



Mudflap



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

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Welcome to our new members Mary and Robert (Randy) Carmone



Mary and Randy joined TRAACA in November 2025, just in time for our Chili Cook-off. Naturally, they gravitated to the sports cars there, especially the MGs. It was obvious they were hooked on sports cars, so we'll let Randy tell us the "rest of the story."

In 1979, I went to a Shelby American Automobile Club convention, SAAC-4, with my friend, Frank Likert, who owned a 1966 Shelby GT350. There I saw several Sunbeam Tigers. I fell in love with this bespoke little British car (LBC) with its American Ford small block drive train.

In the late 70's, I joined the Tidewater Sports Car Club. In early 80's, I met several Sunbeam owners. One of my friends, Bud Elliot, found a 1966 Tiger for me. It had been sitting in a garage for several years, in Virginia Beach. I bought the car in October, 1982. The car had good bones, a lot of miles on it, and was definitely in need of attention. Following my purchase, I did a partial restoration, which took me through 1983.

In 1982, I started pit crewing for Frank Likert at Langley Speedway. At Langley, I was approached by Tom Marrion, who was racing a Spitfire in SCCA. He offered me a job with the caveat that I was also required to be part of his pit crew. He had just built a 1982 Camaro race car, from a body in white and was ready to race. We proceeded getting ready to road race in the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) Kelley American Challenge. Got the jobs, and we raced for two years, always on a shoestring budget, a lot of hard work, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mary & I met (on a blind date) July 5th, 1986. Three years later, we married and shortly after that the children were arriving. The Tiger was delegated, for the next 31 years, to the position of Garage Sentinel.

In 2020, I retired from Newport News Shipbuilding. The Tiger was moved into the back garage, no longer sentinel. The Tiger was completely stripped down. The commencement began on the frame up restoration. The restoration was completed in 2025. Now working on sorting this beauty out.

Upon retiring in 2020, I met up with Jim D'Amelio, through Tigers East Alpines East (TEAE). Jim also retired from NNS around the same time I had and also owned a 1966



1982

Tiger. He had stripped his car in the early 80's, also. He is an encyclopedia of everything Sunbeam, along with an extensive inventory of parts. We have been a tag team working with each other, restoring our Tigers. We have both been in the exact stages beginning with the restoration and throughout.

Mary & I both love road racing, going to vintage sports car racing (SVRA), events at VIR and



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watching Goodwood Revival. We love cars & car shows and have no favorites. Every car, any year, well presented, is very much appreciated.

We are both partial to survivors and factory correct restorations. We both love to drive, the open road and the enjoyment of the ride.

Bob's your Uncle!



From Our President

As I have completed my first month, I still cannot believe that I am lucky enough to be the TRAACA 2026 President, and look forward to working with your 2026 elected board members. I am truly honored and humbled by this privilege. I promise to do my best to represent our club well and to continue our long-established tradition of having fun. Recently Tammy, Aubrey Austin (our granddaughter) and myself spent the weekend in Chantilly, Virginia, at the AACA National Conference. Tidewater Region was well

represented with facilitators along with several members in attendance. Congratulations to Sue and Terry Bond, Bob Stein and Donna Elliott on winning national awards.

With that, I want to touch upon our TEAM building efforts that I had previously mentioned. Some of you might wonder, what does TEAM stand for but, to me, it stands for Together Everyone Achieves More. We all get very comfortable with things we know, things we have done before, and things that have worked in the past. We want to think that these processes will work forever because they once did but, unfortunately, they usually don't. I know change is difficult, as it forces us to learn new methods of doing things, but change is happening on a daily basis. As we move into the year, I would like to challenge each member to reach out at one of our activities or dinner meetings to talk to other members not in your circle and learn about what makes them tick because that is what strengthens our club, helps promote new membership and the feeling of being wanted. It is our chance to learn and to teach.

Activities are starting to pick up. We have the whale watching/luncheon coming up on February 21st, then it is on to our Annual Swap Meet at Nansemond Suffolk Academy on March 7th, followed by an early spring drive on March 14th to Belvedere, North Carolina, for a lunch buffet at the Nicholson House. Look for future activities to happen.

ODMA will be happening in Tidewater this year on May 1st and 2nd. We are gaining steam, but we still need volunteers to help with the show in various roles, so please consider helping out with our event.

In 2026, we are returning to the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk for our monthly dinner meetings. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is a partially subsidized meal as you are getting a \$50 meal for \$35. Come on out and support your club!

Harry Park

TRAACA President

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FROM YOUR EDITORS' KEYBOARDS

By Terry & Susan Bond

Honored and surprised beyond belief! As you might have noticed in reports of the recent AACA National Convention in Chantilly, TRAAA gathered some nice awards and recognition. In addition to Donna Elliott getting an award for her 1931 LaSalle, Bob Stein received a Master Webmaster Award and Susan and I received a Master Editor Award. We were also totally surprised when our names were called to receive the Ann S. Eady Memorial Award.

That award is presented to the editor of a Region or Chapter newsletter for their contribution to the general welfare and spirit of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

Our longest distance member, Dana Meadows, gets recognition for winning the "Who reads *The Mudflap*?" contest. He proved he reads every word by discovering an error in my recent "Collecting" article on "Goggles." It seems the photo of Barney Oldfield I used was not really Barney. It was a photo of Dario Resta, winner of the 1916 Indy 500.

When searching through my files for a photo of Barney, I had one in my computer that looked perfect. However, it was incorrectly labeled as Barney. Here is the real Barney Oldfield.

The only excuse I can offer is, of course, not double checking. I should also mention that Da-

na is a serious collector of Indy 500 memorabilia and a walking encyclopedia of facts. Dana and Debbie were long-time active members of TRAACA who moved to California a few years ago. They remain faithful members and enjoy keeping up with what's happening here in Tidewater.

Lots coming for your enjoyment in *The Mudflap* over the next season, so stay tuned for some great articles. Your contributions are always welcome, too, of course.

And, one last item – the March issue might be a bit late. (Susan here — no "might" about it, it **will** be late) Susan will be going to Okinawa to visit our granddaughter. Taylor is there with her USMC husband, our great grandson Colter, and a yet-to-be-revealed second great grand.. They are having a great time there and are eager to play tour-guide for Susan and our daughter Lindsay. There may be an article on "motoring in Okinawa" when Susan gets back and recovers from jet lag.

Happy motoring -

Terry and
Susan

*The real
Barney
Oldfield at the
wheel*





FEBRUARY

21 - TRAACA Whale/Seal Watch Tour (Postponed from last month)
9 AM at Rudee Inlet.

MARCH

7 - TRAACA Swap Meet
Nansemond –Suffolk Academy
See Tammy’s Bake Sale info on page 5, and flyer on page 7

14 - TRAACA Tour to Belvidere, NC, with lunch at the Nicholson House, look for details in the *Mudspeck*

19 - March Dinner Meeting, 5:30pm, Holiday Inn Convention Center, 5655 Greenwich Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

MAY

1 and 2 - ODMA Meet , see page 9

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

**National AACA
2026 Event Calendar**

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, Indina PA

JUNE

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

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Visit us on the Internet at: traaca.com

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

THE 2026 AACA FOUNDERS TOUR

Right in your own back yard!

September 9-13, 2026

First, a little background - The Founders Tour is sponsored annually for all vehicles, except race vehicles, manufactured from 1932 through a production year 25 years prior to the year of the tour. It was created several years ago to honor the founders of AACA.

This year its other purpose is to celebrate the founding of our country as we celebrate its 250th anniversary. It is being hosted by the Historic Virginia Peninsula Region (HVPR), our neighbors across the water. Many TRAACA members are also members of HVPR and we enjoyed helping support their outstanding National event recently.

The event will consist of four fun-filled days of touring in your automobile, following American history as you visit historic sites and enjoy the

company of your fellow club members. Participants will include AACA members from across the country who enjoy touring with their antique cars.

Here are some highlights of the tour - Colonial Parkway and Jamesown, Colonial Williamsburg, Shields Tavern, Saude Creek Vineyards, Yorktown, historic plantation tour and colonial banquet. Along the way you'll travel on historic roadways and visit amazing sites. You'll enjoy delicious meals and come away with a camera full of memories.

Watch for more detailed information coming soon, but plan now. The tour will be limited to the first 100 vehicles signing up once registration is announced.

If staying at the host hotel, Doubletree by Hilton, Kingsmill Rd., Williamsburg, is your choice, you can make reservations online at: group.doubletree.com/9k2vx8

Watch for more info in future editions of *The Mudflap* and the *Mudspeck* e-newsletter.



We hope you had a happier Valentines Day than this couple!

Tammy Park is heading up the Swap Meet Bake Sale on March 7th. Please let her know if you plan to bring or make something for the bake sale. Her contact information is: 757-450-7672 or tammy_l_park@yahoo.com.



TRAACA MEMBER'S PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

Karen Damari and Andy Roth

February Anniversaries

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

February Birthdays

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



March Anniversaries

Mike & Darlene Brown
Andrew & Tonya Heath
Frank & Sherri McBride
Richard & Karen Overbaugh
James & Barbara Stansbury

March Birthdays

Randy Carmone
Liz Coburn
David Curl
David Dillahunt
Jan Garner
Sally Hartman
Andrew Heath
Lynn Heimerl
Tony Miller
Jack Pavlidis
Margie Tillett
Linda Treadwell

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!

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

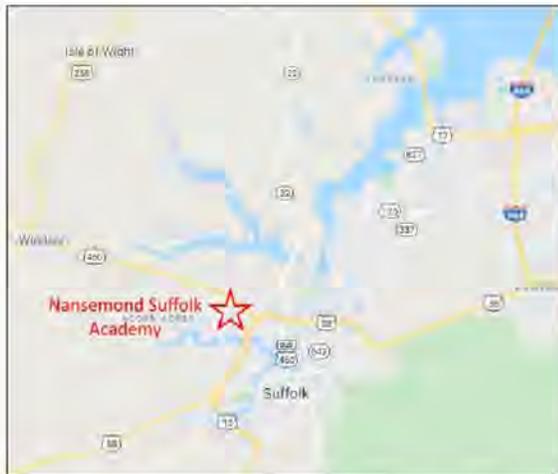
TRAACAMeet@gmail.com



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**

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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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	Description of items for sale:
Indoor Space	_____	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$ _____	
Outdoor Space	_____	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$ _____	
Total				\$ _____	

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: _____

73rd Annual ODMA MEET

May 1st and 2nd, 2026



The Tidewater Region of The Antique Automobile Club of America will host the 73rd Annual Old Dominion Meet. The Meet will be held at the Real Life Christian Church at 900 Centerville Turnpike North in Chesapeake, Virginia, on May 1st and 2nd, 2026. Onsite trailer parking will be available at the church from 1 p.m. on May 1st through 6 p.m. on May 2nd. Trailers will need to be moved from the church parking lot before 6 p.m. on May 2nd.



Friday Night Social: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Pizza at Real Life Christian Church.

Saturday:

- 8:00 a.m. Vehicle registration and parking fields open
- 10:00 a.m. All show vehicles on the field
- 11:00 a.m. Judging will begin
- 2:30 p.m. Dinner followed by Presentation of Awards

Saturday Awards Dinner: Pork and Chicken BBQ Dinner with baked beans, green beans, rolls and dessert at Real Life Christian Church.

To register:

Complete the form at www.traaca.com and mail with your check made out to TRAACA to:
Jerry Adams, 3400 Commerce Street, Portsmouth, VA 23707

For registration questions, please contact Jerry Adams at (757) 673-3240 or traacameet@gmail.com

First 100 pre-registered cars will receive a dash plaque.

Hotels:

Hilton Garden Inn, 1565 Crossways Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23320, (757) 420-2515, www.hilton.com
Homewood Suites, 1569 Crossways Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23320, (757) 213-0808, www.hilton.com
Fairfield, 1565 Crossways Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23320, (757) 420-1300, www.marriott.com
Spring Hill Suites, 1565 Crossways Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23320, (757) 410-9406, www.marriott.com
Comfort Suites, 1550 Crossways Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23320, (757) 420-1600, www.choicehotels.com

Registration Deadline is April 17th

Questions? Please contact Harry Park at 757-274-5426 or harryvopark@yahoo.com

Registration will begin in March - watch
the *Mudspeck* for announcements



Aubrey Austin
Junior Editor



AACA NATIONAL CONVENTION

This was a great event, and I had a lot of fun seeing everyone. On Friday, we had a lady luncheon in the Fairfax Room with a speaker that came in and spoke to us. She was the founder of Hang Up and Drive Organization. This organization sets awareness to not use your phone while driving, and she shared a personal story with us. The 2025 president of the AACA saved her life. Then, we had a region and chapters dinner. There were people that spoke and the president of each region in the AACA gave a donation to the AACA Library. Our President, Harry Park presented the donation of \$500 for the Tidewater Region. Then after the dinner there was a Casino Night where the dress code was 70s themed. There were people to draw a photo of you, poker and black jack games, and more. At the end of the night there was a Best Costume and some other things that people won prizes. On Saturday, there was an AACA meeting that we talked about the business and about the plans for the upcoming year. The Aware Banquet was wonderful as well as the food was delicious. Overall this was a great event that I enjoyed.



AACA National Membership Meeting February 5-7, 2026

Bob Stein

The AACA National Membership Meeting was held in Chantilly, VA (near the Dulles Airport) this year, with activities that included a bus tour of the Washington DC monuments and a Desert Reception on Thursday and a Casino Night sponsored by J.C. Taylor Insurance on Friday.

TRAACA was well represented on multiple fronts. Five of the 29 event seminars were presented by members Terry Bond and Bob Stein. Terry and Sue Bond received the Master Edi-

tor's award for the *Mudflap*, and Bob Stein received the AACA Master Webmaster award. Donna Elliott received the George M. Holley Excellence Award for her 1933 LaSalle convertible coupe. Terry and Sue were also presented with the Ann S. Eady Memorial Award which is given to the editors of an AACA region or chapter newsletter which has made a major contribution to the AACA.

Members attending the weekend event included Rick Seaman, Tony and Leslie Scarpelli, Scott Davies and Holly Forester, Bob and Dot Parrish, Harry and Tammy Park and Aubrey Austin, Bill Treadwell, Tom Cox, Reggie and Cindi Nash, Terry and Sue Bond, David, Valerie and Ella Rose Dillahunt, Bill Coburn, Bob Stein, and Jim and Donna Elliott.

A Family Trip to the AACA Annual Convention

David Dillahunt

This year's AACA Annual Convention was a special one for me because, for the first time, I brought my wife and daughter along. The event was held in Chantilly, Virginia, and it turned out to be a memorable trip for all of us.



One of the highlights was the tour of the Washington, D.C. monuments. We visited the Korean War Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. Even though I had seen some of these before, experiencing them again, this time with my family, made the visit feel new. The atmosphere in the park near the Lincoln Memorial was peaceful, and Valerie especially enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels. Watching her light up as they gathered around her made her feel like a Disney

princess and, honestly, it was the highlight of her trip.

My daughter also had a great time giving back to the organization. She helped Pat Buckley with everything from registration to banquet setup and whatever else needed an extra pair of hands. It was nice to see her get involved and enjoy being part of the event.

Valerie and I attended Terry Bond's seminar on "Automobilia and the Fine Art of Collecting," which was informative and fun. Terry's enthusiasm always makes the subject come alive. We also went to the First Lady's Luncheon, which



focused on the dangers of distracted driving. It was eye-opening and a reminder of how quickly things can go wrong on the road. The next day, I attended Judges School while the family explored, and later we all walked through the trade show, picking up a few books and learning about upcoming events in different regions.

We did have one unexpected experience during the Regions and Chapters Dinner. The tables were dismissed in groups of five to visit the buffet and, while Valerie and I were up getting our food, someone from another table took our silverware and even took the water glasses from the couple sitting next to us. So when we returned, we had to hunt for extra utensils just to eat. Not exactly the typical antique car club story, but definitely a memorable one!

Later that evening, Valerie and I enjoyed casino night, where we played blackjack and won a lot of tickets, though unfortunately, none of the prizes. Even so, it was a fun way to end the night. The awards banquet the next evening was elegant and enjoyable. It felt nice to dress up a bit and share a good meal with fellow enthusiasts.

Overall, the convention was a wonderful experience for all of us. It was meaningful to share the event with my family this time, and we came home with great memories, new connections, and stories we'll be laughing about for a long time.



The "Barbie" bus



Our enthusiastic Tour Guide

**Convention Photos by:
Aubrey Austin, Terry
and Susan Bond, Leslie
Scarpelli, Bob Stein**



U. S. Capitol

*The White House
It's way back there,
we couldn't get any closer*





World War II Memorial



Korean War Veterans Memorial



Vietnam Veterans Memorial



Thomas Jefferson Memorial



Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial



Jim and Donna Elliott, Cindy Nash



Reggie Nash



Ice Cream!!!



Terry Bond, Automobilia

Seminars



Bob Stein, A Cheapskate in a Rich Man's Hobby



Terry Bond, The Lady and the Automobile in Art



Terry Bond and Bob Stein, Websites and Publications,



Dot Parrish, Tammy Park, Aubrey Austin

Featuring Jacy Good, whose life was saved by our President, Dave Anspach EMT, after a car accident caused by distracted driving.



Bill Treadwell



Bill Coburn



Leslie and Tony Scarpelli

Jim and Donna Elliott





Librarian Jen Wolfe, Harry Park

Harry presented a check to the Library from TRAACA



Valerie and David Dillahunt



Leslie and Tony Scarpelli



Bob Stein, Harry and Tammy Park and Jordan



Incoming AACA President Vicki Bolton, Bob and Dot Parrish



Susan Bond, First Lady Deb Anspach, Leslie Scarpelli



Judging School



Bob Stein, Dot and Bob Parrish



HVPR Founders Tour Table

Aubrey Austin won a door prize!



Trade Show

General Membership Meeting

Scott Davies

The two days of engaging and informative automotive seminars at the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACAA) National Convention culminated with the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, February 7, 2026.



The meeting was called to order by 2025 President David Anspach, followed by the Invocation delivered by Chaplain Phillip Cole. President Anspach opened his remarks by recognizing the veterans in attendance, who received appreciative acknowledgment from the membership. He then extended sincere thanks to the many individuals whose dedication and hard work ensured the success of the National Convention.

Continuing with his "State of the Club" address, President Anspach shared encouraging news: the state of the club is well. Membership numbers, which experienced a decline during the COVID years, have stabilized and are now showing gradual growth. The club's financial position remains strong, reflecting careful stewardship and sound management.

The 2025 AACAA Board of Directors was introduced, along with the editor of Antique Automobile magazine and the AACAA Library & Research Director. Although the AACAA CEO, Steve Moskowitz, was unable to attend the convention, he was acknowledged during the proceedings. Past AACAA Presidents in attendance were asked to stand and were honored with a stirring round of applause.

AACAA Library & Research Director Jen Wolfe provided an informative update on the numerous donations received and processed by the Library. She outlined ongoing efforts to organize and digitize materials, ensuring that the extraordinary wealth of automotive history and documentation continues to become more accessible to members.

Following recognition of retiring Directors for their dedicated service, the 2026 President and First Gentleman, Vicki Bolton and Arthur Bolton, were introduced. With the ceremonial passing of

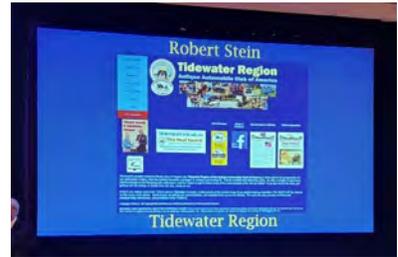
the gavel and bell, leadership officially transitioned to President Bolton, and the 2026 National Board of Directors was presented. President Bolton expressed both gratitude and honor in being elected and spoke enthusiastically about the bright future ahead for the club.

Closing the meeting, 2026 Vice President of Membership, Jeff Oaks, reinforced the positive membership outlook. After several years of decline during the pandemic period, membership numbers have leveled off and are now increasing. He emphasized that the most effective strategy for growth is simple: "Every member of

AACA is a recruiter." He also shared additional ideas aimed at strengthening Regional membership.

His remarks were followed by a Membership Round Table with an open microphone session, moderated by Oaks, allowing members to share ideas and suggestions.

Although the meeting was officially adjourned, many members remained to continue discussions and enjoy fellowship, reflecting the strong camaraderie and shared passion that define the Antique Automobile Club of America.



*Master Webmaster
Bob Stein*

*Master Editor
Susan and Terry
Bond*



*George M. Holley Excellence
Award
Donna Elliott*

Award Winners



*Ann S. Eady
Memorial Award
Susan and Terry
Bond*



NEWS FROM ACROSS THE WATER HVPR

Al Crane

The February Meeting of the Historic Virginia Peninsula Region (HVPR) AACA was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Newport News VA, on Tuesday February 10, 2026, with 35 members in attendance.

President Pete Romeo provided an overview of 2025 accomplishments and activities, and thanked all volunteers and participants. He then provided the club with planned & proposed HVPR activities for 2026 that include the Invitational Classic Car Show on Main Street Yorktown VA (need chair), meetings and weekend tours, car shows, visits to area retirement & rehabilitation facilities, and the Fall National AACA Founders Tour (Historic Triangle) in September. All these activities will need the talents and contributions of our members.

Jim Elliott brought the membership up to date on the recent National AACA Convention and Trade Show, and provided Scott Dayton with the AACA Master Webmaster Award.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Tom Richmond, whose great - great grandfather was George Pierce (Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company, Buffalo NY) and whose grandfather was Percy Pierce (Pierce Cycle Company and famous racer of Pierce-Arrow Automobiles in the turn of the century Glidden Tours) on Pierce family history and contributions to our national automotive heritage.

Of interest: Judy Cross' great grandfather, Charles Waterhouse, was one of the founders of the Waterhouse Company, Webster, Mass., who built custom bodies for some Pierce-Arrow cars, and her grandfather, Moses Sargent Waterhouse, was a master upholsterer at the company. Terry Bond shared more history on the Glidden Tours and Pierce-Arrow and Waterhouse automobiles. Also Linda Crane's grandfather worked at the Fisk Rubber Company in Chicopee, Mass., and may have manufactured tires used on both Waterhouse and Pierce-Arrow Automobiles.

Many thanks to Donna Elliott for coordinating with the hotel & setting up the HVPR display table, Marty Sugermeyer for handling the reservations, and John Mitchell for checking in attendees.



Pete Romeo thanks club members



Jim Elliott presents Master Webmaster Award to Scott Dayton



Roger and Judy Cross share Waterhouse Company book and reflections with speaker Tom Richmond



Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum

Mike Haag

Many years ago Denise and I took a cruise along the inside passage of Alaska. We were both working then and did not have time to do the land portion of the cruise. In 2024 we agreed that we had waited long enough and it was finally time to take that land tour. So, in early September of 2024 we took a Globus land tour of Alaska from Fairbanks down to Anchorage with several stops along the way. It was the final week for tours as the tourist season was coming to a close. We lucked out as the weather was great, the leaves were all beautifully bright yellow and orange, and there weren't many tourists. We arrived in Fairbanks a day early before the tour started so we could explore Fairbanks on our own. At breakfast that first morning we asked the waitress if she could recommend some sites to see for first-time visitors. She mentioned the cultural center and Pioneer Village and then she asked if we liked old cars. Well, that certainly got my attention. She said there was a very nice antique car museum in town called the Fountainhead. Great, our day was planned!

We visited the cultural center, learning about the early history and local culture of Fairbanks. We then walked around town and then made our way over to Pioneer Village, a recreation of buildings from early Fairbanks. Since it was the end of tourist season, some of the buildings were closed but at least we were able to eat lunch there. We then took an Uber to the car museum, as it was outside of town and too far to walk. As we arrived we saw a 1930's Packard convertible being backed into the workshop.



If you are wondering why there is an antique car museum way up in Fairbanks, as I did, here is some background information. The founder, Tim Cerny, started collecting old cars in the 1970's with the goal of building America's northernmost car museum. In 2007 he bought a large part of the J. Parker Wickham automobile collection in New York and had them shipped to Fairbanks. Construction on a building to house the collection then began and the museum was opened in 2009. The collection consists of mostly American cars, all pre-war up to the late 1930's. About 60 cars in the collection are displayed at a time, with others being rotated throughout the year. Most of the cars are kept in running order and taken out and driven occasionally. I took a picture of their spark plug collection and sent it to Terry Bond. He replied that he is familiar with the museum and their curator had contacted him to help identify the spark plugs on display!



The museum is laid out in several different time periods in American car manufacturing including the Veteran Era, Brass Era, Nickel Era, and the Thirties Era along with a special section for early cars in Alaska, documenting some of the trips they undertook. The cars are displayed in their respective eras, along with period clothing from each era. The earliest car I saw was from 1898, a Hay Motor Vehicle. The latest car on display at the time was a 1937 Cord 812 Custom Beverly. When you first enter the museum, on the left is a selection of early bicycles and motorcycles, the spark plug collection and a large window to view the workshop. Around this area there are also early steam and electric powered cars on display. The section which showcased cars in early Alaska and some of their adventures was very interesting, brave and hardy folks for sure. To see the progression of American cars from

horseless carriages to some of the refined, luxurious cars of the 1930's in this fascinating museum was very impressive.

If you are ever in Fairbanks, Alaska as part of a tour, be sure to visit this incredible collection of antique cars. To learn more about the museum, visit <https://www.fountainheadmuseum.com/>.



Mike and Denise in a 1911 Everitt



1899 Hertel



1907 Cartercar



1909 IHC high wheeler



1901 De Dion Bouton



1907 Ford Model K6-40 roadster



1910 Stanley Steamer



1904 Rambler



1905 Sheldon homebuilt car in Skagway



1907 Pierce Great Arrow



1910 Whiting and 1909 Cadillac



1905 Winton



1907 White Steamer and 1907 Franklin



1918 Biddle



1920 Argonne



1935 Pierce Arrow



Early snowmobile



1927 Stutz Boattail Speedster



1937 Cord Beverly



Pair of early 1930's Chryslers



1933 Auburn Boattail Speedster



Workshop

STILL COLLECTING

And plenty of time to do it, according to my calendar

By Terry Bond

Way back in 2014, an issue of *The Mudflap* contained a brief article about calendars related to automobiles. Only a few examples were shown and there was a promise of additional pictures and some more info. It's taken a while for "part 2", but a few recent acquisitions prompted me to revisit that article for an update.

I'm amazed at the variety of calendars that are available. I recently learned that Holly Forester collects plates with calendars on them. They were often given away as advertising pieces, overprinted with names of everything from grocery stores to clothing stores. The hey-day for these seems to be around 1909-1910 and it amazes me how they managed to survive. At the end of the year they became useless, except as decorator items. Only a few were ever produced with automobile images on them though.



1921 Calendar plate with lady driving an early automobile. Advertising on the back is from a grocery store in New York.

This 1909 calendar plate advertises a wine and liquor store in



From 1911, this great full image of an early automobile has no advertising on it



Calendars intended to hang on the wall came in a wide variety of sizes. Most had tear-off pages for the months. When the year was over, and nothing was left of the calendar, the decorative image remaining often became something to

hang on the wall. These are known as "calendar toppers." Some of the best were printed in Germany and were nicely embossed and die-cut. This fine framed example is quite large and depicts a 1903 Ford Model A with wheels that actually turn. The calendar pages would have been mounted between the wheels.



1903 Ford Model A with rotating wheels, possibly a gift from a law firm.



This large die-cut embossed calendar topper was given by a Philadelphia business. It's quite large and carries a lot of advertising. Research indicates this company was a large wholesale grocer specializing in imported products, especially cocoa. It is circa 1905.

Calendars advertising specific automobiles are a favorite among collectors and can command the highest prices. Here are a few examples from a 1911 calendar advertising Packard automobiles. These are quite large and are printed on heavy card with string binding at the top. The individual months were flipped over as the calendar was used. The graphics are tremendous and the detail is fantastic. It most likely hung in a salesman's office in a large dealership.



This is a calendar topper complete with its full calendar pad from 1911. It advertises a Pennsylvania shoe store. The car is allegorical and represents no particular make of vehicle. It is typical that automobiles pictured will be of an earlier type than the year of the calendar.

This is another complete calendar from 1910 and advertises a garage in California.

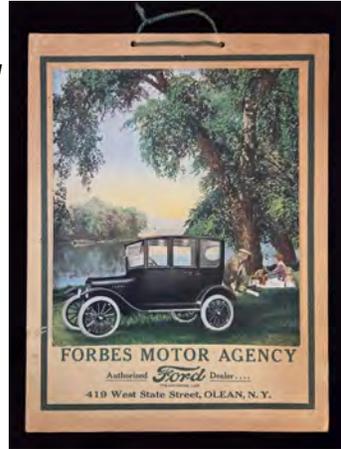


This is the earliest example in my collection. It's dated 1902. All that remain of the calendar are two tiny staple holes in the bottom.



Of course any Model T ford enthusiast should have an appropriate calendar hanging on the wall, and there are many different varieties of them.

From 1918, this calendar had tear-off pages for the months of the year. They are long gone, but what remains is a great advertising piece for the 1918 Model T Center Door sedan.



Tire companies also got into the act.

Firestone tire calendar from 1912.



This 1920 calendar from Flexon's garage includes an image that is a true work of art that would look great framed on its own.



Goodrich Tires, 1906.

Of course, companies selling motor oil and other automobile supplies and parts would use auto related images on them. These types of calendars are actually very difficult to find in decent condition. They were often handled with greasy hands of employees and ended up badly smudged. When hung in workshop areas, they were often just nailed in place causing further damage.

A stunning image of an early motorist being given a speeding ticket by a policeman on a horse is on this rare calendar from 1910. It is in near mint condition.



Sometimes, they were just calendars with humorous motoring related images like this great 1917 lithograph with an attached calendar pad.



Whether used as advertising or just a calendar, they are great when framed and hung on the wall. Of course, smaller blotters or advertising postcard sized calendars can easily be stored in albums. Value is a factor of strength of image and, of course, condition. Those advertising specific automobiles can command prices in the hundreds of dollars, while simple calendars with humorous images can be found for less than \$50.

Whatever you collect, enjoy it. See you in the next antique shop around the corner.

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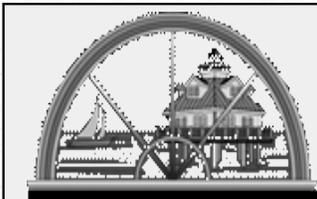
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