure trove was literally dug up out of a farmer's corn-field! The best way to describe it is as a circa 1856 Wal-Mart! Visit their website for a look [www.1856.com](http://www.1856.com).

When Bob and JoAnn Green recommend a place to eat – do it! We ate at Stroud's and enjoyed one heck of a pan-fried chicken dinner! Thanks!!

Our last day we dodged rain drops but still managed to visit a historic textile mill and a restored Victorian mansion before ending our Kansas adventure in an Irish pub.

It was a great trip all around, and is part of the enjoyment of belonging to AACA!

Right:  
*Jeff Locke's Dem Smiley Motor-scooter*



Below:  
*Jim Elliott's Firebird Pace Car*



Left:  
*Susan enjoys a ride in a 1917 Harley Davidson sidecar*

Right:  
*Al and Sharon Mercer and the Mercer-note the Tidewater Region fingerprints carefully cleaned away!*

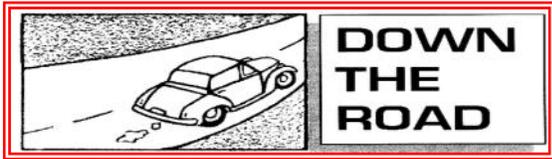


Left:  
*Tom Wedeking and his 1941 Dodge – it came from near Topeka originally!*

Right:  
*Good friend Steven Heald with his brother-in-law and the 1908 Browniekar.*



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### LOCAL

- Oct.15..... TRAACA Dinner Meeting, Aberdeen Barn, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Oct. 17-18.....TRAACA Fall Tour to Ocean City, MD
- Nov.11..... Veteran's Day Parade, Virginia Beach, VA
- Nov.14.....TRAACA Chili Cookoff
- Nov.19.....TRAACA Dinner Meeting, Aberdeen Barn, SILENT AUCTION—Virginia Beach, VA.
- Dec.5.....TRAACA Christmas Event

### NATIONAL

- Oct.7-10.....Hershey
- May 7 & 8.....ODMA Meet hosted by Crater Region contact Bob Fothergill at [spitfirebf@comcast.net](mailto:spitfirebf@comcast.net); or [rfothergill@varetire.org](mailto:rfothergill@varetire.org); and/or Jon Hatfield at: [jonhatfield01@yahoo.com](mailto:jonhatfield01@yahoo.com)
- June 30-July 3.....TRAACA tour to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event in Louisville, KY contact Ken Talley (757) 679-6314



### Activity Information For October

By Dot Parrish

Well folks, we have had a very busy year and we are not through yet. By the time you get your Mud Flap we should have had our Friday Night Social and Annual Car Show. We will look forward to pictures in the Nov./ Dec. issue of the Mud Flap of our social (Jimmy Buffet style).

The big events planned for October are Hershey and our Fall Tour that Ken Talley and Bill Wilcox have planned. Hope all of you have signed up to go. It should be a great tour to the Eastern Shore and Ocean City, Md. This is a great way to get to know your fellow club members.

Our next activity will be November 14<sup>th</sup>, our Chili Cook-Off, to be held at Maxine and Dewey Milligan's home at 2000 Shillelagh Rd. in Chesapeake. We will have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting for you to sign up for either chili, a side dish or a dessert. We will plan to eat at 1:00 PM, but feel free to come around 12:30 PM to socialize a bit.

Then, mark your calendar for our great Christmas Party to be held at the Hunt Club at the Cavalier Hotel on the Hill in Virginia Beach on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Time and more details to follow.

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## OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

By Viator Trudeau

Our October Dinner Meeting will be held at Aberdeen Barn. The hospitality hour starts and 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. The program will be presented by Matt Gressalfi on the restoration of his 1935 Dodge. There will be a lot of Hershey stories to share. The slate of officers and board will be officially presented and voted on too. See you there.

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## VETERANS DAY PARADE



By Jerome Avenson, Parade Chairman  
 Veterans Day on Wednesday Nov. 11 2009 will be our next parade opportunity. The Veterans Day Parade Chair has asked me if TRAACA would provide some convertibles to carry dignitaries for the parade. I'd like to be able to give her a number by the end of this month for her to plan around. I'd appreciate if members will let me know on two counts:

1. If you're willing to provide your convertible for dignitaries to ride in.
2. If you plan to drive your old car in the Veterans Day Parade.

We gather on Atlantic Avenue, starting at 9:00 AM and ends at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial across from the Conference Center. There will be an Air Force fly-over at about 11:00 AM and a Memorial Service followed by lunch at the Double Tree Hotel. I'm assuming it's a no host lunch. Your cooperation is appreciated. This is another opportunity to advertise our club.

My email address as [jere33@verizon.net](mailto:jere33@verizon.net) and telephone 549-1008. When I get the times and unit number I'll email to all who say that they plan to be in the parade.

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## SALTWATER TO FIREWATER TOUR TO LOUISVILLE

By Ken Talley

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# THE HUMOR SEC- TION



### Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so...Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

Have a wonderful, garbage-free day

### THE LAWS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

#### Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to go to the bathroom.

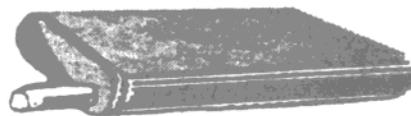
#### Doctors' Law

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"An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the Passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying our airline." He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?" "Why, no, Ma'am," said the pilot. What is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"

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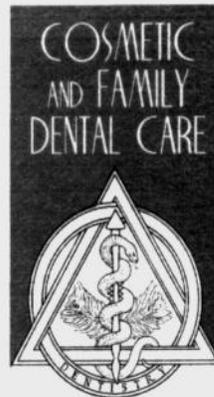
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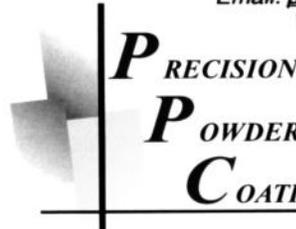
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Update cars in the roster. [Be sure to include omits as well as additions.]  
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