

The Mudflap



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

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WINTER BLAST HITS SMITHFIELD - But it was the TRAACA, not arctic air, that arrived Feb. 23rd. See the story and photos on page 7.

Swap Meet, St. Patrick's and More!

Get busy searching your garage, closets, and attic for those hobby-related items that you can sell at our TRAACA **Annual Swap Meet** this Saturday (March 1st) . We are back at the Hickory Ruritan Club (2752 Battlefield Blvd., Chesapeake, Virginia) from 8 AM until 5 PM. (See the map on page 7.)

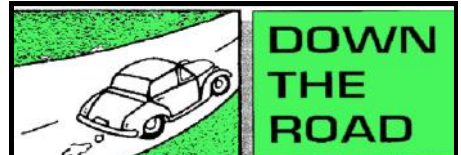
And if you can't find what you want there, the Richmond Region AACA has decided to follow our lead and is holding their own **Winter Swap Meet** on March 8th at the ACAA Activity Center located at 1712 Bellevue Ave, Richmond, VA 23227.

Make sure you are back home by the following weekend, because the **TRAACA Saint Patrick's Day Party** is March 16th at Westminster Canterbury

Retirement Community. The address is 3100 Shore Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, starting at 1:30 PM. (See the story and map on page 7).

But wait! We aren't done yet! On March 23rd, rollout to Gloucester for our **TRAACA Spring Blast** (See the story on page 7). We'll visit antique shops, see a little theater production of Cinderella, and have dinner at Goodfellahs.

Whew! You think that would be enough for one month, right? **WRONG!** We end the month with the **TRAACA Spring Tour** will leave Tidewater on March 28th for a 3-day excursion to New Bern NC. (Full information and registration form on page 9). If you can't find something to do this month, it's not for lack of events!



Check local.aaca.org/tidewater for the latest info on upcoming events!

March

- 1 TRAACA Annual Swap Meet - Hickory Ruritan Club - Chesapeake
- 3 Registration deadline for Southeastern Spring Meet (Charlotte) cars and judging
- 4 TRAACA Board Meeting - Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport
- 8 First Annual Richmond Region Winter Swap Meet - ACAA Activity Center - Richmond
- 16 St. Patrick's Day Event - Westminster-Canterbury
- 23 TRAACA Spring Blast to Poquoson
- 26-27 TRAACA Spring Tour to New Bern NC

April

- 2 TRAACA Board Meeting - Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport

May

- 6 TRAACA Board Meeting - Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport
- 15-16 Old Dominion Meet (Richmond)
- 24 Square Car Tour

From the Driver's Seat

Wes Neal
TRAACA President



“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.” ~ Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

And so the Season Begins - Start your Engines! How many of us have sipped our coffee in the morning thinking what could do on this nice day to get my car in shape for the new season. Our Car Club is also like that - we have a new slate of officers each with energy in each of the key areas (MYCARS) of the Club.

From a Marketing perspective TRAACA had a top spot at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. This booth proudly advertised TRAACA, our Fall Annual Meet at the Aviation Museum and our capabilities to host the AACA 2015 Eastern Spring Meet with the charm and excitement of the Virginia Beach Ocean Front as the stage. Thanks to Sam Kern and Linda Pellerin for putting this together with help from Jim Villers, Nancy Soscia, and Toni and Mickey McChesney.

We have AACA approval to start a Youth Chapter under TRAACA with students at Tidewater Community College. Thanks to Bob Parrish on the AACA Board and TRAACA board members Melanie Kordis and Tyler Gimbert for getting this off the ground. We will communication much more on this in the upcoming months as our club grows with this effort in the youth area.

Communications is such a key effort for this Club. So, we all know what is going on in our hobby and club, we really can use your help! Bob Stein is managing our Mud Flap newsletter, Web site, and weekly email the Mud Speck. So, assist Bob with pictures, articles, calendar events that he can share to the rest of the club.

With March, we really start a new season of Activities for our very active club: our Annual Swap Meet March 1 at the Hickory Ruritan Club in Chesapeake, and our Spring Tour on March 26-28 in charming and historic New Burn, North Carolina. This Mud Flap issue will have the details on these activities. Thank you - Activity Committee and Volunteers for your efforts here!

From a Restaurant standpoint, we have moved around a bit for far this year to add flavor and mix. From January's dinner at the Founders Inn with

AACA President Tom Cox, to the Holiday Inn with past AACA President Terry Bond, to Westminster-Canterbury on March 16 at 3100 Shore Drive in Virginia Beach. This Monthly Dinner will be a Sunday afternoon event with a car show starting at 1:30, Irish Band at 2:30, and Dinner around 4:30. This promises to be a fun event and a good opportunity to bring out your antique before it gets dark.

With help from the Telephone Tree team the month we are firming up our Society membership list for 2014. Thanks to Jim and Kit for their efforts on the critical data area of our club.

Till next time - drive safe,

Wes Neal

Call Captain's Corner

Last Name Begins With: Designated Call Captain:

Ad...Boh	Dick Chipchak 495-0115
Bol...Cic	Frank Waldner 430-2770
Cob...Ea	Barbara Talley 421-7534
Eb...Gra	Scott Davies 312-8032
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Pin...Sta	Becky Woodall 482-3386
Ste...Til	Leslie Scarpelli 249-8617
Tre...Wor	Jane Cutright 479-4302

Each month a member of the TRAACA Call Tree (phone committee) contacts you to ask whether you plan to attend the dinner meeting or some special event. The twelve volunteers we have to handle this important function are called Call Captains. The list above will help remind you of the name of your Call Captain.

On occasion you may have a different person calling you due to a variety of reasons. In addition, your Call Captain is subject to change as our membership roster changes. Look for the above listing to be published in Mud Flap on a regular basis.

Finally, remember it is important to let your Call Captain know in advance if you plan to attend a meeting. We want to be sure we have enough food to feed everyone.

Thanks for your cooperation. If you have questions about the club's telephone committee, please let your Call Captain know or you can email me at lovetosingtoo@verizon.net.

Margie Ives
Call Tree Coordinator
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From the Running Board

January 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Note: These minutes have not been approved by the TRAACA Board and are subject to change.

January 7, 2014 – TRAACA Board Meeting

The board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at The Holiday Inn on Military Highway. Directors present were Wes Neal, President, Jim Villers, Vice President, Tony Scarpelli, Secretary, Treasurer Kit Lawrence, and Past President Bob Stein. Board members present were Skip Patnode, Dick Chipchak and Marion McAlpine. Also present were Mark McAlpine, Dot and Bob Parrish, Frank Lagana, Tim Russell, Bill Wilcox, Richard and Sandy Hall, John Heimerl, Neil Sugermeier and newly appointed board members Melanie Kordis, Tyler Gimbert.

A motion was made to approve the Secretaries report. The treasurer's report was read by Kit Lawrence. The club has a positive cash flow for the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications:

- TRACCA Master Webmaster Award for 2013 – 14th year in a row
- The Mud Flap will continue to have a print and Web version. The Web version to be e- mailed to the club roster and anyone who asks to be included
- Mud Flap Advertising invoices to be updated, looking for member to solicit ads.

Activities:

- Activities Committee Report and discussion of activities for 2014
- Reminder to send in registration for the AACA Meeting in Philly, Feb 7-9th.
- Swap meet: March 1-Hickory. Planning meeting to be held 1/9/14. Request was made for help in planning and hosting the event.

Dinner Meetings/ Restaurants:

- The Installation Banquet is on January 18th, at the Founders Inn will be subsidized by the club.
- President reviewed awards to be presented and confirmed Terry Bond will emcee.
- There was discussion to reduce the number of dinners at the Holiday Inn and seek alternative venues and/or different events for monthly meetings. Board members will look into alternatives prior to signing a contract with Holiday Inn
- Board members are also looking into new venues for the St. Patty's Party on March 16th and the Ice Cream Social in July.

Society:

- Over 50% of last year's members have renewed, 2 new members in December
- Board meeting dates for 2014: January 7, February 5, March 4, April 2, May 6, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 2, October 1, November 4 and December 2. Location will be at the Holiday Inn (Norfolk Airport) until

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further notice.

- New board members Melanie Kordis, Secretary and Tyler Gimbert will be inducted on January 18th.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tidewater Community College (TCC) - Wes Neil, Bob Parish, Tyler Gimbert and Melanie Kordis met with Beno Rubin, program head for the Automotive program at TCC. Plans for a Student AACA Club Chapter and a TCC student car club continue. Tyler was the first of five signatures needed to form AACA student chapter. Melanie and Tyler will continue to work with the TCC Student Body as potential members.

NEW BUSINESS

- The AACA annual meeting in Philadelphia is in February. The Club voted to donate \$300 each to the Library and Museum. Wes will present the checks at the meeting.
- The Wings & Wheels event (September 27th) will be chaired by Tony Scarpelli. Discussion regarding the Friday night social on the 26th and subsequent vote in the affirmative.
- The club voted to host the Old Dominion Meet in 2016
- Tim Russell to be included in the induction**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Kordis, Secretary

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Board —Tyler Gimbert
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Still Collecting Stuff BRASS!

PART II

By Terry Bond

Last month we took a fast trip through the history of early automobile lamps. There isn't anything as pretty as a nicely polished brass auto lamp. But, if you want to collect, there are some things to be cautious of.

When these lamps were manufactured, parts were formed by spinning flat brass sheets into round shapes on a lathe and wooden form. "Forcing" brass into odd shapes introduces high stress in the metal. This is lessened during manufacture by annealing. Heating and cooling helps return the brass to a workable softer metal. As it is worked it needs to be continually re-annealed or it becomes quite brittle.

One of the biggest problems with items made in such a manner is they often begin showing age related stress cracking on tightly curved surfaces. Heat and vibration from use and careless handling over the years also helps cracks to form.

Unfortunately for brass lamp collectors, nothing can be done about the cracking problem. Restoring them involves actually remaking some of the damaged parts, which can be a very difficult and expensive task. Some minor cracks can be silver-soldered and buffed so it's hardly noticeable, but they will continue to crack over time.



A rare but badly corroded French headlamp

Another problem with brass is corrosion. Brass is a composition of zinc and copper. Cheaper lamps had variations in the quality of the raw materials used. When stored in damp conditions over the years, or subjected to close association with caustic atmosphere, brass corrodes. Sometimes, the zinc corrodes leaving splotchy copper

spotting. Buffing can sometimes reduce the visibility of these "age spots" but they will always be there and will continue to reappear after a short time.

So, the message here is to collect quality. If contemplating a purchase, inspect it carefully to ensure there are no age cracks and that any apparent corrosion is minimal. It's difficult to fabricate missing pieces, and hoping to find a "donor" lamp at Hershey might be frustrating. Over the years I've learned there are no catalogs listing "repair parts" for brass lamps. As they were generally hand made individually, there will be minor differences between them. Even among the same brand and type of lamp, it's not uncommon to find parts of different size that cannot interchange.



An early high quality Solar side lamp.

In terms of availability and quality, Dietz was a prolific producer of lamps, but they were almost always of lesser quality and were cheaper. A comparable brand of lamp is Corcoran.

Moving up the scale, lamps made by E&J (Edmonds and Jones) were of better quality and were used on a lot of larger higher priced cars. Atwood Castle, Solar, Gray & Davis, Rushmore, C.M. Hall and Neverout were of much better quality and would command a higher price.

Square side lamps are easiest to acquire. Watch for chipped or cracked beveled glass lens. The only repair is to remove the glass from the framework and have another piece custom cut. Reassembly can be a challenge.

Bail handled lamps are more difficult to find. Often, the curved or beveled front lens can be a problem if missing or cracked.



A wonderful pair of bail handled side lamps by Gray & Davis.

lamps especially are difficult to find. Remember, there was only one of them on a car. That means half the chance to survive that a pair of side lamps had.



A nice C.M. Hall tail lamp with front door open.



A nice E&J side lamp in restored condition.

Headlamps are more difficult to find, especially in high quality brands like Rushmore and Solar. Self-Generating lamps of any kind are at the top of the heap when it comes to collecting. By far the best lamps were the Solar Eclipse which featured a movable reflector in them.

Price depends on condition, rarity, quality, and often the potential use. Some lamps were made especially for certain vehicles and had the vehicle "script" or logo on them. Packard, Cadillac,

Maxwell, Pierce, Locomobile, and of course Ford were examples of some script lamps.

Enjoy a few more pictures and enjoy collecting. Maybe you'll find a nice item at our swap meet? How about next time we take a quick look at brass horns-no, they were not all made in Taiwan!



An early Dietz headlamp

My 2013 Hershey purchase – an early 1900s self-generating BRC Alpha headlamp.



BBRC Alpha Headlamp

That's it for this month—until we meet again, happy collecting!

Terry Bond



The Inside Story

By Steve Moskowitz
Executive Director

(from the AACA Rummage Box)

From time to time I hear from members that they do not feel “connected” to the club and that they do not understand what the club is doing. Given the amount of information available through multiple sources that is rather disappointing. It is also human nature to forget so we need your help in spreading the word!

Our magazine is not the only source of communication. We have over two-thirds of our members who receive our monthly online publication, Speedster, but less than half of our members open the email!! Speedster allows us to get the latest news out in a timely fashion, so please encourage your members to read this publication. Also, encourage your members to give us their email address if they have not already done so. If a member is unsure whether we have it or if their address is changed, they simply need to call national headquarters at 717-534-1910 and we will make the changes.

Our magazine is shipped second class mail, which works well in most cases but certainly not all! Remember, that we always have an old issue available digitally (great way to introduce AACA to friends) and the current issue goes up a couple of weeks after the latest magazine comes out (only available to members). So if your magazine is delayed, remember you can catch up on the latest with a very cool digital version which has a bunch of tricks available which cannot be done with the print version, like links embedded in ads.

The AACA Forums are another great way to stay in touch with AACA and the hobby. It is a feature that does not seem to be used greatly by our members but is hugely used by members of other clubs as we host many independent clubs. We have numerous sections from Judging to Meets & Tours. Up to date info is easy to find on the web. Please encourage your members to spend a little time on the website and see what features are available.

There is a wealth of info and a lot of entertainment at www.aaca.org.

Naturally, we have a national headquarters and Board of Directors, so if you have a question, please feel free to contact the appropriate person to get a quick answer. AACA is unlike any other car club due to our size and we have the people to assist you! Feel free to contact your board (names, addresses and area of responsibility) are in the front of the magazine or call headquarters at 717-534-1910.

The club also puts out a youth magazine and Judges Newsletter so we do communicate! The club is now working on an app for phones and investigating a host of other technologies. Jeff Stumb has introduced more YouTube features and our president, Tom Cox, has been doing yeoman's work on trying to get us more involved in electronic technologies.

Please help us in spreading the word!

AACA Museum Unveils New Tucker Exhibit Design

(from the AACA Rummage box)

The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Museum announced its approved design for the new permanent Tucker collection on November 25, 2013. Well known as the world's largest collection of Tucker automobiles and related items, the AACA Museum relocated to Hershey the well-known grouping from the estate of Museum supporter David Cammack after his passing in April 2013.

“Losing our dear friend David Cammack earlier this year was a very sad occasion,” noted Mark Lizewskie, Executive Director of the AACA Museum, “but we are honored to be able properly display his passion for the Tucker automobiles in this very compelling exhibit.”

The Cammack collection includes three (3) 1948 Tucker '48 vehicles, the factory Tucker test chassis, thousands of engineering drawings and blueprints, original Tucker parts, several engines as well as many other artifacts and displays. The vehicles include Tucker #1001 - the first 'production' prototype, Tucker #1022, and Tucker #1026 - the only Tucker built with an automatic transmission. A total of 51 Tuckers were built by hand in Chicago, of which 47 are known to still exist.

The AACA Museum's future exhibit will be housed permanently in a dedicated 5,200 square foot gallery. Rather than merely displaying the collection in an ordinary fashion, the exhibit will not only showcase the cars themselves, but will chronicle Preston Tucker's life and history before and after the fabled Tucker '48.

The job of transforming ideas and concepts into reality was given to Museum volunteer Jim Booth of Jim Booth Designs. Lizewskie was proud to say, “We are extremely lucky to have Jim as one of our many dedicated volunteers. We sat down with him and explained what we wanted, and what he delivered to us far exceeded our goals!”

Bringing Booth's design to fruition won't be inexpensive. “Obviously to build this gallery properly it will take a great deal of capital”, stated Lizewskie. “We will be kicking off a capital campaign using traditional methods as well as web-based crowdfunding programs. We intend to not only reach out to individuals but also corporate sponsors.”

While the Cammack Gallery will still be used for rotating exhibits until late April, construction of various components will be created off-site during the early stages. After April, the Gallery will be closed for construction until the Grand Opening in late 2014. Lizewskie commented, “We are targeting the AACA Fall Meet in October for our Grand Opening. The opening reception will be a spectacular addition to an already festive week!”

Following cues from Preston Tucker himself, the three Tucker 48s will not be displayed until the opening of the gallery. “We want to keep everyone in suspense until the big day!”

The AACA Museum encourages the public to monitor progress through its website, http://www.aacamuseum.org/exhibitions/Cammack_Tucker_Collection.aspx and social media pages.

Winter Blast!

Story by Matt Doscher.

Photos by Matt Doscher and Mark McAlpine

On Sunday February 23rd 21 members from TRAACA met at Cracker Barrel Restaurant on Portsmouth Blvd in Chesapeake for our winter outing to Smithfield; We drove in a caravan on Nansemond Pkwy, Bennetts Pasture Rd., Bridge Rd (17) across the Nansemond River, Brewers Neck Blvd, and finally RT 258 where we stopped at Hardees for a restroom break and



Gathering at the Cracker Barrel.

a light lunch before cruising into the Town of Smithfield.

We parked at the Isle of Wight County Museum where we met up w/ 5 additional club members and our tour guide Kathy Mountjoy for the Historic Downtown Walking Tour. Kathy was born and raised in Smithfield and provided us with a fun and educating walking tour of just a few of the Town's 60 homes which are beautiful Colonial, Federal, and Victorian architectural gems along tree-lined streets.

After our walking tour we had roughly 45 minutes to explore Smithfield until our 2:30 matinee of *The Dining Room* at the Smithfield Little Theater. *The Dining Room* is a play by the American playwright A.R. Gurney. The play is a comedy of manners, set in a single dining room where 18 scenes from



Smithfield Foods Headquarters



Pembroke Decatur Gwaltney Jr. House circa 1901-2.

different households overlap and intertwine. Each story is focused around a different family during different time periods who has in their possession the same dining room furniture set, manufactured in 1898.

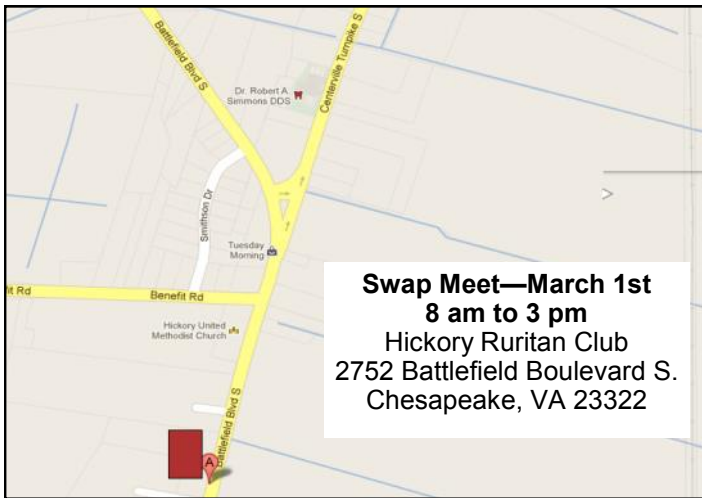
The stories are about White Anglo-Saxon Protestant (WASP) families. Some scenes are about the furniture itself and the emotional attachment to it, while other scenes simply flesh out the culture of the WASPs.

After the play we had dinner at the Smithfield Station Waterfront Restaurant where we all had a very good meal served by courteous and prompt wait staff. Thank you, Ron, for allowing us in to your restaurant and for a quality meal!

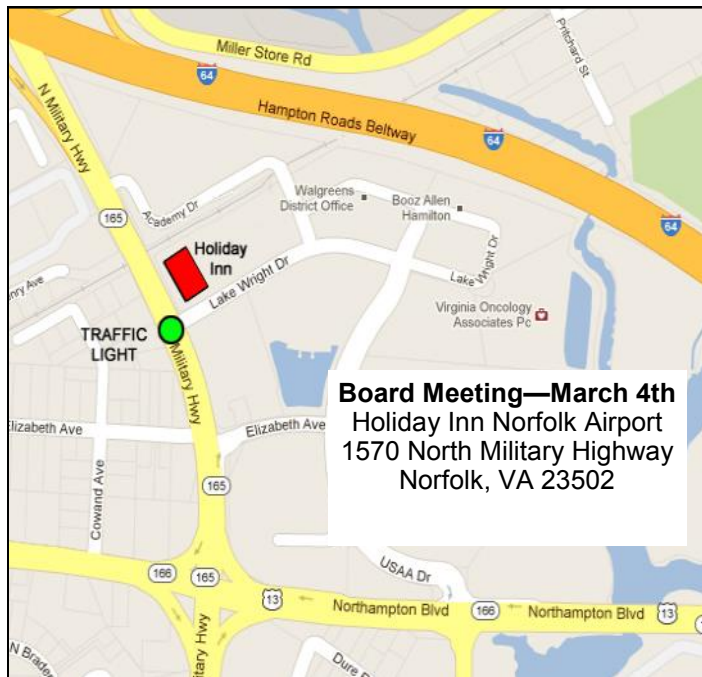


Pembroke Decatur Gwaltney Jr. House circa 1901-2.

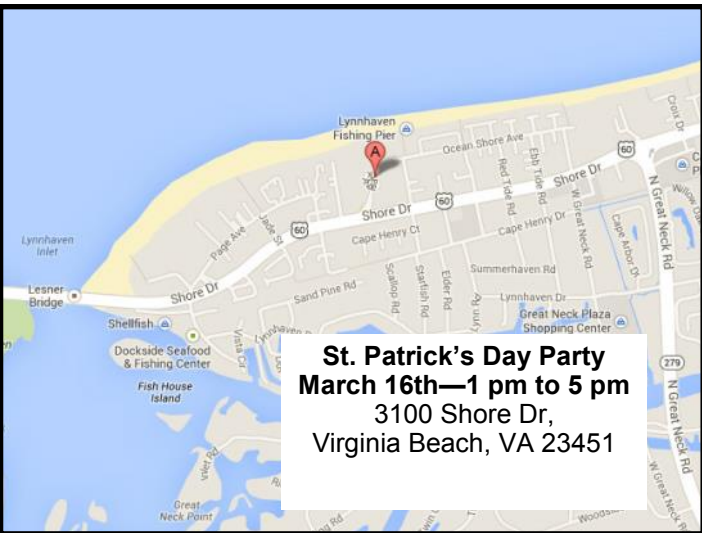
Maps for the Month



Swap Meet—March 1st
8 am to 3 pm
 Hickory Ruritan Club
 2752 Battlefield Boulevard S.
 Chesapeake, VA 23322



Board Meeting—March 4th
 Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport
 1570 North Military Highway
 Norfolk, VA 23502



St. Patrick's Day Party
March 16th—1 pm to 5 pm
 3100 Shore Dr,
 Virginia Beach, VA 23451

This Saturday!

Swap Meet Bake Sale!

Warm up your ovens as the TRAACA Swap Meet Bake Sale is around the next bend! In the past the Bake Sale has supported the Swap Meet by paying the rent for the facility. It would be great to carry on the tradition!

Please bring your bake goods to the Hickory Ruritan Club in Chesapeake by 8:00 AM this Saturday (March 1st). Other optional drop off locations are at Linda Pellerin's house in Virginia Beach and Dot Parrish's house in Chesapeake on Saturday. The best sellers seem to be cookies, brownies and bars. We could also use some volunteers to work the table! Please notify Linda Pellerin if you can volunteer.

March 16th

Saint Patrick's Day Party

To mix up our monthly dinners a bit, and a way to bring out the members and cars; we are planning our March Dinner Sunday afternoon March 16th at Westminster-Canterbury at 3100 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia. We have several activities planned.

- Car Show starting at 1:30
- Live Irish Band and Sing along music starting at 2:30 to 3:45
- Band breaks for TRAACA announcements from 3:45-4:15
- 4:15 to 5:30 Irish Buffet Meal with more live Irish Music
- 5:30 to 5:45 remove Cars from the Show Field

Enter Westminster-Canterbury at the main entrance. The Dinner and Band will be in the Anderson-Bay View Room overlooking the beautiful Chesapeake Bay and Car Show. This room can support over 200 people so we have also invited the residents to join us for the Car Show, Irish Music, Dinner, and Fun. T

TRAACA members will have reserved tables for this event. TRAACA price for all this food and fun is \$25 per person, and a cash bar is also provided. The TRAACA Telephone Tree will call all members so we can get a count for this Dinner. So bring out your family, friends, antique car, and wear your green for this special Club Monthly Dinner!

If you plan to bring an antique car for the Car Show, please contact Wes at wes.neal@cox.net or call 321-6325 by March 11. We will stage the cars on the east side of the building for the field parking, and if weather is an issue that day we will cancel just the car show.

March 23rd

TRAACA Spring Blast!

This one day event will include a chance to explore antique shops in and around Gloucester and wander through the historic courthouse area. A theater production at 3PM by the Courthouse Players entitled When Peace Again Shall Smile is based on correspondence between local Taliaferro family members during The War Between The States.

Dinner is at Goodfellas in White Marsh at 4:45. The theater is off Highway 17 just past Goodfellas Restaurant in White Marsh. Please let Bill Wilcox know by March 16th if you wish to participate in the Antique Shop and Courthouse Wander, the Play, and Dinner at Goodfellas.

TRAACA Spring Tour to New Bern NC—March 28th –30th

Friday 3/28

- Leave Hampton Roads in early afternoon and caravan to New Bern, NC arriving at one of two hotels for check in.
 - A. Hampton Inn about 3 miles from New Bern Rate \$99.00 + tax 252-637-2000
 - B. Marriott Courtyard downtown on the water Rate \$119.00 + tax or \$129.00 + tax for balcony 1-800-321-2220.
- Meet for dinner downtown and possible to Civic Theatre for Rogers & Hammerstein’s Cinderella 7:30 PM \$16.00.

Saturday 3/29

- Tour Trolley will pick all of us up a 10:30 AM (both hotels) and provide a 90 min. tour of Historic New Bern. We will attend a group, Lunch downtown and Trolley will take us to Tryon Palace (www.tryonpalace.org) where we will spend the afternoon touring
 - Governor’s Palace
 - NC History Center
 - Gardens & Landscapes
 - Historic Homes
- Trolley will leave Tryon Palace at 5:00 PM and return to hotels, evening dinner will be planned.

Saturday’s Trolley tour of city, Group Lunch and Tryon Place will be \$55.00 per person

Sunday 3/30

- After individual breakfast plans we will meet downtown to tour The Pepsi Store, birthplace of Pepsi. (Free Admission)
- Firemen’ Museum
- Return to Hampton Roads

REGISTRATION FORM FOR
 SPRING TOUR MARCH 28TH, 29TH & 30TH NEW BERN, NC

Friday Dinner (not selected as yet) Attending Dinner Y/N and Count _____

Saturday’s Trolley tour of city, Group Lunch and Tryon Place \$55.00 per person Total \$ _____

Saturday Dinner (not selected as yet) Attending Dinner Y/N and Count _____

Sunday’s Pepsi Store Attending Y/N and Count _____

Hotel Selection for contact info _____

Make Checks out to TRAACA and send to:

Dick Chipchak 1536 Still Harbor Lane Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Dick and Holly’s Cell Numbers 716-472-4811 and 716-435-4829

Name (s) _____

Car _____

Cell Phone (s) Number _____

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

Auburn. Cord. Duesenberg. For many automobile enthusiasts these names represent some of the most beautiful cars ever built. However, unless you attend the one of the large AACA meets like the Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania, or a major classic car event like the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance or Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, you rarely see many of these historic vehicles. Fortunately, there is a museum dedicated to the preservation of these classic vehicles, with over 120 cars on display.



1911 Auburn N Touring Car

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum (ACD Museum) is located in Auburn, Indiana. It opened in 1974 in the former headquarters building of the Auburn Automobile Company. Even the building itself is amazing—three floors of history, from the gorgeous art deco Company Showroom (where new models were displayed for their dealers to view) to the replica of Gordon Buehrig's clay model studio—and was designated Historic National Landmark on 5 April 2005 because it is “one of the few remaining examples of a small independent automobile company. . . . visual reminders of this company's proud past and achievements in automotive history.” (Quote from the ACD Museum's National Historic Land-



Original Company Showroom



1931 Duesenberg Model J

mark nomination package.)

The museum has a number of galleries and exhibits focused on different aspects of Auburn Automobile Company and automobile history and technology. When you enter the museum, immediately to your right is the restored original, art deco Company Showroom displaying Auburns, Cords, and Duesenbergs from what the museum calls the classic era (1925-1937). Continue through the museum to the Gallery of Classics, which features cars of the highest quality built between 1928-1948 by the Auburn Automobile Company and its competitors.



1911 Metallurgique Speedster

The Cars of Indiana Gallery, located in the company's former drafting room and records department, displays rare and unusual cars built in Indiana, a leader in automobile manufacturing in the first part of the twentieth-century, including some of America's most luxurious and expensive cars. This exhibit includes a 1916 Premier Model 6-56 Foursome, 1924 Marmon34C, and a 1932 Auburn 12-160A Speedster.

The Early Auburns Gallery highlights the early history of the company from 1904-1924, including a 1900 Eckhart Carriage (Eckhart became the Auburn Automobile Company in 1903) and a 1904 Auburn (the earliest Auburn known to still exist). The Gallery of Special Interest features some highlights of automobile history, including a 1926 Cunningham Sport Touring Car, 1937 Lincoln Zephyr, a 1956 Ford Thunderbird, a

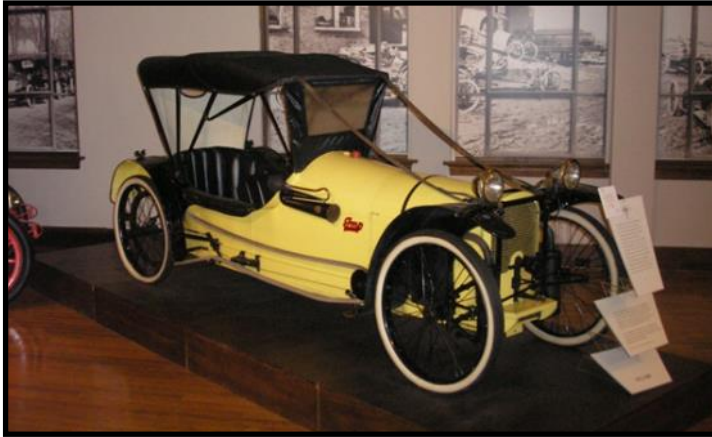
1957 Mercedes-Benz 300SL gullwing coupe, and 1963 Jaguar E-Type.

The Gallery of Auburn, Indiana, Automobiles reminds us that at one time at least eleven different brands of automobiles—many of which you may never heard of or have only read about in books—were manufactured in Auburn. The gallery includes a 1907 Kiblinger, 1909 Zimmerman Runabout, and 1913 McIntyre Imp Cyclecar. (One of my favorite cars in this gallery was the 1911 Metallurgique Speedster, which you may remember from the 1965 Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon movie *The Great Race*.)

There is not enough space in this article to fully describe everything in the ACD Museum or to do it full justice. Besides the all gorgeous and special cars, there is an exhibit—the Hall of Technology—that highlights Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg tech-



1937 Cord Supercharged Beverly (with 1935 Auburn 851 Speedster in background)



1913 Imp Cyclecar

nology still used in cars today. You can view E.L. Cord's office, a reproduction of designer Gordon Buehrig's clay modeling studio with original clay models on display, the Auburn Automobile Company's original conference room, and, as a special treat, men can use the executive washroom.

If you love cars and haven't visited the ACD Museum, you need to make a pilgrimage to this shrine of automobile history. Why not attend the second annual AACA Special Spring Meet in Auburn, Indiana, on 8-10 May and accomplish two special car activities on one trip. (And there are a number of other car museums you can hit on the trip to Indiana or back. Can you say "Gilmore"?) Just allow yourself plenty of time to visit the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum—a couple of hours isn't enough.

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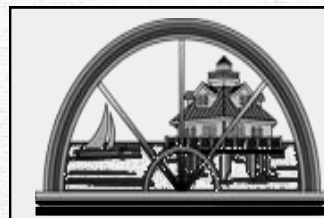
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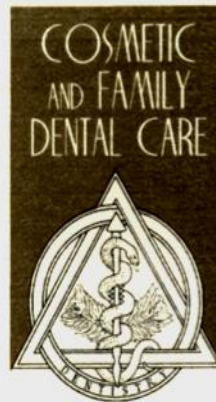
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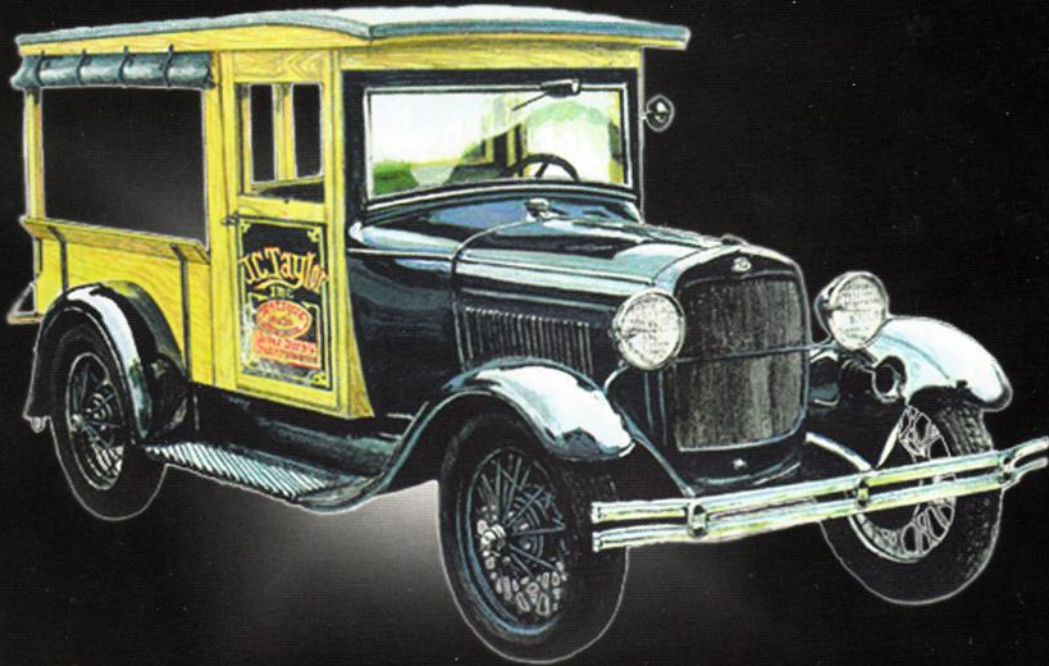
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