




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

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TRAACA Awards Banquet and Installation of 2026 Officers

January 10, 2026

Bob Stein

This year's Installation and Awards banquet was held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center with record-breaking warm temperatures, unlike last year when we had to postpone a few weeks. President Bill Treadwell started off with introductions, and had Nick Smith provided the invocation.



Bartlett Bowl: Jim and Donna Elliott



Master of Ceremonies:
2026 President Harry
Park



Following a buffet dinner, Bill and Vice-President Harry Park presented awards the awards for 2025.



Food!

Welcome: 2025
President Bill
Treadwell

See page 6 for a
summary of the
awards

Beaulieu Cup:
Rick Seaman



Century Award: Tony Miller,
1925 Model T Ford
and (not shown) Sam Kern,
1925 Franklin

Jim and Donna Elliott repeated their win of the Bartlett Bowl, and the Beaulieu Cup was awarded to Rick Seaman for his 1964 Plymouth Barracuda. The Century Award went to Tony Miller and his 1925 Model T Ford and Sam Kern for his 1925 Franklin. The Century participation award again went to Reggie and Cindy Nash. Bob Stein received the Duryea Award, and the Ivie Lister Award went to Tim Hund. Tammy Park received the Lalique Award, while the Merritt Horne Participation Award went to Linda Pellerin. The Mudflap Award went to Aubrey Austin, with the Overland Award going to Jim and Donna Elliott. The Tidewater Region President's Award went to

Dan and Chris Ciccone, and Chip Woolford received the Tidewater Region Restoration Award. The Spark Plug Award went to two individuals this year: Jerry Adams and Holly Forester. The Dwight Schaubach Award, went to Dalton and Carroll Williford for their 1967 Pontiac GTO. Although we didn't give it out last year, this year's Hard Luck Trophy did have a recipient - Skip Patnode.



Duryea Award: Bob Stein

*Merritt Horne
Participation Award:
Linda Pellerin*



Ivie Lister Award: Tim Hund

*Mudflap Award:
Aubrey Austin*



Overland Award: Donna and Jim Elliott



Lalique Award: Tammy Park

President's Award: Chris and Dan Ciccone



*Restoration Award:
Chip Woolford*

*25-year Pins:
Dan and Chris
Ciccone*



*Spark Plug Award:
Holly Forester*



*25-year Pins:
Jim and Donna
Elliott*



*Spark Plug
Award:
Jerry Adams*



*Dwight Schaubach
Award:
Dalton and Carroll
Williford
And
granddaughter*



Then Linda Pellerin then took over for the installation of 2026 TRAAC officers. Using borrowed 'props' to illustrate their function, Linda went over each position and its importance to the region. Bill Treadwell (rear view mirror) is the President Emeritus providing the knowledge of where we have been. The four Board Members Skip Patnode, Rick Seaman, Wayne Milligan, and Nick Smith (spark plugs) convert board decisions to action. Treasurer Chris Ciccone (distributor cap) controls and manages the cash flow to keep the club going. Secretary Jerry Adams (water pump) directs and records the actions of the club while Vice-President Mike Haag was is the fuel that keeps us going. Which left President Harry Park (crank and key) as the one who ultimately guides the club's direction during the year.



*Hard Luck Trophy:
Skip Patnode*



*Retiring board members:
Bill Coburn, Hilary Pavlidis, Tim Hund*



Installation of the 2026 Board of Directors



The 2026 Board

*Standing: Mike Haag, Wayne Milligan, Jerry Adams, Rick Seaman, Harry Park
Seated: Skip Patnode, Chris Ciccone, Nick Smith*



Reflections from the Awards Banquet

Valerie and David Dillahunt

Attending the Tidewater Region AACA Awards Banquet this year was a reminder of just how much passion and dedication our members bring to the hobby.

The number of awards presented was impressive, each one representing hard work, enthusiasm, and a love for antique automobiles. From the Bartlett Bowl, honoring members who scored the most awards at shows, to the Spark-plug Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the club, these accolades give us all something to strive for and keep our club vibrant.

As someone who may never own a car that wins an AACA award, I still find it exciting to watch others achieve these milestones. It's inspiring to see the pride on members' faces when their efforts are recognized. These awards aren't just trophies; they're a celebration of the time, energy, and passion poured into preserving automotive history.

I'll admit, when I first joined the club, I felt like an outsider. Many members had known each other for years, and their conversations often reached

back decades — stories of events and friendships that began long before my time. At first, it felt like I was playing catch-up. But over the years, so many members have gone out of their way to make my family and me feel welcome, and I truly appreciate it. Those efforts have made a big difference.

Even now, there are moments when I listen to conversations about past adventures or technical details and feel like I'm learning a new language. When Terry Bond starts talking about spark plugs, for example, his passion is contagious—even if I don't understand every detail yet! I do my best to follow along because someday, I hope to be the one sharing knowledge with newer members.

What I enjoy most is the enthusiasm that fills the room at every meeting and event. Antique vehicles have been a passion of mine for as long as I can remember, and being surrounded by people who share that same love is something special. Whether you're winning awards or simply enjoying the stories, this club offers a sense of community that makes the hobby even more rewarding.

If you're a new member or thinking about joining, don't hesitate to dive in, attend events, ask questions, and share your passion. You'll find that the more you get involved, the more rewarding the experience becomes.



Aubrey Austin
Junior Editor



AWARDS BANQUET

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

On January 10, 2026, we had our 2025 Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn. Huge congrats to everyone who won an award, and welcome to all the new board members! Can't wait for all the awesome events we've got coming up this

year!



TRAACA ANNUAL AWARDS SUMMARY

Bartlett Bowl - Presented in honor of Harry Bartlett for car show participation.

Beaulieu Cup - Presented for preservation and participation of a single vehicle

Century Award - Presented for vehicles reaching 100 years of age.

Century Participation Award - Presented for participation by a 100 year old vehicle.

Duryea Award - Recognizes contributions to the National Club.

Ivie Lister Award - Recognizes participation by a British vehicle

Lalique Award - Recognizes untiring participation, dedication, leadership and hard work.

Merritt Horne Participation Award - Recognizes participation and support in TRAACa activities.

Mudflap Award - Recognizes contribution to the Mudflap

Overland Award - Recognizes participation of a 1927 or older vehicle.

President's Award - Recognizes dedication, leadership, support and contributions to TRAACa.

Spark Plug Award - Recognizes non-elected members for their contributions to TRAACa.

Dwight Schaubach Award - Recognizes a member's automobile best representing a standard of excellence as the Region's Best Car of the Year.

These awards were donated and sponsored by TRAACa Members and many are awarded on a cumulative point basis for participation. Full details on these awards including information on their donors and history as well as award criteria can be found on our TRAACa AWARDS MANUAL on the club website.

https://traaca.com/images/TRAACA_Awards_Manual_2019_v2.pdf

National AACa 2026 Event Calendar

FEBRUARY

5-7 Annual Convention, Chantilly VA

MARCH

19-21 Special Nationals, Guaynabo Puerto Rico

26-28 Winter Nationals, Cartersville GA

APRIL

9-11 Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte NC

23-25 Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nationals, Las Vegas NV

MAY

28-30 Eastern Spring Nationals, Indiana PA

JUNE

11-13 Southeastern Fall Nationals, Oak Ridge TN

15-19 Sentimental Tour, Mechanicsburg PA

JULY

23-25 Central Spring Nationals, Green Bay WI

AUGUST

5-8 Southeastern Divisional Tour, Flat Rock NC

19-22 Grand Nationals/Zenith Awards, Allentown PA

SEPTEMBER

9-14 Founders Tour, Williamsburg VA

20-26 Revival Glidden Tour (Pre

1943), Dover DE

OCTOBER

6-9 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey PA

PA

From Our President



Thank you to everyone who attended the Installation Dinner Meeting in January at the Holiday Inn, and a special thanks to

Linda Pellerin for installing the Executive Board, Tammy Park for arranging the dinner and the Awards Committee for selecting the award winners.

A little about me...I grew up in Emporium, Pennsylvania. In 1987, I joined the Navy and was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, for much of my naval career. In 1993, I met Tammy and we were married in 1994. Shortly afterwards, we were stationed at the Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, Maryland, and stayed there for about a year, and then moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, to finish my naval career at the Norfolk Naval Base. I retired from the Navy in 2007 and shortly afterwards began my civil service career at Norfolk Naval Base. I purchased my first project car, a 1969 Chevelle SS 396, in 2010. A few years later, I purchased another Chevelle. This time, a 1970 Chevelle SS 396 Convertible from a family friend in Pennsylvania. I grew up driving the car and knew one day that I wanted to own the car. Today, I have added a 1979 MGB

and 1953 Ford Customline to my collection.

For the past 10 years, I have been an active member of Tidewater Region. I served as Treasurer for one year and Vice President for two years. One of my priorities, as your President, will be team building and bonding. We already have some great activities lined up for 2026, such as, whale watching at Rudee's Inlet, Swap Meet at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, driving to the Nicholson House in Belvidere, North Carolina, and attending the Virginia International Tattoo in Norfolk. If you have any ideas for an activity, please let me know.

The next big event is the AACA National Convention, in Chantilly, Virginia, February 6 and 7. If you haven't been to a National Convention, it is a great opportunity to meet new car enthusiasts from all over the country. The seminars on various car related topics are outstanding.

This year, our region is hosting the 2026 ODMA Meet on May 1-2 in Virginia Beach. This is a great opportunity to bring your car out and earn your state badge. If you are interested in helping at the meet or any other activity, please let me or any other board member know.

Harry Park "the Crank"
TRAACA President
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FROM THE EDITORS' KEYBOARDS

Terry & Susan Bond

We're excited about the AACA Convention! Are you going? It's always a great time and TRAACa will be well represented. Bob Stein and I will both be presenting seminars and I'll also be assisting with a panel discussion about Newsletters. I know Jim and Donna Elliott will also be involved, especially at the Trade Fair helping promote their upcoming AACA National Tour. Watch for more details and info in the Mud Speck.

We continue to celebrate our members who are Veterans. It's a pleasure to honor them through *The Mudflap* and give them some recognition. Many of you have commented that you did not

realize how many true heroes we had in the club.

More great stories about members and their involvement in the antique car hobby are in the works. It's a great way to get to know each other. If you would like to see your story in print, just let us know and we can help put something together to share with others.

There are some special events coming up this year and our members helping to fill up the calendar have been at work creating great activities. One special event we're looking forward to is the May 1-2 Old Dominion Meet. Many of you attended the event held last year at the Keystone Tractor and Truck Museum near Petersburg. This year it's our turn to host the event and we're going to make it a great one! Yes, we'll need a couple of volunteer reporters and photographers!

Let's have a great 2026!



JANUARY

31 - TRAACa Whale Watch Tour

9 AM at Rudee Inlet. The cost of the tour is \$39.22/Adult, \$37.10/Military or Senior and \$33.92/Child under 11. Please go to Whale Watching - Virginia Beach | Rudee Tours to purchase your tickets. After the tour, we will be going to lunch at Victoria's Pizzeria at 401 N. Great Neck Road in Virginia Beach. Please RSVP to Linda at lpellerin2@gmail.com by January 28th if you plan on attending the lunch at Victoria's.

FEBRUARY

5-7 - Annual AACa Convention/National Awards

Westfield Marriott Washington Dulles. Chantilly, VA

19 - February Dinner Meeting, see below

MARCH

7 - TRAACa Swap Meet

Nansemond –Suffolk Academy
See flyer on page 7

When a Car Doesn't Move... But the Light Does

February Dinner Meeting Program

Some photographs don't just capture a vehicle - they reveal it. Every curve, badge, and line brought forward by light that never appears in the frame. This isn't CGI. It isn't a studio trick. And it isn't something you see every day.

At an upcoming program for the Tidewater An-

tiqque Automobile Club, we'll explore a photographic approach designed specifically for classic and antique automobiles - one that honors craftsmanship, history, and design through carefully controlled illumination. You won't just see finished images. You'll discover why they feel different.

If you care about how your automobile is seen, remembered, and preserved in photographs, this is a session you won't want to miss. We will also be doing a drawing for a free session and Portrait Valued at \$1600.

For a complete list of local events, visit www.ccchr.org, the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads

2025 TRAACa Officers & Board

President - Harry Park
harrygpark@yahoo.com

Vice President - Mike Haag

Secretary - Jerry Adams

Treasurer - Chris Ciccone

Board - Wayne Milligan
Board - Skip Patnode
Board - Rick Seaman
Board - Nick Smith

President Emeritus—Bill Treadwell

Visit us on the Internet at: traaca.com

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TRAACA MEMBER'S PAGE

Welcome to our New Member!

Robert Riden Jr.

January Anniversaries

Jerry & Ellen Adams
Dan & Chris Ciccone
Richard & Sandy Hall
Jon & Mollie Hunger
Robert & Josie Kinker



January Birthdays

Jerry Adams
Tom Bottoni
Holly Chipchak
Jane Cutright
Tyler Gimbert
Diane Gresalfi
Richard Hall
Pamela Hamilton-Bond
Phyllis Hund
Timothy Johnson
Dana Meadows
Hilary Pavlidis
Tom Spina
Sue Strang
Boyd Swartz



February Birthdays

Tom Allan
Sue Bond
Mary Carmone
Mary Cartine
John Gancel
Andy Grindrod
Tim Hund
Karen Kern
Daniel Matthews
Al Mercer
Linda Pellerin

February Anniversaries

Curtis & Sheryl Cook
Jonh & Marie Gancel
Bob & Ann Gurnee
Henry & Myrna Robson
Dennis & Carla Anne Sobota

Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

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

Veterans Spotlight

Master Gunnery Sergeant (M GySgt) Herbert H. Mumford, Jr.

I enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1974 and underwent Recruit Training at Parris Island, SC, followed by Basic Infantry Training at Camp Lejeune, NC. After graduating, I was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class.

My first assignment was with 2nd Marine Division as an Infantry Fire Team Leader. Two years later, in 1976, came my first deployment, to the Mediterranean Sea. Following that, and another promotion, I became a Drill Instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

My career then became more focused around Logistics Support and in 1980 I became a Basic Logistics Clerk. This led to several follow-on assignments as Embarkation Chief, responsible for the movement of personnel and supplies to ensure expeditious deployment of the unit. My first assignment as Embarkation Chief was with the 22 Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU, which is now currently known as Marine Expeditionary Unit or MEU). I completed two deployments with them, first to the Multi Nation Peace Keeping Force, Beirut, Lebanon, then to Urgent Fury, the invasion of Grenada. After this, I was transferred to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point again as Embarkation Chief for 2nd Marine Air Wing.

One year later, my orders came for an assignment to USS Guadalcanal as the Combat Cargo Assistant. During this tour, the USS Guadalcanal conducted Mine Counter Measure Operations in the Persian Gulf. Two more assignments as Combat Cargo Assistant followed this.

In 1996, I was promoted to the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant and this led to significant senior-level assignments:

-Command Senior Enlisted Advisor at US Support Group Haiti

-G4 Logistics Chief at Commander Marine Corps Forces Atlantic in Norfolk, and

-Force Combat Cargo Assistant/Marine Senior Enlisted Advisor with Commander, Naval Sur-

face Force, US Atlantic Fleet.

I finally retired after 30 years of service. Along the way, I met and married my lovely wife, Deborah. We were blessed with four daughters (Donna, Shirelle, Ki-sha, and Tomkia), one son (Gunnery Sergeant Herbert H. Mumford, III), and five grandchildren.



My love of cars started early. In high school, I drove a 1964 Chevy Impala SS 327 automatic in the floor with the console. My next car was a 1977 C-3 Corvette, and from then on, I bought, enjoyed, and sold numerous Corvettes, although I also had a 1969 Camaro at some point. Some of the Corvettes I had throughout the years included:

C-2 Corvettes: 1966 Laguna Blue convertible; 1966 427/390hp Silver Pearl; 1967 427 w/400 tri-power hp Rally Red convertible; 1967 427/435 tri-power hp coupe with side pipes (Oh, I really missed it! That is the one that slipped away...a fully documented car).

C-3 Corvettes: 1977 4-speed; 1979 and 1981.

C-4 Corvettes: 1984 and 1988 coupes.

C-5 Corvettes: 2002 convertible.

C-6 Corvettes: 2008 ZO6.

Currently, my collection includes:

- a 1963 split window, fully documented NCRS Top Flight Bloomington Gold Corvette,
- 1967 427 w/400 tri-power hp coupe with factory air with document,
- 1970 Chevelle SS 4-speed,
- 2019 ZR1 Corvette,
- 2026 ZO6 Corvette.

My love of cars has led me to involvement in several local car clubs. In 2008, I served as VP of the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads. My specific fascination with Corvettes resulted in my becoming the founder of the Custom Classic Corvette club. In addition to TRAAC, I am also a member of NCRS, Mid-Atlantic chapter.

Tidewater Region AACA ANNUAL SWAP MEET



**Saturday, March 7, 2026
8 AM to 1 PM**

**Nansemond-Suffolk Academy
3373 Pruden Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434**



**Vehicles, parts, accessories,
and transportation-related memorabilia**

Meet is Rain or Shine - No Rain Date - No Refunds - No Parking on Grass

- Outdoor space 10' x 30' on pavement
- Indoor spaces incl 1 table & 2 chairs
- Car Corral Spaces 10' x 30'
- Free admission and parking for shoppers and spectators
- Easy access off Rt 460 via stop light
- Food Vendor on site
- Car clubs are invited to purchase a space to promote your club
- Pre-registered Indoor vendor set-up is available Friday 1-5 PM
- Day of Meet and Outdoor vendor set-up is available Saturday starting at 7 AM (Must Check in first at Registration Table)

Pre-Registration Deadline: February 25, 2026

*Registrations MUST be postmarked on or before February 25, 2026 for pre-registration prices.
Registrations postmarked after February 25, 2026 will be considered Day of Meet prices.*

**Day of Meet Registration
Open 7 AM to 11 AM**

Enter & exit via stop light on 460 - Site must be vacated by 2 PM



For Meet Information contact:

Swap Meet Chairman

Bill Treadwell @ 757-650-3667

Registration Chairman

Jerry Adams @ 757-673-3240

TRAACAMeet@gmail.com



Special Thanks to Nansemond-Suffolk Academy

Check our website at WWW.TRAACA.COM often for any important updates

This event is for the sale of antique and collector vehicle parts, equipment, supplies, accessories, or related memorabilia only. It is not a general "flea market" and we do not wish to have crafts, household items, unrelated toys, clothing, equipment, supplies or services displayed. If you have any questions, ask before you arrive. Event organizers reserve the right to refuse admittance to any vendor selling, displaying or offering any items not in keeping with the theme or family-oriented nature of this activity.



Saturday, March 07, 2026 from 8 AM to 1 PM

Nansemond-Suffolk Academy
3373 Pruden Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434

Show is Rain or Shine - No Rain Date - No Refunds

Aisleways MUST REMAIN CLEAR at ALL TIMES

Mail signed completed form along
with payment made out to TRAACa to:

**Jerry Adams
3400 Commerce St
Portsmouth, VA 23707**

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE AND RETURN

Indoor spaces: approx 10' x 10' w/ one table and
two chairs provided per space

Outdoor spaces: approx 10' x 30' Bring your own
tables and chairs. **NO Parking on the GRASS !!**

Vehicles for Sale: Limited Car Corral Spaces Available,
purchase an outdoor space, 1 Space per vehicle no Trailers.

*You must purchase enough spaces for all your items
including trailers and tow vehicles. If Staying connected
total length must be under 30ft to fit, if not you must
purchase 2 spaces inline (limited availability). May drop
off trailer and park tow vehicle in spectator parking.*

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Day of Meet Registration & Check In
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will be considered Day of Meet prices.*

Registration Form - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Show is Rain or Shine - No Rain Date - No Refunds - No Parking on Grass

Personal Info: (Information will only be used for TRAACa Meet & contact; information will **NOT** be used for anything else)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

email: _____ Affiliate: _____ (Business or Club representing at Swap Meet leave blank if none)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

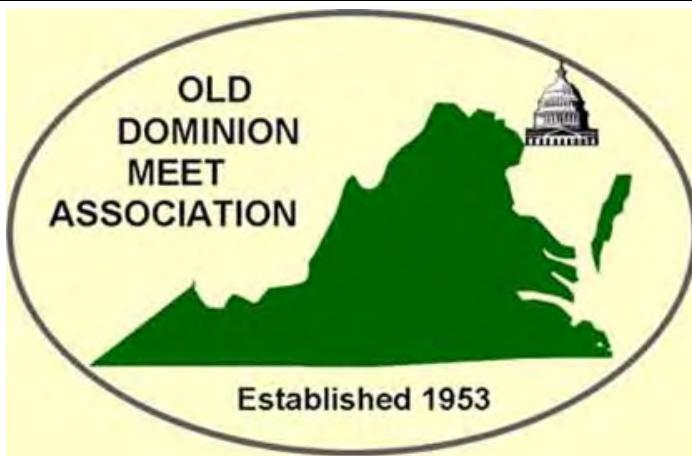
	QTY	PRE	DOM	TOTAL
Indoor Space	_____	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$ _____
Outdoor Space,	_____	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$ _____
Total	_____			\$ _____

Description of items for sale:

PRE-REGISTRATION (Postmarked On or Before February 25, 2026) - DAY OF MEET REGISTRATION (After February 25, 2026)

I agree to be held responsible for any damage to the premises, floors, etc., at my space(s) or caused elsewhere by me, and for any cost of repair or cleanup. I agree to not hold the Tidewater Region AACa, its members, event organizers, and/or the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy and its employees and volunteers responsible for any loss or damage or injury to my property, myself, or anyone I authorize to be in my space(s). **NO PARKING ON THE GRASS !!**

Signature: _____ Date: _____



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! - Tidewater Region will host the 2026 Old Dominion Meet on Saturday, May 2nd 2026 at the site of the Real Life Church on Centerville Turnpike in Chesapeake, Va.

What is the Old Dominion Meet Association? - and all you wanted to know about this prestigious event -

The Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) is one of the few non-geographical associations of its kind in AACA. Many of the AACA regions within the commonwealth of Virginia are members of this long-standing group. Tidewater Region and its members have long been involved in this organization and have held many leadership positions in the organization.

The Old Dominion Meet Association was formed in the 1950s by an early group of AACA members led by past AACA National President Edgar Rhor in Manassas, Virginia. The non-governing organization was intended to hold AACA Regions and Chapters together under one banner that could deal with automobile legislative issues related to antique vehicle registration and usage. A big part of their long-standing goals was to host an annual event for all AACA members in Virginia.

Through the combined efforts and resources of member organizations, many outstanding events have been held throughout the state on a rotating basis. Many of them have been formatted similar to our AACA National Meets and serve as an opportunity for members to experience the kind of events unique to AACA. It has also been an excellent chance to expose newer members to the AACA style of judging. Awards given by the Old Dominion Meet Association are patterned after AACA National Awards.

The Old Dominion Meet Association radiator badge, as illustrated here, is proudly displayed on First Junior and Senior vehicles and can only be received at these events.

ODMA continues to host a statewide meet each year which rotates among the regions around the commonwealth. The class structure organization, judging criteria and awards follow those of AACA with some local exceptions. Many of you were able to attend last year's great event at the Keystone Tractor and Truck Museum near Petersburg.

There are several special awards given each year -

The "**Old Dominion Trophy**" is presented to the region with the most member participation points earned as selected from a large number of categories (most judges participating, most vehicles on the show field, longest distance driven, and points for each individual vehicle award, etc). the Tidewater Region has been the recipient of this unique award many times previously.

The "**Walser & Edgar Rohr Trophy**" is awarded to the region with the largest percentage of members participating in the meet, regardless of region size.

These awards are designed to encourage participation by members of participating AACA Regions. The awards themselves are on display in the Virginia Transportation Museum in Roanoke, Virginia.

The "**Best in Show**" trophy is awarded to the very best vehicle on the show field, as selected by the vehicle judging class Team Captains, the meet's Chief Judge, and the Chief Judge's assistants.

TIDEWATER REGION is proud to take their turn hosting this great and historic event in 2026. The date was carefully chosen to fit the event and its location into the already busy car show and tour calendar. The location itself is convenient, spacious and those who are supporting the event there are very accommodating. It was chosen considering these factors as well as costs.

There will be related activities and plans are underway to host a welcome reception preceding the event itself.

WATCH FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS AS DETAILS ARE FINALIZED

Judges will be pre-selected from volunteers and a meeting will be held prior to the event to outline procedures and form judging teams. It can be fun and if you have an interest in becoming a judge, let us know.

VOLUNTEER NOW! - President Harry Park has been spear-heading this effort and your help will

be needed. Whether it's helping to lay out the showfield, spend a little time that morning helping get cars into their proper position, helping to judge or anything else you can offer please contact Harry and sign up. Between now and then, each event will have a Volunteer Sign-Up sheet available also.

JOIN US AND SHARE THE EXCITEMENT AS WE PREPARE TO HOST A GREAT OLD DOMINION MEET THIS COMING MAY.

A Real "Milestone" The 100th Anniversary of U.S. Route 66 1926-2026

Stretching from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California, it covered nearly 2,500 miles winding through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona.

It served as a primary route for westward migration during the Dust Bowl in the 1930s. Along its winding path, it helped stimulate small-town economies as motels, restaurants, gas-stations, tourist attractions and souvenir shops sprang up.

It became legendary in song, on TV and in movies and came to symbolize escape, adventure, hope and new beginnings. It was known as "the Mother Road", the "Will Rogers Highway", and the "Main Street of America".

Eventually, a newer Interstate highway system bypassed much of it and it fell into disuse as a major thoroughfare. But, portions of what remains have been designated as a National Scenic By-Way and "Historic Route 66" remains a legend and an adventure waiting for those who want to see the USA.

During the year celebrating this important part of our motoring history, we'll publish a few of those legendary attractions and welcome stories from anyone who has ever travelled a portion of it. Stay tuned for some "Kicks on Route 66" and join us "...standin' on a corner in Winslow Arizona", as sung by Glenn Frey and the Eagles.



STILL COLLECTING - Looking ahead, through your GOGGLES

By Terry Bond

Did you know there was a time when a new car was so "basic" it came without a top, headlamps or even a windshield? Yes, many very early cars were wide-open. Of course they didn't go fast enough that you needed to worry about bugs between our teeth!

But, roads were unpaved and, when they were not too muddy to drive on, dust was an issue.

Various add-ons for early cars included tops, side-screens, and some kind of windshield. It

took them a while to catch on. People were afraid of all that simple window glass between them and whatever they might run into. Yes, early windshields used regular window glass! They were simple, wood framed single pane glass mounted onto the dashboard.

The need for eye protection quickly became obvious. A pair of goggles was the answer. They were adapted from cyclists and horse-drawn vehicle drivers. They were handy and came in whatever styles or variations best met the motorist's needs. The earliest goggles were often incorporated into full or partial face coverings.





No. 10—The same style as above. Finest quality of silk, lined with white kid, and the finest goggle of this kind on the market. It is suitable for summer wear for either ladies or gentlemen. Price, per pair, \$2.00.

No. 416—The same as above, except made of gray chamois, lined with white kid and bound with gray velvet. Price, per pair, \$2.00.

It did not take long though before the convenience of separate removable goggles became popular.

We often think of goggles as primarily something for race car drivers as seen in this image from the 1903 Paris-Madrid race.



The Seewell Goggle.
Paris-Madrid Style.



This mask is made from chamois and bound around the edge with chenille. The frame is made of aluminum and the goggle is very light. This goggle is furnished with either plain glass or mica lens, one piece, curved to fit the contour of the head. It gives a wide, lateral range of vision, and can be worn over eyeglasses or spectacles. Furnished in assorted colors.

Price, each, \$4.00.

The Seewell goggles were advertised as "Paris-Madrid" style, which refers to that event

Legendary race car driver Barney Oldfield at the wheel



The need for eye protection though was universal and not only race car drivers needed them. They soon became a fashion statement for even passengers.



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Cesco brand wide vision goggles in the original metal box



Willson goggle countertop display cabinet from my collection showing a variety of Willson Goggles

In 1871, Thomas A. Willson & Co. opened its factory doors on 2nd & Washington Streets in downtown Reading, PA. Founded by Gile J. Willson and Dr. Thomas A. Willson, it was the first company in the United States to manufacture optical lenses. In 1876, Thomas A. Willson patented the process for hardening glass, enabling the production of shatterproof protective eyeglasses. With the rising popularity of early aviation and motoring, protective eye-wear quickly became one of their most popular products. Among the company's bestsellers at this time were Arundel tinted lenses. By the 1930s they were producing a variety of protective eye-wear including swimming goggles. In 1980, due to the Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA), Willson stopped manufacturing safety eyewear to focus its attention on developing new varieties of respirators, gloves, and other protective equipment. By 2002 the company had closed and their factory, known as "Goggleworks" remained vacant until 2005, when it was revised into "Googleworks Center For the Arts".

Willson tinted driving glasses and their original tin container



Willson safety goggles with fuzzy protectors

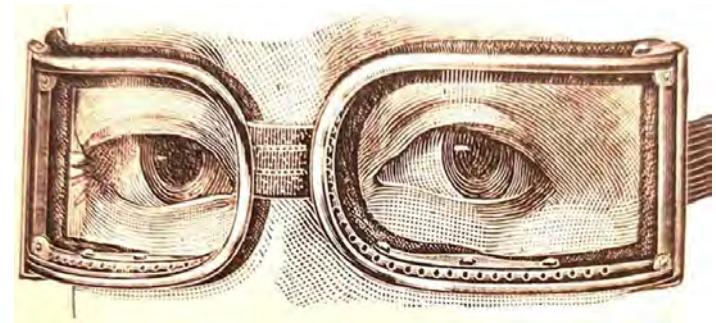


Willson safety goggles with folding dust shields

Driving goggles are still being manufactured today and remain popular with motorcycle drivers and old car enthusiasts who like to dress appropriately. They are fairly inexpensive and fun to collect for the many varieties that can be found. When I think of goggles, the tune to the 1970's Johnny Nash song "I Can See Clearly Now" always comes to mind.

Happy collecting as always,

Terry



2026 AACA Annual Convention Seminar Schedule (last updated 1-19-26)

Please note that this schedule is subject to change between now and the convention, so be sure to pick up the FINAL seminar schedule at the convention registration desk onsite.

Friday, February 6, 2026

NOTE: Your registration badge MUST be displayed when attending seminars, trade show, judging schools, etc.

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM – REGISTRATION: \$50 (includes all Saturday activities)
 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Trade Show (Washingtonian)
 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Seminars
 10:45 PM – 12:45 PM – Luncheon Hosted by the First Lady (open to all members)

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Seminars
 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Reception (cash bar)
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Dinner Hosted by our Regions & Chapters (open to all members)
 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM – Groovy '70s Casino Night
 (all are welcome to attend; players limited to 350)

Location/Room	8:00 – 9:00 AM	9:30 – 10:30 AM	10:45 AM – 12:45 PM	1:00 – 2:00 PM	2:30 – 3:30 PM	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Lincoln Forum First Floor	LOOKING TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION OF HOBBYISTS, BUT NOT SURE HOW? Bill Lillie & Linda Lillie	DRIVING ENGAGEMENT: SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIES FOR AACA REGIONS Ken Gilmore	Special Luncheon Hosted by First Lady Debra Anspach Keynote Speaker: Jacy Good Location: Fairfax Dining Room	THE NEXT 100 YEARS: HOW THE NB CENTER IS EVOLVING TO SERVE THE CHANGING NEEDS OF COLLECTOR CAR OWNERSHIP Keith Flickinger & Jonathan Klinger NB Center	AUTOMOTIVE STORYTELLING: THE STORY & MAKING OF A DOCUMENTARY FILM Blind Logic – <i>The Ralph R. Teeter Story</i> Jack Teeter Blind Logic Productions, LLC	THE WW2 JEEP: FROM WAR HERO TO AMERICAN ICON Dr. Grat Correll
Jeffersonian 1 & 2 Second Floor	DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS! Jeff Mihalko	FIRE APPARATUS: DO'S AND DON'TS OF RESTORATION AND JUDGING Pat Thorpe		BENEFITS OF CLASSIC CAR INSURANCE FOR COLLECTORS Alexandra Gelovich JC Taylor Insurance	REGION WEBSITES & PUBLICATIONS FORUM Debbie Nolen, Terry Bond, Philip Cole, Bob Stein & Pat Buckley	RESURRECTING YOUR REGION BY ADDING NEW MEMBERS Dave Anspach & Deb Anspach
Jeffersonian 3 & 4 Second Floor	AUTOMOBILIA AND THE FINE ART OF COLLECTING Terry Bond	AACA ORIGINAL (formerly HPOF) Fred Bartsmeier		HOW USI CHANGED THE SMALL TOWN OF FREDERICKSBURG, VA Wally Hunt & Barbra Anderson	DRIVERS PARTICIPATION CLASS (DPC) John Flechler & Dain King	A CHEAPSKEAT IN A RICH MAN'S HOBBY Bob Stein
Jeffersonian 5 & 6 Second Floor	RADIATOR REPAIRS & RECORING Bill Carberry	LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & OUTLOOK FOR THE COLLECTOR VEHICLE COMMUNITY Christian Robinson SEMA		NATIONALS & TOURS REGISTRATION CHAIR TRAINING Pat Buckley Seminar for current registration chairs & anyone wishing to become a registration chair. Learn about the online registration system.	TOURING: CARS WERE BUILT TO BE DRIVEN Fred Trusty, Eric Marsh & Tom Roberts	CJE INSTRUCTOR'S SEMINAR Rick Lay 25+ Judging Credits Required Annual seminar for current CJE instructors & anyone wishing to become an instructor.

Saturday, February 7, 2026

NOTE: Your registration badge MUST be displayed when attending seminars, trade show, judging schools, etc.

7:30 AM – Noon – REGISTRATION: \$50
 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM – National Judging Schools
 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Seminars

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Trade Show (Washingtonian)

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – National Awards Reception

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM – Membership Meeting

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM – National Awards Banquet

Room/Location	8:00 – 10:00 AM	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	12:30 – 1:30 PM	AACA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Grand Dominion (Second Floor) 2:00 – 3:30 PM
Lincoln Forum First Floor	VISIT THE TRADE SHOW VENDORS & BE ENTERED TO WIN PRIZES!	MODERN TOOLS FOR TIMELESS TOURS: ENHANCING AACA EVENTS WITH DIGITAL COMMUNICATION Debra Lankenau		THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW AND THE MAYBERRY SQUAD CAR Randy Higgins	
Jeffersonian 1 & 2 Second Floor	NATIONAL JUDGING SCHOOL Dave Bowman	LAST YEAR'S DIVERSE RESTORATION ACTIVITIES Scott Deno, Jim Cross, Howard King & Mike Witt		RESTORATION Q & A: BRING YOUR PROBLEMS AND QUESTIONS Scott Deno, Jim Cross, Howard King & Mike Witt	
Jeffersonian 3 & 4 Second Floor	NATIONAL SENIOR MASTER JUDGING SCHOOL (formerly ADVANCED) John Harvey	ROUTE 66: THE MOTHER ROAD CIRCA 1955 Mike Petersen		CERTIFICATION AND JUDGING VINTAGE RACE CARS Norm Hutton & Shellie Stewart	
Jeffersonian 5 & 6 Second Floor	Minimum 25 Judging Credits Required LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TRADE SHOW PASSPORT STAMPED!	*10:30 AM – 12:30 PM* CHIEF JUDGE SCHOOL Stan Kulikowski & Pat Buckley For current Chief Judges & anyone wishing to become a Chief Judge. Minimum 25 Field Judging Credits	Box Lunch Location: Fairfax Dining Room	TEAM CAPTAIN CJE Stan Kulikowski For members registered in or interested in the Team Captain's Program Minimum 25 Judging Credits Required	



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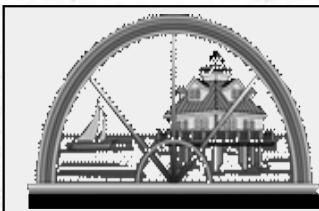
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