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The TRAACA Fall Tour originally scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, November 7-8, 2015, has been cancelled.

**Going once!
Going twice!
Third & final
call—SOLD!**

TRAACA Silent Auction Thursday, November 19, 2015

It's November again and time for our annual Silent Auction, which helps subsidize our club activities. This year's silent auction is being held in conjunction with our monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, November 19th, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. The evening begins with social hour from 6:00-7:00 PM, followed by brief announcements by Club President Jim Villers and the Board, then dinner.

The Silent Auction begins at 6:00 PM and will run until approximately 8:00 PM when the winners of special (to someone) donated treasures will be announced. In order for the auction to be successful & fun, we need members to bring items to donate or to bake & bring some special treats. The items

don't necessarily have to be expensive or automobile-related. (Not everyone wants another book on the history of the Mustang.) However, the items should be in good condition and serviceable. (This sounds a bit like AACA judging guidelines, doesn't it?)

We could use help with setting up the auction that evening. If you'd like to help, please show up at 5:30 PM.

So, when your Calling Tree Captain calls you, say "yes" and come to this month's dinner meeting. (And please bring something to donate to the Auction.) You'll get to share the evening with your friends from the TRAACA, enjoy some delicious food, and maybe even take home some new treasures. We hope to see you there!



Three generations of Milligans—Dewey & Maxine, Jessica, and Wayne & Carol—at the TRAACA Chili Cook-Off on 31 Oct. Read the story on Pgs. 4-5.



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER 2015

- 3** TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Tuesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 7-8** TRAACA Fall Tour
— CANCELLED —
- 19** TRAACA Dinner Meeting &
Annual Silent Auction
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

DECEMBER 2015

- 2** TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Wednesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 20** TRAACA Holiday Brunch
Princess Anne Country Club
Virginia Beach, VA

JANUARY 2016

- 5** TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Tuesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 16** TRAACA Annual Awards
Banquet & Board Induction
Founders Inn, VA Beach, VA

FEBRUARY 2016

- 3** TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Wednesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 18** TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

MARCH 2016

- 1** TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Tuesday)
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
- 17** TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY, TRAACA!

This year the Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America celebrates its 60th anniversary while our parent organization, the AACA, celebrates its 80th anniversary. Each issue of *The Mudflap* this year will feature articles and/or photos from our club's history, celebrating and remembering our heritage. See Pg. 16.

From the Driver's Seat

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November is our annual Fall Tour, and Dick Chipchak has worked on a different visit to a familiar place. We are headed to Colonial Williamsburg for a personal tour of the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum, located inside a Public Hospital dating from 1773. This museum houses a variety of the "finer things," including the world's largest collection of Southern furniture and one of the largest collections of British ceramics outside England. I have visited Colonial Williamsburg many times, but this museum and the adjacent Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum will be a new experience for Betty and me. The tour will finish off with an excellent dinner and live theater; what could be better.

We kicked off our 2016 membership renewal drive last month and many members have already renewed their membership and have sent in their updated membership form. If you have not renewed yet, please renew now. It is also time to renew your National AACA membership for next year.

Our November Dinner Meeting is also our annual Silent Auction, so please bring your "good stuff" to be shared with your fellow club members for a small bid amount. This is one of our fund-raisers and after our wet "Wing & Wheels" show, we can use a little extra cash.

I am always looking for a few good members to volunteer in support of the club. I am currently looking for an experienced member to assist in the writing of "The Final Tour" memorials of deceased members for our club website. Remembering members is an important aspect of our club community. If your club memories cover the past 20-30 years, your contributions could be important.

So much to do, so little time. Let's have fun: it's an old car kind of day!

Jim

We Need Your Help!

We are still looking for someone to relieve Margie Ives as the TRAACA's Calling Tree Chief Captain. Margie has done it for almost four years and is ready to retire from the position. We need a volunteer to take over the responsibility of providing our Calling Tree Captains information on our monthly dinners, consolidating the names they collect of attendees, and then providing a final head count each month to the Holiday Inn and Club Treasurer. If you're willing to volunteer, please contact Jim Villers. Thank you!

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Board - Tyler Gimbert

Board - Skip Patnode

Board —Tim Russell

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From the Running Board

Oct 14, 2015 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes

The board meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport on Military Hwy. Directors present were Jim Villers (President), Mark McAlpine (Vice President), Melanie Kordis (Secretary) and Marion McAlpine (Treasurer). Board members present were Matt Doscher, Skip Patnode, and Tim Russell. Members present were Vickie Doscher, Frank Lagana, Mickey McChesney, Wayne Milligan, Bob & Dot Parrish, and Bill Treadwell.

Secretary's Report: September Board Meeting Minutes were approved & published in the October issue of *The Mudflap*.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Marion. Preliminary totals from the club "Wings & Wheels" Meet were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marketing/PR: Nothing significant to report (NSTR).

Communications:

- *The Mudflap* newsletter:
—Kudos to all members who have submitted articles. Mark asked for members to send interesting photos from Hershey for the November issue.
—Mark will prepare 2016 renewal invoices for current advertisers; goal is to mail them no later than 1 November.
- *The Mud Speck* weekly e-mail: NSTR.

Activities:

- Saturday, 31 October: TRAACA Chili Cook-Off at the Milligans'. (It's also Dewey Milligan's 86th birthday.)
- Saturday-Sunday, 7-8 November: TRAACA Fall Tour to Williamsburg. Details to be printed in Nov *Mudflap*.
- Sunday, 20 December: TRAACA Holiday Brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach, VA.

Restaurants/Dinner Meetings:

- No dinner meeting in October—club holding its annual Chili Cook-Off (Sat, 31 Oct, at the Milligans') instead.
- Thurs, Nov 19: Monthly dinner meeting at Holiday Inn, 6:00-8:30 PM. Features our annual Silent Auction.
- December dinner meeting replaced by Holiday Brunch on Saturday, 20 December, at Prince Anne County Club.
- Sat, Jan 16: Annual Awards Banquet & Board Induction
- Discussion of location for the club's monthly dinner meetings in 2016. Motion made by Matt to stay at the Holiday Inn. Seconded by Skip. Motion carried.

Society:

- Current membership status (as of 1 October): 170 (singles/couples). Membership renewal forms for 2016 available on club website, in *The Mudflap*, and at dinner meetings. Members encouraged to renew early in order to be included in the club's 2016 Membership Roster.
- Sunshine Report: Vickie Doscher reported that Dick Pensyl passed away on 3 October & Murray Goodwin's mother, Louise Babb Goodwin, passed on 31 July.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Club is still looking for a Call Tree Chair to take over for Margie Ives. Send nominations to Jim Villers.
- Jim will appoint committee to review the club by-laws.
- Tim reported that some vendors for the "Wings & Wheels" Meet requested a refund since they were unable to set up due to the weather. Request was denied. Board will consider offering these vendors a space at the club's spring Swap Meet at reduced or no fee.
- Mark looked into AACA Museum memorial bricks for departed club members. Bricks cost \$125 or \$250.
- Notices will be placed in the *Mudflap* and *Mud Speck* asking family members or friends to provide a photo and paragraph on deceased club members to memorialize them on the "Final Tour" section of the club website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mark will chair a committee to review the "Wings & Wheels" Annual Meet including the possibility of adding additional judging categories next year.
- Bob Parrish asked about donations to AACA Library for members or spouses who passed away. Mark said club by-laws specify \$25 donation. Board directed Marion to capture the names of all members/spouses who died in 2015 and send a check to the AACA Library.
- Mickey requested a thank you plaque for Christian Durkin, who was very helpful at the "Wings & Wheels" Meet. Board approved request.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Wayne Champigny, head of the Virginia Beach Schools Automotive Vo-Tech Program, thanked members for their support during the Open House last spring. He also invited members to bring their vehicles and speak with the students about antique vehicles. When dates are received, they will be posted in the *Mud Speck*. Melanie will be the TRAACA point of contact.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting is Tuesday, 2 November, 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Kordis, Secretary



TRAACA Chili (vs. Chowder) Cook-Off

Saturday, October 31, 2015



Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Mark McAlpine & Bob Stein.

This year the TRAACA's Annual Chili Cook-Off was again graciously hosted by Dewey and Maxine Milligan. The Milligans have been hosting this event for about 12-15 years. (It's become such a tradition, no one can remember the exact year it began.) This year's event was held on October 31st, which was Halloween and also Dewey's birthday. Approximately 60 TRAACA members and 25 antique vehicles participated in the club activity.

Dewey & Maxine Milligan set up their garage for the event. That morning Dot Parrish, with help from Mark & Marion McAlpine, Mickey & Toni McChesney, Dewey & Maxine Milligan, Bob Parrish, and Barbara Talley, led the effort to decorate the tables and organize the food.

TRAACA President Jim Villers was unable to attend, so Vice President Mark McAlpine led a short meeting and invocation before the meal. The nominees for the 2016 TRAACA Board (previously announced in the October issue of *The Mudflap*) were announced. There being no further nominations proposed from the members present, the following individuals were approved as the TRAACA's officers for 2016:

- President: Jim Villers;
 - Vice President: Mark McAlpine;
 - Secretary: Julie Hobbs;
 - Treasurer: Marion McAlpine.
- The following were elected as Board Members:
- Matt Doscher;
 - Wayne Milligan;
 - Skip Patnode;
 - Bill Treadwell.

Former President Wes Neal will continue serving for another year as President Emeritus.

The club extended its thanks to the outgoing Board members—Tyler Gimbert, Melanie Kordis, and Tim Russell—for their service and contributions to the club.

The club presented Dewey & Maxine Milligan with a thank you card & two restaurant gift cards in appreciation for them hosting the annual cook-off for so many years. A plaque was presented to Christian Durkin (a young student member mentored by Mickey McChesney) for his help at the last three TRAACA annual meets and at the AACA national meet we hosted last spring.

Following the brief meeting, the festivities began. This year's Chili Cook-Off ended up being a chili vs. chowder competition. There were eight chilies competing with one corn chowder. 1st Place went to Melinda Spence for her delicious corn chowder; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Places went to JoAnn Green, Bob Stein, and Linda Treadwell respectfully for their great chilies. The group finished off the event by singing Happy Birthday to Dewey and then enjoying his birthday cake.



TRAACA members socializing before the Chili Cook-Off



Mark McAlpine presents an award to Christopher Durkin



(L-R foreground) Bob & Ginger Watson and Rad & Margie Tillett



TRAACA members going through the food line



Neil Sugermeyer, Vickie Doscher, Frank Lagana, Matt Doscher



(L-R) Dot Parish, Maxine Milligan, Toni McChesney, Marty Sugermeyer, Marion McAlpine, and Sandy Hall



The Spences' 1931 Ford Model A Roadster, Tilletts' 1956 Ford Thunderbird, and the Talleys' 1929 Buick Master 4-dr sedan



Some of the members cars on display at this year's Chili Cook-Off



Sam Kern brought this gas-powered, former Khedive Shriner parade mini-Ford Model T that he rescued and restored



(L-R) Bill Wilcox, Terry Banbury, Sandy Hall, and Ken Talley



Jack Pavlidis and his daughter Hilary Pavlidis



Melinda Spence won 1st Place for her corn chowder

AACA Eastern Division Fall Meet

The Trek to Hershey, PA

October 7-10, 2015



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

Once again the yearly trek to Hershey, Pennsylvania, for the AACA Eastern Fall Meet has come and gone. Mark and I drove up on Wednesday, October 7th, so we could roam the flea market on Thursday and attend “TorqToberFest” at the AACA Museum that evening. Traffic and weather, thankfully, were good during the drive on Wednesday, and we arrived at our hotel mid-afternoon. We enjoyed happy hour with fellow TRAACA members Mickey & Toni McChesney and ate dinner with them at the Hershey Family Restaurant next to the hotel.

The Hershey Meet flea market was thriving on Thursday as we saw people hustling & bustling around, many of whom carried purchases they had made. It was unseasonably warm that day, which seemed to slow us down. (Good for the pocketbook, bad for the body.) We decided to take refuge in Chocolate World, which, as usual, was a costly venture for us. (I always enjoy finding chocolate items in Chocolate World not found in stores near home.) After stocking up on chocolate, we volunteered at the AACA Membership Tent for a few hours.

This year instead of the traditional “Night at the Museum,” the AACA Museum hosted “TorqToberFest” on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights—three nights of music, food, and drink. Each night a different theme of food (American, Italian, and German) was paired with wines and beers from local wineries and breweries. The events were held in a storage building area of the museum not usually open to the public complete with some of the museum’s rarely seen vehicles. The museum’s main building was kept open late during the event. We attended on Thursday night—Italian Night. We met a nice couple from New York and enjoyed their company, as well as that of TRAACA friends Bill Coburn, Jim & Donna Elliott, and Bill & Linda Treadwell who arrived later.

Friday was a busy day. We went back to the Hershey flea market in the morning in search of treasures (which we did not find), but we saw more TRAACA friends—Bob & Dot Parrish, Mickey & Toni McChesney, Terry & Sue Bond, Bob Stein, and even the long-lost, Tidewater expatriate, Larry Printz. In the afternoon, Mark and I attended Judging School and presented our Continuing Judges Education courses in the Giant Center. While in Judging School a rather menacing storm quickly moved into the area, shutting down the flea market and car corral. Luckily, the storm departed before dinnertime and left behind great weather for the rest of the weekend.

There were approximately 1,270 vehicles registered for this year’s Hershey National Meet, and about 1,120 vehicles made it onto the show field Saturday morning.

After we finished judging, we were able to get photos of some of the great specimens on display.

We decided next year we may need to go to Hershey a day earlier and follow Terry Bond around the flea market. We hope to “catch” one of the treasures that seem to jump off the shelves at Terry as he walks by.



Sue & Terry Bond in their vendor tent at the 2015 Hershey Meet



(L-R) Marty Sugermeyer, Laurel & Al Swenson, Neil Sugermeyer



Bob Powell “pedaling” wares in the 2015 Hershey Flea Market



1906 Buick touring car



1906 Wayne



Al Mercer in his 1922 Mercer roadster



1928 Gardner Model 85 Sport Roadster



1932 Nash convertible



1956 Chrysler Windsor sedan



1969 Ford F-250 Good Humor Ice Cream Truck



1974 Pontiac GTO

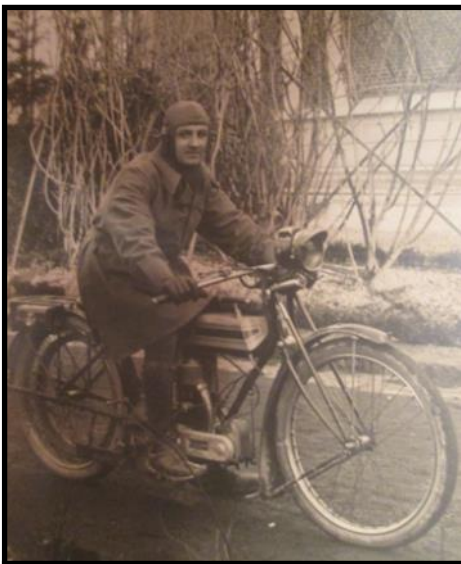


Still Collecting Stuff — *Hershey Finds* 2015

By Terry Bond

By now you know what I collect, and Hershey is always a great opportunity to find things that fit into my display cases.

Following the roadmap outlined earlier, the journey began at the Allentown Paper show. Serious weather reduced both vendors and buyers. There were some notable dealers absent who didn't want to haul valuable paper around in the rain. Still, Neil Sugermeyer and I found treasure. I added significantly to my collection of Turkey Red Cigarette cards featuring automobiles. These early 1900s gems are tough to find in good condition, but one dealer gave me a bargain on twenty of them in pristine shape. Another great find was a photo postcard of a man riding a 1913 Triumph Motorcycle. More sheet music, advertising, postcards and photos made it a great day in Allentown.



Postcard of 1913 Triumph & rider

We backtracked to Adamstown to catch shops we normally don't have time for on Sunday. It was productive, with the discovery of a great bronze calling card tray with an automobile illustrated on it.

A very rare spark plug turned up at Renninger's indoor market. I was literally ten steps ahead of another plug collector from the West Coast. He was with another collector from Australia. Obviously spark plugs are a serious collectible! More antique shops filled the weekend, but produced only some minor pieces; however, a great Chalmers Motor Car Company watch fob was discovered in one shop.



Early 1900s car model & Easter egg

On Sunday I had the exciting opportunity to discover a very rare and early gold-plated model of an early 1900s car with white rubber tires and a woven basket-like back seat that held a hand-painted Easter egg. This rare and beautiful early European item was a surprise,

but welcome addition to my collection.

Hershey itself was amazing. I won't write the official Hershey report here, but will mention enough about it to let you know the weather, the selection of items, and the good deals made this year one for the record books.

The first discovery was a great addition to my Royal Doulton collection—a nice large pitcher with an automotive scene on it that I didn't have.



Royal Doulton pitcher, circa 1908

I snagged the best out of an entire collection of early auto advertising pins that included items like Cole, Havers Six, Selden, White, and Hupmobile. Thanks to Jeff Locke's inspiration, I've also added a few Chauffeurs badges to my very small beginning accumulation.

The decision to concentrate on the very earliest examples will no doubt prove costly, but the 1911 New York badge I acquired at Hershey for a mere \$40 is a great start. The early tire advertising button shown here was passed over by other collectors because it was dirty. What everyone else thought was damage to the celluloid turned out to be just some dirty finger prints and years of smudge accumulation that wiped right off. It was a



Advertising pins, Chalmers fob, 1911 New York chauffeur's badge



Ladies beaded coin purse, circa 1904

bargain! Examining items very closely is important to detecting true damage or finding a dirty gem.

A wonderful find was a superb small, ladies change purse with an early motor-ing scene embossed on the silver-plated lid. A beautiful blue and silver beaded bag completes the piece. It is in amazing condition & the price was v-e-r-y favorable!

A few select Model T items were discovered, but a highlight for me was the conclusion of a 32-year search for the absolutely correct original horn for my 1912 Triumph Motorcycle. Made of “unobtainium,” I’ve only ever seen a couple of them anywhere. It was a chance discovery while I was just wandering around looking at stuff on Thursday in the late afternoon. The best thing was the price and, as a bonus, another early horn suitable for an early tiller-steered automobile (Curved-Dash Olds) was thrown in on the deal. It was not only the best bargain at Hershey this year, it was perhaps the bargain of my life-time!

I had ogled intently at a rare piece on offer from a high-end dealer of automobilia early in the week, but balked at the price. Still it was an item very high on my “Most Wanted” list. It is one of several varieties of early tobacco humidors using the chauffeur’s head as a theme. His driving cap removes so you can get to the tobacco. They were most often of European origin, circa 1904-08. Of all the varieties, the one I was chasing most was there in a dealer’s showcase.

Thursday PM, after a few late afternoon sales, I counted my money, once again marveling at my success, when a lightbulb went off. Terry’s Rules of Collecting prevailed: “Anyone can have money. You have to be lucky to have stuff!” A little self-talk was in order—you can take your wad of ill-gotten gains back home or you can step up to the plate and do what you came to Hershey for. Like OJ chasing a Hertz Rental Car, I ran as fast



Early tobacco humidor—chauffeur’s head

as I could back to that vendor. As I stood there waiting until he finished with another customer, he turned to me & said, “if you really want that piece you better decide now because I’m going to pack up shortly and don’t plan to return on Friday because of the threat of rain. If you want it now, you can have it for \$ (almost half the asking price).

Quick—fumble for the wallet!!!

On Friday while walking to our annual Spark Plug Collectors Club meeting in the Red Field, I zigged and zagged past some stalls I missed earlier and discovered a very rare single cylinder Cadillac spark plug in superb condition. It was in plain sight in a display case, not four stalls down from one of our spark plug collectors. Best of all, it was an amazing bargain and was a hit at our plug collector’s show-and tell session.

I think Susan walked as much as I did (maybe more) in search of illusive MG items. Not much surfaced this year, but there were still some nice advertising items around, an occasional model, and some interesting “yard-art” old road signs that she has been decorating our driveway with. I think I sense another collection in the works and another article for the future!

As always, we spent time visiting friends, eating too much, and generally wearing ourselves out having too much fun. All-in-all, it was another great year at Hershey, the king of swap meets. Somehow we managed to even top last year’s version. It’s said that if you can’t find it at Hershey, it either doesn’t exist or you don’t need it. Well, I’ve got plenty of the later, and a good dose of what I thought I’d never see.

A few observations for serious collectors:

- If you have not already got a good collection of original signs, you’re too late unless you win the lottery. Prices are sky high. Watch for a future article on signs.

- If you like toys, buy them now. I’ve noticed the selection of quality early items is declining and prices are soft at present. A future article on early toys is in the works.

- For general automobilia, especially the early material, a lot of older collections are being broken up so the choice is good right now. But fewer high-end dealers are still vending at open events like Hershey. Much of it trades hands at high-end auctions or privately.

- Prices as usual, seem to be rising fast, but the time to buy is when you see what you want. Don’t hesitate like I almost did on the tobacco humidor!

Hershey is like the lottery. You have to play the game to hit the jackpot. You have to work hard to make your own luck and walk the miles, know what you are doing, and keep making friends. I’m already marking the calendar for next year’s event! See you there, and, as always, happy collecting!

Terry Bond



Circa 1903 single cylinder Cadillac spark plug

Hairball—A Cautionary Tale

Story and photos by Bob Stein



“Hairball”—Bob Stein’s 1987 Jaguar XJ-SC ready to pounce

You may be expecting the usual happy story on how someone found an antique car and restored it to its former glory. This is not one of those stories. This is about a hairball. You know, that nasty gagging thing that cats do? This hairball was a symptom of a disease that I share with most of you reading this—I am a “caroholic.” And the hairball *WAS* a cat—a Jaguar.

I tend to browse both eBay and Craig’s List on a daily basis (sort of like a boozier staring in the windows of the local ABC store), and saw a listing for a 1987 Jaguar XJ-SC cabriolet for \$5,000. The cabriolet was a rare targa convertible with the fixed roll-bar section, a removable front panel, and both soft and hard rear panels.

The Jaguar was a lovely thing, sleek and black with a V-12 purr and a pedigree all the way back to its \$45K window sticker. The fact that the pedigree also included over \$32K of repair receipts accumulated in under 80K miles should have triggered some warning lights when I drove over “just for a look.” The car was beautiful—cream-colored leather, polished wood dash, and unique top. Some minor electrical issues and soft brakes had caused it to fail inspection. I ended up making a token offer of \$3,200 and walked away secure in the knowledge that I had avoided making a mistake.



The Jaguar’s plush interior enticed even a savvy buyer like Bob

A warning for those of you who dabble in making ridiculous offers—sometimes they get accepted. The Jaguar’s owner called two days later to say I could have it for \$3,200. The car became mine on March 16, 2014. The issues were easily sorted with a couple of fuses, a bit of electrical tape, and a few inches of rubber hose. I gave the car a thorough cleaning and a week later drove it on our club activity to Gloucester, VA. It ran flawlessly for the next five months, though I kept wondering when the other shoe would drop. For the record, it was July 12, 2014.

I backed out of the driveway, got a block away, and the car died. No noise, no fuss, just a slight stumble, and then nothing. I ended up pushing the car back to my house and pulling it into the driveway using my 1951 Studebaker as a tow truck. I wasn’t too concerned—it was obviously something to do with fuel or ignition, and so abrupt it had to be simple, right? Wrong. I was about to discover the true horror of 1980’s Jaguar engineering, and the reason for \$32,000 in repair receipts.

I checked the obvious stuff first—the fuel pump and coil. Both were good. Because the car would start and run for a few minutes cold, another guess got me to replace the transmission modulator valve. Still no go, but still under \$50 total in parts and no labor costs. (You get what you pay for.) That meant it was somewhere in the electronics. Did you know a 1987 Jaguar XJS V-12 has *FIVE* different computers? Two for the ignition, two for the fuel, and a master computer in the trunk. Oh, plus about 20 relays, but no central diagnostic port. You have to troubleshoot it by pulling each component and testing the electrical values of each contact with a multi-meter. All of the computers are unique to the 1987-88 Jaguar XJS, and, if you can find one, the cheapest of the five costs \$400 new.

Work took me out of the area for a couple of months, and I could not muster enough enthusiasm for the car when I got back to do little more than open the hood and



Lurking somewhere in this V-12 bay was an electronic gremlin

stare at the wall-to-wall components. I finally listed it on eBay for \$2,500 on November 30th, but only got a couple of nibbles. After a couple of weeks I dropped the price to \$1,800 firm, and began wondering if I would have to donate the car to charity.

I finally got a call from a fellow who had garage space and a certified Jaguar mechanic to help out. He came over on January 3, 2015, checked the car out, handed me \$1,800, and had it flat-bedded home within the hour. I had coughed up the hairball at last.

I ended up with about \$4,500 tied up in the Jaguar, which means I lost \$2,700. To be fair, I got more than 2,500 glorious miles out of the car, more than the prior owner had managed in 7 years. Since I usually break even on cars, an occasional hairball still leaves me way ahead over pretty much any other hobby out there. And, as an epilogue of sorts, I just saw that the guy who purchased the car from me—the guy with Jaguar experience and a factory mechanic friend—has listed the Jaguar on Craig's List after almost a year of working on the car with even less success: he burned up the valve guides trying to get what has to be a minor electrical glitch fixed and is now selling the car as an engine transplant candidate.



Or was the gremlin in the master computer in the Jaguar's boot?

The lessons to carry away from this cautionary tale? Vehicles now entering antique status bring challenges that we have not faced before—computers, relays, plastic components, emission systems, etc. Normal mechanical know-how is no longer enough. You either have to be able to diagnose and repair complex electronics, or be willing to pay those who are.

Another lesson is being aware of vehicle scarcity. A 1987 Jaguar XJ6 sedan is relatively cheap and easy to find parts for, while parts for a limited model like the 1987 XJS V-12 are very difficult to find and pricey. Getting even more practical for the do-it-yourselfer, anything but the most common import is likely to be a lot harder to deal with than any popular American make. If you want to dabble in 1980-1990 antique vehicles, I strongly recommend sticking with home-grown candidates.

Finally, did I actually learn any of those lessons? Of course! I am going to focus on what I already have and turn a blind eye to the antique vehicles that I still peruse daily on Craig's List and eBay. I don't have garage space, I lost \$2,700 on the hairball, and . . . oh, wow: a 1977 Rolls Royce for \$3,500?

The end?



Bob's coughed-up hairball Jag becoming someone else's problem

2016 AACA Board of Directors Election

The AACA Nominating Committee has nominated nine AACA members for positions on the AACA Board of Directors for 2016. 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. Two of the seven nominees are TRAACA members—former AACA President Tom Cox, who is running for reelection, and Jim Elliott, who is running for the first time. Don't forget to vote!



The Complete Toolbox

Tools every mechanic should have in his/her toolbox.

Remember those pink and blue alkaline test strips to test for alkaline or acid levels in high school chemistry class? You can use basically the same thing to quickly test for your radiator coolant's freezing and boiling points and pH level (to protect against corrosion). A container of 50 CoolTrak test strips costs about \$12 on Amazon.com.

(Suggested by Mark McAlpine)



Stowe, Vermont, Antique & Classic Car Meet

Friday-Sunday, August 7-9, 2015

Story and photos by Laurel Swenson

Alan and I journeyed to Stowe, Vermont, to participate in its 58th Annual Antique & Classic Car Meet on August 7-9, 2015. The Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts sponsor this Car Show, and the event is truly a community event. The car show and swap meet last for three days and the town closes the streets Saturday afternoon for a 9-mile parade. Sunday is reserved for judging and awards.

Cars could come & go since they were not judged until Sunday. On Saturday, the car show presented an event where the show car owners interacted with an audience. Show car owners selected by Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts members drove their show vehicles to a grandstand where they were interviewed about their cars. It was an honor for Alan and me to be selected to participate in this event. The owners of the selected classic cars drove them to a raised-gravel berm in front of the grandstand. As we approached the area, Show Chairman Bob Chase accepted an invitation to jump into our blue 1962 International Harvester (IH) Scout 80 and enjoyed a ride to the grandstand while reminiscing about his old Scout.

When it was Alan's chance to pull up to the grandstand, he shared the history of the Scout as well as specific features. He was interviewed about the restoration of our 1962 Scout and shared interesting information, including how the engine is really half of a 304 CI V-8 (so it's a 152 CI 4-cyl). The audience also asked questions about the three stick shifts and the folding windshield. We were unique in this northern Vermont farm region in that we had the only IH Scout in the show.

Another old car enthusiast who was invited to the spectator stands drove an old Sears-Roebuck 1910 high-wheeler, which was in original unrestored condition. He explained that this Sears auto buggy would have arrived in a wooden crate with basic instructions. Customers were told to put on the wheels, put gas and oil in it, and drive. This fellow had even replicated the original Sears-Roebuck crate. In previous events he actually brought the car in the crate and demonstrated assembling it at those car shows. He invited a few folks in the audience to crank start the car and Al enjoyed that awesome opportunity.

At 3:30 PM on Saturday all 400+ registered cars left the field together to begin the parade. The streets of Stowe were lined with fans who communicated with thumbs-ups, shout outs, and big smiles. The cars paraded into the center of Stowe, pausing at the parade grandstand in front of city hall where each car's year, make and model was announced. On Saturday evening the streets of Stowe were lined with antique cars and trucks, and the streets were closed to traffic for a night of "Dancing in the Streets." This small resort town was alive with antique cars parked at every restaurant and hotel.

There is nothing better than a beautiful summer weekend in the quaint town of Stowe, Vermont, surrounded by a classic car event that is totally supported by the local community. Next year's show is August 12-14. We plan to participate again. How about you?



The whole community participates in the Stowe, VT, car show



Alan Swenson being interviewed about his 1962 IH Scout 80



Alan crank-starting the 1910 Sears-Roebuck high-wheeler



Why AACA?

By Don Barlup, AACA President

(Reprinted from the Fall 2015 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



Growing up in the mid-40s and 50s, my first recollection of an automobile was my parents' 1939 Chevy Business Coupe. My younger brother and I sat on the two jump seats in the rear. In 1950 a new Plymouth graced the driveway. My mother insisted on a 2-door sedan so that her boys would not accidentally fall out of the rear doors.

To my parents a car was a necessary form of transportation. Nothing more. Nothing less. They would have been 100 years old this year.

Fast forward to 1971. Carol and I purchased our first old car, a 1940 Pontiac 4-door sedan for the grand sum of \$300.00, a lot of money for a young couple with a son born a year earlier. We still have that car and enjoy an occasional drive for ice cream in it.

It was black and the original owner had a problem backing in and out of his garage, hence four NOS fenders and chrome were in order. It needed new tires, so four 600x16 truck tires were purchased—I had no idea that vintage car tires were available.

I polished it up and we heard about an antique car show at a now long closed amusement part called Williams Grove, near where we used to live close to Mechan-

icsburg, PA. We were apprehensive to say the least! The car was original and far from shiny (this was prior to the fender and chrome replacement). We unceremoniously arrived to see about 50 gorgeous and shiny cars. We almost turned around and left, as we felt that our car was not going to be welcomed.

Turns out that we were welcomed by the other car owners, who were much older than we were. Back then they were looking for younger members, as we are today.

We had a great time and joined AACA and Gettysburg Region (who was hosting the show) that day and never looked back!

Why AACA? Because we were welcomed and encouraged to get involved. Incidentally, the National dues were \$10.00/year and the Region dues were \$2.00/year. That was 10% of my weekly income in 1971, but the best investment I ever made.

The only changes since 1971 are the dues and the eligible vehicles. It is our job to continue to encourage membership and involvement in the AACA—it starts at the local level. Have you signed up a new member recently? Who knows, that person could be your Region or National President someday.

The future of the AACA is in your hands!



Your First Car

By Bob Parrish, AACA Executive VP

(Reprinted from the Fall 2015 AACA *Rummage Box* newsletter)



Did anyone ever think that their first car would become a collectible or, better yet, a classic? Probably not. I bought my first car in the summer of 1957 from a man that worked for the Virginian Railroad coal piers in Norfolk, VA. The \$700.00 I paid for this car had been saved from my paper route earnings & various grass cutting

jobs. The car was a sporty 1951 Ford Victoria, which was Ford's first year for a 2-door hardtop. It was painted a yucky two-tone green with a flathead V-8 engine and 3-speed transmission and plenty of coal dust. The cost of the car was not the only expense; my dad would not let me purchase a car until I could pay for the liability insurance attached to his policy. Can anyone relate to this?

This car was my first attempt at car restoration. My dad had a beautiful 1953 Olds 98 Holiday Coupe, which was painted dark blue on the roof and light blue on the bottom. I liked it so much that I painted the Ford the exact same colors. I also added the usual custom items of the day:

fender skirts, spinner hub caps, the all essential dual exhaust with glass pack mufflers, new seat covers and something special. A new 1954 Pontiac grill bar would fit perfectly in the Ford grill area, so I had to have one on this now modified car. Who said modified cars were a new trend? The car to have when I was in high school was a 1949-1951 Ford or Mercury, and now I was in the groove in my senior year at Maury High School.

How about telling your own story to your Region or Chapter? Your Editor will love you for it and maybe help with your next restoration!

[Editor's Note: Bob is correct—your fellow TRAACA members would enjoy reading about your first car. Tell us how & why you purchased it or otherwise obtained it; what you liked (or disliked) about it; what you did to it; what happened to it; or some of the good times you enjoyed with it. Send your story to us to publish in The Mudflap. It doesn't have to be long—even a few paragraphs will do. And if you have a photo of the car—even better, a photo of you with your first car—send us a copy (or let us copy it) so we can relive our memories of seeing those cars & reflect on how cars (and you) have changed since then.

Name that Car!

Game and photos by Mark McAlpine

Identify the year, make and model of the automobiles below with your only clues being their taillights. (The answers are at the bottom of the page.)



ANSWERS: 1) 1957 Cadillac Eldorado; 2) 1959 Pontiac Eldorado; 3) 1958 Pontiac Bonneville; 4) 1969 Chevy Caprice; 5) 1972 Dodge Demon; 6) 1969 Ford Mustang; 7) 1974 Pontiac GTO; 8) 1952 Hudson Commodore; 9) 1959 Cadillac Eldorado; 10) 1953 Kaiser Manhattan; 11) 1948 Tucker; 12) 1970 Chevy Camaro; 13) 1968 Pontiac Bonneville; 14) 1959 Ford Thunderbird



AACA Calendar of Events

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

NOVEMBER 2015

5-7 Central Fall Meet
Houma, LA

FEBRUARY 2016

11-13 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

MARCH 2016

17-19 Winter Meet
Naples, FL

APRIL 2016

7-10 Southeastern Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC

MAY 2016

5-7 Special Spring Meet
Auburn, IN

19-21 Eastern Spring Meet
Vineland, NJ

JUNE 2016

2-4 Annual Grand National Meet
Williamsport, PA

10-12 The Elegance at Hershey
Hershey, PA

12-17 The Sentimental Tour
Salisbury, NC

JULY 2016

17-21 Founders Tour
Huntington, PA

AUGUST 2016

11-13 Southeastern Fall Meet
New Bern, NC

SEPTEMBER 2016

11-16 AAA Revival Glidden Tour
North Conway, NH

OCTOBER 2016

5-8 Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA

20-22 Central Fall Meet
Houston, TX

NOVEMBER 2016

5-11 Reliability Tour (Pre-1916)
Savannah, GA





2016 Tidewater Region AACA Membership Form



Please complete this form and mail it with your check for \$25 to:

TRAACA Membership – Jim Villers, 3133 Inlet Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Dues cover both Member and Spouse. Remember that you MUST be a 2016 AACA National Member to belong to the Region. Your renewal must be received by January 15, 2016, to be included in the 2016 Roster.

Please fill out completely:

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

His work phone: _____ His email: _____ (Primary __)

Her work phone: _____ Her email: _____ (Primary __)

National AACA Number: _____ My 2016 AACA membership is paid: ____ (Y/N)

Optional: Birthday/month ____/____ Spouse Birthday/month ____/____ Anniversary day/month ____/____

I have bought/sold vehicles since the 2015 Roster was printed. Changes are noted below.

Please note condition or SOLD using the following: SOLD (S), Restored (R), Original (O), Partly Restored (PR), or Under Restoration (UR). List the year, make and model of the vehicle in the description.

Vehicle change 1: () Description: _____

Vehicle change 2: () Description: _____

Vehicle change 3: () Description: _____

GET ACTIVE: What club event, activity, or function would you like to help with?

SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

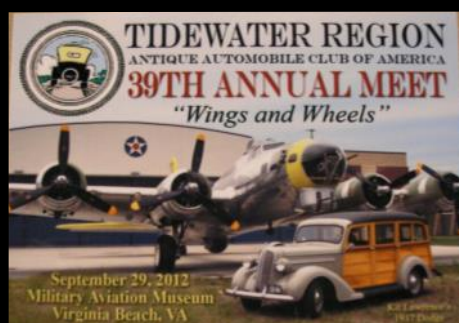
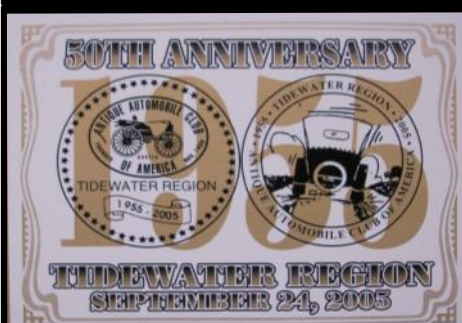
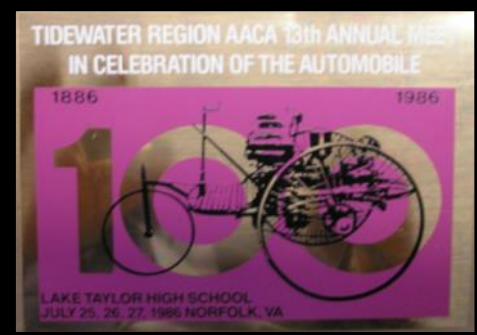
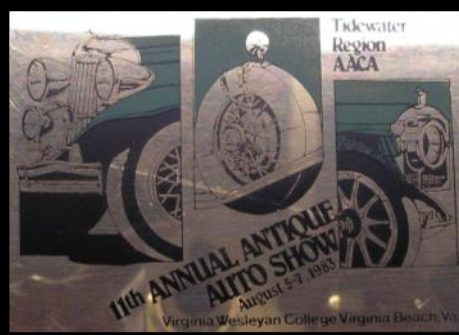
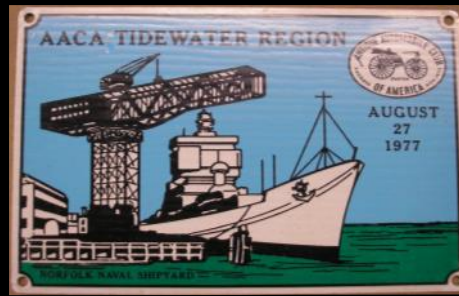
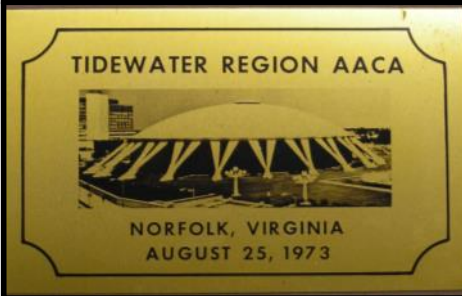


Happy 60th Anniversary, TRAACA!

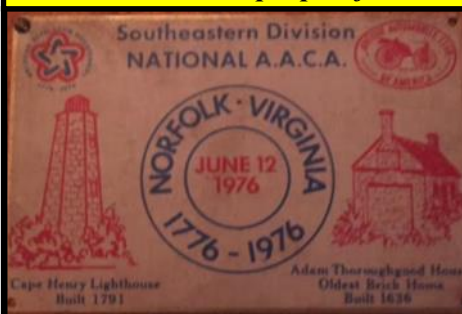
(Information provided by TRAACA historian Richard Hall)

The Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA) was chartered on February 4, 1955, becoming one of just 34 regions in the country at the time. Since then, the club has grown from 10 members to over 170 families & the AACA has grown to 366 regions. Each issue of *The Mudflap* this year will highlight some of our history.

Shown below are some of the dash plaques from the TRAACA's annual meets, beginning with the first one in 1973.



Here are the dash plaques from the first three AACA National Meets that the TRAACA has hosted over the years.





TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

Scott Hancox
Norfolk, VA
- 1976 Chevrolet Corvette

Sunshine Report

Condolences are extended to the family of:

- **Murray Goodwin's mother, Louise Babb Goodwin**, passed away on Friday, July 31st. She was 93 years old.
- **Dick Pensyl**, passed away on Friday, October 2nd, after a long illness. Dick & his wife Janet have been members of the TRAACA for over 20 years. He was 78 years old.

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to Vickie Doscher at 672-3755 or vlv78@hotmail.com.

Recent Award Winners

AAAC Eastern Fall Meet—Hershey, PA

Jim & Donna Elliott	1978 Chevrolet Corvette Repeat Preservation
Dick McIninch	1986 Mercedes-Benz 300E Repeat Original HPOF
Al & Sharon Mercer	1922 Mercer Roadster Repeat Preservation
Reggie Nash	1909 Rambler Model 44 Original HPOF
Rick Overbaugh	1970 Porsche 911T Original HPOF
Bob & Sylvia Roughton	1933 Pontiac Deluxe 4-dr Repeat Preservation
Sal & Jo Ann Saiya	1936 Packard 12 Victoria conv. First Junior Award
Mark Strang	1970 Morgan Plus 4 Senior Award
Bill & Linda Treadwell	1969 Chevrolet Camaro Repeat Preservation

Members celebrating anniversaries in November

Bennie & Joyce Howard
Ivan & Margorie Joslin
Dewey & Maxine Milligan
Robert & Rose Perkins
Ken & Barbara Talley
William Williams & Janet Green

Members celebrating birthdays in November

Bill Blair	Scott Miller
Bob Bohannon	Keith Olson
Terry Bond	Bob Pellerin
Scott Davies	Rosemarie Poe
Murray Goodwin	Sarah Saiya
Sheila Gurnee	Sandra Smith
John Heimerl	Mark Strang
Chris Hunt	Laurel Swenson
Pat Locke	

TRAACA Dinner Meeting and Annual Silent Auction Thursday, November 19, 2015

It's November again and time for our annual Silent Auction, which will be held at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23502. By popular demand, dinner will be Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna, Caesar salad, vegetable medley, roasted baby red potatoes, and chef's choice of dessert.

Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Unless someone who hadn't signed up for the dinner comes and offsets your absence, the club must pay for your meal and loses money if you don't pay. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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* These members are new to the Board of Directors and are replacing outgoing members Tyler Gimbart, Melanie Kordis, and Tim Russell. The Board and all club members thank each of them for their dedicated and selfless service to our club.

Nomination and Election Process:

This candidate list was presented to the membership at the club meeting on Saturday, October 31st, at the Chili Cook-Off at the Milligans' house. There being no other nominations made from the floor, the candidates are considered elected. The 2016 board will be inducted at the club's Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, VA.

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Saturday, November 14, 2015
from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

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Registration: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Awards: 3:00 PM

For more info: www.mpccofgloucester.com

Mustang Club of Tidewater



Joy Fund Car Show

NOVEMBER 14, 2015



Cavalier Ford 4021 Portsmouth Blvd Chesapeake, VA

Saturday, November 14, 2015

From 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$20 plus two cans of food



15th Annual Toys for Tots Car Show



Saturday, December 5, 2015
9:00 AM—3:00 PM (rain or shine)

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Registration: \$30 plus one unwrapped toy per vehicle.
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Santa is scheduled to arrive at 12:00 PM via Nightingale helicopter!

For additional info contact Elizabeth Moose of Toys for Tots
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Also see DPG website <http://danielsperformancegroup.com>.



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Other Regional/ Local Events

NOVEMBER 2015

- 1 Elizabeth Lodge #34
13th Annual "Shine & Show
Before the Snow" Car,
Truck, & Motorcycle Show
Chesapeake, VA
- 14 Shop with a Cop Car Show
Gloucester, VA
— NOTE CHANGE IN DATE —
- 14 Annual Virginia Pilot
Joy Fund Car Show
Cavalier Ford
Chesapeake, VA
- 15 Toys for Tots
Annual Car & Bike Show
Bayside Harley-Davidson
Portsmouth, VA
- 21-22 Coastal Virginia Auto Show
VAB Convention Center
Virginia Beach, VA

DECEMBER 2015

- 5 Toys for Tots Car Show
Daniels Performance Group
Smithfield, VA

JANUARY 2016

- 8-10 Hampton Roads
International Auto Show
Virginia Beach, VA

There are slim pickings for car
shows over the next three months.
Take advantage of the time to work
on your vehicles & finish projects.

"Bow Tie Bob" & "Mr. Chevrolet"
together at Hershey.

TRAACA member and AACA
Executive Vice President Bob
Parrish with former AACA
President (1985) M.G. "Pinky"
Randall at the AACA 2015
Eastern Division Fall Meet in
Hershey, Pennsylvania.





EDITOR'S DESK

Mark McAlpine

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I can't speak for everyone else, but I had a great time at this year's TRAACA Chili Cook-Off. It was tough to choose a favorite chili—each one was delicious and had its own unique taste. And then one of our newer members, Melinda Spence, shook things up by introducing corn chowder to the mix. Between the chilies, chowder, side dishes, and desserts, I ingested enough to tide me over for the weekend. Thank you to Dewey & Maxine Milligan for graciously hosting the event again at their house, to everyone who helped set up everything that morning, those who helped clean up afterward, and to all members who brought food to share with everyone. With at least 60 members and 25 antique vehicles at the event, I'd say it was a resounding success however you measure it.

I'd like to be serious for a moment. (I know, a rare occasion for me.) Earlier this year, our club webmaster, Bob Stein, created a very touching memorial page—*The Final Tour*—to remember our club members “who have departed on their final tour.” If you haven't seen the webpage yet, I recommend you do so. (It's under “Club History.”) The image of an antique car entering a covered bridge seems like a fitting tribute to our late members. However, we seem to have done a poor job of informing

club members about this page because we only have tributes to three departed TRAACA members posted on the page. Please don't misunderstand me: these members—Merritt Horne, Vicky Peters, and Karen Wilcox—were key members in our region and sorely missed by all who knew them. My issue is the other departed TRAACA members missing from the page. We need their surviving family members (or, if there are no surviving family members, then a close friend) to send Bob Stein a good photo of the member and a paragraph about him or her, which we can post on the *Final Tour* memorial page. Please help us maintain our region's history and remember our departed TRAACA friends by sending Bob the info.

The year is rapidly coming to a close. Before we know it, car season will be over. We have four major TRAACA or AACA events in the next four months: the TRAACA Dinner Meeting & Annual Silent Auction on Thursday, 19 November; the TRAACA Holiday Brunch on Saturday, 20 December; the TRAACA Annual Awards Banquet & Board Induction on Saturday, 16 January; and the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on Thursday-Saturday, 11-13 February. Each will be fun. Marion and I hope to see each of you at one (and, I hope, more) of these events. Until then, please take a moment on November 11th—Veterans Day—to remember the men & women serving and who have served our country. An early Happy Thanksgiving to each of you! Don't eat too much.

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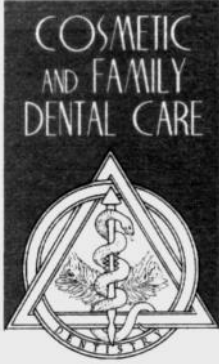
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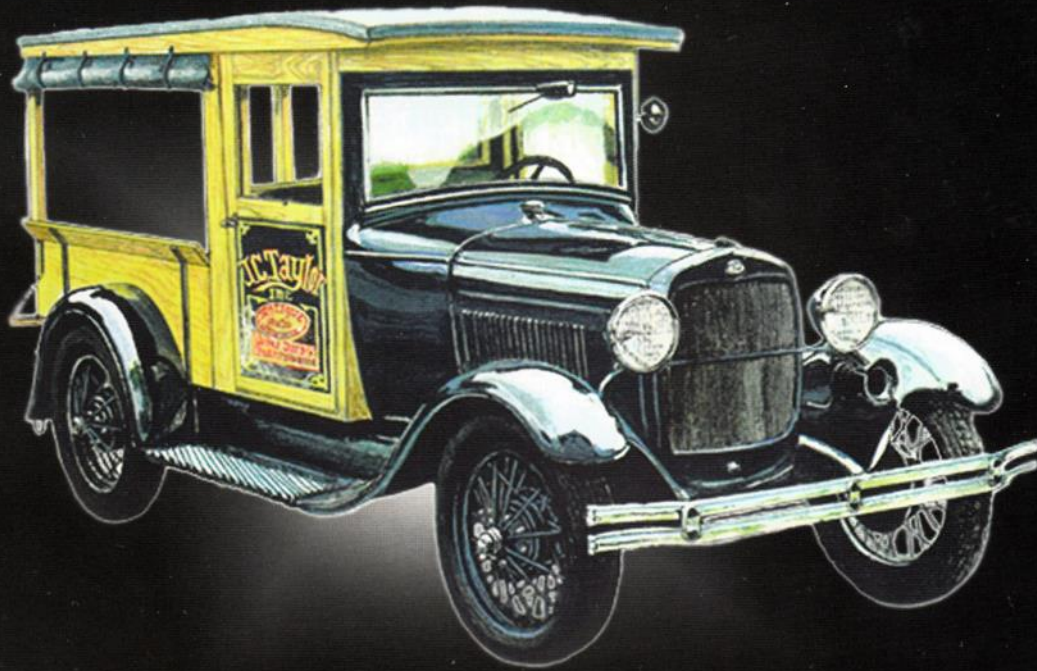
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Sal & Jo Ann Saiya in their freshly restored 1936 Packard 12 Victoria, which received its First Junior Award at the 2015 AACA Hershey Meet