

# The Mudflap

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

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## May's meeting will be a Catered Lunch at the Milligan's May 13

The May Tidewater Region Meeting will be at Dewey and Maxine Milligan's 'barn' in Chesapeake, VA.

Please join us for a catered lunch on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Members are welcome to arrive beginning at 11:30 and we will eat at 12:30. The cost is \$18.00 per person.

The menu includes: fried chicken, pork BBQ, coleslaw, baked beans, green beans, hush puppies, and rolls. Bottled water and dessert will also be provided.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We must have an accurate headcount.

**WHEN:** EATING at 12:30 PM, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Dewey & Maxine Milligan's

2000 Shillelagh Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23323

Contact Carol and Wayne Milligan at (757) 404 – 7937 or [caro-waynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:caro-waynmilligan@cox.net) to RSVP or with questions



## TRAACA CALENDAR

### APRIL

13—Board Meeting Mom and Pop's Diner Norfolk

19—Dinner at the Golden Corral 101 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake

29—TRAACA Tour of the Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum in Colonial Heights

### MAY

11—Board Meeting Mom and Pop's Diner Norfolk

13— Monthly Meeting is a catered lunch at the Milligan's.



A pair of 1958 Studebaker Hawks ("Packardbakers")—the last production year for Packard—at the Tucson Auto Museum in Tucson, AZ. See more of the collection in the article on Pgs 4-7.



# President's Podium

**Tim Hund**  
**TRAACA President**  
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April is the starting line for the car show season. It would be hard to pick a weekend that doesn't have a show or another type of car event in the next several months. April 1, had the ODMA meet. I saw many of our club members showing cars or working to set up the meet. Sandy and Richard Hall were two of those workers. They claim that they are retiring from ODMA after only 28 years. I hope they reconsider. Soon it will be Charlotte, a massive event that compares to Hershey. I hope to go one day. And then the flood gates open for shows and tours.

Many of our club's awards are given to the folks that win the most awards points at the shows. If you don't know already, Skip Patnode collects the points for each of the club's members at these AACA shows. It is important that if you show a car at a AACA show please make sure that Skip knows so you receive credit. Many of the club's annual awards are based on those scores. The board has decided to have an awards chairmen. This position will help in the scoring of members vehicles and also in the the other non points awards. Wayne Milligan has graciously volunteered to be our first awards chairman. Thanks Wayne for doing this important duty. Well until next month.

**Tim Hund TRACA President**



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### Dinner Meeting Corner

**Chief Contact: Skip Patnode**

Members will be contacted via e-mail to obtain their RSVPs for the club's monthly dinner meeting. (Members without e-mail will be contacted by phone.) If you will be attending, please respond to Skip Patnode's e-mail by the requested date and let him know how many people will be coming. (There is no need to respond if you are not coming.) Skip will reply to you once he adds you to his attendance list. **It is critical that you respond** 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](mailto:skippatnode@cox.net) or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

### 2023 TRAACA Officers & Board

- President - Tim Hund:  
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- President Emeritus - Wayne Milligan

## From the Running Board

**TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes** *(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)*

**TRAACA Board Meeting Thursday, March 9, 2023**

**Officer's Present:** Tim Hund, Bill Treadwell, Harry Park, Douglas Grosz. Board Members present: Fred Cole; Nick Smith; Herbert Mumford Club members present: Tammy Park, Jerry Adams, Skip Patnode.

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 5:55 PM.

**President:** Thanked all involved with the event at the Milligan's in February. Food was great..

**Vice President:** Swap meet looks like it will be a good event.

**Secretary's Report:** Report distributed and approved electronically.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reports distributed and approved electronically.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Activities:

Overnight event to Matthews - host hotel sold out. Tour and lunch at the Keystone Truck Museum in Colonial Heights on April 29. \$30 covers both the entry to the museum and a private lunch. RSVP to Tammy Park with money by April 21.

#### Dinners:

Herbert discussed with the Carl Brashear CPO club at Little Creek Naval Base on the cost of club dinners. Prices are approximately the same as Founder's Inn.

Tim was able to work out the contracts with Founder's Inn for March, June, and later dates at \$32 per person with no dessert. Contract guaranteeing 50 members in attendance. No availability for an April dinner because the hotel is booked as a venue the week, we schedule our dinners.

Board meetings will continue at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk this year.

#### Membership:

No new report.

### Ongoing Business:

Swap Meet as of the board meeting people are still registering with 16 indoor spaces purchased (Out of 24) and 43 out of 80 outdoor spaces purchased. A new swap meet banner with the TRACCA name was purchased for display at the street entry to the meet for additional advertisement. Amount of money made to be determined.

### New Business:

Awards Chairperson – Wayne has volunteered to coordinate who receives awards from TRAACA and awards from other shows.

Further discussion on a Grand National Party.

Discussion on cost and location continued including the amounts that will be left after the cost of the TRAACA Annual Show.

### Other Business:

VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR (Nothing Significant to report)

CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: NSTR

**Adjourned at 6:43pm.** Next board meeting is 6:00pm Thursday May 11th at Mom and Pop's Diner in Norfolk.

### TRAACA MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH DIFFERENT DAY!!**

**RSVP: NO RSVP REQUIRED.. Just pay for your meal as you come in.**

**LOCATION: Golden Corral 101 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake— Private Room**

**Times: 6:00 p.m. Social Hour  
6:30 p.m. Dinner**

**Menu: Buffet All you can eat**

**Cost: \$15.99 under 60—\$14.99 over 60 +\$3.19 for drinks**

**Program: Jim Elliot: "Trials of a Taxi Driver" Jim will be speaking on his experience as a Taxi Driver. We will hear his stories of the Fun, crazy, famous and lessons learned while driving a Taxi. Also his love of his Taxi! Not to be missed! See everyone on the 19th!**

## Tucson Auto Museum—Part 1

### Tucson, AZ

### Story and photos by Mark McAlpine

*This is first article in a two-part series about the Tucson Auto Museum in Tucson, AZ.*

*If you look, almost every large city in the United States has an automobile museum or collection open to the public. Tucson, Arizona, has two: the Franklin Auto Museum (covered in the July 2018 issue of The Mudflap) and the Tucson Auto Museum. The Tucson Auto Museum is located about five miles northwest of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. About 65-75 cars are on display at any given time. The collection is dynamic as some cars are sold and others are acquired, so when you visit the museum, you may not see all the cars pictured in these articles and you may see some new additions to the collection. For instance, the 1925 Chevrolet Model K, 1930 Ford Model A, and 1959 Edsel Corsair have been sold since Marion & I visited the museum and a 1929 Duesenberg Model J Arlington, 1934 Chrysler Airflow, 1937 Cord 812 Sportsman convertible, and 1952 Muntz Jet have been added (or at least weren't on display when we visited).*

*Most of the cars on display are roped off but you can get close enough to examine each closely. If I had one minor complaint, it's that the placement of the large display placards disrupts your view—and photographs—of some of the cars. The collection is eclectic, ranging from a 1913 Ford Model T to a 2012 McClaren MP4-12C with nameplates like Citroen, DeSoto, Hudson, and Packard in between. Many represent the final year of production for the manufacturer.*

*Each car was beautiful in its own way, but there are several I want to point out. Although the Chevrolet Superior*

*was produced for four years (1923-1927), I don't recall seeing one before. Over 444,000 were produced for 1925 (another source says over 519,000)—less than the Ford Model T's 1.9+ million—but two years later Chevrolet's annual production surpassed Ford's for the first time. Although the Superior's price was twice that of a Model T, Chevy reportedly promoted the car as "Superior" to a Ford.*

*According to its display placard, the 1955 Pontiac Star Chief convertible was driven cross-country by the Ricardos and Mertzes in an episode of the "I Love Lucy" TV show ("California, Here We Come," aired in January 1955).*

*The 1957 Hudson Hornet displayed was one of the last cars produced by Hudson. Per Wikipedia, two generations of Hornets were produced from 1951-1957, with production steadily dropping each year from 43,666 in its first year to only 4,108 (3,359 sedans and 749 Hollywood hardtops) in its final year.*

*The two 1958 Packard Hawks displayed (derisively called "Packardbakers" by some because they were basically Studebaker Golden Hawks with revised front clips & trunk lids) represent Packard's last hurrah. Only 2,622 Packards were produced for 1958, of which 588 were Hawks, with the last Packard rolling off the assembly line on 25 July 1958.*

*Most car people know the brief history of the Edsel, but the 1959 Edsel Corsair convertible on display was beautiful.*

*If you are ever in Tucson, visit the Tucson Auto Museum. It's worth seeing. (And report back on any new cars in it.)*



*1942 Packard 120 convertible coupe on display at the Tucson Auto Museum in Tucson, AZ*



*1913 Ford Model T roadster*



*1925 Chevrolet Superior K Touring Car*



*1930 Ford Model A*



*1934 Pierce-Arrow Model 836 sedan*



*1950 Cadillac Fleetwood Series Sixty Special sedan*



*1950 Mercury Comet convertible (hot-rod)*



*1951 Hudson Pacemaker convertible*



*1952 DeSoto Custom convertible*



*1948 Chrysler Town & Country convertible*



*1954 Cadillac Series 62 convertible*



*1954 Chevrolet Corvette roadster*



*1955 DeSoto Fireflite convertible*



*1955 Packard Caribbean convertible*



*1955 Pontiac Star Chief convertible*



*1956 Continental Mark II*



*1957 DeSoto Fireflite coupe*



*1957 Hudson Hornet sedan—the last production year for Hudson*



*(L-R) 1956 Ford Thunderbird, 1962 Studebaker Gran Turismo, and 1949 Studebaker Champion Business Coupe*



Information

Meet at BP/Huddle House on Route 460 at 8:30 a.m. on April 29<sup>th</sup>. departing at 9:00 a.m.

Museum is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. in a private room at the museum

**Lunch buffet menu:  
Barbeque**

**baked and fried chicken  
mashed potatoes and gravy  
mac and cheese**

**baked beans  
green beans**

**corn  
coleslaw**

**rolls  
cookie tray**

**Sweet and unsweet tea, lemonade, bottled water**

Cost:

**\$30.00 includes admission to the museum and lunch buffet**

*RSVP and pay by April 21st to:*

*Tammy Park*

*tammy\_1\_park@yahoo.com*

*(757) 450-7672*

**April 29th day tour to Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum**

**located at: 880 W Roslyn Rd, Colonial Heights, VA 23834 -3547.**

**Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum is located off of I-95 at exit 53 in Colonial Heights, Virginia.**

**Tidewater Region Antique Automobile Club of America**





## ***STILL COLLECTING – Let's have a tea party!***



**By Terry Bond**

One of the first pieces of automobilia I ever bought was found by Sue in an antique shop years ago – a child's size tea cup..



***Small children's tea cup, part of a set***

I soon realized this must be a part of a larger “set” of cups, saucers, tea-pot, and whatever else might have comprised this early set of toy-sized dishware.

A little research and some networking among a few other old car friends revealed there were seemingly endless varieties of them. Thus began the journey - Years ago, one of the more popular toys was a small child-sized tea set. Having an imaginary “tea party” was common, and may still be today as similar items (in plastic) are still available.

Children's tea sets had all kinds of decorations on them. Usually animals can be found, or characters from popular children's rhymes and stories.

Not so commonly found however, are images of early automobiles.

These were done at a time when the popularity of the automobile was in its beginning. Wealthy families who could afford an auto also provided their male children with fine early toy automobiles. Since it was a more “masculine” kind of toy, having automobile decorated tea sets provided something car-related to the girls in the family as well.

These were treasured objects made of fragile china. They could actually be used if desired. Naturally, many were broken, but as prized possessions, many

were well cared for.

The best of them were produced in Europe. Germany in particular was known for fine quality porcelain.

The images were transfer printed. A decal was applied, then hand colored, and lastly, fired to preserve it.

Many pieces were additionally decorated with images of animals scurrying out of the way of the speeding automobiles. Sometimes other colored decoration was applied.



***Children's auto-themed tea set.***

Sets are usually comprised of the tea-pot, cream and sugar containers, and cups and saucers. Some more elaborate sets had small bowls and serving plates. Complete boxed sets are very rare to find. From the variety of different pieces however, it's really hard to determine which pieces belong to which “sets.” I usually look at the tea-pot itself as the center of attention, and they try to locate matching pieces. Until I figure out what actually came with them and how many pieces comprise a “set” it'll be much easier. Meantime, I buy pieces when I find them. There are only a few different images seen on these items. One of the more commonly found is a more “cartoon-like” image.



*Image of young children in their automobile. Note the heavy bearskin motoring coats used in winter.*



*A more difficult to find image.*

The second easiest to find image depicts a well-dressed lady in a nice touring car, being piloted by her chauffeur.

I have a few pieces with still different images on them, but so few of them exist it's very difficult to figure out whether they are part of a tea set, or perhaps just individual items.



*Lady driven by a chauffeured automobile.*

Much more difficult to find is this image of a young boy and girl in their automobile.



*Motoring bears*

This is an image found on a single small plate in my collection. It could be a part of a tea set that included many different images using the bears as a theme. Perhaps this plate was the only piece in that set with an automobile?

This wonderful teapot depicts yet another different image.



*Teapot with motoring image –children driving a sporting touring car.*

This wonderful tea-pot, like most other pieces in these sets is unmarked. Country of origin is unknown. Approximate age, based on the image itself, is circa 1914. I have only two other pieces from this “set,” two small plates. There must be more somewhere!

This tea-pot is the only piece like it I’ve ever seen. It’s small enough to have been part of a child’s tea-set, but it just as easily could be a small tea-pot intended for a single serving. Do other pieces like cups and saucers exist? Perhaps a creamer or sugar bowl?



I’ve discovered that The same image often appears on different styled objects – here is an example of one tea set with matching cream and sugar containers.



*Teapot with cream and sugar.*

I was fortunate enough to find this tea-pot recently It has the most difficult to find image on it. I also have several cups and saucers The search is on for more!



*Tea-pot, cup and saucer – difficult to find image!*

A lucky antique shop find not long ago was this great looking tea-pot. The creamer was with it so both of them came home, although the creamer may not be a part of the same set.



*Recent antique shop discovery - \$75 for the two items! I think it was a bargain!*

Along the way, a few “oddities” have surfaced using these images – here are a few examples –



*Small nut dish, serving bowl, serving plate and a tall mug. Were these part of a child's tea-set?*

Probably the strangest item I've found using one of these images is this “Mustache-cup.” Yes, it's a small, almost child-sized mustache-cup! Most likely it was an item that could be individually purchased. I think it was unlikely that such an item would have been included in a children's tea set!



*Mustache cup with a image commonly found on children's tea sets.*

This next photo shows the same image appearing on different styles of cups and mugs. These are all very small children's sized items contained in tea sets. Of course the tea-cups included small saucers.



*Variety of tea-cups and mugs with the same image.*

The last photos show an early tea set with a motoring scene lithographed on tin.



*Tin lithographed children's tea set.*



This set, or even pieces of it are extremely difficult to find in good condition. They were produced in Germany in the early 1900s. Additional pieces of the set would have included cream and sugar containers, as well as up to six cups, saucers and small serving plates.

I would imagine the first time anyone attempted to actually use this set and subjected the tea-pot to heat, the lithographs would have burned away quickly. The printing was unprotected and also would have worn away or scratched easily.

There is no known reference work on these. As a result, what I have is a collection of discovered objects that probably at one time belonged together with other similar items.

Nothing exists to identify manufacturers or the different patterns, styles, or specific pieces comprising a complete set.

Over time, what has remained of these "sets" was kept as a souvenir of someone's childhood. They are the objects history has left behind.

Although quite attractive, most are not too expensive – perhaps \$25 or so for the small ceramic cups, depending on condition. Tea-pots could reach well above \$100 in undamaged condition. Lids are often missing though. The exception is the lithographed tin set. The serving tray has reached prices well above \$400 when sold at auction.

These are one of the true mysteries of my collections. Trying to find more about them and eventually reconstructing a complete "set" is the kind of challenge that keeps me going. There is more to be found – when does the next antique shop open?

As always, happy collecting-

Terry



## TRAACA/HVPR Joint Spring Tour March 25/26, 2023

Story by Bob Stein  
Photos by Marty Sugermeyer and Bob Stein)



Our 2023 Spring Tour was the first overnight activity in years, and proved to be far more popular than expected. The opportunity to 'Get Lost with Bill and Ken' was so enticing that the hotel sold out in three days! (In truth, the actual directions were prepared by Robyn Burnham, Bill Wilcox's far better half, so maybe we should call the tour a 'Ride with Robyn.' In any case, we started off in the Hampton Lowe's parking lot on Saturday morning. The lineup was quite impressive. Dave and Faye Curl brought their 1930 Model A Ford, Chris and Fara Harris-Evans drove their 1941 Packard 160, James Stansbury had his 1948 Chrysler Windsor, Bob Stein was driving his 1951 Studebaker Land Cruiser, Tour Leader Ken and Barbara Talley had two younger generations riding with them in their 1955 Buick Century, Tour Leader Bill Wilcox and Robyn Burnham were in their 1956 Chrysler Imperial, Alfonse and Patricia Ludovici drove their 1956 DeSoto FireFlight, Keith Colonna had his 1956 Lincoln Mark II, Bob and Dot Parrish were driving their 1958 Chevrolet Impala, John and Lynn Heimerl were in their 1963 Supercharged Studebaker Avanti, Jim and Becky Woodall had their 1966 Mercury Caliente, Skip Patnode drove his 1967 Alfa Romeo Duetto, Bill and Linda Treadwell were in their 1969 Chevrolet Camaro, and Mickey and Toni McChesney drove their 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88. And those were just the folks in old cars! We also had Dan and Chris Ciccone, Richard and Sandy Hall, Bob and Linda Pellerin, and Harry and Tammy Park in modern iron. The first stop of the tour was the Gloucester Court Circle, a historic site with one of the oldest Courthouses in the country still in use. The site includes a debtor's prison, jail, and a 'fireproof' Clerk of Court's building. Then it was off to lunch at Southwind Pizza, where they not only served incredible meals of all sorts, but nearly put our club treasurer in a food coma with a banana split that looked like it should feed a family of four. Following lunch, we went to the Deltaville Maritime Museum, actually a large complex with walking paths, internal and external displays, and even full-sized restored vessels such as the skipjack Virginia and a replica of the shallop used by Captain John Smith and his men to map the Chesapeake Bay. Then it was time to check into the Dockside Inn, a hotel that was pretty much bought out by the old car folks. We had a

couple of hours to rest up before dinner at The Galley restaurant, which stayed open late to accommodate our large (and possibly unruly) crowd. Sunday morning started with a drive to the home of TRAACA members Sam Kern and Judy Harding in Hudgins, VA for coffee, juice, water, donuts, and breakfast sandwiches. Their place is quite unusual - a huge workshop/garage facility with an immaculate and stylish 1700-square-foot living area in the front. From there, tour participants walked just two-tenths of a mile to the Gwynn's Island Museum, a surprisingly impressive facility that was created, built, and is operated by private funds. The museum host even had his 1930 Model A Ford roadster parked outside. There were two more stops in the tour, both on the way back home. Part of the group veered off for a quick look at the Gloucester Marketplace antique mall, rejoining the rest for the final activity, a tour of the Abingdon Episcopal Church, established in 1650. It was actually saved from being burned along with other churches by Union forces in the Civil War when the unit commander decided to use the building as a stable instead of destroying it. We all went home on our own after a very pleasant weekend. Many thanks to Bill, Ken, and Robyn for putting together a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable tour!



















## Second or Third Place

By Myron Smith VP - Regions Development & Support Western Division



So, you received a 2nd or 3rd place AACA trophy for your car. Disappointed? Many are. I've always viewed judging as kind of a report card like when I was in school. It's an evaluation of how I'm doing with my restorations. My view has changed somewhat over the years and I've gravitated more toward showing in HPOF for some time now. However, this year I decided to put a 'car' again in class judging. It got a second. I feel pretty good about it. As a part of my own evaluation of what I take to events I have always taken into account, what is the award worth. If a carpet has a little stain, is it worth a whole new carpet. Or, if there is a scratch somewhere, is it truly worth the expense and time to repaint a whole panel? Now if it's some high dollar value vehicle, the answer may be yes, but I don't show real high dollar cars. I like to call it common sense restoration.

While I rarely sell anything, I don't like to be too upside down on what money I put into a car. And, I don't take judging too seriously. It can lead to ulcers. Our judging system is if not the best, close to it. It's impossible to be an expert on everything and occasionally a judge may make a mistake, but this is not my subject of interest in this column. I do try to bring vehicles to be judged in what I think is up to their greatest potential per dollar spent. This year we showed a 1997 Suburban. (not exactly a high buck show car). It came out of a salvage yard in 2017. It had 170,000 miles and had a bad intake manifold gasket. I intended to use it as a winter driver in the snow and salt. After we fixed the engine, I got to looking at it in more detail. There was one small spot of rust that needed to be repaired and a few scratches and door dings. Other than that, it was very clean inside and out especially for something with so many miles and its age. Somebody had cared for it for a lot of its life. It was just too nice to abuse in Nebraska winter weather. It had come out of Montana by the dealer sticker on the back which explained the lack of rust. We cleaned and detailed it as much as seemed logical (engine compartments on this new of a vehicle is a nightmare with so many components, nooks and crannies). We also drove it to the show. It got a second. Not too bad in my book considering what I knew of its history and where it had come from. Will it ever get an AACA 1st Junior? Probably not. It might qualify for HOPF. It's nice to drive, comfortable and there are some things more important than a trophy. It is also signed up the AACA MAP award which I think is very worthwhile for additional enjoyment of our vintage vehicles. We've driven it enough to get our first milestone on it. My conclusion is to enjoy your vehicle even if it's an imperfect diamond rather than a freshly polished stone.

## AACA Calendar of Events

[http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca\\_calendar.html](http://www.aaca.org/Calendar/aaca_calendar.html)

**April 13-15, 2023**  
**Southeastern Spring Nationals**  
 Charlotte, NC

**May 1-3, 2023**  
**Southeastern Divisional Tour**  
 Oak Ridge, TN

**May 18-20, 2023**  
**Eastern Spring Nationals**  
 Gettysburg, PA

**June 25-28, 2023**  
**Eastern Divisional Tour**  
 Denver, PA

**July 16-22, 2023**  
**Founders Tour**  
 Ontario, Canada

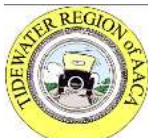
**July 26-29, 2023**  
**Eastern Summer Nationals**  
 Norwich, NY

**August 10-12, 2023**  
**Grand Nationals**  
 Bettendorf, IA

**October 3-6, 2023**  
**Eastern Fall Nationals**  
 Hershey, PA

**October 22-27, 2023**  
**Revival AAA Glidden Tour (VMCCA)**  
 Thomasville, GA





# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

*Members celebrating anniversaries in April 2023*

Matt and Vickie Doscher  
 Dwight and Jane Schaubach  
 Wes and Nancy Soscia Neal  
 Larry and Jane Cutright  
 Jody and Lisa Dudley  
 Alfonso and Patrizia Lo Betti Ludovici  
 Ken and Jessica Packard  
 Joe and Joe Davis Amos

*Members celebrating birthdays in April 2023*

Preston Garner  
 Joseph "Joe" Geib  
 Mickey McChesney  
 George Galyo  
 Mike Brown  
 Cori Fuqua  
 Robyn Burnham  
 Diana Etheridge  
 Martha Sugermeier  
 Judy Cross  
 Susan Woolfitt  
 Jane Schaubach



Other Regional and Local Events

**APRIL 2023**

- 1 5th Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show Virginia Beach, VA
- 8 MPCC Daffodil Car Show Gloucester, VA
- 8 JP Knapp 2023 Car Show Currituck, NC
- 13-16 Charlotte Auto Fair Concord, NC
- 15 MCT Annual Spring Fling Mustang Birthday Car Show Chesapeake, VA
- 19-23 Spring Carlisle Carlisle, PA
- 21-23 Goodguys 8th Annual North Carolina Nationals Raleigh, NC
- 22 23rd Annual Williamsburg British & European Car Show Williamsburg, VA
- 22 IPConfigure Spring Fling Car Show to Benefit Tidewater Search & Rescue Norfolk, VA
- 22 1st Annual Country Cruise N' Car, Truck and Bike Show Surry, VA
- 29 Virginia Chevy Lovers Spring Dust Off Car Show Virginia Beach, VA
- 30 3rd Annual Div 13 Kiwanis Car Show & Fundraiser Langley Speedway Hampton, VA

**MAY 2023**

- 12-13 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet Luray, VA
- 12-13 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals Carlisle, PA
- 13 Car Club Council of Central Virginia's 4th Annual Breakthrough Car Show Petersburg, VA
- 18-21 Cruisin' Ocean City Ocean City, MD
- 27 Virginia Beach Strong Memorial Car/Truck Show

**Sunshine Report**

*I am sorry to report the loss of Murry Ross Gooswin III, member of TRAACA for nearly 40 years, on Sunday, April 9, 2023. Murray was a familiar site at TRAACA and AACA events and created some amazing hot rods and modified vehicles in his Norfolk garage. Born in Norfolk, he was the son of the late M. Ross Goodwin, Jr. and Louise Babb Goodwin. He was also predeceased by his first wife, Lynda H. Goodwin and later his companion, Kath Kelly. Murray was a U.S. Coast Guard Veteran and was proud to be the descendent of lighthouse keepers on the Outer Banks and Lowland, North Carolina. He was a 35-year member of the South Norfolk Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M No. 339. He retired from the City of Chesapeake, where he was the Chief Electrical Inspector and was a 60 year member of the IBEW Local 80. He was a life-long member of South Norfolk Baptist Church. Affectionately known as "The Mayor of South Norfolk", Murray loved living in the historic district and spent many afternoons on his porch watching traffic, July 4th parades and visiting with neighbors and friends. The funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 14, 2023 at South Norfolk Baptist Church, Chesapeake. The interment with Masonic Rites will follow in Riverside Memorial Park, Norfolk. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday at South Norfolk Baptist Church.*

**Welcome to Our New Members!**

No new members



# EDITOR'S DESK

Doug Grosz  
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April and spring are here. More events are happening so make sure you are receiving the emails from Bob Stein in the Mudspeck and the TRAACA website to see the most important events.

April has a dinner meeting at Golden Corral so please let the board know if you like that dinner format. May has the BBQ get together at Milligan's. Make sure to RSVP to Wayne if you are going.

Hopefully you are going to the Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum this month, if so I will see you there.

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Enjoy spring and see you on the road soon.

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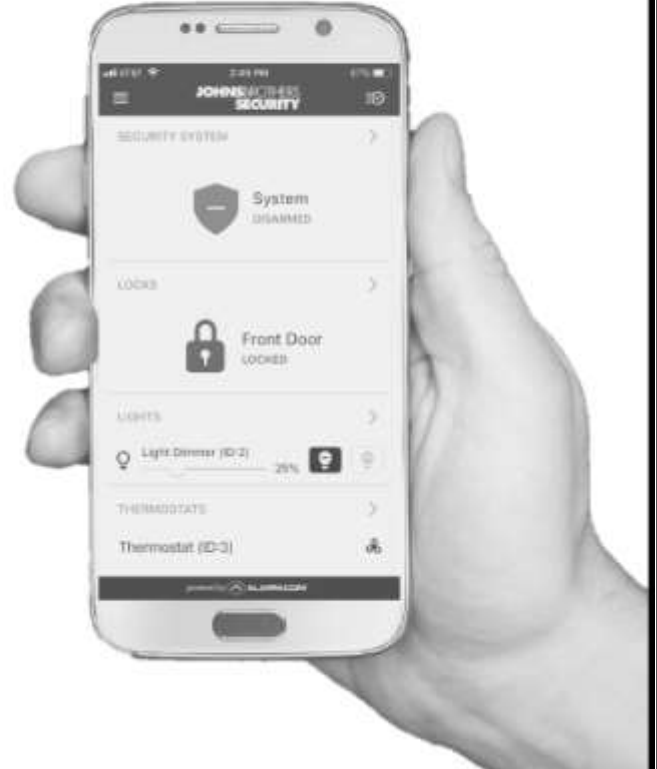
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