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

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Happy 50th to the Ford Mustang!



FIRST CAR—Julia Hobbs in her 1964-1/2 Mustang at the 2013 TRAACA Annual Meet—She bought it as her first car and has hung onto it ever since. See the story on page 5.

April 6th Car Display for TCC Play

TCC has invited the Tidewater Region AACA to bring 8 - 10 cars (1920 - 1934) for display on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 2:00 PM in connection with their performance of 'The Water Engine'. Cars need to be there by 1:00 PM. This will be at the TCC Chesapeake Campus located at 1428 Cedar Rd. Play will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

'The Water Engine' is set in 1934, and is about a man who invents an

engine that will run on distilled water. But the powers that be want to stop its production.

This display is part of Tidewater Region's relationship with TCC and the newly formed student Chapter. Tickets to the play will be available to the participants.

For more information, or to sign up contact Bob Parrish at 547-5034 or bowtiebobp@aol.com.



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

April

- 2 TRAACA Board Meeting - Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport
- 5 Public Safety Day Car Show—10 AM to 5 PM. 2110 Great Neck Square Shopping Center Virginia Beach, VA 23454.
- 6 TRAACA Car Display at TCC Chesapeake
- 12 Chevy Lover's Spring Dustoff Show (See page 5)
- 17 TRAACA Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn Norfolk Airport
- 17 ODMA Registration Deadline (see page 7)

May

- 3 4th Annual All Wheels LCpl Cody Childers Show at Chesapeake Center for Science and Technology on Cedar Road, Chesapeake on May 3rd. Roll in at 10 and show is 11-3.
- 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



"Car designers are just going to have to come up with an automobile that outlasts the payments."
Erma Bombeck

SPRING is here! Someone tell Mother Nature to stop playing April Fools jokes on us. My cars are getting their "Spring Cleaning" and Use, as I pick the nice spring days to make sure they are in top shape and take them for a spin.

The Club Marketing is going well with a great meeting hosted by Linda Pellerin on the 2015 AACA Spring Meet planned for Virginia Beach and Hosted by TRAACA. If you would like to get involved, please contact Linda or Sam Kern, and they can find a spot for you.

On March 19 we held a TRAACA at Tidewater Community College (TCC). This one was at the nice and new Portsmouth Campus where several of the key TRAACA Leaders showed their cars and introduced TRAACA and AACA to the students on this campus.

The weather cooperated, and we were successful in gaining the required memberships for both TCC and AACA for a new Youth Chapter in TRAACA. Melanie Kordis, Tyler Gimbert, and Bob Parrish have several more planned this year at other TCC campuses with the club youth initiative building with each of these activities.

With this Mud Flap issue, you should be reading last month Board meeting minutes. Thanks to Jim Villers (VP) and Melanie Kordis (Sec.) we were able to get the March Minutes approved by the Board for Publications and Communications in the very next issue after the meeting. Please remember we can always use your help on stories or comments for the Mud Flap.

With Spring here, the Activity Committee is working double time to plan and re-plan activities and events for the Club. With March's St. Patty's Dinner the Activity Committee planned a Car Show and celebration sing along for all to enjoy. We need some "Weather Luck" to have an event that promises to get more of our antiques out to enjoy.

This month's dinner on April 17th will be back at the Holiday Inn - Norfolk Airport. Marion McAlpine is working hard with the Hotel staff to bring you a grand Restaurant affair, and remember your antiques are welcome. Those that drive one will get to go first in the

Buffet line!

As soon as we think we have wrapped up the Club Membership for 2014 we keep getting new memberships to add. We should have the Club Roster for 2014 completed soon for publication. Thanks to Kit Lawrence (Treasurer) and Jim Villers (VP) for pulling all of the Society data together for this important publication.

Drive safe, and I look forward to seeing you at the next Club Event.

Till next time - drive safe,

Wes Neal



TCC CAR DISPLAY - Tidewater Region members Bob and Dot Parrish, Skip Patnode, Dana Meadows, Jim Villers, and Wes Neal all took part in a special display at TCC's Portsmouth campus on March 19th. The display was in support of our new Youth Chapter that will be coordinated with the TCC campuses.

Call Captain's Corner

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From the Running Board

March 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at The Holiday Inn on Military Highway. Directors present were Wes Neal, President, Jim Villers, Vice President, Melanie Kordis, Secretary, Kit Lawrence, Treasurer and Past President Bob Stein. Board members present were, Marion McAlpine. Also present were Mark McAlpine, Dot Parish, Bob Parish, Bill Wilcox and Neil Sugermeier.

A motion was made to approve the Secretaries report. Minutes were approved adding Tim Russell to the board. A motion was made and passed to e-mail board meeting minutes to the Board so that current approved minutes would be available in the Mud Flap.

Treasurer's report was read by Jim Villers. A detailed summary of concession earnings for the Swap Meet was sent to the board by Holly Forester. Total profit for 2013 was \$744.74, approximately \$150.00 over last year. Late entry: Kit reported that the total Swap Meet earnings were \$1,324

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing/PR: The first meeting to discuss the National 2015 meet will be on Monday, February 10th, hosted by Linda Pellerin

Youth Chapter: Discussion on how to attract members to the TRAACA youth chapter (chartered at the AACA convention February 2014) and TCC student chapter.

Bob Parish to communicate with any Nuts and Bolts members informing them of the formal dissolution of club and inviting them to become youth/regular members of TRACCA. An official letter will also be sent to AACA.

TCC event on Wednesday, March 19 12:30-1:30pm in front of the new student center will provide an opportunity to bring classic cars. An activities table will be set up with AACA literature and student membership forms.

Additional TCC events are planned for the Chesapeake and Virginia Beach campuses in the spring. Members are invited to bring their cars and talk to the students. Point of contact is Melanie Kordis

Communications:

All invoices for advertising in The Mud Flap have been mailed.

Plan to recognize new members will begin in the April issue of The Mud Flap.

Discussion on creating more enthusiasm about our events and automobiles by submitting articles with photos to editor, Bob Stein for inclusion in the Mud Flap. The deadline is the dinner meeting for the following month's edition.

Any request for automobile displays or events can be sent to Wes Neil. He will then submit for inclusion in the Mud Flap if appropriate.

Activities:

Activities Committee Report and discussion of activities for 2014, lead by Bill Wilcox

Hickory Swap meet was a huge success. Discussion on location for next year. Neil and Terry to present recommendations for 2015 to the Board.

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March 16th dinner meeting at Westminster Canterbury with car event beginning at 1:30pm. Irish band and buffet to follow Sunday, March 23 day trip to Gloucester. Meet at 9:30am at Waterman's in Gloucester. Museum, lunch, play and dinner.

March 28-30 Spring Tour to New Bern.

Square Car Tour tentative date Saturday, April 12 th

Restaurants/dinner meetings

Report submitted and read by Marion McAlpine

April dinner meeting will be at the Holiday Inn, speaker Joe Tennis

May dinner meeting will be at the Holiday Inn, speaker Earl Swift speaking (and book signing)

December party, Sunday December 7. Time and location to be announced.

Society:

Membership Report by Jim Villers

143 family memberships, 32 members did not re-new (moved, not able to attend, etc.)

Those members who have not renewed will be reminded by the Call Captains when confirming dinner reservations.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Parish discussed TRAACA's support and assistance in The Great Race. He is working with the planning committee. Volunteers are needed on June 24th. If interested contact Bob.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Kordis, Secretary

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Still Collecting Stuff Horns!

By Terry Bond

Part of any good brass collection should be an assortment of early horns.

First word of caution is watch for cheap foreign made-yesterday reproductions. Type Brass Car Horn into your eBay search on any given day and you'll be looking at hundreds of cheap tinny, curly brass horns made in India, China, or Taiwan.

They are carefully aged in appearance and even the rubber



Cheap recent novelty horn

bulbs will be nicely deteriorated. They are usually advertised as "genuine" or "came from an old estate." Truth is, they were made yesterday.

The brass is thin and tinny. The joints between sections are crude and roughly finished. Mounting brackets are crude. Any soldering is poorly done. The rubber bulbs are just squeezed on.



The "Real McCoy" a nice early triple twist Rubes horn.

Often they are not marked as to brand, model number or country of origin.

Originals usually have a well known brand name well stamped on them. Such names as Standard, Rubes, American, and Non Paniel are the most common. European horns made by Lucas, P&H, Autovox and others can be found.

The real thing has substance to it. They are heavier, the brass is ticker and more substantial, the joints are nicely finished with collars, solder

joints are well done, brackets are solid and well attached, and even the rubber bulbs have solid mounts.

Once you handle the real thing, you'll never have any more questions.

Horns are described by the number of "twists" in them.



A fake Boa Constrictor horn

This refers to the number of "turns" the brass tubing takes. Except for some very early horns, the bells will be covered with a fine brass mesh "bug screen."

Most horns used brass flexible tubing to connect to the bulb. Both bulbs and tubing

can be purchased from Model T parts suppliers.

Beware of fake "snake head" or Boa Constrictor horns. Once you see the real thing you'll instantly recognize the junk.

Here a few interesting horns to look at, and if you have questions or contemplate a purchase, I'm available to advise anytime. Happy collecting (Toot-Toot)!

Terry Bond



Above—A Lucas King of the Road horn (England)

Right – a rare Le Testophone musical bulb horn (France)



A rare Autovox horn (France)

Welcome to Our New Members:

Paul Atkinson

Norfolk, VA
1928 Rolls Royce "Springfield" Silver Ghost
1930 Ford Model A Roadster
1938 Packard Roadster

Bob Bohannon

Rolls-Royce

Curtis & Sheryl Cook

Chesapeake, VA
1929 Ford Model A 4-dr Deluxe

Matthew & Vickie Doscher

Chesapeake, VA
1965 Ford Mustang coupe
1965 Mercury Comet Caliente convertible

Keith Olson & Chris Horton

Portsmouth, VA
1967 Chevrolet Pickup
1972 Super Beetle (?)

Fay & Doug Kist

Virginia Beach, VA
1959 Ford Galaxy
1986 Cadillac Brougham
1988 Dodge Ram Pickup

John & Barbara Sieck

Virginia Beach, VA
1936 Chevrolet Business Coupe
1967 Mercedes 250SL

Greg & Ann Sutton

Norfolk, VA

Robert Wallace & Lori Monke

Virginia Beach, VA

Other April Activities

APRIL 12th – VIRGINIA CHEVY LOVERS SPRING DUST-OFF – Open to all vehicles 25 years or older. At Finn McCool's Fishhouse & Tavern, Landstown Commons, Virginia Beach. Corner of Princess Anne and Dam Neck Road. Pre-registration, including Vendors, \$20, \$25 Day of Show. Rain Date is Saturday, April 19, 2014. For information, contact John Herbert at 421-0749 or blkpwdrfrm@cox.net.

APRIL 12th ANNUAL WILLIAMSBURG BRITISH AND EUROPEAN CAR SHOW – The Williamsburg British Car Club will be holding its annual show at Chickahominy Riverfront Park in Williamsburg on Saturday, April 12th.



Still Horsing Around in Her First Car

By Julie Hobbs

Fifty years ago; on April 17, 1964; the Mustang debuted and it is reported that on the first day 22,000 units were sold. This far exceeded the original forecast by Ford. As I was still in high school at that time; I did not get in on the original sales but I did get my 1964 ½ (dubbed that because it was launched at an unusual halfway point during the season) when I got my first full time job with the Government and was able to save up the amount of the purchase.

Subsequent to this; I had many adventures and many misadventures with my "Pony". I have had the car repainted once; motor overhauled at 100 miles; I myself reupholstered the seats and reinstalled a dash board after someone seemed to need it and the rally pack from the steering column. Donald and my Father kept the mechanical end of it going with a few alterations like a larger fan blade for summer due to the limited air flow (and of course no AC).

Since I began to show my Mustang; I have taken several awards with it including one Best in Show and a number of second place awards. The 1964 ½ has been difficult to judge because of the nature of its progression through the line; at first remaining Falcon parts were used to complete them and that made each one unique. Some have Falcon vents; some have Falcon radiators and there has always been a discussion about Alternator vs Generator.

The emblems on the 64 ½ is shorter than that of the 65. Some 64 ½ models have a solid chrome piece around each windshield wiper hinge and some have a gap between the top of the hinges and the base. The door lock buttons on the 64 ½ were color keyed to the interior and the 65 were chrome. The dramatic styling was very unusual for its day and appeared to European; particularly in the front end.

That is what attracted me to my Mustang and the history of it is the reason that I still have my first car that I ever owned.



Winter Blast to Gloucester!

Story by Bill Wilcox. Photos by Bob Stein

Sunday, March 23, 2014, 9:30 AM. Destination: Yorktown-Gloucester, The Watermen's Museum. Forecast: Some sun with maybe afternoon rain, maybe sleet, maybe more? Are we sure it's Spring? That sure didn't stop Mickey and Tony McChesney from bringing their 1984 Olds Delta 88 2 door, or the Milligan's, Dewey and Maxine, as well as Wayne and Carol riding up from Chesapeake in their 1953 Ford Sedan. Tony and Leslie Scarpelli brought their 1962 Imperial Convertible and Jim and Betty Villers arrived in their 1967 230SL Mercedes Convertible. Bob and Dot Parrish drove their 1978 T-Bird, and Alfonzo Ludovici and Patrizia LoBetti in their 1956 DeSoto Firelite Sportsman. Keith Colonna made the journey in his 1956 Continental MK II. Dana Meadows joined us for lunch in his 1957 Thunderbird. Bob Stein showed off his latest acquisition, a 1987 Jaguar V12 XJ-SC Cabriolet. Ken and Barbara Talley rode in Julie Hobbs' SUV, and Jere and Carol Avenson brought one as well. Neil and Marty Sugermeier with their dog Johnnie, drove modern, as did Bill Wilcox and passenger Melaine Kordis.

make their living from oysters, crabs, fish, and clams. The museum also helps kids learn about and build boats as fund raisers. They have fun activities, one of which is Pirate Day Camp which caught Bob Stein's interest.

Late morning found us parking all of the antique cars on the brick walk near the Waterside Grille where we were seated in the heated patio room on the river for lunch. Interesting menu, ever tried deep fried avocado, or made your own Bloody Mary at a Bar? Then north a short ride north across the York River to the Abingdon Episcopal Church where again Steve and Diane Ormsby were present.

They opened the 250 year old Flemish Bond brick building, designed in the form of a Latin Cross. It is the largest colonial church in Virginia with a beautiful Pipe Organ, recently made in England, and multilevel pulpit.



Neil played a hymn for us on their Steinway Piano. Our hosts were also very knowledgeable about the history of the church. Exploring their burial grounds will have to wait for a warmer day. North again on Route 17 brought us into Gloucester Courthouse. We will also have to explore that history on another trip.

A right turn onto VA 14 toward Matthews brought us to Holly Hill Farm Antiques. Multiple buildings with lots of "Stuff" and surprise, Sam Kern was already there, exploring the old tools building. Getting ahead of our antique collecting members is tough!

By mid afternoon we found TC Walker Elementary School for When Peace Again Shall Smile, performed by The Courthouse Players, some of whom we had just met on St Patrick's Day. This play was based on historical letters between local

Our hosts at the museum, open just for us, were Steve and Diane Ormsby. We had a history lesson about the importance of Yorktown in Colonial Days, and an inside-out special tour of a beautifully recreated wind-powered grist mill. Inside the museum buildings, initially situated across the river, an guided tour followed with information about Watermen and models of the many varieties of shallow draft boats designed specifically for making a living on or near the water.

The Chesapeake Bay and England are the only locations in the world where the term Watermen is applied to those who





Confederate soldiers and their Gloucester Taliaferro family members during the War Between the States. The letters, and how they were performed, brought us a feeling of what happened 150 years ago. Music from the period brought meaning to a song of an severely injured double amputee who could not walk away from the hospital. He could not afford morphine at 25 cents, but maybe could buy beer for a nickel.

Later in the afternoon, limited sunshine which had been evident early in the day, became a drizzly cold rain as we traveled to nearby Goodfellas for supper.

Traveling home to Tidewater with surprisingly little traffic, we'll remember that good friends, good stories, and especially plenty of food, make a TRAACA day trip a fun adventure.

April Dinner Meeting

The April dinner meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on April 17. Our guest speaker will be Joe Tennis, who will talk about his books about some of the history of local roadways and the southeast Virginia corridor history.

ODMA Meet Registration by April 17th!

The 61st annual Old Dominion Meet will be held May 16 & 17 in Richmond, Virginia and includes a tour of historic Richmond on Friday. The host hotel which is the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center The Old Dominion Meet will be Saturday on the grounds of the Wyndham. There will be an awards banquet Saturday night. For room reservations, please call the Wyndham (804) 727-1400. Rooms are \$115 per night. Please tell them you are with ODMA. The hotel does take dogs. The cutoff date for hotel registration is April 25, 2014. The full schedule and registration form for the weekend are on the ODMA website: <http://local.aaca.org/odma>. The cutoff date for registering a car is April 17, 2014.

BONUS - TRACK TIME! The Richmond International Raceway is open on Sunday May 18, 2014, for the public to drive laps around the track. You can drive 5 laps for \$20. 10 cars are in each group following the pace car. If anyone wishes to participate, you will need to register on the RIR website at <http://www.rir.com/About-The-Track/Richmond-International-Raceway-Cares/Track-Laps.aspx>. (This is totally separate from the ODMA meet)

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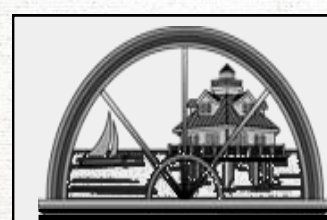
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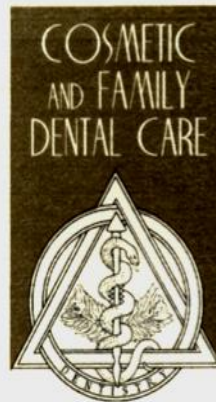
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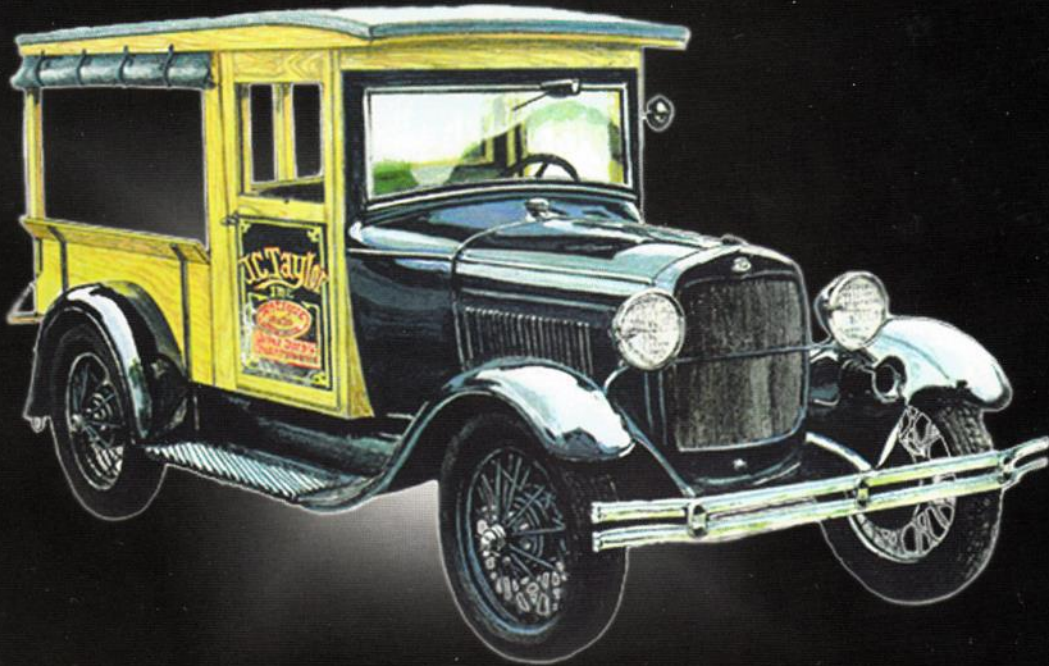
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