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TRAACA 47th Annual Meet canceled ODMA Fall Tour October 23rd through 25th

As you have probably heard, the TRAACA Annual Meet has been canceled due to circumstances outside the club's control. It was not an easy decision to make and Wayne explains what was involved in the decision in his President's column.

This year will be the **ODMA / Shenandoah Region AACA Fall Tour**. Our friends in the Queen City Region are all invited, and this year we are also inviting all our Old Dominion Meet Association friends to join us as well. The ODMA, of which we are members, is comprised of most of the AACA regions in Virginia. We want them to come and enjoy the Valley we call home. We are planning a mostly local tour, centered here in Winchester. We have a host hotel for visitors set up at the Holiday Inn Gateway, on Rt. 522. 333 Front Royal Pike Winchester, VA 22602, (540)-667-3300. We will gather there and use it as a home Base. A group rate has been arranged at \$109.00 per night, which includes two \$10.00 breakfast vouchers. Mention SRAACA or ODMA when you reserve, best done by phone. We will have a personal Tour of White Post Restorations on Friday afternoon, and will have a fun drive to and from on some of our scenic back roads. We will also be driving through the grounds at Historic Long Branch Estate. Saturday will be a full day driving our area, with lunch, and several stops including our Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, which has a lovely formal gardens and outdoor displays as well as the indoor exhibits. Times are not finalized yet, but we will leave the Hotel at 9 AM so that anyone joining for the day can find us. We are also working on a fun stop for Sunday morning before people depart for home. The days tour will cost \$45.00 per person which includes lunch and admissions. A signup form will be available soon on the SRAACA, and ODMA web sites.



Winner of the 2019 AACA Zenith Award: a 1958 Buick Century Caballero owned by Joe & Julie Tonietto of Troy, MI (See story on page 6)



TRAACA CALENDAR

Check traaca.com/calendar.htm for the latest info on upcoming events!

SEPTEMBER 2020

- 05 ~~TRAACA Judge's Training School (canceled)~~
- 10 ~~TRAACA Board Meeting (canceled)~~
- 17 ~~Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn Convention Center Virginia Beach/Norfolk) (canceled)~~
- 19 ~~TRAACA Annual Meet (Military Aviation Museum) (canceled)~~

OCTOBER 2020

- 1 Board Meeting TBD
- 24 ~~Chili Cook-Off (cancelled)~~

NOVEMBER 2020

- 12 Board Meeting TBD
- 14-15 ~~TRAACA tour to Eastern Shore of Maryland (cancelled)~~
- 19 Dinner Meeting (Holiday Inn Convention Center Virginia Beach/Norfolk)

DECEMBER 2020

- 10 Board Meeting TBD
- 12 Botanical Garden Holiday Lights
- 13 Holiday Brunch, Princess Anne Country Club, Virginia Beach



President's Podium

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Hello fellow Tidewater Region AACA members. I hope all are well and safe! By now, most of you are likely aware that our 2020 Annual Meet was canceled. The pandemic cast a long shadow over the Meet's planning throughout the year and the reality of a possible cancellation was always a concern. The Board, the City of Virginia Beach (through their permit process), or the Museum each could have canceled the event up until the very last moment. A cancellation closer to the event date would have resulted in additional investments in time by the Committee, expenditures by the Club, and likely increased frustrations by our members and event patrons. In the end, the Board chose not to continue to wait and voted to cancel this year's Meet. The safety of our members and patrons along with volunteer and participant concerns drove the decision.

Though our Annual Meet is canceled for 2020, this pandemic will eventually pass and our Annual Meets will resume! The Annual Meet Committee has planned an amazing event - 'The TRAACA Experience'! Everyone on the Annual Meet Committee has given a great deal of their time and energy to make the next Annual Meet a must-attend event that will be entertaining, educational, profitable for the Club, and provide excellent recruitment potential. By any measurement, 'The TRAACA Experience' will be a suc-

cessful Meet! I want to personally thank Paul Fuqua along with each and every Annual Meet Committee member for all you did in planning the Meet and for all you do for the Club and the hobby every day! This hobby is the great hobby it is because of people like each of you.

In addition to all the planning already in place for what eventually will be our 47th Annual Meet, there is something very tangible that will become available soon. One of the many unique elements planned for the 2020 Annual Meet is a collectible, limited edition commemorative poster by nationally noted artist, Joseph Craig English. As automotive art, they are exceptional. To the Tidewater Region, the posters represent a most unusual year, and in many ways a challenging year, and are a must-have. Once they arrive, we'll share more information about how to obtain your copy.

For September and October, the Club calendar unfortunately remains relatively quiet. The September Board meeting and dinner meeting are canceled along with the October Chili Cook-Off.

I do not want to sound redundant, however I do want to reiterate that our activities will eventually resume and those that were canceled will provide a great start for our future Activities Calendar. The Board and the Activities Committee continue to review our upcoming calendar. We remain hopeful that the near future will see more of a return to normalcy and allow us to begin resuming the activities planned.

Again, I hope all remain well, safe, and cool. I look forward to seeing each of you very soon!

Warmest Regards,

Wayne Milligan

Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

Once resumed, 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

July 28, 2020 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes
(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

Officer’s Present: Wayne Milligan, Tim Hund, Ellen Adams, Bill Treadwell. Board Members present: Fred Cole, Dot Parrish. Club members present: Jerry Adams, Dick Chipchack, Paul Fuqua, Bob Parrish, Barry Basnight.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:04PM.

President: Thanked everyone for taking time to be here. Thanked Paul Atkinson for allowing us to use his facility to meet. Travis Berry has joined the Board to fill an open position – thank you Travis for agreeing to serve the Region.

Vice President: Seconded what Wayne said.

Secretary’s Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer’s Report: Shared Treasurer’s Reports previously sent out in email along with the 2020 Annual Meet Report YTD for review.

New Business:

- Should the club continue planning the Annual Meet?
 - Paul & Bob met with Keegan, Director at Military Aviation Museum (MAM), on Saturday, July 25th. Keegan confirmed that the COVID restrictions placed on venues such as the museum do not preclude us from conducting the Meet on September 19th. Per Keegan, we are still good to move forward with a maximum headcount of 1000.
 - Motion to move forward with the annual meet up until the event that the MAM decreases their headcount cap of their facility from 1,000 to 500, at which point the board will move to cancel the meet. Motion passed.
- Dinner meeting on August 20th—Board decided to cancel due to the cap of 50 currently in place with COVID restrictions.
- Doumar’s on August 29th—Board decided to move forward as a small group is manageable at this location.
- Board Meeting on August 13th—Board decided to keep this meeting on the books at this time to have time already slotted in the event the COVID situation changes and decisions surrounding the Annual Meet need to be made.

Adjourned at 7:09pm. Next board meeting is 7:00pm Thursday, August 13th, location TBD.

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2021 AACA National Activities Calendar

By Mark McAlpine Vice President

(Article reprinted with permission from the AACA Rummage Box Summer 2020)

National Activities For obvious and understandable reasons, the 2020 car season has been a bust. Restrictions imposed across the country to combat the coronavirus pandemic resulted in the cancellation of most public activities including car shows and tours held by the AACA and other local and national car clubs. The AACA still has two national activities planned for the remainder of 2020—the Grand Nationals in Gettysburg, PA, on August 21-22, and the Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey, PA, on October 9-10. Each of these shows has been tailored to ensure the safety of our members. (While I’m looking forward to the car show in Hershey, it will seem strange without the swap meet.) 2021 will be better. The coronavirus should be beaten into submission by then, and things will begin to return to “normal”—whatever that may look like. The 2021 AACA national activities calendar is very robust with 10 Nationals/Grand Nationals scheduled and 6, possibly 7 tours (depending on whether the cancelled 2020 Central Divisional Tour is rescheduled to 2021). The Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA) has rescheduled the cancelled 2020 Revival AAA Glidden Tour to September 12-17, 2021, in the same originally planned location of Saratoga Springs, NY. Although it now won’t be 75 consecutive years, this will still mark the 75th anniversary of the revival of the Glidden Tour and include special activities to commemorate the occasion. Our host regions and chapters have worked hard to plan and organize some fun activities for us to enjoy. Please support them by participating in these activities. I look forward to seeing you there. Until then, be safe and stay healthy!



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AACA 2020 Grand National Gettysburg, PA



Story and photos by Bob Stein

Just when it looked like the AACA Grand National was doomed to be canceled like other car shows this year, organizers Tom Cox and Steve Moskowitz pulled a hippopotamus out of the hat! Over 450 antique vehicles and 500 members showed up on August 21st and 22nd for the combined AACA Zenith Awards and Grand National event.

Thanks to careful planning, spread-out show fields, and a lot of consideration by participants, AACA provided a major car activity that was both fun and safer than going to your local Walmart for groceries. The events were held at the Marriott/Courtyard Hotel Complex in Gettysburg which had plenty of onsite parking and space to spread out cars and classes. Vehicles were spaced out, most wore face masks, and all activities were outside. The weather cooperated, with clear and sunny skies and decent temperatures. On-site restaurants and other vendors were available for food and drink, and the hotels had restrooms open.

TRAACA was well-represented - Zenith judges included member and current national president Jim Elliott and past national presidents Terry Bond, Bob Parrish, and Tom Cox. Tom gets a special nod as he is not only a two-time president, but also the founder of the Zenith program. For the first time, this year's Zenith award went to a post-war car - a 1958 Buick Caballero station wagon mos restored by the owner.

While TRAACA did not have any vehicles on the Zenith

field, there were five region entries in the Grand National. Reggie and Cindi Nash had their 1940 Nash Special, Scott Davies and Holly Forester brought their 1958 Corvette, Mike and Darlene Brown showed their 1972 Ford LTD, Bill Treadwell had his 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass, Jim and Donna Elliott had their 1993 Camaro Pace Car, and Bob Stein brought his 1993 EV Warrior electric moped. We also had a lot of folks taking part in judging, which was stretched thin and dropped to four-man teams. Bob and Dot Parrish, Neil and Marty Sugermeyer, Bill Coburn, Sam Kern, Dan Ciccone, Mark and Marion McAlpine, Jim and Donna Elliott, Terry and Susan Bond, Bob Stein, Tony and Leslie Scarpelli, and Tom Cox were all on the field.

Awards were presented outside at 3:30 with groups called in by show area to keep total attendance limited. Reggie Nash received a Senior Grand National for his 1940 Nash 4081, Scott Davies' 1958 Corvette was awarded a Senior Grand National, John Brown's 1972 Ford LTD was presented with a Repeat Senior Grand National, Bill Treadwell was awarded a Second Grand National for his 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass, Jim Elliott earned a First Grand National for his 1993 Camaro Z28 Pace Car, and Bob Stein received a First Grand national for his 1993 EV Warrior.

Thanks to Tom and Steve and all of the many volunteers for a great (and safe) activity!



Tom Cox hard at work judging a Model A



Bill Treadwell's 1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass



Bob Stein's 1993 EV Warrior



John Brown's 1972 Ford LTD



Jim and Donna Elliot's 1993 Chevy Camaro Pace Car



Marion McAlpine on the show field



Tony and Leslie Scarpelli



Scott Davies' 1958 Chevrolet Corvette



National President Jim Elliot addressing the crowd



Jim Elliott, Bob Parrish, Terry Bond, and Tom Cox



Reggie Nash's 1940 Nash 4081



Dot Parrish cheerfully working to make the show a go!



AACA 2020 Zenith Award

Gettysburg, PA

Friday, August 21, 2020

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine



The AACA's Zenith Award was established in 2016 to recognize the best restored antique automobile in the country. The restoration does not have to have been completed that year. (The Zenith Award is the equivalent of the prestigious Riddler Award for custom vehicles presented at the Detroit Autorama car show every year.) A select team of AACA judges considers every vehicle shown at an AACA national show that year, chooses two from each show, and invites them to be displayed at the following year's AACA Grand Nationals to be judged by a select team of judges comprised of very experienced AACA Senior Master Judges and other recognized authorities from outside the AACA (usually judges from prestigious concours d'elegance shows and respected automobile journalists). As you can imagine, the vehicles selected to participate in the Zenith Awards competition are exquisite and among the best examples the AACA and our automotive hobby have to offer. Highlighting one vehicle out of these beautiful vehicles is extremely difficult and takes hours of the judges examining the vehicles (including using mirrors to examine the undercarriage—the only time you'll see mirrors used at an AACA national show), speaking with the owners, and then

discussing each vehicle until finally narrowing it down to the winner and a runner-up. It is truly an honor to be recognized as one of the Zenith Award finalists.

The winner of the inaugural 2016 AACA Zenith Award (awarded at the 2017 Grand Nationals in Independence, MO, on Friday, June 16, 2017) was a 1928 Auburn 8-88 "boat tail" speedster owned by Richard & Helen Harding of Xenia, OH. The winner of the 2017 Zenith Award (awarded at the 2018 Grand Nationals in Greensburg, PA, on Friday, June 1, 2018) was a 1935 Packard 1204 Super 8 owned by Gregory & Cheri Haack of Freeport, IL. The winner of the 2018 Zenith Award (awarded at the 2019 Grand Nationals in Auburn, IN, on Friday, May 31, 2019) was a 1931 Buick 8-84 Sport Roadster owned by David & Susan Landow of Bethesda, MD).

This year 14 vehicles were invited to participate in the Zenith Awards competition held at the 2020 AACA Grand Nationals held in Gettysburg, PA, on Friday, August 21, 2020. Seven AACA national shows were held in 2019, so 14 vehicles were selected to participate in the Zenith Awards. For various reasons, four owners decided not to bring their vehicles to Gettysburg, so only 10 vehicles participated, but it didn't make the judging any easier—each vehicle was beautiful and special in its own way.

The ten Zenith Award finalists were a 1910 Oakland "30" Model A Runabout, a 1929 Nash Standard Six Model 422 Cabriolet, a 1929 Pierce-Arrow Model 133 coupe; a 1931 Ford Model A convertible sedan, a 1933 Auburn 12-165 Salon, a 1934 Packard 1104 coupe roadster, a 1956 DeSoto Fireflite 2-door hardtop, a 1958 Buick Century Caballero station wagon, a 1967 Pontiac GTO coupe, and a 1971 Oldsmobile 442 W-30 convertible. The winner of the 2019 Zenith Award was the 1958 Buick Century Caballero owned by Joe & Julie Tonietto of Troy, MI. The runner-up was the 1933 Auburn 12-165 Salon owned by Calvin High of Willow Street, PA. The owners of each nominated vehicle should be proud of having their vehicles recognized as the "best of the best."



Zenith Award judges with the owners of the 1931 Ford Model A



1910 Oakland "30" Model A Runabout



1929 Nash Standard Six Model 422 Cabriolet



1929 Pierce-Arrow Model 133 coupe



1931 Ford Model A convertible sedan



1933 Auburn 12-165 Salon



1934 Packard 1104 coupe roadster



1956 DeSoto Fireflite 2-door hardtop



1958 Buick Century Caballero station wagon



1967 Pontiac GTO coupe



1971 Oldsmobile 442 W-30 convertible



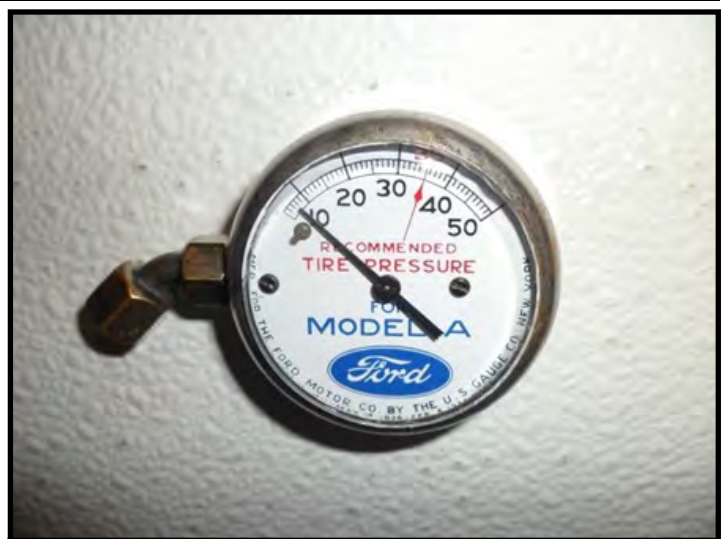
Still Collecting

The pressure is on! Tire Pressure Gauges – a useful collectible

By Terry Bond

How often do you check the pressure in your tires? In the early days of the automobile, tires were one of the most frequent causes of problems for early motorists. Flats from road hazards frequently ended many trips into the countryside. Checking air pressure was a necessity before setting out, and frequently along the way. Low air pressure could actually cause a tire to slip around the rim and break off a valve-stem! To check air pressure, a tire gauge was an essential tool.

The most prolific manufacturer of early tire gauges was U.S. Now a division of a much larger company producing all kinds of gauges and pressure indicators, the U.S. Gauge Company began in 1904 in Sellersville, Pa. They were famous for the round dial-indicator type of tire gauge.



An easily found reproduction Model A Ford tire pressure gauge. These routinely sell for \$50—\$75.

There are many different styles of gauges with specific automobile names on them, some even list multiple models on them.



A typical U.S. Gauge Company tire pressure gauge.



A Cadillac-Lasalle tire pressure Gauge .



A Peerless tire pressure Gauge .

Gauges were produced for many specific early automobile manufacturers and were found supplied in tool kits, or were sold as aftermarket accessory items. Dozens can be found, the most common of course is for the Model A Ford, with the famed blue Ford oval on the face. Beware though as this is perhaps the most widely reproduced item on the market today. Nearly all Ford Model A parts dealers offer replacement face-plates with the Ford logo. I know of no sure way to detect a reproduction so consider them all to be newly made and pay accordingly.



Studebaker tire pressure gauge.

Plain gauges can be found in flea markets for \$25-\$50. Those with automobile names on them can run twice that, sometimes more depending on the make of automobile and condition.

Also produced by the U.S. Gauge Company is this great "Invincible" tire pressure gauge.



Up into the teens, automobile tires were mounted on "clincher" rims – the beaded edge of the tire itself was held into the cupped wheel rim with high air pressure. My 1914 Model T carries 65lbs of pressure in each tire to hold it onto the rim. Early gauges indicate tire pressures well in excess of 50 lbs.

Schrader is a name you should be familiar with when thinking about tires. But-did you know the company goes back to 1844 when they began machining brass? In 1849 they began producing copper diving helmets.

By the 1890s though, they were manufacturing tire valves for bicycles, and later, for automobiles. By 1905 they were producing pressure gauges.



Buick tire pressure gauge showing a scratched and clouded face.



An auto parts store counter display advertising Schrader tire pressure gauges and repair parts.

Schrader gauges are distinctive. Their cylindrical shape is unique and remains a style of pressure indicator still in use today. Over their years of production, many tire com-



Schrader Universal tire pressure gauge.

panies purchased advertising space on the sides of Schrader gauges. There were dozens of different companies whose names can be found on them. This is a little-known

collectible that often goes unnoticed by flea market vendors. It pays to look closely at those inexpensive little gauges to see what is actually printed on the sides.



Tire gauges were contained in these specially designed leather pouches to protect them when carried in a tool box .



Schrader tire gauge advertising Firestone tires.

Standard “universal” tire gauges by Schrader can be purchased in swap meets for as little as \$10. With advertising,



This is a Ford script Schrader tire pressure gauge. These are not as scarce as you might think and would sell at around \$50 - \$75.

prices can easily climb to \$50 depending on condition. Schrader gauges come in a variety of configurations in addition to the plain cylindrical shape shown above.

My own collection contains over two dozen different gauges advertising different tire brands, repair shops, automobiles, and small town garages.

Displays however can range in price from \$500 to over \$3000 depending on condition and rarity. Watch for a future article on counter-top automobile related display items.



A wonderful Michelin gauge in its original tin box



Even the bottom of the box is nicely illustrated with an

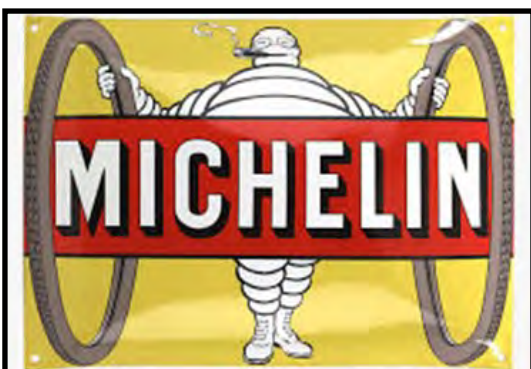


Each side of this tin shows a different scene related to tire repair. Value on this piece is \$500+.



The Schrader display cabinet also comes in a larger size. This photo shows the cabinet opened with contents. Note the tab at the top of the cabinet designed to hold a tire gauge. This piece is often missing.

In addition to U.S. Gauge and Schrader, there are many other companies that produced tire pressure gauges – none perhaps more well-known than Michelin.



Early Michelin tire pressure gauges were known to be high quality instruments. Even the boxes they came in were spectacular.



The Michelin tire gauge nestled in it's proper place.

If the object of a tire gauge is to help detect a leak, then this interesting contraption surely fits into my collection. It is a unique valve stem designed to include a glass valve stem cover. When filled with water, such a device would quickly reveal a slow air leak at the valve stem. Years ago



An unusual valve stem leak detector displayed on a section of an antique wood spoked wheel.



Schrader gauge with leather pouch.

at Hershey I found a set of four along with this section of an antique wood spoked wheel with a fifth one on display. I don't think this would be very practical and I doubt many were sold.



This boxed set of four unique valve stems has a built-in pressure gauge. Unfortunately, I did not bid high enough to add this great set to my collection of tire related artifacts.

There are many other tire gauges—they come in all shapes and sizes and make a great and usually inexpensive collectible. Best of all, most of them still work.

Next month we'll continue looking at some interesting tire related items including inflators and advertising items.

Meantime, enjoy collecting.

Terry



Gilmore Car Museum—Part 3

Hickory Corners, MI

H.H. Franklin Collection

Story and photos by Mark McAlpine



This article is the third in a series of at least seven articles about the Gilmore Car Museum located in Hickory Corners, MI (midway between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, MI). This month's article highlights the H.H. Franklin Collection, one of the six partner organization museums located on the Gilmore campus. (The other five are the Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum, the Classic Car Club of America Museum, the Model A Ford Museum, the Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum, and the Pierce-Arrow Museum.)

Franklin automobiles had air-cooled engines and were produced from 1902-1934. With about 150,000 built, Franklins were the most successful American-built air-cooled automobile until the Chevrolet Corvaire. (Per Wikipedia, a total of 1,835,710 Corvairs were built in the 1960-1969 model years.) A few short paragraphs can't do justice to the Franklin, so for more information refer to the H.H. Franklin Club website (www.franklinclub.org) or talk to some of your fellow TRAACA members who own Franklins (John Heimerl, Sam Kern, Dwight Schaubach, or Neil Sugermeier).

The H.H. Franklin Club's collection is housed in a 6,000-sq. ft. building designed with a façade that replicates the Ralph Hamlin Franklin dealership in Los Angeles circa 1915. (Hamlin was Franklin's West Coast distributor and the company's most successful dealer.) The museum's grand opening was on May 14, 2010. Since then, all the other partner organization museum buildings built (the Cadillac-LaSalle Museum, the Model A Ford Museum, and the Lincoln Museum) have also replicated or been designed in the style of historical dealerships.

Per the H.H. Franklin Club's website, the Franklin Collection Museum's initial endowment was 11 cars generously donated by Bob & Patricia Kern of Waukesha, WI: a 1905 Type A Runabout, a 1907 Type D Runabout, a 1909 Model D Touring Car, a 1919 Series 9-B Brougham, a

1923 Series 10-B chassis & engine, a 1925 Series 11 Sport Runabout, a 1930 Series 147 Speedster by Dietrich, a 1931 Series 153 Deluxe custom roadster (never produced by Franklin, but built by Franklin Club member Frank Gardner faithfully based on factory blueprints for the proposed body), a 1932 Series 16 Airman club sedan, a 1932 Series 16 Airman sedan, and a 1932 Airman custom phaeton (built by Frank Gardner by combining a 1932 Franklin Airman club sedan and 1929 Packard 633 touring car).

Since the museum's opening it has grown to about 15 cars on display (with several on loan by proud Franklin owners), several engines, and Franklin artifacts, automobilia, and advertising. All of the Franklin automobiles on display are special cars, but one that stands out is the one-of-a-kind 1931 Series Deluxe 153 Pirate sedan "concept car" built by the Walker Body Company for the 1931 New York Automobile Salon (generously donated to the museum by Thomas & Carol Kidd of Zionsville, PA). Another standout is the 1932 Supercharged Twelve Series 17 sedan—Franklin produced the only air-cooled V-12 car and less than 20 were sold over three years. (A \$5,000 base price during the height of the Great Depression probably didn't help.) Neil & Marty Sugermeier will be pleased to know that one of their friends in the Franklin Club—Bouvard Hosticka—donated one of the cars on display: a 1925 Series 10-C touring car.

Franklin automobiles are beautiful vehicles with an interesting history (e.g., the first 4-cylinder car built in the United States). Only about 3,700 remain today, and the H.H. Franklin Collection at the Gilmore Car Museum is one of the best places in the world to see a number of them in one place. (Two other car museums with great collections of Franklins, both covered in past Mudflap articles, are the Franklin Auto Museum in Tucson, AZ, and the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, NY.) I can't emphasize it enough—visit the Gilmore Car Museum. Just allow plenty of time.



The Franklin Motor Cars Museum—one of the on-site partner museums at the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI



1905 Franklin Type A runabout



1907 Franklin Type D Runabout



1909 Franklin Model D Touring Car



1916 Franklin Sport Phaeton



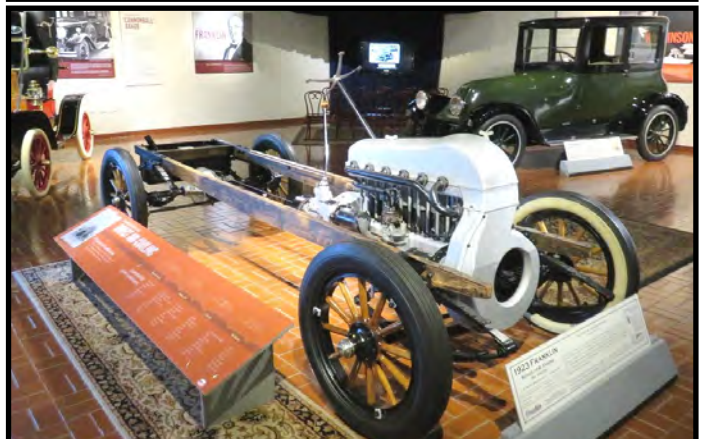
1919 Franklin Series 9-B Brougham



1925 Franklin Series 10-C Touring Car



1925 Franklin Series 11 Sport Runabout



1925 Franklin Series 10-B air-cooled engine & wooden chassis



1930 Franklin Series 147 Speedster by Dietrich



1931 Franklin Series 153 Deluxe custom roadster



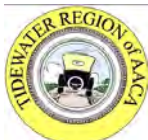
1932 Franklin Supercharged Twelve Series 17 sedan



1932 Franklin Airman custom phaeton



A trio of classic Franklins on display in the H.H. Franklin Collection museum on the Gilmore Car Museum campus : (L-R) 1932 Franklin Series 16 Airman Sedan, 1932 Franklin Series 16 Airman Club Sedan, and 1931 Franklin Series 153 Deluxe custom roadster




TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Members celebrating anniversaries in Sept

John T & Mary Ann Blair
 Thomas & Dawn Bottoni
 Harold & Evelyn "Evy" Eacker
 David & Leslie Ford
 Joe & Genny Formato
 Mike & Peggy Mason
 Mickey & Toni McChesney
 Dick & Joyce McIninch
 Len & Donna Sandloop
 Andrew & Brittany Sitar
 Jason & Lisa Sturniolo
 Larry & Stella Wickham

Members celebrating birthdays in September

Ellen Adams
 Dawn Bottoni
 David Bozard
 Kelly Dayton
 Scott Dayton
 Donna Elliott
 Marie Gancel
 Joe Gentile
 Mollie Hunger
 Carlease Jackson
 Ivan Joslin
 Betsy Keen
 Kathy Kellam
 Patrizia Lo Betti Ludovici
 Tracey McDonnell
 Joyce McIninch
 Jeff McKain
 Wes Neal
 Robert ("Bobby") Perkins, II
 Tom Poe
 Jon Sieck
 Andrew Sitar
 Barbara Talley
 Robert "Bob" Ward
 Michael Ware
 Bill Wilcox
 Bob Woolfitt
 Byron Work



DOWN THE ROAD

Other Regional and Local Events

SEPTEMBER 2020
 19 45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Manassas, VA

OCTOBER 2020
 23-25 ODMA Tour of Shenandoah Valley Region


NOVEMBER 2020
 6-7 ODMA Meet hosted by Roanoke Valle Region, Natural Bridge Conv. Center

Classic Cruiser Saturday Night Cruise-ins

Coastal Community Church, 101 Village Avenue, Yorktown, VA every Saturday thru October 17. \$2.00 donation for charity. For more information go to <http://www.ccccva.com>, our Classic Cruisers Car Club Facebook page, or contact Paul James at 804-694-6065 or pjs68camaro@yahoo.com.

ATLANTIC SHORES DAILY COMMUNITY CAR PARADE

Every day at 3 pm - antique vehicles welcome to join the parade so that the residents can see some cool cars go by.



Sunshine Report

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

Cherysh Bond, daughter-in-law of **Terry and Susan Bond**, passed away on July 25th at home in Citronelle, Alabama.

Dempsey "Jack" Meadows, father of **Dana Meadows**, passed away Monday, July 20 at age 93.

Please provide Member Care/ Sunshine Report information on TRAACA members to Bob Stein at posti@aol.com or 588-6200.

Welcome to Our New Members!

None this month



Keep Hope on the Horizon

By Chuck Crane, VP Judging
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Remember the old cartoon of the two buzzards sitting on a desert fence watching a poor guy crawling in the sand and saying, "I'm tired of waiting, let's go kill something?" We started the year off with a great show in Miami, then COVID-19 came calling and months later we are still sitting around and social distancing watching the TV. That's about to change for our members with (hopefully) the upcoming Grand Nationals in August and a Hershey car show only in October. All of the planning is in the final stages and permits completed, but we must remember that COVID-19 is still with us and major changes or cancellations could still happen.

Reflecting on my own judging experiences since my first serious AACA judging at the 1977 New Orleans National Meet made me realize how many of you I have had the privilege of judging with over the years. Each time I go onto the field or teach a CJE course, I am rewarded with some new knowledge about the vehicles we love. Speaking of CJE, we really need coverage of the later cars, particularly the muscle cars we are now seeing at our shows. Many of you are subject matter experts but wonder if you are good enough to teach. Just talk to CJE Chairman Tony Scarpelli, put an outline together for his approval and get started sharing your knowledge. Though I love the brass era, I now teach Mustang Gen 1 and 2 and have learned a lot more as we see Mustangs at all our shows, but few early cars except at Hershey.

We certainly need your help at Hershey. [Edit—Gettysburg was a success!] We have modified our procedures to include wearing masks and social distancing and will do everything else we can to keep everyone safe and having fun. I look forward to seeing you at both shows. Stay safe and have fun at these events and let's hope we can return to normalcy in 2021



AACA Calendar of Events

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

SEPTEMBER 2020

~~13-18 AAA Revival Glidden Tour®
Saratoga Springs, NY
CANCELLED~~

OCTOBER 2020

~~7-9 AACA Hershey Swap Meet/
Car Corral, Hershey, PA
CANCELLED~~

9-10 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, PA (show only)

19-23 AACA Central Divisional Tour
Broken Arrow, OK

FEBRUARY 2021

11-13 AACA Annual Convention
Philadelphia, PA

MARCH 2021

17-20 AACA Special Dual Nationals
San Juan, Puerto Rico

19 Special Grand Nationals
San Juan, Puerto Rico

APRIL 2021

8-10 AACA SE Spring Nationals
Concord, NC

20-23 AACA SE Divisional Tour
Central Florida

MAY 2021

6-8 AACA Central Spring Nat'ls
Auburn, IN

20-25 AACA Founders Tour
Davis, WV

JUNE 2021

2-5 Eastern Divisional Tour
Eastern Shore Region & Bay
County Region

17-19 AACA Eastern Spring Nat'ls
Saratoga Springs, NY

JULY 2021

11-16 AACA Vintage Tour
Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

22-24 AACA Grand Nationals
New Ulm, MN

AUGUST 2021

20-21 AACA Western Fall Nationals
Loveland, CO

September 2021

9-11 Southeastern Fall Nat'ls
Greenville, SC

12-17 Revival AAA Glidden Tour
Saratoga Springs, NY
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Well September is here and this is normally the month of our annual car show, but as you know, like many of the car shows, it will not occur because of Covid. Normally, there would have been a weekly car show at Landstown Commons, plus numerous other shows and we would have had many events to write about. Instead we have been lucky enough to have members of the club help Ken and I produce the newsletter you read each month. From Billy Stutz, Bob Stein, Sam Kern, Terry Bond, Mark and Marion McAlpine, Marty Sugermeyer, Travis Berry, Wayne Milligan, and Bruce Sedel each contribution has made the Mudflap an anticipated monthly newsletter.

But I would encourage each of you to consider making a submission to the Mudflap. Write the story of your car or cars, why you love antique automobiles, how we can encourage younger people to get involved in the hobby; lessons you have learned collecting cars, or experiences working on your cars. I know that some of you repair different car parts and work on your own cars. Help us make the Mudflap the best newsletter in the country.

ODMA is creating a great tour in October. I don't know if I will make it, but having spent time in Winchester area, I know it will be a beautiful trip. My sister lives in the area, and frequently takes her children to the garden at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley to see the displays. (Pictures are from the garden courtesy of my sister.)

Looking forward to the time we can have dinner and socialize again, in the meantime enjoy your families and your cars.

Doug



Bill Grosz's 47 Packard at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley from the advertisement when he purchased the car.



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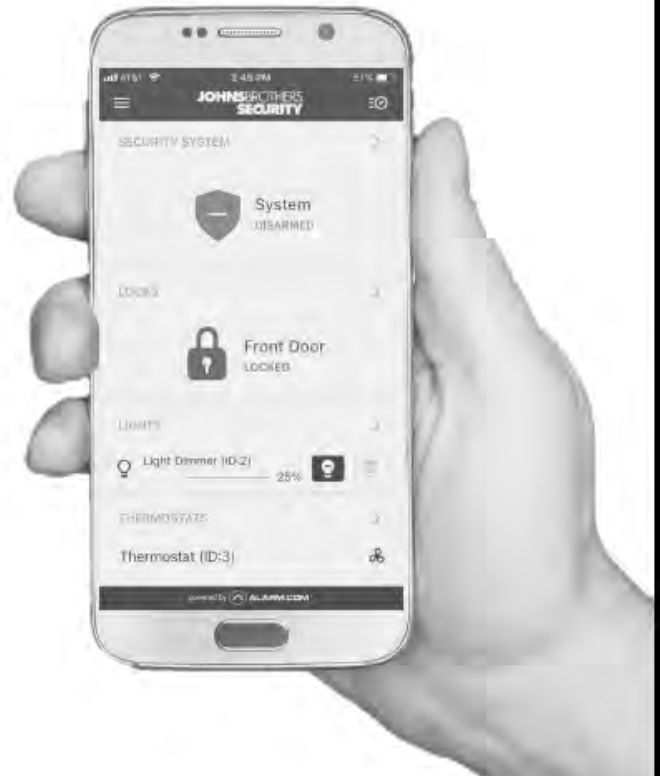
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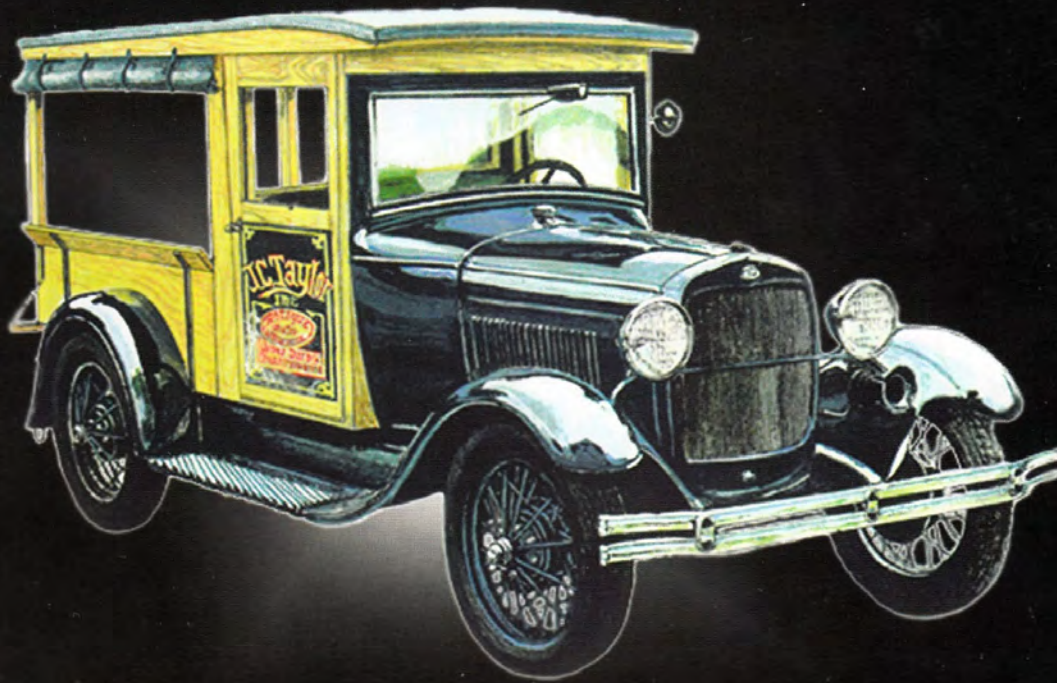
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