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TRAACA Theater Night “Harvey” Saturday, February 24, 2018

Shake off those winter blues, it's time to get ready for the TRAACA's February activity on Saturday, February 24th, when we go to Smithfield Station for dinner followed by the play “Harvey” at the Smithfield Little Theatre. Both the theater and restaurant are located in the quaint town of Smithfield, VA. We will be joined by some HVPR AACA friends as well. Plus, tickets are subsidized by the club and only \$10.00/ticket for TRAACA members.

We will start the evening, by watching the sunset over the Pagan River while we dine at fellow TRAACA member Ron Pack's restaurant the Smithfield Station. The restaurant serves a variety of American dishes, and has plenty of onsite parking. We will have a delicious menu to choose from with several entrees, side dishes, and desserts. (The menu will be emailed to those attending the event, for a sneak preview.) Dinner will start at 5:00 PM to allow us enough time to enjoy our meal, converse with friends, and meander up the street to the Smithfield Little Theatre.

The play “Harvey” is a comedy about a gentleman, Elwood P. Dowd, with a friend Harvey, an imaginary six-and-a-half-foot-

tall rabbit. Elwood insists that Harvey be included in all of his sister Veta's social gatherings. Veta tries to spare the family from future embarrassment concerning Harvey and attempts to have Elwood committed to a sanitarium. Several things transpire, including Veta being committed rather than Elwood, and Elwood & Harvey having a strange influence on people they meet. The ending will surely delight!

So, plan to join your fellow TRAACA and HVPR AACA members for our February activity, sure to offer some good food and fun with some good friends. The show is sold out that night, but we have a limited number of seats available.

WHEN: 5 PM, Saturday, Feb 24, 2018

WHERE: Dinner at Smithfield Station
415 S. Church St.
Smithfield, VA

FOLLOWED BY: 8 PM—*HARVEY*

WHERE: Smithfield Little Theatre
210 N. Church Street
Smithfield, VA

COST: \$10.00/each for TRAACA mbrs

SIGN UP: RSVP by Thursday, February 8, by contacting Marion McAlpine at mmmcalpine05@msn.com or 967-0074.



The TRAACA's 2018 Board of Directors was installed at the region's Annual Awards Banquet on January 20th. Read the story on Pages 6-7.



TRAACA CALENDAR

Check traaca.com/calendar.htm for the latest info on upcoming events!

FEBRUARY 2018

- 2 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 15 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 24 TRAACA Dinner & Theater
“Harvey” Smithfield Little
Theatre, Smithfield, VA

MARCH 2018

- 4 TRAACA Dinner & Theater
“Hound of the Baskervilles”
Wells Theater, Norfolk, VA
- 9 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 10 TRAACA Annual Swap Meet
Military Aviation Museum
Virginia Beach, VA
- 15 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

APRIL 2018

- 13 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 14 Lantern Asia Display
Norfolk Botanical Gardens
Norfolk, VA
- 19 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 28 ODMA Old Dominion Meet
Harrisonburg, VA

MAY 2018

- 4 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 5 TRAACA Square Car Tour
(Route to be determined)
- 19 TRAACA Barbecue
Dewey & Maxine Milligan's
(instead of May Dinner Meeting)
Chesapeake, VA

From the Driver's Seat

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Those of you who attended our Annual Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport on Saturday, January 20th, know what a great evening it was. The Holiday Inn staff surpassed their usual high standards and served an outstanding meal. The club subsidized the meal by \$15 per person, so the hotel had considerably more leeway in what they could provide, and they delivered a delicious spread. I thought the carved roast beef was some of the best I've ever had. I didn't try the citrus salmon, but the Chicken Marsala was tasty, and because of the "Potato Martini Bar" I ate way too much mashed potatoes.

The best part of the evening was the awards ceremony, which was the main purpose of the banquet. We recognized a number of our fellow members for their accomplishments with their vehicles in 2017. (The complete list of awards is on Page 17—the TRAACA Members' Page.) Most of the annual awards are determined by points earned throughout the year by showing your vehicle and participating in club activities, but some are selected by the Board of Directors and some, such as the Lalique Award, are determined by the past recipients. I think there were some unexpected winners this year, and it was great to see the surprise on the winners' faces when their names were called.

We also recognized members who achieved some significant milestones this year. First, we recognized members who mark 25-years of membership in the TRAACA. Terry Bond presented 25-yr Silver Name Tags to Linda & Bob Pellerin. John & Mary Ann Blair and Al Nazaruk also hit 25 years of membership this year, but were unable to attend the banquet. (We'll get their Silver Name Tags to them.)

We also recognized members who have belonged to the TRAACA for 40 or more years. I think people were incredulous that we had so many members who have achieved this milestone (and that so much time has passed that quickly). There are no special name tags for 40+ year members (not until you hit 50 years and get your Gold Name Tag), but as recommended by the Board & approved by our membership last spring, anyone reaching 40 years of paid membership no longer has to pay

annual dues to the region. (They do have to pay their national dues.) So, next time you see Riley Best, Joe & Jack Burroughs, Craig & Cheryl Casper, Harold & Evy Eacker, Richard & Sandy Hall, Frank Laguna, Jeff & Pat Locke, Al & Sharon Mercer, Ed & Diane Monroe, Gerard & Mary Lou Olson, Rad & Margie Tillett, Harold Via, or Bob Ward, congratulate them for being members of the TRAACA for over 40 years.

As president of the region, I also recognized some members for their contributions to our club which had not been formally recognized before. First, we had a "changing of the guard" this past year, and I recognized a number of people relinquishing major responsibilities: Sandy & Richard Hall served as the AACA Registration Co-Chairpersons for our Annual Meet for over 30 years, and handed it off to Ellen & Jerry Adams last September. Marie & John Gancel served as the Rods & Mods Registration Co-Chairs for the last 7 years, and are handing it off to Ellen & Jerry Adams for our 2018 meet. Tony & Leslie Scarpelli were supposed to attend the banquet but had to cancel due to illness, so Tony was not there to receive his Special Recognition Award for serving as our Annual Meet Chairman for the past 5 years. (*We're still looking for someone to step forward and take on this responsibility for our 2018 Annual Meet—contact me if you'd like to volunteer!*) Terry Bond and Neil Sugermeyer served as our Annual Swap Meet Co-Chairs for the past 20 years, and are passing the baton to Bill Treadwell this year (although Neil is still handling registration and Terry is serving as an advisor). Scott Davies digitized our membership database and maintained our membership roster for the last 7 years before relinquishing it to Jerry Adams this year.

I also recognized three other members for their continuing contributions: Bob Stein for serving as our webmaster for 18 years (and still counting); Jerry Adams for modernizing our membership database and taking over responsibility for our membership roster; and Dot Parrish for doing too many things to list (including producing the programs for our Annual Awards Banquets and Annual Meets) since joining our region over 30 years ago.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed so much to our club, both over the past year and before, those we recognized on January 20th, those we recognized in past years, and those many unsung heroes we haven't recognized yet. Our club wouldn't be as much fun without you.

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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 to these e-mails** 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!

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From the Running Board
Jan 12, 2018 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes
 (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

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Officers Present: Mark McAlpine (President), Matt Doscher (Vice President), Charlie Dawson (Treasurer), and Vickie Doscher (Secretary). Board Members present: Jerry Adams, Scott Davies, Wayne Milligan, and Bill Treadwell. Members present: Ellen Adams, Kim & Travis Berry, Marion McAlpine, and Linda Treadwell.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

President: Thanked all for coming. Acknowledged this is Wayne and Bill's last Board Meeting. Thanked them for their support and contributions to the club. Also thanked Hilary (not present) for her service and contributions this past year.

Vice President: Also recognized Wayne and Bill, and thanked them for their service and contributions to the club.

Secretary's Report: The December Board Meeting minutes were sent out by e-mail and approved by the Board, and printed in the January *Mudflap*.

Treasurer's Report:

- December 2017 monthly reports reviewed. Two renewals outstanding for 2018 *Mudflap* advertising and one new advertiser gained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities Committee:

- Saturday, 13 Jan 2018: TRAACA tour of Chrysler Museum featuring Lalique display. Lunch will be at Freemason Abbey. 46 signed up thus far.
- Saturday, 24 Feb 2018: TRAACA Theater Night: "Harvey" at Smithfield Little Theatre. Dinner at the Smithfield Station before the play Joint activity with Historic Virginia Peninsula Region (HVPR). Let Marion know if interested in attending.
- Sunday, 4 Mar 2018: TRAACA Theater Night: "The Hound of the Baskervilles" at Wells Theater in Norfolk, Lunch to be determined. Please notify Wayne if interested in attending.

Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):

- Saturday, 20 Jan 2018: Annual Awards Banquet & Board Induction at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Social hour begins at 5 PM. Dinner at 6 PM.
- Thursday, 15 Feb 2018: Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Guest Speaker: Terry Bond talking about the "Steamboat Arabia."

Membership: Status as of 11 Jan 2018: 131 memberships out of 188 have renewed. 40-yr members do not need to pay membership dues for TRAACA. [They must pay AACA dues.] They still need to fill out a renewal form updating their personal information for membership roster.

2018 Swap Meet (Bill Treadwell):

- Status report reviewed.
- Breakfast and lunch available from Back Bay Catering.
- Volunteers needed. Contact Bill if interested in helping.

Unfinished Business:

- Ordering Participation Chits for 2017 Annual Meet: Jerry has been in touch with Francine at Virginia Art Metal. Chits should be done net week. Club will hold onto extra chits. Reorder will take 3 months. Board to consider how many chits to order for future events. Plan to mail the chits to participants who did not receive them at the Annual Meet.
- Annual Awards Banquet: All trophies have been ordered. Dot Parrish working on program. Plan to have Swap Meet flyers and sign-up sheets for volunteers and baked goods.
- 2018 Dinner Meeting Location: Holiday Inn wanted to increase cost of each meal by \$5 and asked for a set-up fee of \$150 per meeting. Mark was able to negotiate with Holiday Inn and current offer from Holiday Inn is \$75 set-up fee and keep the dinner meeting at \$25 per person. Motion made by Charlie to continue to hold dinner meetings at Holiday Inn with the \$75 set up fee & dinner at \$25 per person. Seconded by Scott. Motion passed.
- Standard Operating Procedures/List of Duties for Board members and other key club positions. Board must submit summary to Mark by end of February.

New Business:

- Subsidies for 2018 Dinner Meetings (adding March Dinner Meeting for St. Patrick's Day meal): Wayne made a motion to subsidize March St. Patrick's Day meal at \$5 a person. Charlie seconded. Motion passed.

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TRAACA February Dinner Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2018

Our February Dinner Meeting is on Thursday, February 15th, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Dinner is Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Marsala, vegetable medley, garlic mashed potatoes, house salad, and chef's selection of desserts. The cost is \$25 per member.

Social hour is from 6:00-6:45 PM, with dinner at 6:45 PM, followed by a brief business meeting and a presentation by Terry Bond about the Steamboat Arabia, which sunk fully loaded on the Missouri River in 1862 and was discovered 125 years later, buried in a Kansas cornfield. The Steamboat Arabia Museum is a virtual 1862 "Walmart" of relics.

Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation!



TRAACA Tour of the Chrysler Museum Norfolk, Virginia

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine and Bob Stein.

Wow, what a great start to the 2018 year. On Saturday, January 13th, the TRAACA kicked off the year with its first official activity. 49 TRAACA members & friends participated in the tour of the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk, VA, followed by lunch at the nearby Freemason Abbey restaurant.

The group started the morning at the Chrysler Museum of Art to visit two displays. The *René Lalique: Enchanted by Glass* and the *Picturing Innovations: The First 100 Years at NASA Langley Research Center* exhibits were both on display during our visit.

René Lalique is a well-known artist who was born in 1860. He trained as a jewelry designer in the Art Nouveau style, and he apparently freelanced with Cartier and Boucheron early in his career. Over the years Lalique's creativity with glass spanned both Art Nouveau and Art Deco styles. His work included jewelry, medallions, perfume bottles, lamps, clocks, tableware, and automobile mascots (automobile hood ornaments) to name a few. His beautiful works are still enjoyed today.

The Lalique collection at the Chrysler Museum was wonderfully displayed and it was easy to maneuver our way between the display cases to view the lovely pieces. To our delight, there were numerous Lalique automobile mascots on display. Back in the day, Lalique automobile mascots could be purchased by anyone and put on their vehicles. However, because of the cost the mascots most often adorned the more luxurious vehicles. It was great to see so many pieces have survived over the years and were available for the show.

Next, the group headed upstairs to the NASA Langley Research Center display. There were 100 larger than life photos arranged in the room depicting the history of the first 100 years

of the NASA Langley Research Center. There were many NASA Langley Research Center innovations highlighted in the photos such as the famous Wind Tunnel No. 1 (which was completed in 1920), pilots testing experimental airplanes, and the influence the technology from the research center had on U.S. spacecraft, which led to the first manned landing on the moon. There was a room set up with interactive displays, letting kids (and adults) see how some of the NASA Langley concepts work (on a smaller scale of course).

The final stop for the day was going over to the Freemason Abbey restaurant in Norfolk, a short drive from the Chrysler Museum. The Freemason Abbey has a great selection for large lunch groups at a very reasonable price. The friendly staff did a great job handling our large party, getting the orders taken and the food delivered in a timely manner. The food was delicious, and everyone had a nice time conversing with fellow TRAACA members.

The TRAACA members that attended all or part of the event included Jerry, Ellen, Abigale & Kaylan Adams, Travis & Kim Berry, Terry Bond, Bill Coburn, Dick & Linda Cooper, Daniel & Diana Etheridge, John & Marie Gancel, Doug Grosz, Ron & Sally Hartman, Dennis & Paula Hennessey, Kathy Kellam and her daughters Cathy Tedesco & Mary Jane Palasz, Mark & Marion McAlpine and friends Mike Scott & Margaret Sturbinger (from Manassas), Dana & Debbie Meadows, Wayne & Carol Milligan, Rick Overbaugh & Karen Kern, Bob & Dot Parrish, Jack Pavlidis & friend Gloria Sparks, Les & Linda Sorey, Bob Stein, Ken & Barbara Talley, Don & Rita Trammell, Ken & Shirley Wecht and friends Richard & Anne Moore, and Bill Wilcox & his daughter Kim.



TRAACA members gather in the lobby of the Chrysler Museum before enjoying the René Lalique and Langley Research Center exhibits



Lalique vases—"Ronces" (Brambles)—designed in 1921



Lalique cigar box—"Romeo"—designed in 1927



Lalique clock—"Two Figurines"—designed in 1926



Lalique statuettes—designed (L-R) in 1919, 1926, and 1919



Lalique automobile mascot—"Eagle Head"—designed in 1928



Lalique automobile mascot—"Renard" (fox)—designed in 1930



Lalique automobile mascot—"Victory"—designed in 1928



Lalique automobile mascot—"Longchamp"—designed in 1929



TRAACA Annual Awards Banquet Norfolk, VA Saturday, January 20, 2018

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Marion McAlpine and Bob Stein.

The snow had melted, and the sun even came out briefly, on Saturday, January 20, 2018, for the TRAACA's 63rd Annual Awards Banquet and Installation of its 2018 Board of Directors held at the Holiday Inn-Norfolk Airport, in Norfolk, VA. This year, as in previous years, the Awards Banquet was well attended, with nearly 60 TRAACA members gathered to enjoy the festivities. While socializing prior to dinner, members were entertained by a slideshow put together by Bob Stein, highlighting the TRAACA's 2017 activities and events.

Dinner was delicious, with three entrees: roast beef, Chicken Marsala, and citrus salmon with orange glaze. Members enjoyed the potato "martini bar"—assembling mashed white or mashed sweet potatoes and their choice of multiple toppings in a martini glass. To complete the meal, there were some great desserts to choose from. The club subsidized \$15.00/person of the meal to keep the cost to the members at only \$25.00/person.

After dinner, TRAACA President Mark McAlpine presented the annual awards, with help from the very entertaining Master of Ceremonies Jim Elliott (TRAACA member and an AACA Director) announcing the 2017 award winners. Mark presented some of the awards, while others were presented by trophy sponsors or former TRAACA presidents. There were a lot of smiles and some surprised recipients, such as Jim Villers, who received the *President's Award*; Bill & Linda Treadwell, who received the *Merritt Horne Presentation Award*; and Marion McAlpine, who received the *Spark Plug Award*. Tom Cox, the

current AACA President, was awarded the *Duryea Award*. (Tom was unable to make the ceremony and Mark will present the trophy to him at a later date.) The *Lalique Award* was awarded posthumously to Bob Roughton. Unfortunately, Sylvia Roughton was unable to make the ceremony, so Sam Kern accepted the award on her behalf. Several Special Recognition Awards presented to some special members who had given a great deal of their time to the club, some of them for many years. (A list of the 2017 awards and recipients is on Pg. 17.)

Each year during this annual event, the newly elected TRAACA board of Directors takes its oath of office. Generally, the Board Members serve in their positions for two years. This year Board Members Wayne Milligan and Bill Treadwell stepped down after completing their terms. Hilary Pavlidis moved out of the area and only served as a Board Member for one year. All three were recognized for their service to the club.

Bob Parrish, (TRAACA member, AACA National President Emeritus, and an AACA National Director) installed the 2018 TRAACA Officers and Board. When Bob introduced each Board member, he handed them each a different kind of candy bar, which signified the Board Member's position and the responsibilities involved in being on the Board. The 2018 TRAACA Board Officers are Mark McAlpine—President; Matt Doscher—Vice President; Charlie Dawson—Treasurer; Vickie Doscher—Secretary. The Board Members are Jerry Adams, Travis Berry, Scott Davies, and Tim Hund.



Mark McAlpine presents the *President's Award* to Jim Villers



Mark McAlpine & Matt Doscher present a *Special Recognition Award* to Dot Parrish for her 30-plus years of service to the region



(L-R) Mark McAlpine presents a *Special Recognition Award* to Bob Stein for serving as the club's *Webmaster* for 18 years



(L-R) Terry Bond presents *TRAACA 25-yr Member Silver Name Tags* to Bob & Linda Pellerin



(L-R) Tim Hund receiving Overland Award from Mark McAlpine



Jim & Donna Elliott receiving Bartlett Bowl from Mark McAlpine



Mark McAlpine presents the Restoration Award to Scott Davies



Terry Bond (L) and Bob Parrish (R) receive The Mudflap Award



(L-R) Richard Hall presents the Merritt Horne Participation Award to Linda & Bill Treadwell



(L-R) Mark McAlpine & Matt Doscher present a Special Award to Richard & Sandy Hall for serving as the AACA Registration Chairpersons for the club's Annual Meet for over 30 years



Terry Bond presents the Spark Plug Award to Marion McAlpine



(L-R) Mark McAlpine and Matt Doscher present a Special Award to Marie & John Gancel for serving as the "Mods & Rods" Registration Chairpersons for the club's Annual Meet for 7 years



Pennsylvania National Fire Museum Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine.



The Pennsylvania National Fire Museum in Harrisburg, PA

While visiting Hershey, PA, for the AACA's Eastern Fall Meet in October 2017, Mark and I went into nearby Harrisburg, PA, to visit the Pennsylvania National Fire Museum (PNFM). Reviews on the museum's website called the museum a "hidden gem," and we would agree.

Per the PNFM website, in 1899 the Reily Hose Co. No. 10 firehouse was originally constructed on the site where the PNFM currently sits. In 1980 two new firehouses opened in Harrisburg, and the Reily firehouse closed and was sold. In 1991 the city took possession again of the

building, extensively renovated it, and it reopened in 1995 as the beautiful Victorian-style fire station museum.

The museum contains vintage fire apparatus ranging from handtubs and steam pumpers, and examples of hand-drawn & horse-drawn firefighting equipment and motorized engines. The larger building houses several vintage ladder and pumper trucks. There was a Fire Alarm Headquarters display and a mock firehouse living quarters. An alarm room, complete with a fire dispatch console, demonstrates how a fire alarm was transmitted in the late 1800s all the way to electronic equipment used today. You can even pull the alarm boxes to hear the different tones.

Charlie & Bert, Mike & Harry, and Sparky are statues of horses and a dog, respectively, that represent the animals who once lived at the firehouse. The Reily Hose Co. pole used to slide down to the main level of the firehouse from the living quarters above is also on display.

There are examples of early fire hydrants and how they originated. At one time, underground wooden water pipes supplied water to communities. When a fire occurred, firefighters punched holes in the wooden pipes to release the water. After the fire was extinguished, the holes in the pipes were plugged with wooden plugs called "fire plugs." The fire plugs were marked for future use, becoming the early "fire hydrants." And those firefighters guarding the plugs from other fire companies were called "plug uglies."

The PNFM is operated and staffed 100% by volunteers. Our volunteer docent was a retired firefighter and was very knowledgeable about the museum and the history of firefighting across the United States. The PNFM is a great museum—we highly recommend visiting it.



Turn-of-the-century firefighting equipment in Reily Firehouse #10 (and replicas of Bert & Charley, Percheron horses who served there)



(L-R) 1911 International Harvester hose truck, 1899 LaFrance third-class steamer cart, 1894 hose wagon, and an 1830 hand-pumper



1792 hand-pumper—probably the oldest in original, unrestored condition in the United States—could pump 150 gallons/minute



1947 Mack Model LS-19 pumper truck



1935 Mack Ladder Truck—75-ft wooden aerial ladder



1951 Mack Model 505-A pumper truck



Still Collecting Stuff — Tins and Cans

By Terry Bond

Collecting automotive-related tins and cans has been popular for many years. They have graduated from mere garage decoration and sometimes useful objects to works of art, hotly collected by lovers of automobilia and especially petromobilia.

Throughout their existence, tins and cans have been useful objects. Once their primary contents have been emptied, the containers became useful objects to hold something else. Thus, many such containers enjoyed multiple lives and myriad uses.

The usual rules apply: the older the object and the better the condition, the higher the price. Another major factor is what is printed on the tin itself. Advances in lithography enabled tins to be printed with images of automobiles, fancy lettering, and multiple colors. The result was a multitude of oil cans and tins with amazingly beautiful illustrations on them—top-dollar items in today's market. Any can that is related to a specific vehicle is also going to be a big-ticket item.

Cans were illustrated with lithography applied directly to the tin itself and also on paper labels. Those can be difficult to find in good condition!



Rare Ford oil can, 1910, designed to fit under the seat of a Ford Model T—value \$1,500+

decoration on a can.

They come in all shapes and sizes, and fit into many different categories. There are, of course, motor oil cans—quart, half-gallon, and up to five-gallon cans contained within wooden crates. There



Whiz Cup Grease, circa 1910, value \$250+

Alas, many cans saw heavy usage. The result is scratched or rusted printing on them. Tin cans were often dented from rough handling, and some even had additional holes punctured in them. During their lifetime there was generally little interest (or need) to preserve the

decoration on a can. They come in all shapes and sizes, and fit into many different categories. There are, of course, motor oil cans—quart, half-gallon, and up to five-gallon cans contained within wooden crates. There were also some interesting round cans that were designed to enable easy pouring.

Almost all other automotive products came in some sort of tin can. (Note: we'll talk more later in another column about those tire patch kits that came in metal cans.)

Collectors enjoy trying to find examples of their favorite oil companies to add to their sign and gas station item collections. Others are drawn to early racing-themed illustrations. Many collectors seek out items related to their own cars. There are also some cans with what are considered classic illustrations on them, like the Sinclair Opaline Motor Oil can on this page.

My favorites are cans for Whiz products. Whiz was the brand name for products sold by the R. M. Hollingshead Corporation, in Camden, NJ. The company produced a wide range of household maintenance chemicals & auto care products. It existed until at least the 1960s.

When automobiles used carbide headlamps, calcium carbide was sold in well-illustrated tins. These are very early and are very rare.

Among the many auto-related products available in tins were spark plugs, and I have a number of different well-illustrated tins in my collection.

One of my best finds ever was an early Sears oil can with illustrations of the early Sears high-wheeler automobile on it. It was a lucky \$20 purchase at a Richmond flea market years ago. I've never seen another one in all my years of collecting and looking at other collections.



Very rare Sears motor oil can—value \$1,000+

I love cans with automobiles illustrated on them, and I'm certainly glad I started collecting when I did. Still, I recall the days when I passed up many good cans because they were just a little over-priced (at the time). Just another \$5 wouldn't have really made much difference and would have proven to be a great investment as prices have gone crazy these past few years. Hint: if you like it, buy it when you have the chance! A good example is a nice French Auto Oil gallon can, which was an expensive \$30 at Hershey in the 1990s. Today it would easily bring over \$1,000 at a good auction.

Did I mention that condition is everything? Only mint or near mint condition cans command top dollar. It pays to keep an eye on some of the major auction houses to see what the market is doing. Cans with damage to the image or the can itself should be greatly devalued. Don't let anyone try to tell you that "you can only see one side of it when it's displayed." While that is true, damage anywhere on a can should



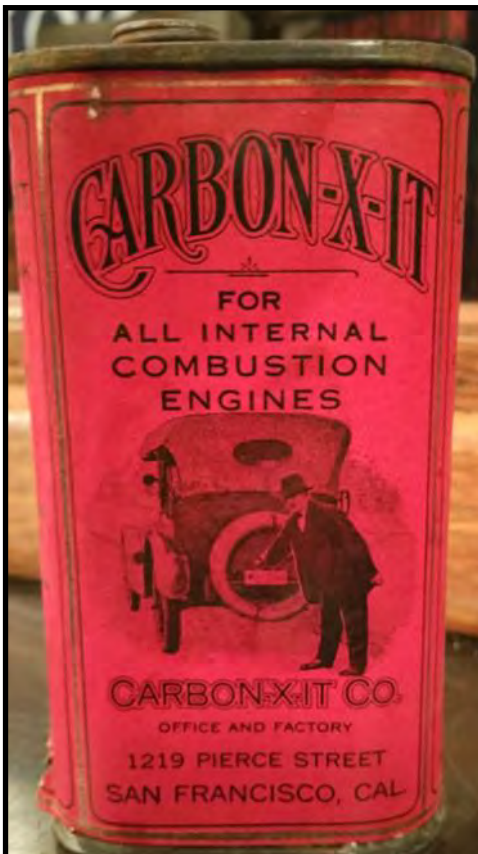
Highly desirable Opaline Motor Oil can with race car, 1920s—value \$1,000+



Herz Spark Plug can—a fairly common piece—value \$75-\$100

faded image, and might also help preserve the finish, it does lessen the value considerably. It is generally accepted among more advanced collectors that you are going to encounter these cans, and it might have been done to “save” a badly deteriorated image, but it’s still not going to enhance a can’s value at all.

There are other “restorations” that I’ve seen where a can has actually been “re-skinned.” A damaged panel on a can has been covered over with a piece from a donor can. Sometimes it’s



Carbon-X-It can with a paper label. Terry bought a case of them years ago for \$75.

hard to tell that’s been done, so you need to inspect rare pieces carefully. I’ve seen dents carefully removed by using everything from compressed air to dry-ice, and prying with special sticks and tools. One rare can that I almost purchased had the original rusted through bottom removed, dents pushed out, and a new piece of metal re-soldered on the base. It took very careful inspection for me to detect the crafty repair, but a \$300 can was worth only half that amount in my opinion, despite the vendor’s insistence that “it displays well.” Sorry, but it will

lower the price considerably. It’s unfortunate that some cans in bad condition have actually been cut and the good remaining piece has been cleverly made into a “sign.” I’ve seen many of these passed off as rare advertising pieces. Restoration of cans is a hot topic for discussion among collectors. Many cans have been varnished over or “clear-coated” to enhance the color of the illustration. While this may enhance the appearance of a

always be a repaired can.

Values for cans can be all over the road map. Common brand name cans with minimal illustrations can run from \$30 to over \$100. Cans illustrating automobiles can bring well over \$1,000 depending on the age, condition, and subject matter. My rule of thumb: if you like it, buy it. I know of one early five-gallon can for Cadillac automobiles. It was circa 1904 and sold for over \$3,000. A few years ago, Neil Sugermeyer and I were walking around an outdoor antique market in Pennsylvania and encountered a similar can for Franklin automobiles. Although it seemed quite expensive at the time, I encouraged Neil to make the purchase. He has had substantial offers for it since then, and we both agree it’s an extremely rare piece and belongs in his collection of Franklin memorabilia.

So, where do you find such great cans? My favorite sources are antique shops, flea markets, swap meets, and just junk hunting. I do not purchase them at auctions! Auction fever is one element I prefer not to have to deal with. That said, the values I’ve indicated here are generally auction prices, tempered with a bit of common sense. The market is strong and the demand is high for quality items, so in an open auction or on the Internet, be prepared to pay top dollar. I’m content with great flea market and antique shop finds.

Enjoy the photographs and additional information. In a future article, we’ll take a look at a closely related topic: “other kinds of tins.” There is yet another category of tins for products like cigars, tobacco, candy, etc., with early automobiles or motoring scenes on them. Ah, so many ways to enjoy collecting!



Round easy-pour can, 1930s, value \$175-\$300



One of Terry’s favorite “tins.” This oil-pouring pitcher is in great condition and from the early 1920s—value approximately \$300.



TRAACA 2018

Activities Calendar (updated)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>ACTIVITY & LOCATION</u>
JANUARY	12	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	13	TRAACA Tour of Chrysler Museum Exhibits and Lunch at Freemason Abbey Norfolk, VA
	20	TRAACA Annual Awards Banquet & Board Installation Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
FEBRUARY	2	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	15	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	24	TRAACA Theater Night “Harvey” at Smithfield Little Theater & Dinner at Smithfield Station Smithfield, VA <i>(Joint TRAACA & HVPRAACA Activity)</i>
MARCH	4	TRAACA Theater Night “The Hound of the Baskervilles” at the Wells Theater & Dinner at Grace O’Malley’s Irish Pub Norfolk, VA
	9	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	10	TRAACA <i>Annual Swap Meet</i> Military Aviation Museum Virginia Beach, VA
	15	TRAACA <i>St. Patrick’s Day</i> Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
APRIL	13	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	14	TRAACA Tour of Lanterns Asia Norfolk Botanical Gardens and Dinner at the Azalea Inn Norfolk, VA
	19	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
MAY	4	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	5	TRAACA <i>Square Car Tour</i> <i>(route to be determined—TBD)</i>
	19	TRAACA Barbecue <i>(instead of May dinner meeting)</i> Dewey & Maxine Milligan’s Chesapeake, VA
JUNE	15	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	16	TRAACA Route 17 Antique Store Crawl <i>(Joint TRAACA & HVPRAACA Activity)</i>
	21	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>ACTIVITY & LOCATION</u>
JULY	6	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	19	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	27-29	TRAACA Weekend Tour to Charlottesville, VA
AUGUST	10	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
	11	TRAACA Tour of Virginia War Museum and Lunch <i>(at restaurant to be determined)</i> Newport News, VA
	16	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	25	TRAACA Ice Cream Social Doumar’s Barbecue Norfolk, VA
SEPTEMBER	8	TRAACA Tour of Hermitage Museum, Hunter Mansion, and/or a historic cemetery Norfolk, VA
	14	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA
	20	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
OCTOBER	22	TRAACA 45th Annual Meet Military Aviation Museum Virginia Beach, VA
	5	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	18	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
NOVEMBER	20	TRAACA <i>Chili Cook-Off</i> Dewey & Maxine Milligan’s Chesapeake, VA
	3	TRAACA <i>Movie / Casino Night</i> Portsmouth, VA
DECEMBER	9	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	15	TRAACA Dinner Meeting and <i>Annual Silent Auction</i> Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	7	TRAACA Holiday Lights Tour Newport News Park Newport News, VA
DECEMBER	9	TRAACA Holiday Party Brunch Princess Anne Country Club Virginia Beach, VA
	14	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

A round of applause to our Activities Committee—Travis Berry, Matt Doscher, Marion McAlpine, and Wayne Milligan—for coming up with such fun and interesting activities for us to enjoy this year!

TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2018

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- Subsidies for 2018 Activities (adding TRAACA Movie/Casino Night): Motion made by Charlie to subsidize \$500 for TRAACA Movie/Casino Night. Seconded by Bill. Motion passed.
- TRAACA Duryea Award: Proposal by Mark to create a small second award that the winner will keep once the large trophy is returned to the club. Would like to order two awards (Bob Parrish retroactive for 2016 and Tom Cox for 2017). Wayne made a motion to purchase two 3.2-inch clear glass blocks with the Duryea etched in it to be given to Bob Parrish and Tom Cox. Seconded by Bill. Motion passed.
- TRAACA Annual Donation to AACA National: Motion made by Matt to donate \$3,000 to National in support of its new headquarters building. Motion seconded by Scott. Motion passed. Charlie suggested giving the membership the opportunity to make their own individual donations in addition to the Board donation. Would like club to potentially raise an additional \$2,000 for total of \$5,000 before National's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia [8-10 February].

Other Business:

- VPCCC Monthly Report: No meeting held in December.

Adjourned: Having no other business, motion made to adjourn by Charlie; seconded by Wayne. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM. Next Board Meeting is 6:30 on Friday, 2 February, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher, Secretary.

Correction to December 15, 2017 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes

The following two items were inadvertently omitted from the December 15, 2017, Board Meeting Minutes published in the January *Mudflap*:

- Club Trailer: Matt recently had the trailer inspected, needed repairs completed, and tires replaced. Total cost: \$1,400. Board contemplating selling the trailer and downsizing to a smaller trailer that is easier for members to tow. Jerry and Matt to research trailer needs and options.
- 2017 Annual Awards: Reviewed & approved by the Board.



(L-R) Neil Sugermeyer & Terry Bond receive Special Recognition Awards from Ken Talley for being Swap Meet Co-Chairs for 20-yrs



Current and former TRAACA Presidents at the Region's 2017 Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 20, 2018.
(From L-R): Bob Parrish (1999-2000), Mark McAlpine (2017-present), Terry Bond (1993-1994), Ken Talley (2001-2002), Sam Kern (2003-2004), Linda Pellerin (2009-2010), Neil Sugermeyer (1997-1998), Bob Stein (2011-2012), Dewey Milligan (1984), and Jim Villers (2015-2016)

Name That Car!

Game and photos by Mark McAlpine

Identify the year, make, and model of the automobiles below with your only clues being their taillights. (The answers are at the bottom of the page.)



AACA Calendar of Events

http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca_calendar.html

FEBRUARY 2018

8-10 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

MARCH 2018

22-24 AACA Winter Meet
Mobile, AL

APRIL 2018

5-7 AACA SE Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC

19-21 AACA Western Spring Meet
Tucson, AZ

MAY 2018

11-12 AACA Central Spring Meet
Auburn, IN

31- AACA Grand National Meet
2 Jun Greensburg, PA

JUNE 2018

25-29 AACA Eastern Div. Tour
Lock Haven, PA

JULY 2018

11-14 AACA Eastern Spring Meet
Gettysburg, PA

AUGUST 2018

20-24 AACA Reliability Tour
Geneva, NY

SEPTEMBER 2018

12-15 AACA Central Division Tour
Texas Panhandle, TX

16-21 AAA Glidden Tour
Twin Falls, ID

OCTOBER 2018

10-13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA

21-26 AACA Founders Tour
Metropolis, IL

NOVEMBER 2018

5-9 AACA Sentimental Tour
Natchez, MS

FEBRUARY 2019

7-9 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

22-24 AACA Winter Meet
Ocala, FL

APRIL 2019

4-7 AACA SE Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC

MAY 2019

25 AACA Grand National Meet
Auburn, IN

ANSWERS: 1) 1973 Buick Century GS; 2) 1965 Pontiac GTO; 3) 1960 Cadillac Eldorado; 4) 1957 Buick Century; 5) 1958 Plymouth Savoy; 6) 1969 Dodge Super Bee; 7) 1961 Pontiac Catalina; 8) 1966 Ford Thunderbird; and 9) 1968 Chevrolet Caprice.



AACA National Meet Experience

By John McCarthy

AACA Vice President Endowments

(Reprinted from the Fall 2017 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



AACA hosts many National Meets each year. Some are found in locations we have not been to, or even heard of before. We really like these locations as we get to enjoy an area of the country we may not have seen otherwise. Another plus is that when traveling to these locations you get to see other attractions along the way as

a bonus.

An example of one of these meets is the Bettendorf, Iowa, meet held in August 2017. The Isle Casino Hotel in Bettendorf was the host hotel and an ideal location next to the Convention Center and Casino and the buffet breakfast, which was included in the room price, was one of the best we have ever had. The Casino has several nice restaurants which added to the ambience.

About a twenty-minute drive north of Bettendorf is Le Claire, Iowa, which has been made famous by Mike, Frank, and Danielle from American Pickers.” We had been to their store in Nashville a few years ago when attending the Cleveland, Tennessee National Meet and wanted to see the original store in Le Claire where it all

started. The store looks just like it does on the show, but Mike, Frank, and Danielle must have been off picking that day. Also in Le Claire were several antique and collectible shops, an excellent Buffalo Bill Museum, a micro-brewery, and several nice restaurants, including the Faithful Pilot, which was featured on an episode of American Pickers.

About twenty miles west of the Illinois/Iowa border and just off Route 80 is the Route 80 Truck Museum. This museum is just trucks, big ones and lots of them—it’s huge. Most of the trucks are restored and range from the early twentieth century to the 1980s. We have been to several truck museums and this is one of the best.

The Mississippi Valley Region hosted this National Meet and provided a riverboat dinner cruise one evening. On Saturday there was a special treat as we got to see the American Queen, which was tied up all day next to the casino, and in the late afternoon left on one of its river cruises.

As there is so much to do in a short period of time it is best to arrive at a National Meet a few days before show day and get to see these wonderful areas of the United States.



Tips for a Winning Show Car

By Jim Elliott

AACA Vice President Finance and Budget

(Reprinted from the Fall 2017 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



I will never forget the first time I drove my show car on to the field at an AACA National Meet. The apprehension and nervousness were nearly unbearable. That was twenty years ago and I still have those same feelings every time I compete.

I learned a lot along the way to make show days more successful.

You should start with the AACA Judging Guidelines. You can save your money and receive a free one by attending a National Judging School or by downloading a copy from the AACA website.

Reading the Judging Guidelines prior to arriving at the meet can reap great rewards. This book gives you specifics about what judging deductions can be taken. After reviewing the guidelines, judge your own car to make sure you have the correct headlights, tires, spark plug wires, and hose clamps, just to name a few of the

potential problem areas.

Don’t assume the show will be held on a cloudy or rainy day. Back your show car out of the garage in the bright sun. Open the hood, doors, and trunk. If you notice something that makes you cringe, I guarantee, the judges will notice it also.

Invite a family member or a friend to inspect the car. The more “eyes” the better. Address any deficiency that is noticed.

If your car has unique or unusual features, make sure you bring along as much factory documentation as possible to share with the judges. I try to bring a dealer’s sales brochure along with the Owner’s Manual.

Finally, clean your car. The judges are judging your car as if it is sitting brand new at the dealer’s showroom. Dirt in the wheel wells, grease on the engine, rust on the exhaust or dirty windows could be the difference between a great day and a big disappointment.





The Tidewater Region AACA invites you to our

ANNUAL SWAP MEET

8 AM to 3 PM

Saturday, March 10, 2018 (Rain or Shine)

Military Aviation Museum

1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23457



Antique and Collectible vehicle parts, accessories, and transportation-related memorabilia

INDOOR SPACES: 10' x 10' – \$30 each before March 3rd. \$35 after March 3rd.
(ONE table and two chairs provided per space.)

OUTDOOR SPACES: 10' x 30' – \$25 each before March 3rd. \$30 after March 3rd.
(Bring your own tables and chairs.)

All registered vendors will receive two passes to the Museum.

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

Collector vehicles for sale must purchase an outdoor space.



CAR CLUBS are invited to purchase a space to promote your club and special events.

INSIDE VENDOR SET-UP is available from 7 AM Saturday.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH available on site from Back Bay Catering.

NOTE: Access to the swap meet is free. Shoppers and non-vendor guests desiring access to the Military Aviation Museum will need to pay the normal Museum admission fee. No charge for parking. If you wish to be co-located with other vendors, please send reservations in together in advance.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

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.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 3rd

For information contact:

Neil Sugermeyer, Registration Chairman
757-761-1063

Bill Treadwell, Swap Meet Chairman
757-650-3667

Or visit our club website:

www.traaca.com





TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



Members celebrating birthdays in February



Thomas Allan	Tim Hund
Susan Bond	Al Mercer
John Gancel	Alexander Nazaruk
Dennis Hennessey	Linda Pellerin
Darlene Hooks	Lawrence Richway
Joyce Howard	



Members celebrating anniversaries in February



Curtis & Sheryl Cook
John & Marie Gancel
Dennis & Carla Anne Sobota
Bob & Ginger Watson

Sunshine Report

Condolences are extended to the following members who recently lost loved ones:

- Former longtime member **Bob Green** passed away on January 14th. He was 82 years old and survived by his loving wife Jo Ann.
- Former TRAACA President **Frank Stevens** passed away on January 24th. He was 87 years old.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Gerard Olson** was hospitalized recently for serious health issues, and is recovering at home.

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to our Sunshine Reporter, Carol Milligan, at (757) 548-1242 or carowavnmilligan@cox.net.

Annual Meet Chairman Needed!

The TRAACA's 45th Annual Meet is this fall on Saturday, September 22nd. Although that seems like a long way off, it will be here before you know it, and it's time for the club to start planning and coordinating the event. The first thing we need is a Meet Chairman. (After serving for five years, Tony Scarpelli is taking a well-deserved break.) As important as this position is, it's not as daunting as it may seem. You'll have lots of help and experience to draw upon. The main responsibility is organizing the team of volunteers (and we have the list from last year). If you'd like to volunteer to be the 2018 Annual Meet Chairman or have any questions, please contact Club President Mark McAlpine at (757) 967-0074 or (mmmcalpine05@msn.com). Thank you very much!



TRAACA 2017 Annual Award Winners



- **Bartlett Bowl:** Jim & Donna Elliott
- **Beaulieu Cup:** Scott Davies
- **Duryea Award:** Tom Cox
- **Restoration Award:**
 - Scott Davies (1958 Chevrolet Corvette)
 - Jim Villers (1958 Mercedes-Benz 190SL)
- **Overland Award:** Tim Hund
- **Hard Luck Award:** Bill Treadwell
- **Ivie Lister Award:** Mark Strang
- **Lalique Award:** Bob Roughton, Jr.
- **Merritt Horne Participation Award:** Bill & Linda Treadwell
- **Mudflap Newsletter Award:** Terry Bond and Bob Parrish
- **President's Award:** Jim Villers
- **Spark Plug Award:** Marion McAlpine

25-year TRAACA Member Name Tags were presented to:

- John T., Jr. and Mary Ann Blair (not present)
- Alexander Nazaruk (not present)
- Bob & Linda Pellerin

Special Recognition Awards were presented to:

- Richard & Sandy Hall—Annual Meet Registration 30+ yrs
- John & Marie Gancel—Mods & Rods Registration 7 years
- Bob Stein—Club Webmaster for 18 years
- Jerry Adams—Revamping Club Membership Databases
- Dot Parrish—Service to the club for 30+ years
- Scott Davies—Membership Database & Roster for 7 years
- Terry Bond—Swap Meet Co-Chair for 20 years
- Neil Sugermeier—Swap Meet Co-Chair for 20 years

Special Plaques were presented to the departing TRAACA Board Members for their service to the club:

- Wayne Milligan (2016-2017)
- Hilary Pavlidis (2017) (not present)
- Bill Treadwell (2016-2017)

The following TRAACA members were recognized for being named recipients of AACA National Awards, which they will receive at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, in February:

- Scott Davies will receive an AACA National Award for his 1958 Chevrolet Corvette.
- Marion & Mark McAlpine will receive an AACA Master Editor Award for the region's newsletter.



(Center) Retiring Board Members Wayne Milligan & Bill Treadwell



19th Annual
Williamsburg
British & European Car Show



Saturday, April 14, 2018
(rain or shine)
9:30 AM—3:00 PM

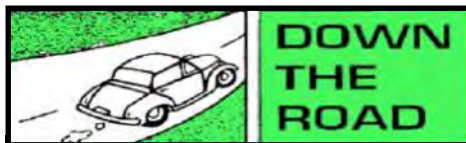
New Venue: The Shoppes at High Street
 1430 High Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Pre-Registration: \$20 (must be received by April 7th)
 Late Registration & Day of Show: \$25

This year's featured marque: Daimler

See Williamsburg British Car Club website for information & registration form:
<http://www.wmbgbrit.com>

For more info contact Roy Gavilan at (757) 637-5902 or rggavpbl@yahoo.com



- ### Other Regional and Local Events
- MARCH 2018**
- 3  46th Annual Cape Fear Chp. Antique Automobile Show
Wilmington, NC
 - 10  Chesapeake Region AACA
45th Annual Swap Meet
West Friendship, MD
 - 24-25  Sugarloaf Mtn Region AACA
Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet
Westminster, MD
- APRIL 2018**
- 5-8 Charlotte Auto Fair
Charlotte, NC
 - 14 19th Annual Williamsburg
British & European Car Show
Williamsburg, VA
 - 18-22 Spring Carlisle
Carlisle, PA
 - 21 Virginia Chevy Lovers
Spring Dust Off Car Show
Virginia Beach, VA
 - 27-29 Goodguys Rod & Custom
4th North Carolina Nationals
Raleigh, NV
 - 28  ODMA Meet hosted by
Tri-County Region AACA
Harrisonburg, VA
 - 29  Piedmont Region AACA
44th Annual Carfest
Charlottesville, VA
- MAY 2018**
- 19  Accomack-Northampton
Region AACA
Auto Show
Onley, VA
 - 26  Twin County Region AACA
25th Annual "Memories on
Main Street" Car Show
Galax, VA
 - 28 Classic Cruisers
Memorial Day Car Show
Yorktown, VA
- JUNE 2018**
- 1-3 Carlisle Ford Nationals
Carlisle, PA
 - 22-24 Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals
Carlisle, PA
- JULY 2018**
- 13 National Collector Car
Appreciation Day Car Show
Daniels Performance Group
Smithfield, VA



Virginia Chevy Lovers

14th Annual

Spring Dust Off Car Show



Saturday, April 21, 2018
(Rain date is Saturday, April 28, 2018)
 Registration: 8:30-11:30 AM / Awards at 3:00 PM

Landstown Commons Shopping Center
Virginia Beach, VA

Preregistration: \$20 (mail by 7 April) / Day of Show: \$25
Open to all makes & models cars, trucks and motorcycles 25-yr old & older

See VCL website for registration form: www.virginiachevylovers.org
Proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

For more info contact John Herbert at (757) 421-0749 or blkpwrfrm@cox.net



TRAACA

March 2018 Activity

Theater Night

Come enjoy the comedy play
"The Hound of the Baskervilles"
 at the Wells Theater in Norfolk on

Sunday, March 4, 2018

We will start with the play at 2:00 PM
 followed by dinner at Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub

Tickets: \$10 per Member (special discounted price)

*Deadline for reservations: Monday, February 19th. To reserve tickets
 contact Wayne Milligan at carowaynmilligan@cox.net or (757) 548-1242.*



EDITOR'S DESK

Marion & Mark McAlpine

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Well, I don't know about you, but January was a very busy month for our family. I left the Tidewater region on 20 December 2017 and didn't return until 10 January 2018. The original plan was to come back a week earlier, but when the snowstorm hit Tidewater we decided it was safer to stay in Michigan until the roads were cleared down here. We were wise to wait, because even a week after the storm the side streets still had not been cleared.

Of course, when you've been gone for 3 weeks there's a great deal to catch up on. Besides going through the mail and unpacking, the TRAACA January Activity, which I organized, was only a few days after we got back. The TRAACA Awards Banquet and Board Installation was on January 20th, which also needed several things completed. So, Mark & I hit the ground running when we got back.

The TRAACA January Activity to the Chrysler Museum and lunch at Freemason Abbey was a great success. We had a great turnout and it was a nice way to start off the year and see our TRAACA friends after the holidays. Read the story & see some photos on Pages 4-5.

The TRAACA Awards Banquet and Board Installation was also well attended. There were some surprises and a lot of smiles from members that received awards that night. The food was very good with 3 entrees and some other added goodies, plus the club subsidized the meal to keep the cost down for members. It was a pretty good

deal for those who attended. Read about the banquet and enjoy the photos on Pages 6-7.

It is time to look at the events coming up in February. Locally for the TRAACA, we will be entertained by Terry Bond at our dinner meeting on Thursday, February 15th. He will be talking about the Steamboat Arabia Museum in Kansas City. The steamboat sunk on the Missouri River in 1862 & was discovered buried in a cornfield in Kansas in 1987. It will be an interesting talk about the discovery and how the steamboat burial area was excavated.

Later in February, the club will be going to Smithfield on February 24th to enjoy dinner at fellow TRAACA member Ron Pack's Smithfield Station Restaurant, followed by the comedy play *HARVEY* at the Smithfield Little Theatre. The club will be subsidizing the tickets for TRAACA members. Many of us fell in love with the movie *HARVEY*, starring Jimmy Stewart, and are looking forward to seeing the play. Information on the play and dinner can be found on the front page of this *Mudflap*.

Outside the area, many of us will be attending the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, on February 8-10. This is a fun meeting to attend. There are always several interesting seminars that I look forward to attending. Some of our TRAACA members, such as Terry Bond and Bob Stein will be giving seminars this year. If you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting, be sure to check them out.

Mark your calendars and come out to some or all of these February events. I hope to see you there!

Marion McAlpine

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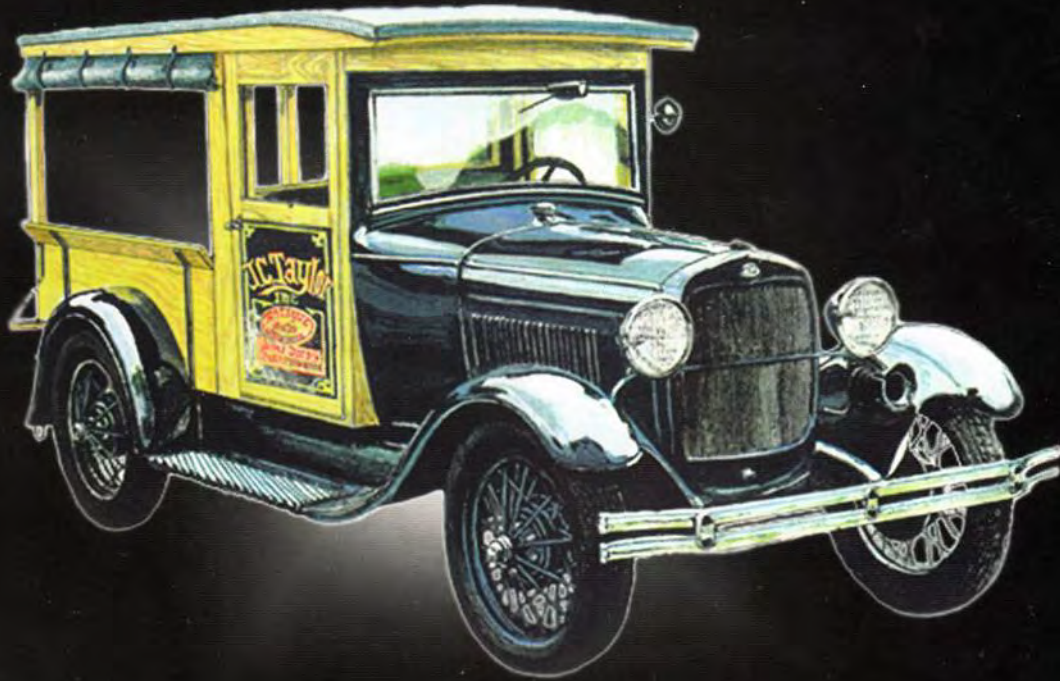
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