

# The Mudflap

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

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## TRAACA Annual Awards & Board Induction Ceremony Thursday, January 19th, 2023



## TRAACA CALENDAR

### JANUARY

19 - Tidewater Region AACA Awards and Installation Banquet (Thursday!) (6:00 PM - Founder's Inn Hunt Room, Virginia Beach VA)

### FEBRUARY

9-11 - AACA Annual Convention - (Williamsburg, VA)

### MARCH

11 - Tidewater Region AACA Swap Meet (8 AM to 1 PM at the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, Suffolk VA)

**Where:** Founder's Inn (Hunt Room)  
5641 Indian River Rd  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23464

6:00 p.m. Social Hour--Cash bar  
7:00 p.m. Dinner followed by a Brief Business Meeting and Awards/Installation.

### Dinner Menu:

Teriyaki Grilled Chicken Thighs, Salmon with Dill Beurre Blanc, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley, Mixed Greens Salad, Rolls, Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea and Water.

**Cost:** \$32 per person (TRAACA is subsidizing the balance)

### Program:

Awards to members for 2022 and Installation of 2023 Officers and board.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by Friday, Feb 13th to let me know if you are coming. [skippatnode@cox.net](mailto:skippatnode@cox.net) Or call/text 757 672 8495 (You need not respond if you are not coming)



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# President's Podium

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Seasons greetings,

December is a good time to reflect on 2022. What did the club do? What did we do? What made it different than any other year? Did you lose that weight? Did you fulfill your New Years resolution? Well in my case, no to both questions. The club on the other hand, hosted a spectacular Grand National. This event took countless hours to perfect and the results are apparent. Thanks again to all that made it work.

It is the time to reflect on our awards process, some awards are purely mathematical, some are for participation and some are for the folks that make things happen. This is your opportunity to suggest names for some of the awards. Remember, the points awards are for TRAACA and AACA events. Please give your suggestions to myself or another board member.

I look forward to our holiday brunch and hope to see you there!!

Tim Hund TRACA President



## Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

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



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## It's Annual Convention Time

By Jim Elliot Vice President - National Awards



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The Bylaws of the AACA require that an annual meeting of the members be scheduled in the first quarter of the calendar year. The next annual meeting has been set for February 10, 2023 in conjunction with the Annual Convention to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, which will run from February 9 through February 11, 2023. This year's Annual Convention will include a welcome reception on Thursday evening; a vendor display and trade show on Friday and Saturday; a luncheon with "surprise" entertainment hosted by First Lady Denise Tuck on Friday; as well as a pinewood derby competition scheduled for Friday evening. In addition, numerous seminars are planned for Friday and Saturday involving many aspects of car maintenance, repair and history. Judging schools will be conducted on Saturday with classes for beginners and advanced classes along with the Team Captains' School. Saturday evening concludes the convention with a formal awards banquet to recognize the 2022 winners of National Awards for newsletters, websites, club service, judging, touring and car display. Williamsburg is a unique location offering many interesting venues including the Colonial Williamsburg restoration, the Yorktown Battlefield, the Jamestown Colony, Busch Gardens Amusement Park, the NASA Air and Space Museum and tours of colonial plantations. Additional information will be coming soon, so plan now to attend. You won't want to miss it!

## 2022 TRAACA Officers & Board

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Secretary - Doug Grosz

Treasurer - Tammy Park

Board - Jerry Adams

Board - Dick Chipchak

Board - Skip Patnode

Board - Fred Cole

President Emeritus - Wayne Milligan

# From the Running Board

**TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)**

## TRAACA Board Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2022

**Officer's Present:** Bill Treadwell, Tammy Park, and Douglas Grosz. Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Fred Cole; Skip Patnode. President Emeritus: William Milligan Club members present: Harry Park, Mark McAlpine and Marion McAlpine

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 6:26 PM.

**Vice President:** Welcomed all at the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** Report distributed electronically.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reports were provided in an advance electronically by Tammy Park.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Activities:** Square Car tour cancelled instead of being dependent on November weather.

### Dinners:

Christmas Brunch Princess Anne Country Club Dec 11 arrive after 10AM, brunch at 11AM

### Membership:

154 membership, 285 members.

### Ongoing Business:

AACA Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, Va.

Grand National revenue – continued discussion on tax burden if there is one; possible celebration for club members for putting on the show; what is the money going to be donated to and when. Board requested that at December meeting results of tax burden research to be presented to board so decisions can be made. Input from both board members and Grand National committee members in the discussion.

### Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR (Nothing Significant to report)

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

**Adjourned at 7:10pm.** Next board meeting is 6:30pm Thursday, December 8th at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk.

## TRAACA Board Meeting Thursday, December 8, 2022

**Officer's Present:** Tim Hund, Bill Treadwell, Tammy Park. Board Members present: Dick Chipchak; Jerry Adams, Fred Cole; Skip Patnode. Club members present: Barry Basnight; Paul Fuqua; Harry Park, Bob Stein.

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 6:26 PM.

**President:** Thanked Bill for facilitating last month's meeting.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Activities:** Dick handed out a list of previous activities from former years as a list of activities. February Smithfield Tour, ideas for travel trips that might take a weekend/overnight tours, asked for board input.

**Dinners:** TRAACA AACA Awards and Installation Banquet January 19 Founder's Inn

**Membership:** 167 membership, 232 members. 2nd Membership reminder sent. 3rd will be sent to non-renewals in December. If they are not renewed with AACA, then as of December 31st, they must be dropped from our roster.

### Ongoing Business:

Grand National revenue – former President's report (Terry Bond, Jim Villiers, and Wayne Milligan) - 2 different tax professionals consulted for tax implications for money from Grand National considering status as a 501 C7 or not-for-profit social club organization – money from non- AACA money is taxed, also money that leads to advertising may be subject to tax; tax is based on total annual revenue. Because it is above \$50,000 it must have a tax return filed. Tammy input that she does not have all needed information to prepare a tax return. We are not filed as a 501 C7 for tax purposes. We are taxed on money given by people that are non-members of the AACA. Worst case scenario is \$900 for taxes plus accountant's fees.

Barry Basnight is running the annual show and looking for a co-chair for the annual show for this year and to be ready to take over for the next year. Corvettes at Greenbrier hosted by TRAACA. This will take the ideas that Paul Fuqua had proposed for the COVID cancelled show. September 16, 2023, at Greenbrier Park, Chesapeake. We have a pricy alternate, Greenbrier Farms. Terry Bond Chief Judge. Will include Mods and Rods, Clubs and Personalized Cars along with AACA Class Judging. Budget will be set up for the event ready around February. Board approved Barry to follow up with the planning. Insurance through AACA to cover the club. Discussion of the Yearly Awards for TRAACA.

**Other Business:** VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR (Nothing Significant to report) CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

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## EyesOn Design Car Show—Part 4

### Grosse Pointe Shores, MI

#### Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

*This is last part in a series of articles about the 2022 EyesOn Design charity car show held on 19 June 2022 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, to benefit the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology.*

*The annual EyesOn Design car show in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, is a very special car show. It was originally “founded in 1987 with the support of the design heads of GM, Ford, and Chrysler as an automobile exhibition judged exclusively by automobile designers.” It has expanded since then to include foreign automobile manufacturers and has been held at the former estate of Edsel & Eleanor Ford since 1989. Each year the show focuses on a different theme. The theme for the 2022 show was “Designed for Speed.”*

*This final article about the car show highlights some of the “sedan racers” from the early days of NASCAR, PanAmerica race cars, LeMans race cars, rear-engine Indy cars, and “track toys” like the 2021 Ferrari Monza SP1. The 1963 Pontiac Tempest Super Duty 421 on display honored the car that won the first NASCAR Challenge Cup Race (which included Corvettes, Ferraris, Jaguars, and Porsches) held on Daytona Beach in 1963. Six lightweight Tempest SD-421s were built. The car on display was a recreation because the original car doesn’t exist anymore—it was reportedly bought by Mercedes-Benz in 1963 and disappeared forever.*

*The display of American sedan racers from the 1950s was awesome. Hudson Hornets, which dominated NASCAR racing in the early 1950s, were represented by the #92 car (which received the blue ribbon for its class). The display also included cars from GM’s Heritage Collection, the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, and the Stellantis Collection.*

*One particularly interesting car on display was the 1959 MacMinn LeMans coupe. This car was designed by Strother MacMinn, an automotive designer at GM in the late 1930s and an instructor for 50 years at the Pasadena Art Center College of Design. He designed the LeMans coupe as part of a team commissioned by the editor of Road & Track magazine in the late 1950s to build an American car that could win the 24 hours of LeMans race. The design and construction progress were documented in a series of articles in the magazine. Only one car was built and it was destroyed in an accident. The car on display is being faithfully restored from one of the original six fiberglass bodies.*

*While the theme of the 2023 EyesOn Design show has not been announced yet, the date of the show and the recipient for the annual Lifetime Design Achievement Award have been. The show is on Father’s Day, Sunday, 18 June 2023. (There will be other activities associated with the show such as receptions and seminars on Friday & Saturday, 16-17 June.) Ralph Giles, the Stellantis Chief Design Officer, is being recognized with the lifetime achievement award. It will be presented at the former Dodge Viper assembly plant (and repository of the not-open-to-the-public Stellantis car collection) on Connor Blvd in Detroit on Friday, 16 June. If you want to see a concours-level show that stands out from the rest, at a historic location worth visiting on its own, go to the 2023 EyesOn Design car show. And talk to Marion or me before you go—we can suggest some other great car-related places to visit while you’re in the area. Let’s see, there’s the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant (the original Model T plant), The Henry Ford museum & Greenfield Village, the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum, Stahls Foundation.*



*Special display of the 1963 Pontiac #50 Tempest (1 of 6 built with a Super Duty 421-ci engine)—“The Tempest that beat a Ferrari”*



1950 Cadillac LeMans "Petit Petaud" coupe (GM Heritage Collection)



1951 Chrysler Saratoga Z-D sedan (Stellantis Historical Collection)



1952 "Fabulous" Hudson Hornet



1953 Oldsmobile Deluxe 88 (R.E. Olds Transportation Museum)



Replica of 1954 Cadillac LaCarrera Panamericana race car



Replica of 1956 Dodge Coronet NASCAR race car



One of the first rear-engine Indy cars—1964 Edmunds Offenhauser



1974 Riley-Offenhauser English Leather Special Indy car



*1959 MacMinn LeMans Coupe—designed by Art Center instructor Strother MacMinn, built in 1960, and being reconstructed now from original body*



*1976 Lola 332 Formula 5000 race car driven by Al Unser, Sr.*



*1985 Chevrolet Patrick Racing Marlboro Indy car*



*2001 Cadillac Northstar LMPs raced at LeMans in 2000-2002*



*2019 Penske Dallara IR12—2019 Indycar Championship winner*



*1966 Ford GT 40 (originally purchased by GM for evaluation)*



*Replica of the 1966 Jaguar XJ13 prototype*



*1966 Porsche 906E (only 50 street-legal 906s were made in 1966-1967)*



*Jim Hall-designed 1967 Chapparral 2F*



*2021 Ferrari Monza SP1 (1 of only 499 built)*



## STILL COLLECTING—

*It's Christmas Time again!*

*By Terry Bond*



Yes, a year of collecting is now in the history books for me. Perhaps Santa will bring a few additional surprises to be reported on next year, but until then, it's time to once again focus on the upcoming holiday season with a column featuring a Christmas theme (sort of).

This month I'll look to something that was found under the Christmas tree and intended for children. These objects though have become v-e-r-y collectible over the years, now appealing to a wider audience than originally intended. They have also become quite valuable as items of automobilia, and naturally, as the items they really are – DOLLS!



*Chauffer doll, circa 1908*

Do I collect dolls? Yes, in a very minor way, but these are certainly of interest as items of automobilia. Many young children, particularly those in more affluent families, played with quality toy cars. Many times, there was a chauffeur involved, and small dolls served not only as passengers, but the vehicles themselves were piloted by the family chauffeur.

The vast majority of these dolls were quite small—small enough to fit well in comparison with early toy cars, like this great car made by the German firm Carette in 1905.



*Tin toy automobile with chauffeur*

In most of these early toy automobiles, the chauffeur was permanently attached. Appropriately sized dolls were produced to children could play with them separately from the vehicles.

Such dolls were made from a variety of materials, usually a porcelain head with straw stuffed body. They were of course dressed in appropriate motoring attire.

Today, they are quite difficult to find, especially in undamaged condition and with their original clothing still intact. The finest were produced in Europe however the vast majority of them are unmarked.

I'm far from any kind of "expert" on dolls as they are not of great interest—unless they are somehow related to early automobiles, like these.



*Rare French made doll dressed for a trip in an early motorcar, along with a smaller chauffeur doll in an early toy car.*



Among the rarest are those that can actually be posed to sit in a toy car and grasp a steering wheel or tiller. It's even better when the doll and car are a great match. I have a friend in New Jersey who has spent a life-time collecting early toy cars and trying to find small dolls that fit into them as drivers and passengers. It makes for an impressive display in his showcases.



*Another great early motorist in an early tin toy car. (Private collection)*



*An early German produced race car driver doll dressed in leather clothing. (Private collection).*

For collectors of toy cars, finding appropriately sized dolls in motoring attire can be a real challenge. Many of them have been "created" by re-clothing standard dolls. A sure way to tell the difference is that the vast majority of chauffeur-like dolls will have their caps

and goggles formed and painted when the porcelain head was created.



*An example of a porcelain doll head formed as a chauffeur with cap, goggles and mustache molded and hand painted.*

Here are a few more interesting examples.



*An entire family dressed in motoring attire.*



*A chauffeur doll with a full-length duster.*

Typical sizes of these dolls is around 6-10 inches in height. Most I've seen do not have any markings on them indicating country or origin or manufacturer. They are found with a variety of clothing, but a duster, cap, sometimes gauntlets, leather boots and shoes should also be present. Dusters or jackets can be either full length or short. Real dusters came in varied lengths depending on whether the car driven was open or fully enclosed.



*A chauffeur doll with a short-length jacket.*



*Chauffeur wearing a bearskin coat-dressed for cold weather motoring.*



*German made chauffeur wearing an oil-skin motoring coat, He may have had gauntlets on at one time.*

These standing dolls were also known as “dollhouse” dolls. Usually 6” or less in height, they were made for use playing with doll-houses and all the accessories in them. The more elaborate dollhouses found in wealthy families usually were complete with an attached carriage house complete with an early automobile and a chauffeur. These are the most often seen types of Chauffeur dolls, although none of them are common. For all of the display cases I’ve looked through that are filled with antique dolls, there have only been a couple of chauffeurs discovered.



*Nicely attired chauffeur doll wearing a felt uniform.*

Clothing found on these dolls is similar to what would be found used by real chauffeurs – bearskin for winter driving, simple linen dusters, or wool, oil-skin or felt-like material. Jackets are usually double-breasted and leather-like boots usually covered the lower legs and feet.





*An excellent doll-house chauffeur doll wearing wool outfit.*

As always, condition is important and has great impact on values. Damage to the porcelain is repairable in some cases but best handled by experts. Cracks or chips can reduce value by as much as half. Complete original clothing is a must but it takes knowledge and experience to evaluate that. Chauffeurs created from non-chauffeur dolls by re-clothing them are worth no more than the value of the doll itself. A good, genuine chauffeur doll can range in value from \$300 to over \$1000. I've been fortunate in finding a couple of them for less than \$100 though. It just takes diligent searching.

So-if you see me in an antique shop and I pause to look at dolls, don't think I've gone completely mad – there are automobilia treasures out there if you look carefully and look for something you may not think is related.

I hope that during the years I've written these columns you've come to appreciate that great automobilia can come in many forms and can be found in many places. May your search be fun and your discoveries plentiful in the coming year.

Happy collecting and Merry  
Christmas. Terry

## CHRISTMAS 2022

Here's a little poem I uncovered I thought you might enjoy –

Another year has passed  
And we're all a little older.  
Last summer felt hotter  
And winter seems much colder.  
There was a time not long ago  
When life was quite a blast.  
Now I fully understand  
About "living in the past"  
We used to go out eating  
and couldn't get our fill.  
Now we ask for doggie bags,  
Come home and take a pill.  
We used to often travel  
To places near and far.  
Now we get sore asses,  
just riding in the car.  
We used to go to nightclubs  
And drink a little booze.  
Now we stay home at night  
And watch the evening news.  
We used to talk about our cars  
And only hobby things,  
But now we sit around  
and discuss our aches and pains

That, my friend is life,  
and now my tale is told.  
Enjoy each day and live it up...  
Before you get to old.

So, here I am again. Not sure how. Maybe the entertainment cancelled out and I got tagged again as the only backup.  
Maybe there were just no better ideas.  
Maybe it's tradition.  
I looked that up and realized it might be a good theme for this evening.  
We have a lot of them in Tidewater Region.  
A tradition of having fun with our cars  
A tradition of going interesting places  
A tradition of eating well  
A tradition of helping each other  
A tradition of welcoming new members  
A tradition of putting them to work too!  
A tradition of strongly supporting our hobby and AACA.  
A tradition of doing great things – organizing events and activities and showing off to others.  
A tradition of serving our members well with a great newsletter and website.  
A tradition of having talented and enthusiastic members  
A tradition of success  
Over the years we've become the envy of many other organizations for what we do and accomplish.  
We've earned every bit of that respect, thanks to you.

I could go on – but to illustrate–  
The year just past is filled with examples of everything we're good at and should be proud of –  
Tim Hund took over as our president this past year, and I'll never forget when I called him and asked if he'd serve on our Board of Directors. His reply was "Sure, it's time I gave something back to the club." That's who we are and should be. About the hobby and our club.

Eager, willing to accept the responsibility, and enthusiastically embracing our traditions, Tim guided us to the coming year. That's the stuff I'm talking about.

Tim, club officers and directors were formally sworn in at our traditional Installation and awards banquet. It was not all serious business, especially when I was handed the "Hard Luck" Award for my Model T which refused to start at our annual car show. Ken Talley and a couple of other amateur quarterbacks fumbled the handoff, and the beautiful glass trophy fell to the floor and ended up in three broken pieces.

All was not lost, however. A replacement was soon on order. But Sue carefully pieced together the original and it is the one proudly displayed at home. You might say it is "original" and has some "Patina." A zip tie, some, some super glue and magic gray tape made it ok. Some of us ventured on to the AACA Annual Convention. This time in Gettysburg, PA. It was another grand weekend filled with seminars, a trade-fair, judging schools and of course the amazing Saturday awards banquet. Once again Tidewater Region was well represented and brought home some prestigious awards, including repeat Master Web and Newsletter awards.

Our own Jim and Donna Elliott passed the gavel and First Lady name tag along to incoming national President Wayne Tuck and his wife Denise. They serve us proudly.

One major accomplishment was to change our National Bylaws to permit that Annual convention to be held in a location other than Philadelphia.

The 2023 Convention will be in Williamsburg. Hope you will join us again for a fantastic weekend.

As usual, our members will be there to receive awards, present seminars, and proudly represent the Region. In March, a group of members visited the Bay City Classics restoration shop to drool over some of the great machinery under construction there. It's always fun to see projects under construction.

For those who have figured out a "bi-valve" isn't a car part, there was even a tour to an oyster farm in Gloucester!

Many of our members traveled to distant event during the year.

Susan and I traveled to Mobile Alabama and joined Jim and Becky Woodall on the Founders tour there. It was a great week seeing the sights, learning all about the history of the Mardi-Gras, and eating seafood for three-meals each day!

I can't possibly recap all the great awards received by our members, but we were very well represented in the

judging ranks, in administration, and on the show-field itself.

We even let AACA borrow Marion to serve as chief judge for the Nationals in Las Vegas, In early May, Tidewater Region members supported the annual Old Dominion Meet, another strong tradition.

All totaled, members brought home over 50 National Awards during the season.

Our members traveled extensively and supported many small local and larger scale events. Our Mudflap received the benefit of regular reports as the McAlpine's continued their quest to visit every car museum existing.

Everyone was consumed with our Grand National in May. Monthly meetings became weekly, and over two-dozen pizzas were consumed during the planning process.

Details began to fall into place, and on show-day, nearly every club member came out to help in some capacity. The Founders Inn proved to be an ideal setting. It was in many ways a typical Tidewater Region production with great judging, fantastic cars, good food and near perfect weather. The summer-like heat arrived a month or two earlier than expected though, so it was pretty hot. But ample shade trees surround the show-field provided cool respite for everyone.

We can't thank our members enough for their generous support and hard work. Our Chairperson, Marion, said it best during her speech at the banquet – "couldn't have done it without you." It was a great event and one to be proud of.

Our members displayed 42 vehicles and every one of them brought home an award. Over 200 other beautiful cars were on the show field, making it the greatest antique automobile event ever.

A part of the Annual Grand National event is a special exhibit of cars judged separately. "Zenith cars" as they are known, are shown in a separate area. It is a select group of the best cars shown all during the prior year's Nationals throughout the country. Just one of those cars is chosen as "The Best vehicle shown during the preceding year."

Although a beautiful 1929 DuPont was selected, we were proud to have one of our own member's cars in the competition – Jim Elliott's 1912 Cadillac.

In June we rested. It was needed and well deserved. Another tradition - our annual BBQ at the Milligan's was just what we needed to relax and celebrate a great event.

As the heat of summer descended on us, you'd think sitting home in front of the air conditioner and looking at pictures of old cars would suffice. Not us!

In July we squeezed in the "high temperature" version of our annual "March" swap meet. This was a special event organized just for the outside vendors who used to complain about how cold it was in March.

So, next year we're back to March because everybody thought it was too hot in July. No, we don't plan to alternate the event seasonally. It's always just right inside, so come on in!

As summer was in full swing, trips to Doumar's for ice-cream were always welcome, as were as many indoor activities as possible.

In the heat of summer. Sue piloted the MGB to Beckley WV for the Nationals. We departed early in the morning when it was a little cooler – only 92 degrees. We took back roads through the mountains, following shade-covered winding roads. We managed to keep reasonably cool with windows down, sunroof open, and frequent stops for cold drinks and ice-cream.

It was a great show and the weather finally turned cooler for a pleasant trip home.

Our monthly dinner meetings are always popular but moving them around has sometimes been necessary in view of staff shortages, food supply issues, and of course the costs.

Thanks to Bob Stein's Mudspeck, the great Newsletter Doug provides us, and Skip Patnode's welcome emails, nobody has accidentally gone to McDonalds by mistake. One hint for a successful dinner meeting though – ice cream always makes a nice desert.

Sue and I took yet another vacation and drove to Moline Ill, for the AACA Nationals.

We've been to three events there now and look forward to returning next year for the Grand Nationals just across the water in Iowa.

While we were there, we included a visit to LeClaire-home of the American Pickers. I actually bought something there besides a T-shirt or coffee cup! I think I scooped them on a rare watch fob!

Again, this year, our Annual Meet was held at Eggleston. It was a great show again thanks to the Tidewater Region volunteers who made it a success. Always great to see cars you have not seen before.

Then-it was on to Hershey. If you want to be here another three hours, let me show you a few pictures of the cars and flea market. Despite three days of rain, it was an amazing event as always. Yes, I'm still collecting stuff!

The year isn't complete without the annual Chili Cookoff – a gastronomical concourse de elegance for sure. Great food, old friends, perfect weather and a great time! -there I go gain, gotta stop calling my friends "old friends" We're all getting old, so from now on they will be just GOOD friends.

So, after another traditional "Silent Auction" we find ourselves back here for a traditional Christmas brunch together.

And I'm the traditional program.

So, in keeping with tradition, I've written another letter to Santa, asking for just a few things this year – after-all, what do you get for someone who has everything?

Dear Santa – I know there is a Santa, because if there wasn't, Ms. Claus would be upset. Christmas would cost too much without you.

Nobody has yet proved you don't exist.

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1897, a little girl named Virginia Hanlon, wrote a letter to the New York Sun newspaper asking if you were real and the response was "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa."

Since that's settled, we want to ask for just a few things that should easily fit down the Chimney.

May you give us the gift of friendship. We have been practicing that for a long time but in the Spirit of Christmas, we could do more and better. Help us to reach out to others and invite them to have fun with us. When you wrap the package of Friendship, help us remember not everybody moves at the speed, or even in the same direction. Hard to believe I know, but not everybody likes Fords, or Chevrolets, or Yugos Give us the gift of leadership. Those who have accepted the responsibility to help us have fun need a little Christmas nudge every so often, as they try to remember it's not about them, but about us.

Give us the gifts of spirit and enthusiasm. We love old cars and everything about them. That's why where here – together. Help us to do everything possible to keep that love strong and alive.

Give us the blessings of good health, good weather, beautiful scenery, safe travels and of course – good food! Yes, sometimes we seem to be an eating club with a car disorder, but it's the cars that will get us from one restaurant to another.

In your Christmas card to everyone give us the link to AAA so we can sign up and get help when needed, just in case we run out of duct tape or loose the Philips head screwdriver.

Give us the gift of vision so we can keep looking ahead. It's easier to steer when you can see where you are going.

Oh, and we could use nice weather at Hershey too. It ain't much. It shouldn't cost too much, and the packages can be small.

Just these few things and we'll be happy.

And, if you have room in your bag, I'm still looking for old spark plugs. And my bottle of Scotch is almost empty. I'll leave the last wee dram out for you on Christmas eve.

Thanks, and

Merry Christmas.

And Merry Christmas to you too.

Terry



# January 13-15, 2023 - HRADA International Car Show



## Photos and article by Bob Stein

One of the biggest displays at the 2023 HRADA International Car Show held this past weekend at the Virginia Beach Convention Center was a collection of antique vehicles presented by TRAACA and HVPR members. TRAACA members in the display included Terry Bond's 1912 Triumph Motorcycle, Tim Hund's 1929 Auburn 890 Speedster Boattail, Paul Fuqua's 1931 Chevrolet Independence Coupe, Bill Wilcox's 1932 Packard 903 Convertible Sedan, Sam Kern's 1942 Ford Jeep GPW, Tony Scarpelli's 1948 Chrysler Town and Country Convertible, Jere Avenson's 1954 Packard Patrician, Darlene Hook's 1955 Ford Club Sedan, Keith Colonna's 1956 Lincoln Continental Mark II, Bob Pellerin's 1969 MGB roadster, Larry Goughan's 1970 Dodge Challenger, and Richard Overbaugh's 1993 Porsche 968. The display included two tables with membership information for TRAACA, AACA, and HVPR. The display drew a lot of attention, and members handed out application to TRAACA, AACA, and HVPR, as well as answering a lot of questions.









## December 11, 2022 - Tidewater Region Holiday Brunch!

### Photos and article by Bob Stein



Nearly 80 people members showed up for our 2022 Holiday Brunch at the Chesapeake Country Club, with more than 20 vintage cars ranging from Bob Stein's 1941 Packard to Larry Goughan's 1993 Camaro. Doors opened at 10 AM, allowing members to socialize for an hour before the Country Club provided its usual feast. This year's event was missing a crucial item - Terry and Sue Bond were out sick, when meant no yearly 'letter' summarizing the club's 2022 activities. Sandy Hall and Linda Pellerin stepped up with a holiday song split by tables, where each group sang a different part of '12 Days of Christmas.' Most of the event was spent visiting with friends and stuffing our faces - both activities which TRAACA members excel at. And a great way to close out this year.











## November 18-20, 2022 - Coastal Virginia Auto Show

### Photos and article by Bob Stein



The Seventh Annual Coastal Virginia Auto Show had participation from TRAACA and HVPR members, as well as special appearances by show host Tom Cox! The three-day event at the Virginia Beach Convention Center included modern, resto-rod, and exotic cars as well as classic and antique vehicles. TRACCA members included Sam Kern and his 1942 World War II Ford Jeep GPW, Larry Goughan and his 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T and 1971 Dodge Charger R/T, Bill Treadwell with his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro, Wes Neal with his 1991 Jeep Grand Wagoneer, Harry Park with his 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS convertible, Ron Pack and his 1933 Packard Victoria. Dwight Schaubach and his 1956 Chrysler 300. Harry Park received the award for Best Build and Larry Goughan was presented with the Veteran's Trophy. Sheldon Gilliam Sr., of the Historic Virginia Peninsula Region, was there with his 1965 Mercury Comet Caliente convertible, and received the Best Restoration trophy.







# 2023 TRAACA Annual Swap Meet

**Saturday March 11, 2023 (Rain or Shine - No Refunds)**

**8 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

**Nansemond-Suffolk Academy**

**3373 Pruden Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434**

**For more information, contact:**

**Jerry Adams, Registration Chairman**

**757-673-3240**

**Bill Treadwell, Swap Meet Chairman**

**757-650-3667**

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Shaded Outdoor Vendor Area

Indoor Spaces with tables

Free Admission and Parking for Spectators and Shoppers

Easy access off Route 58/460

Ample Parking Car Clubs are invited to purchase a space to promote your club

INSIDE VENDOR SET-UP is available Friday from 1–5 PM

Day of meet and outside vendor setup starts at 8 AM. (Must check in first)

Food available on site from food vendors

Indoor spaces: 10’ x 10’ - One table and two chairs provided per space. (\$35 preregistered/\$40 after)

Outdoor spaces: 10’ x 30’ Bring your own tables and chairs. (\$25 preregistered/\$30 after)

You must purchase enough spaces for all your stuff including trailers and tow vehicles. Tow vehicles may be parked in spectator parking.

Car Corral vehicles for sale must purchase an outdoor space. Vendor setup and day of meet registration begins 8 AM Saturday. Site must be vacated by 2 PM Saturday.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED DUE TO LIMITED INDOOR SPACE AVAILABILITY. ANY UNRESERVED INDOOR SPACES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON DAY OF THE EVENT.**

**NOTE - PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 1st!**

Inside Vendor setup is available Friday (March 10th) from 1-5 PM.

The facility must be vacated no later than 2 p.m. Saturday

The TRAACA 2023 Annual Swap Meet promises to be the biggest ever, with extensive advertisement and promotional activities. As one of the only Winter events for car collectors and enthusiasts in the Tidewater area, it attracts a wide variety of customers and vendors. Reserve your space now - space is limited, especially indoors



## Overheating

By Fred Trusty AACA Executive Vice President

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Ever since I bought my 1935 Packard 120 it had an intermittent overheating issue but if I keep the car moving and it's no problem. Last year on the day of our local region picnic the temperature was in the low 90's but I decided to drive the Packard anyway. I thought, it's only 25 miles to the clubhouse so what could happen? Why is it that in situations like this what could happen always does? We got caught in stop and go traffic and the car overheated, died, and wouldn't restart. Sitting in a 1935 Packard at the side of the road on a humid 90-degree day is not fun but at least I could say, "my wife is hot." We got to ride home in a new chauffer driven Ford F-450 tow truck. Needless to say we were very late for the picnic, but the good news is there was still food left. Early this summer, I finally found time to start work on the overheating problem. Even after sitting in the garage all those months it fired right up. The first thing I checked was the thermostat. Using my cordless infrared thermometer, I heated a pan of water on the stove to 150 degrees and then put the thermostat in the water and then turned up the heat. Right at 160 degrees it opened. I let the water cool and it closed. The second thing I did was pull the radiator out and have it pressure and flow tested. It tested fine plus the local shop didn't charge me anything. He said he liked old Packards. Next, I plugged the lower block coolant fitting and filled the block with water through the thermostat neck. Then I opened the block draincock and clean water came out with no rust or debris. Hmm! What to do next? I got on the AACA Forum. One of the posts said to check the coolant distribution tube that runs the length of the block behind the water pump. Off came the water pump and out came the tube. Both were in good shape. By now I'm thinking, "What the heck is going on here?" I called several friends to see if they could think of anything, but they suggested what I had already done. I must have read the cooling section in the Packard shop manual a dozen times. Then I looked at the parts diagram. The thermostat is held in the neck by a sleeve which is basically an open-ended cylinder with a flare on one end which is used to hold the thermostat in the neck. Someone who had worked on the car in the past had put the sleeve in backwards preventing the thermostat from opening. To be sure the sleeve was the problem, on a very hot day I drove the car slowly at a stop and go pace for about 30 minutes. The temperature stayed in the 160-180 degree range. Then I let it sit in the sun idling. After about 15 minutes the temperature started to go past the 180 degree mark but when I drove it the temperature went back down. At some point I might install an electric fan but for the time being I'm just going to drive and enjoy the car.

## AACA Calendar of Events

[http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca\\_calendar.html](http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca_calendar.html)

**February 9-11, 2023**  
**Annual Convention**  
**Williamsburg, VA**

**April 13-15, 2023**  
**Southeastern Spring**  
**Nationals**  
**Charlotte, NC**

**May 1-3, 2023**  
**Southeastern Divisional**  
**Tour**  
**Oak Ridge, TN**

**May 18-20, 2023**  
**Eastern Spring Nationals**  
**Gettysburg, PA**

**June 25-28, 2023**  
**Eastern Divisional Tour**  
**Denver, PA**

**July 16-22, 2023**  
**Founders Tour**  
**Ontario, Canada**

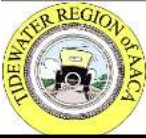
**July 26-29, 2023**  
**Eastern Summer Nationals**  
**Norwich, NY**

**August 10-12, 2023**  
**Grand Nationals**  
**Bettendorf, IA**

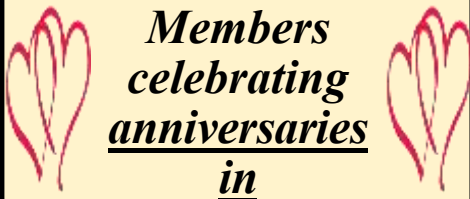
**October 3-6, 2023**  
**Eastern Fall Nationals**  
**Hershey, PA**

**October 22-27, 2023**  
**Revival AAA Glidden Tour**





# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



**Members celebrating anniversaries in December 2022 & January 2023**

- Roland & Jeanie Downing
- James & Pamela Gregg
- John & Lynn Heimerl
- George & Betsy Keen
- Ron & Tina Pack
  
- Jerry & Ellen Adams
- Richard & Sandy Hall
- Jon & Mollie Hunger
- Bob & Josie Kinker
- Bob & Linda Pellerin
- Gordon & Melinda Spence



**Members celebrating birthdays in December 2022 & January 2023**

- Margie Anthony
- Mary Ellen Basnight
- Kim Berry
- John T. Blair
- Darlene Brown
- Becky Clifton
- Frederick Cole
- Faye Curl
- Matt Doscher
- Genny Formato
- Pamela Gregg
- Sandy Hall
- Ronald "Ron" Hartman
- Missy Hespenshide
- Zelda Lang
- Tom Norris
- Neil Sugermeyer
- Ken Talley
- Jim Villers
- Robinson "Bob" Watson
- Jerry Adams
- Tom Bottoni
- Holly Chipchak
- Jane Cutright
- Tyler Gimbert
- Richard Hall
- Phyllis Hund
- Dana Meadows
- Scott Miller
- Hilary Pavlidis
- Carol Peters
- Susan "Sue" Strang
- Boyd Swartz



**Other Regional and Local Events**

- JANUARY 2023**
- 13-15 Hampton Roads International Auto Show  
VAB Convention Center  
Virginia Beach, VA
  - 14 Not a Mystery—  
First Mystery Cruise of 2023  
Greenbriar Mall (Sears lot)  
Chesapeake, VA
  - 20-22 Auto Mania (Carlisle Events)  
Allentown, PA
  - 27-28 Carlisle Winter Auto Expo  
Carlisle, PA
- APRIL 2023**
- 1 5th Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show  
Landstown Commons  
Virginia Beach, VA
  - 13-16 Charlotte Auto Fair  
Concord, NC
  - 19-23 Spring Carlisle  
Carlisle, PA
  - 21-23 Goodguys 8th Annual North Carolina Nationals  
Raleigh, NC
  - 29 Virginia Chevy Lovers Spring Dust Off Car Show  
Virginia Beach, VA
- MAY 2023**
- 12-13 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet  
Luray, VA
  - 12-13 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals  
Carlisle, PA
  - 18-21 Cruisin' Ocean City  
Ocean City, MD
  - 27 Virginia Beach Strong Memorial Car/Truck Show  
Landstown Commons  
Virginia Beach, VA
- JUNE 2023**
- 23-24 Carlisle GM Nationals  
Carlisle, PA
- JULY 2023**
- 14-16 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals  
Carlisle, PA
- August 2023**
- 4-6 Carlisle Truck Nationals

**Sunshine Report**

Please provide Member Care/ Sunshine Report information on TRAACA members to Bob Stein at

**Welcome to Our New Members!**

No new members



## EDITOR'S DESK

Doug Grosz  
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Welcome to the combined December 2022 and January 2023 issue. Life has been very busy for me as the time between the middle of November to the middle of January includes not just teaching all day, but also coaching and traveling to competitions after school with my team. So I just could not afford the time to create separate issues over the last two months.

We 2023 has begun and TRAACA is already involved in car shows. The cars displayed at the HRADA show in Virginia Beach were great. And thanks to the TRAACA members that were there with the cars describing the cars, AACA, and TEAACA missions to share the history of automobiles and develop a passion for antique cars. I believe that TRAACA needs to do more of these activities at car shows, being together as a group, sharing our

passion for cars, and educating and inviting others to join us.

This month is our Awards and New Board installation banquet, I hope to see you there. And get ready for our swap meet in March. Look for what you need to sell and get registered for your tables now.

Warmer days and spring around the corner.  
 See you soon.

*Doug*







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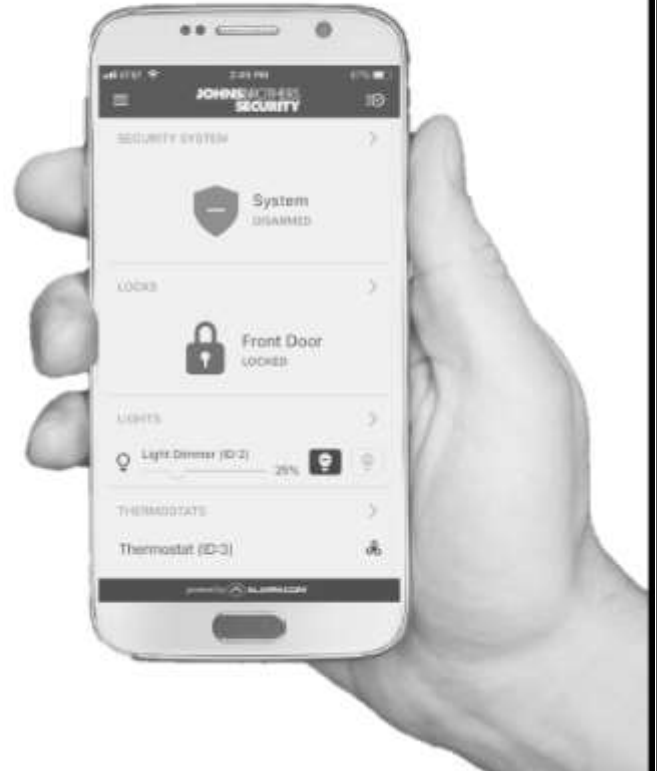
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