

The Mudflap

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

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TRAACA Announcements

Mudflap is looking for a new editor



TRAACA CALENDAR

MAY

18 - Old Dominion Meet (Roanoke VA)

JUNE

1 - 6th Annual Cure for MS Car Show - 10 AM until 2 PM (New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 1765 S. Military Hwy, Chesapeake VA 23320)

8 - Richmond Region 55th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet - (St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond)

15 - TRAACA Wright Brothers Outer Banks Tour and Lunch at Coinjock Marina (Postponed—to be rescheduled)

9-13 - Eastern Divisional Tour (Fredericksburg VA)

20 - TRAACA Monthly Meeting - 6 PM (RSVP required) (Holiday Inn Convention Center, VB)

2024 TRAACA Dinner Meeting Schedule

We will be having monthly dinner meetings at the Holiday Inn Convention Center (5655 Greenwich Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462) starting at 6 PM on the following dates:

- June 20th
- July 18th
- August 15th
- September 19th
- November 21st

AACA National Meet Volunteers Requested

Have you noticed that TRAACA doesn't have an activity scheduled for August? That is because our friends at HVPR are hosting the **Special Eastern Fall Nationals** on **August 22-24** in Hampton! We are hoping many of the TRAACA folks will not only take advantage of an INDOOR national meet within a half-hour's driving distance, and also ask that you consider VOLUNTEERING to help. Plus, this is a great way to build up your judging credits! If you can assist with anything, please contact Donna Elliott at delliott222@cox.net.

AMC International Show in Petersburg

From June 12 to June 15, the 2024 American Motors Owners Club will be holding the AMO International Convention at the Keystone Tractor Museum in Petersburg, VA. Planned activities include a tour of Reggie Nash's collection in Richmond, a variety of shows, and a flea market on Friday and Saturday.

[Click here](#) to learn more.



President's Podium

Bill Treadwell
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Ramblings from the President

As I pondered writing for another Mud Flap, I asked what would interest the membership this month and what got me into this position. The first, ramble on about whatever, and the second is easy.

Taking the easy first, Linda and I came to by members of Tidewater Region in 2013. As active members, we have enjoyed automotive events, dinner meetings with new friends and other travels. Over the years, I have continued to be the volunteer who finds himself unable to say no. In 2018, Mickey McChesney asked me to be Treasurer and my time of the Board began. In 2021, when asked to be Vice President, I accepted what I considered a six year commitment – two as Vice, two as President, and two as Emeritus. I will be, as many of our members already are, nearly 80 when done with this volunteer choosing, if I am allowed to continue.

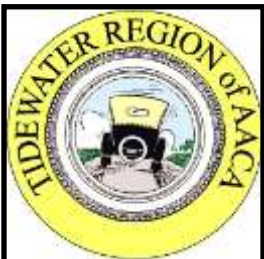
Which brings me to 2024, another year started and nearly half gone, we are into a busy schedule of events. Interesting dinner meetings gave way to this month touring to Currituck, North Carolina, and a wonderful lunch at Little Italy. I attended the national meet in Charlotte, plan to travel to Saratoga Springs in June, and then we will be active volunteers for the national meet in Hampton in August, hosted by our friends in the Historic Peninsula Region. For those of you who like to tour in your automobiles, there is Fredericksburg in June.

So what else interests our membership? That is a question each of you could help me with for next month. If you have an idea, contact one of our board members or come to a board meeting and express yourself. At this month's board meeting, we welcomed Scott Davies as our new membership chairperson. We talked a lot about what he has to do, and how he will make the rest of the board more successful. We briefly addressed the age old question of how do we recruit new members.

Recruiting new members, growing the club, is really everyone's job. Whether at a national meet, a local car show, or just out enjoying a pretty afternoon, we can talk to individuals with an interest in our hobby. Give them information about Tidewater and find out what it will take to make new members active volunteers. I can tell you that I have missed opportunities to possibly attract new members, and I will have to improve my own efforts to recruit new members.

We can do it. Keep Tidewater Region on the map as a place for all of us to enjoy the automotive hobby. See you at an event soon.

Bill Treadwell 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 or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

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From the Running Board

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

Minutes from May have not been approved yet.

Below is TRAACA History from Bob Stein's

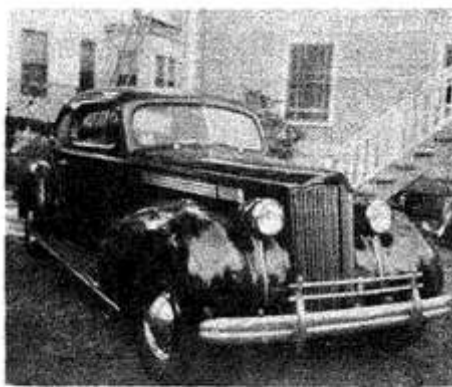
TRAACA webpage <http://www.traaca.com/>

The Tidewater Region AACA can trace its roots back to the mid 1950s, when the antique automobile hobby was just beginning in this area. About a half-dozen local old car enthusiasts frequently gathered at Thomas Moody's Mop gas station on Virginia Beach Blvd. to work on their cars together and just chat about the hobby in general.

The group had long been participating in events sponsored by the AACA, already 20 years old. In 1955, they decided to form the Tidewater Region. The charter was received in November of 1955, with Merritt Horne (whose 1939 Packard 120 Coupe is shown below at a 1968 AACA event) signing up in December of that year as the first 'new' member. Harrell Forre joined soon afterwards. As a side note, Thomas Moody's 1931 Chevrolet and 1922 Model T Ford are still in the club today.



**TRAACA Founding Member
Tom Moody and his 1917 Dodge**



**MERRITT J. HORNE CAME ALL THE WAY
FROM NORFOLK, VA. TO ATTEND THE MEET
IN HIS 1939 PACKARD COUPE.**

Over the years, the Tidewater Region AACA has grown into a large and active organization with over 300 members. We hosted our first AACA National Meet—the Southeastern Spring Meet—on June 11-13, 1976, in Norfolk, VA. We followed up with additional National Meets in 1984, 1996, 2000, 2006, and 2015 (the Southeastern Spring Meet on June 15-17, 1984 in Norfolk; the Special Fall Meet on September 5-7, 1996, in Chesapeake; the 2006 Eastern Spring Meet on May 11-13, 2006, in Virginia Beach; and the Eastern Spring Meet on April 30 – May 2, 2015 in Virginia Beach). We also hosted the 2000 Founders Tour in Williamsburg and southeastern Virginia. We're looking forward to hosting the 2022 Grand Nationals on May 19-21 in Virginia Beach.

Tidewater Region hosts an annual meet which is judged using AACA National guidelines. We also have monthly dinner meetings, as well as a variety of activities ranging from afternoon jaunts to antique shops or museums to weekend overnight tours on scenic back roads. Special activities have included a bus tour to the Biltmore, a boat ride to see dolphins, and a bus tour to Washington DC. The TRAACA is a family-oriented club that strives to have events and activities for everyone.

The TRAACA has become one of the most highly regarded regions in all of AACA. Take advantage of our rich and varied past by joining and becoming a part of TRAACA's future!



STILL COLLECTING - Badges

By Terry Bond



First off I promised to answer a member's question about how I come up with topics for this column.

Simple-I've got a list. Yes, it's a long one. When I first volunteered to do this back in 2013 as a sort of "regular" item it seemed wise to create a list of future topics. You'll thus find some regular topics, like my Hershey reports. Christmas time presents another opportunity for a regularly recurring theme. Of course occasionally I'll need to brag about recent discoveries. Along the way I hope you find the education interesting and have not purchased too many reproductions in error.

I've tried to work on a schedule but the newsletter occasionally is done on an irregular schedule. I usually have an article or two in the works, unless my travel schedule precludes timely submission.

My schedule of articles extends for another year or three. Yet another list is of topics that might make for an interesting article in the future. I keep adding to it. Yes, someday, it'll all be condensed into a book of some sort. I have no idea it'll make the "best seller" list anywhere, but it'll be fun.

So – on to this issue's column on BADGES – those neat things your car wears with pride.

Where it all began – with automobile clubs of course.

In this country, the American Motor League was founded in Chicago in 1895 to lobby for better roads for early motorists.



The photo above shows a membership card including the design for their logo. Although only one lapel pin

is known to exist it is suspected that a companion badge was made to mount on the vehicle itself. Wouldn't it be great to find one in the Hershey swap meet someday!

The American Motor League merged with the AAA in 1904.

The AAA (American Automobile Association) was formed in 1902 when the Automobile Club of America and 9 other individual clubs joined forces to campaign for better roads for motorists. They also provided many other services including insurance for automobiles, tour arrangements and map services, and of course a voice for early motorists at a time when they were generally thought of in a less than positive way. As a member of the AAA, car owners could be assured of safer travel with services available along their route.



An example of an early 1900s American Automobile Club badge designed to install on an auto's radiator cap.

The American Automobile Club itself was a New York based social club of automobile racing enthusiasts. Their primary mission was always to support motor sport. By 1908, they had a “falling out” with the AAA itself over control of racing events. The organization was disbanded in 1932 as a result of the economic impact of the Great Depression.

The next image is an example of a radiator mounted badge dated 1927.



1927 American Automobile Club badge



This badge, designed to mount on a car's radiator front dates from the teens



Another early AAA badge for radiator mounting.



This beautiful AAA badge was a recent Hershey find. It's indicative of the types of badges that can be collected.

As you can see from the above example. Individual cities had their own branch of the AAA, and most had a distinctive badge. It makes for great collecting opportunities. These earlier style badges however can often get pretty expensive – some selling for \$200 or more.



The AAA had competition of course, and some of those badges can be quite rare like this United Automobile Association badge.



This American Automobile Owners Association seems quite scarce. Little is known about the organization of its history.

There are nearly endless varieties of these badges to be discovered in antique markets, swap meets and on the internet. Of course the well-known AAA badges are the most often found, but the near endless varieties of them make collecting a lot of fun.

The United States is not the only “badge-crazy” place in the world. Great Britain is perhaps top of the heap when it comes to badges. Not only do they have their automobile clubs like AAA, they also have badges for just about any other kind of organization you can imagine, especially for sports cars, racing clubs, and even race courses themselves.

It all began in Great Britain with the founding of the “Self-Propelled traffic Association for Horseless Carriages.”

By 1907, King Edward, one of Britain’s pioneer motoring enthusiasts, granted a Royal Warrant, changing the name to the Royal Automobile Club. The organization would rapidly grow to become one of the most important organizations of its kind in the world.

The RAC was largely responsible for repeal of the infamous “Red Flag Act” that restricted use of automobiles. The resulting 1906 “Emancipation Run” from London to Brighton is still celebrated every November.



An example of an early 1800s Royal Automobile club badge.

Between then and now, countless versions of these badges have been produced for chapters of the organization located throughout the world. They make fantastic collector’s items and aside from the earliest examples are not difficult to find.

Another early British motoring organization was The Motor Union” founded just after the turn of the century. It was among the first of many subsequent motoring

associations, but quickly grew to become one of the largest in the country.



Circa 1905 British Motor Union badge.

In 1905, a small group of motoring enthusiasts joined forces to help warn fellow motorists about speed traps. The British Motoring Act of 1903 and imposed stiff penalties for speeding, among other “offenses” for early motorists. This new organization, called “The Motorist’s Mutual Association” organized teams of cyclists who, through a combination of signals and salutes, assisted drivers to stay safe on the roads and avoid penalties.

A month later, as the group established an enthusiastic following among the motoring community, they settled upon a new name – the Automobile Association.

The AA would quickly become the largest organization of its kind in Europe.



The earliest style of the British AA (Automobile Association) badge, circa 1906

The British AA continues to exist to this day, and along the way, the variety of badges they have issued provided some great opportunities for collectors. The example below, is commonly seen on sports cars from the post-war time-frame.



Post-war style AA badge.

One of the most enthusiastically collected badges are those of the Brooklands Automobile Club.



The colorful and highly collected Brooklands Automobile Racing club badge.

Brooklands was the world's first purpose built automobile race track. Construction began in 1906. The first event was held in 1907. The 3 ¼ mile circuit was home to some of the most famous races the world has ever seen. Sadly, the final event held at Brooklands was in 1939. The British government requisitioned the track and utilized the facilities there to construct Hurricane fighter airplanes for WWII. Today, Brookland's proud heritage lives on through a wonderful museum and the many commemorative badges produced for events held there. There are some additional badges related to Brooklands that are much sought after.

The Brooklands Automobile Racing Club (BARC) was formed concurrently with the opening of the track. Using the same initials is the British Automobile Racing Club

(BARC), which was founded in 1912 as an outgrowth of an organization called the British Cyclcar Club. The two entities are often confused, but among collectors, there is no mistake that membership badges for the older Brooklands organization are enthusiastically collected.

These badges were issued in numbered "sets" to

members. The set consisted on one wrist strap mounted badge, and two "guest" pins. Boxed sets were serial numbered and records still exist showing who that number was issued to.

I was fortunate enough to acquire a few while living in Scotland. They are real prizes among my collection of automobile related pins buttons and fobs.



Boxed set of 1909 Brooklands Automobile Racing Association membership badges.

My Favorite Season is Show Season

By Jim Elliott, VP Judging,
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Boxed BARC member badge set, 1920.

Obviously there is a lot of opportunity for collecting badges. Hershey has always been a good resource and specialist dealers often display dozens of them. Values – from a few dollars for more modern examples, hundreds for the earlier and rarer items. As usual, condition is everything. There are not many reproductions around except for the car-mounted Brooklands Automobile Racing Club badge shown earlier in this article. Current editions are in the Moss Motors British car parts catalog.

Badges are one collector's item you can display on your antique car, so enjoy them.

Happy collecting

Terry

There are four main seasons during the year, plus holiday seasons and silly seasons, but at last we have reached my favorite season of all... show season! So, it is time for all of the AACA judges to get a tune-up for the season. 3. Plan on taking as many CJE courses as you can squeeze in. Every judge should be prepared to judge any class on the show field. The more knowledge you have, the better judge you will be. Here are some suggestions that may be helpful: 1. Attend an AACA Judging School as early in the year as possible. This will allow you to obtain a copy of the 2024 Official Judging Guidelines and review the recent guideline changes and additions. 2. Register for judging as soon as you know which Nationals you will be able to attend. Signing up early helps the Chief Judge to set up the best judging teams he/she can. Additionally, the earlier you sign up, the better your chances are that you will receive the judging class you desire. Finally, remember that each of you serves as an ambassador for the Club. For many of the car owners, the judging team is their only contact with any AACA "official." It is our job as judges to maintain a welcoming, pleasant and professional experience. Thank you for participating in judging and I hope to see you soon and often on the show field!



May 17-18, 2024 - Old Dominion Meet

Photos and story by Bob Stein



There were lots of familiar faces around at the 71st Old Dominion Meet Association show held in Roanoke on Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th. Dire predictions of rain kept attendance down, but though we had some showers during the Friday night event (indoors) at the Virginia Transportation Museum, Saturday dawned sunny and only partly cloudy, with no rain until late that night! Friday night featured an open house at the Virginia Transportation Museum, with live music, various photo ops, and even free temporary tattoos. There were vehicles and equipment on display, with the '611' engine, the largest and heaviest train locomotive ever built! The actual show was Saturday, with TRAACA entries including Reggie and Cindy Nash with their 1918 Nash touring, Ken and Barbara Talley in their 1929 Buick, Tony Scarpelli in his 1965 Pontiac LeMans GTO, Jim Stansberry with his 1967 Mustang coupe, Jim and Becky Woodall and their 1967 Mercury Cyclone convertible, Bob and Dot Parrish bringing out their 1969 Chevelle SS convertible for the first time, Harry and Tammy Park with their 1972 Chevelle SS convertible, Bob Stein in his 1986 Buick Electra, and Sam Kern and Judy Harding in their 1994 Honda LX. Judging had TRAACA support from Bill Treadwell, Dan Ciccone, Bill Coburn, Sam Kern, Bob Stein, Tony Scarpelli, Bob and Dot Parrish, Sandy Hall, and Jim Woodall. Other TRAACA folks on hand included Chris Ciccone, Tim Hund, and Richard Hall. All of the TRAACA folks earned their ODMA Junior, Senior, or Preservation awards they went for, and Best of Show went to Reggie and Cindy Nash's 1918 Nash! Some side activities included Dan Ciccone getting his 'new' 1949 MG TC delivered to the hotel for transport back by Tim Hund, and Ken Talley being presented with a painting of his 1955 Buick by his granddaughter Elena! Many thanks to the Roanoke Valley Region for hosting the event.





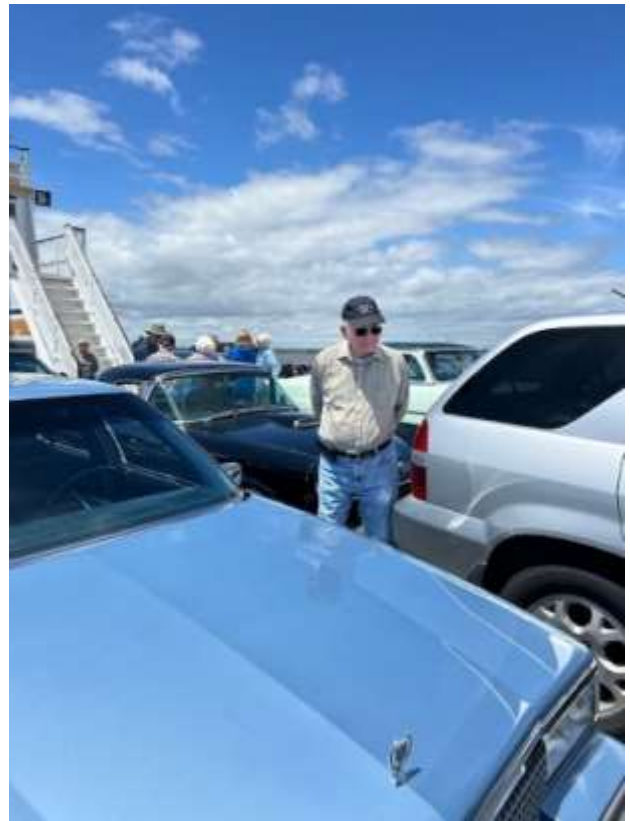


Currituck Ferry Drive Saturday May 11, 2024 Photos and Story by Tammy Park



Saturday, May 11th, in place of our regular dinner meeting, we had a driving tour to Currituck, NC. The weather was perfect for our 56 miles roundtrip driving tour. We had approximately 35 club members who participated in the tour driving both classic and modern cars. The tour participants in classic cars were as follows: Rad and Marge Tillett (1956 Thunderbird), Ken and Barbara Talley (1939 Mercury), Bob Stein and Linda Pellerin (1949 Nash), Tammy and Harry Park and their granddaughter Aubrey Austin (1953 Ford), Bob Ward (1963 Impala SS), Bill Treadwell (1969 Camaro Convertible), Alan and Laurel Swenson (1974 MG Midget), Joe and Charline Geib (1986 Chevrolet El Camino), Jim Villers (Mercedes Benz), Nick Smith (1987 Cadillac Seville), Mike and Darlene Brown (1998 Mustang Convertible), Keith Colonna (1998 Lincoln Mark VIII). The tour participants in modern cars were as follows: Dan and Chris Ciccone, Charlie and Barbara Edwards, Richard and Sandy Hall, Alfonso and Patrizia Ludovici, Bill Wilcox and Robin Burnham and James and Becky Woodall. In total, there were 14 cars. At 10:30 a.m., we met in the parking lot of the Kroger Marketplace at Centerville Turnpike and Mount Pleasant Road in Chesapeake and traveled 31 miles to the Knotts Island Ferry. Prior to our stop at the Knotts Island Ferry, we made a brief stop at the Knotts Island Market for ethanol free gas. We arrived at the ferry around 12:00 p.m. and we were one of the first ones in line to get on the ferry. We explored the wildlife while waiting for the ferry. There was a woodpecker and an osprey. At 12:30 p.m., we drove on the ferry and traveled 5 miles and 45 minutes to reach Currituck. Once in Currituck, Rad and Marge Tillett drove home and the rest of us drove 25 miles to Little Italy on Centerville Turnpike in Chesapeake and had lunch. Mickey and Toni McChesney and Linda Treadwell joined us for lunch, as well.

The Knotts Island Ferry was created in 1962 and is the world's longest free ferry. The ferry links NC615 to the mainland across the Currituck Sound between Knott's Island and Currituck. This was initially done to shorten the travel time for Knott's Island school children to their school on the mainland. It takes approximately 45 minutes to travel the 5 miles on the ferry from Knott's Island to Currituck. Approximately, 30,000 vehicles and 90,000 passengers travel yearly on the ferry to and from Knott's Island to Currituck.





The First Step Is to Be Inviting By Phillip Cole AACA Secretary/Treasurer

From the Winter 2023 Rummage Box (reprinted with permission)



At our recent AACA Annual Convention, I saw a good friend whom I had not seen in a few years. He was bubbling over with excitement about the growth of his region. He told me, “We decided it was time to reinvent our region meetings and other activities in the post-Covid Era. So, we drew up a plan and the first step is to be inviting!” He went on to tell me how last year they had gained three times as many members as they had received in the previous two, simply by being more inviting. Inspired by his enthusiasm, I did some research as to how all of us can be more inviting through our meetings and activities. Thinking about your own region, answer the following four sets of questions:

- Is it easy to “bring a like-minded friend” to your meetings and activities? Do you encourage your members to invite like-minded car enthusiasts? Is the process simple or far too complicated?
- Are your meetings and activities family friendly? We say we are a family oriented organization, but what would happen if a young couple showed up with their baby? The members of my region are more than happy to hold a baby while their parents eat and listen to the program or participate in an activity.
- Are your meeting times inviting to people with different schedules? Is your meeting time leaving out a whole group of people, like those with 9-5 jobs or early bedtimes? Could you change your times and places to attract more people—existing members and new!?!?
- Does your newsletter/website/social media have an inviting outreach quality? Would they be a vehicle for your members to share with their like-minded friends and acquaintances? What would you do if someone showed up at your event which they found on your website?

AACA Calendar of Events

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

June 9-13, 2024 –
Fredericksburg, Virginia –
Eastern Divisional Tour –
sponsored by AACA
Buzzards Breath Region.
Open to vehicles up through
1999.

June 20-22, 2024 – Saratoga,
New York – Eastern Spring
Nationals, sponsored by
AACA Saratoga Region.

July 10-13, 2024 – Big Horn
Mountain, Wyoming –
Western Divisional
Tour, sponsored by AACA
Nebraska Region. Open to
vehicles up through 1999.

September 12-14, 2024 –
Loveland, Colorado –
Western Fall
Nationals, sponsored by
AACA Poudre Valley
Region – Joe Pirrone,
Chairman –
joenkathy@earthlink.net.

September 22-27, 2024 –
Fairfield, Pennsylvania –
Revival AAA Glidden
Tour®, sponsored by the
AACA Sugarloaf Mountain
Region – Bob Burchill,
Chairman –
hattiesgarage@comcast.net

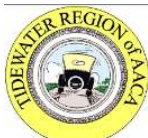


Tell Us What You Want!

By Dave Anspach AACA Executive Vice President



Last Fall we held the election for your Board of Directors and re-elected 5 veteran directors and 2 new ones. For those who participated in the process, THANK YOU. Don't forget to do it again this Fall. The election of your representatives on the Board of directors is extremely important. There are however, other steps in this process. First of all is to contribute. Every one of us has abilities and talents in one area or another. There are hundreds of activities that take place on the local, Regional, and National level. Take part in what ever capacity you can. Please don't say you are too old or tired. I have seen people get involved in a National show at 101 years old!! A National show or tour has something for EVERYONE to do. Not doing a National? Every Region and Chapter has dozens of jobs for every person who is a part of it. All that is needed is for YOU to be willing to chip in! Okay, so you've decided that you can't physically do anything for your club... No Problem. Tell us what you want! Many of those who can't physically chip in have years of experience and can use their brain to help the club. Talk to other members of your local Region and/or Chapter about what can be done to bring in new members and to keep those members you already have. I have been president or VP of 3 different Regions now and I have always valued those people who told me about the problems we have. Think about it. How does any company know what to do to improve unless customers complain about what is wrong?? And don't point out what is needed to improve just on a local level... Contact your directors and talk with them. There are individual VP's that cover almost every area of concern. In addition, there is a VP of Regions and Chapters for every section of the Country that can help when your particular issue might not fit in any specific area of concern. Every issue of the magazine has Director contact information in the front. USE IT! Every Director is happy to hear from you. We represent you so it is important that we hear what it is that is important to you. Many of you have just come home from the National Convention. There in the membership meeting a number of people who had concerns. I can honestly say that many of those areas are already being worked on. Let's keep it up. Tell us what you want and need and help us to help you to grow our club!



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Members celebrating anniversaries in May & June 2024

James & Barbara Stansbury
 Alan & Laurel Swenson,
 Michael & Denise Haag
 Boyd & Debra Swartz
 Reggie & Cindi Nash
 Al & Sharon Mercer,
 Dick & Holly Chipchak,
 Matthew & Giselle Weinstein,
 Barry & Mary Ellen Basnight,
 Radford & Margie Tillett
 James & Phillis Carnforth
 Mark & Sue Strang,

Welcome to Our New Members!

Sunshine Report

Nick Smith recently underwent open-heart surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts.
 Please provide Member Care/ Sunshine Report information on TRAACA members to Bob Stein at posti@aol.com or 588-6200.

Members celebrating birthdays in May & June 2024

Dot Parrish
 Tina Pack
 Charline Geib
 Rhonda Russell
 Josie Kinker
 Cindi Nash
 Dickie Clifton
 Allan Becker
 Gordon Spence
 Jeanie Downing
 William Grosz
 Michael Haag
 Larry Cutright
 Chris "Kit" Lawrence
 , James Carnforth
 Sonny Butler
 Alan Swenson
 Mark McAlpine
 Dr. Daniel M. Etheridge
 Bill Coburn
 Sam Kern
 James Woodall
 John J. Clark
 Briant L. Capps
 Dick Chipchak
 Bob Stein
 Joe Formato
 Reggie Nash
 Frank Linse
 Roland Downing
 Connie England
 Mary Beth Clark
 Bette Lawrence
 Debbie Meadows
 Cathy Miller
 Toni McChesney



DOWN THE ROAD

Other Regional and Local Events

MAY 2024
 2-4 50th Annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally
 Wheels & Wings
 Hagerstown, MD
 4 24th Annual Williamsburg British & European Car Show
 Williamsburg, VA
 10-11 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet
 Luray, VA
 10-11 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals
 Carlisle, PA
 16-19 Cruisin' Ocean City
 Ocean City, MD
 31 - Carlisle Ford Nationals
 Jun 2 Carlisle, PA

JUNE 2024
 6 Highlands Motoring Festival
 Highlands, NC
 21-22 Carlisle GM Nationals
 Carlisle, PA

JULY 2024
 12-14 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals
 Carlisle, PA

AUGUST 2024
 22-24 Corvettes at Carlisle
 Carlisle, PA



EDITOR'S DESK

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Well it is summertime, and that means car shows and heat. So as you enjoy your different car events, make sure that your cars cooling system has been checked and is operating at the maximum efficiency. As I read different car forums online, I am seeing car enthusiasts writing about overheating problems that range from improper size fans, radiators, and thermostats. Proper equipment always helps keep your car in top running condition.

Please enjoy Terry's article and his explanation of how he has chosen his topics. Also enjoy the article by Tammy Park on the recent drive that included a trip on the Currituck to Knott Island Ferry. And Bob Stein's story about the ODMA Car Show at Roanoke this May.

There are also announcements on the front page listing our upcoming dinner meetings and other events that might be of interest. You will notice there are no minutes from the board meeting in May as we have not been able to approve the minutes with Nick Smith needing to have bypass surgery of his heart. Keep Nick in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers.

I know that many of you are expecting a monthly issue of the Mudflap and I have not been able to keep up with that level of publication. It was much easier

when I had two articles that would be provided on a monthly basis. We also usually had an article about the speaker at the dinner meeting, and additional articles about the other events. I haven't had the time to write events from the dinner meetings to add to the Mudflap and have struggled to have enough content to publish every month and keep the size of the Mudflap the same as it always has been.

Since I have been unable to continue to produce the quality publication expected, I am resigning as editor of the Mudflap effective August 2024. With a change of what I teach next year, I will not have an time to devote to the Mudflap after August as I will be extremely busy trying to make a subject change at work.

I am sure that there are many capable members of the club that can step up to continue the Mudflap. Having looked at editions on Bob's webpage from before I joined TRAACA, I saw it was a committee publishing the Mudflap, maybe that is needed now.

Enjoy the summer of car events and your sharing of your love of antique cars.

Doug

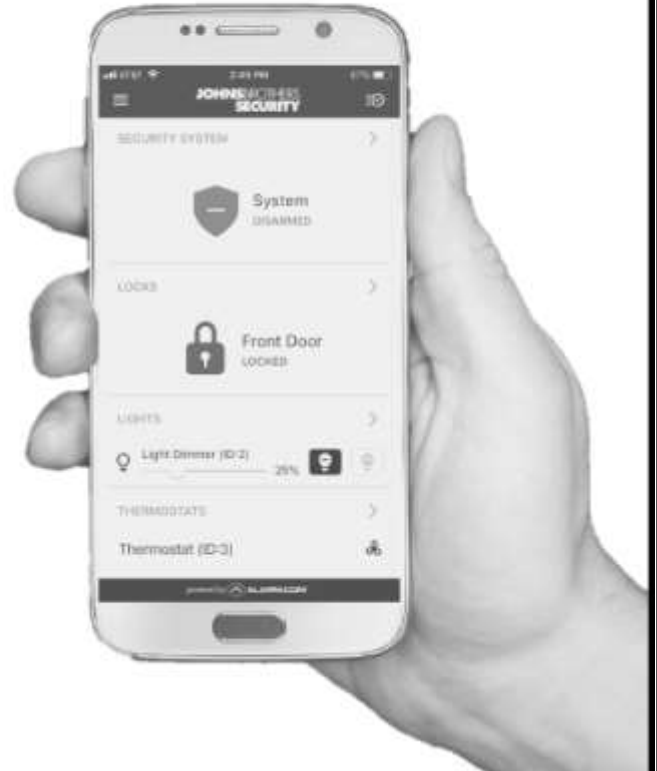
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