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TRAACA MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, November 3, 2018

What can be better than baseball, hot dogs, hamburgers, and horse races? How about a *FREE* evening of baseball, hot dogs, hamburgers and horse races! Come out to the TRAACA's November activity on Saturday, November 3rd, being generously hosted by fellow TRAACA member Bob Hanbury. This event is being held at Bob's Special Events Virginia warehouse in Portsmouth. This is the third time Bob has offered up his warehouse for TRAACA Movie Night.

This year's TRAACA Movie Night has a new twist. We will start the night at 5:00 PM with two games. First, will be Horse Race Games using wooden horses that move along a wooden track. Second, will be *LIVE* Pony Races with TRAACA riders. Movie Night participants will have the opportunity to "bet" on the winners of the different races. There will be nice prizes to choose from for those correctly predicting the winners.

Beginning at 6:00 PM Movie Night participants will enjoy a *FREE* dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, soft drinks, and water. As in the past, we know the food will be tasty and plentiful because

Bob Hanbury's employees will be preparing and serving the meal.

Finally, at 7:00 PM we will enjoy the *FREE* movie *The Babe* starring John Goodman and Kelli McGinnis. The movie chronicles the life of Babe Ruth, still considered by most people to be the greatest player in baseball history, from his early life in a Baltimore orphanage to his baseball stardom and retirement from the game.

Make sure you bring your dollar bills for "betting" on the horse and pony races *You must purchase raffle tickets to bet. Prizes will be drawn from winning raffle tickets from each race.* (Per Bob, all proceeds will be donated to the AACA Building Fund.) **Spread the word to other antique car club members and antique car enthusiasts—Bob would like to have 100+ people at this event!**

WHEN: Saturday, November 3, 2018
5:00 – 9:30 PM

WHERE: Special Events Virginia
2211 Elliott Avenue
Portsmouth, VA 23702

SIGN UP: Please RSVP to Joann at Special Events Virginia—(757) 485-1212—no later than Thursday, November 1st.



Some of the 50 TRAACA members who traveled to Hershey, PA, for the AACA's 2018 Eastern Fall Meet. Read the story on Pages 12-13.



TRAACA CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER 2018

- 3 TRAACA Movie Night
Virginia Special Events Ctr
Portsmouth, VA
- 2 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Norfolk Airport Hotel
(the former Holiday Inn)
— *Note change in date* —
- 15 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
and Annual Silent Auction
Norfolk Airport Hotel

DECEMBER 2018

- 7 TRAACA Holiday Lights
Newport News City Park
Newport News, VA
- 9 TRAACA Holiday Brunch
Princess Anne Country Club
Virginia Beach, VA
- 14 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Norfolk Airport Hotel

JANUARY 2019

- 11 TRAACA Board Meeting
6:30 PM (Friday)
Norfolk Airport Hotel
- 19 TRAACA Annual Awards
Banquet & Board Induction
5:00 PM (Saturday)
Founders Inn
Virginia Beach, VA

FEBRUARY 2019

- ?? TRAACA Board Meeting
Date & Location of meeting
to be determined
- 21 TRAACA Dinner Meeting
Location: To be determined



From the Driver's Seat



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It's hard to believe, but by the time you're reading this note there will be only two months remaining in 2018—and those two months will fly by because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Although there's not much time remaining this year, there are a number of important things coming up that I want to ensure you know about:

- On the immediate horizon is the TRAACA Movie Night on Saturday, November 3rd, at Bob Hanbury's Special Events Virginia facility in Portsmouth. This activity is always fun and is entirely free because of Bob's generosity. Everyone is welcome—we're inviting other car clubs in the area—but you must RSVP (to ensure there's enough food) by calling Joann at Virginia Special Events at (757) 485-1212.

- Next up is the club's annual Silent Auction at this month's Dinner Meeting on Thursday, November 15th, at the Norfolk Airport Hotel (the former Holiday Inn, soon to be a Marriott hotel once its renovations are complete). Members always donate a variety of nice and interesting things. Our Silent Auction is one of our biggest fund-raisers of the year—money raised helps us subsidize other activities throughout the year—but to be successful it needs you to sacrifice and bring in some of your unneeded treasures for the rest of us to bid on. Don't worry—you can console yourself by replacing your donated items with something else you find and bid on at the auction.

- Our December activity will be a short trip to Newport News on Friday, December 7th, for a pleasant dinner at a local restaurant followed by a drive through the Newport News City Park to view its "Celebration in Lights" holiday lights display. Look for details in the weekly *Mud Speck* e-mails and the December *Mudflap*.

- Our December Dinner Meeting this year is again a Holiday Brunch party at Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach on Sunday, December 9th. This has become

one of the club's most popular traditions—it's always a great meal and everyone enjoys Terry Bond's "TRAACA Letter to Santa" reminiscing about our activities of the past year.

I also have a few important reminders for you:

- If you haven't already mailed in your ballot for the 2019 AACA Board of Directors, please do so immediately. (You should've received your ballot in the September/October issue of the *Antique Automobile* magazine. If you didn't receive it, contact AACA headquarters and request another.) Your ballot must be postmarked by 15 November and it must be filled out correctly or it won't be counted—you must vote for seven (7) people (no more/no less). Our very own Tom Cox and Jim Elliott are up for reelection.

- It's time to nominate people for our Annual Awards (which will be presented at our Annual Awards Banquet in January). Most of the awards are determined by participation points, but some are selected by the Board of Directors or past winners. We'll have nomination forms at our November Dinner Meeting and the December Holiday Brunch, or you can contact me direct, if you'd like to nominate a member for the Duryea Award, Lalique Award (which is selected by the previous winners), Spark Plug Award, TRAACA President's Award, or the TRAACA Restoration Award. (See the *TRAACA Awards Manual* on the club's website for information on all the awards and the selection process.)

- The Coastal Virginia Car Show is on Saturday-Sunday, November 17-18, 2018, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. It's actually two shows in one: a 2-day indoor car show and a 1-day cruise-in car show on Saturday, with both shows being held inside this year. I'm highlighting this show because there's going to be a special display of AACA cars and we're going to have an AACA membership table. (Please contact me if you can help at the Membership Table—volunteers will receive free admission to the show.)

Marion & I hope to see all of you later this month at Movie Night this coming Saturday and the Silent Auction on Thursday, November 15th. Have a happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends—remember to take a few moments to reflect on and give thanks for the blessings we all enjoy living in America (and don't eat too much).

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Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

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

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From the Running Board
Oct 5, 2018, TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes
(final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

Officers Present: Mark McAlpine (President). Board Members Present: Jerry Adams, Travis Berry, Scott Davies, and Tim Hund. Members present: Ellen Adams and Marion McAlpine.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:26 PM.

President: Welcomed the attendees and thanked them for coming

Vice President: N/A—not present.

Secretary’s Report:

- September Board Meeting minutes sent & approved via email and published in the October *Mudflap*.
- Scott suggested that when listing results of motions in the minutes that only numbers/information be listed, no names. For example: list what was motioned and seconded, if there was/was not any discussion, whether it passed or not, and the numerical vote (e.g., 7/1). The discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Treasurer’s Report:

- September monthly reports reviewed by Ellen Adams.
- Status of AACA Donation Fund: Money will be presented to AACA Library at the Hershey Meet next week.
- 2018 Annual Meet Financial Report was presented. The show was successful & the club made money. Two new paid members at meet and one renewal. Twelve Military Sponsorship Program applications received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities Committee (Travis Berry, Matt Doscher, Marion McAlpine, and Wayne Milligan):

- Sat, October 20: TRAACA Chili Cook-off. Dewey & Maxine Milligan will be ready for the club on October 20, 2018 at their Chesapeake home.
- Sat, November 3: TRAACA Movie Night will be a free event, hosted by Bob Hanbury at his Special Events Virginia warehouse in Portsmouth. Bob is hoping for a large crowd. Motion to decrease cash for event from \$500 originally approved to \$200 to purchase prizes. Scott made motion; Tim seconded motion; no discussion; motion approved.

Restaurants (Marion McAlpine):

- Thurs, October 18: October Dinner Meeting at Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Julie Spivey will be speaking about Camp Ashby, a German WWII Prisoner of War Camp in Virginia Beach, VA.
- Thurs, November 15: November Dinner & annual Silent Auction at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. No guest speaker.

Membership (Jerry Adams):

- Status as of 30 September: 182 memberships / 314 members.

Unfinished Business:

- 2018 Annual Meet Wrap-Up (Barry Basnight and Marion McAlpine): Many kudos received from people at the show. Things went well. Letters and Certificates of Appreciation will be delivered to sponsors. Planning Committee After-Event Review meeting will be held in a few weeks.

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- Hosting the 2022 AACA Grand National Meet: Founders Inn in Virginia Beach is on board. Mark will present our proposal to the AACA National Board during the Hershey Meet.

New Business:

- ODMA Fall Tour: Roanoke Valley Region AACA will be hosting the tour on Friday-Saturday, 9-10 November 2018. Registration form available on ODMA website.
- Donation to Hurricane Florence victims: Tim motioned for club to donate \$500 to a relief fund; Travis seconded motion; motion approved. Tim will research possible charitable association to donate to and report back to the Board in next couple of weeks.
- Location for January Annual Awards Banquet & Board Installation Dinner: Norfolk Yacht Club not available. Holiday Inn cost would be \$45-\$48/person. Founders Inn states can do for \$40/person. Founders Inn approved by Board. Board previously approved subsidizing meal by \$15/person.
- Rescheduling November Board of Directors Meeting: Current date of Friday, 9 November, conflicts with ODMA Fall Tour. Friday, 2 November, proposed and approved by Board.
- Charlie Dawson previously offered to donate an International Harvester pickup truck to TRAACA. Topic was tabled for next meeting when Charlie and rest of Board can be present.
- TRAACA Annual Awards: Last year, ballots were put out for club members to nominate members for the region’s annual awards. Board decided to do it again this year and will have ballots at the next several dinner meetings.

Other Business:

- VPCCC Monthly Meeting Report (Marion & Mark McAlpine): Updated information about the Virginia Fall Classic car show. Motion for placing ad in VFC program made by Travis; seconded by Tim. Motion approved.
- CCCHR Monthly Meeting Report (Skip Patnode): TRAACA not listed as a member on CCCHR’s website. Mark talked to Skip and asked him to get TRAACA back on website as a member.

Adjourned: Having no other business, motion to adjourn made by Travis; seconded by Tim. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next Board Meeting is rescheduled for 6:30 PM on Friday, November 2, at the Norfolk Airport Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn).

Respectfully submitted, Marion McAlpine



TRAACA Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Story by Wayne Milligan. Photos by Bob Stein.

On Saturday, October 20th, fifty-three TRAACA members and friends gathered at Dewey & Maxine Milligan's home in Chesapeake, VA, for the TRAACA's annual Chili Cook-Off. For many years, the Milligans have graciously hosted the TRAACA Chili Cook-Off at their home, and it is the perfect setting for the event with plenty of room for the large crowd that always attends and their vehicles.

It was a misty fall day for a chili cook-off and the gathering of antique vehicles. Some TRAACA members who attended the event brought their antique vehicles. TRAACA President Mark McAlpine led a short club meeting. Terry Bond delivered the invocation before the meal, and the festivities began.

The challenge for the coveted "Best Chili" award was open to all contestants. The competition was stiff with thirteen chilies entered into the blind-taste contest. Along with the different chilies, club members enjoyed many side dishes and delicious desserts.

After enjoying the meal and taste-testing the various chilies, members voted for their favorites. Jerry & Ellen Adams created great award certificates and purchased prizes for the winners. Carol Milligan won the "Best in Bowl" Award for her chili—her second year in a row claiming the top prize. Kevin Gaudet (a neighbor of Dewey & Maxine Milligan) won the "Almost There" Award for Second Place for his crawdad chili, and Sandy Dawson won the "Barely Made It" Third Place Award.

Thanks to everyone who brought chili, side dishes, and desserts to the event. Thank you to Jerry & Ellen Adams for putting together the creative (and humorous) awards and prizes, and to everyone who helped with the event. And, of course, a *BIG THANK YOU* to Dewey & Maxine for their generosity in hosting the event at their home again this year. [Editor's Note: We've lost count, but think this is at least the 20th year that Dewey & Maxine have hosted the event.] Everyone had a wonderful time, ate well, and look forward to doing it again next year.



TRAACA members brought 13 different chilies for everyone to try



(L-R) Dewey Milligan, Travis Berry, Wayne Milligan, and Tim Hund talking about—what else?—cars at the Chili Cook-Off



Inclement weather limited the number of antique vehicles at this year's Chili Cook-Off, but some dedicated members still drove vintage cars



Charlie & Sandy Dawson sampling some of the chilies



There were plenty of delicious side dishes to go along with the chili



(L-R) Sam Kern discussing his 1942 Ford GPW Jeep with Ken Talley, Wayne Milligan, and Barbara Talley



Bruce Sedel's 1949 Packard 2372 Super Deluxe touring sedan



(L-R) Bob Hanbury and Mark McAlpine enjoy some of the desserts



Ellen & Jerry Adams present the "Barely Made It" Award for Third Place to Sandy Dawson (center) for her chili entry



Ellen & Jerry Adams present the "Almost There" Award for Second Place to Kevin Gaudet (center) for his crawdad chili entry



Ellen & Jerry Adams present the "Best-in-Bowl" Award for First Place to Carol Milligan (center) for her chili—2nd year in a row!



TRAACA 45th Annual Meet—Pt 2

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Photos by Mark McAlpine and Bob Stein.



The TRAACA's 45th Annual Meet was held on Saturday, September 22nd, at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach. The September issue of *The Mudflap* covered the highlights of the meet and included photographs of TRAACA member's antique automobiles

that won special "Best of" awards. However, even with a 4-page article, we weren't able to include many photos of other TRAACA members and vehicles, so we decided to run an additional four pages of photos in this month's issue. Enjoy the photos!



Bill Blair and Bill Treadwell worked the Flea Market & Car Corral



Bob Stein and Richmond Region AACA member Debbie Nolen



Sam Kern's 1925 Franklin 4-door sedan



Billy & Ashley Stutz's 1929 Ford Model A Tudor



Awards were presented inside the Military Aviation Museum's Army Hangar



(L-R) Bill Grosz and Matt Doscher parking cars on the AACA field



Mickey & Toni McChesney staffed the club's merchandise table



Larry Wickham's 1935 Ford pickup



Ken & Jessica Packard's 1937 Packard 120 Touring Sedan



Bill Grosz's 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper Eight sedan



Susan & Terry Bond's 1948 MG TC



Bob Hanbury's 1950 Willys Jeepster



The museum's Stearman Model 75 biplane U.S. Navy trainer aircraft takes off behind the museum's Soviet Yak-3M fighter



Riley Best and his 1953 Pontiac station wagon



James Carnforth's 1955 Pontiac Chieftain 860 2-dr hardtop



Joe Lambert's 1955 Chevrolet 210 sedan



Keith Colonna's 1956 Lincoln Continental Mark II



Dennis Sobota's 2005 Chevrolet SSR and Tom Norris's 1955 Chevrolet 3100 in the 100th Anniversary of Chevy Trucks display



Vito & Nina Serrone's 1958 Chevrolet Corvette



Boyd Swartz and his 1964 Volvo 122S



John & Marie Gancel's 1968 Chevrolet Caprice



Tim Hund's 1963 Porsche 356B



Vickie Doscher's 1965 Mercury Comet Caliente convertible



Charlie Dawson's 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle SS-396



Richard & Sandy Hall's 1973 MG MGB-GT



Marion & Mark McAlpine's 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS-396



Bob & Dot Parrish's 1978 Chevrolet Corvette



Fred Cole & his grandson Lucas on Fred's 1990 Honda CB750F



Thomas & Suzanne Allan's all original 1990 Mazda Miata



Still Collecting Stuff— *Hershey—2018* By Terry Bond

I needed a great Hershey! After being hobbled with a broken leg last year, I had to make up for lost time, so with a bionic leg and renewed enthusiasm, I hit it “full-throttle.” The week did not disappoint.

Of course, the weekend prior included all of the preliminary searching—accompanied this year by Andy Ott. Saturday at the Allentown Paper Show we made several discoveries including postcards, additions to our cigarette card collections, literature, photos, and a wonderful 1909 automobile calendar. It’s die-cut and embossed. It’s so fragile—I wonder how it survived?

Sunday in Adamstown we spent a full day in the antique malls and shops there, and continued to find great items. The outdoor markets produced lamp parts some early literature, but the best find for me was indoors in a display case—a very

rare early 1900’s stein with a motoring scene on it.

By Tuesday, we were on the field setting up; however, while waiting for Sue to arrive later in the PM with Richard & Sandy Hall, I elected to roam among the scattered flea market vendors. By noon I had added five new spark plugs to my collection and was well ahead of the several other collectors I encountered.

Before long, I ventured off to the Chocolate Field to reconnect with a vendor who had a rare item last year that I contemplated but did not purchase due to the price. It was an extremely rare French bronze statue of a lady standing on an early automobile. It’s an exquisite piece of museum caliber. The only reason it came back to Hershey this year was because I was interested in it, and if I had declined again, it would have returned to the owner’s collection. After some negotiation, and realizing there are few “second chances” on these things, I added it to my collection. At that point, I felt if I had to go home right then, my Hershey was perfect. However, as they say on those crazy TV commercials: “*But wait—THERE’S MORE!*”

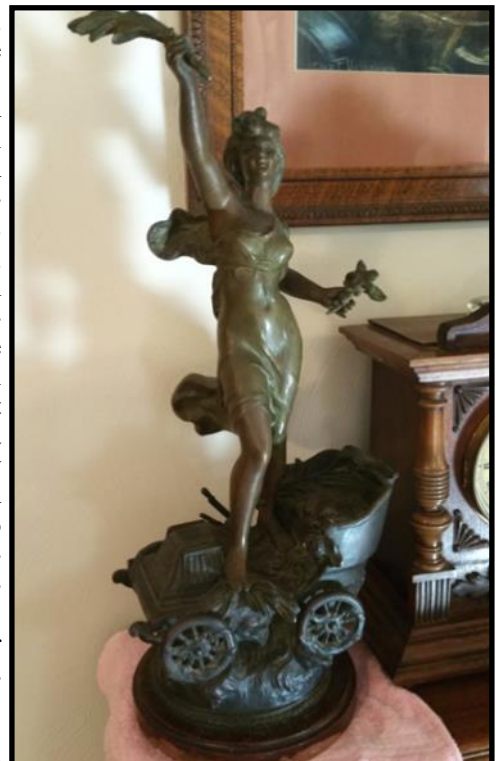
Tuesday evening was great fun at our traditional dinner with friends from England and Sue’s cousin Ed. It was his first time at the Hershey event and he was really looking

forward to it, especially the cars for sale.

I concentrated on opening up on Wednesday and had a nice selection of early brass items on display, much more than last year’s abbreviated two-table edition. Although it was tough to sit there on such a perfect Hershey day, I at least had some chances to recover financially from my Tuesday acquisitions.

The weather forecast was ominous—rain all day Thursday. That was to be my dedicated shopping day. Bummer! But I recalled years past when it rained and I just put on appropriate attire and slugged it out in the market. I’ve always considered rain to be the great equalizer. Sheltered vendors were eager to sell. Buyers who brave the elements had it all to themselves. I would trudge on in the true spirit of Hershey. We were here and, by golly, we were not going to waste a moment of it!

I began to find things! Buttons, pins, badges, and more wonderful spark plugs were there just waiting for me. I stopped to visit with an old friend and bought a run of early auto accessory catalogs dating from 1903-1907. After our visit, and between heavy showers, I ventured across the aisle from where I’d been sitting for an hour and lying right there in the open, as if waiting for me, was a wonderful little box from Florence, Italy. It contained an unbelievably rare set of hand-painted under-glass, waistcoat buttons from the early 1900s. This is a beautiful set and, as far as I am aware, is only



A rare, early 1900's French bronze motoring sculpture that Terry purchased



A rare early 1900's beer stein with auto scene



Rare early 1900's, Italian-made, hand-painted under-glass, waistcoat button set



Die-cut and embossed 1909 calendar

the second one like it existing among other collectors. "How much?" I asked. The response literally stopped my heart momentarily—\$20. Two more zeros on that number would have easily been within the realistic category for the set. I eagerly paid the asking price and wrapped it carefully. At that point, I again felt that if I had to go home, it would have been a fabulous event. But wait—*THERE'S MORE!*

A bit further on, I found a fabulous bronze inkwell/desk set. It's an item I've seen depicted in other collections and

sold at high-end auctions on rare occasion. I was almost afraid to look at the price tag underneath, but, alas, it was apparently one of those items that you have to ask about—and be prepared for the worst. There tucked in a corner underneath was an old price sticker: \$875. Okay, still a bargain. I looked around at the other things on the table waiting for the owner to break away from his lunch. When I asked for his "best price" he did not hesitate: \$20.00!! What, are we having a K-Mart Blue Light Special here? Is everything at Hershey \$20 this year? I asked, "Are you sure?" and the reply was "yes, we need to get rid of these things." It turns out this piece was being sold by an auction company, and it was one of several items that had never been paid for and remained unclaimed. I would certainly help them "get rid of it."

Thursday evening was another traditional dinner with some brass car friends from New York, and the promise of a nice but cooler day on Friday had me primed for more hunting, hopeful my luck would hold. It did!



Bronze inkwell/pen tray desk set—circa 1905

Friday morning I wandered leisurely towards the annual meeting of the Spark Plug Collectors of America. My new spark plug discoveries were in my bag and I was eager for the usual show-and-tell. I zigged and zagged down rows I'd not seen before. Suddenly, there on a table, was a great early Champion Spark Plug display cabinet. It was



A very rare set of four NOS Reflex priming spark plugs that Terry bought in Hershey

nice, but not as nice as the one in my collection; however, I felt obligated to ask the price in case others attending the upcoming meeting of plug nuts like me may not have seen it yet. It was a hefty \$3,000, but the owner offered that it was full of plugs too. That's not actually a bad price for it, even empty, but I complimented the vendor on having such a nice item. When he asked what year I thought it was, we began talking. When I asked to see the plugs inside, I nearly fell over! One would assume a Champion cabinet would be full of Champion plugs, but there were a mix of items in there, most of which I had no interest in. However, tucked in the bottom of one shelf was a set of four extremely rare Reflex Center Priming plugs. I asked if I could buy a few plugs for my collection, and, of course the response was "no, I don't want to break this up." When I explained that the plugs I wanted did not belong with the cabinet and if I bought them he would still have a great cabinet for sale, he relented and said he would sell a few. I offered him a good price for the four primers and he quickly accepted. I was thrilled!

You can only imagine show-and-tell at the club meeting. Every one of the 50+ plug collectors descending on Hershey this year had stopped and asked about that cabinet. When told it was \$3,000, they grunted and walked on. I talked with the vendor and dug a little deeper. That's what it takes sometimes to find the good stuff.

I was back at my vendor spot by noon, and spent the rest of the afternoon visiting with friends, selling a few items, and just taking in the Hershey atmosphere, thrilled with my now over-stuffed box of acquisitions.

Susan had her own box full of MG goodies, too. She, Richard Hall, and our more distant TRAACA member Bob Bond (not related) walked together and managed to talk each other into buying some great MG stuff. There will be a separate article in the future on MG collectibles, so we'll save details for then, but everyone reported great finds.

A more detailed report by others will cover the whole Hershey experience, including the cars on show Saturday, but for us the legendary Hershey swap meet was more than expected in many ways. Having Susan's cousin with us was a treat, and sharing the early antique hunting with Andy Ott was great. I especially enjoyed having to return to my swap meet space several times to unload my heavy bag of goodies! I'd say that we managed to more than make up for lost time.

As always, enjoy collecting and your next trip to the greatest show on earth—HERSHEY!

Terry Bond



AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, PA October 9-13, 2018



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

Fall has arrived, the leaves are changing, the nights are getting cooler, and it's time for the 2018 AACA Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey, PA (which took place on October 9-13). The weather in Hershey started out sunny and hot, but unfortunately became rainy and cold the day before and the morning of the AACA show.

Mark & I arrived in Hershey on Tuesday, October 9th. I joined several other AACA members helping the AACA Library & Research Center with their annual yard sale while Mark attended an AACA Directors Meeting. The Library's yard sale was a great success, and I really enjoyed working with the shoppers. After the sale, several of the AACA members went to dinner at a local restaurant.

Wednesday, Mark & I walked the Orange and Green Fields of the Hershey flea market. Although we walked a great deal, and took some pictures, we didn't purchase anything. We were able to visit with several fellow TRAACA members at their flea market spaces. That evening, RM Sotheby's auction house hosted a free BBQ dinner and preview of the vehicles they would be auctioning off on Thursday and Friday at the Hershey Lodge. There were some beautiful vehicles on display, including a 1912 Marion Model 33 Bobcat, which I sat in.

The rain moved in on Thursday. Like many other AACA members, Mark & I spent the day in the AACA Library &

Research Center. The AACA Library was a great place to avoid the rain and get some research done. Thursday evening, many fellow TRAACA members met at the Hershey Family Restaurant that shares the parking lot of our hotel for dinner. It was a pleasant way to finish a rainy day.

The AACA Race Car Certification took place on Friday morning at the Hershey Stadium located near Chocolate World. It was a great opportunity to see the race cars and high wheeler vehicles drive the track inside the stadium, a requirement for these vehicles before entering the show field on Saturday. After watching the race cars, working the TRAACA Membership Tent and teaching Continuing Judges Education at the Giant Center Friday afternoon, we joined fellow TRAACA members for dinner near the Hershey Park.

Of course, Saturday was the AACA show. Unfortunately, it was drizzling in the morning and cold. The weather on Thursday-Saturday affected the show's attendance with about 400 of the nearly 1,200 vehicles registered for the show not making it onto the show field. Mark & I walked the show field after judging, taking photos of some gorgeous vehicles.

The TRAACA had a large contingent at Hershey again this year, with at least 50 people making the trek. Weather aside, Hershey is always a fun and exciting time. Check out the photos. (TRAACA members' awards are listed on Page 17.)



(L-R) Richard Hall volunteering in the AACA Membership tent with fellow AACA member Jim Costa (from Pennsylvania)



(L-R) Marion McAlpine, Donna Elliott, Barry Basnight, Jim Elliott, Hershey member Stan Kulikowski, and Tom & Tammy Cox



Travis & Kim Berry at the flea market



Bill & Doug Grosz check out the show field on Saturday



James & Becky Woodall at the flea market



Sam Kern (right) & his son Sam walking through the flea market



Sue Bond receives award for 125 Judging Points from AACA VP of Judging Jim Elliott



AACA Executive VP Mel Carson presents Jim Elliott award for 150 Judging Points



AACA President Chuck Crane presents Bob Stein a Senior Award for his EV Warrior



Al & Sharon Mercer's 1922 Mercer Series 5 Runabout



1926 Willys-Knight Model 66 roadster



1931 Jordan Model G-90



1932 Oldsmobile F-32 Sport Coupe



Charlie Dawson's 1968 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28



(L-R) Bob Parrish, Jerry Adams, Mickey McChesney, Barry Basnight, and Terry Bond admire the Esso signs Mickey bought



2018 Franklin Trek Report

Cazenovia, NY

Friday-Saturday, July 28-August 3, 2018

Story and photos by Marty Sugermeyer



Camelot happened at the 65th Annual Franklin Trek (held July 28—August 3, 2018) this year. After all the rain that happened in the Tidewater region before the Trek, we thought that much of our annual “cruise” would be a washout. The rain ended Thursday, July 26, and was limited to one brief shower and a few hours of mist during the day with only a couple of overnight showers. Too much rain and the cars must leave the green at Cazenovia College that is the center of much of our annual “family gathering.” The cars are parked on the green in random order with the exception of a few special vehicles. Chuck Johnson’s 1903 “cross-engine” is just such a car.

It is hard to believe that after touring from Cazenovia College for over fifty years that there would be anything new to do. This year was Neil’s 50th and my 45th

Franklin Trek. We had seen windmill farms our past tours. This year we visited one and got the scoop on how they operate, what they cost, and, of course, maintenance of the machines. We have also visited zoos but never the Wild Animal Park in Chittenango just a few miles from the campus. It had a wonderful assortment of animals and several chances to get up close to exotic animals such as camels and giraffes. (I got to feed a giraffe).

Both Neil and I missed out on visiting a restored Earlville Opera House. He was in the process of looking for a tiny fuse for the generator for our 1930 Victoria Brougham that was trailered to the Trek after a 33-year absence. It deserved the rest after the many years 1971-1985 of being driven all over the country and traveling back and forth to many Treks including two West Treks in



Chuck Johnson with his 1903 Franklin with cross-mounted engine



“Franklin kids” start their own Trek activity—detailing cars. Note the young lady standing between the bumper and radiator.



1913 Franklin touring car



Marty Sugermeyer making a new friend at the Wild Animal Park

Reno, NV, and Claremont, CA. I missed the opera house because one of our long-time friends (grew up going to the trek) brought a huge family collection of vintage clothing that needed to be sorted and priced. This led to an idea for next year to hold a vintage clothing swap meet. If that comes about, I am reserving two tables and looking for a larger truck!

Many popular activities at the Franklin Trek are repeated each year such as the Parts Department, Tech Sessions, presentation of slides of past Treks, and Poker Runs. For most of the past Franklin Treks, there has been some wearing of vintage clothing and for over twenty-five years, including this year's Trek, vintage clothing parades. For the past few years, it has been an evening activity. There are many activities for children such as swimming in the college pool. The kids got one activity going for themselves—they formed teams to detail your car on the

green. Of course, there are impromptu on-the-green maintenance and restoration projects. You might find an owner looking under a car with other owners, visitors, and kids discussing the fine points of Franklins and how to maintain them.

You don't have to own a Franklin to attend the Franklin Trek. WARNING: Many visitors and First Trekkers ("Red Taggers") who do not own a Franklin, wind up looking for one soon after they arrive and are back the next year with their own car. Also, there are only a couple of awards handed out at the final banquet such as Trekker's Choice, Kid's Choice, and Longest Distance Driven. We won longest distance driven in 1976 driving from Pensacola, FL to Lake Dunmore, VT, to Cazenovia, NY, and back to Pensacola, FL.

As with each year, we part saying "See you at the Trek."



Two 1930 Franklin Victoria Broughams—the left one has rear-mounted spares and Neil & Marty's on the right has side-mounted



Franklin automobiles visiting a wind turbine farm



Marty Sugermeier & friend Linda Stewart model vintage clothing



Neil Sugermeier working on his Franklin's generator



AACA National Awards Program

By Bob Parrish

AACA VP National Awards

(Reprinted from the Summer 2018 *Rummage Box* newsletter)



AACA members have asked, "How are vehicles nominated for National Awards?" First, it is important to understand the composition of the National Awards Committee. It consists of 26 of the most experienced Senior Master Judges in the AACA judging system. The team members have over 6,400 judging credits. The team members pay their own travel expenses to attend Meets. The National Awards Committee is the responsibility of the Vice President of National Awards and the Assistant Vice President of National Awards.

During the year, there are 8 to 10 National Meets with 3,500 to 4,000 vehicles on the show field. There are also hundreds of vehicles that participate in National Tours. Several National Awards recognize tour vehicles.

I would like to walk you through show day so you will understand the functions of this committee. Vehicle owners are greeted by the assigned 5-member judging team for the traditional vehicle evaluation or judging. During this same period National Award Committee members will appear to seek nominations for National Awards. They can be identified by their yellow shirts. Team members fill out nomination forms for the various awards available. These judges also make nominations for the prestigious Zenith Award. During the show hours, a special Zenith team follows up on these recommendations for the 3 vehicles (2 primary and an alternate) that will be selected from the Meet as a nomination for the annual Zenith display at the Annual Grand National Meet for the next year.

There are over 70 individual National Awards, including HPOF, DPC, and 4 touring awards. A list of National Awards can be found on the AACA website. Traditionally, National Tours are evaluated on a number of activities experienced by the National Awards Committee members present.

On the first Saturday in December, the Committee assembles in Hershey to select the recipient of the various National Awards. This is a difficult task for the team, since so many beautiful vehicles are shown during the year. A vehicle can only win one National Award, with one exception: a vehicle is also eligible for the pre- or post-war Annual Grand National Meet National Award. A nomination does not preclude a vehicle from receiving a nomination at another time.

Member nomination letters are mailed the week after the Fall Hershey Meet, and the winners are notified the first week of December. National Award winners are invited to the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia to receive their award.

I hope this information will be helpful in understanding the function of the National Awards Committee and Zenith Team.



AACA Calendar of Events

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

NOVEMBER 2018

5-9 AACA Sentimental Tour
Natchez, MS

FEBRUARY 2019

7-9 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

21-23 AACA Winter Meet
Ocala, FL

APRIL 2019

4-7 AACA SE Spring Meet
Charlotte, NC

29- AACA SE Divisional Tour
1 May Wilmington, NC

MAY 2019

30- AACA Grand National Meet
1 Jun Auburn, IN

JUNE 2019

2-7 AACA Founders Tour
Seward, NE

26-29 Eastern Spring Meet
Parsippany, NJ

AUGUST 2019

4-9 AACA Vintage Tour
Hershey, PA

SEPTEMBER 2019

22-27 AAA Glidden Tour
Charlotte, NC

OCTOBER 2019

9-12 AACA Eastern Fall Meet
Hershey, PA

23-26 AACA SE Fall Meet
Mobile, AL

NOVEMBER 2019

6-9 Western Fall Meet
Fallbrook, CA

FEBRUARY 2020

6-8 AACA Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

20-22 AACA Winter National
Miami, FL

APRIL 2020

2-5 AACA SE Spring National
Charlotte, NC

JUNE 2020

7-12 AACA Sentimental Tour
Potomac Highlands, WV

24-27 AACA Eastern Spring Meet
Daniels, WV



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Find AACA Members

By Mel Carson

AACA Executive Vice President

(Reprinted from the Summer 2018 *Rummage Box* newsletter)



The Antique Automobile Club of America is "America's premiere resource for the collectible vehicle community!" We know there are countless folks in the country that grew up loving cars as much as we do—and they are not all AACA Members. Many have at least one collectible car stashed away so they can get it running again "some day." They probably are attracted to the cruise-in gatherings that seem to be very widespread. These cruise-ins bring together individuals who enjoy, and probably have a collectible vehicle, but often do not belong to the AACA.

We can do a great job of finding new AACA members by talking with them about cars. Usually an antique vehicle owner is thrilled to talk about their vehicle. When they bought it, what they did to make it run, who owned it before! Don't be modest, talk about your vehicle and AACA. Create a personal goal to find new members and bring them into AACA now!



TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE

Welcome to our New Members!

Harry & Tammy Park
Virginia Beach, VA
- 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

Todd Sweigart
Virginia Beach, VA
- Two 1917 Indian motorcycles

Sunshine Report

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Doug Grosz** is temporarily in a walking boot due to recent foot problems.
- **Frank Lagana** had heart valve replacement surgery on October 24, is doing well, and is recovering at home.
- **Neil Sugermeyer** had hip replacement surgery on October 23 and is recovering & doing therapy at home.

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



Recent TRAACA Award Winners



AACA Eastern Fall Meet—Hershey, PA

Charlie Dawson	1968 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 Senior Award
Jim Elliott	1993 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28 First Preservation Award
John Heimerl	1946 Cushman 50 HPOF Certification
Sam Kern	1942 Ford GPW Jeep First Junior Award
	1988 Chevrolet 3500 pickup Repeat DPC Certification
Al Mercer	1922 Mercer Series 5 Repeat Preservation Award
Reggie Nash	1904 Rambler L Repeat Preservation Award
Bob Stein	1993 Bricklin EV Warrior Senior Award
Bill Treadwell	1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass Senior Award
Larry Wickham	1935 Ford Deluxe Repeat Preservation Award

AACA Judging Awards—Hershey, PA

Susan Bond	125 Judging Credits
Jim Elliott	150 Judging Credits
Bill Treadwell	25 Judging Credits



Members celebrating birthdays in November



Paul Atkinson
Laura Bayer
Bill Blair
Terry Bond
Harry Boone
Scott Davies
Lisa Dudley
Murray Goodwin
Sheila Gurnee
John Heimerl
Chris Hunt
Pat Locke

Scott Miller
Carol Norton
Harry Park
Bob Pellerin
Rosemarie Poe
Sarah Saiya
Mark Strang
Andrew Sturniolo
Jason Sturniolo
Todd Sweigart
Laurel Swenson



Members celebrating anniversaries in November



John & Mary Beth Clark
David & Faye Curl
Bennie & Joyce Howard
Ivan & Margorie Joslin
Robert "Red" & Zelda Lang
Dewey & Maxine Milligan
Kenn & Barbara Talley

TRAACA November Dinner Meeting



Thursday, November 15, 2018

Our November Dinner Meeting is on Thursday, November 15th, at the former Holiday Inn-Norfolk Airport (and soon to be Marriott Hotel). Dinner is Roast Turkey and gravy, Honey-Baked Ham, cornbread stuffing, honey-glazed carrots, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, house salad, and assorted mini-desserts.

This is also our annual Silent Auction fund-raiser for the club, so there is no guest speaker this month. Instead, please bring some treasures to donate for the auction and come ready to bid on some new ones to take home. (See the *Mud Speck* weekly e-mail for more details.)

Social hour is from 6:00-6:45 PM, with dinner at 6:45 PM, followed by a brief business meeting at 7:30. There will be a last chance to bid on items before the Silent Auction closes at 8:00 PM.


Please RSVP—and RSVP on time—if you are going to attend. Having members show up without RSVPing risks us not having enough seats or food. Also, please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

**2nd Annual
ODMA
Veterans Day Tour**
Hosted by the Roanoke Valley Region AACA
Friday-Saturday, November 9-10, 2018

WHERE: Roanoke, VA
HOST HOTEL: Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke
(special rate of \$106/night—includes breakfast for 2)
COST: \$69/person *(includes reception on Friday, gift certificate toward lunch, admission and bus to the Taubman Museum, admission to the Virginia Museum of Transportation, and the closing banquet)*

For more info contact ODMA Tour Chairman Ron Vanderpool at ronvanderpool49@comcast.net



**DOWN
THE
ROAD**

**Other Regional and
Local Events**

NOVEMBER 2018

9-10 ODMA Veterans Day Tour
Hosted by the Roanoke Valley Region AACA
Roanoke, VA

10 43rd Annual Joy Fund Car Show
Chesapeake, VA

10 Shop with a Cop Car Show
Gloucester, VA

17-18 Coastal Virginia Car Show
Virginia Beach, VA

DECEMBER 2018


1 18th Annual Toys for Tots Car Show
Smithfield, VA

JANUARY 2019

11-13 Hampton Roads International Auto Show
Virginia Beach, VA

18-20 Auto Mania Indoor Swap Meet and Car Corral
Allentown, PA


19-27 North American International Auto Show
Detroit, MI

**43rd Annual
Joy Fund Car Show**
Saturday, November 10, 2018
8:00 AM—3:00 PM

Registration fee: \$20 plus 2 cans of food for Oasis Food Bank.
Proceeds benefit the Virginian Pilot's Joy Fund.

WHERE: Cavalier Ford
4021 Portsmouth Blvd, Chesapeake, VA

Coastal Virginia Car Show
Saturday-Sunday, November 17-18, 2018
Virginia Beach Convention Center
10 AM—9 PM Saturday / 10 AM—6 PM Sunday

Special display of AACA members' cars and AACA & TRAACA membership table

For show info see: <http://cvautoshow.com/>. To help at the AACA Membership Table, contact Mark McAlpine.




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**Shop With a Cop
Car Show**

Saturday, November 10, 2018
10:00 AM—3:00 PM
(Rain Date: Saturday, November 17th)
5630 George Washington Memorial Highway,
Gloucester, VA

All makes & models welcome!
\$15 Preregistration / \$20 day of show
Free admission for spectators

Registration: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Awards: 3:00 PM

For more info: www.mpccofgloucester.com




**18th Annual
Toys for Tots
Car Show**

Saturday, December 1, 2018
9:00 AM—3:00 PM (rain of shine)
SMITHFIELD TRUCK & AUTO CENTER
928 South Church Street, Smithfield, VA 23430

Preregistration: \$20 (by November 25th)
Day-of-Show Registration: \$25
(Registration includes meal ticket—\$10 value!)

Free admission for spectators.
Registration: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Spectators encouraged to bring new toys to donate.

For more information contact
Elizabeth Moose at 880-7191 or
CallTheMooseTeam@gmail.com






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November is just around the corner. Car season is wrapping up for the year. Most of the annual shows and cruise-ins are done. For AACA members, car season seems to be over after the AACA Hershey Eastern Fall Meet. This year in Hershey, at least 50 TRAACA members attended. I think that shows how much we all enjoy the event. I worked the AACA Library & Research Center's yard sale and had a wonderful time. For more details about the Hershey Meet, see the article on Pages 12-13 of this *Mudflap*.

The 2nd Annual ODMA Veterans Day Tour will take place on November 9-10, 2018. This year the tour is hosted by the Roanoke Valley Region AACA. They have a great tour planned. Information can be found on Page 18.

Before the end of the year, there are still a few more local car shows that are worth checking out. In November, the Joy Fund Car Show, the Shop With A Cop Car Show, and the Coastal Virginia Car Show will all take place. (Come help at the TRAACA/AACA table at the Coastal Virginia show.) The Toys for Tots Car Show will take place in December. Information on these car shows can be found on Page 18.

In October the TRAACA members enjoyed our Annual Chili Cook-off at the Milligans' home again this year. I think we had more chilies entered for the competition this year than we have ever had. This event is always well attended and we give a big *Thank You* to Dewey & Maxine for doing this every year. (We think this was the 20th year they hosted the Chili Cook-Off!) See Pages 4-5, for pictures & the article.

November will bring a couple of big events for the TRAACA. First, on November 3rd, fellow TRAACA member Bob Hanbury will be hosting another Free Dinner and Movie Night at his warehouse. Last year was a blast! This year is sure to be just as great when we will be entertained by horse races and *LIVE* pony races (with a chance to win some nice prizes), get to eat some awesome BBQ, and enjoy watching the movie *The Babe*. Bob is hoping for an even larger crowd than last year. I hope you can come out and enjoy Bob's hospitality.

Next, is the annual Silent Auction at our November Dinner Meeting on Thursday, November 15th. This is always well attended and sure to be a fun time. You never know what may be there waiting for you to take home. It is also a great way for you to dispense of things that you may no longer want. So, clean out the garage or attic or both. We will be enjoying an early Thanksgiving Dinner (which is subsidized by the club), so bring your appetite.

In December, the club will be going to Newport News City Park for a drive through the Celebration of Lights display. Our Holiday Brunch, another event subsidized by the club, will be at the Princess Anne Country Club again. Then, before you know it we are into January, which means it is time for the Annual TRAACA Awards Banquet & Board Induction. This is on a Saturday, January 15th, at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, and is another event that is subsidized by the club. More information on these events will be in the December *Mudflap* and weekly *Mud Specks*.

It looks like there is going to be a lot to do over the next few months after all. I hope you are able to enjoy some or all of the things I have listed above.

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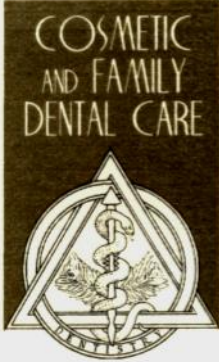
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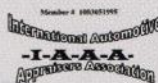
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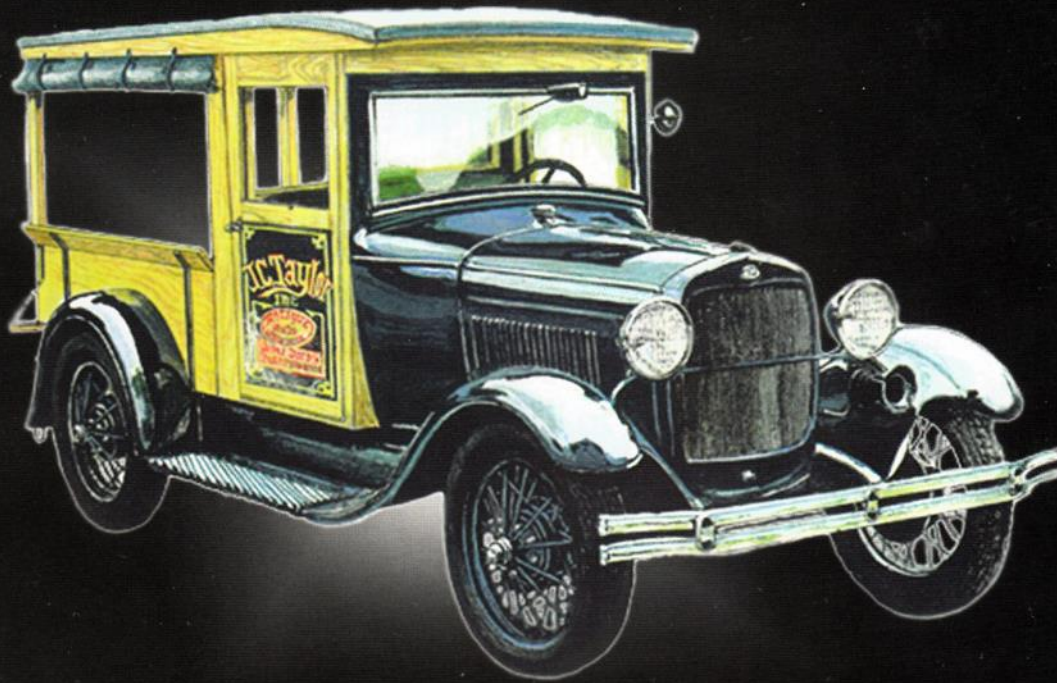
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One-of-a-kind 1938 REO streamlined tractor and 1938 Curtiss Aerocar trailer on display at the AACA's 2018 Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey