

# The Mudflap



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## TRAACA Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 19, 2019



The calendar says autumn is here, but it sure doesn't feel that way! As the car season draws to a close for another year, we traditionally mark the event with our TRAACA Annual Chili Cook-Off!

This year's Chili Cook-Off is on Saturday, October 19th. Dewey and Maxine Milligan have generously offered to host the Chili Cook-Off again at their home in Chesapeake, VA. Members are welcome to begin arriving at 12:00 noon and we'll begin eating and sampling chili at 1:00 PM.

For those of you who want to enter the Chili Cook-Off, please bring a crockpot with enough of your special, super top secret, family recipe chili to share with your fellow TRAACA members. (The club will provide bowls, sampling cups, tableware, soft drinks, and water.) Members not bringing chili are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

Please contact Wayne or Carol Milligan at [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net) or (757) 404-7937 to sign up to attend and let them know whether you will be bringing chili, a side dish, or a dessert.

So, start the fall season off right by joining your fellow TRAACA members at Dewey & Maxine Milligan's on Saturday, October 19th. Drive your antique vehicle and come prepared to share some delicious food and a fun time with good friends.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 19, 2019  
Social at 12 PM  
Eating at 1 PM

**WHERE:** Dewey & Maxine Milligan's  
2000 Shillelagh Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 404-7937

**SIGN UP:** Please RSVP by Monday, October 14th, by contacting Wayne or Carol Milligan at (757) 404-7937 or at [carowaynmilligan@cox.net](mailto:carowaynmilligan@cox.net).



## TRAACA CALENDAR

Check [traaca.com/calendar.htm](http://traaca.com/calendar.htm) for the latest info on upcoming events!

### OCTOBER 2019

- 3 TRAACA Board Meeting  
Dawson's Accounting  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 19 TRAACA Chili Cook-Off  
(instead of October Dinner Mtg)  
Dewey & Maxine Milligan's  
Chesapeake, VA

### NOVEMBER 2019

- 2 TRAACA Movie Night  
Special Events Virginia  
Portsmouth, VA
- 9-12 TRAACA Fall Tour  
Petersburg, VA
- 14 TRAACA Board Meeting  
Dawson's Accounting  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 21 TRAACA Dinner Meeting  
and Annual Silent Auction  
Holiday Inn—VAB/Norfolk  
Virginia Beach, VA

### DECEMBER 2019

- 8 TRAACA Holiday Brunch  
Princess Anne Country Club  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 12 TRAACA Board Meeting  
Dawson's Accounting  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 14 CBN Christmas Village  
Regent University  
Virginia Beach, VA

### JANUARY 2020

- 9 TRAACA Board Meeting  
Dawson's Accounting  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 18 TRAACA Annual Awards  
Banquet & Board Induction  
— Location to be Determined —



Joe Geib accepts the Hagerty Youth Judging First Place Ribbon for his & Charlene's Avanti at the 46th Annual Meet. Read about the Meet on Pages 4-7.



# Behind the Wheel

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I want to begin this month's article by thanking fellow club members Bob Hanbury and Ron Pack for their teamwork in facilitating our September Dinner Meeting on short notice. I received word two weeks prior to our scheduled Dinner Meeting at Cypress Point Country Club (CYPT) that we had been double-booked that night and that we would be moved upstairs and bunched together. Rather than subjecting you all to this I decided to contact Bob Hanbury and asked for his help in getting me out of a jam. Bob agreed to allow the use of his Special Events warehouse while Ron graciously provided a delicious meal courtesy of his kitchen staff. It's nice having club members like Bob and Ron who you can count on and who work seamlessly together to achieve a common goal. Because of the events that transpired at CYPT, my Board approved relocating our November Dinner Meeting to The Signature at West Neck. They had us on their calendar and could meet our demands of \$25 per person meal. Vickie and I were to meet with them this past Friday, September 27, to finalize the menu. Vickie received word on Thursday, September 26, that due to an unforeseen financial situation, The Signature had to back out of hosting us in November. We are actively pursuing an alternate location for our November Dinner Meeting, so stay tuned for updates as they become available.

Our 46th Annual Meet at the Aviation Museum was a success! This was our 12th year of holding our Annual Meet at the Aviation Museum. I asked that the Annual Meet Committee make it a priority to hold a meeting and discuss lessons learned and how next year's Meet can be even more successful. Meet Co-Chairs Marion McAlpine and Barry Basnight worked tirelessly to organize and execute this year's Meet. An enormous amount of effort, communication, and

logistics go into having the AACA's Bookmobile, the 2018 AACA Zenith Award winner, local Cub Scout Troops, youth judging, and the Mayor of Virginia Beach all present at our Meet. Although Mayor Bobby Dyer was unable to attend, the Vice Mayor, Jim Wood attended and presented the Mayor's Award during the awards ceremony. West Peterson, Editor of the *Antique Automobile* magazine, was on location as well, so look for a story in a future edition of your *Antique Automobile*. Thank you to my fellow club members for all that you have done leading up to and including today's events. Registration, sponsors, parking, chief judge, team captains, individual judges, youth judging, admin, show field setup and tear down, raffle tickets, club store, awards and trophies, photography, permits, meet program, membership. You all know who you are and none of this could have been accomplished without your enthusiasm, commitment, initiative, and dedication.

This month, in lieu of a formal Dinner Meeting, we have our annual chili cookoff generously hosted by Dewey and Maxine Milligan at their home in Chesapeake (please see the front cover for details). I look forward to this activity every year as the Milligan's home is the perfect venue for a small cruise-in, a hearty meal, talking cars, and catching up with other club members! November promises to be a fun month as well. Saturday, November 2, is TRAACA Movie Night at Bob Hanbury's Special Events warehouse. The hermit crab racing should be entertaining! The following weekend is our fall tour to Petersburg. Ellen Adams has a fun schedule of activities for us to enjoy so RSVP early. We close out November with our Dinner Meeting and Silent Auction on Thursday, November 21.

In your August 2019 edition of *The Mudflap*, Editors Marion and Mark McAlpine announced that the December issue would be their last. The McAlpine's have been our Editors for the past five years and wish to relinquish control and allow someone else the opportunity to step up and make *The Mudflap* your own. You don't need to have an English degree or be an expert in Microsoft Word. You just need to exhibit enthusiasm for your club and sharing our news, events, and activities with other club members via *The Mudflap*. If you would like to volunteer your time to this important role, please let me know.

*Matt*

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**Board - Tim Hund**  
**Board - Dot Parrish**  
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[www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com)

## 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 to these e-mails** 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!

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**From the Running Board**  
**Sep 12, 2019 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes**  
*(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)*

**Officers Present:** Matt Doscher (President), Wayne Milligan (Vice President), and Bill Treadwell (Treasurer). Board Members present: Travis Berry, Charlie Dawson, Tim Hund, and Mark McAlpine (President Emeritus). Members present: Jerry Adams, Barry Basnight, Vickie Doscher, and Marion McAlpine.

**Quorum:** Board Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

**President’s Opening Remarks:** Welcomed the attendees and thanked Charlie for hosting us.

**Vice President’s Remarks:** Nothing significant to report.

**Secretary’s Report:** Vickie Doscher is filling in for Ellen Adams who is home under the weather.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- August 2019 financial reports reviewed. No questions or concerns with our financial status.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:**

- Doumar’s Ice Cream Social: Saturday, September 14, from 2-4 PM. As of tonight, only 1 RSVP has been received. Members were asked to respond to Matt Doscher by Friday, September 13, if they were planning on coming.
- Chili Cookoff: Saturday, October 19. Wayne & Carol will handle the sign-up list which will be available at the Dinner Meeting next week [Thursday, September 19].
- Movie Night: Saturday, November 2, at Bob Hanbury’s Special Events Virginia warehouse.

**Restaurants:**

- September Dinner Meeting: Saturday, September 19, at Bob Hanbury’s Special Events Virginia warehouse. Reason for change in location due to conflicting double-booking with a golf tournament party at Cypress Point Country Club. The Country Club’s solution was to move us upstairs into a smaller room and bunch all the tables together, which President Matt was not in favor of. President Matt reached out to Bob Hanbury for help. Bob Hanbury and Ron Pack team up to provide us a nice menu selection for next week and maintaining the \$25/person cost.
- Chili Cookoff in lieu of October Dinner Meeting Saturday, October 19, at the home of Dewey & Maxine Milligan.
- November Dinner Meeting and Annual Silent Auction: Thursday, November 21, currently planned for the Cypress Point Country Club. May look for other locations to have this Dinner Meeting based on what took place this month.

**Membership:**

- As of August 25, 2019: 194 memberships / 340 members.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Club Bylaws remain at the membership level for review and concurrence. Waiting on a 20% membership participation rate at the next Dinner Meeting in order to cast a formal vote.
- Annual Meet Status: Currently have 77 AACA vehicles pre-registered, 11 Mods & Rods preregistered, and newer Special Display vehicles, for a total of 91. This is

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disappointing based on how many members are in the region. Per Jerry Adams, there are 599 vehicles registered through AACA that belong to our members and, based on this, we should have more members participating not only with their vehicles but volunteering in other areas as well. Judges are needed. For comparison, we have 113 pre-registered AACA vehicles in 2017 and 89 in 2018. Java Surf will be onsite providing breakfast and lunch. A P-39 aircraft will be the photo backdrop when attendees get their photo taken. Vintage aircraft will be in the air flying. This year’s AACA Zenith Award winner will be in attendance, as well as the Bookmobile from the AACA Library.

**New Business:**

- 2020 Board of Directors slate of nominees: The slate of nominees for next year are Wayne Milligan (President), Tim Hund (Vice President), Bill Treadwell (Treasurer), Ellen Adams (Secretary), Fred Cole, Charlie Dawson, Doug Grosz, and Dot Parrish (Board Members).
- Club Trailer: For informational purposes, Charlie Dawson has volunteered to be the next custodian of our club trailer.
- AACA Regional Directors and Officers Liability Insurance: This bill came in the mail this week and is for coverage from October 9, 2019, to October 8, 2020. Total due is \$110. Due date October 15, 2019. President Matt asked if we were all in agreement to pay this for the upcoming year. The Board all agreed, and the invoice was given to Bill for payment.

**Other Business:**

- VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report: Preparations continue for the Virginia Fall Classic. Trying to get more regional car clubs involved with and participating in VPCCC.
- CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report: Report provided to President Matt via e-mail from Skip Patnode. Biggest takeaway was the Coastal Virginia Car Show planned for Saturday and Sunday, November 16 & 17 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Looking for 20-25 AACA vehicles in the AACA display area. This was advertised in this month’s TRAACA newsletter.

**Adjourned:** Having no further business, motion to adjourn made by Charlie and seconded by Tim. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 3, at Dawson’s Accounting in Virginia Beach.

On behalf of the Secretary  
 Respectfully submitted, Vickie Doscher



# TRAACA 46th Annual Meet Virginia Beach, VA September 28, 2019

*Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine and Bob Stein.*

The TRAACA 46th Annual Meet, aka the *Wings & Wheels Car Show*, was held on Saturday, September 28th, at the Military Aviation Museum (MAM) in Virginia Beach, VA. The weather was in the upper-80s and rather humid, especially for being late September, but thankfully it did not rain. Participation was good with 154 vehicles registered on the AACA show field and 62 on the Mods & Rods show field. (We hope to do even better next year.)

Barry Basnight and I were the Co-Chairs for the show again this year, and we could not be prouder of how successful the show was because of our great planning team and volunteers. Our planning team consisted of Ellen & Jerry Adams, Terry Bond, Mark McAlpine, Barry, and myself. The awesome Chairs guiding the various teams of volunteers allowed participants to have a smooth ride (no pun intended) throughout the show. Jim Wood—Vice Mayor of Virginia Beach—and his wife Rebecca visited the show, and Mr. Wood chose the Mayor’s Choice Award and presented it to Kit Lawrence at the AACA Awards Ceremony for his 1937 Dodge station wagon.

There were several highlights at the show this year. There was a special display, “Cars by the Decades,”

featuring cars from each decade from 1900 to 2019. The display was to show how design and technology has changed in American cars over the years. We had everything from a 1909 Rambler Model 44 to a 2019 Tesla Model 3. Mark worked hard pulling together informative history appropriate to each vehicle, which was displayed on a small sign in front of the individual cars.

The AACA Library & Research Center (L&RC) Bookmobile (a 1955 Chevrolet 3600 truck) from Hershey, PA, was displayed in front of the special display. Chris Ritter, Director of the AACA L&RC, trailed the Bookmobile all the way from Hershey, PA, with his young son, Pierce. We were so happy to have David Landow bring the 2018 AACA Zenith Award recipient, his 1931 Buick Roadster. John Fields, the gentleman that restored the gorgeous 1931 Buick, and West Peterson, the editor of the award winning AACA *Antique Automobile* magazine, accompanied David to the show. The AACA Zenith Award is presented annually to what is selected as the number one restored vehicle in the country. It was such a pleasure to have all these wonderful vehicles on display at our TRAACA 46th Annual Meet.



*Meet Registration Chairs Ellen & Jerry Adams*



*Scott Davies checks out the 1921 Mercer Raceabout*



*(L-R) Carol Milligan and Vickie Doscher ran the Club Store table*



*(L-R) Doug Grosz confers with Chief Judge Jim Elliott*

This year the Hagerty Youth Judging Program was a big hit! There were 20 young boys and girls that participated. Hagerty Insurance sent hats, shirts, lanyards, judging sheets, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place ribbons. The kids were guided around both show fields by TRAACA members Keith Colonna, John Heimerl, and Mark McAlpine, and Andy Fuhrman (who led the team) from Richmond Region AACA to judge a few vehicles. The judging sheets were tallied and the ribbons were presented to the Youth Judging winners. Everyone involved enjoyed the experience. Andy was a great asset to the team, having conducted the program for a few years in Richmond.

The Swing Dancers returned to the show this year. They performed in the Navy Hangar most of the day. Local Cub Scout Pack 246 demonstrated their Pinewood

Derby track and cars, and a Valve Cover Race track donated to the TRAACA was on display.

The MAM displayed several of its WWI and WWII planes on the parking apron outside the museum. There was a presentation and flying demonstration of the museum's Yakolev Yak-3M replica Soviet World War II fighter. The MAM's collection of planes is incredible.

We could not forget the victims & families of the mass shootings in Virginia Beach on 31 May 2019. Hopefully nothing like that will ever happen again in the area (or in our country).

A huge *THANK YOU* to the volunteers and participants of the TRAACA's 46th Annual Meet. Because of you, the show was a Big Success!

[See the club website for list of the show's award winners.]



*Harry Boone's 1940 Ford Deluxe*



*Don Alber's 1942 Chevrolet pickup received the Hagerty Youth Judging Team's Second Place Ribbon on the AACA show field*



*Cub Scouts from Pack 246 participating in Hagerty Youth Judging received lessons from Andy Furhman on how to judge by examining Reggie & Cindi Nash's 1909 Rambler Model 44. (Don't worry—they didn't crawl under the cars they judged—Andy was just showing them the chassis.)*



*Best Brass Car—Terry Bond's 1914 Ford Model T*



*Merritt Horne Award—Tim Hund's 1921 Locomobile*



*Best Classic Car—Dwight Schaubach's 1937 Cord 812 S/C*



*Mayor's Choice Award: Kit Lawrence's 1937 Dodge station wagon*



*Best Ford—Jody Dudley's 1955 Ford Thunderbird*



*Best GM—Rick Overbaugh & Karen Kern's 1966 Pontiac GTO*



*Best MOPAR—Larry Goughan's 1970 Dodge Challenger*



*Best Jeep—Wes Neal's 1991 Jeep Grand Wagoneer*



*Keith Colonna's 1959 Lincoln Capri 2-door hardtop*



*Laurel Swenson with her & Alan's 1958 Morris Minor*



*Joe & Jack Burroughs 1939 Ford coupe*



*Riley Best's 1953 Pontiac station wagon received Third Place on the AACA show field from the Hagerty Youth Judging Team*



*Trophy Chairperson Dick Chipchak prepares for the Awards Ceremony*



*Virginia Beach Vice Mayor Jim Wood presents the Mayor's Choice to Kit Lawrence for his 1937 Dodge station wagon*



*Richard Hall receives a First Place Award for his & Sandy's 1973 MGB-GT from Meet Co-Chairs Barry Basnight & Marion McAlpine*



*Harry Boone receives his First Place Award for his 1940 Ford Deluxe from Meet Co-Chairs Barry Basnight & Marion McAlpine*

*Franklin* **66th Annual Franklin Trek Report** *Franklin*  
**July 27—August 3, 2019**  
 Story and photos by Marty Sugermeier

After 600 miles of towing for three days, we parked the car trailer in the upper lot of Cazenovia College and drove our 1930 Franklin Victoria Brougham onto the college quad. The Victoria came to about ten Treks from 1972 to 1985, returning in 2018 and 2019. Our 1932 Olympic convertible came to Caz from 1990 to 2017. Franklins are driven and trailered from many directions and distances including one all the way from Washington State.

This year we celebrated the 66th Franklin Trek and our 50th at Cazenovia College. The attendance was up to 279 (from over 15 states and Canada) and the number of Franklins that made it onto the quad was 71. There were 33 “red taggers” (new “Trekkers”) including a couple from Sweden, 30 children (under 18 years old), and 175 people at the final banquet on Friday evening. The Franklin Trek is truly a family gathering.

This year’s Franklin Trek began on the evening of Saturday, July 27th, with the President’s reception on the college green near the cars. Touring in the cars happened often during the week. Tours this year included visits to the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, the transportation portion of the CNY Living History Center in Cortland, NY, and a biplane collection that included an exciting flight demonstration. After the biplane landed, several cars were posed in front of the plane for photographs, especially those with the Spirit of St. Louis hood ornaments that were inspired by Lindberg’s flight. There were also tours to the Sylvan Beach Amusement Park where Trekkers young and old rode bumper cars and roller coasters, and participated in a scavenger hunt tour and many twilight tours in the Cazenovia area. Several bus tours in years past have been made to more distant locations. This year three filled buses headed to the fascinating Glenn H. Curtis Museum in

Hammondsport, NY (115 miles away), giving us a chance to chat or possibly snooze on the way back to Caz. Most tours included a group lunch at a different location.

Of course, the cars are the primary interest of the guys and many of the gals. Other than driving the cars, they are compared, tinkered with, worked on, and sometimes sold. Speaking of buying stuff, a “parts department” got many treasures to Franklin owners who needed them, and the Franklin merchandise room was open several times during the week. There also was an auction on Friday afternoon that, as usual, had a few surprises and drew a big crowd.

There are many kids’ activities during the week including several chances to swim in Cazenovia Lake or the college pool. We celebrated a first birthday this year. The happy little new Trekker (third generation) made a good start at walking. There were other families with three generations present.

Breakfast and dinner are at the college dining hall. After breakfast, mornings when there was no early tour began with tech sessions and other types of meetings. After a full day, we gathered for a tasty dinner. Hospitality started about 8:00 PM and included a concert on the green, an Arcade Night, Andy Wittenborn’s slideshow, Trivia Night, and the Vintage Fashion Parade that was followed by learning vintage dancing this year. The Fashion Parade was supposed to start at 7:30 PM, but was delayed by many late additions with forms to be filled out. This year we had the largest number of models ever—a total of 33 models including 10 guys, one who modeled two costumes. The models included several “red taggers.”

Friday, our last full day of Trekking, started off slowly with a tech session, kids’ activities, and a road rally. For several years, lunch has been a picnic at Lakeside Park



*A herd of Franklins gather on the green at Cazenovia College during the 2019 Franklin Trek*



*Franklin's touring the countryside. Check out that boattail!*



*Vintage Franklins (aren't they all?) touring the countryside*

overlooking Cazenovia Lake. After lunch, the car games—the Franklin Olympics—were held, and the winner was announced at the banquet that evening. Back on campus, the Annual Auction was held, then the quad went quiet as everyone prepared for the evening that started with cocktails.

The Friday night banquet brought out a lot of nostalgia knowing that we would soon be parting until next summer. The recognitions given during the banquet were Number of Treks Attended, Longest Distance Driven, Trekkers Choice, and the Junior Trekkers Choice. (The Trekkers Choice and Junior Trekkers Choice turned out to be the same car this year: a 1928 Franklin Series 12A convertible coupe owned by Clint Scott.) The gal who has ordered, stored, and set up the Franklin Merchandise at the Trek for about twenty-five years was presented with the Service Award. The highlight of the banquet was the Boyer Report (initiated many decades ago by Doc Boyer) that recognized each Franklin that came to the Trek beginning with the oldest car, which this year was Bevard Hosticka's 1910 barrel-hooded touring car. There have been several Trekkers who have taken up the gauntlet after Doc Boyer, most recently Bill Woodcock, who is also currently president of the H.H. Franklin Club.

After the formal portion of the banquet was finished, there was an hour or more of talking to many friends and saying goodbye to some who planned to leave before the final breakfast. We also now have a new form of “goodbye” suggested by the 2019 Trek Chairpersons (two families—the Whites and Amons—who did a great job): “DOWN THE ROAD!”

[Join the Sugermeyer's at next year's Franklin Trek in Cazenovia, NY, on July 26-August 1, 2020.]



*Three generations of Trekkers on an evening cruise at the college*



*A young “Trekker” sitting in Al Nippert's 1931 Franklin 153*



*A “Spirit of St. Louis” hood ornament fittingly displayed*



# Still Collecting Stuff— Cautiously

By Terry Bond



Periodically I like to focus on reproduction items and outright fakes. Sharing this information with you may help prevent a costly mistake. I encounter such items all the time. In many cases, unfortunately, the intent is to deceive. In some cases, an honest mistake is made; however, it's all too common for a dealer to try and pass their error along to others. **Buyer beware!**

Tall tales told—I've heard all kinds of stories. Most commonly, I hear "it came from an old collection." While that may be true, it does nothing to add any concrete evidence that the item is indeed "old." Hey, what's your definition of "old" anyway?

You must realize that any collector will make mistakes. Often a collector will buy a quantity of items, and that might also include a couple of phony pieces. Collectors are often given items by well-intentioned friends. So, when any estate (or old collection) passes along, there is good likelihood that a number of modern, reproduction, or fake items are included. I've got a box of them myself.

So, when did the collector actually stop collecting? I know collectors who continued acquiring items right up until the time of their passing. Again, "old collector," "long-time collector," "old collection," etc., mean absolutely nothing.

On-line listings are often downright fraudulent. I see many sellers who advertise items as "genuine" or "original" when they are clearly not. One particular dealer of automotive memorabilia sells nothing but "RARE" items. If only he would search other listings to see just how "rare" his items really were!

Each item must be evaluated on its own merits without the complications of prior ownership or stories about where the item came from and under what circumstances. Provenance is important, and items from notable collections can certainly be of enhanced value, but unless you have documentation that validates what the object really is, anything else is just a good story.

Discussed and shown below are a few items that are often seen today:

**Watch fobs and advertising pins flood the market.** The vast majority of originals were marked on the reverse with the maker's name. There are dozens of manufacturers, some

fairly obscure, but there should be markings on the back of the item of some kind.

Small advertising pins are still being produced today for many brands of antique automobiles.

They are simply souvenir or novelty items, but are often sold as "salesman's lapel pins" or "automobile

show giveaways." Such pins have been available for many years. The firm Pulfer and Williams, known for their quality reproduction early radiator emblems, produced them as miniature souvenirs. Indeed, an entire set of all the emblems they

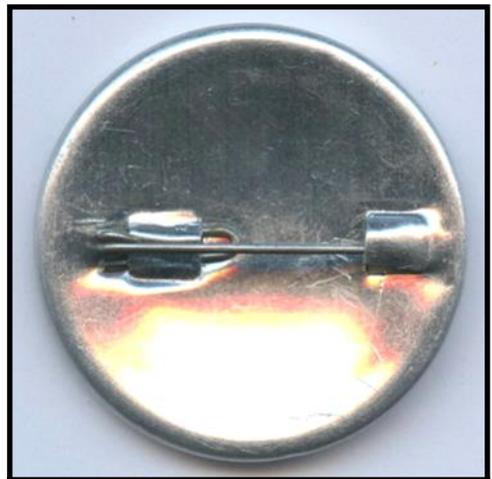
made was available as a framed "collection." These were of excellent quality and today, with 40+ years of age on them, they are often "mistaken" as old originals.

Some makers of the original small pins used only an item number to identify them, and others are not marked at all. Clues to their authenticity,

however, can be found in the quality of their production. Good definition and clear, high-quality lettering with crisp images will be the hallmark of the real thing.

Quality porcelain and not just paint will be evident. Any such items that have a hash-marked back-side are modern reproductions.

Another clue is the method of attaching the pin. If it has a modern round squeeze-style clasp and sharp pointed peg-type mount, it's a



*The back of a modern advertising pin*



*An early type clasp shown on the back of an authentic advertising pin*

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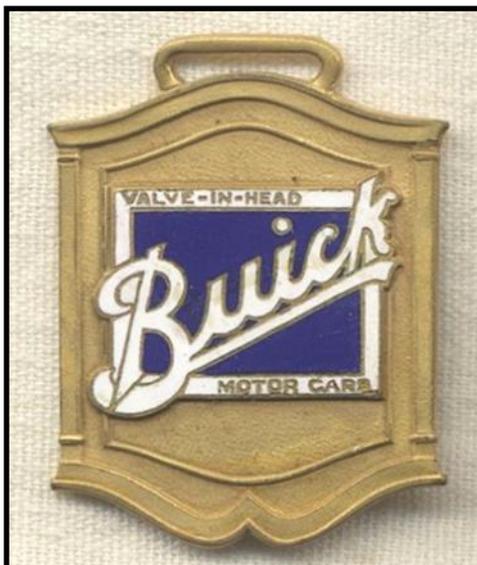
*Reverse of an authentic Buick advertising pin showing earlier "screwback" style of mounting*



*A modern reproduction advertising pin showing the hash-marked back and pin & clasp mounting*



*Original Studebaker advertising pin with a paper label inserted on back*



A genuine Buick watch fob



Back of the Buick watch fob with the maker's inscription: L.E. Grammes, Allentown, PA

modern pin. I've provided some photographs to illustrate and help you distinguish the differences.

Watch fobs are commonly reproduced. Shown is a genuine Buick advertising watch fob showing the quality of production expected of an original. Also, note the inscription on the reverse showing the maker's name.

A reproduction watch fob widely available as a "fantasy" items is for the Haynes automobile. You find dozens of them available on eBay every day, most advertised as "vintage," "old," or "original." They were produced by the Los Angeles Rubber Stamping Company strictly as novelty items. It uses chrome—a give-away to its authenticity.

Haynes went bankrupt and ceased produc-



The "fantasy" Ford Motor Company anvil paperweight

tion in 1925, prior to the use of chrome plating. Note also the back-side.

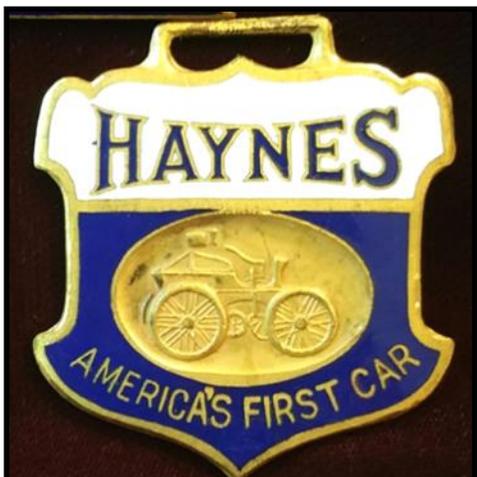
others. You should pay no more than a couple of bucks for one if you really need it. Another souvenir fob that shows up for sale frequently advertised as "rare" is one for Stanley Steam cars. These fobs were originally produced by the late Art Hart, a noted Stanley Steam car enthusiast. The company he started, Vintage Steam Products, still sells Stanley parts and these fobs are available in their catalog for \$20. I have never seen an original.

Another item that has shown up recently on the Internet is advertised as a **small "Ford" paperweight in the form of an anvil**. It is pure "fantasy" and was never originally produced by or for the Ford Motor Company. Beware!

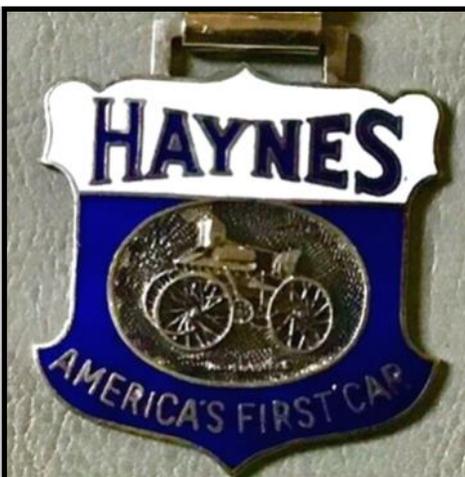
**Branded oil bottles** are starting to appear in large quantities with logos on them from about every oil company imaginable. The bottle "blanks" seem to have been reproduced from molds made from original old bottles. They will be slightly larger with less well-defined lettering on them than originals. Be very careful of these as they are difficult to detect unless you are familiar with the originals. Many times, they will have metal spouts that have been artificially aged or logos that have been slightly "distressed" to make them appear old.

**Pocket watches with automobile logos** on them have

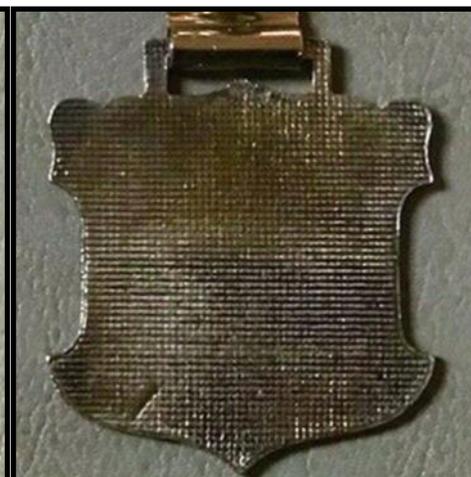
There is a similar Ford Model T watch fob and also several



An original Haynes watch fob from Terry's collection—note the quality!



A modern reproduction Haynes watch fob—note the chrome plating & poor quality image



The back of the modern Haynes watch fob—note the hash marks & lack of maker's name



*A Texaco-branded oil bottle seen recently in online advertisements—it's attractive, but is a recent reproduction*



*A modern reproduction of an antique silver vesta (match safe)*

These are made from cast brass and are nickel- or silver plated. Some are even enameled in colors. They are all made in Asia of heavy cast brass. Their quality is rather poor compared to the finely crafted thin brass, silver-plated originals. Lifting the lid will show the fake in an instant. The inside of the originals was as well made as the outside.

**“1907” calendars advertising the J. & M. Haffen Brewing Company** continue to show up on the Internet and in antique markets. They are fantasy items never actually produced in 1907, but have been artificially aged to look old. Looking at them carefully you’ll see the image was generated by modern techniques—look for small dots evenly spaced that comprise the image.



*A modern “fantasy” 1907 advertising calendar with automotive theme*

started to appear very frequently on the Internet and in flea markets. In some cases, genuine old Elgin pocket watches have had these logos silk-screened onto the faces. True, some watches were made as salesmen’s retirement gifts or incentives, and there are some that exist, but they are high quality watches, not the dime-store Elgins you see in today’s marketplace. Shown below is a genuine gold gift watch presented to a company executive in the 1920s. It is nicely engraved on the back. The delicate logo is superb.

The silver vesta (matchbox) shown in the photo continues to show up on the Internet. It is patterned after an original.



*A genuine gold gift watch presented to a company executive in the 1920s. It is nicely engraved on the back. The delicate logo is superb.*



*A reproduction Elgin watch with a silk-screened logo on the front*



*A fake "Ford" guard badge—produced to deceive collectors*

Sadly, those fake **Ford plant security badges** continue to deceive. They still show up on the Internet, in junk shops and flea markets, and sometimes at auctions. Here are some clues: Ford never produced their logo in a circle. Many of these fake badges are for locations where Ford never actually had a facility. Although cleverly aged to appear old, they are probably among the worst fakes to ever have been offered. Unfortunately, I know of collectors who have paid above \$200 for them.

Lastly, those **cast-iron Michelin tire (or tyre) statues** continue to deceive. I recently saw one listed in an auction summary report in a well-known professional antiques journal. It sold for \$2,000 at an auction of quality antiques. There were never any original advertising pieces like this made by or for Michelin. They are patterned after an original piece that was made of chalk-ware (plaster) and, because of their delicateness, very few have survived. These recent fakes are artificially aged and you'll see them all over eBay listed from a few hundred dollars to thousands. Auctioneers will seldom speculate on their authenticity in their catalog listings. Internet sellers will state they come from "... an old collection." You'll see them at Hershey, and no doubt there will be some interesting stories to go with them—but don't waste your money unless you want something to decorate your garden or serve as a door stop. No matter what it looks like, it's only \$25 worth of modern cast iron.

If you are looking at something you are not sure of, don't hesitate to contact me for an opinion. Although there is always room to learn more, I'll always be glad to share what I know with you. Nobody likes to get "burned" buying a fake, so hopefully this will give you a little more info to make your collecting more fun. So, enjoy your trip to Hershey this year, and enjoy collecting, but please do so cautiously.

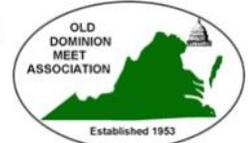
*Terry Bond*



*A cast-iron, reproduction Michelin Tire Man ("Bibendum") statue*



2019 ODMA Fall Driving Tour – Registration Form



Old Dominion Meet Association
3rd Annual ODMA Fall Driving Tour
November 1-2, 2019

Hosted by the Crater Region AACA

Registration Deadline EXTENDED: October 5, 2019

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone for Tour \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer Parking Requested (check one): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$68 = \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Pamplin Park Premium Box Lunch Choices: Enter number required for your party
Lunches include a cookie and drink; Sandwiches include chips and pickle spear; Salads include a baguette.

Turkey Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Turkey & Avocado BLT \_\_\_\_\_ Tuna Salad Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Ham and Swiss Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
Caesar Salad (with Chicken) \_\_\_\_\_ Apple Chip & Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Asian Sesame and Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_
Caesar Salad (without Chicken) \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal Greens Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Crater Region AACA and mail completed form with payment to:
Linda Gwaltney, 10240 Reedy Branch Rd, Chesterfield, VA 23838

I agree that the ODMA and Crater Region AACA, named sponsors, and their directors, members, and agents will not be held liable in any injury or damage incurred by tour entry vehicle (s) before during, or after the subject tour. I will abide by all guidelines of this tour as outlined. I further certify that I carry required Liability Damage Insurance on tour entry vehicle(s).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

<< Note: This is a rain or shine event with inside tour stops scheduled. >>

The Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) is one of the few non-geographical associations of its kind in the AACA. 15 out of 17 AACA regions in Virginia are members of the ODMA. The ODMA hosts a statewide meet each year, which rotates among the regions around the commonwealth. The class structure organization, judging criteria, and awards follow those of the AACA with some local exceptions.
The 15 ODMA member regions follow: Accomack-Northampton Region • Bull Run • Crater • Historic Fredericksburg • Historic Virginia Peninsula • Lynchburg • Martinsville-Danville • Northern Neck • Piedmont • Richmond • Roanoke Valley • Shenandoah • Tidewater • Tri-County • Waynesboro-Staunton



## Membership is Critical to Survival

By Mel Carson  
AACA President

(Reprinted from the Summer 2019 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) needs the help of each existing member to survive and maintain our organization for the long term! Every member needs to bring in a new member to AACA now! Every organization that desires to continue to exist will evolve and change as needed to be appropriate for the membership. AACA has accomplished this over the history of the organization.

When driving your antique car to fill the gas tank, attend cruise-ins or shows—folks at all times want to look at your car and talk with you about it. This is a good opportunity to tell them about the AACA and all it offers to the antique car enthusiast. Please let them know, that to be involved, all AACA members do not have to own a pristine show vehicle. This is a message to convey to any prospective new AACA member. A Driver Participation Class (DPC) vehicle is a vehicle that has a place on the show field but is perfectly suitable for driving and touring at the same time—including air conditioning and radial tires.

The AACA organization includes a great antique car magazine, about six to eight car show Nationals spread around the country, a Grand Nationals event each year, and usually about four Touring events each year. Library resources are offered to members who can obtain research and restoration information on possibly any vehicle ever produced. The new AACA headquarters facility now under renovation in Hershey will include an enhanced state-of-the-art automotive library to benefit the hobby.

Explain these advantages to a car person and they may be a great candidate for membership in the AACA and help keep our organization alive!

### 2020 AACA Board of Directors Election

The AACA Nominating Committee has nominated ten AACA members for positions on the AACA Board of Directors for 2020. You received your postage-paid official ballot with your September/October issue of the *Antique Automobile* magazine. You must vote for seven candidates (no more/no less or your ballot will be invalidated and not counted), and **your ballot must be postmarked by November 15th. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**



Chris Ritter, Director of the AACA Library & Research Center, and his son Pierce brought the AACA Bookmobile to the TRAACA's 46th Annual Meet on September 28th, 2019



### AACA Calendar of Events

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

#### OCTOBER 2019

9-12 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals  
Hershey, PA

23-26 AACA SE Fall Nationals  
Mobile, AL

#### NOVEMBER 2019

6-9 Western Fall Nationals  
Fallbrook, CA

#### FEBRUARY 2020

6-8 AACA Annual Convention  
Philadelphia, PA

27-29 AACA Winter Nationals  
Miami, FL

#### APRIL 2020

2-4 AACA SE Spring Nationals  
Charlotte, NC

23-25 AACA Western Spring Nat'ls  
Show Low, AZ

26- AACA Founders Tour  
1 May Show Low, AZ

#### MAY 2020

7-9 AACA Central Spring Nat'ls  
Auburn, IN

13-16 AACA Eastern Div. Tour  
Eastern Shore, MD

#### JUNE 2020

7-12 AACA Sentimental Tour  
Potomac Highlands, WV

24-27 AACA Eastern Spring Nat'ls  
Daniels, WV

#### JULY 2020

8-11 2020 AACA Grand National  
Allentown, PA

19-24 AACA Reliability Tour  
Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA

#### AUGUST 2020

20-22 AACA SE Fall Nationals  
Louisville, KY

#### SEPTEMBER 2020

13-18 AAA Revival Glidden Tour  
Saratoga Springs, NY

#### OCTOBER 2020

7-10 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals  
Hershey, PA

19-23 AACA Central Divisional Tour  
Tulsa, OK

#### FEBRUARY 2021

11-13 AACA Annual Convention  
Philadelphia, PA

#### MARCH 2021

17-20 Special Dual Nationals  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

# TRAACA MOVIE NIGHT

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

*Generously Hosted by Bob Hanbury*

at

*Special Events Virginia*

*2211 Elliott Ave, Portsmouth, VA 23702*

**FREE DINNER**



**FREE MOVIE**



- 5:00 PM:** Doors Open
- 5:30 - 6:30 PM:** Dinner (hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, soft drinks & water)
- 6:30 - 7:30 PM:** Hermit Crab Races
- 7:30 - 9:15 PM:** Movie (*Grumpy Old Men* starring Jack Lemmon & Walter Matthau)

Make sure you bring your dollar bills for betting on the hermit crab races—  
*Purchase raffle tickets to bet. Prizes drawn from winning raffle tickets for each race.*  
 (All race proceeds will be donated to the AACA Building Fund Drive)

**RSVP by calling Joann at Special Events Virginia—(757) 485-1212—by Wed, October 30th**

## 2020 TRAACA Officers and Board of Directors Nominees

- PRESIDENT:** WAYNE MILLIGAN
- VICE PRESIDENT:** TIM HUND
- SECRETARY:** ELLEN ADAMS
- TREASURER:** BILL TREADWELL
- BOARD MEMBERS:** FRED COLE \*
- CHARLIE DAWSON
- DOUG GROSZ \*
- DOT PARRISH

*\* Fred Cole and Doug Grosz are replacing Matt Doscher (who completed his 1-yr term as President) and Travis Berry (who completed his 2-yr term as a Board Member).*

Per our bylaws, TRAACA President Matt Doscher appointed a nominating committee of three past TRAACA presidents and two members who proposed a slate of candidates for the 2020 Board. The list was presented to our membership at the September 19th Dinner Meeting. It will be presented again at the Chili Cook-Off on Sat, October 19th, where members have a final opportunity to nominate other candidates. Nominations shall then be closed. If there are additional nominations, the election will be conducted by ballot. If there are no additional nominations, the candidates will be approved by verbal acclamation and be considered elected. The 2020 Board of Directors will be inducted at the club's Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 20, 2020.

## ***LOOKING FOR 20–25 TRAACA VEHICLES FOR A SPECIAL DISPLAY***

at the

**5th ANNUAL COASTAL VIRGINIA AUTO SHOW**

at the Virginia Beach Convention Center

November 16 – 17, 2019

**Our own Tom Cox (former AACA President) will Co-Host the show with Dan Woods of the TV show “Chop—Cut—Rebuild.”**

**Portion of the proceeds to benefit several local charities.**

*Classic/antique vehicles in the display will be eligible for awards, giveaways, and the \$2,000 Best-in-Show prize.*

**Special rates available for rooms at the Doubletree hotel near Convention Center.**

**If you have questions or to register for the display, contact Marion & Mark McAlpine by e-mailing them at [traacacontact@gmail.com](mailto:traacacontact@gmail.com) or calling (757) 967-0074.**

*To be in the AACA display, you must register and contact Marion or Mark no later than 30 October. The first 20-25 vehicles are guaranteed a spot in display. Vehicles after that will be put on a waiting list.*



# TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



## Sunshine Report



Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **John Gancel** had knee replacement surgery last month, is recovering at home, and doing physical therapy.
- **Sondra Jolley** is recovering from her recent knee surgery and continues physical therapy.
- **Frank Lagana** was hospitalized briefly for kidney & bladder concerns, but is home and doing better. (He was at our Annual Meet on Saturday, September 28th.)
- **Diane Monroe** fell recently and broke a hip.
- **Bob Woolfitt** continues to recover from his recent bicycle accident, but still has limited mobility.

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

## Wanted: New Newsletter Editor(s)

The *Mudflap* keeps Tidewater Region members informed of TRAACA and AACA activities, news, and developments. Marion & Mark McAlpine have been producing *The Mudflap* for five and a half years and are stepping down as our newsletter editors at the end of the year. We need someone to step forward and take over the newsletter.

While the AACA has a *Newsletter Editors Manual* with guidelines to help you produce a newsletter, there are no restrictions to your creativity. Do you have ideas about how to improve our newsletter? Great—implement them! (Members are probably ready for a change, anyway.) Also, you don't have to produce a 24-page newsletter. Publish however many pages it takes to get the basic information about our region and national club out to our members. If you can do it in 4-8 pages (it has to be in multiples of 4 pages)—great!

If you'd like to support your club & fellow members by serving as Newsletter Editor, please contact TRAACA President Matt Doscher. Thank you!

## **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to help before and at the TRAACA's 46th Annual Meet on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach. The show was a great success, and we received lots of positive feedback from attendees.

The TRAACA demonstrated again what a great Region we are and what great members we have!

*Marion McAlpine and Barry Basnight  
Your Meet Co-Chairs*



## Members celebrating birthdays in October



Barry Basnight	Skip Patnode
Phillis Carnforth	Lori Powell
Keith Colonna	Henry Robson
Cynthia Coppedge	Tim Russell
Jody Dudley	Jo Ann Saiya
Holly Forester	Kenneth Saiya
Mason Gamage, Jr.	Brittany Sitar
Nancy Hassell-Sitar	Cara Anne Sobota
Richard Hart	Lisa Sturniolo
Cheryl Hawk	Debra Swartz
Butch Hora	Radford Tillett
Georgiann McVicker	Bill Treadwell
Dewey Milligan	Ginger Watson
Ron Pack	Chip Woolford
Tammy Park	Charlotte Yonkovich- Woolford



## Members celebrating anniversaries in October



Dick & Nancy Eberle  
 Ronald & Sally Hartman  
 Daniel & Cheryl Hawk  
 Mark & Marion McAlpine  
 Wayne & Carol Milligan  
 Tim & Rhonda Russell  
 Bill & Linda Treadwell  
 Chip Woolford & Charlotte Yonkovich-Woolford

## **There is No October Dinner Meeting**

***Instead:  
Come to the TRAACA  
Annual Chili Cook-off  
at Dewey & Maxine Milligan's  
in Chesapeake, VA  
on Saturday, October 19, 2019***

(See the front page of this newsletter for more details.)



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### Other Regional and Local Events

#### OCTOBER 2019

- 2-6 Fall Carlisle Swap Meet  
Carlisle, PA
- 4 37th Annual Franklin  
Fall Festival Car Show  
Franklin, VA
- 5 Atlantic Shores Ret. Comm.  
Second Annual Car Show  
Virginia Beach
- 5 5th Annual European Cars  
of Williamsburg AutoFest  
Williamsburg, VA
- 6 Beers & Gears Car Show  
Alewerks Brewing Company  
Williamsburg, VA
- 12 Air & Auto Classic Car Show  
Military Aviation Museum  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 12 All Makes & Models Car Show  
Cavalier Ford  
Chesapeake, VA
- 13 Show 'n Shine for Scouts  
Williamsburg, VA
- 17-19 Charlotte Fall AutoFair  
Charlotte, NC
- 19 2019 Fleet Fest Car Show  
Naval Station Norfolk Pier 14  
Norfolk, VA
- *Must have base access to register* —
- 19 Ahoskie Fall Fling Car Show  
Ahoskie, NC
- 20 Driver Days Fall Festival  
26th Annual Car Show  
Driver, VA
- 25 Trunk or Treat Car Show  
316 Office Lane  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 26 17th Annual Virginia Fall  
Classic Car Show  
Newport News, VA
- 26 Menard's Chevy Show  
Virginia Motorsports Park  
Dinwiddie, VA

#### NOVEMBER 2019

- 1-2 ODMA Fall Tour  
Petersburg, VA
- 2 Sajo Farm Classic, Antique,  
and Exotic Car Show  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 2 Moose Lodge Car Show  
Newport News, VA
- 9 Shop with a Cop Car Show  
Gloucester, VA
- 16-17 Coastal Virginia Car Show  
Virginia Beach, VA



## 9th Annual Air & Auto Classic



**Saturday, October 12, 2019**  
11:00 AM—4:00 PM

**Registration for Judging: 9:00-11:00 AM**  
(Rain date is Sunday, October 13th)

The show is open to Foreign & Domestic, Vintage, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Race Cars, Sports Cars, and Late Model Cars/Trucks of all makes & types. "If you're proud of it, bring it!"

**WHERE: Military Aviation Museum**  
1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA

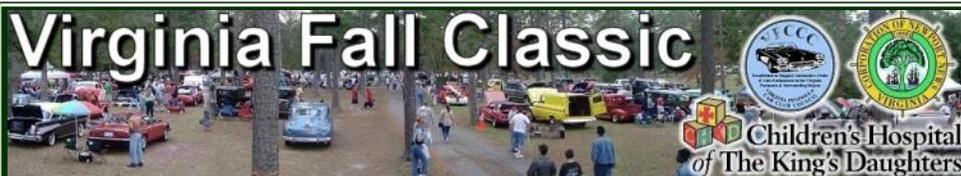
Registration: \$25. "Rock Star" Registration: \$50  
Spectators: \$20 per car (includes entrance to the museum)

*Proceeds from show benefit Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia*

Food and beverage concessions including beer & wine. Raffles & 50/50 Raffle.

For more info & registration form see [www.fsrpca.org](http://www.fsrpca.org)

Or contact George Michaels at (757) 818-4873 or [registrar@fsrpca.org](mailto:registrar@fsrpca.org)



## 17th Annual VIRGINIA FALL CLASSIC

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**  
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

(Rain date is Sunday, October 27th. Decision made by 7:00 AM Saturday.)

Open car, truck, and bike show at Newport News Park.  
All makes and models welcome. Three day event—cruise-in and  
dinner on Friday, car show on Saturday, car cruise on Sunday.

*All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters*

**WHERE: Newport News Park**  
13560 Jefferson Ave, Newport News, VA

Registration: \$20 for first vehicle. \$10 for each additional vehicle  
registered by the same owner.

*Day of Show Registration: 9:00—11:30 AM*

*Judging: 11:30 AM—1 PM. Awards: 3 PM*

For registration form and more info see: [www.vafallday.com](http://www.vafallday.com)



## Coastal Virginia Car Show

**Saturday-Sunday, November 16-17, 2019**  
Virginia Beach Convention Center  
10 AM—7 PM Saturday / 10 AM-6 PM Sunday

Special display of AACA member cars (see Pg 16)

For more information and registration see: <http://cvautoshow.com/>



## EDITOR'S DESK

Marion McAlpine  
[traacacontact@gmail.com](mailto:traacacontact@gmail.com)

As September comes to a close, it is time to recap this year's TRAACA Annual Meet and look at what we have to look forward to the rest of the year. Our Annual Meet was held on Saturday, September 28th, at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach, VA. The weather was hot and humid, but dry. The TRAACA volunteers came through again and did a great job. The AACA Library & Research Center's Bookmobile, the 2018 AACA Zenith Award winner (1931 Buick 8-94 Roadster), a team of Hagerty Youth Judges, local Cub Scout Troop 246, and Swing Dancers were some of the entertainment at this year's Meet. Virginia Beach Vice Mayor James Wood & his wife Rebecca visited the show and presented Kit Lawrence's 1937 Dodge station wagon the Mayor's Choice Award. Participants and spectators seemed to enjoy the show, and passed along many accolades. The article about the show is on Pages 4-7 in this *Mudflap*.

Looking ahead, the AACA Eastern Fall Nationals will be in Hershey, PA, October 8-13, 2019. Several TRAACA members will be attending Hershey this year, some as vendors at the swap meet, some registered their vehicles for the show, some will be judging, some are teaching Continuing Judge's Education, some will work the AACA Membership and AACA Library & Research Center tents, some are helping at the Library Yard Sale, and some will be doing several of these items. On Saturday, if you are not judging, take a chair and sit along the show field road and watch the registered vehicles

parade past before entering the show field. It is a beautiful sight to see!

There are always plenty of things to do at Hershey. If you are looking for car-related items, there are antique malls and flea markets within an hour's drive of Hershey. If you want to get away from the old car venue, you can check out Hershey's Chocolate World located in Chocolate Field, always one of my favorites. Many TRAACA members frequent an outlet shopping mall not far from the Hershey grounds. If you are a casino lover, there is the Hollywood Casino in Harrisburg, PA (with a great buffet). Yes, there is certainly enough to keep you busy for several days.

If you are not going to Hershey this year, you can still stay busy in the Hampton Roads area. On Saturday, October 19th, Dewey & Maxine Milligan are again graciously opening their home to club members for the club's Annual Chili Cook-Off. The Chili Cook-Off will be in lieu of the October dinner meeting. Get your best chili recipe together and join in the competition; you could win a prize!

Outside of the TRAACA activities, there are still several local opportunities to show your antique vehicle or participate as a spectator. The Virginia Fall Classic in Newport News, VA, is on October 25-27. Car cruise-ins are still going on in the area, but will be ending in October, usually with a Trunk or Treat show close to Halloween. Check out *Down the Road* on Page 18 of this *Mudflap* for more information on local events.

I hope you were able to attend the TRAACA 46th Annual Meet on September 28th and had a great time! Lastly, I hope to see you in Hershey.

Marion McAlpine



## 3rd Annual ODMA Fall Tour Friday-Saturday, November 1-2, 2019 Hosted by the Crater Region AACA



Come join your fellow AACA and ODMA friends on the ODMA's 2019 Fall Tour. The Tour is being hosted by the Crater Region on Friday-Saturday, November 1-2, 2019, and we'll be touring the beautiful Petersburg, VA, area. This will be a slow-paced driving tour suitable for most Pre-WWII cars. Newer antique vehicles will be able to easily keep up.

Check-in for the tour be at the Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum (880 W Roslyn Rd, Colonial Heights, VA 23834) in Colonial Heights, VA, on Friday afternoon November 1st and Saturday morning November 2nd. Free trailer parking is available on the museum's grounds, courtesy of the museum. The driving tour begins on Saturday morning with our group departing the Keystone Museum for a drive through the old town Petersburg and Petersburg National Battlefield Park. Our first stop will be at historic Blandford Cemetery, whose oldest marked grave dates to 1702.

No host hotel has been identified yet, but there are four reasonably priced hotels in the Southpark Mall area within a mile of the museum. You can obtain better rates for AAA members, military discount, or senior discount than we can obtain for a group rate, so we recommend you make your reservations now and if we're able to obtain a better group rate you can change your reservation later.

- Hilton Garden Inn Richmond South/Southpark, (804) 520-0600
- Hampton Inn Petersburg—Southpark Mall, (804) 520-7333
- Holiday Inn Petersburg North—Ft. Lee, (804) 520-5880
- Comfort Suites South Park, (804) 451-1589

The Crater Region has planned a fun and interesting tour for a very reasonable price: only \$68/person. This includes a guided tour of historic Blandford Cemetery, admission to Pamplin Historical Park and a premium box lunch, admission to the Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum, and the closing banquet. For more information and the registration form, go to the ODMA website: [www.odma.aaca.com](http://www.odma.aaca.com). **Registration has been extended to 5 October** (must be postmarked 5 Oct).



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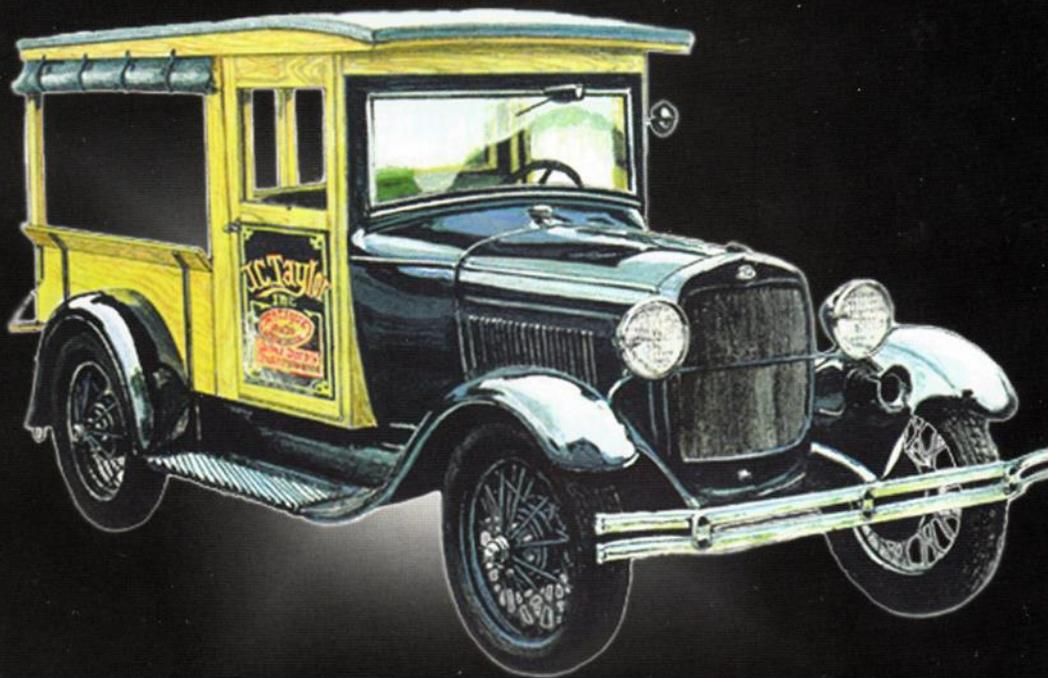
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