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President Linda's Message

Dan Ciccone puts Linda Pellerin into a good mood with some ice cream at the Heritage Elementary School "Celebrate America Field Day".

S ummer is in full swing and there are car shows every weekend. This is a fun time in the car club hobby. Our annual show was moved to the end of August due to so many show conflicts in the month of September. It is impossible not to conflict with something! The Tidewater Region has many activities during the year, so you can pick and choose. The Activities Committee works very hard planning these events. Attendance at Parades has fallen off, so take a look at the schedule and see if you can participate in an up coming parade. The 4th of July parade is around the corner and the Neptune Festival Parade is coming up in September. Call Jere Avenson to sign up.

We had a great turn out at the Hermitage Elementary School. The school faculty took great care of us, delivering water throughout the day, and lunch was a treat. The kids were behaved and orderly and loved the Popsicles from our own "Good Humor Man", Dan Ciccone. It was fun to see the excitement on their faces, especially when they got to blow a horn or two. Thanks to everyone who came out; it was a nice day.

We have several events scheduled in July. Let me explain about Kart Racing. They are go-carts on steroids reaching up to 45 miles per hour. We will race around an indoor track for time, as we race each other. You can be as conservative or as fast as you like. This is a chance to have some fun with your fellow club members. Just to let everyone know there is not any shifting, just a brake and gas pedal. Live on the fast side and win a prize! We also have the Tech Session at Dan Ciccone's Garage. I know there are some plans to make this fun for everyone, so mark your calendars.

We will be slugging our way to Louisville on the "Saltwater to Firewater" tour coming up in less than a week. The excitement is growing as we anticipate our journey to celebrate the AACA's 75th anniversary. I am sure we will all come back with stories to share. I hope to have an area on the website, so you can follow along on our travels. Join in on the Spirit of Tidewater as we meander the back roads on our way to the Diamond Jubilee.

Words of Wisdom: If you are never scared or embarrassed or hurt, it means you never take chances. Julia Soul

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1909 IHC Auto-Wagon

By Bob and Sylvia Roughton

he saga of our 1909 Auto-Wagon began in 1995, while L visiting a friends' restoration shop in Winchester, Va. He showed me a vehicle under a tarp in storage for a customer. It was a IHC (International Harvester Co.) Hi-Wheeler, and I thought that's OLD. It looked like it needed horses to be complete. Fast forward to 2007. Now owning a couple of Brass era vehicles, that old thing came to mind, so I decided to follow up to see where it was. My friend contacted the owner to see if he still had it, and was it for sale. The answer came back yes to both guestions, and he would E-mail me some pictures. After a month of questions and answers we made a deal. He had acquired the IHC fifteen or twenty years before and done nothing with it. Certainly it had not run, nor would it as the ignition system was completely messed up. Also, it had been titled as a 1907 by his previous owner, and he never titled it in his name, but jumped title, the old one dated in the seventies.

I spent about a year researching IHC with help of new friends, to find out what we had. Turns out, it is actually a 1909 Auto-Wagon, a first year truck. It has the long body with a tailgate, and the optional rear seat. (vs the Auto-Buggy, shorter body and fixed rear seat). When I went to title it, and change the year from '07 to '09 my heart sank when the clerk told me the owner (on the title) had died before the date of sale. WHOOPS! She looked at me and I stayed mute, until she finally said OK, and proceeded to process it. I got blessed.

Armed with a good title, now it was time to get serious. It must have been a good old farm vehicle because it was plumb worn out. Every bearing and bushing was bad, and it kept throwing a chain every time I drove it. The IHC is powered by a 2 cylinder, air cooled opposed engine, 5" bore X 5" stroke equaling 20 horse power. It has a planetary transmission with two speeds forward, and reverse. A single chain connects the tranny and the differential jack shaft, with two chains driving the rear wheels.



The engine is tucked under the front seat.

Coming to the reality that professional help was needed, I took it up to a friend in PA, Barry Eash, who has a restoration shop, in November, and picked it up in March in time for the Charlotte show. We had decided in the beginning NOT to do a restoration, but leave it in the raw. We did get our HPOF certification at Charlotte. Its a strange bird, but it grows on you because of its uniqueness. It is the only IHC made with the gas





into one of the two cylin-ders—finned for air cooling.

Below: David Pellerin takes his turn at cranking the Auto-wagon. He was the 4th or 5th person to try to get the motor running.



Chain drives the rear wheels

from the jack shaft.

Below: Bob Roughton finally put just the right spin on it, and off it went! Big buggy style wheels were for the rutted roads of the period.





From Under My Hat



By Marty Sugermeyer

T hanks to Bob and Sylvia Roughton for their story about their 1909 IHC Auto Wagon to go along with the pictures made at Old Dominion. Thanks to Frank Lagana for his story too. That will take care of the covers through August. Beyond that we have pictures of several cars, but no articles to go with them. That is a large **HINT** to those of you who need to write their articles. Except for a few times when a certain car or photo fits the season or events, the rule is first come first served. The best way to begin is to start! Sometimes a list of items to include can help. That was some good advice from one of my professors at ODU. After you make the list (when car was acquired, story about acquisition, interesting features of the car, history of the car, how you enjoy the car, future plans for the car and so on), a few words to connect the key elements will get the job done.

By the time this edition reaches you, we'll (Neil, me and our dog Johnny) be in Louisville in our 1965 Rambler convertible with air-conditioning. I have a hunch Johnny will be joining us in the front seat part of the time to share some of the ac. At last count, there will be seventeen TRAACA cars gathering early Sunday June 27 to tour to the AACA 75th Anniversary Celebration. We will arrive in Louisville on Tuesday. Activities start on Wednesday with registration, self tours in the Louisville area, a parade, private car museum, and ice cream social to round out the day. We got our reservations in early enough to be part of the dinner cruise aboard the steamboat Belle of Louisville. Friday includes meetings for some folks, more touring, and the 75th Anniversary Banquet with a special presentation by Jeff Mahl on the 1908 New York to Paris Race. Saturday is the car show in the Louisville Expo Center with more than 600 cars registered. The awards and closing reception will follow in the Expo Center.

That will be the first of my three major summer trips. After returning on July 5th or 6th, I will be flying to Florida on the 8th to spend some time with my mom and dad. Daddy is 92 and Mother is 91. They enjoy a lot of activities related to their church, clubs related to their long careers as educators (about 90 years total), the Flying Tigers association, and other groups.

After returning from Florida, Neil and I will be off to Vermont for a week before the Franklin Trek., also a week. Soon after we get back from New York, it will be time for our meet. Is it my imagination, or is time running faster this year.





May 11, 2010 – TRAACA Board Meeting

By Scott Davies, Secretary

The board meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm at Priority Chevrolet. Members present were Linda Pellerin, President; Bob Stein, Vice-President; Scott Davies, Secretary; John Gancel, Treasurer; Board members Toni McChesney, Tony Scarpelli, and Don Hobbs. Also present were Marie Gancel, Bob and Dot Parrish, Sam Kern and Frank Lagana. New members Paul Cho and Howard Didier were introduced to the TRAACA Board. Howard gave a brief presentation/invitation to the Tidewater Community College Auto Tech School.

The April minutes were read and approved. John Gancel gave the Treasurer's report and it was submitted for audit. Toni McChesney gave the "Sunshine" report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Activities Dot Parrish
- 14 May, New Bern Grand National Meet.
- 19 June, Poker Run CANCELLED
- 27 June, Louisville "Saltwater to Firewater" Tour Ken Talley
- 11 June, Hermitage Elementary School "Celebrate Amer ica" – Bob & Dot Parrish (Dan Ciccone volunteered his Ice Cream truck).
- Annual Meet Sam Kern
- Provided advertising Fliers and registration forms
- Field plan is being developed in large format digital file.
- Next planning meeting June 7th at Pellerin's office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

National Show – Initial meeting sometime in June. Many positive comments supporting a National event have been received. Bob Parrish presented the National Planning Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

• Don Hobbs advised the Board that there had been negative comments and issues concerning our Annual Meet expressed at Jenro's Saturday cruise nights. These issues have either already been addressed or will be considered for this years meet.

TRAACA WINS the OLD DOMINION TROPHY!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.





The Good Humor Man

By Dot Parrish

s part of a week - long "Family Project" at the Parrish twin's pre- school, we were asked to bring one of our antique cars to their school to show the 4 and 5 year-old kids the car and talk about it. Bob chose the 1931 Chevrolet with the rumble seat.

Upon hearing me talk about taking the car to the school, Dan Ciccone jumped in and said, "Can I bring my Good Humor truck and give out ice cream to the kids?" So, on May 5th, we arrived at school and when Dot ran in to tell the teacher we were there, she said, "The kids just saw you go by the window and they are so excited." Well, here they come out and we were not allowed to take the kids for a ride in the rumble seat (because of insurance rules), but they were able to sit in the rumble seat and pretend that they were riding. Landon hopped in the front seat and acted like he was driving the car. The kids had a ball, but I think they were really waiting for the Good Humor man to ask them what kind of ice cream they wanted.



Parrish's grandson Landon takes the

Photos by Dot Parrish

Good Humor Man Dan Ciccone hands out ice cream to the kids.



What a neat truck this is, and Dan just loves giving things to people. Last year he had his popcorn truck and enjoyed giving out popcorn to everyone at our annual show. Will it be ice cream this year, Dan?

After the kids went back in the school, the 2 teachers came back and jumped in the rumble seat to have their pictures taken and surprise the kids.

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TRAACA at Heritage Elementary School's Celebrate America Field Day



n June 11th, TRAACA members brought 14 cars out for this special celebration.

A few of the cars on display at Heritage Elementary School.



hose participating were Bob and Dot Parrish, 1931 Chevy, George and Sheila Gurnee, 1954 Olds and 1958 Olds, Peter and Claire Catanese, 1931 Ford, John and Marie Gancel, 1955 Chevy, Neil Sugermeyer, 1931 Willys Knight, Bill Wilcox, 1932 Packard, Skip Patnode, 1967 Alfa Romeo, Clay and Sheryl Drnec, 1978 Corvette, Don and Julie Hobbs, 1940 Ford, Mickey and Toni McChesney, 1956 Buick and 1965 Chevy, Bob and Linda Pellerin, 1966 Mustang, and last but not least, Dan Ciccone with his 1969 Ford Good Humor truck. The cars fascinated the kids and, of course, treats from the Good Humor Man made the day.

Lots of fun at Heritage Elementary School



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JUNE DINNER MEETING

fter the social hour and a great dinner, Paul and Dana Cho did a presentation on their business. Paul's Custom Interiors. It was fascinating to see a car that came into his shop as an empty shell leave as though dressed for the prom. Paul's skill as

a craftsman and Dana's excellent organizational skills were evident in their slides and their presentation. Great job.

New TRAACA members Dana and Paul Cho





Miles with Meggie - - - -(the MGBGT Terry and Susan Bond travel with)

AACA Annual Grand National Meet New Bern, North Carolina, May 13-15, 2010

I think someone wrote about this meet already, but I just wanted you to know that I got to New Bern on my own 4 wheels and won a Grand National Second Place. Not bad for a car that has covered more than 13,000 miles since restoration! Triumph (1912 motorcycle) rode down in the Van and he won a Grand National First Place. It was great to be out with the MGs

and other sports cars in class 25 on that beautiful day on the streets of New Bern.

Meggie, driven by Sue Bond, enters the show field.





1912 Triumph ready for the show

Sunday was also a beautiful day, but it didn't last for me. About 15 miles from New Bern, with me in the lead, the hose to the oil pressure sending unit developed a hole and sent oil everywhere under the bonnet. We promptly pulled over, narrowly missing being rear-ended by the Van, and shut down. Fortunately there was an abandoned service station across the road, so I parked under the canopy while the Van continued for home, with Terry and Susan returning with the truck and trailer to rescue me, by which time it was raining buckets. How embarrassing! But no harm was done. A new hose came in the mail and I got a good cleaning under the bonnet. In fact, I'm now cleaner than ever and feel like a prize winner once again!

324 official miles (618 if you count the extra trips)



Miles with Meggie continued

Central Division National Spring Meet Metropolis, Illinois, April 29 to May 1, 2010

It was nice having a direct flight to Nashville TN from Norfolk, and we enjoyed the drive to Metropolis, finding a few antique shops along the way. Our room in Harrah's Metropolis Casino Hotel was quite nice and we could watch the river traffic, but we didn't participate in the gambling.

The Thursday night social was a Picnic in the Park at the Fort Massac Museum, where we learned about the Native American, French and river boat history of this strategic location on the Ohio River and toured the recreated fort.

Friday Terry had the Membership Round Table and Judging School, so Susan and I hopped on the bus for the Ohio Scenic Byways Tour. Wow! The first stop, Kincaid Mounds, dates from 1050 to 1400 AD and was the seat of the chiefdom of this Mississippi group who were the first in the area to practice large scale agriculture. Bay City General Store, built in 1915, looks much as it did then and is now a great antique shop. The Fluorspar Museum in Rosiclare IL is in the former office building of a fluorite mine. Ever wondered where the fluoride in your toothpaste came from? For years it came from here, and it had many other applications in industry, too.

Bay City General Store



Kaylor's Restaurant in Cave in Rock State Park was on a bluff overlooking the river – great views and good food! Then we walked along the bottom of the bluff to Cave in Rock, a cavern carved by the river which has housed everyone from Native Americans to river pirates, the latter running a saloon and brothel there and robbing settlers on their way west. Garden of the Gods Wilderness, 3000 acres in the Shawnee National Forest, was awesome. Camel Rock and Devil's Smokestack were just



two of the limestone formations we saw from the observation trail, an easy walk with great views.

Garden of the Gods

Fort Massac State Park was a great setting for the showcars, and despite the ominous forecast, there were very few noshows. Judges Administration was in a picnic shelter near the show field, and we were prepared to execute Plan B (get out fast!) if there was any lightning, but results were put into the computer without incident, tho some of the judging sheets were a bit hard to read once the rains began. The show cars were released early and the rain let up so we decided to do some sightseeing. Metropolis is the only town in the country with that name, and Superman is everywhere, including a larger-than-life statue in the square. We played tourist and took pictures. Antique shopping in Paducah yielded a few treasures, then it was back to Harrah's for the awards banquet, where Terry was presented with a "Superman of Metropolis Award".

Right: Terry, Meggie & Superman Below: Terry with his Superman certificate

Back from the tour, we had just enough time to get ready for Friday's buffet dinner at Har-



rah's. The entertainment was a duo who required audience participation, corralling Terry to be a Foggy Bottom Boy, one of the Blues Brothers and Elvis.

Saturday was show day, and rain threatened. Fortunately it waited until most of the judging had been completed. There were a lot of great cars on the field including a group of Mopar muscle cars, a freshly restored early Duesenberg, and a fantas-



tic 1904 Oldsmobile.

1904 Oldsmobile

Early Duesenberg







Sunday morning we ate a leisurely breakfast and headed for Nashville,

stopping at Red Door Antiques while the rain continued to fall. The news was full of flooding and a portable classroom building floating down the interstate so we cut the antiquing short. But about 30 miles out Southwest called to tell us our flight had been cancelled. Lucy, the GPS, found a route around the flooding and, while Terry talked to the rental car company, she located some motels and restaurants near the airport. While Susan waited in line for almost 2 hours to rebook, Terry got one of the last motel rooms, scarce because the people who landed could-n't get thru the flooding to their homes. Ruby Tuesday was full of hungry, stranded people. Later we learned that 13.5" of rain in 2 days had flooded downtown Nashville, with the water rising so fast people had to be rescued from their homes and cars.

We had originally been booked on a direct flight home, one hour and 40 minutes. But all the Monday flights to Norfolk were full, so we ended up going to Jacksonville FL then Tampa FL to get home, a 7 hour odyssey. We were pretty tired but, after doing some laundry and catching our breath, we'll be ready to go again.

2642 miles

CANANDAIGUA AACA NATIONAL MEET

By Neil Sugermeyer

C andaigua New York is located at the north end of one of the Finger Lakes bearing the same name, and is in a gorgeous part of the state. Hosting the meet was the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society Region, and the hard work by their Meet Chairman Pat Thorpe, Region members, and some of the nearby Regions resulted in an outstanding event. It's about 700 road miles, give or take, to that part of New York, so only two TRAACA members had vehicles on the show field. Bob and Sylvia Roughton showed their 1909 IHC auto buggy in HPOF, and Jeff Locke showed for the first time his 1971 Solex in HPOF. Jeff also had a spot in the swap meet area. Our out of town members Tom Cox and Kathy Kellam were there to help judge.

I will leave Sue, Terry and Meggie's experience for Meggie to write about, but suffice it for me to say that they all had a ball from the moment they arrived off the airplane in Buffalo. Just ask them about the big blue and yellow van that took them to Canandaigua and watch for the big grin!



Because I had to attend an AACA Library committee meeting. I flew up to Rochester to get to Canandaigua, had and to change planes in Newark, NJ. I was the second passenger boarded in Newark, and stuck

my head into the cockpit of the Canadair jetliner as I entered. The pilot and copilot were in their seats, and I remarked that the cockpit looked a lot more modern than what I had flown in the Navy. The copilot invited me to come on the flight deck, and started to show me the cockpit details. The pilot asked me if I'd like to sit in the pilot's seat. Of course, I agreed. He told one of the flight stewards to take my picture with my camera, and briefed me a bit further about the aircraft. I asked the pilot for the keys, but for some unexplained reason, he didn't want to do let me have them. I can't imagine why! Maybe it's that I haven't

touched flight controls in 27 years.

The meet had an ice cream social Thursday evening, followed with a talk by an automotive artist. Friday involved the library committee meet-



ing, and a quick trip to an antique mall about 7 miles north of town. The Friday night dinner featured a country band that was outstanding. Terry and Sue were about to leave before the end, but when the group sang "I Don't Look Good Naked Any More", they stayed 'till the end. It poured late Friday night, but show day dawned partly cloudy, and not one drop of rain fell all day.

About 450 cars were on the field at the Community College campus, including nearly 60 HPOF cars, and quite a good turnout of early brass vehicles. I judged in HPOF on the lone team with about 40 cars to certify for the first time, so we started right after breakfast and finished somewhat after 1PM.

After judging, I had a chance to roam the show field, taking pictures of many of the cars, a few of which accompany this article. Many are vehicles most of us haven't seen before. There were examples of all types of motive power - gas, elec-



tric and steam. The usual awards banquet completed the meet, and I can add that President Terry and First Lady Susan continue to do us proud representing AACA.

Sunday morning brought heavy rain for most of my drive back to Rochester and delayed my outbound flight by over an hour. Needless to say I was glad to get back home, but with memories of a great meet.



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1932 Detroit Electric



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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, 804-824-9198, email: clay.drnec@cox.net

NATIONAL

Aug.12-14 AACA Southeastern Fall Meet (Blacksburg, VA) Oct.6-9......AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA. Oct.24-29......AACA Reliability Tour, S. Georgia/North Florida



THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD >>>>>PARADES < < < < <<<<<<<<<<<<>>

By Jere Avenson

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Hey gang; it's the peak of the parade season! The TRAACA will be participating in Chesapeake's 2010 Fourth of July parade Celebration at Lakeside Park on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>July 3rd</u>. The Parade lineup starts at 8:00 and the parade leaves South Norfolk Baptist Church at 10:00. Line up on my Bimini Blue 1954 Packard Patrician. All participants are invited to join in the Lakeside Park festivities after the parade so bring the grandkids with you. Historically, this parade travels along at a pretty good clip with minimum slowing. Let's get a good turn-out to advertise the TRAACA and show the people of Chesapeake our beautiful cars. Remember to bring your magnetic TRAACA signs. For additional information call Jere Avenson at 549-1008.

Kart Racing Experience Sat. July 10th

By Linda Pellerin

C ome out and join in the fun of racing with your club members. It is an indoor track located near Lynnhaven Mall. It is like a go-cart on steroids! The Karts go up to 45mph, and you can go as slow or fast as you like. They also have an observation window for the timid at heart. We will be meeting for lunch at Cheeseburger in Paradise at 11:30am also at Lynnhaven Mall. Our reservations at the track are at 2:00pm. They are looking forward to seeing all our old cars lined up in their parking lot. The cost for racing is \$18.00. Call Dot Parrish to sign up. Come out and see if you can pass me on the track!

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JULY DINNER MEETING

The TRAACA Dinner Meeting will be held at the Aberdeen Barn on North Hampton Blvd on July 15th. The program will be by Kevin Surface about metal prep. Kevin owns Tidewater Soda Blasting. It will be interesting to see how this method of metal prep compares to more conventional methods like sand blasting and paint remover. The Hospitality Hour begins at 6:00PM. Hope we'll see you there.

TECH SESSION AT DAN CICCONE'S SHOP (Class in Session)

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By Linda Pellerin

Ark your calendar for Saturday, July 24th, to come to Dan Ciccone's Shop at 10 AM to receive instructions on routine or general maintenance for your vehicles. (Old and new) Dan and Bob Stein will be conducting the class and will talk about checking the oil, water for your cars and maybe changing a tire, etc. If you have any questions for them, I am sure they will try to answer them. Afterwards, of course, there will be food!! Dan will be getting sub sandwiches. Even if you know everything about your car, come on out anyway and enjoy a fun day with your club members and have a bite to eat. Who knows, the Good Humor Man might even be there. Dan's shop is located at 3500 George Washington Highway, Portsmouth. this is at the corner of Frederick Blvd. and George Washington Highway. Call Dan to sign up if you plan to attend, so he will know how many subs to get. 391-9006.

Hope to see everyone there.

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Updates from your Activities Committee Activities for the Summer

August 27th – Catered Friday Night Social – at Oaklette Meth-

odist Church on Indian River Rd. August 28th – Our Annual Meet in Virginia Beach

September 4th – Trip to the zoo with a behind the scenes tour followed by lunch at the No Frills Grill.

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TRAACA 37Th Annual Meet August 28, 2010 Sponsor Trophies for the 37th Annual Meet

By Sam Kern, Meet Chairman Having fun and having the money to pay for it go hand-inhand, and so it is for our meet at the Aviation Museum on August the 28Th. One important way to help fund the meet is through Sponsor Trophies that recognize participant achievement along with advertising a sponsor's service or product. Sponsor Trophies should not be confused with Class Judging Awards.

Our goal this year is to arrange for and award 13 (make that 14!) Sponsor Trophies at a recommended contribution of \$100.00 each. Some examples of likely sponsors are car dealers, auto repair shops, automotive-related service providers, restaurants, and, simply, any business or member wanting to support the meet and our hobby. The sponsor's business or name will be engraved on the trophy, recognized at the awards ceremony, printed on a flier included in the Registration Envelope and noted in a future edition of The Mud Flap. Mickey McChesney, Tony Scarpeli and Peter Catanese, our Special Awards Coordinators, are off to a good start in having arranged for 5 of the 14 awards.

But we have a long way to go. You can help-and help your business at the same time-by sponsoring a trophy, or by contacting a friend willing to support the meet and the club in this regard. Mickey, Tony and Peter stand ready to assist. The dead-line for arranging for Sponsor Trophies is Friday August the 13^{Th} (lets make it the $14^{Th!}$).

Meeting our goal of 14 Sponsor Trophies will play a big part in making our 37Th Annual Meet a resounding success.





Limit all politicians to two terms. One in office. One in prison. Anonymous

Bumper Sticker

ZEN SARCASM

If you think nobody cares if your alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.



Winner Vehicle Class Award

AACA Eastern Div Nat Spring Meet, Canandaigua, NY, June 5, 2010

Bob Roughton IHC Autowagon Jeff Locke 1964 Solex HPOF Repeat HPOF Repeat

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